

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

State News

Asheville, Mar. 19.—Reuben Francis Lee, former sheriff of Buncombe county and former chief of police here, died yesterday after a long illness.

Charlotte, Mar. 19.—A meeting of Carolinas members of the National Association of Manufacturers here tomorrow will be addressed by Walter E. Weisenburger, executive vice president of the association. More than 600 manufacturers in the two states have been invited to the luncheon meeting.

Raleigh, Mar. 19.—The new AAA ruling which allows farmers to cut their 1940 acreage allotment as much as one-half without affecting future quotas will receive a favorable response in North Carolina, E. Y. Floyd, of State College, predicted today.

Because of the present tobacco surplus and prospects for relatively low prices this fall, a large number of growers asked the Triple A to allow them to cut their acreage and protect their individual allotments at the same time.

Black Mountain, Mar. 19.—Black Mountain Inn, one of the oldest hotels of this Summer resort town, burned to the ground today.

The widely-known hostelry, a three-story frame building with about 35 rooms, was consumed within less than 30 minutes. The damage was estimated at 15,000, part of which was covered by insurance.

Because of the location of the inn atop a rise about a mile and a half south of the town proper, the flames were visible for a distance of 5 miles. It was believed that the building caught fire from burning leaves.

Louisburg, Mar. 19.—Scores of persons today watched two Negroes, Joe Allen and Blair Wilson, rescue Mrs. Bennie Gupton, 33, from the Tar River. Officers said the woman apparently jumped in the stream near the municipal dam.

Services At Presbyterian Church This Week

The Evangelistic Services being held each evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church will continue throughout the week except on Saturday night. The pastor of the Church Rev. F. D. Patrick is bringing the messages. This meeting is a simultaneous meeting with other Presbyterian churches in the South. The special Evangelistic Crusade reaches its climax this week.

A special invitation is extended to all friends to attend each evening. Each member of the church is urged to be present for the services for the rest of the week through Sunday evening.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Easter Monday has been declared a Bank Holiday according to B. S. Neill of the local First National Bank, thus the bank will be closed on Monday, March 25.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

The Untrustworthy Britisher

By IRVIN S. COBB

AN Irishman, stranded at Southampton, applied for a job on a ship bound for American ports, hoping to work his passage back to New York where he lived. The skipper agreed to sign him on provided he



could produce a written recommendation testifying to his honesty and good character. The applicant hunted up an obliging boarding-house keeper who wrote the required paper for him and, on the strength of this, he temporarily was enrolled as one of the ship's company.

Just as the craft was preparing to sail, a Britisher presented himself before the master asking for a place in the crew. As the ship was short-handed and time pressed, this man was accepted without the formality which had marked the employing of the first green hand.

Two days out from port the Irishman and the Englishman were scrubbing decks, each equipped with a pail and a swab. There was a head sea on. Suddenly a big comber broke over the bow. The drenched Irishman was buffeted about and slammed against a rail, still clinging, however, to his broom and bucket; but his fellow-worker fared worse. He was carried overboard and vanished instantly.

Dripping, the survivor made his way to the bridge where the skipper stood.

"Captain! Say, Captain!" he called up.

"What is it?"

"You remember that dam Britisher you took on without any references? Well, he's gone off and took one of your buckets with him."

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National News

New York Mar. 19.—A murder-to-order combine which killed by contract for "big shot" racketeers was said today by a Brooklyn prosecutor to have slain at least a dozen—possibly 20—gangland slayings.

Brooklyn District Attorney William E. O'Dwyer said 10 men were under arrest in connection with the crimes. He said the gang was implicated in seven murders and two attempted slayings in Brooklyn, and three killings in Sullivan county in up-state New York.

Hollywood, Mar. 19.—Irving Cohen, 37 year old motion picture actor, was arrested today by sheriff's deputies on telegraphic information from New York which described him as wanted for first degree murder.

Deputy Sheriff P. M. Kinou said he was informed by telephone that Cohen was wanted in connection with an investigation by District Attorney William F. O'Dwyer of Brooklyn.

Washington, Mar. 19.—Because of a promise to the late Senator Borah, Senator Brown, Democrat, Michigan, may try to attach an amendment wiping out tax exemptions on Federal and State bonds to the bill continuing the reciprocal trade program. "I told Senator Borah," Brown said, "that I would not pass up an opportunity to get rid of the exemptions."

Washington, Mar. 19.—Fatalities in highway-railroad grade crossing accidents totaled 1,398 last year, the Association of American Railroads announced today. This was a decrease of 119 from 1938 and 477 from 1937.

Tokyo, Mar. 19.—Lime, Japanese news agency, today reported the American freighter Cripple Creek aground off the port of Yokosuka on the Japanese Southern coast. The ship, carrying scrap iron from San Pedro, Calif., was not damaged and was expected to be refloated at high tide.

Legion To Celebrate 21st Birthday

Mrs. Wetver Mann, State President of the American Legion Auxiliary of North Carolina, will be guest speaker at a joint supper meeting of the local American Legion and Auxiliary members Tuesday night, March 26.

Mr. Dave Hall of Belmont, prominent in State and National Legion circles, and other prominent out-of-town Legionnaires, have been invited and are expected to take part in the program celebrating the American Legion's twenty-first birthday. Music will be furnished by the Gaus quartet of Shelby. This quartet is well-known for ability as vocalists and instrumentalists. The supper committee reports that a complete program has been arranged and that all Legionnaires, their wives and Auxiliary members are expected to attend.

Mr. F. G. Ratterree is commander of the local Legion Post, and Mrs. J. S. Ware is president of the local Auxiliary unit.

Student Body Officers



BOBBY HORD
President Student Body



BETTY LEE NEISLER
Vice-President Student Body



FAYE MOSS
Secretary Student Body

Student Participation Organization In Kings Mountain High School

The Student Participation Organization of the Kings Mountain High School has elected as its first officers Bobby Hord, President; Betty Lee Neisler, Vice-President; Faye Moss, Secretary. These officers will be formally installed at a meeting of the student body Tuesday morning, March 26.

The home rooms and organizations in school have chosen the following as the members of the student council: Vera Sargeant, Bob Allran, Roy Smith, Doris White, Harrel Earp, Virginia Roberts, Eloise Randall, Wilma Bobbitt, Doris Bennett, Glee Bridges, Betty Ware, Violet Laughter, Jones Fortune, Carolyn Prince, Bill Gantt, Eoline Keeter, Ladd Hamrick.

The standing committees of the Council and their chairmen are: Citizenship, Betty Lee Neisler; Civic Improvement, Violet Laughter; Athletic, Bill Gantt; Publicity, Eoline Keeter; Assembly Programs, Ladd Hamrick; Hospitality, Vera Sargeant; Lost and Found, Doris White; and Election, Carolyn Prince.

The purpose of this organization is to cooperate with the school administration in accepting a measure of responsibility for the success of the school; to create and maintain high standards of citizenship and scholarship; to further interest in all recognized school activities; and to provide opportunity for students to initiate and promote activities which they deem worthy.

Kiwanis To Meet

The newly-formed Kiwanis Club will meet in regular session with the Kiwanis Club of Rutherfordton tonight at 8:30 at the Woman's Club here. After a turkey dinner the regular business session of the Club will be held. Nothing could be learned from the Rutherfordton club relative to the program, but it was said that they will bring a speaker with them.

Dr. Cooper To Speak At Easter Service

Dr. E. C. Cooper, President of the Lutheran Seminary, Columbia, S. C. will speak at the annual community Easter service which is to be held

at the Central High School. The High School Band and Glee Club will contribute sacred music for the occasion, and the program will be directed by Rev. P. D. Patrick. The service will be held on the high school lawn if weather permits, but will be taken indoors if necessary.

The program follows:
Special Music: The High School Band.

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Responsive Reading.

Scripture Lesson, by Rev. R. N. Baird, D. D.

Prayer by Rev. S. W. Johnson.

Special Music: The High School Glee Club.

Hymn: "Christ Is Risen."

The Easter Message by the Rev. E. C. Cooper, Ph. D.

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

The Benediction by Rev. A. G. Sargeant.

The Doxology.

The service is sponsored by the churches of the community and is planned by the Kings Mountain Ministers' Association. The public is invited to attend.

School Holiday Friday And Monday

E. N. Barnes, superintendent of Kings Mountain schools, announced yesterday afternoon that the school children of Kings Mountain would be given a two-day Easter holiday this Friday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. East School, however will not give a holiday, said Supt. Barnes, at their own request.

The East Schoolers asked that school go on as usual there, in order to make up the time that was lost when school was suspended due to a boiler explosion some weeks ago.

Easter Seals On Sale

The sale of Easter Seals, the proceeds from which will go toward the assistance of crippled children, are now on sale in Kings Mountain. Mrs. Ruth Gamble is in charge of the sale.

These seals are sold annually throughout the United States at Easter Time, by the National Society for Crippled Children, Incorporated. Citizens are asked to purchase and use the seals on the backs of envelopes, and on stationery, to keep alive public interest in a great cause.

The seals sell for \$1.00 per sheet of 100, but can be bought in larger or smaller amounts.

Holy Week Services

Services at the Lutheran Church continue tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow at 7:30. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered tonight. Sermons for the entire week are being based on the words of Jesus from the Cross. The Good Friday Service will be at 7:30 P. M. The public is invited to attend.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

IN SOME towns the ladies take their chow dogs along when they go to the grocery store. If a grocer has got to sell to these ladies to make a living, he better not get too fresh about ordering the dogs out, and he don't.



But one grocer in Chicago was pretty mad when he said to a lady, "Say, lady, do you know that your dog ate five of my best eggs?"

"Are you sure they are your best eggs?"

"Absolutely!"

"Right in from the country, and not storage stuff?"

"Oh, the very best ones that we get the highest prices for!"

"Oh, well, then I guess it's all right," she says. "I was going to say that if it was some of them storage eggs you left lying around for Cutsy to eat, I'd have to do something about it. But your best eggs are pretty fresh, and I'm sure they won't hurt his little tummy!"

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To Preach Here



REV. CHARLES P. BOWLES
of Belmont Main Street Methodist Church who will preach in a series of services at Central Methodist, beginning March 24th.

Revival At Central Methodist Church

Rev. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, Belmont, will be the preacher in a series of evangelistic services to be held in Central Methodist Church beginning Easter Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Services will be held at the same hour each evening during the week and will close on the following Sunday.

Mr. Bowles is Director of Adult Work for the Board of Christian Education of the Western N. C. Conference of the Methodist Church. He is well known as a leader in the summer conferences of the denomination at Lake Junaluska, and is in constant demand as a teacher of training classes and as a preacher in revival meetings.

The evangelistic services in the local church are a part of the Methodist Advance, a movement sponsored by the Bishops of the Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend.

Local Woman Receives Honor

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney has just received word from Dean Altwater of the Music faculty of Woman's College Greensboro, that two of her compositions won first places in the amateur group of the North Carolina Composers' contest.

Mrs. Mauney had two entries in the vocal group and one in the piano group. The winning compositions were a son, a setting of John Massfield's poem, "Beauty," and a children's Suite for piano, "Alice In Wonderland."

The awards will be presented when the State Federation of Music Clubs meets in Elizabeth City, April 24th to 27th.

In April of last year, Mrs. Mauney was presented the loving cup, awarded for best instrumental composition at the State Federation meeting in Raleigh. The winning composition was an organ solo, "Christmas Masqueraders."

Kings Mountain people feel highly honored over this State-wide recognition of Mrs. Mauney's ability as a composer.

Mrs. Mauney was before marriage Catherine Shenk, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Shenk of Greensboro. She is a talented organist and pianist and has for sometime been organist at Central Methodist Church.

Firemen Answer Three Alarms

Firemen were called out three times during the past week to extinguish small fires for which no damage was reported.

The first fire was Sunday afternoon when a grass fire near the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Co. was extinguished. The other two were Monday morning. The first of these was a grass fire behind Falls and Edens Billiard parlor, and a small conflagration at the Methodist Parsonage, occupied by Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr. Firemen reported no damage.

LIONS CLUB WILL MEET

The regular meeting of the Lions International will be held at the Mountain View House this evening at 7:00 o'clock, president J. W. Milam announced last night.

Annual Red Cross Report Made

The Annual Report of the Local Chapter of the American Red Cross which was made by Mrs. Ruth Gamble, executive secretary, at a recent meeting, brings to light the fact that the local organization has helped many needy persons during the past year.

The report follows:
During the year 1939 there were approximately 2,680 quarts of milk distributed among the needy in Kings Mountain. 485 orders for drugs, 148 orders for food, 52 orders for fuel were executed. Material was furnished for numerous garments made at the NYA room, and distributed locally. 32 new woolen garments were sent to War Refugees of Europe. X-Ray services were secured for 14 needy tubercular cases. 75 pounds of yeast was distributed among 28 cases of pellagra or mal-nutrition. The Loan Closet provided bed linen and other essentials for 19 cases of illness.

Financial Statement
Receipts
Deposits from Roll Call .. \$1,815.79
Miscellaneous Cash Received 48.00
Trade Account .. 50.00

Total Receipts .. \$1,913.79

Disbursements

Milk .. 323.00
Drugs .. 315.45
Doctors .. 77.50
Food .. 219.03
Clothing and Loan Closet .. 110.28
Car. Expense for Worker .. 120.00
Fuel .. 98.55
Educational Program .. 62.48
Junior Red Cross .. 13.32
Family Aid .. 34.24
Office Equipment .. 13.35
Printing .. 4.75
Transients .. 7.90
Conference Expense .. 18.00
Telephone .. 32.18
Miscellaneous .. 48.00
National Membership Dues .. 238.00
Current Bills Due Jan. 1 .. 177.76

Total Disbursements .. \$1,913.79

Mrs. William H. Thornburg Buried Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. William H. Thornburg, age 54, were held at Central Methodist Church Monday afternoon and interment made in the Bethlehem church cemetery. Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., pastor of the deceased, was in charge of the services assisted by Rev. Carl Mauney, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Mrs. Thornburg's death occurred early Sunday morning in the Shelby Hospital, where she had been a patient for several weeks. Mrs. Thornburg had been in ill health for a long time.

Surviving are her husband and the following children: Mrs. R. H. Byers, Misses Mildred and Thelma Thornburg, James, George and W. L. Thornburg, one grandchild. Also surviving are her mother, Mrs. J. M. Hays of Kings Mountain, two brothers, Oliver Hayes of Kings Mountain and C. B. Hayes of Mt. Holly.

Mrs. Thornburg had been a member of Central Methodist Church since early girlhood. She was a devoted wife and mother and will be greatly missed in the home.

She was a daughter of the late J. M. Hayes and Mrs. Hayes who is now slowly recovering from a serious illness.

Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

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

The ordinary American taxpayer, be he farmer, business man, dithigger, or just plain Oswald J. Blimp, probably doesn't realize that his money is helping to pay the salaries of some 1,342,000 men and women who are on the Federal payroll alone.

Furthermore, he has to foot the bills for their buildings, heat, light and the materials with which they work.

But worse still, the chances are that he doesn't appreciate the fact that some of them are spending his hard-earned money to convince him that he should pay more taxes to employ more Federal workers.

Here are the facts:
The latest figures available show the following total number of persons, outside of those on WPA projects, drawing pay from the Federal (Cont'd on Editorial page)