

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—State—

Shelby, Sept. 15.—Ben Peterson, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Peterson of Earl, was fatally injured Sunday afternoon when he ran against a door with an open knife in his hand. The knife pierced a vein to the right of his heart. Young Peterson was visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ellis of Paterson Springs. He died about the time he was carried to the Shelby hospital.

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—Asserting that banks in North Carolina are lending large sums of money to defense industries, State Banking Commissioner Gurney P. Hood today released a statement which, he said, "shows a tremendous lending activity in the state commercial and industrial banks for the year 1940."

"This report," Hood added, shows that the banks of the state are doing their part in financing all business and especially in the making of loans for defense purposes."

Rock Hill, S. C., Sept. 16.—Edgar Fowell, a Rock Hill fireman, his wife and Miss Mary Elizabeth Lowry of Charlotte were injured here Saturday night in a freak accident involving two automobiles and two pedestrians. All are receiving treatment in hospitals here for injuries not believed to be serious.

Cars driven by Miss Lowry and Samuel Neely of Rock Hill collided at a street intersection here and, according to a police report, the Neely car ran across a curb and struck Mr. and Mrs. Fowell, who were walking on the sidewalk. They were knocked down and pinned under the automobile which came to rest in a vacant lot about 40 feet from the point of the collision.

Miss Lowry was thrown clear of her car. The extent of her injuries was not immediately known.

Wadesboro, Sept. 15.—Lonnie Ransom Dabbs, 48, saw mill operator was cremated in his burning home about three miles southeast of Wadesboro last night. The flames were noticed about 10:30 o'clock by neighbors who found the house almost destroyed by the blaze when they reached the place.

Officers said that they were told that Dabbs appeared to be drinking, went home early in the night and ordered his family to leave the premises. He had a lighted kerosene lamp in his room and it is believed that he knocked the lamp over and was unable to put out the resulting fire.

Marion, N. C., Sept. 16.—Sheriff Grady Nichols said tonight that Delvert Lewis, laborer, had confessed that he was responsible for the death of his wife, who was found dead in a bed at their home Saturday evening Sept. 6. The body of Mrs. Lewis, bound tightly with ropes and strips of bed clothing, was found by Lewis and a neighbor when Lewis returned home from work.

—National—

Brunswick, Md., Sept. 16.—The vest that John Brown, the insurrectionist, wore to his hanging at Charlestown, W. Va., some 80 years ago is worth \$50—and the state of Maryland is going to collect a tax on that valuation.

The vest, a then-stylish brown garment with red dots, became tangled up in litigation when it bobbed up as part of the estate of a Brunswick man. Orphan's court officials called in several experts to fix the value of the item.

Craig Field, Ala., Sept. 16.—Sergeant Nolem J. Woodfin could be the prototype of the hero of an army sale on the Horatio Alger theme. The highlights of his rapid rise thru the ranks: enlisted Sept. 17, 1940; private first class Oct. 15, 1940; fourth class specialist Nov. 1, 1940; corporal March 1, 1941; sergeant July 1, 1941; staff sergeant Aug. 1, 1941; first sergeant Sept. 1, 1941.

Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—A rookie policeman chased a 15 year old boy for a mile through North Philadelphia yesterday and then collapsed of a heart attack on top of his quarry.

The youth was one of three who fled from a stolen automobile after it had crashed into two parked cars. Patrolmen Wm. J. McCaffrey raced after the one boy.

The boy finally dropped of exhaustion on a sidewalk. McCaffrey, a few steps behind stopped, then fell across the youth.

Lewiston, Idaho, Sept. 16.—E. G. Hoffman didn't know he was in the army until he got his honorable discharge.

Hoffman, a bacteriologist, said he applied for a sergeant's rating in the army reserve.

He was advised there was some delay, so he forgot all about it until he got a letter yesterday from the War Department inclosing his discharge from a year's service in the army. Now, the letter told him, he is eligible for the draft.

Kingsree, S. C., Sept. 16.—William Smiley Wright, 18, pleaded guilty in general sessions court today to manslaughter in connection with the slaying of his father Sid Wright, at their farm home August 29. Judge L. D. Lide sentenced the youth to two years' imprisonment.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 16.—The Charleston navy yard began construction on another fighting ship for the U. S. navy today with the laying of the keel of the destroyer Stanley, a 2300 ton warship that will be commissioned next year.

Simple exercises marked the event but the public was not admitted.

Seattle, Sept. 16.—Charles E. Hale and Conrad P. Optiz, Seattle Light Co. employees, froze to death on Sourdough Mountain in a sudden snow storm Saturday.

J.A. Isenhower Dies Suddenly

Funeral services were held at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning at Concordia Lutheran church in Conover for John Abel Isenhower, who died suddenly Sunday noon.

Mr. Isenhower, one of Catawba county's most prominent citizens, was stricken with a heart attack last Tuesday night, from which he never recovered. Fifty-nine years of age, he was the oldest son of the late Lillo E. and Margaret Stine Isenhower. His entire life was spent at Conover where his interests were varied. His early manhood was spent in the mercantile business with his father in the P. E. Isenhower and Son store. Later he served the county as sheriff for three terms.

Under his leadership the Citizens bank was organized, which he served as president the entire time until his death. He was mayor of Conover ten years. The last several years his interests were principally as owner of the Catawba Ice and Fuel company and the Newton Bond warehouse and for years he was president of the Ritegway Hosiery mills. Greatly interested in education he served on the board of Concordia college and the Conover public schools.

Mr. Isenhower was a lifelong member of Concordia Lutheran church, president of the congregation and an elder at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Susie Jordan of Conover, five sons and two daughters, Horace J., Samuel Holman, James Philo, Joe Andrew and Sime, Mrs. Walter W. Saunders, all of Conover, and Mrs. John Hambricht of Lancaster, Pa.; four grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. Edgar V. Little of Conover, Mesdames S. A. Mauney and A. E. Cline of Kings Mountain.

A distinct shock to Mr. Isenhower was the sudden death of his brother, Berman E. Isenhower, and his wife of Salisbury, also brother of Mesdames S. A. Mauney and A. E. Cline, which occurred from heart attacks an hour apart, at their home in June.

Quite a number from Kings Mountain attended the funeral services of the outstanding citizen of Catawba county.

Commenting editorially on the death of the prominent citizen The Hickory Daily Record had the following to say:

"Catawba county has sustained the loss of a very popular and most useful citizen, in the passing Sunday of John Abel Isenhower of Conover."

"One has but to think back over the wide scope of his activities to realize the great contribution which Mr. Isenhower made to the growth not only of the town in which he had been a moving spirit since the days of his youth, but also to Catawba county at large."

"As Sheriff for three terms, he enjoyed public confidence and was generally credited with having rendered honest, efficient service. Likewise, he was drafted to serve as Mayor of Conover for ten years."

"As president of the Citizens Bank in Conover from the time that institution was organized many years ago, until his untimely passing, he aided materially in the extraordinary development of one of the fastest-growing communities to be found in North Carolina."

"As a business man of Conover he always was to be found on the side of progress, energetically boosting every worth-while project."

"As a citizen, he was always cheerful and enthusiastic and stood foursquare for civic and religious causes."

"The Record joins with the hundreds of citizens who while mourning the passing of John A. Isenhower, rejoice in his achievements."

Little Theatre Meets Tonight

There will be a meeting of the Little Theatre tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Mary Frances Hord, Director. All persons interested in the work are asked to be present as no new members will be accepted after tonight. Plays are now being read and one will be chosen and presented immediately. Try-outs will begin tonight.

Willie Oliver Rescuer

Willie T. Oliver, an employee of the Kings Mountain Mfg. Co. was the volunteer who descended into the well and rescued Marvin Styers. The Herald in reporting the account of the rescue in the last issue was unable to secure the name of the rescuer, and is now happy to acknowledge that Mr. Oliver was the man who actually brought the unconscious man to the surface of the ground.

Mauney Scholarship Announced

W. K. Mauney, prominent Textile Executive, announced during the Chapel exercises at the opening of school recently that some boy or girl from the graduating class each year would be awarded a scholarship, valued at \$150 per year, at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory.

Rules and regulations for the scholarship are to be drawn up by Supt. E. N. Barnes with the approval of the donor. Applications for the scholarship can be made any time during the school year.

Gloria Cornwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cornwell was awarded the scholarship for this year. The coveted award will be presented to some boy or girl from the graduation class each year for outstanding work and if the winner should desire the scholarship will be continued for four years at Lenoir-Rhyne, making a total value of \$600.00.

The scholarship has been in effect for the past two years, but was just made public recently.

The public-spirited Kings Mountain business man, who is making the scholarship possible, is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne, and member of the Board of Trustees of the College. He has long been affiliated with the growth and progress of the institution and this scholarship is just one of the many contributions he has made to his Alma Mater.

Supt. Barnes was extremely well pleased with the public announcement as it will not only promote keener competition among the student body, but at the same time will enable some graduate from the Kings Mountain High School to continue their education.

Ben Bennett And Companion Drown

Benjamin Franklin Bennett, 38, and Sanford Maxie Yandle, 22, of Charlotte, were drowned in the Catawba river near Great Falls, S. C., Saturday night about 8:30 when the motor boat in which they were riding capsized.

There were four men in the boat, but two of them, James C. Hartsell of Rock Hill and James Day of Great Falls, managed to swim ashore. The water was 25 to 30 feet deep where the tragedy occurred.

Mr. Bennett, who had been working at the Republic Cotton mills of Great Falls for some time, and who was residing in a cabin on the river, was returning with his companions from a trip to the business section of Great Falls to buy groceries, when the motor on the boat choked and died. In endeavoring to restart the motor the boat capsized, precipitating the four men into the water. Hartsell and Day swam ashore and Yandle, the Charlotte man, almost made it. He became exhausted and drowned about 10 feet from shore.

Funeral services for Mr. Bennett were held Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the home of his parents, Rev. S. W. Johnson, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Bennett leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bennett; his wife, Mrs. Mary Davis Bennett, and four children, Katherine, Nelline, Joe and William, all of Kings Mountain; two brothers, G. O. Bennett of Kings Mountain and Hunter Bennett of Great Falls; four sisters, Mrs. E. H. Gault and Mrs. J. H. Harmon, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. R. R. Black and Mrs. P. E. Queen, both of Shelby.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS
THEY'RE telling another about the fellow looking for a job and telling his history. The fellow said he guessed he didn't exactly have any recommendations with him.

"Well, how long did you stay in your last place?"

"Three years."

"Well, you can't be so bad, at that. Three years is a long time."

"Right-o, boss, a long time it is."

BENEFACTOR



W. K. Mauney, who recently announced a \$150 Annual Scholarship at Lenoir-Rhyne College for a graduate of the Kings Mountain High School.

Stadium Project Temporarily Delayed

Actual work on the Kings Mountain School Stadium WPA project has been temporarily delayed according to City Manager H. L. Burdette, who has received word from the Charlotte WPA office that it would be inadvisable to suspend the street project, as far for surface treatment is expected shortly. The Charlotte office notified Mr. Burdette that tar for the street treatment was expected to be shipped this week, and should arrive in Kings Mountain next week, and all men on WPA here would be needed for the street work.

Completion of the streets has been delayed from time to time because the PWA had been unable to secure tar for the surface treatment.

It was thought the street work would be completed in about two weeks, and then the stadium project would be started.

Miss Robinson, Music Teacher, Resigns

Miss Jean Robinson, of Lowell, newly elected music teacher for the Kings Mountain Schools, has resigned on account of ill health according to Supt. B. N. Barnes. Miss Robinson had already secured a large class of pupils when she had to return home on account of sickness. She has been advised by her physician not to resume work this year.

Supt. Barnes has been attempting to fill the vacancy, but at the present time has been unable to do so. Supt. Barnes said last night, "I don't know exactly what we will do, if we can't find someone to take Miss Robinson's place we may have to discontinue the work for this year."

Mr. Barnes' stated that he was very sorry that Miss Robinson's resignation was necessary as she was a talented musician who would have meant a great deal to Kings Mountain pupils and also to the school.

1942 Plymouths Now On Display

Mr. J. B. Rowland, of Rowland Bros. Motor Co., extends a cordial invitation to citizens of Kings Mountain to inspect the new 1942 Plymouth which is now on display in his show rooms. The local Dodge-Plymouth dealer in discussing the showing of the new car said, "Here is a beauty without equal in the low price car, and I am anxious for everyone to see Chrysler's number one car."

Mrs. W. F. Smith Dies

Mrs. Will F. Smith, 59, died Thursday afternoon at her home here after an illness of a year. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Macedonia Baptist church and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Surviving are the husband; three sons, Leonard Smith, Clarence Smith, all of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. F. L. Farley of Proctor, Mrs. Emmett Ross of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. J. I. Coble of Gastonia; the mother, Mrs. R. A. Holland of Andrews, two brothers, E. A. Holland and W. G. Holland, both of Andrews; and 11 grandchildren.

To Organize Civic Defense

Representatives from the civic clubs and other organizations of Kings Mountain met Monday night in the City Hall and pledged their united cooperation to the local Civic Defense Program which is being organized here. This home defense organization is being perfected through the United States so that America will be ready for any emergency. The American Legion is sponsoring the movement, and Post Commander Jim Smith presided during the meeting and introduced C. E. Nelsley, Jr., Chairman of the Local Unit. He explained the purpose of the organization. Mr. Smith then presented John Floyd, one of the prominent spotters, who explained in detail how the organization would work and its duties. Mr. Floyd asked each representative for their cooperation and called for volunteers for the 24 hour watch for airplanes, which will begin Oct. 6th and last for about 18 days.

Paul Mauney is assistant to Mr. Nelsley and the other three spotters besides Mr. Floyd are Percy Dilling, Aubrey Mauney and Charles Dilling. The duties of the spotters will be to have two persons on duty 24 hours a day for the 18-day period and to report immediately to Army headquarters planes passing within site of Kings Mountain, during the army maneuvers, beginning next month.

The observatory tower for the watch will be the old Presbyterian Church building. Steps are to be constructed to the tower and a telephone is to be installed. Mr. J. E. Thomason will have charge of the work on the observation post.

There will be 400 similar posts in North Carolina and eight other observation places in Cleveland county. George Wray of Shelby is County Chairman.

The Boy Scouts of Kings Mountain will assist in this undertaking and two scouts will be on duty at all times. Mr. Floyd stated that between 40 and 50 men will be needed during the 18-day watch.

Volunteers for the 24-hour watch can register with W. W. Souther, down-town, J. D. Smith, at Phenix mill office, and H. L. Burdette, at City Hall, giving their address and the period they can serve.

Representatives were present Monday night from each of the following organizations: American Legion, Scout Masters, Kiwanis, Lions, Masonic, Schools, Town Council, Hawk Haven, and The Herald.

Another meeting will be held shortly and complete instruction given as to the exact duty of each volunteer.

Red Cross Urges Speed In Knitting Garments

Last week the Kings Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross sent 919 garments to the Red Cross Export Depot at Jersey City, N. J. for shipment to England at an early date.

The War Relief Unit is very anxious to complete the Spring Quota before dispensing materials for the second quota. This cannot be done until all the knitted garments given out last Spring are sent in. There are a number of sweaters which are not in yet. If you are knitting one please complete it as soon as possible and send it to Mrs. J. E. Haddon, head of the War Relief Unit for this Chapter.

Washington Snapshots

Opinions Expressed In This Column Are Not Necessarily the Views of This Newspaper.

The recent shake-up in the government defense agencies is a leading topic of cloakroom conversation here, and a great deal of comment centers on the widespread confusion that led to the reorganization. Those familiar with the situation agree that in the past the entire defense picture has been needlessly muddled. To substantiate their story they point to numerous examples.

The manner in which various government agencies compete with each other for available supplies of raw materials furnishes them with a case in point. While they admit that proof is hard to obtain, they have a strong suspicion that some departments are buying larger quantities of strategic materials like copper and steel than they can actually use. This does them little immediate good, and it frequently works a hardship on many private industries who are unable to obtain

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Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

The Retort Courteous

By IRVIN S. COBB

AS GEORGE ADE used to tell the story, there was once a boy who grew up in the village of Weeping Willow, Nebraska, with the persistent idea in his head that railroading offered the best career for an ambitious and energetic youth. When he was eighteen his opportunity came. He got a job as helper to the local station agent, at forty dollars a month.



Years passed. The youth was a youth no longer; he was nearing his fortieth birthday but still he served the railroad, at Weeping Willow. So well and so truly had he served it that step by step, the management had widened the scope of his duties until now he was the entire resident staff of the great transcontinental system which passed through Weeping Willow. He was station agent, dispatcher, ticket-seller, train-caller, express-agent, baggage-handler, janitor and porter, all rolled into one. As a further mark of the esteem in which it held him and of the confidence it reposed in him, the railroad had never seen fit to reduce his wages by a single penny. He still drew down his forty a month just as regularly as pay-day came around.

Yet there were people in Weeping Willow who could not understand why it was that holding so many responsible positions and receiving so steady an income the man should sometimes show signs of broodiness and irritation verging upon outright melancholy. But such was the case. At times his peevishness was most marked.

One broiling July day as he sat with the perspiration coursing down his nose and his black calico sleeve protectors growing damp and soggy upon his wrists the local Baptist minister, whom he disliked excessively, poked his head through the ticket window and in his best pulpit voice said:

"Brother, what tidings of the noon train?"

Without lifting his head the dripping misanthrope made answer:

"Not a god darn tidings!" he said.