

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

National News

New York, Dec. 12.—Officials of the Consumers' Union and the Milk Consumers' Protective Committee, reacting to the Communist investigation as having active Communist on their rosters, denied the allegations today and charged he was prejudiced as a former official of an organization competing with Consumers' Union.

The investigator, J. B. Matthews, former head of a Consumers' Research said in Washington that Communists in various consumer organizations are trying to stir up discontent and destroy the power of advertising, because it is an essential element in the capitalist system.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Hatch, Democrat, New Mexico, proposed today that Congress for bid political activities of state employees paid in part with Federal funds. The author of the law which imposes such a ban on most Federal employees said his proposal would cover such persons as state highway department employees, social security workers and office holders in other state agencies to which the Federal Government contributes money.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Justice Department called today for a general investigation into the use of patent rights, and at the same time broadened its anti-trust drive by ordering a civil suit brought against thirteen corporations and 103 officials of the glassware industry.

Fort Benning, Ga., Dec. 12.—Tank units from all parts of the United States will concentrate at Fort Benning, the army's largest infantry school, in January for four months of intensive military training.

Pineville, Dec. 12.—A long standing grudge between two families, brought to a head by the killing of a hog, flared up in a ten-minute gun battle yesterday that left six men wounded.

With pistols and shotguns, Sheriff Martin Green said, two groups of men fired more than 25 shots at each other around the railroad depot at nearby Dorton Branch, a southeastern Kentucky coal mining town.

Fort Arthur, Texas, Dec. 12.—Irvin Mingle, 11, has a bang-up kidnapping story to tell his classmates. For sixteen hours he lay bound and gagged in the dark attic of an abandoned house, while his worried parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mingle, arranged to meet a \$15,000 ransom demand. His cries, after he managed to loosen the gag, brought his rescue.

Dr. C. W. Welch, 53 year old chiropractor arrested a few hours after Irwin's release, is charged with the crime but insists he has been "framed."

State News

Elizabeth City, Dec. 12.—Arthur Gallup, bookkeeper for Atlantic Discount Corporation, fell to his death Saturday from a four-story building.

Police Chief R. C. Madrin said that Gallup, who had charge of renting the building offices for the corporation, had gone up to look at some new gutters and apparently slipped on the sloping, loose gravel roof. Madrin said the death was accidental.

Lumberton, Dec. 12.—Officers are investigating the death of Elias Lamb, 49 year old plumber whose body was found in a field in the Kingsdale section yesterday.

Coroner D. W. Biggs said a head wound apparently had caused death. Police Chief J. T. Rainey said 3 negroes were being held pending an inquest.

Greensboro, Dec. 12.—An itinerant leper was in strict isolation here today as Dr. C. C. Hudson, health officer, awaited the arrival of a representative of the U. S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Hudson said the man was en route to the national leprosyarium at Carryville, La., and that he gave out of funds here yesterday.

Goldboro, Dec. 12.—The Rev. William Osmond Cone, 73 retired Episcopal clergyman, died here yesterday after a long illness. He was pastor of St. Stephens Church here for 12 years. He retired in 1932 because of poor health.

Morganton, Dec. 12.—A docket of 40 criminal cases faced Judge W. H. Hobbitt of Charlotte in Burke County Superior Court which opened here this morning.

Clifton Byers of Bowers, Gaston County Negro, is defendant in eight cases or 20 percent of the entire docket, seven of which are capital crimes arising from the "phantom burglar" robbery epidemic here several weeks ago. Bowers is charged with burglarizing five homes in Morganton and two at Drexel.

Asheville, Dec. 12.—The forest fire situation was improved today as western North Carolina as fire fighters remained vigilant against further outbreaks.

Three fires in Burke and Rutherford counties were reported under control after ravaging about 5,000 acres. Rains Sunday extinguished several lesser blazes.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 12.—Fred Shamel grows big turnips. He exhibited one today which was 21 inches in circumference and was of the seven top variety.

White Christmas At Lutheran Church

Sunday Evening, December 17th, at 5:00 the Lutheran Church will give its White Christmas Program. All gifts will be used for the cause designated. Gifts for the Lowman Home, The Orphan Home, and for use in preparing Christmas Boxes for local needy will be acceptable. Any one giving a gift may designate for which cause it shall be used. Lists of articles desired have been distributed. The public is cordially invited to attend. The Children's Christmas Program will be given Sunday afternoon December 24th.

H. T. Wright Passes

H. T. Wright, 66, retired farmer, died at 8:30 o'clock this morning at his home in Oak Grove, suburban community near Kings Mountain, following a lingering illness of about a year.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Beam Wright, at home, two sons, Marvin and William Wright, both of Oak Grove, and two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Bell of Oak Grove and Mrs. Martha Ledford of Lincolnton. Also surviving are a brother, David Wright of Oak Grove, and two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Scism of Patterson Grovt, another Kings Mountain suburb, and Mrs. Susanna Grigg of Grover. He leaves 18 grand children and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be conducted at Long Creek Presbyterian church at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. Luther Hawkins, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church, will be in charge of the services and will be assisted by Rev. P. D. Patrick and Rev. Coyd Hunter, both of Kings Mountain.

Stores To Be Open At Night

The stores of Kings Mountain will begin next Monday, December 18th staying open until 8:00 P. M. to take care of holiday shoppers. Several merchants have asked The Herald to announce to the good little boys and girls of Kings Mountain that the late opening makes it possible for mothers and daddies to contact Santa Claus when they are at home.

Christmas shopping has been very brisk, so far in Kings Mountain and local merchants are expecting a record breaking volume of business from now until the big day comes.

Merchants' Secretary A Notary Public

Mrs. George Moss, Executive Secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association has received her commission as a notary public, and is now ready to notarize signatures for all members without charge. Non-members are invited to avail themselves of Mrs. Moss' services at a nominal charge.

The first notary work performed by the Secretary was done for Mr. Haywood E. Lynch, of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Parking Area Improved

The parking area on both sides of the railroad tracks in the heart of the business section, which has greatly needed being improved is at last being put in first class condition. The space is being leveled and top-soiled.

Street Commissioner, Tom Fulton has personally supervised the work and driven the tractor.

The Herald wishes to congratulate those responsible for this big improvement which will mean a great deal to Kings Mountain as a trading center.

Schools To Have Two Weeks Vacation

One of the biggest treats for the school boys and girls at Christmas time is the vacation they receive from books and studies, and this year the Kings Mountain students will enjoy two full weeks, according to Supt. B. N. Barnes. School closes for the holidays, Friday, December 15th, and reopens Monday morning, January 1st. This gives one full week before Christmas and one full week after Christmas.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN ALL ITS BRANCHES EMPLOYS OVER A MILLION MEN, PAYS A BILLION DOLLARS IN WAGES, AND PRODUCES ANNUALLY A BILLION DOLLARS TO THE NATION'S PURCHASING POWER.

ONE LARGE AMERICAN RAILROAD IS OWNED BY ABOUT 25,000 STOCKHOLDERS, AND ABOUT ONE-HALF OF THEM ARE WOMEN.

IN THE MOVIES, WHEN WHISTY SCENES ARE FILMED, ACTORS HOLD A SPECIAL CANDY BAR IN THEIR MOUTHS—AS IT DISSOLVES, IT GIVES OFF A VAPOR WHICH REALISTICALLY SIMULATES BREATH IN COLD AIR.

GASOLINE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE STATES AVERAGE ABOUT \$2.50 A YEAR FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN THE U.S.

MEN'S CLUB MEETS THIS EVENING

The Men's Club will meet this evening in the Woman's Club building at 6:30 P. M. The program committee for the evening will be D. M. Bridges, A. H. Patterson, J. L. McGill and Harold Crawford.

SMALL FIRE TUESDAY

Firemen were called out Tuesday about noon to extinguish a fire at the home of Zeb Kennedy on Ridge Street. Very slight damage was done from the blaze on the roof. The fire caught from a spark on the wood shingle roof. The house is owned by Tom McCullan, colored.

BANK TO PAY DIVIDENDS

E. S. Neill, cashier of the First National Bank, is happy to announce that semi-annual dividends will be mailed to stockholders, tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 15th. The semi-annual dividends which have been declared twice each year for the past several years testify to the soundness and financial ability of Kings Mountain's strong bank.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS
PEOPLE that live in apartments have their own kind of troubles, and they ain't much easier troubles than anybody else has, I reckon. You can sound-proof the building all you want to, but that don't always make any difference with the noise. Some noises are so peculiar that nobody has ever found out how to make a proof for them.

Well, there was a guy in New York that lived in an apartment, and he and his family just couldn't sleep for all the noise above them. But this man Jones had a wife, Mrs. Jones, she was called, that played bridge with the lady up on the next floor, who was Mrs. Brown. So the Joneses didn't dare to complain to the landlord about the noise in the Browns' apartment, because then Mrs. Brown wouldn't give much of a prize when Mrs. Jones played bridge at her place.



Well, one night the Browns visited the Joneses, and there was a lot of talk about this and that, and while the men were sparring around to find out how much income each one of them made, it came out that Brown was a general manager of a circus.

"Yes," says Brown, "I got an act for next summer that will knock 'em cold. Twelve elephants trained to dance the Charleston together!"

"Oh, yes!" says Jones, "I kinda guessed that."

"How did you guess it?"

"Well, I had a word in the papers about it yet, and we're going to surprise the competition."

"Yes, but I heard you training 'em up in your apartment all winter."

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Seek Damages From Overhead Bridge

Special proceedings were instituted in Cleveland county superior court Saturday by four persons who seek to collect damages from the Town of Kings Mountain and the state highway and public works commission. Damages are sought in connection with the new overhead bridge and its approaches built here several months ago. The plaintiffs, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Summers, allege property of theirs was damaged.

Procedure in a special proceeding is for a commission to be appointed to determine amount of the damages and seek to obtain agreement among all parties concerned.

The town of Kings Mountain before construction gave the state commission a bond absolving the state body of blame for possible damages up to \$15,000.

FAIRBANKS, SR., DIES IN CALIF.

Hollywood, Dec. 12.—Douglas Fairbanks Sr., who leaped to film fame with his spectacular acrobatics, died in bed today of a heart attack. He was 56 years of age.

The dashing Don Juan, for 15 years the ranking male star of pictures, succumbed after a day's illness at his beach home in nearby Santa Monica.

At his bedside were his widow, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, and his brother, Robert. His son, Douglas, Jr., was called a few minutes before Fairbanks died at 1 a. m. but had not reached the home.

Fairbanks' career in films started in 1914 when he joined the Old Triangle company after achieving success on the stage in the east.

POWERS REFUSE U. S. VOLUNTEERS

Washington, Dec. 12.—Thousands of Americans who want to enlist in Europe's warring armies are getting a polite "no thank you" from the belligerents.

A canvass of embassies showed today that many Americans have offered to fight for Great Britain, France, Germany, Finland and Poland. Russian embassy officials were noncommittal.

Most of the diplomats called attention to 1917 statute forbidding Americans from serving in a foreign army and said they were doing nothing which might bring about violations. There have been no prosecutions of Americans who fought in the Spanish Civil War, however.

HOEY FORESEES NO DIVERSION

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Governor Hoey predicted yesterday that there would be no diversion of highway funds during his administration and that it would be possible some time next spring to make another substantial allotment from the highway surplus for additional road betterments.

Blakely Says To Mail Early

Postmaster W. E. Blakely issued an appeal to Christmas Shoppers to do their holiday mailing early. During the holidays the mail increases approximately 200 percent. It is an increase within a day or so.

The postoffice urged careful wrapping, with due care being given to fragile or perishable articles. Addresses should be complete with house number and name on street, postoffice box, or rural route number.

Postmaster Blakely said the following rates would be effective for Christmas cards: unsealed 1-2c; sealed for local delivery 2c; and out of town delivery 3c. Mr. Blakely recommended mailing cards first class as they can be forwarded or returned to the sender without extra charge and second class cards are discarded.

State Safety Officials Speak Here

Mr. Albert Blanton and Mrs. E. P. Flythe, of the State Highway Safety Division recently delivered a series of talks for Education of Safety in the State in the four schools of Kings Mountain and Park Grace and Bethware. The two speakers were introduced by Mrs. E. W. Griffin, who is serving her fourth year as State Chairman of the Safety Division of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Mrs. Griffin has been very active and has accomplished very much in the state along the lines of safety in both the home and on the highway, as will be manifested by her continued re-election to this important state office.

MILL MAY BE RESUMED AT LINCOLNTON SOON

Lincolnton, Dec. 12.—Rumors that could not be confirmed are to the effect that a corporation who will operate Wampum Spinning mill and that the total spindles will be 15,000. Mr. W. F. Kincaid, Jr., who has the mill property in hand, could not be reached for a statement, but others considered in the know admitted that negotiations had been under way for several days regarding the operation of the plant and that formal announcement was expected to be made shortly.

The new mill, it was said here today would employ around 150 people of plans materialize.

Cotton Climbs To High Peak

New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton climbed to a peak as a "war baby" today, reaching the highest prices in several years in domestic and foreign markets.

In the New York cotton exchange contracts at one time reached levels \$1 a bale over previous closings, making the best marks since mid 1937. Since just before the war the price has worked up 2 cents a lb. or \$10 a bale.

War demand, shipping difficulties, and soaring foreign markets all combined to breathe new life into the market for the staple after several years of depressed inaction under the burden excessive supplies.

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

A mass of legislative problems is building up for the regular session of Congress convening in less than a month, and one of the most troublesome is the Federal farm program.

Washington privately finds that the present hodge podge of soil erosion, crop insurance, export subsidy, production control, and so on, and on, is not satisfactory. The major reason, is that the present plan doesn't allow enough leeway for natural factors.

Wars, wrougths, dust storms, floods, and the like don't seem to pay much attention to laws. About the time the program begins running smoothly, one of these, or some similar factor, upsets things. More and more Washington is beginning to wonder whether the real trouble no-wisdom "control" and too much control of too many details. (Cont'd on back page)

Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

Touching on the Teeth

By IRVIN S. COBB

A COUNTRY girl went to Charleston, South Carolina, to have some work done on her teeth. The operator was cleansing a cavity with a small blow-pipe. The patient flinched. "Do you feel that air?" asked the dentist. "That air what?" said the young lady.



It is stated that a young negroess visited a dentist of her own race late one afternoon to have an aching molar removed. "Will you want gas?" inquired the dentist. "Surely I'll want gas," she answered. "Does you think I crave to have a strange man foolin' round me in de dark?"

Most ancient of all dentist stories is the one of the young woman who had a tooth which must come out. She agreed with the practitioner that it should be drawn out but each time he brought the forceps into view she clenched her jaws tightly together and refused to open them until he put down the shining instrument to argue with her.

Finally he had an inspiration. He bade his woman assistant to get a long handle from her hat and station herself just behind where the obstinate patient sat.

"Now then," he counselled her, "when I get the forceps right close to her lips I'll give you the signal and you jab that hatpin clear up through the seat of the chair. Naturally, she'll open her mouth to say 'Ouch!' and then I'll get that tooth. It's very loose—and it'll come out in a jiffy."

The articles worked. As the dentist laid up the ousted tooth he said nothing.

"Now then, that wasn't so bad after all, was it?"

"No," said the relieved sufferer, "only one sharp darting pain. But oh doctor, I had no idea that the roots of a tooth went down so deep!"

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