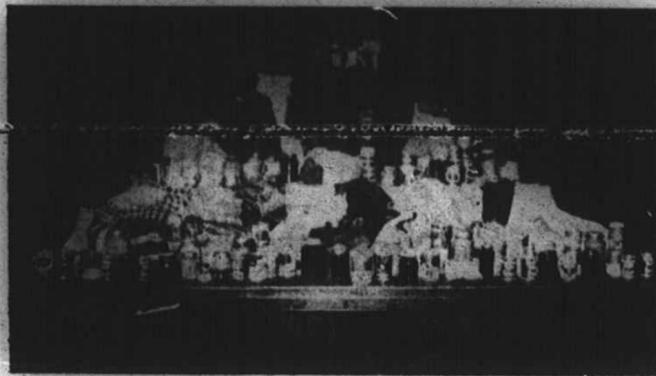


P. T. A. CHRISTMAS CHEER



The above picture shows the results of time, effort and work, by the Welfare Committee of the Central P. T. A. of which Mrs. Ruth Gamble is chairman. Co-workers are Mesdames Hugh Ormand, L. L. Alexander, Jimmy Burns, and Miss Sarah Allison. Many little boys and girls will have a warm jacket, a pair of shoes and something to eat during the Holidays, thanks to the accomplishments of the committee, which includes 190 garments, 120 cans of food and 12 pairs of shoes.

Day Of Prayer At Presbyterian

Rev. P. D. Patrick, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church issued the following announcement in regards to the day of prayer and meditation to be observed Christmas Day.

Mr. Patrick's announcement follows: "All right thinking people are deeply distressed that civilization has gone so far backward the last few years," and this is the condemnation, that is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light.

The message of Christmas is the message of light. He was born in the manger, say, "I am the light of the world."

Let us spend part of Christmas day on our knees, praying for the Light of the World to penetrate the darkness of earth and bring the Peace that our hearts are longing for.

The doors of the First Presbyterian Church will be open from nine A. M. to nine P. M. for prayer and meditation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Souther will spend Christmas with Mrs. Souther's mother, Mrs. M. M. Greene in Mooresboro.

Kiwanis To Meet Thursday

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club will hold its regular weekly meeting Thursday evening at 8:30 in the Womens Club Building. The Achievements Committee will be in charge of the program and a report of the past year's accomplishments will be made. Members of the committee are B. N. Barnes, Chairman, D. M. Bridges and George B. Peeler.

The meeting will be the last one with the present officers as new officials will be installed the first meeting in January.

Mr. Rodney Mauney Buried Monday

Funeral services for Rodney T. Mauney, age 73, were held at Elizabeth church, Monday afternoon and interment made in the Elizabeth cemetery.

Mr. Mauney died Saturday night at his home near Shelby following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Mauney and family lived in Kings Mountain for many years and in more recent years have lived at the Mauney ancestral home near Shelby.

Surviving are his widow who was before marriage Miss Georgiana Roberts and the following children: Ralph T., John R. O. Bailey, J. Herman, Rev. Carl G. Mauney, Mrs. S. B. Wilson and Mrs. W. P. Herndon, all of Shelby. Rev. Carl G. Mauney is pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church. Also surviving are the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. E. L. Ware of Newell, Mrs. Jim Borders of Charlotte, both of whom lived in Kings Mountain for many years; Mrs. Frank Rippey of Shelby, Mrs. J. R. Brown of Chattanooga, Tenn., John L. Mauney of Atlanta, Ga., and J. B. Mauney of Lincolnton.

Car Hits Fire Hydrant

Considerable damage was done to both car and fire hydrant Sunday night when it was hit by an automobile driven by Mrs. William Hagley. The accident occurred on Mountain street in front of the Grady King residence. Town employees worked until 2 A. M. Monday morning repairing the water main which was damaged by the impact of the car.

Fire Chief Grady King connected the pumper on the fire truck to keep the line clear of water while it was being repaired. The fire department lighting system was also put into operation so that workmen would have necessary light to make the repairs at night and water service would not have to be interrupted while it was fixed during daylight.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Lovell

Mrs. George E. Lovell, age 66, died at the hospital in Morehead City from her home in North Harlowe, following an illness of pneumonia. News of her passing came as a great shock to friends in Kings Mountain where she lived for several years and where she was greatly loved by those who knew her. Her sons, Lawrence Lovell of Kings Mountain and Edward Lovell of Charlotte, were called when it was found that her condition was critical, but she passed away before they arrived.

Funeral services will be held this (Tuesday) afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. The body will be in state for one hour prior to the funeral.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Lovell was before marriage, Miss Marion Chandler, of Providence, Rhode Island. While living in Kings Mountain she engaged actively in the work of her church, the First Baptist, and was for a number of years choir director and soprano soloist. She gave lavishly of her time and talents to any good cause of the church. She was also active in civic organizations serving as president of the Womens Club and filling important offices in the Red Cross organization. She was unusually kind and thoughtful in her ministrations to the sick and unfortunate.

Her devotion to her family was marked and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to them in their bereavement.

Mrs. Lovell is survived by her husband, George E. Lovell; three sons, Edward Lovell of Charlotte, Lawrence Lovell of Kings Mountain and Clarence Lovell of North Harlowe. Also surviving are two sisters, Miss Helen Chandler, of Providence, R. I. who is well known in Kings Mountain, where she visited the Lovell family a number of times and Mrs. David Stone of Cranston, R. I.

Belk's Have Xmas Party For Employees

Employees of Belk's Department Store were entertained last night after the store closed, at a gala Christmas party. Santa Claus, talked to members of the staff from the North Pole.

Mr. W. M. Ruth, of Salisbury, father of Mr. Hilton Ruth, manager, played the part of Santa, and distributed gifts to the employees. Mr. Ruth has quite a reputation as an entertainer and after dinner speaker. Both regular and extra members of the clerical staff enjoyed the holiday affair.

Those present for the occasion were: Misses Lucille McGinnis, Ruby Burrage, Adeline Warlick, Clara Humphries, Vivian Prince, Helen Seism, Betty Patrick, Annie Laurie Summitt, Evelyn Adams, Virginia Allen, Jacqueline Rawls, Annie Mae Ware, Irene Allen; Mesdames Adelaide Hamrick, Bess Weir C. P. Elam, Bessie Dickey, Y. F. Thornburg and B. M. Hayes; Messrs Bill Hoffman, Bill Gantt, Bedford Ramsey and Jimmy Dickey, and Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ruth and sons, Jack and Billy.

Small Fire Sunday night

Firemen did not have far to go to the fire Sunday night as it was in the City Hall, the place where the fire department is located. The fire which was caused by defective wiring did damage estimated at about \$15 by Chief Grady King.

Ceiling in the hall of the building was damaged. The Sunday night fire was the second in the comparably new building from defective wiring.

Mr. Frank Slocumb Dies In Massachusetts

Mr. Frank Slocumb, who was near his 88th birthday, passed away at his home in New Bedford, Mass. Monday morning, around eight o'clock. Death came suddenly.

Mr. Slocumb is well known in Kings Mountain, having spent much of his time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams plan to leave for New Bedford by plane Wednesday morning to be present for the funeral service which will be held Thursday afternoon.

FITE TRIO TO SING

The Fite Sisters will sing Sunday night in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at 7:00 o'clock. The public is invited to hear this talented trio.



KINGS MOUNTAIN IS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas P. T. A. Party

Last Wednesday at the regular assembly program the Welfare Committee of the Central P. T. A. held a most impressive gift party. The children of the school brought gifts for the underprivileged members. Each child took their gift and placed it on the rostrum. Christmas carols were sung and a short address was made by the Superintendent, B. N. Barnes, thanking the children and the committee that made this program possible.

Mrs. Ruth Ormand and Miss Sara Allison, teachers, and also members of the P. T. A. Committee expressed their appreciation to the children for the gifts.

Many gifts including clothing and food was obtained. These contributions will be distributed by Mrs. Ruth Gamble and her committee to the needy families of Kings Mountain.

Christmas Party At K. M. Drug

Winners in the Kings Mountain Drug Co. contest will be presented with their prizes tomorrow morning at 10:00 A. M. in the store by Charles Thomason who will be in charge of the Christmas party. Two bicycles and 16 other prizes will be given 18 happy boys and girls.

Messrs Don Blanton and Johnnie McGill are well pleased with the results of the contest and asked The Herald to express their thanks to every boy and girl who entered. The contest closes this evening at 7:00 P. M.

Chester A. Littlejohn Dies

Chester A. Littlejohn, 60, died Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his home. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Oakview Baptist church. Rev. L. B. Turner and Rev. C. C. Gore officiated. He is survived by his wife and the following children: C. L. Littlejohn of Burlington, Louise Littlejohn of Burlington, W. H. Littlejohn of Cheyenne, Wyo., Felix Littlejohn of Burlington, Grace and Katherine Littlejohn of Kings Mountain. He also is survived by two brothers, Robert Littlejohn of Bessemer City and Charley Littlejohn of Kings Mountain, and two sisters, Mrs. Sally Reynolds and Mrs. Mollie McDaniel of Kings Mountain.

Financial Institutions Pay Dividends

The three financial institutions of Kings Mountain have mailed their stockholders dividend checks. The First National Bank mailed their semi-annual dividends on Dec. 16, according to B. S. Neill, Cashier. The two building and loan associations, The Home, with A. H. Patterson, secretary and treasurer, and the Kings Mountain, with J. C. Lackey, secretary and treasurer, mailed their checks on Dec. 20th.

The checks were mailed prior to Christmas so that stockholders of the three institutions could use their dividends for holiday shopping. The sound financial condition of the three organizations and the business like way in which the affairs are handled by the officers and directors made these dividends possible.

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Two Trucks Burn

Two exceptionally dramatic highway wrecks occurred Thursday morning on the highway near Yates' Place, in which two high trucks were completely destroyed, but whose drivers escaped without injury.

The first accident occurred when W. W. Green, driver for Petroleum Carriers, Inc., of Fayetteville, lost control of the big oil tanker he was driving. It overturned and caught fire when, according to Highway Patrolman Jack Stewart, who investigated the accident, a fire blew out. Green escaped with only minor injuries.

A few minutes later, when the wreckage of Green's tanker loomed in front of Taylor Gabard, driver for Roadway Express of Charlotte, who was driving a big transport truck, westward towards Kings Mountain, in the opposite direction from that in which the first truck was going, he almost ran into it. He brought his truck to a standstill within about three feet of the burning tanker and was able to save himself by jumping but the truck immediately caught fire and was destroyed. Gabard escape injury.

Fire Chief Grady King answered a call to the burning trucks, but was unable to do anything about extinguishing the fires.

Schools Have Christmas Programs

Christmas programs were presented in Kings Mountain Schools during their chapel periods last Friday. The programs were enjoyed by students, faculty and parents who were present.

At Central School the boys and girls high school glee clubs, directed by Misses Dorothy Carson and Carolyn Carlisle, and the dramatics pupils, under the direction of Miss Byar, cooperated in presenting a splendid Christmas program composed of readings and songs. There were about 150 boys and girls on the stage participating in the program. Betty Falls sang a solo, "Away In A Manger."

Both East and West Schools also had interesting Christmas programs.

Free Children Show At Dixie

Manager David Cash of the Dixie Theatre has asked The Herald to remind all children of his free children's show this morning at 10:00 o'clock. Shorts, comedies and cartoons will be shown for the young folks of Kings Mountain and all children are invited.

Besides the free movies, Manager Cash will give the children gifts which were made possible by the cooperation of several local merchants. Mr. Cash said: "We want the house full for the Christmas Eve Show, which is our present to the children."

Christmas Program

A Christmas program will be given Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 7:00 p. m. at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. A candle lighting service will conclude the program. Every one is cordially invited to participate in this service.

Washington Snapshots

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

If you stay in Washington long enough, you lose all sense of perspective. You begin to forget that there are millions of farmers in this country, tilling millions of acres of land. You forget all the miners and the lumbermen and fishermen, and everybody else hard at work producing the national wealth of this country. In short, you get in the same frame of mind as a lot of politicians. Your Washington reporter took a few days off last week and left the nation's capitol in order to talk and listen to a lot of people who belong to a very important segment of our national economy. To be exact, that group was the manufacturers, and they were meeting in New York City last week at the Congress of American Industry. It was the 45th Annual event of its kind, and when you consider the importance of industry in the present scheme of (Cont'd on back page)

Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

The Sole Drawback to Utter Success

By IRVIN S. COBB

PROBABLY there are a dozen differing versions of this story but the one I like the best of all is the one I heard twenty-odd years ago. According to my favored rendition, Mandy, the cook, left her employer's kitchen early one afternoon to attend a marriage ceremony in the colored quarter of the town.



When she appeared at 8 o'clock next morning she gave her mistress an enthusiastic account of the affair. "Miss Mame," she declared, "dat suttinly wuz a scrumptious wedding! I reckon very few wite folks an' no niggers at all in dis town ever did have a weddin' dat wuz de best of dish yere one. I only wish you dout a seen de bride yore own sef. My! My! Dat gal suttinly wuz got up regardless. Her weddin' gown was all hollerer out at de top and 'twuz trimmed 'round de aidges wid rows of wite vermin. An' her hair 'wuz done up high on her haid in a parapyo, and right in de middle of it wuz stuck one of dese yere wite regrests. And de contras betwixt dat black map and dat wite regrest—Ump huh!

"Miss May, you sho'ly also and likewise should a' seen de table whar de bridal feast wuz spread. Day had chicken coquettes at ever' plate and ice-cream 'twell you couldn't rest, and punch made out of gin and a whole soup-syringe full of salmon salad. "De weddin' feast lasted all night an' tain't finished 'till yit. Dem niggers is still over dere dancin'. I jest stole away to cook you up a lil' breakfast an' den, befo' I washed de dishes, I aims to run on back for to tek a hand in de las' quadrille."

"But, Mandy," said her mistress, "you haven't said anything about de bridegroom!"

"Noms, let him out a-pupos. He wuz de only drawback dey wuz to dat weddin'."

"Oh, I'm so sorry. Was he drunk?"

"I don't know of he wuz or of he wuzn't; but Miss May, wid dat gal got up de way she wuz and wid dat music and all dem vittles, dat nasty, low-fung, kinky-haired nigger, he never did come."

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