

Merry Christmas

Population
 Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
 City Limits 8,465

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1970, and includes the 14,850 population of number 4 Township, and two remaining 6.124 from number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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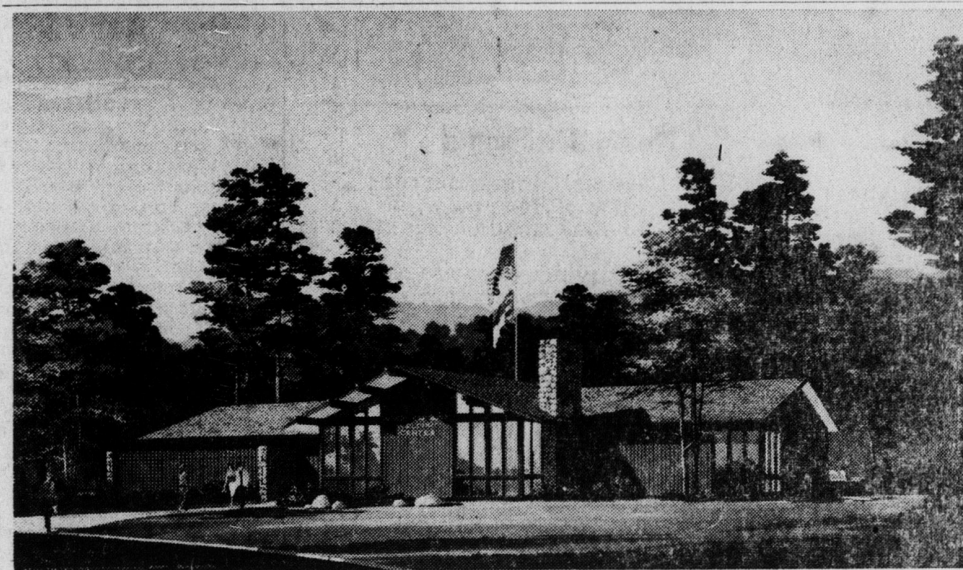
Industry Holidays Underway; City Readies For Season



NATIVITY SCENE — The five young people, pictured above, are active in JOY, Jesus Others, and You, an interdenominational group which meets each Tuesday at 7:30 and each Saturday at 4 p.m. This scene will be repeated in various churches of the community this week in programs planned to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. From left to right: Steve Greene as a wise man, David Parker as Joseph, Debbie Thompson, on burro, as Mary; Scott Rhea and Conrad Hughes, far right, as wisemen. At least four Kings Mountain churches plan Christmas Eve candlelight and communion services with three planning 11 p.m. rites (Herald Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Citizens Busy Completing Christmas Plans

Kings Mountain area citizens are making final preparations for observing Christmas. The final preparations will include a variety of activities. Last-minute shopping is expected to be brisk. Merchants prepared for busy pre-Christmas sales days Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Stores will be open until 8:30 p.m. each evening, closing at the usual Saturday hour at 6. Many are already enjoying Christmas holidays. Schools suspended Tuesday and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2. Most college students are home or will arrive today. Many industrial firms will cease operations today, tomorrow or Friday for a long holiday. Religious celebrations will claim the interest and participation of a major segment of the community since Christmas Eve is on Sunday. Majority of citizens plan traditional Christmas Day celebrations, either visiting or entertaining at family gatherings here and away. Bright-eyed children have the look of anticipation. The annual visit of Santa Claus is finally at hand. Christmas Day will be a holiday for virtually everyone, excepting service stations. The postoffice, as usual is a busy place, but postal officials said many citizens have been "mailing early" and they stated appreciation to postal patrons.



NEW WELCOME CENTER DEDICATED — Governor Robert W. Scott, in his next to the last public appearance as Governor of this state, formally dedicated the state's fourth Welcome Center on Grover road just outside Kings Mountain Thursday morning. In addition to providing rest facilities and literature, the center will be staffed by hostesses who will assist travelers in planning itineraries, including a local woman, Mrs. Amos Dean. Travel is the state's third largest industry and tourists to Variety Vacationland are expected to reach 44 million this year.

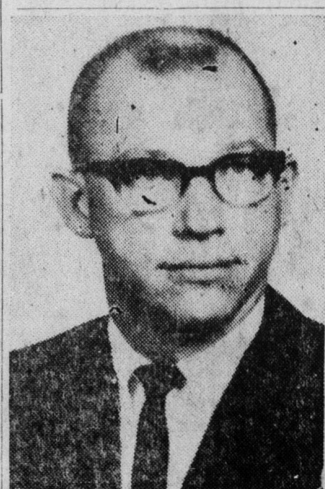
Many Firms Schedule Holiday Pay

Kings Mountain industrial employees could look forward this week to Christmas holidays and some could anticipate some extra Christmas cash in the form of Christmas checks. Holidays will vary from three to 10 days, most beginning today or tomorrow. Some firms will write Christmas checks to employees of five years or more service to receive four percent of earnings and employees with less service to two percent of earnings. Some employers will present gifts to employees in the form of gift certificates, turkeys or hams. Several firms are planning or have held Christmas parties in the plant for employees and their families. Longest holiday will be observed by employees of Oxford Industries who announce the plant will close at 3:30 p.m. Friday, reopening at 7 a.m. on January 2. Christmas gifts will be presented to all employees, said a spokesman. Kinder Manufacturing Company employees will also enjoy a long holiday, closing on December 22 and reopening on January 2. Bonuses and gift certificates will be presented. The traditional plant party will be held on Friday. Mauney Hosiery Mills will suspend operations for the holidays on Friday at 5 p.m., reopening on January 2. Bonuses will be paid to employees and the annual plant party will be held Thursday night at the Elks club in Shelby. Employees of Carolina Throwing Company will enjoy a vacation from Thursday until December 28th. Bonuses will be paid and a plant party will be held on Thursday at the Elks club in Shelby. Mauney Mills will suspend operations on Friday, reopening on January 2, and will make vacation payments based on length of service. K Mills will close for the holidays on Friday night, reopening Tuesday. Gift certificates will be presented. EVD Textiles will suspend operations for the holidays Friday at 10 p.m., reopening Wednesday, Dec. 27th, at 6 a.m. Vacation payments will be made based on length of service. The plant treated 500 children of employees at a Christmas party Saturday at the Community Center. Santa Claus distributed treats and gifts to the youngsters. Duplex Shannon will close for the holidays Friday at 7 a.m., reopening at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26. Bonuses will be paid employees. The annual mill party was held in the plant yesterday. Park Yarn Mills will close at 7 a.m. Friday, reopening at 7 a.m. December 28th. Minette Mills of Grover will be closed from 10 p.m. Dec. 22 until 10 p.m. Dec. 26th. Bonuses will be paid. Kings Mill will observe the

Christmas Story By St. Luke

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, into the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

Christmas Rites Set By Churches



PRESIDENT — Dr. Sam Robinson has been elected president of the medical staff of Kings Mountain hospital for the coming year.

Medical Staff Taps Robinson

Dr. Sam L. Robinson, Kings Mountain surgeon, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain hospital medical staff. Other new officers will include Dr. Joe Lee, III, president-elect; and Dr. Charles H. Adams, secretary-treasurer. The officers were elected Friday at the annual meeting and will assume office January 1.

Church Party Tonight At 7

Sunday School Christmas party will be held Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian church. Santa Claus will distribute treats around a lighted tree in the church fellowship hall.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The play, "The Gates of Christmas" will be presented at Westover Baptist church Sunday, December 24 at 7:00. After the play gifts will be given out to the children. All are welcome.

Three Services Are Scheduled Christmas Eve

Kings Mountain churches will hold Christmas Eve morning worship services on Sunday and at least four churches plan Christmas Eve musical services in the evening. First Presbyterian church will hold the traditional 11 p.m. service as will St. Matthew's Lutheran and Resurrection Lutheran churches at 11 p.m. Boyce Memorial ARP church has scheduled a 7 p.m. candlelight service. Music by the Chancel Choir and the service of Holy Communion will feature the First Presbyterian service. The congregation will participate in responsive readings and the choir under the direction of Mrs. Darrell Austin will sing "Sleep Holy Child." A traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will climax the Christmas Season at Resurrection Lutheran church, Crescent Hill Road at Hawthorne Lane. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11 p.m. service. Mr and Mrs. Miles Mauney of Oberlin, Ohio, will provide a piano-violin concert of Christmas music beginning at 10:45 p.m. The church choir, under the direction of Donald Deal, will sing "Three Noels". Misses Sharon Plonk and Lou Bryant and John Deal will provide Flute and French Horn accompaniment for a Choral Anthem. The youth of the church have designed and made banners which will be a part of the Christmas Procession. Members of the community are invited to share in this celebration of the Birth of the Christ on Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. The sanctuary lights dim, organ chimes sound, lighted tapers break the darkness as "The Most Beautiful Story" comes to life with the voices of the Cherub, Carol, and Chancel Choirs echoing the songs of Christmas. The worshippers settle down to the 45 minute presentation, a unique method of presenting the timeless salvation story, dressed up to fit the season. Old and new songs of Christmas are sung and dramatic scripture readings are

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East Side Play Tonight At 7:30

"Ethratath of Bethlehem" will be presented at East Side Baptist church Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the Christmas play.

Ray Tessener's Rites Thursday

Ray Tessener, 64, retired Grover service station operator, died Tuesday morning at 10:45 a.m. in Charlotte Memorial hospital after illness of several months. Funeral rites will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Grover's First Baptist church of which he was a member. Rev. Paul Millwood, assisted by Rev. N. G. Lemmons, will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in Cleveland Memorial Park at Shelby. The family will receive friends at Harris Funeral Home Wednesday night from 7 until 9 p.m. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Mr. Tessener, a native of Cleveland County, was the son of the late William and Cleo Connor Tessener. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nettie Crawford Tessener; one son, Kenneth Tessener; of Grover; one daughter, Mrs. Willie Greene of Grover; two brothers, Fay Tessener of Grover and Frank Tessener of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Parry J. Campbell of Saginaw, Michigan. Also surviving are four grandchildren.

Family Of Eight Lose Everything As Fire Destroys Home Tuesday

A mother and her seven children lost their home and all their belongings in a fire which razed their four-room home off Cherryville road yesterday afternoon about 2 p.m. Cause of the fire was undetermined. The Negro woman, Mrs. Rosa Lee Bess, was at work as a maid at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Smith when the fire occurred. The children were at the home of their grandmother. Only clothes the family own

Tractor Truck And Steel Cargo Stolen Here

Local police and FBI officials are searching for the person or persons who stole a tractor truck and 27,000 pounds of steel last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning from the parking lot of the Royal Villa Motor Inn in Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain police gave this account of the incident: John Thomas of Atlanta was the driver of a 1972 Mack truck which was making a steel delivery to Charlotte last Wednesday. Thomas arrived at the Royal Villa at 6 p.m. for a night stopover. Thomas locked the truck, which was owned by W. T. Mayfield of Atlanta. When he returned to the parking lot on Thursday at 9 a.m., the truck was gone. Lt. David Corn, assigned to the case by the Kings Mountain Police Dept. said entry was made by breaking a glass. Value of the truck and steel was estimated at \$75,000.

Youth Program Set Sunday

Youth of Grace United Methodist church have set the annual Christmas program for Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. A Christmas tree and a visit of Santa Claus with treats will be featured in the festivities. Young people will have charge of the program.

New Members To Be Received

Five members of the Communicants class of First Presbyterian church will be received into the church at Sunday morning worship services. They are William Thomas Grissom, Anthony Hardy Keller, David Scott Rhea, Christopher Todd Smith and Ann Arthur Thomasson.

Church Choir To Give Play

The choir of Dixon Presbyterian church will present the Christmas play and candlelighting service, "Christmas Is A Miracle," at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night at the church. Glenn Rountree will direct the choir and Miss Beverly Stewart will be pianist.

Members of the play cast are Kathy Stewart as the newsboy who is looking for a home on Christmas Eve; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stewart as the kind couple who take her in; Scott Wells and Trudy Childers as the Christmas shoppers; and George Sellers Jr. as the kind gentleman who befriends the newsboy. Also appearing in the program are Carveth Wells as the soldier; Mrs. David Hughes as the nurse; Mrs. George Sellers and Mrs. Thomas Humphries as the missionaries; and Mrs. Garveth Wells as the young American girl. Rev. Robert Wilson will lead the candlelighting service at the close of the program. Santa Claus will pay a visit and distribute treats in the church fellowship hall after the program.

Yule Events At Oak Grove

The Oak Grove Baptist church will have its annual Christmas Treat Service on Wednesday, December 20, at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Jimmy Champion and Walter Desowitz Vess Jr. will give a slide presentation of "Good News of Great Joy." The church choir will present the Christmas cantata "The Night the Angels Sang" by John W. Peterson on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship hour, on December 24th. Solo voices will be Paul Farris, Thomas Hinton and Betty Ware.

\$2.5 Million Bond Issue Is Approved

Kings Mountain District Schools superintendent Don Jones said today that construction of a new junior high school and an auditorium at Kings Mountain high school will probably begin next July or August. Voters of the district Saturday approved \$2.5 million in bonds, overwhelmingly by better than a two to one margin. Eight hundred and 44 voted in favor of the bond while 370 voted against.

Jones said school officials have already begun preliminary work but added that "we don't want to rush into things." Jones noted that he is currently talking with the school board and faculty members to see what kind of curriculum the new junior high will need.

"We pretty well know," Jones said, "but we need to involve the ninth grade faculty. The outcome will determine what kind of building we'll plan." Jones said current plans call for a plant similar to Kings Mountain High School which would house 900 students. "That will give us some flexibility," Jones said. The new school will be built adjacent to the present high school plant on an 86-acre tract of land. The football and baseball fields and tennis courts at KMHS will separate the two schools. Jones said school officials want to begin as quickly as possible "because cost is constantly rising. But we don't want to go too fast and forget the program. We want this to be in the best interest of the community."

Jones said plans are to let bids on both the junior high and auditorium at the same time. "If we can get all the projects to go to bid at the same time we can get some of the larger building contractors," he said. Goal for completion is the 1973-74 school year. "If we can get construction started by August, we can do it," said Jones. "It usually takes about a year. But here again, we don't want to rush." Jones noted that if the school can't be opened at the beginning of the 1973-74 school year, maybe a late opening, perhaps after the Christmas vacation, would be possible. Passage of the bonds last Saturday

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Mrs. Peeler's Mother Passes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Frances Miller Peeler, 97, of Greer, S. C., mother of Mrs. B. S. Peeler of Kings Mountain, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Wood Mortuary of Greer, S. C., interment following in Mountain View cemetery. Rev. Richard Blocker of Greer, assisted by Rev. P. H. Waugh of Central Methodist church here, officiated at the final rites. Mrs. Peeler died Saturday morning at 3:35 a.m. after declining health for some time. She was widow of Charles W. Peeler and daughter of the late John and Mary Miller. Other survivors include three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.