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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS Follow Safety Rules

Traffic accidents continue to take a heavy toll of life and limb.

Several rules are listed for motorists to follow if they wish to avoid accidents.

They include: regular maintenance of automobiles in tip-top condition; strict observance of the rules of the road; and sharp attention to the actions of the fellow in the approaching car.

An automobile accident can quickly turn a joyous holiday trip into a tragedy.

Each time a person rides in a car he risks death or injury. As cars get smaller, the risk associated with each accident becomes greater.

"This risk can be cut in half if all passengers

would use a simple device included in all late model vehicles - the seat belt," according to Ed Guy, coordinator of the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

All cars are required to be built with protection for the passenger compartment. A visit to a junk yard will graphically demonstrate that in only the most severe crashes does the passenger compartment collapse.

"This protection is useless if the motorist is free to collide with the inside of the car, or worse yet, be ejected from the passenger compartment," Guy said.

Do Shopping At Home

It's not long til Christmas ...

Already those who customarily wait until the last minute to make up and fill a Christmas list are envying a number of wise citizens who start to work early and avoid last minute rushes.

For Christmas is only 23 days away and only 22 shopping days away.

This week is the formal opening in Kings Mountain of the Christmas shopping season. It means, in addition to the big parade which was held this year for the first time on the Sabbath - the most recent Sunday - and, as always, delighted the young folk who had their first glimpse this season of the jolly ole man from the North Pole, Santa Claus.

Kings Mountain merchants are decorating their stores, and the city has been putting up the traditional greens and decoration on downtown streets as well as installing the Season's Greetings signs at entrances to the city.

Local merchants have stocked their shelves with Christmas goods, both old stand-bys and new products designed to please one and all.

The Herald urges Kings Mountain citizens to shop at home this Christmas season. Kings Mountain merchants have improved their facilities and have invested in a wider and widening variety of goods which means that almost anyone can find about anything he wants right at home. From the standpoint of convenience, there should be no comparison and our guess is that most local merchants price their goods lower than do some of the firms of larger cities, where rents, taxes, and other costs are higher. Dollars spent with local merchants stay at home to be put to local use.

The fact of community support still remains, and local stores now hold equal place with their big city neighbors in variety and quality of merchandise offered.

Five Girls For Every Two Boys!

Man may feel he needs more women like he needs a third head, but they're coming up. A couple of predictors have said that the day will dawn when there will be five women to every two men.

At Davidson College, which used to be an all male school, the ratio now is three men to every woman, according to a young friend of mine, Beth Clore, daughter of our pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Graham Wood. Beth was at home to spend the Thanksgiving holidays.

Statistics already tell us there are more women than men in the United States and women voters far outnumber the male voters at the polls. The reasons are what men have contended all along that men work harder and anyway, the female is the stronger sex. Or, as one writer once put it, "after a lifetime of struggle the man just wears out faster."

At this rate, the gals could be expected to take over the world any year now, except for one thing: Women are too smart to tackle such a horrendous job.

But back to the subject.

Thanksgiving is one of the nation's more wholesome celebrations.

Some say the custom originated in Virginia, where these earlier colonists gave public thanks for having been successful in putting down an Indian uprising, though the historians generally credit the New England Pilgrims with founding the obser-



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vance as an expression of thanks for a bountiful harvest and freedom from Indian onslaughts.

It's origination makes little difference.

But the annual celebration is a good reminder that almost everyone has much for which to be thankful.

Some have difficulty in seeing the pluses, being involved in worry or discontent over the minutes, but the pluses are usually there, as the Thanksgiving-Eve speaker, the Rev. J.C. Goare, reminded us at the community-wide observance at First Presbyterian Church last week, which drew one of the largest crowds in many years to a community wide Thanksgiving service.

With Thanksgiving last Thursday, Santa Claus in town Sunday, it's hard to believe that today is Dec. 2 and Christmas is just around the corner. I'll be doing my Christmas shopping again this year on Christmas Eve.



Powder Puff Football Action ...

Powder Puff Game Held

The Powder Puff football game, sponsored by the KMSH Beta Club, was held at the John Gamble Stadium Tuesday, Nov. 25. The senior girls won the game 18-14.

The Art Club went to the Southern Living Christmas Show Thursday, Nov. 20, to observe working artists and craftsmen. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Diane Harper.

The Science Club visited York County Museum Friday, Nov. 21. Phil Bryson sponsored the attending members who toured the museum and saw a Planetarium Show.

Five KMSHS Beta Representatives and Club sponsor Mrs. Carolyn McWhirter attended the Beta Club Convention at Shelby High School last Friday. Attendees were Kim Dixon, Barry Morrow, Jeff Ward, Bob Smith and Janice Scoggins.

The FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) met recently for the discussion of business courses in college. A former member of the club, Donna Caveny, spoke to the club members.

Richie Land and Lee Neisler



KMHS News
By
JANICE SCOGGINS

went to Greensboro for the Muscular Dystrophy State Convention where Kings Mountain Senior High was recognized as one of the leading schools for Muscular Dystrophy Fund drives. Convention attendees selected an American Indian who is confined to a wheelchair as their poster child, and discussed a variety of fund-raising projects.

The Mountaineer Staff sponsored a Suggestion-and-Complaint Box last week. Responses were printed in the Thanksgiving edition of **The Mountaineer** which was sold Wednesday. The editor of **The Mountaineer** is Janet Homesley, and Mrs. Susan Patterson and Mrs. Mary Taylor sponsor the Journalism staff.

Bob Taylor, Respiratory Therapist from Kings Mountain Hospital, visited the Biology II class recently and demonstrated and explained various types of respiratory equipment.

The Senior Class met Tuesday, Nov. 25, during second period. Class President Jane Hambright conducted the meeting where senior privileges, the Bloodmobile on Dec. 3, pep rallies, the treasury, school dances, and the senior class play were discussed.

The Beta Club met briefly Tuesday night for the discussion of a Christmas project. Raising money and collecting canned goods for a needy family were suggested. The December Beta meeting was changed to Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

James Allender, a KMHS sophomore, refurbished the Mountie painting in the main hall last week.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), sponsored by Mrs. Allison, has established a Mountie Tradin' Post where pencils, pens, paper, and other school supplies are sold.

Choral Groups Sing At KMHS

Kings Mountain Senior High Choral Groups will present a program of Christmas music Thurs., Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Performing will be the Ninth grade chorus, the ensemble and chorale. The groups will sing separate number and combine their 125 voices for the final selection, "As It Fell Upon A Night".

The program is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Harper's Pharmacy Robbed

Kings Mountain Police arrested Rodney Steve Mull, 32, of Route 5, Shelby, minutes after the armed robbery of Harper's Pharmacy Friday night and charged him with robbery with a dangerous weapon. His bond was set at \$7,000.

According to police reports, about 6:30 p.m. Friday a lone robber entered the prescription pharmacy on West Mountain St. carrying a .22 caliber pistol and wearing a stocking mask and

tobaggon. Investigating Patrolman G.E. Sale said the robber demanded that phar-

macist Ragan Harper give him Dilaudid, a Schedule II controlled drug. Harper reported gave the man 10 to 12 tablets which police say are worth less than 10 cents each.

Harper gave chase to the man, who fled on foot and off-duty police officers were called in to continue a search of the area.

Kings Mountain Fire Department and Bethlehem Fire Department responded to a house fire Saturday night at 11:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Mary Ann Keller on Harmon's Drive. Firemen said an oil stove caught fire.

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