

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—STATE—

Charlotte, July 1.—A rush of live steam into their locomotive cab brought death early this morning to Southern Railway fireman William Scott Shoaf of Spencer and caused serious injuries to Engineer T. G. Smith of Charlotte in a mysterious accident one-half mile above the 36th street crossing.

According to reports assembled here the men were operating an extra freight train from Spencer to Greenville, S. C. when the accident occurred at 4:26 A. M.

Southern Railway officials declined to give any details of the fatal accident, declaring that a complete report could not be given until an investigation was made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Fort Bragg, July 1.—Erig. Gen. John A. Crane, commander of the 13th Field Artillery Brigade, was advised today that King Gustave V of Sweden had conferred upon him the title of commander, second class, order of the Sword.

General Crane was foreign liaison officer for the War Department several years ago and arranged a tour of this country for the Swedish crown prince.

Beaufort, S. C., July 1.—Hunting Island Beach, developed by the National Park Service and the South Carolina Park Service, has been opened.

The beach was opened with the completion of a \$350,000 bridge connecting St. Helena Island with Hunting Island, which previously had been accessible only by boat or airplane.

Camp Croft, S. C., July 1.—The first conscripts received at this cantonment will complete thirteen weeks of basic military training Saturday.

Charleston, S. C., July 1.—John D. Rooney, general manager of the Port Utilities Commission, protested to the Maritime Commission the curtailment of Charleston's coastwise shipping facilities.

Clyde Mallory Line curtailed service into Charleston and Bul Steamship line withdrew from the port recently.

Concord, July 1.—As a result of three automobile accidents near Concord during the week-end, seven persons are in the hospital and three cars demolished. Seven other involved in the various crashes escaped injury.

Spartanburg, S. C., July 1.—More than 100 cars of peaches a day will be shipped from South Carolina next week.

—NATIONAL—

Washington, July 1.—Secretary Knox's call for immediate use of the United States Navy "to clear the Atlantic of the German menace" put the capital to wonder today whether he was hinting at an important change in Administration policy toward Nazi sea activities.

The direct language the Navy Secretary used in his speech at Boston last night gave rise to the belief in some quarters that a definite revision was contemplated in existing naval strategy.

Harpwell, Me., July 1.—The discovering of eight bodies — one of them badly burned — led searchers to believe today that all of the 36 members of a gay picnic party which set out Sunday on the 44 foot cabin cruiser Den might have perished after fire swept the boat.

The tragedy, the worst in the memory of residents of this rocky coast, apparently occurred in the fog-shrouded waters of Lower Casco Bay while the party of Rumford, Maine, residents was returning from Monhegan Island, 40 miles from here in the open Atlantic.

Coast Guard Lt. Thomas Sampson in charge of the search, said he believed the cruiser had exploded, probably while homeward bound.

Los Angeles, July 1.—Nell Brown Groves, granddaughter of John Brown of Civil War fame, filed a \$2,320,000 damage suit against Warner, Brothers and a group of John Does over the picture "Santa Fe Trail," based on Brown's life.

She charged the picture presented John Brown as a ruthless murderer while she and other descendants had regarded him as a hero.

Washington, July 1.—At country cross-roads and in great urban centers, the United States enrolled today its military "class of 1941" — some 750,000 young men who have just reached 21.

London, July 1.—Canadian Air Minister G. C. Power landed today in Great Britain after a flight over the North Atlantic and immediately flew in another plane to London.

Oklahoma City, July 1.—Oklahoma's State Government — approximately \$39,000,000 in debt — embarked today on a hard-boiled pay as you go fiscal policy that may be used as a national model.

No salaries can be paid, nothing can be bought, unless the cash is at hand.

New Lion President



Myron Rhyne, who was installed as President of the Kings Mountain Lions Club Tuesday night at the gala gay nineties ladies night party, Mr. Rhyne is a prominent young textile official and is very active in civic affairs of Kings Mountain.

Glee Bridges Celebrates Birthday

Glee A. Bridges celebrated his 47th birthday at a stag supper last Friday evening at Lake Montonia. The gala event had been originally scheduled to be held on the Bridges' tennis court at the rear of his residence on Gold street but was changed to the W. K. Mauney cabin at Lake Montonia on account of the weather. Approximately 65 friends and business associates enjoyed Bridges' hospitality.

Fried country ham and fried chicken, prepared by Roy and Robert Brown, brothers, who are experts in the business, was served in bountiful quantities along with all the accessories. Sons of the host assisted with the serving.

Following the supper invited guests spoke informally of the host. The party ended by the guests singing "Happy Birthday Glee Bridges."

Girl Scout Troop Organized

Kings Mountain has always been proud of Boy Scout activities here and now advancement is being made in the Girl Scout movement. A troop was organized some time back at the Methodist Church and it has grown until now approximately 50 girls are enrolled under the leadership of Mrs. J. L. Settlemyre, Jr., who is especially qualified as she is Physical Education teacher in the Kings Mountain Schools. Meetings are held each Monday night at 7 P. M. and programs are arranged by the patrol leaders. Following the meetings games are played and new games are taught each meeting night.

Twenty one of the girls had their first experience of camping out on a recent night when Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Settlemyre, Jr., took them to Lake Crawford in the Kings Mountain Battleground. The trip was enjoyed so much by the girls that they were anxious to go back again and another over-night trip was made yesterday afternoon.

The girls are learning to take care of themselves out of doors, to cook their own food in the open and are taking advantage of the swimming, arts, crafts, nature study and social games that are offered at the National Park.

Since the troop was organized so late in the Spring overnight camping trips will take the place of the usual week of camping that Girl Scouts have each summer.

Most of the girls have passed off the tenderfoot requirements and some have already started passing off second class projects.

Mrs. Settlemyre is to be congratulated and given every aid in her endeavor to build up Girl Scouting in Kings Mountain.

BANK TO BE CLOSED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The First National Bank will be closed all day Friday and Saturday in observance of Fourth of July according to B. S. Neill, Cashier. Gov. J. M. Broughton has declared Saturday, July 5th, as a legal holiday and all the banks in North Carolina will be closed for the two-day period. Local merchants are asked to please secure their change for Friday and Saturday business on Thursday.

Prominent Lady Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Angeline Patterson, 87, widow of Ira Hardin Patterson were held at Patterson Grove church, Wednesday afternoon and interment made in the family plot in the church cemetery. Dr. R. N. Band, pastor of Boyce Memorial A. R. P. Church, was in charge, assisted by Dr. E. C. Cooper of Kings Mountain and Columbia and Rev. A. G. Sarceant, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

Pallbearers were six grandsons: Hal Plonk of Concord, Leonard Patterson of Canton, Okla., Carl Falls, Charles Patterson, Paul Patterson, all of Kings Mountain and Rufus Mc Gill of Greenwood, S. C.

Mrs. Patterson's death occurred at her home Tuesday afternoon and followed several weeks of critical illness.

Surviving are seven sons: J. Bun Patterson, A. Hunter Patterson, I. Grady Patterson and DeWitt Patterson, all of Kings Mountain; S. Lee Patterson of Rock Hill, S. C.; Price Patterson of Ridgeland, S. C.; Wray Patterson of Dawson, Ga.; three daughters, Mrs. A. P. Falls, Mrs. Lee McGill and Mrs. Clarence Plonk, all of Kings Mountain. A number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. Two daughters died in young womanhood.

Mrs. Patterson was before marriage Miss Angeline Whitesides of Gaston County. In early girlhood she joined Pisgah A. R. P. Church, the church of her forebears. After the organization of Patterson Grove church and the erection of the church edifice for which her father-in-law, the late Rufus Patterson and her husband were largely responsible, she united with this church, entered into its interest with enthusiasm, bringing up her large family of children in this faith.

While Mrs. Patterson was at all times interested in out-side affairs, her chief interest was in her home and family. Her greatest joy seemed to come from sacrificial service to her husband and children and until prevented by feebleness of old age she busied herself gladly and cheerfully with the affairs of her household.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral services.

Attend Reunion In Kings Mountain

Among out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral of Mrs. Ira H. Patterson Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Price Patterson, Ridgeland, S. C.; S. Lee Patterson, Misses Stella and Madeline Patterson and Hugu Ware of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Patterson and I. H. Patterson of Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wray and George Patterson of Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Plonk of Concord, Mrs. Jay Patterson of Fayetteville, Mrs. J. C. Hambright of Grover; Mrs. J. C. Smathers and Mrs. J. H. Byrd of Charlotte.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THE Worst Joke I heard today was told to me by Harry Preston. Harry Preston is the King of Brighton. He runs a couple of hotels down there and is a great pal to everybody. He is the man that Jack Dempsey did the charity boxing bout for a year or so ago. Well, I was playing a benefit for a hospital that he gets up a fund for every year, and I was listening to a lot of his wonderful stories.



He was over in America to see Dempsey's fights, both of them. He loves to tell Gags on Dempsey. Well, Dempsey got caught down town one day in a jam and wanted to get up town quick, so he grabbed the Subway. A fellow passenger stepped on his foot and it really looked like he did it on purpose. Kearns, Dempsey's manager, who saw it asked Jack, "Jack are you going to let that fellow step on you like that?"

"No," said Dempsey, "for a couple of pins, three-fourths of the gate receipts, and a guarantee of two million and half on the Picture rights, I would punch you in the jaw."

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Lions Enjoy Gay Nineties Party Tuesday Night

Into the gay, sparkling atmosphere of the gay nineties when "men were men and ladies were ladies," the Lions, their ladies, and their guests were taken on Tuesday night in the Womens Club building which had been gaily decorated for the occasion. Handkerchiefs, mustaches for the men and colorful paper hats for the women, that was the mode. "The Diamond Horseshoe," a barroom of style and fashion, was a melting pot of gay men and women. Waiters, with bowties, perfect middle parts in their patent leather hair, even the never absent towel on the arm, which so characterized that gay period. There were many tables with bright checkered cloths, hats, with plumes and flowers. Even the bar and bartender. And never was there a more perfect bartender than Ned McGill. Typical striped shirt, sleeve holders bow tie, middle part in the very slick hair. There was no detail missing.

From time to time there drifted across the room the lilting old melodies which so lightened the heart of the 1890's. "She's Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage," mournfully warbled Mademoiselle Virginette Song-Bird Crawford—a gal with a tear in one eye and wink in the other. During the meal, tunes such as "The Man On The Flying Trapeze," "The Curse Of An Aching Heart," "The Band Played On," and "Frankie and Johnny" were typical rendered past the mistresses of the "Four Knights of the Barroom." Kenneth Crook, Proctor Thompson, Jones Fortune and Hal Olive.

Jolly Venders, Hilton Ruth and George Mauney, flaunted their wares before the dinner. "A prize in each and every box" shouted one, and "Opportunity Knocks, not once, not twice, but until every box is gone."

Stage Manager Robert Miller, who was attired in the latest styles of 1890, presented Mayor and Mrs. Joe Thomson and Kiwanis President and Mrs. W. E. Blakenly, who were guests of the Club.

The delicious banquet dinner was served caberet style by waiters: Dickie Tate, Abe Martin, Cletus Blackwell, E. W. Noel, Charles Thomasson, Jr., Thomas Roberts, Carradine Moss, Hubert Aderholdt, Alvin Ferguson, Cecil Crook.

The fun and comedy of the evening was delayed long enough for Past District Governor Robert Cook of Shelby to install the newly elected officers, who were: President, Myron Rhyne, 1st Vice-President, Robert Miller; 2nd Vice-President, Carl Mauney; 3rd Vice-President, Lee Roberts; Secretary, Bill Thomson, Treasurer, John Caveny; Lion Tamer, Billy Mauney; Tail Twister, Hilton Ruth, and Directors, M. H. Biser, Holland Dixon, George Houser and Haywood E. Lynch. Past President H. Tom Fulton, presented Lion Cook.

The committee in charge of the night's entertainment consisted of Mike Milam, Myron Rhyne and Robert Miller.

A brief prologue of the on-rushing drama was given by jovial Tail Twister, Hilton Ruth, who warned the "toughies," down front that there was to be positively no hisses, boos, cheers, or rotten tomatoes thrown at the actors.

Then came the drama, "He Ain't Done Right By Nell" — an old fashioned melodrama, unique, startling dramatic which was staged under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Hambright Rhyne. Atmospheric music for the "dramatic production" was furnished by William Plonk and Colleen Campbell.

There was "Little Nell," Mary Helen Hambright, our old-fashioned heroine, as pretty a flower as the sun ever shown on. Then there was the honest "mounting" boy, Jack Logan, Myron Rhyne, who had his heart set on "Little Nell". And he wasn't the only one, for everyone loved sweet Nell Perkins — even the "boars" in the "mountings" loved her. But where there are a few good souls, there is always a heel. A dark treacherous, sleek villain, Mike Milam, with saucy manners and the ability to spout "purty" speeches.

Others in the cast were: Granny Perkins, who carries a secret for years, Mary Foust Plonk; Laura (Lolly) Wilkins, a typical old maid, Nell Thomson; Vera Carleton from the city, Mary Mauney; Burkett Carleton, her father, who owns the old Mill, Howard Jackson. But never fear, Little Nell and the old homestead were saved in the nick of time from the clutches of the heartless cad.

After the evening of old-fashioned entertainment, the ladies were bid a fond goodnight by the barroom quartette.

Stores To Observe July 4th On 7th

Kings Mountain stores will be open all day Friday, July 4th and will be closed Monday, July 7th. The regular half holiday for Tuesday, July 8th, will not be observed and the stores will be open all day. Housewives are asked to remember that business will be conducted as usual on Friday July 4th. The arrangements for the 4th of July observance was arranged by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

The Post Office will be closed all day Friday, July 4th and the regular half holiday for Saturday afternoon will also be observed. The Post Office will be open Monday.

The offices in the City Hall will be closed all day Friday, July 4th, and open Monday. The Fire and Police departments will be on duty as usual all day July 4th, according to City Manager H. L. Burdette.

The First National Bank will be closed both Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th which have been declared legal holidays.

Appreciation Letter Received From London

The Kings Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross has sent 960 garments to war refugees this year. Everyone who has had a part in this splendid work will be interested in the letter from the Women's Voluntary Services in London, England, to the local Chapter. It was received last week by Mrs. Ruth Gamble.

Women's Voluntary Services For Civil Defence London May 11, 1941

As Chairman of W. V. S. I want to thank every member of your Chapter for the wonderful contributions you have sent to us, for the help this has been to everyone who has suffered.

The gifts received have made it possible to assist people who have lost everything in the bombing of their homes; people who have not only lost their possessions but often members of their family as well.

While canteens given by you feed those who have been bombed, War Nurseries, which take in the small children suffering from enemy action, have been started because your Junior Branches have sent us donations. Clothing you make is used to persons as they emerge from the horrors of being bombed.

I wonder if you realize how much the fact that each individual member of you has shown self-sacrifice and understanding in your gift has helped to strengthen the courage and the determination of the recipients of what you have sent.

Every woman and child in this country is playing a definite part in the battle which is now raging, and it is because of your help and sympathy that battle is less bitter, suffering is less severe, strain is less acute.

It is for this reason that as Chairman of W. V. S. acting for the American Red Cross in matters of civilian relief in this country, I thank you — both on behalf of those who benefit by your generosity and of our members who have the joy of handling your gifts. Stelle Redding.

Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

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

A number of influential Congressmen apparently believe that the defense program isn't moving as fast as it should, so they are fumbling a round trying to find someone to blame.

The truth is that defense production is progressing much faster than anyone a year ago believed was humanly possible. The only delay of any substantial nature has resulted from strikes.

The War Department for example reported recently that more men were out on strike in plants having Army orders than at any period since January 1. The Navy said that time lost by strikes on its orders would have been enough to build 8 to 10 submarines, 6 to 8 destroyers, or 2 cruisers.

Bad as that is, however, production is speeding along, and in another (Cont'd on back page)

ANNOUNCEMENT

At the request of the Treasury Department we announce a new feature of interest and service to many readers who are buying or will buy Defense Bonds and Stamps. This will be called the Defense Bond Quiz, and will start in next week's issue.

The questions will be chosen from among those asked by most Bond and Stamp buyers. The answers will tell what the new Defense Savings Program means to the individual and to the Nation.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

Practically Correct By IRVIN S. COBB

THE way it was told years ago by the Old Weber and Fields combination is still the best. It seemed that a Hebrew salesman entered a commercial hotel lobby and was immediately confronted by a



Jewish drummer who shouted, "Hey, Ginsberg, did you hear about Sol Levy?" "No," said Ginsberg, "what happened to Sol?" "Last year, in Cleveland, Sol made fifty thousand dollars." "Yeah," said Ginsberg, "I heard practically the same thing yesterday, only in the first place, it wasn't Sol Levy, it was Moe Cohen; in the second place, it wasn't last year, it was two years ago; in the third place, it wasn't Cleveland, it was Cincinnati; in the fourth place, it wasn't fifty thousand dollars, it was six hundred; and in the fifth place, he didn't make it, he lost it." (American News Features, Inc.)