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State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—National—

Thomaston, Ga., Mar. 31.—J. D. Hayes called on John Meir of Gainesville, Ga., and [illegible] with burning cut hands and feet and a very black eye.

Meir explained he was getting ready for bed and turned the electric bulb to cut off the light, but the bulb fell from the socket. In grabbing for the bulb he broke it against the bedpost, cutting his hands. Groping for a match to make a light, he stepped on the broken glass. When he stooped to remove the pieces from his injured feet, he struck his eye on a chair post.

London, Mar. 31.—Exchange Telegraph reported today that the Finnish Army has lost more than 200,000 officers and men in eight months of war.

Washington, Mar. 31.—The U. S. Supreme Court agreed today to review the conviction of O. B. Williams and Lillian Hendrix on charges of bigamy in Caldwell county, North Carolina. The case came up on appeal from the North Carolina Supreme Court.

LaFayette, Ind., Mar. 31.—The jury that convicted Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Leslie of assault and battery said they ought to be locked up for whipping a school teacher who scolded their son.

The verdict, read last night in a crowded but quiet courtroom, recommended that each be fined $200 and imprisoned 30 days for the beating given prim and pretty Constance M. Davis, 33, in her fifth-grade room at Longlois school February 27.

San Francisco, Mar. 31.—The Army today ordered 3,000 Japanese residents of the strategic Los Angeles harbor district to vacate by noon, Pacific War Time, April 5.

They must evacuate two prescribed zones there and go to the new assembly center at the Santa Anita race track, pending their removal.

This movement will bring to more than 5,000 the total of Japanese — citizens and aliens alike — cleared from the Los Angeles area.

The Army previously ordered all persons of Japanese ancestry cleared from Bainbridge Islands, opposite the big Bremerton Navy Yard in Puget Sound.

Washington, Mar. 31.—The threat of a libel suit faced Chairman Dies, Dem., Texas, of the House Committee on UnAmerican activities today as a result of his charges that "at least 35 high officials" of the Board of Economic Warfare had been affiliated with Communist - front organizations.

—Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps—

—State—

Fort Bragg, Mar. 31.—Official announcement was made today thru Colonel John T. Kennedy, commanding officer of Fort Bragg, of the transfer of the Sixth Tank Destroyer Battalion from Fort Benning, Ga., to Fort Bragg.

This battalion which is under the command of Lt. Colonel B. G. [illegible] the Infantry is the third such outfit to be at Fort Bragg.

Gaffney, S. C., Mar. 31.—Theft of a quantity of oil, soft drinks, cigarettes, candy and chewing gum from a service station and more soft drinks from a bottling plant during the week end was reported yesterday by City Police Chief C. [illegible] Byars.

Chester, S. C., Mar. 31.—State Officer B. Frank Wilkes this morning announced the finding of two stills in lower Union County last night, one a 120 gallon capacity. Here 800 gallons of mash and 30 gallons of whisky were found.

Raleigh, Mar. 31.—Following the escape of 13 prisoners from the Catawba County Prison Camp, one of the biggest mass escapes of recent years, two prison guards were discharged today for gross negligence.

Prison Director Oscar Pitts said that the bars to a window of one of the camp's two cell blocks were sawed out and the thirteen prisoners escaped thru the window. Every prisoner in the block could have escaped. Pitts said, but several of them apparently decided not to make the attempt.

Albemarle, Mar. 31.—The recently abandoned CCC Camp at Morrow Mountain State Park may be used as a training place for U. S. soldiers, according to a message received here from Congressman R. L. Doughton.

Mr. Doughton stated that he will bring to the attention of the War Department this week the availability and facilities of the camp.

Gaffney, S. C., Mar. 31.—Fire believed to have originated from a defective heating stove flue destroyed Grassy Pond Grammar School near here yesterday afternoon with a loss of approximately $4,000. Most of the damage was covered by insurance, Supt. of Education O. M. Mullinax reported.

The flames broke out in the roof, city firemen who answered an alarm to the scene reported. The department arrived too late to be of any help in saving the building but prevented the flames from spreading to nearby barns and woods.

—Buy Defense Stamps And Bonds—

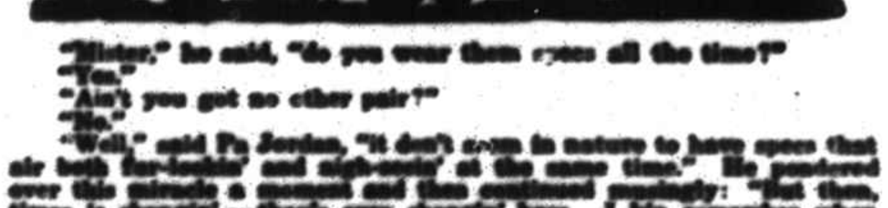
Laughing Around the World
With IRVIN S. COBB

The Reward of an Expert

By IRVIN S. COBB

IN THAT section of West Virginia which is mainly standing on end lived a mountain preacher known as Pa Jordan, who had never stirred from his native hills. In the fall, word came to Pa Jordan, that a party of Northern men were stopping at a nearby cabin, so that evening he put on his shoes and went over to call on the "furriners" who were spying out coal lands.

As they sat about the log fire Pa Jordan noticed that one of the strangers was wearing glasses and that he used them for reading as well as for other purposes.



"Mister," he said, "do you wear them specs all the time?"

"Yes."

"Ain't you got no other pair?"

"No."

"Well," said Pa Jordan, "it don't seem in nature to have specs that air both far-lookin' and nigh-seein' at the same time." He pondered over this miracle a moment and then continued musingly: "But then, times is changin'—they's sure changin' here. I kin remember when you could git a man to work for you for four bits a day. Now they won't take less 'n a dollar and six'n."

One of the party was a famous mining-expert, who had been retained to examine and report on certain coal veins at the rate of a hundred dollars a day and his expenses. The man who owned the marvelous glasses pointed to the expert.

"This man gets more than a dollar and a half a day," he said.

"How much do you git, Mister?" asked Pa Jordan, turning to him.

"Well," said the expert, "sometimes I get as much as three dollars a day."

"For doin' what?"

"For going 'round and looking at these coal prospects and measuring them."

"You git three dollars a day just for lookin' at them here coal banks?"

"Yes."

"Well," said Pa Jordan, "all I got to say is that to earn that much money you must work far into the night."

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Easter Sunrise Service At Lutheran Church

The public is cordially invited to the Easter Sunrise Service to be held Sunday morning at 7:00 A. M. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. The following program has been released by Rev. H. G. Fisher:

Declaration of Risen Christ—Pastor.

1st Response — The Trumpeteers.
2nd Declaration.
2nd Response—The Senior Choir.
3rd Declaration.
3rd Response—The Young People's Choir. 4th Declaration.
4th Response—The Processional with Organ and Choirs.
Matin Service with responses.
Hymn 112 (Congregation Standing).
Psalm No. 150.
Gloria Patri.
Scripture Lesson.
Anthem—By Young People's choir.
The Message—By the Pastor.
Anthem—By the Senior Choir.
Recessional Hymn 109.
Benediction — Amen.

P. O. RECEIPTS BREAKS RECORD

Business at the Kings Mountain Post Office is humming according to W. E. Blakely, Postmaster, who stated that receipts for stamps, C. O. D.'s and Money Orders had broken all records in the history of the local office for the first quarter of the year and for each of the three months. "We are doing more business than we ever have" said the Postmaster.

Mr. Blakely also stated that the sales of Defense Bonds and Stamps were exceedingly good.

High School Wins Triangular Debates

The local high school debating team defeated the Mooresville and Newton teams Friday March 27 in the annual triangular debate which is sponsored each year by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina. This is the first time in several years that Kings Mountain has won both the negative and the affirmative sides of the query and has thus been entitled to go to Chapel Hill to enter the final state-wide contest.

The state contest this year is to be held April 16 and 17. If arrangements for transportation can be satisfactorily made the local teams will probably attend.

The debate query this year is Resolved: That Union of Western Hemisphere Nations should be established.

Harvey Laughter and James Throneburg, members of the team which defeated Mooresville, are defending the affirmative and Charles Moss and Eugene Mathis, on the team which defeated Newton, are defending the negative. Mrs. Charlotte M. Shuford, of the High School English Department, is coaching the teams.

Editor Lynch Talks To Park-Grace P. T. A.

Haywood E. Lynch, Editor of The Herald, made a talk Wednesday afternoon to members of the Park-Grace Parent-Teacher Association. Mr. Lynch discussed how the average citizen could contribute in winning the war, and the importance of the parent-teacher associations in developing the young folks of today into the leaders of tomorrow.

Mrs. Carl Davidson's class won the use of the American Flag by having the largest number of parents present. The highlight of the meeting was the concert rendered by the Rythm Band. Mrs. Aubrey Clay had charge of the program and Mrs. Paul Mauney, President, presided during the business session.

School To Observe Two Days For Easter

The Kings Mountain Schools will be closed two days for Easter, according to J. E. Honeycutt, Principal. Children will be allowed Friday and Monday off which will mean a vacation from Thursday afternoon until the following Tuesday morning.

Girls To Entertain Kiwanians

Six Girls from the Kings Mountain High School will entertain members of the Kiwanis Club at their regular weekly meeting this evening at 7:00 o'clock in the Woman's Club building. The program has been arranged by the Boys and Girls Committee of the Club, which is composed of Chairman Glee Bridges, W. L. Ramsey, L. P. Baker, Fuller [illegible], and Hubert Webb.

The young ladies and their parts are as follows: Vocal Solo, Betty Waterson; Reading, Vivian Prince; Vocal Solo, Florence [illegible]; Piano, Louise Wright; Vocal Solo, Nancy Dellinger, and Vocal Solo by Arla Mae Weathers.

April Tire Quota Announced

The quota of tires and tubes to be alloted by the local Rationing Board during the month of April for passenger cars has been set at 6 tires, 5 tubes, 11 retreads and for Trucks 16 tires, 14 tubes, [illegible] retreads. An effort is being made by the local Rationing Board to secure an increase in the [illegible] allotment for trucks as Kings Mountain is a center for firms using a large number of trucks.

Permits have been issued to the following to secure tires and tubes:

Junius Haywood, Common Carrier, 2 truck tires, 2 truck tubes.

Rowland Bros. Motor Co., for transportation supplies to army projects, 8 truck tires, 7 truck tubes.

J. A. Champion, Farmer, 1 truck tire, 1 truck tube.

Kings Mountain Ice and Coal, for fuel transportation, 4 truck tires, 4 truck tubes.

A. G. Sargeant, Minister, 2 passenger tires, 2 passenger tubes.

P. P. Beattie, Farmer, 1 truck tire, 1 truck tube.

Warlick Trucking Co., Common Carrier, 3 truck tires and tubes.

Grady King, Fire Chief, 4 passenger tires.

"Blackberry Winter" Little Theatre Production

Rehearsals are under way for the next production to be staged by members of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, under the direction of Miss Mary Frances Hord. "Blackberry Winter," a three-acre Comedy drama, by Hubert Hayes will be presented in the High School Auditorium on the evening of April 23rd.

Admission will be 20c and 40c; reserved seats 25c and 50c. There are two reasons for the advance in price: the royalty is higher than that on plays given heretofore and there is an amusement tax. Little Theatre members are working constantly to improve themselves and raise the standard of the plays given, so they feel that the theatre-going public will understand and approve of the higher admission price.

Here is a brief synopsis of "Blackberry Winter": Wanda, a poor Southern girl, is working here way thru her last year of college, doing housework in the home of a classmate and has fallen in love with Alvin, the adopted son of the family. Her mother comes to town, bringing Wanda's younger sister, for Wanda to keep from then on. With her sister to keep, she can hardly marry Alvin. Then it seems [illegible] certain she can never marry Alvin, for the little sister brings information that seems to prove that Alvin and Wanda have the same mother. Alvin returns from trying to solve the mystery in time to see Wanda win the honors due her, and everything ends happily with the spell of old Blackberry Winter broken.

Plan now to attend this outstanding attraction. Light refreshments will be served at intermission.

Graduating Class To Present 'Mountain Mumps'

Have you ever had the mumps? If you have it, you felt perfectly miserable, of course. But its dollars to doughnuts you have never had the Himalaya Mountain Mumps. If you will attend the production of the play to be presented at Central School by the Senior Class on April 14, you will witness the most astounding as well as humorous course of events imaginable, all brought about through this imported brand of mumps. They make enemies love each other — extract gold from a desert waste — bring about the realization of the most glamorous dreams — raise people from obscurity to social prominence — cure madness — in fact this simple Mountain Mumps achieves the most impossible feats ever conjured by a magician. You will laugh till the tears roll down your cheeks. You will sit on the edge of your chair in thrilling suspense. And please do not think that you are going to witness a hodge-podge built for laughing purposes only. There is romance, adventure and surprise for the young and old. Do not wait to be last to purchase a ticket for this splendid play or you will be the first to regret it. Find a senior and buy a ticket now!

FATHER OF LOCAL MAN DIES

Final rites for Charles Henry Curry, 63, father of Lee Curry of Kings Mountain, who died Saturday at 10 p. m. at his home in Shelby, following a lengthy illness were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Central Methodist church in Shelby.

The Rev. George B. Clemmer conducted the funeral service. He was assisted by Rev. W. A. Hine. Interment followed at Sunset cemetery.

Pearl Fulton Contest Scheduled

The Pearl Fulton Reading Contest will be held at Kings Mountain High School next Tuesday, April 7. Three contestants from a field of six will be selected in a preliminary today to take part in the finals. The final contest will be held in the auditorium between [illegible] and 11 [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] Bobby Jackson [illegible] [illegible] The Nightingale and [illegible] Peggy Morris [illegible] Jane Ware [illegible] Jean Dellinger [illegible] Jeanne Griffin will give a reading [illegible] Seventeen.

Each year a medal is given to the winning contestant by the Fulton family in memory of Miss Pearl Fulton, a former teacher of Kings Mountain.

Also scheduled is the Forensic contest which will be held April 10. On this day Kings Mountain will play host to the contestants from the various schools.

Married Men To Be Called

State Selective Service headquarters in a letter to all local draft boards, asserted that "the time has now come when married men whose wives are self-supporting will have to be called into military service."

The letter, which clarified an earlier order, made it apparent that dependency would no longer be a blanket excuse for deferment.

Draft officials said an earlier order had stated that the criterion to be used in determining dependency in cases where the wife worked was "whether the wife will suffer a material reduction in the normal standard of living."

This has been found to be too elastic, and the new criterion is simply "whether the wife is self-supporting."

"If the wife has been working but has given up such employment within the past year, it is felt that the local board might properly investigate the prospects of the wife again beginning to work," the letter said.

Local boards should complete their original classifications and utilize 1-A men of the first and second registrations before calling persons who were originally classified as 3-A, the order said.

Persons in 3-A who have children or whose wives are expecting babies should not at this time be reclassified as 1-A, the letter added.

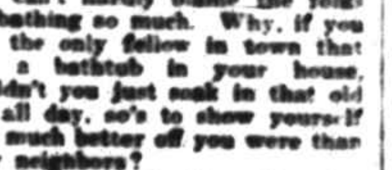
BANK CLOSED MONDAY

The First National Bank will be closed Monday, April 6th, in observance of Easter Monday, which is a legal holiday.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

OUT where I live, in California people spend a good deal of time bathing. It's not because they're so dirty, either. They just bathe and bathe and bathe in the ocean water along the beaches, to kinda help themselves to appreciate the climate. There's a lot of fun to be got out of bathing thoroughly in the sea water, right out in the open, when folks in most of the United States have to stay indoors most all day to keep warm.



You can't hardly blame the folks for bathing so much. Why, if you was the only fellow in town that had a bathtub in your house, wouldn't you just soak in that old tub all day, so's to show yourself how much better off you were than your neighbors?

Well, some places along the coast the bathing beauties are pretty free to wear whatever is becoming to them, and it seems that most of them is so modest that they think there's very little that becomes them, so they wear that. And it was at one of these beaches that a young fellow in a kind of a smallish bathing suit come along and met one of these girls that was wearing a mighty select bit of very becoming stuff, made up economical-like, and she looked fine and the gay dog made to her kinda smiling-like, as if he would have said that the two of them had something the same tastes. She gets on her dignity then, not having anything else at hand to put on, and she says:

"Trot along, trot along! I don't know you from Adam; what do you speak to me for?"

And the smart-aleck comes back at her:

"That's just who I am, and I thought you'd know me from Eve!"

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Commissioners To Run Again

Cleveland county's three commissioners entered their bid for election by filing formally their candidacies with the newly-appointed county board of elections.

Max Washburn of Shelby, Rev. A. Bridges of Kings Mountain, [illegible] D. Lee Dixon of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Kistler [illegible] candidacies for renomination in the Democratic [illegible] May [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] commissioners.

Chairman Kistler turned over to County Treasurer Charles Dedmon the $15 filing fee.

Mr. Kistler is chairman of the board. Ray E. Brown is secretary-treasurer and G. V. Hawkins the last named being the newly-appointed Republican member.

J. W. Osborne, who has been solicitor for the past four years, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Osborne stated that he planned to devote his entire time to the private practice of law at the completion of his present term.

Kings Mountain Man Dies In Gaston

Funeral services were held Sunday for M. Buck Yates, age 65, who died in Gastonia Friday evening. Mr. Yates was born in Cabarrus county but had lived in Gastonia for 20 years. He was a member of the Kings Mountain Methodist church and the body was buried in Mountain Rest cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Surviving are his wife, Dona Yates and the following children: Mrs. Harmon Weaver, J. P. Yates of South Gastonia, Henry Yates of Gastonia route 1, Mrs. Jimmy Auten, Gastonia, Mrs. Marshall Clanton of Bessemer City, Mrs. Sam Styers, Miss Mary and Jack Yates at home; one brother, Zeurah Yates of Kings Mountain.

Farmers Father And Son Banquet At Beth-Ware

Father and son banquet of Future Farmers of America will be held tomorrow (Friday) night at Beth-Ware School at [illegible] o'clock. Hon. O. M. Mull will address the group of youthful and adult farmers. Charles [illegible] will serve as toastmaster for the occasion.

J. E. Vickery, teacher of Agriculture, has made arrangements for the gala affair and plans are being made for approximately [illegible] to attend.

LOCAL MAN ON BATAAN PENINSULA

Clyde Huffstickler, Master Sergeant under General Wainright in the Philippines, has been promoted to first lieutenant. Mr. Huffstickler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huffstickler and has been in the Army for 28 years. His wife and three children live on Brice street.

Washington Snapshots
by JAMES PRESTON

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

A couple of the Washington newspaper correspondents were talking about the war the other day — nothing specific — just the mess we're in, as one of them put it.

After some lamenting, some dragging over the coals and lots of theories about whats wrong, one of the boys with his ear to the ground picked up a well-known Washington daily.

News was depressing ... had to be a Pollyanna about, everyone had to admit. But there were bright spots ... "straws in the wind" our friend called them. Here are a few he found in that one paper.

An expanded program of aluminum production was announced by William L. Batt, head of the materials division of the War Production Board. The program is scheduled to reach an annual production of more than 2,500,000,000 pounds — enough aluminum to build 60,000 airplanes this year and 125,000 planes next year....

Within a single year one of the nation's small-arms manufacturers is scheduling production so that it can turn out more small arms ammunition than was produced by all manufacturers in the United States throughout the four years of the World War.

A large automobile company, converted to the production of war materials [illegible]

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