

Big Christmas Opening To Be Next Wednesday 4:00 P. M.

The Christmas shopping season will be officially opened in Kings Mountain next Wednesday afternoon, December 24 at 4:00 P. M. when the largest and most elaborate parade ever staged here will move down the street. Santa Claus will arrive in a blaze of glory to greet the children, along with the elephants, bands, mounted riders, floats, toy troops, fire department and steam pines. A committee from the Kings Mountain Merchants Association has been busy for the past several weeks making plans for the big event to usher in the holiday season, and according to all reports the biggest opening in the history of Kings Mountain is in store.

Gifts from miles around are expected to be present and the streets will be lined with the happy throng for Santa's arrival.

The Lions Club has donated \$10 to be used as cash prizes for the best miniature floats entered by children of the grammar schools of number four township.

The parade will gather and line up near the Central school and the committee has asked that all participants be at the school by three o'clock so that the parade may be assembled and start right on time. Local floats as well as some of the most elaborate ones used in the Charlotte parade will be in the line-up for the gala event.

The exact route of the parade ap-

pears elsewhere in this issue, so that citizens may pick out a parking space along the itinerary.

Everyone's interest, and upward of 6,000 are expected to be on hand for the arrival of the jolly old man from the North Pole. The mammoth opening is being staged in the afternoon in cooperation with the power shortage commission, instead of at night as in previous years.

The Kings Mountain Merchants and civic organizations have joined together for the Christmas opening that will be long remembered as an outstanding event in the history of Kings Mountain.

The Merchants Association committee, who is responsible for the gala opening is composed of Milton Ruth, Chairman, Glen Brinkley, Byron Keeter and Harry Page.

THIS 'N THAT

(By Alice Burton)

Nov. 20

Mrs. Ruby Ware and Debbie Ross accompanied Mr. Earl Falls and children to Charlotte Sunday to visit Mrs. Falls who has been a patient in the Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Falls returned home with them and is getting along nicely at the time of this writing. We wish you a speedy recovery, "Gals."

Mrs. Stany Drake of Davidson has been brought to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Allen after being a patient in the Mountville hospital. Here's hoping you'll be feeling fit again soon, Virginia.

Mrs. Sidney Mason and daughter Barbara of Waverly, S. C. are spending this week with the former's parents, the J. W. Carrolls.

Mr. Irvin Allen, Jr. has gone to Nashville, Tenn. where he will take a Welding Course.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green of Oak Grove had as their week-end guest Mr. and Mrs. Evans Green of the Phenix Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watterman and family were visitors of the T. V. Warr's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. La Bon Thornburg and son of Shelby were dinner guests of the M. L. Thornburg's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamrick were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Hamrick.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen were visitors of the I. M. Allen's Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Nelder and daughter, Penel returned to their home in Laurinburg, N. C. Sunday after spending a week with relatives here.

Miss Kathleen Goforth recently spent a week in Spruce Pine, N. C., visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee Caldwell.

Mrs. J. W. Carroll entertained at a dinner on Tuesday of last week in honor of her son, Samuel Carroll's birthday. The guests were Mrs. Roy Nelder of Laurinburg, Miss Alice Burton, and Messrs Lawrence and David Carroll, and Junius Johnson of Gaffney, S. C.

Mrs. Jesse Burton entertained at a household shower on Saturday for Mrs. Sidney Blanton, nee Miss Jeannette Burton. The honoree received lots of games and presents were enjoyed.

Miss Audrey Bridges visited Mrs. Mildred Schreiner of Long Shoals, N. C. the past week-end.

Research in paint and pigment technology has resulted in the development of improved house paints which clean themselves under the action of wind, rain, and sun.

British farmers are being asked to plow up another 2,000,000 acres of Siberia cultivated land, including golf courses, to help meet food needs.

OAK GROVE NEWS

(By Mrs. William Wright)

Mr. and Mrs. Cannon Davis and family were Sunday visitors to the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis of Double Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Admond and children of Ross Grove, Mr. D. A. Bell and daughter, Edna were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Bell and family.

Mr. Clyde McSwain of the North well school faculty spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton McSwain.

Miss Pauline Ware of Mars Hill College spent the week-end with her parents and grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware and Mr. and Mrs. Moore Lovelace of Patterson Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Colton Blanton and children of Kings Mountain were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blanton.

Mr. Edmund Blanton of the Army maneuvers stationed at Wilmington

spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Bell are announcing the birth of a son on November 20. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Randall attended the funeral of Mrs. Lou Davis at Bethany Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Roberts and son of Forest City were recent visitors to the Randall home.

Mrs. J. S. Wray has been ill for the past few days. We wish to her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. H. T. Wright, Mrs. Mary and Peg Wright were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware.

Farm Prices Reaching '20 Level

Higher consumer incomes, government price support, and reduced competition from abroad may create for American farmers in 1942 a total income approaching 12 billion dollars, greatest since the last

days of 1920.

Quoting latest estimates released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. I. O. Seiberg, director of the N. C. State College Extension Service, said the demand for farm products in 1942 will be "even better" than in 1941.

Increased cash returns were forecast largely on the basis of higher average prices received in 1942 than in 1941 although a moderate increase in production, particularly in cotton and tobacco, is expected.

Dr. Seiberg's prediction is based on the fact that the average price received for farm products in 1941 was 20 percent over 1940 and that a gain of about the same proportion is indicated for 1942 over 1941.

If contemplated goals are met, there will be a sharp increase in the production of livestock products. This will more than offset a decline of nearly 10 percent in the output of crops.

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