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Citizens Busy Making Final Preparations For Christmas



JAYCEES SEE RESPIRATOR DEMONSTRATED.—Pictured above is a group of Kings Mountain Jaycees as they watched a demonstration last Tuesday night of the portable respirator the organization has purchased as a gift for the city. Jaycees in the picture are, left to right, Marriott Phifer, Dan Finger, James Bennett, Ned McGill, W. K. Mauney Jr., Vernon Crosby, President Jacob Cooper, Sloan Wright who was serving as "guinea pig", John Cheshire and Drace Peeler. The chest plates are in three sizes to make the respirator available for all ages and sizes of patients. It is used for emergency treatment in cases involving respiratory ailments. The machine will be in the custody of the fire department and will be available for use to anyone who needs it. Photo by Bundy

Most Textile Employees Get Three Holidays

Kings Mountain citizens are busy today making final preparations for the annual observance of Christmas. With two shopping days remaining, many people are completing gift lists, housewives are completing holiday menus, and the Christmas social season is already underway, as friends gather for dancing, parties and the traditional egg-nog.

All churches are observing the season with special Christmas services and the Lutheran church will present its annual Christmas Eve service at 11 o'clock Wednesday night.

Majority of Kings Mountain citizens are looking forward to a minimum of a three-day Christmas holiday.

Most textile plants are closing Wednesday, and several business firms will close after Wednesday for the remainder of the week. Sadie Mill, Bonnie Mill, Mauney Mills, Inc. Kings Mountain Narrow Fabrics, Frieda Manufacturing company, and Craftsman, Inc. will close Wednesday morning and for the remainder of the week. Neisler Mills, Inc. will be closed after Tuesday operations. Main portion of Mauney Hosiery Company will be closed all this week, with the exception of some of the knitting department. Park Yarn Mills will run two days.

Kings Mountain Laundry has announced that it will be closed after Wednesday, as will Ware & Sons, and city offices.

Employees of retail firms will get a two-day respite. Majority will be closed both Christmas day and on Friday, re-opening for business on Saturday. The Herald will end operations at noon today and remain closed until Monday, December 29.

Funeral Services Are Held For Prominent Physician



Dr. A. L. Hill Dies Suddenly Friday Morning

A brief funeral service was held at Harris Funeral Chapel, Sunday morning at 10:30 for Dr. Abel LeCompte Hill, 40, prominent Kings Mountain physician who was found dead in his home Friday morning. Final rites were held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Josephine Carrigan, in Burlington, Monday morning at 11 o'clock, with Rev. Lewis Schenck officiating. Interment was in Pinehill cemetery in Burlington.

Rev. L. C. Pinnix, pastor of First Baptist church, and Rev. J. G. Winkler, pastor of Central Methodist church, conducted the brief rites here Sunday morning.

Death was attributed to a heart attack and a physician stated that he had apparently been dead for seven or eight hours before his wife tried to arouse him from sleep around 10 o'clock.

He had been practicing medicine here since 1934, except for three and one-half years when he served as a captain in the U. S. Army Medical Corps, with the 82nd airborne division. He had previously practiced medicine in Spindale.

A native of Rutherford county, he was educated at Drake university, Des Moines, Iowa, where he received his A. B. degree in 1926. He attended the University of North Carolina for two years and received his M. D. degree in 1930 from the University of Pennsylvania. A brilliant student of medicine, he attained a high scholastic rating in colleges and his ability was highly regarded by medical men throughout the area.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Florine McDaniel of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Rebecca; a son, Karlwin; a step-daughter, Virginia Lee Jackson; his mother, Mrs. A. L. Hill, of Burlington; and sister, Mrs. Carrigan.

PHYSICIAN DIES. — Dr. Abel LeCompte Hill, shown above in the army uniform, he wore for more than three years as a medical officer with the 82nd Airborne division, died suddenly Friday morning as the result of a heart attack. Highly regarded in his profession, he had practiced medicine here since 1934.

Jaycees Say Save Your Waste Paper

Don't burn that excess Christmas wrapping paper. . . . That's the plea of the Junior Chamber of Commerce which will conduct a waste paper pick-up on January 4.

All waste paper — old newspapers, magazines, corrugated boxes, Christmas wrappings, etc.—are wanted, and the Jaycees are asking that all citizens place the paper on the front porch or on the curbs in front of their homes.

The pick-up will be conducted similarly to past ones, with members of the organization patrolling the streets of the city systematically in trucks furnished by business firms.

Paper is still critically short. Newspapers are being forced to limit circulation and otherwise ration their stocks of newsprint, wrapping paper is still hard to get, and many types of printing papers are virtually unobtainable.

Waste paper is required in making new paper.

The Jaycees feel that there is enough waste paper in Kings Mountain to again pack and jam a Southern Railway boxcar, according to President Jacob Cooper, who is urging all citizens to cooperate in the campaign.

PLAY AT EL BETHEL
A Christmas play, "Follow the Star," will be presented, under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Goforth, at El Bethel church on Wednesday, December 24, at five thirty o'clock.

Lutheran Service Wednesday Night

On Wednesday evening, December 24, Christmas Eve, a candlelight carol service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 11 p. m.

The program will consist in the reading of appropriate Scripture passages and Christmas carols, and the pastor will bring a special Christmas message.

Music is under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Herndon, organist, and the following musical number will be rendered: Organ Prelude, "Pastorale" by Gullant; Solo, "O Holy Night," by Adams, sung by Miss Frances Summers; anthem, "Gloria to God in the Highest," by Stultz; sung by the choir, and the organ postlude, "Thou Prince of Peace," by Bach.

At the conclusion of the service, the worshippers will receive candles which will be lighted during the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night." (Cont'd on back page)

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS WON'T MEET

The regular Thursday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will not be held this week, according to annual custom of not holding the Christmas week meeting. Next meeting of the club will be held on January 1. New officers for 1948 will be installed at this time, according to L. L. Benson, president.

LIONS MEETING

A special "Work" meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held at Mauney Hosiery Company Tuesday night. It was announced by President W. K. Mauney, Jr. Christmas baskets for needy families will be prepared and a full attendance is being urged.

KNOW ANY NEEDY VETS

Persons who know of a needy service veteran, or veteran's family, are being asked to contact W. B. (Bill) Logan or Marriott Phifer by noon Tuesday. The names are needed, it was stated for the Christmas program of Johnny W. Blackwell post, VFW.

SPECIAL SERVICE

On Sunday evening, December 28, at 7:30 p. m. the Vesper Service at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be in charge of the college students at home for the Christmas holidays. A number of the students will take part and special music will be provided from among the students also. Hoyle Whiteside, a student at the Lutheran Seminary, Columbia, S. C., will bring the message.

City Buys Elgin Street Sweeper

The city board of commissioners met in special session Thursday and voted to purchase an Elgin "Gutter-snipe" street sweeper at a price of \$5,350.

The board considered three bids on different type sweepers.

Delivery was promised in 20-45 days.

Kiwanians, Lions Hear Dr. Barr At Annual Joint Meeting Thursday

"It behooves you and me to use more diligence in pursuing the worthwhile things of life," Dr. V. Ward Barr, pastor of the First Baptist church of Gastonia, told members of the Lions and Kiwanis clubs at their annual joint meeting held at the high school cafeteria Thursday night.

Dr. Barr spoke graphically with interesting illustrations and anecdotes as he pointed out the futility of "pursuing the wrong course."

Two elements a successful life must have, he said, are definition of purpose and synchronization.

"The American is becoming known as a material glutton," Dr. Barr declared, "rather than devoted to the ideals on which this nation was founded."

"Some people don't know where they're going and don't seem to care."

Pointing out that life must be equalized and synchronized, Dr. Barr said, "There is no place for so-called rugged individualism in this life or in any other. We fit into a pattern. If not, it's like an automobile piston which sticks, and keeps the car from running."

In one of his most graphic illustrations, the speaker related: A man was rushing along the way of life. He was told along the way that he had a fortune behind him, to return and get it. The man didn't have time; he had to go ahead. This continued along the way. Finally, yet another stopped him. When met with the same reply from the traveler, the man who stopped him said, "But you must stop now. I am the man you have been rushing to see. I am Death."

"We ought to change course," Dr. Barr declared. "We rush through" (Cont'd on back page)

Today's Herald Is Last Until 1948

Today's edition of the Herald will be the last for 1947.

The next issue will appear on Friday, January 2, 1948, as the Herald resumes its regular schedule.

Today's edition takes the place of the regular December 26th issue, which was advanced in order that business firms might bring Christmas greetings to their patrons and in order that the Herald staff might enjoy a needed Christmas vacation.

The Herald will close at noon today and will re-open Monday, December 29.

Hearing Tests Are Underway

The Kings Mountain white schools completed last week a screening testing program in which the hearing of 1006 pupils was checked and discovered 47 cases which needed further investigation.

The tests, administered by Mrs. Mabel Carpenter of the Health and Physical Education Department in the High School, began with the fourth grades in the East, West, and Central schools and extended through the High school. These screening tests were given on a group testing machine furnished by the Shelby Kiwanis Club and made available through the Cleveland County Health Department.

The 47 pupils who were found to have probable defects in hearing and the pupils in grades one, two, three, will be tested individually by nurses of the health department on a Puratone Audiometer furnished by the Kiwanis club of Kings Mountain.

When the diagnosis is complete, those with defective hearing will be referred to specialists for treatment.

After resumption of school in January, the tests will be conducted in the colored schools.

Grayson Child Badly Burned in Accident

George Grayson, Jr., three-year-old son of Mrs. James Metcalf, is a patient in Gaston Memorial hospital where he is being treated for second and third degree burns, suffered when he accidentally pulled a pan of scalding cooking grease on to himself from the stove in the kitchen of his home on the Bessemer City highway.

While the little fellow is in a serious condition, he is reported to be progressing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

"Last-Minute Rush" Began Friday; Merchants Still Have Gift Items

If the traffic in the business section is an indication, Kings Mountain's last-minute rush before Christmas began around 2 o'clock last Friday afternoon.

Kings Mountain retail stores will observe Saturday hours on Christmas Eve. This means that department stores will be open until 7 p. m., while most groceries will be open a half-hour longer.

Retail stores were jam-packed with customers who were buying everything from the furniture, jewelry and groceries.

Majority of merchants reported

peak business on Saturday, and some were wondering what they'd have left to sell on the traditional Christmas Eve, when the latest last-minute shoppers tried to purchase gifts. One merchant, who felt a month ago he had enough ties to take care of Kings Mountain for 12 months with no help from any other store, is now wondering if he'll have any left at all.

But there will be still gift items on the counters.

Several firms have reported last-minute shipments of goods specially designed for the Christmas trade, and the only problem for shoppers will be a less-varied selection.

St. Matthew's Christmas Story

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews; for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet.

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into (Cont'd on back page)