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State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—National News—

New York, Jan. 2.—Otis Thompson, 32 year old negro, kept his New Year's day rendezvous with the law.

On January 1, 1938, he was arrested for assault.

On January 1, 1939, he was arrested for felonious assault.

On January 1, 1940, he was charged again with felonious assault in the stabbing of his wife, in serous condition.

Each year, Thompson has been the first arrested for a felony in New York.

New York, Jan. 2.—Louis Lepke) Buchalter, a thick bodied industrial racketeer whose career had been surrounded by an aura of violence and sudden death, settled all his old accounts with the Federal Government today and was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The discretionary power of the Securities commission to make publi profit and loss statements of corporations under its jurisdiction was upheld today by the United States circuit court of appeals here.

The American Sumatra tobacco corporation, which owns about 35,500 acres of farm land in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Georgia and Florida and has its stock lited on the New York Stock Exchange, had asked the court to overrule a commission decision to publish a part of the corporation's profit and loss statement.

Kansas City, Jan. 2.—A grocery employe walked in zero weather to the home of two octogenarian sisters today to kindle a fire. Opening the door, he found Mrs. Mary Anderson dead of exposure beside the stove and Mrs. Margaret Buford dying in bed. She died a short time later at a hospital.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Members of Congress from 10 states bordering the Mississippi river were urged today by the Mississippi river parkway planning committee to support bills in the Senate and the House to authorize a Federal survey for a parkway following the river's route from Minnesota to Louisianna.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Jan. 2.—This proud northern West Virginia city of 30,000 inhabitants today claimed the distinction of being the nation's safest city of its size for motorists and pedestrians.

Factory whistles and sirens proclaimed the passing of 31 months without a traffic fatality. Congratulatory messages came from National Safety Council leaders who are investigating Clarksburg's "safest city" claim.

Troy Ala., Jan. 2.—A Washington university (St. Louis) student, on the way home from the Miami Orange Bowl game, was injured fatally and another student was hurt today as their automobile left the road on a curve near Brundlidge, Ala.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Reports circulated today that Breckinridge Long, former ambassador to Italy, would be named assistant secretary of state to succeed George S. Messersmith, who will be give a diplomatic post.

—State News—

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—R. Mayne Albright, announced today the following personnel changes in the state employment service: Joseph H. Cole, Henderson office manager, to Lumberton as office manager; I Lee Parker, Lumberton manager to Hendersonville as office manager; George Bordelat was made acting manager of the Henderson office pending appointment of a successor. Charles M. Thompson of Raleigh was promoted to junior interviewer and assigned to the High Point office.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 2.—Chief Justice John G. Stabler of the State Supreme Court, ill at the Columbia hospital, was reported today as "much weaker" and very low. The 68 year old jurist was brought here last week from his home at Saint Matthews.

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 2.—Without referring to specific instances, Judge G. Duncan Bellinger of Columbia today condemned the activities of hooded night riders as a menance to state's rights in his charge to the grand jury at the opening of the January term of Spartanburg county general sessions court.

Toleration of mob rule, the jurist declared, is an invitation to the Federal government to enact the anti lynching statute to deal with mob violence in the Federal courts.

Anderson, S. C., Jan. 2.—Coroner Olin Burton will hold an inquest tomorro wmorning at 10 o'clock into the death here Sunday of Henry M Evans, 33, who died of gunshot wounds. Evans' wife is held in connection with the case although no charges had been made against her according to Chief of Deputies Clyd Campbell.

Fayetteville, Dec. 2.—Police today announced the arrest of three negro men on murder charges in connection with the death of Alberta Cobb, negro woman, who was found dead in a field here on Christmas eve. Thoese arrested are Murrel Avant, Eugene and Harvy Evans. The three admitted being with the woman officers said, but the Evanses said they left her with Avant.

High Point, Jan. 2.—Leaving a puzzling note scribbled across the bottom of a newspaper, Charles L. Elliott, 61, ended his life by hanging himself in thebarn at his home here this morning. County Coroner Wallace G. Freeman said.

Members of his family said Elliott had been grieving over the death of his wife in November.

Pembroke, Jan. 2.—Georgia Mae Oxendine, three year old Indian girl, was instantly killed near here this afternoon when a .32 caliber pistol in the hands of her five year old brother went off accidentally.

No investigation will be held, Sheriff Clyde Wade said, after being informed by Coroner D. W. Bigg that the shooting was accidental.

Salisbury, Jan. 2.—Loy Britton and Dave Huffman were arrested Saturday in Stanly county on charges of violatting the internal revenue laws of the United States by Tom C. Bialock, deputy United States commissioner, he reported.

Laughing Around the World
With IRVIN S. COBB

Belated But Sincere

By IRVIN S. COBB

THE FUNERAL was over. The elderly widower, having returned from the cemetery, sat on the front porch of his small New Hampshire cottage talking to himself. A neighbor passed and saw the

solitary figure in the shadow of the porch, and halted his team.

"Well, Uncle Cil," he said, striving to put sympathy into his tones, "how air you bearing up?"

"Pust-rate, Eph!" said the supposedly bereaved one, cheerfully. "Don't know as I ever felt better."

"I thought mebe you'd be missin' — her," said the astonished neighbor. "She was a good wife—luck fer of your home and raised your children and always done mighty well by you durin' all the thirty years you livd together."

"Yes; I know that," stated the widower. "She done all them things and I lived with her thirty years, just as you was sayin'. But gol-darn it, I never did like her."

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$10.00 SPECIAL PRIZE IN "BABY DERBY"

A $10.00 special prize will be awarded to the baby whose parents report the most "Baby Derby" coupons by Saturday night, January 20. This will be the first count of Baby Derby coupons.

Folks, start picking for Baby coupons with each 50c purchase at the co-operating stores and help your favorite baby in the race, win this special prize of $10 in cash, and the first prize of $200 and beautiful loving cup or one of the twenty-nine other prizes.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Navy

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Navy, 82, who died at the home of her daughter here, were held 2:30 Sunday afternoon from the Grace Methodist Church. Rev. S. W. Johnson was assisted by Rev. C. Parker of the Second Baptist Church and Rev. R. J. Johnson of Woodruff, S. C. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Mrs. Navy died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Artie Meacham, Saturday morning at 12:12 A. M.

Mrs. Navy had made her home in Kings Mountain for many years, and was well known throughout the county. She was the daughter of the late Rev. R. R. Brookshire, Methodist pastor, and during her active lifetime was a devoted church member. She had many friends and was a good mother.

Mrs. Navy was preceded to the grave by her husband 34 years ago and by one daughter, the late Mrs. M. L. Connor of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Meacheam, with whom she made her home; Mrs. R. C. Gantt, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. W. C. McGee of Gastonia; five sons, Ro and J. Frank Navy of Charlotte Reuben Navy of Charlotte and Kings Mountain, Lackey Navy of Kings Mountain, J. Stamey Navy of Woodruff, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Julia Denton of Marion; 50 grandchildren, and 16 great-grand children.

Oil Company Asks Damage

The Pure Oil Company of the Carolinas has filed in superior court at Shelby a special proceeding asking for damages from the Town of Kings Mountain and the State highway and Public Works Commission.

The company asks that a commission be appointed to fix the amount of alleged damage done to the company in the construction at Kings Mountain of a new highway bridge and approaches.

A similar action was filed by several individuals sometime ago.

McELVEEN BACK AT HOME STORES

Mr. W. N. McElveen, former manager of the Market Department of the Home Stores before he was transferred by his company is now back in the same capacity. Mr. McElveen says he is glad to be back in Kings Mountain and extends a cordial invitation to his friends and customers to come in and see him.

Mac" also stated that he had lived in three towns in South Carolina since leaving here about March 15th and he is now firmly convinced that Kings Mountain is the Best Town in the Two States.

Lions Club Meets This Evening

The Lions Club will meet this evening at tthe Mountain View House, at 7:00 o'clock. Club President J. W. Milam is very anxious for all members to be present as this is the first meeting of the new year. An interesting program has been arranged.

Miss Lila Webber of Kings Mountain and Mr. James Connor of Shelby visited Miss Weber's sister of Spindale, Mr. and Mrs S Pendleton last Saturday.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS TAKEN DOWN

Members of the Town Electrical force was busy Monday morning taking down the Christmas lights that have been up since Dec. 8th.

The garbage truck has been loaded down for the past several days with Christmas trees that have served their purpose, and Kings Mountain again is back to normal after the Holiday season.

"Baby" Derby To Be Conducted By Merchants And The Herald

UNUSUAL CONTEST WILL TAKE PLACE IN KINGS MOUNTAIN

Beautiful Loving Cup and $500.00 In Cash Prizes To Be Given Away In The "Baby Derby."

The Baby Derby comes to town bringing with it the opportunity for the people of Cleveland and adjoining counties to witness the most interesting race one could imagine.

Competitions involving adults have come and gone in this section's history, but this is the first time in the annals of the area that a Baby Derby has put in an appearance.

The limelight will be turned on the little tots in every community in this area as sponsored by the merchants and The Herald.

Each week several baby pictures will be run in The Herald, permitting over fifty thousand people to view the beauty and charm embodied in the tiny entrants under seven years of age. Applications may be made out this week so that in next week's issue the first pictures of the babies will be shown. As many pictures as possible should be taken this week, and the first days of next week, to make the Baby Derby successful as it has been in the cities that it has been carried on in before.

$500 In Cash Awarded

$500 in cash will be awarded the 30 winning babies on March 9, when the Baby Derby comes to a close. The parents of the winning baby will receive $200 in cash and a 30-inch loving cup which symbolizes supremacy in the land of Babies in this section. In judging how this cup would be, remember that this paper is 22 inches high and the cup is 8 inches higher.

The baby polling the highest mileage credits will receive the $200 and loving cup. Then $75 will be awarded to the second highest baby. After these high prizes have been awarded, the remainder of the cash prizes will be awarded in the order of the babies' finish, regardless of the location.

How To Win Derby

First, let us explain that the Baby Derby is a race of mythical "miles" and the baby having the greatest number of "miles" to its credit when the Derby ends will be declared the winner. Turn to the two-page advertisement of the Baby Derby. At the bottom and side of the page you will find listed a group of co-operating stores. Those stores are now ready to issue Baby Coupons on each 50c cash purchase, or payment on account. After entering your baby you should notify all the baby's relatives and friends to be sure to ask for BABY COUPONS when they buy in these stores. Each coupon at this time will advance the baby 3 miles in the Derby. Later the value of each coupon will drop to 2 miles and then only to 1 mile. For that reason, the wise parent will, upon entering the baby, see every one possible and enlist their support in the matter of saving BABY COUPONS. Be sure, however, to impress upon the people who are going to help your baby that they must ASK FOR COUPONS.

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Local News Events Of 1939

The citizens of Kings Mountain greeted 1940 with bright hope for the future. From the pages of The Kings Mountain Herald comes the printed story of the important events that took place last year. Here are the important events as [illegible]

Jan. 6: New Plan For Town Government Announced, To Divide Town Into Five Wards.

Jan. 12: Merchants Association Formed. J. B. Keeter Elected President.

Feb. 16: Kings Mountain's Prize-Winning Band Receives New Uniforms.

Feb. 23: Law Passed by State Legislature Dividing Town Into Five Wards.

March 2: Murray Calhoun, Miner Electrocuted near Kings Mountain.

March 23: American Legion Entertains Band Members.

March 30: 50th Anniversary Edition of The Herald Published.

April 6: W. A. Ridenhour Elected County School Board Chairman.

April 13: Martin Harmon Elected Editor of Daily Tar Heel at U. N. C.

April 20: School Band Wins First Place in both Music and Marching at State Meet in Greensboro.

April 27: 17 Candidates File For Election To Be Held May 2nd.

May 4: Town Election Returns Announced:

Ward 1, W. K. Mauney; Ward 2, J. B. Thomasson; Ward 3, Ladd Hamrick; Ward 4, C. E. Neisler, Jr. Ward 5, H. Tom Fulton.

School Board: Ward 1, A. H. Patterson; Ward 2, Paul Neisler; Ward 3, Glenn White; Ward 4; Dr. L. P. Baker; Ward 5, Glee Bridges.

May 11: J. B. Thomasson Named Mayor and H. T. Fulton, Mayor Pro-Tem.

May 11: Band Given Highest Rating in National Contest Held In Charlotte.

May 25: 1939 Graduating Class Largest In School History.

June 1: J. R. Davis Elected President of Cleveland County Bar Association.

June 8: J. W. Milam Elected President of Lions Club.

June 15: Band Director Paul E. Hendricks Presented Lions Citizenship Cup.

July 6: Band Stand at Corner of Cleveland Avenue and King Street Dedicated.

Aug. 3: Movement To Secure New Hotel Started.

Aug. 3: Water and Light Rates Reduced.

Aug. 3: Hosiery Plant at Mauney Mill In Operation.

Aug. 24: Vance Harrelson Killed by Train on Battleground Avenue in Heart of Business Section.

Aug. 31: Joint Hotel Meeting of Lions and Men's Clubs Held. Citizens Endorse Movement.

Sept. 14: Overhead Bridge Dedicated. Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle Speaks.

Sept. 14: Bids For The Construction of New Post Office Opened.

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POUNDED TO DEATH

NORTH WILKESBORO, Jan. 2.—Funeral services for Edgar V. Hendren well known citizen of Bushy Mountain township, who met violent death at his mill yesterday afternoon, will be held at Bethany church Wednesday at 10:30 a. m.

Mr. Hendren was killed while working with the machinery of his corn mill and no one was present at the time although there was ample evidence to indicate what had happened. Apparently, he was oiling a line shaft in the basement of the mill which is run by an overshot water wheel, when a set screw in the shaft cought his clothing.

TAX LISTING TIME

O. T. Hayes, County Lister, and Bright Ratterree Town Lister, were busy this week listing taxes for residents of Number Four Township. The listing time having been changed from April to January. The listers emphasized the fact that the books will be closed the last day of January and a penalty added for those who have not given in their taxes.

NO SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

Due to the fact the heating system of the Presbyterian church is out of commission, and that parts to fix same, will not arrive in time for the repairs, there will be no services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, Jan. 7.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THERE was a Scotchman that had a boy going to school, and the boy didn't do very well in his studies. So the principal suggested to all the parents that they might make their kids study harder by giving them money prizes for being near the top of their class every month. Sandy agreed to offer his kid a dime every month that he would be first.

Of course Malcolm got to work and showed the old man what was in him, and for three months he landed at the top of the class. Then he came around to collect from his dad.

"Verra guid," says the dad. "You nae saying I ain't proud of ye, Malcolm, but I say ye've been so canny on the study a while. Such study is like to ruin a sturdy lad."

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Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National And International Problems Inseparable From Local Welfare.

If you want to make a Congressman turn white, sneak up behind him and shout loudly, "What are you going to do about taxes?" The demand for a concrete tax and debt policy, which really gets to the bottom of our tangled fiscal situation, is growing steadily. The public, which for some months has been occupied with European affairs, seems to be turning its attention again to our own domestic problems. The publicists and the columnists have been pointing out that there isn't much we can do about Europe, and that we have plenty to keep us busy at home.

There is a good chance that tax questions will pretty much hold the spotlight during the pending Congress. The Administration's defenders and opponents are unlimbering their artillery. But it won't be the

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