

## State And National News Condensed in Brief Form

**National News**  
Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Five children, all boys, were missing and believed burned to death and two others were seriously injured in an early morning fire today at the State School for Mental Defectives at Gracewood, eight miles from Augusta.

Lieut. J. C. Brown of the Augusta Fire Department said five of the 24 inmates in one of the dormitories were missing.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The 460,000 pension votes rolled up last month in Ohio furnish a patent clue to the form which a lot of political promises will take next year.

Half a million votes in an off-year election are not to be overlooked. Any issue that can pull that many persons to the polls can command the respect of politicians. The total represent 10,000 more votes than Charles Sawyer got in Ohio in 1938 to win the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—A newspaper puzzle contest returned a murder charge instead of a prize award today for a 35 year old mother, who Detective Captain James Ryan said confessed suffocating her 20 month old son, sawing up his body and hiding the torso, wrapped in the news paper, near a cemetery.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—George Ramsey, 27, taking his bride of four months to visit relatives, was hammered and kicked to death during a stopover between trains. His body was found yesterday in suburban independence. He had not been robbed.

The bride, 23, was located hours later at the home of her mother in Evansville, Ind. She told authorities that her husband had left Union Station for a walk shortly after their arrival from Olney, Ill., where he was a pipe fitter.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—Its only eight days to Christmas but scores of Minnesotans golfed over the week end in the mildest December weather in 120 years of records.

Temperatures hovered near the 60-degree mark in a land that usually is blanketed with snow. The only snow this season was a light fall way back in October.

Duncan MacRae, veteran River-view golf pro, blinked his eyes at the weather and a crowded golf course but he said the payoff was yesterday when a couple of enthusiasts insisted upon scheduling lessons.

New York, Dec. 19.—Docketing for trial today of three men on extortion charges revealed the bottling up by police of a far-flung blackmail ring alleged to have extorted \$1,000,000 in two years from hundreds of socially prominent victims.

Police, working in closest secrecy for more than a year, had their efforts crowned by indictment of more than 30 persons, of whom 24 have been arrested. Many of these have pleaded guilty.

### State News

Albemarle, Dec. 19.—After sticking heroically to the wheel of a wild gasoline tank truck — its drive shaft broken and its air brakes shot to pieces as it plunged down a two and a half mile hill at a speed of 40 m. p. — Joe E. Lee of the A and P store here.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 19.—Stabbed Thursday night at a filling station Coleman Turner, 21 year old youth of the Evergreen section, died here yesterday in a hospital. His brother, J. P. Turner, 17, is being detained pending an inquest.

Sanford, Dec. 19.—Beginning yesterday and continuing today, "Hospital Day" is being observed in Lee County. At this time the citizens of Sanford and of Lee County are requested to make donations to the Lee County Hospital.

Manteo, Dec. 19.—The simple laying of a wreath at the base of the Wright Memorial pylon while a squadron of planes passed overhead commemorated yesterday the 36th anniversary of man's first airplane flight.

The ceremony was held at Kill Devil Hill from which the Dayton, O., bicycle makers, Wilburn and Orville, on Dec. 17, 1903, rocked crazily into the air in their boy-like crate on runners.

There were no speeches, as has been the custom since 1928, when a crowd gathered for the laying of the cornerstone of the great granite pylon. The annual celebration is sponsored by the Kill Devil Hill Memorial Association.

Fayetteville, Dec. 19.—John Albert Marsh, 65 year old WPA worker, died at Fort Bragg post hospital today after being struck last night by an automobile on U. S. Highway 24 near the post. Coroner W. C. Davis said Alec Brunson, a negro hotel porter, was the driver of the machine.

### Large Passenger Plane Attempts To Land Here

The crack 21-passenger liner of the Eastern Air Lines attempted to land here in the field near the Kings Mountain Ice and Coal Co. during a recent electrical and wind storm at night. Mr. Earl McGill, night employee of the ice plant noticed the ship circling the field with its landing lights on. Mr. McGill quickly turned on all outside lights to aid the distressed plane.

Mr. Harold Hunicutt, local aviator, in discussing the attempted landing said the pilot evidently found the field too small and continued south. Several Kings Mountain citizens heard the plane flying low and feared for its safety.

The plane is one of the best that passes over Kings Mountain. It flies from New York to Mexico City via New Orleans.

### Jeweler Received Fast Service

W. W. Souther, local jeweler, is praising the Western Union, Southern Railway and Post Office for the prompt service he received last week. It happened this way, a customer came into the store Saturday to purchase a Christmas gift he had been admiring only to find that the item had been sold. Mr. Souther told the customer he thought he could get another in time for Christmas from Philadelphia.

Souther filed the wire at 1:33 P. M. Saturday and it was sent four minutes later. The reply telegram from Philadelphia was filed and 2:23 and received in Kings Mountain at 2:33 P. M. just a little more than one hour from the time the item was ordered.

The next day Sunday at 2:25 P. M. the gift was delivered via Southern Railway and Special Delivery in Kings Mountain.

In just exactly 24 hours and 52 minutes from the time the present was ordered it was delivered in Kings Mountain from Philadelphia, at a distance of 546 miles. The total cost for telegram and delivery was only 88 cents.

### Stag Club Ball Next Wednesday Night

Henry Cathey and his orchestra have been signed for the second annual Stag Club anniversary ball, scheduled for Wednesday night, December 27, at the Woman's Club House.

Cathey's band, a 10-piece outfit, features vocal numbers, novelties and well-balanced swing music. Many of the members were playing last year as the Tar Heelians, the band which furnished the music for the Stag Club ball of last year.

Cathey's orchestra has headquarters in Gastonia and has played in many cities of North and South Carolina. The script is \$1.00.

Advertisements for the dance list the time as 9:30 till?

Before the dance, members of the Club and ex-members, those who have left the ranks "by marriage," will celebrate the club's second anniversary at a formal banquet at the Mountain View House. The program being planned, includes a review of the Club's history. The new slate of officers will be announced.

### Small Fire Monday

Firemen were called out Monday afternoon about 3:30 to the Elmer Lumber Co. to extinguish a fire in a pile of lumber. The lumber caught from a grass fire that had been started by one of the employees. The rack of lumber was destroyed, but the fire was kept from spreading.

### Warning To The Public

Mrs. George Moss, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, issues the following warning to the public regarding counterfeit \$20 bills that are in circulation in this part of the state:

A Federal Reserve note on the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Ohio, bearing a green seal and green serial numbers, with a portrait of Andrew Jackson. On the counterfeit in the lower right hand corner of the bill's face, there appears the letter 'K' followed by a small number '53'.

This is a very deceptive counterfeit bill and is being passed in large quantities in North Carolina. It is a product of the Watts-Lustig syndicate broken up in 1935.

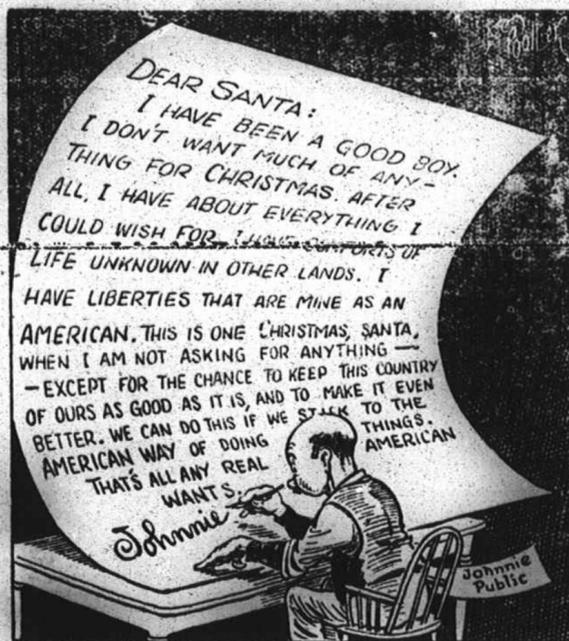
### Kings Mountain Drug Contestants Asked To Report Friday A. M.

All contestants who have taken part in the Kings Mountain Drug Co. contest are asked to be present in the store Friday morning at 10:00 A. M. for the awarding of the prizes. Mr. Don Blanton stated that about 50 boys and girls have participated in the contest, and the 16 winners will be announced Friday and the prizes given out. All boys and girls are reminded to be present.

### Lions Will Not Meet This Week

The regular meeting of the Lions Club scheduled for tonight has been postponed, due to the fact that the stores are remaining open, many of the members would be unable to attend. The directors felt it advisable to have the meeting at a later date. All members will be notified as to the time of the next meeting.

### THE LETTER TO SANTA



### Kings Mountain To Have Merry Christmas

Citizens of Kings Mountain, the Best Town In The State, are looking forward to one of the merriest Christmases in several years, when the big day arrives next Monday. Merchants report that holiday buying has been heavier this year than in the several previous years.

Kings Mountain has been beautifully decorated and the holiday atmosphere is very much in evidence here. College boys and girls are already home, to gladden the firesides of their mothers and fathers.

All the little boys and girls can hardly wait until that jolly old man from the North Pole fills their stockings, on Christmas Eve.

Arrangements have been made to take care of the needy families including the little folks. The churches with their lists and the Firemen assisted by the Lions and Junior Woman's Clubs will make many a little heart thrill with joy on that glorious day.

So with it all Kings Mountain will have a Merry Christmas.

The Kings Mountain merchants and business houses will be closed all day Monday. The Town Hall will be closed both Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Charlie Cash will entertain all the boys and girls under 12 years old at a free show at the Dixie Theatre, to make the morning a real joyous occasion for the little folks.

### Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THEY got so much electric stuff in the modern houses now that life is a lot easier to live. All the work just does itself by electricity, and then here's the radio. But I heard about a guy that had a general short-circuit in his house not long ago. He'd been entertaining some folks, but they'd all gone to



sleep on their chairs after the third cocktail, and the host woke up when he heard an awful noise. He ran out in the street and hollered for a cop.

"Say, officer," he says, "come up to my apartment quick! They's something wrong with the wires or the static or something!"

"How do you know?"

"Well, the vacuum sweeper is going around the living room singing alto, and the radio is all red hot on top and the refrigerator has burned up the meat in it. The sewing machine is telling a bedtime story, and Dr. Cadman is talking over the electric fan! You better come in before the electric fan gets to cracking jokes with my guests!"

### Chief Warns Fire Cracker Shooters

Chief of Police Jimmy Burns has asked The Herald to notify persons that it is a violation of the law to shoot firecrackers in the business section, or the fire zone. Chief Burns says if people have to celebrate Christmas by shooting firecrackers to explode them on their own premises.

Shooting firecrackers is a very dangerous business and every precaution should be taken to prevent serious injury to some innocent person.

So the best advice is not to shoot fireworks, but if you just have to explode some anyway, to do it on your own property and then be very careful.

### Oil Ship Flees Into U. S. Waters

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dec. 19.—Coast guard headquarters reported an oil freighter, believed to be German, was entering the harbor at Port Everglades apparently with a British cruiser in pursuit.

Lt. J. W. Mallin, executive officer of the coast guard base, said he had kept the two vessels under observation since mid-morning.

Shortly afterwards he left in a coast guard boat to establish their identity. The oil freighter, whose name was not visible, was seen to break out its quarantine flag as it approached the harbor.

### To Present Pageant

"The Visit Of The Wise Men," a Christmas pageant will be presented by children of the Sunday School of Central Methodist Church, on Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The pageant will be given under the direction of Mrs. L. D. Shuford and Mrs. W. H. Howard and will be in connection with the regular treat for the children.

### Gantts To Have Christmas Carols

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gantt who have beautifully decorated their home on North Piedmont Avenue are celebrating the holidays by the reading of Scripture and poems and the singing of Christmas Carols. The celebrations began last night, Wednesday, and will continue through the rest of this week, each night from eight to nine o'clock. The public is cordially invited by the Gantts to be present for the exercises.

### ILL IN WINSTON-SALEM

Friends of Mrs. R. L. Mauney of Kings Mountain, will regret to know that she is a patient in the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, where she is being treated for influenza. Mrs. Mauney was called to Winston-Salem recently on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Garland Still, who is also a patient in the hospital.

### GENERAL RELIEF PERCENTAGE DOWN

Washington, Dec. 19.—The social security board said today that reports from 110 urban areas showed a decrease of 4 percent in the number of cases receiving general relief from public funds from October to November. The amount of obligations incurred dropped less than 1 percent however.

### Boy Kills Father Sunday Night

Lloyd Howell, 21, shot and killed his 45-year-old father, Will T. Howell, at the home near Archdale about 1:00 A. M. Monday morning. The shooting climaxed domestic difficulty between the father and the young man, Sheriff Cline stated.

According to reports, the younger Howell went back home Sunday evening after having lived apart from his family since May when his father reportedly "ran him off."

The youth was in bed in a room in the Howell farm house between Grover and Kings Mountain when his father came home about 1 a. m. and entered by the way of the back door, officers reported. Mr. Howell went to the front room in which his son slept, asked him why he was there and then went to the room where his wife and several children slept.

Boyd Howell said that he heard talking from the room which indicated his father, whom officers reported had been drinking, and mother were having an argument. He said he obtained a pistol which was under his pillow and went to the room to find his father attempting to get Mrs. Howell to go to another room against her will. He said he pointed the pistol at his father and told him to leave the room and stop trying to get his mother to go with him.

When Mr. Howell saw the pistol, young Howell stated, he remarked, "So you have a gun — well, I'll get mine too." When the father went to another room and started toward a shotgun, the son told him not to get the gun, the latter told officers. He added that he shot once to the right of his father "to scare him," and that when his father started to pick up the weapon, he fired at him (toppling him to the floor. He died within a few minutes.

Sheriff Raymond Cline, called to investigate the occurrence, brought young Howell, who had been working at a mill in Grover and living not far from his father, to the Cleveland county jail.

Mr. Howell was a carpenter by trade, but had been living on the farm. He is survived by his widow and nine children, seven of whom live at home.

The funeral was held at Bethlehem Baptist church at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. Carl Mauney of Shelby, officiating.

Survivors are his widow, the former Sarah Dixon; nine children, James, Boyd, Robert, Mabel, Catherine, Roy, Grace, Ray and Bettie; two sisters, Mrs. Grady Dixon of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Booth White of Newton; one brother, George Howell, of Gastonia.

Young Howell was allowed to attend the funeral in custody of Sheriff Cline.

### LOCAL RED CROSS TO AID FINLAND

Mrs. Ruth Gamble, Executive Secretary of the Red Cross, asked The Herald to announce that boxes will be placed in the First National Bank and several stores, where anyone desiring to contribute to the fund to aid Finland may do so. Finland, the only country to pay her war debts is being invaded by Russia, and had the sympathy of the entire world. The funds raised by the Red Cross will not be spent for army or any use but will be used to relieve suffering among the civilians.

### Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

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

Washington is beginning to realize that a growing proportion of the nation looks to business and industry rather than government paternalism for leadership out of depression and unemployment.

Hence Washington eyes opened to read and ears perked up to listen to discussions of suggestions made by the Congress of American Industry, for these recommendations of steps to improve business came from several thousand serious-minded manufacturers.

Thankful that America has escaped war, these manufacturers this year did not limit their big annual convention to a simple discussion of problems within their own field. Instead, they looked at America compared it with the rest of the world and tried to find out what America has, how it got it, and how it can keep it in the future.

They talked freedom against dis-

### Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

### What the Defendant Craved

By IRVIN S. COBB

A DARKY was up for pleading down south for a serious crime. Having been indicted, he was arraigned before the court and the case against him was called. It then developed that he had no counsel.



"Why have you engaged no attorney to defend you?" inquired the judge on the bench.

"Judge," said the defendant, "I ain't got no money to be wastin' on lawyers. De tell me lawyers is kind of costive."

"Well," inquired His Honor, "what do you propose to do then about the trial of your case? The prosecuting attorney tells me he's ready to go ahead and impanel a jury and present the evidence."

"Judge," answered the negro, "so far as I is concerned, you can jest let the matter drop right here."

But the court explained that this would hardly do. He glanced about the room and his eye fell upon two striplings, newly admitted to the practice and the youngest and least experienced members of the bar.

"I shall appoint Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith," he said, indicating the juveniles, "to represent you."

The prisoner eyed his attorneys doubtfully.

"Judge," he said, "I'd lak to make you a proposition, please, sah."

"State the proposition."

"I'd lak to trade you off one of dese yere lawyers for a good witness."