

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

National News
Jersey City, June 3.—Blackened rubble and heat-twisted steelwork held the secret today of the cause of a 24 hour fire that ravaged eight blocks along the Jersey City waterfront, but the police, Coast Guard and Federal Bureau of Investigation expressed belief that it definitely was not sabotage.

Fire Chief Frank Ertle, who estimated the damage at \$25,000,000, told newsmen to "put any sabotage idea out of your mind," adding that the fire could have started from a carelessly tossed cigarette.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, who also discounted the sabotage possibility, said in Omaha, Neb., that there were no national defense materials destroyed.

Vatican City, June 3.—Pope Pius XII, outlining his views on how the "fundamental values" of social and economic life should share in "that new order which the world expects and hopes" will emerge from the war, emphasized safeguarding of the rights of the individual.

In a Sunday radio broadcast commemorating the 50th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's social encyclical, "Rerum Novarum," the Pontiff said he wished to give some further directive moral principles on the three fundamental values: The use of material goods, labor and the family.

He cautioned against too extensive state interference in the rights and duties of individuals and families and upheld man's right to freedom in his physical, spiritual, religious and moral movements.

Dublin, June 3.—Four bombs which fell Saturday on neutral Dublin, leaving at least 30 and perhaps 61 dead, were of German origin, the Government of Eire declared today as it instructed its charge d'affaires in Berlin to protest and demand reparations.

The known death toll stood at 30, but 31 other persons were missing and a formal announcement said that in all probability the final death toll will be 61, since little hope was held that any of the missing would be found alive.

Gainesville, June 3.—A Hal county coroner's jury found that 13 year old T. J. Bennett, shot in self-defense when he killed his stepfather Rex Roberts, 45, with a shotgun blast ere yesterday.

It was the second slaying of similar nature in Georgia within the past few weeks. Recently Robert Messer, 14 year old boy was sentenced to life imprisonment for the slaying of his father.

Sheriff A. W. Bell of Hall county said Roberts was shot while pursuing the boy during a family quarrel at the Roberts home one mile south of Flowery Branch.

Atlanta, June 3.—Postman G. B. Murdock was fishing in the Chattahoochee River when he sighted a giant snapping turtle. With a yell he dropped his pole in the water, grabbed the monster's tail. A more cautious companion ran and got a rifle, shot the quarry thrice thru the head.

On a scale the huge turtle weighed 71 pounds. Said Murdock, unabashed by loss of his tackle: "With enough soup to feed my whole neighborhood what could I do with fish, anyway?"

State News
Manteo, June 3.—A plane reportedly exploded and fell into the sea off Kitty Hawk yesterday but searchers found no trace of it.

D. Walter Harris of Elizabeth City said he and several others saw a plane about three miles out and it turned toward the shore and seemed to crash. Then, he said, the craft apparently exploded and he saw the wreckage on waves—but finally lost sight of it. Coast guardsmen and planes scouted the area but nothing was found.

Greensboro, June 3.—Degrees were awarded 385 students today and Womans College of the University of North Carolina entered its 50th year.

Final messages were given the seniors by Gov. Broughton, D. H. Ramsey, editor of the Asheville Citizen; Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University; Dr. W. C. Jackson, dean of administration of the college, and Miss Frances Daniel of Wilson, representative of the graduating class.

Thomasville, June 3.—Paul Jackson of Thomasville was held today on charges of manslaughter, reckless driving, breaking and entering and receiving in connection with theft of merchandise from the Hudson Belk store here and a subsequent chase by officers.

Officers Charles Barnes and W. H. Lashley said they spotted a heavily loaded automobile early yesterday and while chasing it the fleeing car turned over. They said T. Roosevelt Carricker of Thomasville was fatally hurt.

In addition to Jackson, the officers arrested two others they identified as Wiley D. Carricker and William Carricker, Jr., and charged them with breaking and entering, larceny and receiving.

Local Girl Graduates From W. C. U. N. C.

Greensboro, June 2.—Miss Virginia Plank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Plank of Kings Mountain, graduated from the Womans College of the University of North Carolina on June 2, with an A. B. degree in grammar grade education.

Miss Plank, a member of the Alethian society, was a member of the Y. W. C. A. during all four years. She was a member of the Speakers Club and the Young Democrats Club in her junior and senior years. In her senior year, Miss Plank was a member of the Inter Faith Council and the Education Club. She was a member of the Lutheran Students Association all four years and president in her senior year.

Attend B. And L. Convention

Messrs A. H. Peterson, Secretary, and J. B. Thomasson, Director of the Home Building and Loan Association, and J. C. Lackey, Secretary and J. C. Keller, Director of the Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association, are attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League which is meeting jointly with the South Carolina Association at Myrtle Beach. Attorney and Mrs. J. R. Davis and daughter, Alda Jean, are attending the meeting.

Miss Lottie Goforth Leaves Estate For Hospital Here

Building To Be Remodeled

J. B. Thomasson is planning to start extensive remodeling of his business property on Mountain Street which will add greatly to Kings Mountain as a trading center. The buildings now occupied by the G. W. King Garage and Ansell Beauty Shoppe will be completely remodeled and new fronts installed. The two finished buildings will be 30 by 100 feet and will be modern in every respect. Architectural plans have already been received and actual construction will begin about July first according to Mr. Thomasson. Two store buildings of equal size will occupy the space now taken up with the garage and beauty shop.

The property which is located within half a block of the new Post Office is very desirable and with the improvements to be made suitable tenants should be secured quickly.

Mr. Thomasson stated that he would make alterations to suit the tenant, and if a renter desired the entire space he would change his plans and have one large building instead of the two smaller ones.

NEILL HEADS SALE OF BONDS

B. S. Neill, cashier of the First National Bank, has been appointed chairman for Cleveland county to sell Defense Savings Bonds.

The County Committee to serve with Chairman Neill follows: R. T. LeGrand, W. E. Abernethy, Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, L. E. Wilson of Lawndale, Mrs. F. R. Summers and Haywood E. Lynch.

A separate committee has been appointed for the city of Shelby. The Committee under the direction of Mr. Neill will promote the sale of bonds and stamps in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

C. H. Robertson of Greensboro is state administrator of the Defense Savings Staff. A joint meeting of the committees will be held at an early date to which an authority on the bonds and the campaign for their sale will be present. The appointment of the two committees is to spread the cost of defense as widely as possible among the American people and give them a sense of direct participation in the financing for national defense.

In announcing this new program, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, said, "Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps give us all a way to take direct part in building the defense of our Country—an American Way to find the billions needed for National Defense. The United States is today as it has always been, the best investment in the world. This is an opportunity for each citizen to buy a share in America."

SCHOOL TAX RATE SET

The Cleveland county board of commissioners Monday afternoon approved the budget for the Kings Mountain school districts which will leave the 1941-42 school tax rate for Kings Mountain at 27 cents on each \$100 valuation.

The action was taken during a session devoted to discussion of the 1941-42 budget for the county. School appropriations are only a part of the budget allocations, and the remainder of the budget-making will not be completed for several days.

In approving the Kings Mountain schools districts budgets and setting the school tax rates, the commissioners merely okayed formally the proposed spending plan of Kings Mountain school board as required by law.

The Kings Mountain district school tax rate figures will be: Capital outlay, 20 cents; debt service, five cents; teachers retirement, two cents; debt service was reduced by two cents and the teacher retirement figure was added.

CHARLOTTE TEACHER TO SPEAK HERE

Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock Mr. T. M. Oglubian, teacher of the Men's Bible Class of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, will bring the message to Men's Bible Class of First Presbyterian Church.

He is a native of Armenia. Practically all of his people suffered death of martyrs because of their loyalty to Christ and His Church. He has a great testimony for his Master.

The public is cordially invited

Union Services Announced

One of the splendid features of Christian worship is the Union Services each summer Kings Mountain is anticipating this co-operative worship with a great deal of pleasure. One of the fine evidences of its abiding value and place in the religious life of the city is the fact that two mounts shall be devoted to the union services this summer rather than one as heretofore. The schedule for the summer union services is as follows:

June 29: Rev. H. G. Fisher at Boyce Memorial A. R. P.
July 6: Rev. R. N. Baird at First Baptist.
July 13: Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Sr. at St. Matthews Lutheran.
July 20: Rev. P. D. Patrick at Central Methodist.
July 27: Rev. A. G. Sargeant at Presbyterian.
Aug. 3: Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Sr. at Boyce Memorial A. R. P.
Aug. 10: Rev. R. N. Baird at St. Matthews Lutheran.
Aug. 17: Rev. P. D. Patrick at First Baptist.
Aug. 24: Rev. A. G. Sargeant at Central Methodist.
Aug. 31: Rev. H. G. Fisher at Presbyterian.

70 Seniors To Graduate Here Friday Night

Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, immediate past Governor of North Carolina, will be the commencement speaker Friday night as the results of a last minute change in the program, according to Supt. B. N. Barnes. Mr. John A. Lang, state director of the National Youth Administration who had been scheduled to speak was called to Chicago.

Supt. Barnes in making the announcement of the change said, "We are very fortunate in securing such an outstanding speaker as Governor Hoey, and we are deeply grateful to him for accepting to pinch-hit for us at the last minute."

Supt. Barnes received the following telegram from Mr. Lang which necessitated the change in speakers: "National NYA Office has just directed me to attend NYA meeting in Chicago June 7. I deeply regret this order will prevent my making your commencement address on June 6. Will be glad to assist in securing another speaker." John A. Lang, State NYA Administrator of N. C.

Seventy boys and girls will receive diplomas, which will be presented by D. M. Bridges, Principal. Betty Neisler will present the class gift and B. N. Barnes will have charge of the presentation of the medals.


The list of graduates and officers of the graduating class of 1941 follows:

Charles Leonard Alexander
James Julius Alexander
George William Allen, Jr.
Charles Eugene Ballard
Gordon Stanford Barnette
Fons Frances Bobbitt
Madge Horton Boyd
Clyde Junlorus Bridges

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

I GUESS one of the worst things you can have wrong with you is sleeplessness. A guy that can't sleep gets to worrying so much about it that he really can't sleep sure enough. Lots of times he starts out by being kept awake by somebody's party or something like that, and



then they get the idea they can't sleep, and so they can't.

Well, there's a lot of fun in not sleeping, because a lot of jokes are made about it. One man that had got the idea he couldn't sleep had some sleeping medicine prescribed for him by the doctor. About eleven o'clock that night he called up the doc and said, "Say, that druggist ain't got the sleeping medicine to me yet! That's a great kind of a druggist to send a prescription to! Can't you hurry him up? I'm half asleep, and I don't think I can stay awake much longer waiting for such a poke!"

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MAYOR THOMSON PROCLAIMS NEXT WEEK FLAG WEEK

Whereas, the period of June 8th to 14th has been designated as FLAG WEEK by the United States Flag Association, during which time the people of our great country will pay tribute to the Stars and Stripes of the United States, that symbol of unity, of liberty and justice; and

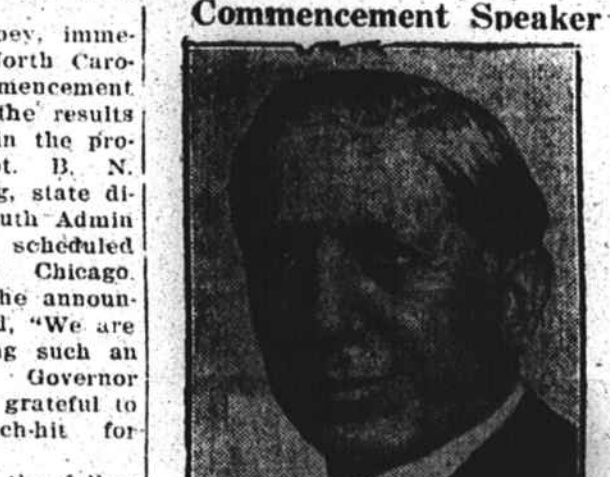
WHEREAS, it is fitting at this time, when the world is filled with unrest and influences are working to destroy our American ideals and institutions, that we should accept the challenge confronting our democracy by pledging anew our allegiance to the Flag of our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, I proclaim and designate the week of June 8th to 14th as FLAG WEEK in this city, and call upon the citizens to display the FLAG of the United States in their homes and their places of business and an expression of our firm belief in the indivisibility of our country, as symbolized by the Flag.

Witness: my hand and the official seal of the Town of Kings Mountain, this 4th day of June, 1941.

Joe H. Thomson, Mayor.

Commencement Speaker



Hon. Clyde R. Hoey who will address the graduating class here Friday night.

- Meek Anderson Carpenter
- Frances Lavinia Crouse
- James Joseph Dickey
- Martha Sue Dover
- Herron Howard Edens
- Talmadge Brooks Frederick
- Charles Jackson Gamble
- Clara Mae Gantt
- Robert Eugene Gault
- John George, Jr.
- James Claude Gibson
- Isaac Benjamin Goforth, Jr.
- Mae Sue Goforth
- Ellerba Wilson Griffin, Jr.
- Ruby Louise Hampton
- Dorothy Hamell Harmon
- Sara Elizabeth Herndon
- Mary Ruth Hicks
- Sara Mitchell Hord
- Clara Belle Humphries
- Louise Jonas
- Kathryn Jo Keeter
- Stokes Walter Keller
- Martha Ann Kennedy
- Fanny Hord Littlejohn
- Rilla Rachel McClain
- Robert Sydney McDaniel
- Martha Juanita McSwain
- Florine Mackey
- Wanda Helen Maloney
- Beulah Nell Mauney
- Ernest Jacob Mauney
- Miles Hoffman Mauney
- Charles Herbert Mitcham
- Mildred Elizabeth Mitcham
- Walter Manly Moorhead, Jr.
- Betty Lee Neisler
- Nancy Nickels
- Alex Denton Owens
- William Hoke Page
- Martha Virginia Parker
- Elizabeth Jaeger Patrick
- Della Marie Pearson
- Menzell Nevarre Phifer
- Rufus Grier Plonk, Jr.
- Vivian Irene Prince
- Wade Hill Putnam, Jr.
- Helen Ramsey
- Watson Bedford Ramsey
- Rachael Gilbert Smith
- Roy Edward Smith
- Billy Freeman Throneburg
- Thurman Eugene Tignor
- Marguerite Ethel Tindall
- Odus Frederick Weaver
- Dorothy Aileen Welch
- Nettine Elizabeth Whetstone
- Doris Elma White
- Charles Slocum Williams, Jr.
- Jama Kirby Willis, Jr.

Kiwians Entertain Band And Ball Team

The Kiwanis Club on Thursday evening entertained as their guests the High School Band and the boys and girls that qualified for an athletic letter.

Prof. B. N. Barnes of the Boys and Girls Committee had charge of the program and introduced the different organizations. Prof. Barnes also introduced the guest speaker, Robt. T. Allen, director of athletics of Charlotte schools.

Coach Allen in his talk stressed the lessons that were learned from Athletic competition—that is learning to obey rules and respecting the decisions of the officials.

The speaker urged his young hearers to go out in the world and put into practice the things they have learned as athletes. Time has not been wasted he said, if a boy or girl has learned to suppress the desire of the individual for the good of the whole.

Mr. N. R. Millwood, a ventriloquist from Caroleen, was also on the program.

The Kiwanis Club will not meet this week but instead will attend one of the commencement exercises at the High School.

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Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

He Was an Optimist Anyhow

By IRVIN S. COBB

AN INSPECTOR of plants where explosives were made or stored, stands sponsor for a story of two colored men who were employed at Edgewood Arsenal, near Baltimore. One was a newcomer, the other a veteran worker.



"Does you know what us perduces here?" inquired the old-timer "Dynamite an' cannon-balls an'" began the novice.

"Now shure! Us makes poison gas. An' that's what you got to watch out fur, 'cause sometimes it gets loose an' it travels fast. . . . Lemme show you somethin'!"

He led the newcomer to a pile of kitchen refuse which had been sprinkled with chloride of lime. "Smell that there funny smell?"

"Well, that's the way poison gas smells. An', boy, any time you see that there smell, don't you 'niff! Git goin' an' don't let anybody stop you 'til you get clear of this reservation. Or else when you wakes up you'll be sayin' 'Good mornin', St. Peter!"

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