

## Condensed In Brief Form State And National News

**—State News—**  
Rutherfordton, Sept. 17.—The 19th Rutherford County Fair opened here today with thousands in attendance. Today is school day and thousands of children and their parents were arriving at noon. The days attendance is estimated at more than 25,000.

Dunn, Sept. 17.—Funeral services were held today for Commodore Leonard R. Godwin, 57, who served in both the British Marine service and in His Majesty's Royal Navy. He retired here after retiring from the sea and sold hardware until falling eyesight caused him to discontinue that work.

Gastonia, Sept. 17.—Archie Lineberger, general manager of the National Weaving Co. textile plant at Lowell, said today he believed a dispute that lead to a strike of about 600 employees would be settled soon.

Wake Forest, Sept. 17.—An election will be held here Sept. 24 on the question of issuance of \$15,000 worth of bonds to help finance a swimming pool and community center.

### Route 29 Committee Raises \$117.50

The committee appointed by Mayor J. B. Thomasson to raise some money to promote traffic over U. S. Highway No. 29 report that a total of \$117.50 was collected and a check has already been sent to officials of the route. The committee, W. K. Mauney, Haywood E. Lynch and Otis Falls contacted individuals and merchants last week and raised the fund in one afternoon. The money will be used to increase traffic over the route which is known as the Seminole Trail, which runs from Harrisburg, Pa., through Kings Mountain to Miami, Fla. Plans are being made to print 100,000 attractive folders and maps of the route, with places of interest along the highway.

One of the places of interest to be advertised will be the Kings Mountain Battleground.

Gaffney, S. C., donated \$100 to the fund. Clarence Kuesfer, Secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, has been very anxious for Kings Mountain to aid in the movement to increase traffic over this highway.

Following is a list of those who contributed:

- J. B. Thomasson \$5.00; J. R. Davis \$3.00; Fred Plonk \$2.00; Haywood E. Lynch \$3.00; Earle Thomasson \$2.50; W. K. Mauney \$5.00; Home B. and L. \$5.00; Grady King \$5.00; Charles Thomasson \$5.00; Otis Falls \$10.00; Crook and Rollins \$5.00; Grady Patterson \$10.00; Mt. View House \$5.00; B. S. Peeler \$5.00; Victory Gin Co. \$5.00; Kings Mountain Drug Co. \$5.00; Keeter's \$5.00; Bridges and Hamrick \$5.00; Belk's \$5.00; Ritz Grill \$2.00; Ware and Falls \$3.00; A. H. Patterson \$1.00; Ideal Restaurant \$1.00; Center Service \$ 5.00; Crawford and Sons \$5.00; Fuller McGill \$5.00; Grand Total \$117.50.

### —National News—

New York, Sept. 17.—Federal Judge John C. Knox today dismissed a writ of habeas corpus obtained on behalf of Grover Cleveland Jell, World War draft dodger, and ruled that Bergdoll must serve the full five year sentence imposed in 1920 by an army court-martial and in addition a two year sentence imposed in 1939 for his flight to Germany.

Beverly Hills, Calif., Sept. 17.—Death has taken from the stage and film scene William Anthony McGuire, who wrote many of the Florenz Ziegfeld girl glorifying plays and then won further success in Hollywood.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 17.—A special municipal police guard was thrown about the plant of the Remington Arms Co., Inc., here today after officials of the concern and local authorities received an anonymous tip that at least one building would be blown up.

New York, Sept. 17.—Six year old Betty Ruth Eckstrom, daughter of former Opera Singer Marion Talley, must tell a State Supreme Court judge today whether she prefers to live with her mother or her father Adolph Eckstrom.

### GEORGE WRAY HEADS PARTY

George Wray, one of Shelby's most prominent young business men was named Chairman of the Cleveland County Democratic Executive Committee, to succeed Lieut. Col. Peyton McSwain who resigned for a year's service in the United States Army. The new chairman has taken an active part in party politics for several years. He was nominated for the honored position by Attorney B. T. Falls of Shelby.

Mr. Wray was one of the first to advocate Ralph Gardner for State President of the Young Democrats. Mr. Wray's election has met with popular accord with Democrats throughout the county.

### Band To Play For Cotton Festival

The Kings Mountain School Band has accepted an invitation to play for the second annual Cotton Festival to be held in Greenville, S. C., October 3-5. Twenty other bands will take part in the big event. A dispatch from Greenville about the event follows:

"The list includes leading high school, college and military bands. All those which took part last year, in addition to a number which were unable to appear, are included.

An invitation went to the Kings Mountain (N. C.) High School band which created a sensation at the Furman University homecoming football game last fall."

### FISH SUPPER

The Phoenix Friendship Club will have a fish supper Thursday, Sept. 19th. Time 4:30 till 9 P. M., in the old Dilling Miss office building.

## Kiwanians Hear Address On National Defence

(By Aubrey Mauney)  
"There has come a time when we should take account of those things which are being done in the world whether or not they are worth the cost of maintenance" was the keynote of an address by Dave Hall, of Belmont, Commander of the American Legion of North Carolina.

Vice-President W. E. Blakely was in charge of the meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday evening. The speaker was presented by F. R. Summers, a leader in the local Legion. President Ladd Hamrick was away on a business trip to New York.

"In Europe," said Mr. Hall, "The battle is between the forces of the jungle — he has the power to take who can — and barbarism, and on the other side the forces of civilization and all high ideals. Things which have been bred into the American people are freedom of speech, and worship, individual initiative and love for liberty.

"Under these ideals of government was established a nation to grow into the greatest and richest nation in the world.

"The American Legion has stood fast for preparedness for 20 years.

"Given a little time America can meet any test which may come from the outside. We have seen countries that looked strong crumble before the forces of Germany. The weakness was within. There is little that we can do about the preparedness program but we can do something to preserve these ideals which have made us great.

"The greatest danger which I think we face is a commercial and economic blitzkrieg. If England is conquered the dictator may take all the resources of Europe and direct the hours of labor and the scale of wages. He then will wage a war against the jobs of American workmen. Will we be willing to adjust our economic system to such a system. This will be the most crucial test ever to face America.

"Our first job is to convince ourselves that these fundamentals of the American Way of life are worth the whole cost of maintenance. We must convince our organizations and then we can go out and convince the whole Nation."

This week is National Constitution Week for the Club. In observance of this an address will be made by Dr. R. N. Baird, pastor of the A. R. P. Church, at the meeting this evening at 6:30 in the Woman's Club building. The organization is laying stress this week upon the history and observance of the Constitution and this address is expected to be timely.

### Plans Made For Annual Flower Show

At a meeting of the Woman's Club Friday afternoon, plans were made for the annual fall Floral Fair which will be held in October. Committees were appointed, and these will be announced at an early date. Miss Marie Lineberger, guest speaker at the meeting, gave a most interesting description of places visited during her recent trip west and stay in Juneau, Alaska.

### Local Boy Honored

Mr. Thomas Roberts, a graduate of Davidson College, where he was an honor student has a graduate fellowship at Vanderbilt University and will be assistant in the Department of Business Administration. Mr. Roberts is second Lieutenant of R. O. T. C.

Mr. Roberts is a son of Mr. Frank Roberts and the late Mrs. Roberts of Kings Mountain and graduate of Kings Mountain High School. His many friends here will be delighted to hear of his signal honor.

### Shelby Lions Visit Local Club

Fifteen members of the Shelby Lions Club met with the local club Tuesday evening in the Woman's Club Building. Following the supper visiting Lions Robert Cooke, William Osborne and Forest Hamrick made short inspiring talks.

Plans were made for the Lions Club booth at the fair next week. It was announced that mire of those delicious country ham sandwiches would be available for fair visitors. Lion Haywood E. Lynch had charge of the program.

## NORTH CAROLINA'S REPRESENTATIVE



Paul E. Hendricks, Director of the Kings Mountain Band, who was named state representative of the Eighth Region, at the meeting of the North Carolina Bandmaster's Association in Charlotte Saturday. The Eighth Region consists of the States on the Atlantic coast from Maryland to Florida.

## Peeping Tom Arrested

Willie Rhodes, negro, who lives on the edge of Kings Mountain near the Gaston County line was arrested here last week, and confessed to being the peeping-tom looking into the M. A. Ware home on Gaston street. Rhodes was tried in Recorder's Court in Shelby Saturday morning and sentenced to 6 months on the road suspended upon good behavior for a period of 3 years. The negro plead guilty.

Rhodes was spied by Joe Lee Woodward about 1:30 A. M. Friday morning peeping into the Ware residence. Mr. Woodward secured his gun, and notified the police. Rhodes was followed by Woodward, and was arrested by Officers A. C. Short and Johnnie Jones in front of the Hoyle McDaniel residence on King street. After he left the Ware residence and before he was arrested he stopped at the Marie Whitesides residence to steal some pearls.

The night before Rhodes was arrested a peeping-tom was noticed looking in the window at the apartment of a Mr. and Mrs. Doyr in Mrs. M. L. Houser's home on King Street. It was thought by officers that Rhodes was the guilty party, as the negro was about the same size.

Tuesday night, L. M. Logan who lives in the Parton Apartments just off of King street, noticed a negro outside his window, about midnight. The negro grabbed a blanket off of a line and ran. Logan notified the police but the guilty party has not been apprehended.

Chief Jimmy Burns asks that citizens call the police if they hear anything unusual around the house, not to disturb the would-be intruder but to call his Department immediately.

**Will Rogers' Humorous Story**  
By WILL ROGERS

WHO do you reckon has the worst job in the world? I don't know, of course. Most everybody thinks his own job is pretty near as bad as it can get. I suppose even a fascist has troubles. But the guy that has the most troubles, I think, is the one that listens to all the complaints at the telephone office, or at the gas company, or at the street car headquarters.

I heard that a lot of complaint-takers held a convention one time, and they all were so depressed by their troubles that they said they didn't expect to find rest, even in heaven. Afterward, as they all died. They got together on the other side, and everybody seemed to be getting rested up and pleasant.



"Well," says one of the newcomers, "I'm awfully glad to see you guys! And you remember what we used to say about not being happy in heaven? I'm ashamed of myself for saying that, everything's so much better here than it was in our old jobs on earth. Heaven is a lot better than I ever expected to see it."

"Why, you big jab," says one of the older inhabitants of the place, "did you think you were in heaven? This is hell!"

— Associated Press

## Fair Begins Tuesday

### AUCTION SALE SATURDAY

The property at the corner of King Street and Cleveland Avenue will be sold Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The property has been subdivided into attractive building lots and a real opportunity is afforded prospective home-owners to secure a lot at their own price.

The Kings Mountain School Band will play and march and everyone is invited to attend the sale whether they are planning to buy a lot or not. Valuable prizes will be given away at the sale. The money derived from the sale of this property will go to finance the municipal Stadium which is to be located near the Duke Power Co. sub-station.

Members of the committee in charge of selling the property are very anxious for a large crowd to be on hand for the sale. Members of the Committee are: Charles Thomasson, W. K. Mauney and Paul Neisler.

The Walter and Gurley Auction Co. of Kinston, N. C., is in charge of the sale. The lots will be sold on easy terms, with one fourth down and the balance in six, twelve and eighteen months.

### Lions To Meet Gastonia In Donkey Ball Game

Combine the laughs of slapstick comedy, the ludicrous pantomime of Harpo Marx, the sporting thrills of a heated baseball game and then add a lot of local color and mix well with a batter of some good cause and you have a general idea of the concoction that will be poured into the spacious Ball Park on October 3rd at 7:30 o'clock, when the Kings Mountain Lions meet the Gastonia Club in a Donkey Baseball game. This is a return game for the local Club, who tied Gastonia there several weeks ago to the tune of 81 to 81.

Burro Ball, where people play regulation soft ball astride the friskiest herd of donkeys that ever escaped a glue factory, will soon be in town. Their appearance was made possible here through the efforts of the Lions Club for the benefit of the Blind Fund.

Burro Ball is the most absurd offshoot of soft ball ever concocted by the hair-brained experts of hoopy sports. The most prominent and fun-loving people in town will let their hair down and saddle the burros and see what they can do about winning a soft ball game.

It doesn't take much of an imagination to visualize the foolish situations which may result from the efforts of determined men trying to persuade equally determined donkeys to get into the swin of things and play a little soft ball with them.

### Town Council Meets

The Town Council met Monday night in the City Hall with all members present except C. E. Neisler, Jr., who was out of town on a business trip. Mayor J. B. Thomasson presided during the meeting.

Miss Louise Brackett, who has been temporarily employed as book-keeper in the Town Office was hired permanently.

No mention was made during the meeting of a successor to R. N. Hines, who recently resigned, as General Superintendent.

J. R. Davis was instructed to enter suit immediately against property owners who have not paid their taxes in several years.

### Two Girls Hit By Car Here Friday

Misses Faye Huffstetler and Faye Wright were painfully but not seriously injured here last Friday afternoon when they were hit by a car driven by Leroy Perkins, colored, at the Overhead Bridge corner. The young ladies who live in the Pauline Mill community were given first aid treatment at the office of a local physician and returned to their homes.

Perkins was arrested by Chief Jimmy Burns, charged with reckless driving. He is out on bond awaiting trial.

### SINGING CONVENTION

The Kings Mountain Singing Convention will meet at Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday at 2 o'clock. Those to be there are: Singers of Lenoir, of Gastonia. All other

Kings Mountain and surrounding community will be well represented among exhibitors and spectators at the 17th annual Cleveland County Fair next week.

The fair will continue through Saturday. With the probable exception of Shelby, more persons from Kings Mountain will take part in the annual agricultural exposition than from any other city or town.

The "Best Town in the State" will be represented in many ways. Farmers from Kings Mountain are busily engaged in preparing exhibits and will take them to the fairgrounds by the deadline Monday; Kings Mountain people like to go to the annual fair, and the chances are that they will go this year in larger numbers than ever before; some Kings Mountain firms and organizations will have commercial or "eats and drinks" booths on the fairgrounds; there will be Kings Mountain participation in more ways than one.

Kings Mountain persons will share in the \$10,000 worth of premiums provided for the exposition. This huge amount in prizes awaits exhibitors at the fair—and there are advance indications that competition for the awards will be keen.

A total of 1,500 boys and girls in Kings Mountain have received guest tickets to the Cleveland County Fair which will be presented near Shelby Sept. 24-28, next Tuesday through Saturday. For teachers in the Kings Mountain school, 40 additional tickets have been sent here.

The tickets were among 55,000 distributed to boys and girls in nine counties, including Cleveland, according to information received here from the fair association office at Shelby. Counties included in the distribution outside of Cleveland were Rutherford, Gaston, Burke, Lincoln, Caldwell and McDowell in North Carolina and Cherokee and York in South Carolina.

## Conscription Data

Who must register — 16,500,000 males 21 to 35 years old, inclusive.

When—Oct. 16, 1940.

Number of draftees — Not more than 900,000 can be in training for the army at any one period in peace time.

Exemptions and deferments — Ministers, theological students, men in essential occupations, men with dependents, legislative, executive (for non-combatant service).

Pay of conscripts — Basic army pay of \$30 a month, with opportunity for advancement.

Period of Training—One year with subsequent short retraining periods for ten years, or until a conscript becomes 45 years old.

Place of service — Anywhere in the Western Hemisphere, American possessions, and Philippine Islands.

Methods of selection conscripts—Prospective draftees expected to be chosen by lot. Examinations to be made by local boards, supervised by state and Federal agencies.

Re-employment — Employers enjoined to restore jobs to former conscripts unless it is "impossible or unreasonable" to do so. If an employer refuses, he is liable to court action.

Penalties for "draft dodgers" — Up to five years imprisonment and a fine.

Conscription of industry—President may take over non-cooperative industries on rental basis.

**Washington Snapshots**  
by JAMES PRESTON

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

It is tragic but true that in these days when Washington is acting on extremely important matters, many of its legislators are thinking only of politics — and thus becoming victims of political catch-phrases and slogans.

There is much talk, for instance about how "if we're going to conscript men we've got to conscript industry and wealth."

Some thinking legislators see beyond the words, however, and translate "wealth conscription" into common sense. In the way one

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

## An Aspect of Naturalness

By IRVIN S. COBB

A POPULAR Jewish comedian told me this one not long ago and vouched for it as an actual occurrence in which he personally had played a secondary part.

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"My father," he said, "is getting to be a pretty old man now. It is nearly forty years since he came to America but in thought and in expression he still clings to old-country ways. On the business side he has been successful, but outside of his business he is so credulous and so simple that frequently he is imposed upon and has finally come to believe, I am afraid, that this world is largely populated by amateur and professional bunco steerers.

"It's awfully hard to get him to stir away from home. However a few months ago, when I was playing an engagement at Buffalo I induced him to quit the office for a few days and come up to Buffalo as my guest. On the afternoon of his arrival I chartered an automobile and rode him out to Niagara.

"For fully five minutes he stood silently contemplating the Falls in all their majesty and their beauty. I lingered alongside waiting for some expression from him of the effect produced by his first sight of Niagara. But he didn't say a word. So, finally I broke in.

"Well, Dad," I said, "what do you think of it?"

"Son," he answered, in tones of sincere conviction, "it couldn't be artificial!"

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