

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—State News—

Chapel Hill, June 6.—The third bankers conference — sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association, the state banking commission and the University of North Carolina — will be held at the University July 10-14.

Between 300 and 350 bankers are expected to attend the meeting, at which sessions will be held morning afternoon and evening for the study of banking problems.

Hartsville, S. C. June 6.—A man Police Chief V. C. Elmore said was booked as Boots Skinner, 34 year old Lee County man, was held today on a charge of fatally shooting Bob Gilbert, 25.

Gilbert was shot at his filling station here yesterday. Chief Elmore said Gilbert and Skinner engaged in a brief argument while the latter was buying gasoline.

Raleigh, June 6.—North Carolina State College will graduate the largest class in its history at twilight exercises tonight. Degrees will be conferred on 323 students.

Taylorsville, June 6.—Tearle Drenn suffered a leg fracture and less serious injuries yesterday when his airplane crashed attempting a take off from the Taylorsville landing field.

Raleigh, June 6.—The third annual Farmer Youth Conference, attended by farm boys and girls from all parts of the State will open at N. C. State College here tomorrow.

The theme of the meeting will be "Toward a More Abundant Country Life." Topics to be discussed include personal improvement, increasing the farm income, and vocations of interest to rural youths.

Midland, June 6.—Mrs. Ruth Kiker 28, was instantly killed today at about noon, when the car in which she was riding with her husband, Jon Kiker, and two children, Jane and Barber Kiker, left the road at Emily Long's Crossroads in Goose Creek township. Barber Kiker suffered slight injuries and was taken to Monroe hospital. The Kikers lived near Midland.

Aberdeen June 6.—Ralph Williams White, shot and killed Ransome France, negro, this morning about 11 o'clock at Nathan Turner's roadhouse in the Cabbage Hill section near Aberdeen.

Williamston N. C. June 6.—Four year old John Peel, Jr., was killed today when he was run over by an automobile in a street near his home. The car, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said, was driven by Norfleet Whitfield of Robersonville. The officer said the accident was unavoidable.

Beauty Pageant At Dixie Theatre Friday Night

A Beauty Pageant will be presented at the Dixie Theatre Friday night at 8:00 P. M. "Miss Kings Mountain 1939" and "Little Miss Kings Mountain 1939" will be selected.

A Talent Contest is also on the program in the State Contest. The program is under the direction of Miss Roberta Alloway.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

Consolation for the Imperilled One

By IRVIN S. COBB

IN A California town is an old family physician with rather a caustic wit. He was in attendance at the confinement of a lady whom we will call Mrs. A—a wife of a year. There were no complications;



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the affair was progressing as well as might reasonably be expected. But the husband was in a distressful state. While sympathetic friends endeavored vainly to calm him he walked the floor of the room adjoining the sick room. At frequent intervals he beat upon the connecting door and from these within pleaded for assurance that all was going well. Yet the answers, while consoling, did not avail to soothe his agitation. What the midwife told him only seemed to harass him the more. Messages of cheer from the trained nurse were received by him with choked groaning sounds.

Finally he called through the keyhole that he must have a word personally with the officiating practitioner. The old gentleman came forth.

"Doctor," exclaimed the suffering young man, "I've been waiting for hours now. I can't stand this terrible suspense any longer. Doctor, for my own sake, please tell me what the prospects are!"

"Well, son," said the doctor, "I can only say this to you: I've been bringing babies into the world for forty-odd years now—and I've never lost a father yet."

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—National News—

Cumberland, Md. June 6.—Dorothy Stallings, 13, who said an eagle swooped down and attacked her, had the scalp scratches and the eagle today to prove it. Her screams frightened off the bird, which settled in a field near her mountain home and was shot by her father.

Chatham, Va., June 6.—An effort to take Sam Swanson, negro, accused of slaying County Constable William Coward, over a week ago from the Pittsylvania County Jail, was prevented last night by the courageous action of Jailer E. A. Edwards, who stood off a crowd of angry masked men, most of them armed, and reasoned with them until Sheriff Archer Overby and several citizens could reach the scene.

Washington, June 6.—E. W. Erickson, an agent for a House investigating committee, testified today the WPA in New York City had paid \$21,540 to persons ineligible for relief who were placed on work relief jobs by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Portsmouth, England, June 6.—Plans for the entire British home fleet to visit the northeast coast of Scotland were sharply revised when departure time arrived today. Mist off the vessels kept to this base. Experts said they regarded this point as the best base of operations in event of an emergency.

San Pedro, Calif., June 6.—Eighty ships and 400 airplanes of the United States fleet put out to sea from San Pedro and San Diego today for their first tactical exercises since they returned from an Atlantic cruise in May.

The exercises will be held in the San Clemente Island area, where the ships will be busy until June 20. The fleet then begins a cruise to the Puget Sound-Columbia River district.

Swainsboro, Ga., June 6.—James L. Hicks, 28, of Grantville, S. C. was killed in an automobile accident five miles northeast of here yesterday. The automobile he was driving overturned on a curve on an unpaved country road.

Washington June 6.—Mrs. Nancy McArthur McLawhorn of Ayden, N. C. died at a hospital here yesterday from injuries suffered in a fall.

Mrs. McLawhorn was the widow of J. Z. McLawhorn and was well-known in Eastern Carolina. She was visiting a daughter, Mrs. Paul O. Davis, here.

New York, June 6.—Police scouter around today for epicurean but enterprising thieves who stole \$3,000 worth of Rumanian wines and brandy from the World's Fair grounds.

Myers' Installs Large Fan

Myers' Department Store has installed this week a large clover-leaf type electric fan that keeps the entire store cool and comfortable. Mr. Myers invites his customers to stop in his store and cool off from old Sol's blaring rays.

J. W. Milam Heads Local Lions Club

J. W. Milam, popular manager of the Home Stores, was elected president of the Lions Club, succeeding Edward Jackson, at the meeting held last Thursday evening in the Mountain View House.

Other officers elected were as follows: First Vice President, H. Tom Patton; Second Vice President, Wilton Crawford; Third Vice President, Jacob Cooper; Secretary, Myron Rhyme; Treasurer, W. K. Mauney, Jr.; Tail Twister, George Mauney; Lion Tamer, Luther Casler; and Directors, W. B. Thomason, Charles Thomason, J. L. Woodward and W. F. Legan. The newly elected officers will be installed next Thursday evening at Ladies Night.

Rev. E. W. Fox made an interesting talk on the "Conservation of Wild Life," with particular emphasis on "birds."

Truck Loaded With Wine Overturns

A big truck loaded with all kinds of bottled wine overturned on the new Gastonia Highway just at the city limit sign about 6 A. M. Tuesday morning. The driver of the truck was not injured but the bottles were broken and wine ran down the highway into a nearby ditch. A hitchhiker came by and assisted in piling up the unbroken bottles and was given several bottles for his efforts. Immediately he began to sample the different brands, and shortly became very sleepy, so he took an extended nap that lasted several hours. He was awakened by Police man Hanes, and carried before Mayor J. B. Thomason, who let him off with the understanding that he was to keep hiking.

NYA To Continue Making Clothing for Needy School Children.

At the regular meeting of the Junior Woman's Club Monday night, the Club voted to continue sponsoring the NYA sewing room. It was decided to make a supply of school-age children's clothing during the summer months in order that no child will have to miss the first week or two of school. The club will be glad to get any odd buttons, thread, trimmings of any kind, quilt scraps and old clothing that can be made into garments. Perhaps you have a piece of material that you bought last winter and failed to make. Those that have any of the above named articles are urged to call Mrs. Harry Page, who will arrange for delivery to the sewing room.

Lions Club Ladies Night Next Thursday

The second annual Ladies' Night of the Lions Club will be held next Thursday in the Woman's Club Building. A most interesting and entertaining program has been arranged, and the wives and sweethearts are looking forward to the gala event. The complete program for the enjoyable occasion will be announced in the next issue of The Herald.

First Out-Door Men's Supper Next Thursday Evening

The first of the out-door suppers of the Men's Club with their wives and sweethearts as invited guests will be held next Thursday evening at Pisgah A. R. P. Church at 7:00 P. M. Members remember the Pisgah supper as one of the best of the whole season. Secretary B. S. Neill asks that all who are planning to be present to notify him by Tuesday so he will be able to have the committee prepare for the right number.

E. W. Hord Attends Rites For Brother

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hord and family attended the funeral last Thursday of his brother, J. O. Hord, at Cherryville Methodist Church. Interment followed at Mountain Rest cemetery here.

Mr. Hord was 60 years of age and surviving are his wife, his only son, B. J. Hord of Shelby, a brother, E. W. Hord, and a sister, Mrs. E. C. Carpenter of Shelby.

MRS. RATTERREE BREAKS LEG

The many friends of Mrs. S. C. Ratterree will regret to learn that she slipped and fell at her home Wednesday morning and broke her leg. Mrs. Ratterree was carried to the City Hospital in Gastonia where she is getting along as well as could be expected.

Kings Mountain Celebrates Flag Week

Kings Mountain Citizens are invited by Mayor J. B. Thomason to join in the celebration of National Flag Week by displaying the American Flag at their places of business and residences. This week has been set aside throughout the entire United States to join hands with the rest of the nation to initiate a rebirth of patriotism.

Mayor Thomason has along with the mayors of towns and cities issued the following proclamation setting this week aside for the observance of the flag:

A PROCLAMATION

To the Citizens of Kings Mountain—Greetings: WHEREAS, in these days of world wide turmoil, with subversive forces and influences striving to discredit and destroy the ideals and institutions symbolized by our Country's Flag, all loyal Americans should answer this challenge by displaying and paying tribute to that Flag as the emblem of our rights and liberties, and

WHEREAS, with this end in view, the Legislature of North Carolina at its last session, adopted a resolution endorsing the plan of The United States Flag Association, headed by the President of the United States as Honorary President General, for the designation as Flag Week of the period June 8th to 14th, during which patriotic exercises and other appropriate functions are to be held in towns and cities throughout the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I do proclaim June 8th to 14th as FLAG WEEK and direct that during this period the Flag of the United States be displayed on all municipal buildings and vehicles. Furthermore, I do invite the people of Kings Mountain to display the Stars and Stripes at their homes, places of business and other suitable locations as well as on their cars, and to hold patriotic exercises, plan flag parades and do other suitable things as a public expression of our love of our Country, our allegiance to its Glorious Banner and our belief in the institutions of American Democracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Kings Mountain to be affixed this 7th day of June in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

J. B. THOMASSON, Mayor of the Town of Kings Mountain.

Father Of Local Man Dies

Funeral services for F. G. Proctor 84, resident of Earl community were held at Bess Chapel in Lincoln county Monday afternoon at 3 p. m.

Mr. Proctor, one of the oldest residents of the Earl community, died Sunday afternoon at his home after suffering a heart attack. Death came at 1:30 p. m.

Mr. Proctor had made his home in the Earl community for the past eight years where he operated a general merchandise store. Formerly he lived in the Belwood section for a number of years.

Survivors are his widow, five sons, including Sam Proctor of Kings Mountain.

Interment was in the chapel cemetery in Lincoln county.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

IT SEEMS that this here feud business is kinda dyin' out. Time was when no back-woodsman would

stray very far from his own place without his trusty shot-gun. All this leads up to a story I heard about an old "way-back-in-the-mountains-of-Virginia."

He brought his boy into a little country school-house. "This 'ere boy is arter larnin'," he announced. "What's yer bill of fare?" "Well," replied the teacher, "we have Geography, Arithmetic, History, Trigonometry, and..." "That'll do," replied the old mountaineer. "Lead him up with that trigonometry. He is the only poor shot in the family."

Town Council Has Busy Session Monday Night

Food Sales Here Return \$186,966 In Hidden Taxes

Families in Kings Mountain pay an estimated \$186,966 in hidden taxes annually through their purchases of food, a National Consumer's Tax Commission report stated.

"Nearly eight per cent of the total food bill represents shifted taxes buried in the price of every purchase," the report stated. "These unhidden levies, for example, take 11 per cent of butter costs, 6 1/2 per cent of bread costs, 10 1/2 per cent of sliced bacon and 14 1/2 per cent of the cost of coffee."

The report was made public through Mrs. William T. Hannah, of Waynesville, state director, who leads NCTC study groups in about 110 North Carolina communities in the educational crusade against "unnecessary consumer-penalizing taxes."

"Chief offenders, and these that fall most heavily on lower income families, are hidden taxes. These are levied originally against the producer, manufacturer, shipper and distributor. Unable to absorb the load, each must pass on a share of its taxes and the consumer ultimately pays them, usually without knowing it."

The commission, in these non-partisan crusade groups in 4,600 communities have launched tax study programs, said the hidden tax figure does not include the many other hidden and direct taxes families here have to pay.

The food tax estimate was computed from NCTC averages based on last available U. S. Bureau of the Census figures which placed 1935 food sales in Kings Mountain at \$2,397,000.

Little Resigns As Local Coach

Crowell Little, former star quarterback at the University of North Carolina, and last year coach at the local High School, has been appointed freshman coach at Davidson College. It was announced Tuesday. Little, who came to Kings Mountain fresh from Carolina, turned out one of the leading Western Conference teams last Fall, using four lettermen from a team which had lost consistently for two years. His record here was five victories as compared with three losses.

During three years of varsity football at the University, Little had a brilliant career as a clever quarterback, fine passer and kicker, and one of the fastest runners in the Conference.

Little succeeds Flake (Red) Laird, who has resigned to accept a coaching position with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Norman Shepherd, director of athletics at Davidson, announced that Little would coach freshman football and basketball and would be assigned various other duties as a member of the coaching staff.

B. N. Barnes, Superintendent of schools, here, could not be reached by the "Herald" for a statement relative to the resignation of Little. It is believed, however, that A. E. "Red" Smart, who assisted Little last fall, and coached girls' basketball, will take over the coaching duties.

Auto License Examiner Here Each Tuesday

Mr. J. P. Hollis, with the examining department of the automobile bureau of the State Department of Revenue, who has recently been transferred to Shelby, will be in Kings Mountain each Tuesday afternoon at the City Hall from 1 to 4 P. M. to issue driver's licenses. Mr. Hollis is very anxious for all in the Kings Mountain area to avail themselves of this service. All forms of driving licenses will be issued, including chauffeur and taxi drivers, besides those who have lost their original or those who have become of driving age.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

An Evangelistic Campaign will begin today in a large tent, corner of Fulton and Alexander streets near the Pauline Mill. Services daily at 7:30 P. M. and Sunday at 3 P. M. Preaching will be by Evangelist Otto A. Harrison of Greenville, S. C., and son service conducted by Farrell E. Runyan. The public is cordially invited.

Members of the Town Council in their regular meeting Monday night transacted several important matters of business. All members were present, with Mayor J. B. Thomason, presiding.

On motion of W. K. Mauney, and second of C. E. Neisler, Jr., the peddler's license ordinance which was passed April 3rd, was declared null and void. The ordinance passed April 3rd relative to selling ice cream on the streets of Kings Mountain was declared null and void on motion of H. Tom Fulton and seconded by W. K. Mauney.

The license and privilege tax schedules were adopted on motion of H. Tom Fulton and second of C. E. Neisler, Jr. The list will be published later, as the law requires the schedule to remain open two weeks before final passing.

On motion of W. K. Mauney and second of H. Tom Fulton all Town Officials and employees are to pay the same rate for water and light as all other customers served by the Town. Heretofore lower rates were enjoyed by Town officials and employees of the Town.

W. K. Mauney made the motion, which was seconded by L. W. Hamrick that all unpaid water and light accounts which have been discontinued be collected by legal procedure, and if necessary to reduce them to judgment.

On motion of C. E. Neisler and seconded by H. Tom Fulton an ordinance was passed making it unlawful for any person or firm to operate, or maintain gasoline pumps on streets or sidewalks within the limits of Kings Mountain. A fine of \$10 will be imposed, and each day shall constitute a separate offense. It shall also be unlawful to serve any car that is parked on the streets of Kings Mountain gas or oil from a pump. A similar fine will be imposed for violation.

The slot machine question which is worrying most city and county officials throughout North Carolina was discussed by the board members and the following ordinance, upon motion of H. Tom Fulton and seconded by C. E. Neisler, Jr., was passed: "It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to operate or maintain in any place of business any machine or device for the playing of games or amusement which any player may make varying score. A fine of \$10.00 will be imposed for the violation of this ordinance, and each day the machine is allowed to operate will be a new offense. The Chief of Police or his deputies shall seize any destroy said machines. Providing that nothing in this ordinance shall apply to machines that vend merchandise, music, or stencil machines. The ordinance shall become effective from its passage."

It is understood that several of the machines that have been in Kings Mountain have disappeared since Monday night, when the ordinance was passed.

MOVES TO MARION

Mr. M. C. Wingate, who has been with the Fulton Mortuary for some time, has accepted work in Marion and is moving his family there this week.

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

(Opinions Expressed in This Column Are Not Necessarily the Views of This Newspaper.)

A week ago, it was canned beef (from the Argentine) that had the politicians talking. This week it is "canned talk" (from Washington) that has them "beefing."

The canned talk in this instance is a new series of radio programs just inaugurated by the National Emergency Council. It works this way: Various government officials make speeches into radio transcription recording machines. The records are then sent to radio stations for broadcast.

Purpose of the canned series, according to the official NEC pronouncement, is to give small stations which do not have chain hookups a chance to broadcast the pronouncements of the Administration dignitaries. The series, said the NEC announcement, would be confined to factual discussion of the operations of each department of the government.

First to take the air was the President, and in his "canned fireside" Washington observers say the apparent (Cont'd on Editorial page)