

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—State News—

Hickory, May 20.—Carl Hoyt Mace 12 year old Westmont school grade pupil, sixth grade, died in a local hospital last night after two Hickory physicians and other persons had prolonged his life for an hour and a half with artificial respiration and oxygen. Death, physicians stated, was due to pneumonia and streptococcal meningitis, the latter a rare malady.

Darlington, S. C., May 20.—Damages estimated at more than \$60,000 resulted last night when the Cox Brothers Lumber company in Monticlar section of Darlington county was practically destroyed by fire.

The flames began in a dead box at the rip saw end of the large lumber plant, located about 10 miles from Darlington. The fire was discovered by the night watchman and the Darlington fire department was called. However, the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the plant.

Whiteville, May 20.—An intensive hunt for the hit-and-run driver who Saturday night struck down and killed 22 year old Ollie Carroll as he rode a bicycle along highway 74 near his home at Freeman, has been fruitless so far. Highway patrolmen and other officers are working on the case. Carroll's brother, Floyd was riding just behind him when the death car went by, but was unable to give sufficient description of the car to be of much assistance to the authorities working on the case.

High Point, May 19.—Boarders in all but three hosiery mills here struck for wage increases today and spokesmen said that boarders in one of the three would join the strikers tomorrow. One of the mills is not affected because of a recent wage increase there.

Committees representing the strikers and manufacturers will resume their negotiations tomorrow. Several hundred persons were affected by the strikes. Picketing was peaceful and there were no disorders.

Sumter, S. C., May 20.—Mrs. Priscilla Brown Shipman was ordered held for trial by a coroner's jury here this afternoon inquiring into the death of her husband, Robert Alderman Shipman, who died on April 17 at the home of his brother, J. W. Shipman, in a Sumter suburb after a visit to his wife at Florence allegedly for the purpose of "making up" after a separation.

North Wilkesboro, May 20.—Police Chief J. E. Walker said here today that more than \$350 in merchandise was taken in a robbery of C. A. Lowe and Sons wholesale house Friday night. Entrance to the building was gained from the back. Five and one half cases of cigarettes and a quantity of chewing gum were taken. There were signs of attempts to open the safe. On the same night Gulf Refining company's plant was entered and several tires were taken out of the building but apparently had been abandoned on the grounds.

—National News—

Lemitar, N. Mex., May 20.—If Father Perez says so, it's true.

The residents of this Spanish-American village merely went back to sleep when the civil authorities sounded flood warnings. The latter appealed to the priest.

Father Perez rang his church bells. The faithful listened and came. In church, he explained the menace from the rising Rio Grande and soon had the exodus under way.

Washington, May 20.—The Marques de Aguilar, who registered at the State department today as an agent of monarchist and Catholic groups in Spain, said that Adolf Hitler and Francisco Franco signed a pact on Oct. 8, 1938, under which Hitler was given power to direct Spain's national and international policies.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 20.—Members of Mt. Harmony Methodist church were startled when during yesterday's services a woman rushed out and cried for help from the adjoining graveyard.

Many of the congregation answered the call to find a five year old girl pinned underneath a tomb stone that had toppled from its base. The child was admitted to a hospital with a broken leg, clipped.

Myron Rhyne Elected President Of Lions

Myron A. Rhyne was elected President of the Kings Mountain Lions Club at the meeting held Tuesday evening in the Womens Club Building. President Rhyne who will be installed later along with the other officers will succeed H. Tom Fulton who served as President during the past year. Mr. Rhyne holds a responsible position with the Pauline Mill and is one of Kings Mountain's most promising young business men. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and was First Vice President of the Lions Club last year.

Other officers elected were: First Vice President, Robert Miller; Second Vice President, Carl Mauney; Third Vice President, Lee Roberts; Secretary, Bill Thomson; Treasurer John Caveny; Lion Tamer, W. K. Mauney, Jr.; Tail Twister, Hilton Ruth, and new Directors, George Houser, Holland Dixon, and Haywood E. Lynch. M. H. Bliser was elected a Director to replace Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., who is moving to Asheville.

Lions Charles Thomasson and Mike Milam were elected delegates to the State Convention to be held in Asheville.

Lion Myron Rhyne reported for Chairman of the Blind Committee, C. P. Goforth that 53 boys and girls were examined and 49 were fitted with glasses at a total cost of \$197.00.

Following the business session members enjoyed playing Bingo with Haywood E. Lynch, Chairman of the Program Committee, calling the numbers.

Poppy Day To Be Observed Saturday

Memory of America's war dead in the first World War will be honored here on Saturday, May 24, when everyone will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in tribute to their service and sacrifice.

Plans for the observance of Poppy Day are being completed by the American Legion Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Pride Ratterree, Poppy Day Chairman. The memorial flowers, made by disabled war veterans, will be offered on the streets throughout the day by the Auxiliary women.

This year, with the threatening shadow of a new World War falling across America, the memorial poppy has new significance. It shows that America still remembers and honors those who fell in its defense 23 years ago; that Americans still believe that America's free way of life is worth any sacrifice, and that the spirit of patriotism still burns brightly in American hearts.

The poppies grew on the battle front in France where the young men of America defeated the military might of autocracy in a gallant display of the strength of aroused democracy. When we wear them on Poppy Day, their bright, red bloom will remind us that our democracy has the strength to repel any dangers if we will serve as they served. There is inspiration for us all in the poppy of great memories.

The poppies which the Auxiliary will distribute here have been made by disabled veterans. All Poppy Day workers will serve as volunteers and all of the money contributed to them for the flowers will go into the welfare funds of the Auxiliary to carry forward the Auxiliary's work for the disabled, their families and the families of the dead during the year ahead.

MISS LOTTIE GOFORTH FOUND DEAD EARLY TUESDAY MORNING

Funeral services for Miss Lottie Goforth, one of Kings Mountain's highly esteemed and best known citizens were held at Sisk Funeral Home on King Street Wednesday morning at ten o'clock and interment made in Mountain Rest cemetery. Rev. R. C. Goforth, pastor of Lafayette Street Methodist Church, Shelby, and relative of the deceased, conducted the last rites and was assisted by D. H. C. Sprinkle, of Kings Mountain.

Pallbearers were W. E. Logan, A. H. Patterson, M. A. Ware, I. B. Goforth, Palmer Fulton, J. E. Aderholdt, M. L. Harmon and Ed Patterson.

Miss Goforth had been in ill health for several years and during the past winter had spent several weeks in the Shelby Hospital. She was found dead early Tuesday morning when an attendant went to her bed at her home, to call her and it is thought she passed away quietly while asleep.

Miss Goforth was a daughter of the late William Goforth and wife, Jane Houser Goforth, a prominent family of the Kings Mountain Battleground section. Her forbears fought in the battle of Kings Mountain and for many years her parents owned and lived in the famous rock house built by her grandfather, the late Henry Houser, in 1803, and which still stands as one of the places of interest of the battleground area. For more than forty years Miss Goforth has maintained a residence on Battleground Avenue in Kings Mountain.

She was a member of El Bethel Methodist Church, where her parents and other members of her family worshipped in years past.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert Goforth of Gaston street, Kings Mountain, and Dave Goforth, who has resided in Texas and New Mexico for many years.

Betty Patrick In Recital

Miss Dorothy Carson presented Betty Patrick, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, in a High School Senior graduating piano recital Tuesday evening, May 20, in the High School auditorium. The program consisted of composition from the different schools of music—classic, romantic, impressionistic, and modern. Miss Patrick played with artistic feeling and technical ability.

Sara Herndon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Herndon, gave two dramatic readings. Miss Herndon is a dramatic student of Miss Retta Byar. This is the first time that a Senior has ever given a piano recital in the High School.

Clyde Bennett Elected Mayor Pro-Tem

LEAVES SATURDAY



Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., who leaves for Asheville Saturday to assume pastorate of the West Asheville Methodist Church. Dr. Sprinkle will be succeeded at Central Methodist by his father.

Dr. Sprinkle Leaves Saturday For Asheville

Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, who has served as pastor of Central Methodist Church for the past year and a half will leave Kings Mountain Saturday morning for Asheville to accept the pastorate of the West Asheville Methodist Church. Dr. Sprinkle will be succeeded by his father, Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Sr., of Mocksville, a retired minister; who will arrive Saturday and be in charge of the services Sunday. Rev. Sprinkle recently had charge of a week's special service here and members of the congregation and citizens of Kings Mountain were more than pleased with his ability and personality.

Dr. Sprinkle has taken an active part in both of the religious and civic life of Kings Mountain and he leaves a host of friends here who wish for him great success in his promotion. The departing pastor was President of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and a member of the Lions Club.

The announcement of change came as surprise not only to members of the congregation but Kings Mountain citizens as a whole who have become attached to the friendly Methodist Pastor and his wife.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

ONCE in a while you hear a funny story about a lunatic. I reckon lunatics have got to be funny once in a while, especially if they're not very much different from us people that think we ain't lunatics.

A doctor that was visiting a fine insane hospital in Illinois was going up the walk towards the building when he kinda fell into talk with a sensible-looking chap that was going the same way. They got to talking, and the doctor noticed that this guy was carrying a funny-looking bag, about as big as a mail sack, only it was green and



red and bulged out kinda funny all over.

"What you got in that bag?" says the doctor.

"A crow-catcher," says the man, looking kinda sheepish, and coming closer to the doc.

"What's a crow-catcher?"

"Well, it's a wild animal that can catch crows while they're cawing loud. You see, I live in this joint here, and the boss of the place is a kind of a warden, Doctor Bilk, they call him. He ain't exactly right in his head sometimes, and I think he sees crows flying around his room and cawing real loud. So I'm taking him this here wild crow-catcher."

"But I thought you said the warden just imagines he sees the crows? What good will the crow-catcher do for that condition?"

"Why, you see, it's an imaginary crow-catcher, and it ought to work

Bright Ratterree Resigns As Clerk

Clyde Bennett, Councilman from Ward 2 was elected by secret ballot as Mayor Pro-Tem of Kings Mountain at the meeting Monday Night in the City Hall. All members of the Council were present for the meeting which was the first regular meeting of the new town officials which were elected May 6th. Mayor Joe Thomson, presided. Councilman W. K. Mauney was sworn in by Bright Ratterree as he was absent when the other members were given the oath of office.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, Red Cross Chairman appeared before the Board and requested an increase of \$10.00 per month for Mrs. Ruth Gamble, Executive Secretary. No action was taken as the tax rate for the new year has not been set. The matter was taken under consideration for future action.

City Manager H. L. Burdette reported on the WPA School Stadium Project.

J. R. Davis recommended that the Council retain Clyde Hoyt to assist him in the suits against Kings Mountain as the results of the overhead bridge. The suits pending trial are M. L. Harmon, Mrs. Fred Finger and the Pure Oil Co. On motion of W. K. Mauney and seconded by Clyde Bennett the recommendation of Attorney Davis was passed.

On motion of Clyde Bennett and seconded by W. K. Mauney, delinquent water and light customers will have to pay the current bill plus one month on back bills or have service discontinued.

George Emery of Statesville was employed to make the annual town audit on motion of Charles S. Williams which was seconded by W. K. Mauney. The total cost of the audit was not to exceed \$250.00.

On motion of Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Mauney the Town is to consult the County Commissioners in regards to a revaluation of all real estate in Cleveland County.

City Manager H. L. Burdette was to investigate the matter of lowering interest rates on Town of Kings Mountain bonds.

Councilmen discussed the feasibility of a combined rate for heat, light and power users so that only one meter and bill will be necessary.

Bright Ratterree who has been acting Town Clerk since Charles Dilling resigned to accept the position of County Auditor, submitted his resignation to the board on account of ill health. Mr. Ratterree's resignation was to become effective at the will of the board. On motion of Councilman Mauney and second of Councilman Williams, Mr. Ratterree's resignation was accepted.

The Board members agreed to meet the first Monday night in each month.

Candle Lighting Program Held By National Honor Society

The members of the Kings Mountain Chapter of the National Honor Society in an impressive candle lighting ceremony recently tapped two members of the graduating class and four of the junior class for membership in the organization. The tapping was a complete surprise to the candidates, the choice of whom had been made by the high school faculty after the members of the Society had expressed their evaluation of those students eligible to be candidates.

Membership in the National Honor Society is the highest honor that the high school can confer upon a student. The candidates, who must rank scholastically in the upper third of their respective classes and must have an average of A on citizenship for their entire high school career with no grade below B, are chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, and character, both for what they have already accomplished and for the promise they show of future development.

Those students who were thus honored are: Jo Keeter and Roy Smith from the Class of 1941, and Martha McClain, Betty Moore, James Thornburg and Louise Wright from the Class of 1942.

Red Cross Roll Call Chairman Named

Mike Milam was appointed Roll Call Chairman at the meeting of the Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter held last Thursday evening. W. E. Blakely was appointed assistant Chairman. The following committees were organized: Military and Naval Welfare Service, Dr. O. P. Lewis, Chairman, assistants, Mrs. Frank Summers and Paul Mauney; Water Safety and Accident Prevention, Billy Mauney, Chairman, Paul Patrick, Jr., assistant; Accident Prevention, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Chairman; First Aid, H. C. Wilson, Chairman, and Lancy Demar assistant; Nursing and Health Services, Mrs. Pride Ratterree, Chairman.

Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, Mesdames Ruth Gamble, Pride Ratterree, Grady King, J. E. Herndon, Carl Mauney, Miss Helen Hay, Jessis H. C. Wilson and Mike Milam attended the Red Cross Institute for National Defense which was held in Charlotte Tuesday and Wednesday. Different phases of work were explained and the vital need of Red Cross aid at the present time was stressed.

The local Chapter is making another call for knitters. The nine hundred yards of material for sewing has practically been taken care of, but the quota is not being filled as fast as it should be. The call for sixteen million garments for War Relief must be in by May 31st. There are six more sweaters to be knitted in the quota. The Saunders Dry Cleaning and the Logan Dry Cleaners are cooperating by blocking, free of charge, all knitted garments for the Red Cross. Call Mrs. J. E. Herndon for supply of yarn so that the quota can be filled as soon as possible.

Six Leave For Fort Bragg Next Thursday

The third May call for selectees will leave here next Thursday morning at 10 a. m. by special bus for Fort Bragg. The group of six men includes two volunteers. The complete list follows:

- V-743—Winfield V. Long
- V-918—John Frank Styers
- 524—Horace M. Walker
- 641—Robert Smith
- 598—John M. Costner
- 595—Jiles Johnnie Strickland

Five colored selectees including two volunteers left yesterday for Fort Bragg.

The selectees who left Kings Mountain Monday for Fort Bragg were transferred yesterday afternoon to Ft. McPherson, Ga.

Kiwanians To Hear School Man

J. J. Tarlton, Superintendent of Rutherford County Schools, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club this evening at 6:30 in the Womens Club Building. Supt. Tarlton, is a past president of the Rutherford County Kiwanis Club, an outstanding educational leader and an able speaker. The program for the evening was arranged by the Education Committee.

Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

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

The head of the Division of Production in the Office of Production Management, John D. Biggers, in talking the other day to a group of defense manufacturers, had this to say about the progress of the rearmament effort: "The progress is good — in most cases amazingly good; but gentlemen, you and I know that we cannot be satisfied. The task is so tremendous, the need so urgent, that greater and greater efforts are the order of the day."

Those remarks are a good digest of the general attitude in the Capitol these days. Astonishing progress has been made, but the job is so terrific that constantly more endeavor is being asked of all who (Cont'd on page two)

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

A Walk Awake VS a Wake Awalk

By IRVIN S. COBB

FOLLOWING the close of hostilities two members of a colored labor battalion—natives of the same inland Georgia town—were sitting on a dock at Brest. Naturally, their thoughts dwelt on what they



would do when they had been shipped back to the States and mustered out of the Service.

"Me, I done got it all figured out," said one. "I been takin' a lesson from dese yere Frenchmen. Dey ain't got no race-feelin's; dey don't draw no color-line. So, I spects to carry on when I gets back jest de same ez I've been doin' over yere—only mebbe mo' so. Things shorly must a' changed back home since we been away. So, ez soon ez I strikes our ole town I'm goin' git me some white cloths, all white frum haid to foot—white suit, white necktie, white straw hat, white shoes, everything white. An' I'm goin' put dem on an' den gwine walk slow down de street bound fur de ice cream parlor. What does you aim to do when you gets back?"

"Well," said his companion, "I spects to act diff'rent frum you, an' yet, in a way, similar. I'm goin' git me a black suit, black frum haid to foot, and black shoes, an' I also is gwine walk slow down de street, jest behine you—'cause I'm gwine be yo' pall bearer.

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