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**City Busy Making Final Plans For Yule Observance**

**Local News Bulletins**

**EXAMINE WON'T MEET**  
 The meeting of the Kiwanis club will be held Thursday night, as the club observes its annual custom of postponing the regular meeting scheduled for Christmas week. Announcement was made by President Glee A. Bridges.

**AWARDED BOND**  
 Miss Avis Warlick of Kings Mountain has recently received a \$50 government savings bond from the Southern States Fair association as reward for winning second prize in a contest to select the queen of the fair, it was learned this week.

**NEW HEATING PLANT**  
 The Imperial Theatre was closed on Thursday and Friday of this week and a part of the day Saturday installing a new heating plant. Donald Kayser, manager, said the new plant is larger, and designed to give greater comfort for patrons of the theater. He said that "Bathing Beauty in Utah", which had been scheduled for showing last week, will be shown in the near future.

**DISSEMINATING YOUTH**  
 The Central Methodist church is sponsoring a youth program. The program is designed to attract the attention of the youth of the community to the church. The program is being held at the church on Thursday evening.

**CITY LICENSE TAGS**  
 Applicants who have not yet done so are urged to purchase city license tags as quickly as possible. The tags are available at the City Hall for an annual fee of \$1.00. All applicants are required to buy and display city license tags.

**WEEK HOLIDAYS**  
 Along with other business firms, the Kings Mountain Bank will observe the Christmas holiday, December 25 and 26. The bank will also be closed on Monday, January 1, also a bank holiday, according to announcement by B. E. Neill, executive vice-president.

**REMODELING**  
 The Kings Mountain Building and Loan association is now in the process of remodeling their Mountain View home. The remodeling is being done to provide more space for activities of the building and loan association and also to provide quarters for Fleming Electric company, electrical appliance dealer.

**IN NEW SANTA CLAUSES**  
 The Kings Mountain Building and Loan association has purchased two new Santa Claus suits. The suits are being used for the Christmas season.

**Betty Yarn Mill Sold On Friday To Whitehead**

Haywood E. Lynch and D. C. Mauney, owners of Betty Yarn Mill yesterday announced sale of the mill equipment and its properties to Troy Whitehead Machinery Company, Inc. of Charlotte for an unannounced consideration.

Transaction for sale of the mill, located on Mountain street extension off the York road, was completed on Friday. It includes in addition to the mill, the 175 by 272 foot lot on which is built the mill plant proper, a 96x112 foot buildings, plus a 40 x 50 foot warehouse.

Mr. Whitehead, head of the company which bears his name, told the Herald by telephone yesterday that he plans to liquidate the machinery, used in the manufacture of one-count to four-count yarn, and that the buildings are for sale.

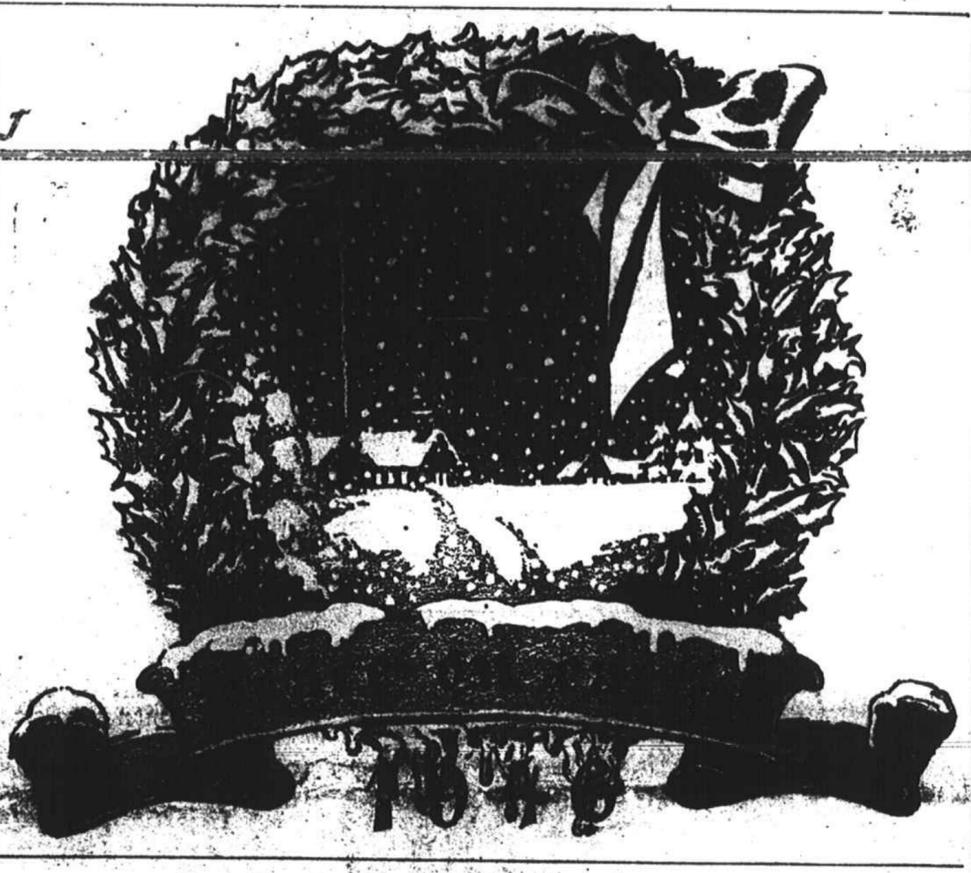
Built within the last year, Betty Yarn Mill went into production on March 16, 1946. At peak production it employed some 40 persons. It curtailed operations in November.

The Whitehead concern assumes ownership of the properties this morning, Mr. Mauney said.

"The mill has been under the active management of Mr. Lynch, former publisher of the Herald.

Mr. Lynch said yesterday he had no business plan for the future.

Quoting Mr. Lynch, he says he is "going to rest following a recent operation, before making a decision on future business plans."



**Merchants Ready For Last-Minute Buying Flurry**

With only two shopping days remaining until Christmas, Kings Mountain citizens prepared themselves over the recent week end for the last-minute flurry before the annual holiday—in which they will busy themselves with completing gifts lists, menu lists, and other necessary duties.

After Saturday, merchants particularly were glad to get Saturday night and Sunday's 30-hour breathing spell.

Sunday's weather came up bright and cheery, following the icy, bitter Friday and the gray Saturday, all of which added to citizen's hopes of suitable traveling weather on Christmas day, when many will visit parents, relatives and friends in other cities, and when many will remain at home expecting guests.

All manufacturing establishments have already begun their holidays, ceasing operations on Saturday. Majority of textile employees will receive a week's vacation, though Frieda Manufacturing company and Park Yarn Mill expect to resume operations on December 26.

Merchants generally will observe a two-day holiday, closing on December 25 and 26, this including department, grocery, and furniture firms, according to W. F. Laughter, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association. Garages will have a varied holiday schedule, some joining the merchants in a two-day rest, others closing as early as noon on Tuesday and re-opening on Friday.

Sterchi's has announced that it will close at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, four hours earlier than majority of other firms.

Almost all churches of the community have already gone well into the Christmas season with special services during the week end, including musical programs, pageants, and other services built around the Biblical events surrounding the birth of Christ.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church revives an annual custom on Christmas Eve when it presents a Christmas program at 11 p. m. The one-hour service will feature special music.

Already college students are at home for the holidays and many other native citizens, now residing elsewhere are expected home for the Christmas season.

Several private parties and social events are also scheduled for the ensuing week.

**McSwain Opposes Universal Service**

Col. Peyton McSwain, Shelby attorney and western division commander of the National Guard, told the Kings Mountain Lions club Thursday night he believed in national defense but opposed universal military training.

"It has failed to prevent war. It has failed to do anything except precipitate wars and burden the taxpayers."

"Our wars have been won by civilians," he continued, "not by the regulars."

He said he favored a big national guard and reserve unit, pointing out that this method would give adequate national defense without undue tax burden.

**B. & L. Dividends Total Over \$6,000**

Stockholders of building and loan associations here have received recently semi-annual dividends totaling \$6,249, according to announcements made by the respective institutions.

Semi-annual dividends of the Home Building and Loan association on full-paid and optional share stock totaled \$3,549, while dividends on these two type stocks of the Kings Mountain Building and Loan association totaled \$2,700.

According to past customs, checks were mailed stockholders prior to first-of-the-year due date, in time for Christmas. The figures do not include installment stock dividends.

**St. Luke's Christmas Story**

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 Cyrenus was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto 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.

And suddenly there came with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

As they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at these things, which were told them by the shepherds.

St. Luke 2:1-18.

**Christmas Eve Service Set**

A Christmas Eve Service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church on Tuesday evening at 11 o'clock Christmas candles and trees will light the church for the singing of the carols and special music by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Herndon, organist.

The service will last until midnight, and each worshipper will receive a candle for the close of the service from the altar candles, symbolizing their receiving the Light of the World.

Special music for the service includes: Organ Prelude, "Christmas Prelude," (Coralli).

Hymn, "A New-Born King Who Comes Today."

Antiphon, "There were shepherds," (Vincenz), the choir.

Antiphon, "The Holy Night," (Muehler), the choir.

Offertory, "Jesu Bambino," (Ton) Miss Clara Pleck.

Hymn, "Silent Night, Holy Night," (Muehler), the choir.

**Independents Tangle With Grover Tonight**

Kings Mountain's red hot cage outfit, the Independents, tangle with Grover here in the Central gymnasium tonight at 8:15 in a battle that should give forth with some fancy court antics and hoop ringing.

Headlining the Grover line-up is a pair of old, well known basketeers, Al Crisp and John Gold. Both were members of the VFW baseball club here last summer and are class hoopers. Also on the visiting card is a Wake Forest cager of this season, Dub Hicks, high scoring ace of the Grover outfit.

Hambricht and Rollins round out the starting team for the visitors.

A preliminary game between the B squads of Central school will begin at 7 o'clock.

**Local Social Security Office Schedule Given**

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be at the City Hall in Kings Mountain at 10 A. M. on the first and third Tuesdays in January 1947.

The representative will also be at the City Hall in Shelby at 2 p. m. on Tuesday in January 1947.

Everyone interested in filing a claim for Old-Age or survivors benefits, or applying for a Social Security card, or investigating his wage record, or with the Social Security Administration is invited to call at the above address.

**ARP Pastor To Be Installed At Special Service On Sunday**

Rev. W. L. Priddy, pastor of Boyce Memorial A. M. E. church will be officially installed as pastor at a special service of his church on Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m.

Dr. J. H. Priddy, of Stateville, will officiate and father of Rev. W. L. Priddy, will preach the sermon.

The pastor will pronounce the benediction.

Rev. W. L. Priddy assumed the pastorate of the Kings Mountain church in November following the resignation of Rev. J. H. Priddy.

**Today's Edition Last Until January 2, 1947**

Today's edition of the Herald is the last until 1947, with the next edition to be distributed to subscribers and newstands on the morning of January 2.

Today's edition is the regular annual Christmas edition of the Herald in which majority of the city's business firms convey wishes for Christmas cheer to their patrons. Also included are a large number of Christmas season feature stories and news developments since Thursday.

After today, the Herald will be closed for a Christmas vacation until Monday, December 30.

On the part of the Herald, it has been a real pleasure to serve the community in its business interests and publications for the past 52 weeks. It is with a sense of the New Year, hopes to improve its service and content, and wishes to each citizen of the community, a most joyful Christmas season and a prosperous New Year.