

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—State News—
Raleigh, Aug. 22.—The Division of Purchase and Contract will receive bids here August 31 for about \$15,000 worth of duplicating machines a year's contract to supply about \$50,000 worth of typewriters, sound projectors estimated to cost \$10,000 and a crawler tractor crane to cost about \$6,000.

Lake City, S. C., Aug. 22.—A negro man entered the back door of the L. T. Coward and Co. store, prominent dry goods establishment here about 9:30 Saturday night and got away with \$700 in cash from the safe.

North Wilkesboro, Aug. 22.—The annual picnic of the Brusy Mountain fruit growers will be held tomorrow at the home of Sam Wyke. Instead of his orchard it was learned today, Mr. Wyke lives in Alexander county on Highway 16. A splendid program has been arranged for the field day and picnic and a large attendance is expected.

Ridgeway, Aug. 22.—Word has been received in Ridgeway that Rev. Arthur S. Gillespie, of this city, Baptist missionary to China, and his family, together with 26 other Americans in the Chinese mission fields are safe and sound.

Raleigh, Aug. 22.—A pair of horses owned by Roger Sexton of Lillington are work-stock pulling champions of North Carolina. Paul L. Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist of the state department of agriculture, said today the horses had been certified as lifting 3000 pounds of dead weight and pulling it the official distance of 21 1/2 feet—or the equivalent of 19.75 tons on a wagon. The team weighs 2800 pounds.

Goldboro, Aug. 22.—Brodie Smith, 28, wealthy Smithfield lumberman, was bound over to Wayne superior court today by Mayor J. H. Hill on a charge of fast and reckless driving and murder in connection with the hit-run death of Charley Austin, 53 year old negro, here last Tuesday. Smith's bond was set at \$2,000.

Goldboro, Aug. 22.—Judge Walter J. Bone ordered today a special venire of 100 to report Wednesday for the trial of Raymond Worley, 25, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death April 3 of his wife, Lola. Worley was formally arraigned this afternoon.

Raleigh, Aug. 22.—A new record for automobile license sales was set today as the total for 1939 reached 522,337. The previous year's high, 523,025 was recorded in 1938.

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell said it was "possible" this year's total would go to 630,000, especially if tobacco prices hold up. New tags go on sale Dec. 1.

Fairmont, Aug. 22.—A negro, whose body was the fourth to be found on railway tracks in Robeson county within a week, remained unidentified today except for a social security card found on him, bearing the name Prince McKay and the address as Augusta, Maine.

—National News—
Miami, Fla., Aug. 22.—Dr. T. Earl Moore, Miami psychiatrist, reported tonight his examination of Charles Jefferson had established that the confessed kidnap-slayer of Frances Dunn, 17, high school girl, was not legally insane.

Jefferson, self-styled movie talent scout, signed a confession and was indicted on charges of kidnaping, raping and slaying the Dunn girl after promising her a movie career. Her body was found near Boca Raton August 10.

Chungking, China, Aug. 22.—The United States embassy was informed today two chapels of the United States Reformed Church mission at Yuanling, Huán province, were destroyed Friday in a Japanese air raid. The western Szechwan province city of Kiating, 180 miles west of here, was reported to have been three fourths destroyed Saturday.

Tokyo, Aug. 22.—The newspaper Aihai reported today that Japanese officials were considering a stronger policy toward the United States if an American arms embargo were enforced against Japan. The newspaper said it understood that Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita already had reported to the cabinet on the tentative form of a new policy which would mean that "the rights and interests of the United States in China would be seriously affected."

New York, Aug. 22.—In a world filled with the threat of war and new catastrophe, the Red Cross will celebrate tomorrow the 75th anniversary of its founding—the end of three quarters of a century devoted to tying up the wounds of mankind.

Sixty-one nations are its members signatories to one international covenant that has survived all the storms of the years, and across the area of the earth, this birthday will be observed—from Sam to Soviet Russia, from Australia to the Argentine.

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—An early morning mist was blamed tonight for the collision of a fire truck speeding to answer a false alarm and an express bus at a Philadelphia street intersection in which 29 persons were injured, five seriously.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Expansion of the Hatch law in order to curb the political activities of state as well as Federal employes was advocated today by Senator Sheppard, Democrat, Texas. Sheppard said he thought the law should include all State employes who receive a portion of their pay through Federal channels. This would reach chiefly State highway workers and employes of social security divisions.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 22.—Glenn Spencer, 21, of Custer S. D., was killed and Patrick J. O'Neigh, 23 of Cleveland, Tenn., was slightly injured today in the plunge of their automobile down a 125 foot embankment. The youths had been employed on a ranch near Boulder.

Local Merchant Knocked Down In Store

B. A. Smith, Sr., well known local merchant, was knocked unconscious last Saturday night about 3:30 o'clock, by a negro, whom Police Chief Jimmy Burns said "probably intended to rob Mr. Smith."

Policemen were called to Mr. Smith's store on North Piedmont Avenue by a person who walked into the store and found Smith unconscious. Burns said that the would-be robber was frightened away by someone entering the store before he had time to rob Smith.

Blood hounds were secured from the county prison camp to trail the negro, who was unidentified. He was trailed from the back of the store through the swamp below the depot. The trail was lost at the depot.

It was reported that Smith, who was unconscious for sometime, was not seriously hurt, though he received a painful head injury. He was hit in the back of the head with an axe handle. Officers are still investigating and hope for the arrest of the negro soon.

It was reported that the negro went into the store and asked to look at some shirts, telling Smith that his boss would be along within a few minutes to pay for them. As Mr. Smith turned to wrap the package, the negro struck him with the axe handle.

A few minutes later, just about the time that the bloodhounds were put on the trail, an auto bearing a South Carolina license plate, and with three negroes in it, was seen leaving the depot hurriedly.

Mountaineers Know Each Other

People in Kings Mountain know each other, and the mailmen know just about everybody. Especially those on their routes. If that hadn't been the case, then Mr. Beck Page, local man, wouldn't have gotten a letter from Burlington recently.

Mr. Page's friend, Brock Waddell, who resides in Burlington, decided that Mr. Page's mug should be known to everybody, so instead of addressing the letter in the usual manner, he merely put a picture of Mr. Page on the front of it, wrote Kings Mountain under it, and affixed a stamp thereto.

The letter came straight and true. When it hit the local post office M. C. Falls, who works for Uncle Sam here, exclaimed: "Aw, I know that guy. He's Beck Page. Usta play base ball with him."

Mr. Page got the letter.

Local Fans Attend Double Header Ball Game

Kings Mountain was well represented at the Double header base ball game in Washington, D. C., last Sunday when the Washington team played Boston. The games were in honor of players from North and South Carolina. Local fans were disappointed as Jake Early, Washington catcher, was unable to play. Between the two games team members were presented gifts from supporters "back home." Mr. Charles F. Thomasson presented Catcher Early with a handsome traveling bag the gift of Kings Mountain fans.

Among those attending the games were: Paul McGinnis, Claude Ham-bright, Glee Bridges, R. C. Gold, Charles F. and George Thomasson Clyde Bennett, Jim Cloninger, Fred Herndon, Ted Weir, J. C. Lackey, Jr. Harold Coggins, Joe Lee Woodward Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Falls, and Mrs. Boyce Early, mother of Jake.

S. S. Attendance Off

On Sunday, August 20, 1939, the number present in the Sunday Schools of Kings Mountain was: Central Methodist 159; A. R. P. Church 157; Grace Methodist 103; Lutheran Church 235; Presbyterian 152; Second Baptist 218; and First Baptist 201.

It may be due to the fact that this is vacation time, but this number is badly off. During the remainder of August the inactive members will be visited. Working toward Rally Day, which is to be held the first Sunday in October, old members on roll will be urged to attend Sunday School next Sunday. Then the campaign for new members begins. Since nearly half of our school children do not attend Sunday School regularly, it is hoped that the Sunday School attendance can be made into an asset to our town.

Man Killed By Train

ATTRACTIVE HOME OF KINGS MOUNTAIN



Above is the beautiful white painted brick home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mauney on Ridge Street.

Kings Mountain shopper were horrified Saturday afternoon about 4:45 when Zeb Vance Harrelson was instantly killed by a south bound freight train in the heart of the business section. Harrelson apparently failed to notice the oncoming train at the Mountain Street crossing. His body was dragged about 200 yards down the track before the train was stopped.

The body was badly mangled, both legs and both hands being cut off. The street was thronged with awestruck onlookers as the train rumbled up the gruesome body.

Young Harrelson, 22 years old, lived on a farm near here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Harrelson, who survive. Also surviving are three brothers, Harvey, former chief of police of Kings Mountain, Joel and Ira Harrelson, all of Kings Mountain section, and four sisters, Mrs. Macie Elmore of Crouse, Mrs. Ruby Wright of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Jettie Justice of Beaver Dam, and Miss Virginia Harrelson at home.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. at Bethware school house near here. The school house is being utilized while a new Baptist church is being erected. Interment was in Bethlehem Methodist cemetery near Cherryville.

Kings Mountain High Gridders Warming Up

Hotel Committee To Meet Friday

Mr. Charles F. Thomasson Chairman of the committee to secure information for the erection of a modern fire proof hotel for Kings Mountain has called his group for a meeting Friday night in The Herald office. Mr. Charles C. Benton, Architect of Wilson, N. C., will meet with the committee and go over plans and specifications his firm has prepared.

The Committee, composed of members of the two civic clubs of Kings Mountain has been very active for the past two weeks getting facts and figures together to be presented at a joint meeting of the two clubs.

Mr. Thomasson said: "Folks are still talking about this new hotel and when Kings Mountain citizens want to do anything they usually do it, and I believe we can build that hotel."

MEN'S CLUB SUPPER AT CROWDER'S CREEK

The last outdoor supper of the Men's Club will be held this evening at 7:00 o'clock at Crowder's Creek. Wives and sweethearts will be guests of the Club members and a large attendance is expected for the final supper of the summer.

SINGING CONVENTION

The Kings Mountain Singing Convention will meet in Grover Sunday. The public is cordially invited.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

WOMEN sometimes like to show off a little at bridge parties. Right away when they come in they show off their clothes and their good looks, but they ain't satisfied with that very often. Not but what they got plenty of fine clothes and lots of good looks, but they just naturally are ambitious. So they talk about how rich their husbands are. They don't say it just that way, but that's what the conversation is about.

One lady was kinda embarrassed by the talk. She wasn't married very long, and she knew her husband's business wasn't doing so good, but she didn't know much about business anyhow. She heard the others telling how their husbands were building new plants and taking on new help and all that. So she says, "Yes, it must be that times are getting awful good. Now, my husband's business is growing all the time. Why, just last night he told me that he was going to have a receiver appointed for it, and you know there must be a lot of cash coming in when they have to get a special receiver to handle it."



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Local Buyers In New York City

Buyers for Kings Mountain stores are this week in New York City making selections of fall merchandise for local shoppers. Kings Mountain merchants are very optimistic over the outlook for fall and winter business and are buying accordingly. Selections will be excellent in the stores of Kings Mountain, and shoppers may find most anything they desire right here without having to make a trip out of town.

Buyers now on the New York market are: Mr. Byron Keeter and Miss Martha Frances McGill for Keeter's Department Store; Mr. Fred Stallworth and Miss Ruby Burrage for Bell's Department Store, and Mrs. R. D. Goforth for Myers' Department Store, which is opening a ladies' shop on the second floor of his store.

Falls Reunion Set For Saturday

The annual Falls family reunion will be held all day Saturday at the Cicero C. Falls home near the Belwood school. It has been announced. Dinner will be served picnic style at noon and all friends and relatives are urged to attend and bring well filled baskets.

THOMASSON REUNION TODAY

The annual Thomasson Reunion will be held today beginning at 10:30 A. M. at Union Baptist Church. Relatives and friends of the Thomasson Clan are cordially invited to be present. Mr. Charles F. Thomasson of Kings Mountain is President and Mrs. Lula Smith of York, S. C., is Secretary of the Clan.

GOFORTH REUNION SATURDAY

Descendants of the late Preston Goforth will have their annual reunion Saturday, Aug. 24, near Clover S. C. Friends are cordially invited to attend and bring well filled baskets.

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

Congress has gone home now, bag and baggage, so those who make a career of speculating on matters political are turning their eyes away from Washington to find subjects for discussion. But all the discussion is still influenced by what happened in the national capital before the boys packed up and left.

One question looms large in the minds of both the public and political commentators: How substantially will Congressional action last session help business recovery?

Critics of industry get in the first lick by claiming that Congress had "accepted industry's challenge" by making what legislative changes and reforms it did accomplish, and that now responsibility for complete and hasty recovery rests squarely on the shoulders of business.

If this argument was supposed to make an impression, it missed fire

Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

A Temptation to His Majesty

By IRVIN S. COBB

THE STEAMER was calling at the principal port of one of those remote South Sea islands regarding which so much romance has been written these last few years by gifted fictionists and imaginative travelers. In canoes the natives paddled out to welcome the strangers



from other climes. At the head of the volunteer reception committee came the ruling monarch, King Something-or-Other, a huge brown man with an air of heavy dignity and a battered high hat upon his head. He was accompanied by the Imperial staff and also by his household and his prime minister. The latter was a Cockney beach-comber who had been stranded here years before and who, having been adopted into the tribe had risen to a place of high favor in the eyes of the copper-colored potentate.

The king, his premier, and his body-guard were welcomed aboard ship. His subjects remained alongside, in broken English begging the passengers to throw pennies down to them. Whenever a coin struck the water, half a dozen islanders at once dived for it.

One of the visitors was generously inclined. When he had emptied his pockets of coppers he began flinging out small bits of silver and correspondingly the excitement among the amphibious natives increased. In the hope of moving them to an even more spirited exhibition of their powers, the white benefactor fished about until he found a silver dollar. He was in the act of hurling it over the side when the Prime Minister caught his arm.

"Please, sir," begged the Cockney, "don't do that, sir. Eh ask you to restrain yourself, sir. You'll be 'aving 'is Royal Highness overboard!"