

## Condensed In Brief Form State And National News

### —State News—

Gastonia, June 25.—A small number of aliens residing in Gaston County have been registered at the offices of Superior Court Clerk Charles E. Hamilton, it was announced today, following a statement issued several days ago by Major S. B. Dooley, National Guard officer, "in which he called for strict enforcement in Gaston County and elsewhere in North Carolina of the State alien registration law."

Greenville, S. C., June 25.—Curtis Spearman, 23, of near Piedmont, died at General Hospital at 7:30 A. M. today, attaches reported, of head injuries suffered in an automobile mishap on the Piedmont-Anderson Highway yesterday afternoon.

Mooresville, June 25.—Two Mooresville men, Roy Coggins, 18, and Clerk Robinette, 1, remain in the local jail today pending a hearing tonight on charges of robbery with firearms.

According to police records, these two men were at C. N. Archer's service station on N. Main Street here Saturday night about 11 o'clock and when an employee, Herman Compton, started to drive an oil truck in the storage space of the station for the night the two men got in the truck with him, placed a pistol to Compton's side and ordered him to obey orders. The three rode out the Coddle Creek Road, into the Shearers Chapel Road and upon returning to the edge of town (Mooresville Cotton Mills village) the robbers got out of the truck.

Wilmington, June 25.—A twenty-man posse today continued to search unsuccessfully in the woods and swamps of Masonboro Sound for five white men wanted on a charge of armed robbery in Benson, N. C. The robbery occurred yesterday morning.

Early this morning the posse reported the quintet was "cornered" in a swamp off the old Masonboro Loop Road near a spot where they abandoned their car early last night when pursued by State Highway Patrolman J. H. Wilson.

Benson, June 25.—A crowd of some 25,000 came here yesterday for the annual state singing convention. This is the twentieth year the big singing meet has been held. More than 40 vocal groups competed for prizes.

Greenville, S. C., June 25.—Mrs. Anna Powell, 23, was killed and her husband, M. L. Powell Jr., was seriously injured in a head-on automobile collision near here yesterday. Several other persons were injured though not seriously.

Ridgeway, June 25.—Upward of 1,400 students and their leaders are here from eighteen southern states for the Baptist Student Union retreat this week under direction of Dr. Frank H. Leavell of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the department of student work.

### —National News—

Washington, June 25.—Members of the Dies Committee were en route today to Austin, Texas, where committee officials said they would begin hearings shortly in connection with Nazi fifth column activities which would "set off a bombshell." Robert Stripling, committee secretary, declared the hearings would show interference with phases of the national defense program. He declined to divulge details, however.

Rome, June 25.—M. Fillmore Cahoun, a foreign correspondent of Time Magazine, and Thomas O. McAvoy, staff photographer of Life Magazine, were asked today by the Ministry of Popular Culture to leave Italy as soon as possible. The magazines are associated.

New York, June 25.—Pan-American Airways will start trans-oceanic service over 8,000 miles of the South Pacific to Australia next month, at the same time inaugurating a daily plane schedule to Argentina. New schedules will provide a four and a half-day service between San Francisco and Los Angeles and Auckland, New Zealand, with stops at Honolulu, Canton Island and Noumea.

Sidney, Neb., June 25.—John Ulrich, 29, of Omaha, who had a "bad man's" criminal record weakened at the last.

Trapped in his apartment hide-out by a posse last night, he retreated behind a folding bed. Officers threatened to "shoot it out" with him.

But Ulrich, who had wounded an undersheriff in escaping from the Sterling, Colo., jail earlier in the day, turned his gun on him self instead of fighting. He killed himself with a shot through the roof of his mouth.

Kansas City, June 25.—Three youths forced Clifford Asby, 38-year old cab driver, to take them to an isolated spot and robbed him of \$3.25. Then one told Asby:

"We've got an old-fashioned pair of handcuffs we want to lock you up with."

They produced a pair of stocks made of thick pine boards.

The youth forced Asby to put his arms around a small tree, padlocked the stocks and left him in the rain without a coat. It was 11 P. M. Seven hours later Asby's shouts attracted attention of residents in a nearby house.

Paris, June 25.—The Prefect of Police, concerned by the number of abandoned dogs and cats roaming through French cities, advised citizens today that they be seized, killed and buried to prevent outbreak of rabies.

Pets kept at home or on leash will be spared.

### Stallworth Transferred To Charlotte

Mr. Fred R. Stallworth, manager of Belk's for the past year and a half has been transferred to the Charlotte Store. Mr. Hilton Ruth, arrived here Monday to assume manager ship of the local store.

Mr. and Mrs. Stallworth have made many friends during their stay in Kings Mountain. They have taken active parts in the civic, social and religious life of Kings Mountain and their host of friends here wish them well in their move to the larger city. Mr. Stallworth is held in high regard by officials of the Belk organization and his transfer to Charlotte affords him an unusual opportunity.

### Northbound Mail Service Improved

Another northbound mail dispatch has been added to the service of the Kings Mountain Post Office according to an announcement from Postmaster W. E. Blakely. The new dispatch will leave here each morning by bus at 10 o'clock. The mail for this pouch closes at 9:40 A. M. and arrives in Charlotte in time to make connection for air-mail leave in all directions.

Heretofore northbound mail left here at 7:20 A. M. and 3:12 P. M. and the new service fills in a gap that means much better service to Kings Mountain citizens.

## Town Hires Superintendent

### SERVICE IN NEW POST OFFICE BEGINS MONDAY

Another milestone along the road of progress in the history of Kings Mountain is about to be passed. Since the beginning of the Best Town in the State, citizens have received their mail from rented quarters, but beginning Monday, July 1, 1940, patrons will be served from their own, Federal Building, which stands as a monument to the growth and progress of Kings Mountain at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and King Street.

Mail will be put in boxes at the old location for the last time Sunday. Patrons desiring boxes are reminded to secure them as soon as possible, so as to avoid delay in receiving mail in the new building. Dedication exercises for the new building has been delayed, but will be held later.

### STORES TO BE CLOSED JULY 4TH

According to an announcement from the Kings Mountain Merchants Association stores will be closed next Thursday, July 4, which is a national legal holiday. The constitution of the Association calls for only three holidays during the year, namely, July 4th, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Executive Secretary asked that all members as well as non-members to co-operate, as far as possible with the closing.

## Juniors Win One And Lose Two

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors journeyed to Cherryville Tuesday, where they downed the Cherryville Juniors by the score of 5 to 2.

This was the second straight defeat Kings Mountain has handed the Cherryville boys. A large crowd of fans from Kings Mountain were on hand to see the boys grab their second win of the season.

Forest City beat the local boys in a slugfest 14 to 2 last Thursday in Forest City. Saturday the Mountaineers went to Shelby and were beaten by their close rivals by the score of 12 to 5.

Kings Mountain has four more games to play, all of them to be played on the home field. Today they meet Shelby here. Then Saturday they meet Forest City here. Tuesday they will tangle with Cherryville again and Thursday they will play Cherryville here in the last game of the season.

### Sims Rites Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at five o'clock at the A. R. P. Church for Major Young Sims, 59, who died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home here. The Rev. R. N. Baird and the Rev. W. M. Boyce conducted the service and burial was in Bethlehem cemetery.

He is survived by his wife: two sons, Charlie and Everette Sims; a stepson, Havana Davis of Lancaster, S. C.; five daughter Mrs. Mias Wilson, Mrs. Fred Loftin, Mrs. Bessie McAbee, Miss Annie Mae and Miss Marceline Sims; a brother, Clayton Sims of Charlotte; four sisters, Mrs. Frank Henry of Belmont, Mrs. W. B. Weddington of Charlotte and Mrs. Lella Yandle of Greensboro; and 28 grandchildren.

### Attending Scout Camp

Some of the Boy Scouts of Troop One are attending the Piedmont Scout Camp above Tryon, N. C., this week. Those attending are L. P. Stowe, Jr., Jack Mauney, Earl Myers, Billie Moss and Max Rollins. Lawrence Patrick who is in charge of the boys in camp writes that they are all working hard on Scout Activities and having a fine time. These scouts return Saturday.

### Lions To Eat At Bethlehem

Members of the Lions Club and their wives and invited guests will meet at Bethlehem Baptist Church next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock for the first out-door supper of the season. The ladies of the Church are well-known as preparers of delicious foods and the visitors are awaiting with pleasure the opportunity of getting their "bite" of country ham, fried chicken, pie, cake, etc.

### Financial Institutions Pay Dividends

The three financial institutions of Kings Mountain, namely, First National Bank, Home Building and Loan Association, and Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association, have mailed their semi-annual dividend checks to stockholders. This information indicated the splendid financial conditions of the three institutions and shows that the outlook for business in Kings Mountain is very favorable.

Members of the Town Council in a meeting held Monday night at the Town Hall hired R. N. Hines as General Superintendent. The motion was made by W. K. Mauney and seconded by C. E. Neisler, Jr. Councilmen voting yea were W. K. Mauney, C. E. Neisler, and L. W. Hamrick, not voting, H. Tom Fulton. The salary of the new Town Official was set at \$200 per month and his duties are to begin Monday July 1st.

Mr. Hines has had considerable experience that will enable him to serve as General Manager of Kings Mountain. He has a degree in Electrical Engineering and has for the past seven years served as City manager of Hertford, N. C., which is located in the northeastern part of the State. Mr. Hines is 32 years of age, and is married and has one child. Mr. Hines expects to arrive in Kings Mountain Sunday to begin his new duties Monday.

Mr. Hines comes to Kings Mountain highly recommended by citizens of his former home. Mayor J. B. Thomasson, Councilmen W. K. Mauney and L. W. Hamrick recently made a trip to Hertford to personally interview Mr. Hines, and townsmen who knew of his ability, experience and character.

Mayor Thomasson said, "I went all over town and talked to lots of people, but I did not find one person who did not speak well of Mr. Hines." Mr. Hines was in Kings Mountain Monday, looking the town over and meeting citizens and he expressed himself as being well pleased with the Best Town in the State.

Town Officials asked that citizens co-operate with Mr. Hines, who will manage the Town's affairs in a business-like manner. Mr. Hines was selected for this position after careful study and thought by members of the council. Several trips were made and prospective applicants were interviewed.

The hiring of Mr. Hines Monday night came as the climax of a movement that has been "brewing" for some time. Since the last Town Election, in May 1939, citizens have shown a desire of having one man in complete charge of the operations of all the departments of the Town Government, under direct supervision of the Mayor and Councilmen.

### Young People At Lake Junaluska

Six delegates from Central Methodist Church are attending the Session Assembly of the Western N. C. conference of the Methodist church this week at Lake Junaluska. Misses Rachael Smith, Dorothy Harmon, and Carolyn Carpenter, and three boys, Meek Carpenter, Ben Goforth, and Charles A. Goforth left Monday morning and will return Saturday. The Assembly is an annual meeting of representatives of the youth organizations for the 15 to 17 year old Methodists in the Western half of North Carolina. About 600 delegates were expected to attend.

The Young People's Assembly a similar conference for older young people, meets at Lake Junaluska next Monday. Misses Maude Plonk and Dorothy Hoke will represent Central Church at this gathering.

## Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

More and more Washingtonians are being impressed by the experiences of France and England which show so graphically the dire results of following idealistic policies too long.

Americans, Washingtonians say, are getting realistic about national defense. They want, and intend to get airplanes and ships and guns and trained men to make the country invulnerable to attack by a foreign aggressor.

But the thing that worries some Washingtonians is this:

France and England have known since about 1935, if not earlier, that they should be preparing for a supreme effort to defend life and liberty. Had they gone to work full speed then, with all groups cooper-

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## Country Club Organized

Approximately 40 enthusiastic golfers and prospective golfers met in the Town Hall last night and formulated plans for the organization of a Country Club for Kings Mountain. Hayne Blackmer, who was elected temporary Chairman, explained the purpose of the meeting and presided during the election of Temporary Board of Directors composed of twelve members. The members elected were: Hayne S. Blackmer, Joe Neisler, Glee Bridges, J. B. Keeter, Hunter Neisler, W. L. Ramsour, J. E. Herndon, Fred Plonk, Tom Fulton, L. W. Hamrick, Arnold Kiser, and J. R. Davis.

Following the general meeting the Board of Directors in an after session elected the following officers and committee to serve until the permanent officials are elected: President, Hayne Blackmer, Vice-President, Joe Neisler, Treasurer, Fred Plonk, Secretary, J. E. Herndon, J. R. Davis was appointed to take the necessary step to secure a charter which is to be a non-profit organization.

The Committee on By-Laws is headed with J. B. Keeter as Chairman, and the following members: Hunter Neisler, Tom Fulton, W. L. Ramsour, and Glee Bridges.

It was reported that 65 members have already joined and \$2,200 has already been turned in.

Last night's organization meeting came after several weeks of discussion and study by those interested in a Country Club and golf course for Kings Mountain. An option has already been secured on approximately 50 acres of land and the home of the R. S. Plonk Estate on the new highway on West King Street. A survey has been made of the property with respect to the construction of a nine hole golf course. The property has been leased for ten years with the privilege of buying at a stipulated price. The residence will be converted into a club house and locker rooms installed for use of members.

The property is ideally located and experienced golfers say that with very little work it can be made into a course that will be one of the best in this section. Those who attended the meeting last night were extremely well-pleased with the enthusiasm that was shown, and the spirit of co-operation that prevailed.

### Charles Dilling Begins New Job Monday

Charles Dilling, Town Clerk and Treasurer for the past seventeen years, will begin his new duties as County Auditor and Tax Supervisor in Shelby next Monday. Mr. Dilling recently resigned from the Kings Mountain office to accept the county position vacated by Ray Brown. Mr. Dilling will maintain his residence here and commute each day to Shelby.

Miss Louise Brackett is on "trial" in the town office learning the system of record and bookkeeping.

## Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

A LADY gave her husband a year-before-last coat to the woman that scrubbed for her. She told her it was a perfectly good coat, but a little out of date, and that maybe the scrub-lady's husband wouldn't mind wearing it this winter. She handed it to the woman on a coat-hanger made out of wood. That night she bragged to her husband about being charitable. "I even gave her the coat-hanger, so her man can keep kind of tidy," she said.

But when the woman that gave away the coat asked her scrub-lady some time later about how it fit and everything, the scrub-lady said, "Well it's all right now, but my man just had to take the wooden part out of the shoulders. He says them things ain't for a man that stoops at his work, and it nigh killed him the first day he wore it."

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## Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

### In Part Settlement

By IRVIN S. COBB

THE MEN who earn their living on the waters and in the marshes of the Great South Bay of Long Island are a race unto themselves. Their generic name for themselves is "Baymen." They are guides, boatmen, oyster-dredgers, clam-diggers, gunners, and market fishermen.



Some of them born and reared within sight of the lights of Manhattan, have not visited New York City a dozen times in their lives. They speak a vernacular which has been current along the shore for two hundred years. Almost without exception, they are the descendants of pioneering stock—the sons and the grandsons of the great-grandsons of Long Islanders. In at least two instances that I know of baymen's families still are living on property given under royal grant to their forebears in pre-Revolutionary days. They are a sturdy independent lot and, almost without exception, are endowed with a quaint native wit. One winter's day a party of baymen sat around a red hot stove in a little oyster shanty on one of the farther bars. The veered this way and that until finally there arose the ancient question:

"What would you do if you had a million dollars?" One of the company allowed he'd buy himself an ocean-going yacht and tour the world. Another rather thought he'd adopt orphans and educate them. And so forth and so on. All this time, Old Man Banks, locally celebrated as the most shiftless man in the county had sat in silence, rolling his quid and staring reflectively into the hot coals. "Say, Banks," quoth one of the group, "you been keepin' quiet; what would you do if somebody was to hand you a million in cash?" The ancient deftly spat in through the open stove door before he answered. "Well," he said, "I don't know exactly, but I reckon I'd try to keep it a secret from you."