

## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

**State News—**  
 Rock Hill, S. C., Sept. 6.—An average of 50,000 tourists a year may be expected at Kings Mountain National Park within a few years. O. E. Camp, park superintendent, told the Rock Hill Business Men's League at a meeting here yesterday afternoon.

Los Angeles, Sept. 6.—Film Comedian Hugh Herbert asked \$75,000 damages today for injuries he received in an auto collision Dec. 20. He charged a truck owned by Consolidated Film Industries struck his car.

Denver, Sept. 6.—Pinto beans are \$1 higher per 100 pounds on the Denver market. Maybe there's no connection — but beans have been a staple in the soldier's mess kit since the rifle replaced the crossbow.

Malta, Sept. 6.—A special meeting of the Maltese Council of Government unanimously adopted today a motion reaffirming Malta's loyalty and determination to support the British Government.

**National News—**  
 Gastonia, Sept. 6.—Announcement was made this morning that Mrs. Mary Curry, 40, local practical nurse, who mysteriously disappeared from Gastonia Sunday afternoon and who had been sought since that time in Gaston and adjoining counties, returned to her home here last night.

Shelby, Sept. 6.—Details are rapidly being completed for the 16th annual Cleveland County Fair through the previous 15 years is has operated has come to be recognized as one of the outstanding fairs of its kind in the South.

The dates for the fair this year are Tuesday, Sept. 26 through Saturday, Sept. 30.

Rock Hill, S. C., Sept. 6.—A civil suit in which Mrs. C. W. Simpson of Charlotte is suing for \$25,000 damages for injuries allegedly received in a fall into a grease pit in a Chester filling station near a close in United States District Court here today.

Charleston S. C., Sept. 6.—John Jeffries, a fireman, was killed and three fellow workers injured when an oil treating tank exploded today.

### City-Wide S. S. Rally Day October First

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Ministerial Association together with the Sunday School Superintendents last Monday night, plans were made to attempt to make a personal contact with every child and adult in Kings Mountain not in Church and Sunday School before the first Sunday in October. Supt. B. N. Barnes was present at this meeting and the school teachers and school officials are giving their full support. A census is being taken this week in all public schools to determine how many children are not in church and Sunday school.

All Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents are expected to meet at the Lutheran Church Tuesday, Sept. 12, to study the results of the census and to make further plans. Handbills also, will be distributed throughout the city by Boy Scouts, urging the people to go to Sunday School. Mr. Charles Thomasson is Chairman of this movement and a very active campaign will be put on throughout the city.

A wonderful interest and cooperation is being manifested in this city-wide Church and Sunday School movement. It is hoped that when the campaign is over that there will not be a person in Kings Mountain who has not been invited to Church and Sunday School.

There has already been a considerable increase in Sunday School and Church attendance. The Sunday Schools reporting for last Sunday are as follows:

Central Methodist 204; Lutheran Church 288; Presbyterian Church 184; First Baptist Church 220; Second Baptist Church 198; R. R. P. Church 144.

### WAR—PRICES GO UP

Results of the war in Europe struck Kings Mountain yesterday with a sharp increase in prices on various commodities.

For instance, a ten pound sack of sugar which sold for fifty cents last week is now sixty. Fat back, lard, and other pork products have risen sharply.

The most alarming rise in prices came in grain products. All feed-stuffs including chicken feed and others are rising steadily. Laying mash is up as much as thirty cents on the bag. Flour is up \$1.00 a barrel and still rising. One merchant reported that rice is expected to go up.

If you find that your grocery bill is considerably more this week than it was last, it will be because of the war. The wholesaler and jobber have gone up, so the merchant must. Many markets will not make a commitment on the future of sugar. Textiles are also reported to be rising.

### SPECIAL SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. E. W. Fox, the pastor of Central Methodist Church, announces a special meeting of about ten days. Rev. H. M. Robinson will do the preaching and Mr. F. C. Todd will lead the singing. Services will be held at 7:30 each evening. Announcement will be made for any day services held. The pastor and members of the church cordially invite their friends to join with them in these special services.

### Mrs. J. T. Johnson Appointed To Lead NCTC Tax Campaign

New impetus has been given the National Consumers Tax Commission's North Carolina drive against "consumer - penalizing" taxes with the announcement that Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen has been appointed to head the tax-education crusade in this state.

Named a member of the organization's national committee, Mrs. Johnson will lead the 119 tax study groups which now function in 108 North Carolina communities, according to Mrs. Melville Muckleston, NCTC president.

The National Consumers Tax Commission, a non-partisan, non profit group, now has nearly 6,000 similar study groups meeting regularly throughout the country for instruction in the intricacies of taxation, she said. Particular emphasis is placed on "hidden taxes" which now account for 56.2 per cent of all local, state and national tax revenues, the NCTC president explained.

"Hidden taxes constitute an ever-growing menace to the American standard of living," Mrs. Muckleston declared. "The recent national poll which indicated that 40 per cent of those in the low income group believe they pay no taxes at all is an indication of how insidious the growth of this form of taxation has been. Only through a broad educational campaign can the people be awakened."

"When the average wage earner income is \$1,500 a year or less pays an annual tax bill of \$171 without knowing it there can be little doubt that a serious situation exists."

Mrs. Johnson has long been prominent in North Carolina club work. After serving as president of her local club she was elected president of the ninth district, North Carolina Federated Clubs and now is state chairman of that group's department of American citizenship. She also is active in D. A. R. circles, in the P. T. A., and in county welfare work.

### There They Go K.M. Kids

Schools all over the south will be bragging before long. And they'll have something to brag about. Most any school in the south can brag that they have one or more students from Kings Mountain.

These are members of last year's graduating class who are leaving for school, and where they are going:

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James G. Darracott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Darracott, Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.

Paul M. Neisler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Neisler, McCauley's Prep School, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Lawrence Patrick, son of Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, Darlington Prep School, Rome, Ga.

Marrigott Phifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Phifer, Erskine College, Due West, S. C.

Fred Wright, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

Hazel Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Curtis Falls, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

Maule Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Plonk, Greensboro College, Greensboro.

Margaret Ratterree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bright Ratterree, W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro.

Sue Ruddock, W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro.

Melva Settlemyre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Settlemyre, band director at Bowling Springs Junior College.

Mary Helen Hambricht, daughter of Mrs. G. D. Hambricht, Plonk School of Creative Arts, Asheville, N. C.

Dorothy Hoke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hoke, W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro.

Eight of last spring's 66 grads are in Kings Mountain High taking post graduate courses, preparing for next year.

### War Catches Local Boy In France

What happens when you've got a son who is in the capitol city of a country that's in a nice juicy war with Germany? Mrs. J. L. Settlemyre is in just that predicament, and she isn't worried too much. Well maybe just a little bit. But Mrs. Settlemyre laughs at it. "He'll stay, if they'll let him," she says of J. L. Junior, who is in Paris studying painting.

Mrs. Settlemyre hasn't heard from him since the trouble began, in fact, not since July, but J. L. has passage on an American ship, so that fact comforts a great deal. He went over in the early summer on the President Harding, and has a round trip ticket, so he'll probably come back on it, says his sister, Melva who is still home. "But mother dreads to hear about a ship being torpedoed."

The daughter of Leslie McGinnis, former citizen of Kings Mountain now living in Richmond, Va., is also in Europe. Mr. McGinnis was in Kings Mountain Saturday visiting. He isn't unduly worried about his daughter, either.

### Attend Centennial Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis returned last week from a visit of several days at Mrs. Davis' former home at Martin, Ga., where they went especially to attend the Centennial Celebration and Homecoming of Hope-well Presbyterian church, where several generations of the Miller family have been members. The celebration lasted for several days and the principal speakers were A. Hoyt Miller, missionary, at home on furlough from Africa and Rev. A. D. Miller, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Raleigh, both of whom are first cousins of Mrs. Davis.

### FIVE-YEAR-OLD LEAVES FOR HOLLYWOOD

Nan, Jean, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gantt, of North Piedmont Avenue, will leave Saturday morning for Hollywood, Calif., where she will interview Hal Roach, manager of Our Gang Comedies. Little Miss Gantt will be accompanied by her mother and Mr. Kenneth Stanbaugh, head of the Southern Cinema Corporation.

Miss Gantt made her first important public appearance in Blowing Rock, later going to Virginia Beach where she was featured on several programs. Screen tests were made at Blowing Rock and Virginia Beach.

## CITIZENS ENDORSE HOTEL MOVEMENT

### ATTRACTIVE HOME OF KINGS MOUNTAIN



Above is the handsome brick residence of Mrs. J. G. Hord on the corner of Piedmont Avenue and King Street.

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### Town Board Met Monday Night

The Town Council, meeting in regular session Monday night appointed Ladd Hamrick to confer with the Board of County Commissioner on the matter of fire protection for persons living near Kings Mountain, but whose property is outside the city limits.

The action was precipitated by an offer of the commissioners to furnish liability insurance for firemen engaged in fighting the out-of-town blazes.

Mr. Hamrick is expected to confer with the commissioners shortly as Kings Mountain's representative. The Council heard several complaints of property owners growing out of the new highway bridge and other improvements. It had been agreed between the highway and public works commission that the Town Council would adjust complaints. This agreement was reached after it was decided to run the highway through the center of Kings Mountain. All members of the Council were present for the meeting.

### Sunday School Rally Day October First

The Sunday school Superintendents and the Pastors of the Churches are working to have a real rally day in Kings Mountain Sunday schools and Churches Sunday, October 1st. Every Superintendent and Pastor should be present Tuesday Evening 7:30 at the Lutheran Church to help complete the plans for this most worthwhile effort that is being promoted by Kings Mountain Sunday School Superintendents.

### Missionary At Presbyterian Church

Rev. A. R. Craig from Tsing Kiang Pu Ku, China, will speak Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian Church at the regular morning worship. Rev. Mr. Craig will speak on conditions in China, where he has served as a missionary from the Presbyterian Church. Sunday morning Worship at 11:00.

### Father of Rev. L. B. Hamm Passes At Age of 84

Rev. L. Boyd Hamm was called home yesterday (Wednesday) morning on account of the death of his father, Drayton Luther Hamm. He died at his home in Newberry County, S. C., early Wednesday. His death was expected, as he has been ill for nearly a year. Mr. Hamm was in his 84th year. The funeral arrangement had not been completed when Rev. Mr. Hamm left for home yesterday.

### Billy Weir Now At Belk's

Mr. Billy Weir, popular young man of Kings Mountain has accepted a position with Belk's Department Store and has already started to work. Mr. Weir will be in charge of the shoe department according to an announcement from Mr. Fred Stallworth, manager.

Mr. Weir extends a cordial invitation to his friends to visit him in his new connection.

Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 6.—Jack Plumley, 18 year old garage employee, died last night of burns suffered Saturday night, his employer, L. C. Dillard said when he struck a match to light a cigarette shortly after washing his hands in gasoline.

Approximately 100 citizens unambiguously endorsed and pledged their support to the movement to secure a modern hotel for Kings Mountain at the joint meeting of the Lions and Men's Clubs held last Thursday evening in the Woman's Club building. The two clubs met jointly along with about 35 invited guests to hear the report of the information committee, made up of members of the two clubs.

Members of the committee were introduced by Tom Fulton, who presided during the meeting as Toastmaster. Committee members were Chairman Charles Thomasson, Secretary, Harry C. D. Dyer, Jr., Edna Jones and Aubrey Mauney from the Men's Club and Tom Fulton, W. F. Logan and Howard Jackson from the Lions Club.

Haywood E. Lynch explained the plans of the two buildings that had been submitted by architects, explaining that the cost of the buildings would depend upon the lot and type of construction. One of the buildings had been estimated at \$63,500 and the other one at \$80,000.

Mr. Lynch stated that the architects recommended that the lot be one block from the railroad tracks and also within one block or on both highways 23 and 74. The size to be approximately 125 feet front and 200 feet deep with an estimated cost of about \$8,000.

Aubrey Mauney discussed the methods of financing the project, stating that from 50 to 60 percent of the total cost including equipment could be borrowed either from private corporations or from the K. F. C. Mr. Mauney explained that one of the architects had prepared a study which showed the hotel would pay off in about twelve years.

Mr. Thomasson summarized the entire work of the committee and went into detail of the findings. He emphasized the need of a modern hotel for Kings Mountain. Mr. Thomasson completed his stirring address by asking those present if they would have to be the one to help pay for it.

Toastmaster Fulton asked for a vote to Mr. Thomasson's question and every hand in the room immediately went up.

Following the committee report citizens were called on to express their opinions as to the needs of securing the needed hotel.

P. D. Herndon said: "Of course we need a hotel, and the only way to get one is for the people of Kings Mountain to build it."

J. B. Thomasson said: "This thing is going to cost some money, but Kings Mountain needs the hotel so count me in, I'll do my part."

William Plonk said, "I want to see a modern hotel in Kings Mountain as much as anyone because I know we need it and I think it will pay."

The next person called on, Dr. J. E. Anthony, said: "We have been heading a modern hotel for twenty years, and I would like to help."

Mrs. C. E. Neisler said: "The main thing lacking in Kings Mountain is a modern hotel, and if we just had one Clarence Kuester of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce says Kings Mountain will be on the map."

W. K. Mauney said: "The need is here, and I'll take some stock."

C. E. Neisler said: "The building of the hotel is up to us, and the best way to raise the money is to subscribe to stock."

I. W. Hamrick said, "The people here are for the hotel, with this spirit prevailing it should become a reality."

W. A. Ware said, "Everybody knows we need one. Very often travel."

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### Myers' Dress Shoppe Opens Friday

Myers' Department Store is this week taking another step in bringing to the people of Kings Mountain more thorough service.

O. W. Myers, owner of the store, announced that Myers' Dress Shoppe located on the second floor of the store, will be open to the ladies of Kings Mountain and this vicinity, carrying a complete line of women's apparel. The new department is headed by Mrs. R. D. Goforth, who is well known in this field. Mrs. Goforth will be glad to have you come in and look over their line.

Mr. Myers announced that a complete line of current styles will be on hand at all times. Prices in the new shoppe will be in keeping with Myers' policy of Quality Merchandise at Reasonable Prices. He extends a cordial invitation to attend the opening, whether you are interested in buying or not.

Mr. Myers said: "Our aim is to help the people of Kings Mountain dress better for less."

## Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

### A Way Out of the Difficulty

By IRVIN S. COBB

WHETHER we expect to go there or not, stories about Heaven almost have an appeal for us. Here is one which has done service for a good many years:

An exceedingly rich man who had been noted all his life for taking a good and a loving care of his money, passed away. In due time he



knocked at the Golden Gates and craved admission to the Celestial City. St. Peter received his application. The angel Gabriel was called in, also, to pass on the petition.

"Your name," said the saint, "is not entirely unfamiliar to us. We have heard of you while you were on earth. I ask you now to search your mind and see whether you can recall any deed ever done by you in the flesh which in your opinion entitles you to enter Paradise and dwell among the blessed."

The millionaire gave himself over to intensive thought.

"Well, there was one thing," he said, "of which I was always very proud. One cold winter's night on the street I met a little crippled newsboy. He was crying, I stopped and spoke to him. He said he cried because he couldn't sell his papers; so I bought a paper from him. The price of it was only a penny, but I gave him three pennies for it."

"Excuse me for one moment," said St. Peter, "I must ask my confere to consult the records and see whether your statement is correct."

The angel Gabriel looked through the Doomsday book and finding there a certain entry, nodded his head. St. Peter and Gabriel consulted together in low tones. It appeared that they could not go behind the returns. At length Gabriel slammed the covers of the great volume together and exclaimed:

"Oh, just give him back his three cents and tell him to go to hell!"

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