

# Christmas Greetings 1950

**Population**  
City Limits 7,199  
(Final Unofficial Census 1950)  
Immediate Trading Area 15,000  
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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# CITY PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

## City's Civil Defense Organization Set Up

### Local News Bulletins

**COUNTRY CLUB DANCE**  
A pre-Christmas dinner-dance for club members will be held Saturday night at the Kings Mountain Country Club. Music will be furnished by Gene Wallace and his band, from Gastonia. Dinner will be served at 8 o'clock.

**CAROLING**  
The Kings Mountain Choral Society will lead community singing of Christmas carols Saturday night from nine to 10 o'clock in front of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library. The community is urged to join in the songfest.

**LEGION PARTY**  
Members of Otis D Green Post 155, the American Legion, and their wives and lady friends are invited to attend a Christmas Party at the Legion Building on East Gold street Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock according to announcement by Adjutant James Bennett. Refreshments will be served.

**IN GLEE CLUB**  
Miss Pat Neisler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter E. Neisler, and a freshman at Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va., is one of 45 new members of the college glee club which numbers 84 voices.

**TEEN-AGE DANCE**  
A dance for the Teen-Agers group of the Kings Mountain Country Club will be held at the club Christmas night with music by Gene Wallace and his band, beginning at 9 o'clock.

**STORY HOUR**  
No story hour will be held this week at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library. The sessions will be resumed Friday, January 5.

**JAYCEE MINSTREL**  
The Jaycee Minstrel of 1951 has been tentatively scheduled for the nights of February 16 and 17, according to announcement by officials of the organization.

**LIONS WONT MEET**  
The Kings Mountain Lions club will not hold its regular meeting on next Tuesday night. Tonight's Christmas party for underprivileged children will take the place of the regular meeting.

**CITY TAG SALES**  
Sale of City auto tags for 1951 totaled 287 Wednesday, according to report of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

**BANK HOLIDAY**  
The First National Bank will close with the end of its operations on Saturday and will re-open on Wednesday morning. Both Christmas day and December 28th have been declared bank holidays by Governor W. Kerr Scott.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$182.94, according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

**SPECIAL SERVICE**  
A special music, meditation, and prayer service will be held at 10 p. m. Christmas day at the First Presbyterian church.

## Harris Names Division Heads For Organization

With appointment of seven department heads this week, the Kings Mountain civil defense operational picture is completed, according to announcement by Ollie Harris, local director of civil defense.

Harris made the following appointments, to be added to a group named last week: Clyde Kerns, head of transportation; Hilton Ruth, public welfare; Paul Cole, rescue service; Dr. Phillip Padgett, medical division; Charles Carpenter, public warning communication; J. R. Davis, legal officer; and Rev. P. D. Patrick, chaplain.

Previous appointment include: Paul Mauney, deputy civil defense director; M. K. Fuller, administrative officer; Police Chief N. M. Fair, police protection; Hunter Allen, public utilities; E. C. McClain, chief warden; and Harold Fumcutt, industrial plant protection.

All department heads have been contacted, Mr. Harris stated and have pledged full support to the local defense program.

## Mauney Twins Engage Manager

Miles and Ernest Mauney, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, who have appeared in twin piano concerts throughout the South, have a signed contract placing them under the professional management of the Charles S. Pearson Lecture Bureau of New York. It has been learned here.

The identical twins, graduates of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, studied at the Juillard Institute of Music in New York and have been working with Mrs. Isabel Yengerova in New York.

The Kings Mountain artists have appeared in concert recitals in North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Alabama, and as soloists with various symphony orchestras. Their latest appearance in Charlotte last year with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra before a capacity audience was an outstanding success.

They have also appeared on major radio and television programs and were selected to play for the National Federation of Music Clubs' annual meeting in Raleigh in September, 1950. Recently they gave a performance for the International Kiwanis Club convention held in Miami, Florida.

The twins arrived home for the holidays Wednesday and will visit in Kings Mountain until a scheduled concert engagement in Greensboro January 5.

## Civic Clubs Busy Brightening Christmas For Needy Of City

Underprivileged children and needy families throughout the Kings Mountain area will have a merrier Christmas this year through the efforts of all local civic clubs.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has undertaken the distribution of toys and Christmas baskets to children and families on Christmas morning. Members of the club gathered Tuesday night at Victory Chevrolet Company to repair and paint tricycles, bicycles, scooters, wagons, and other toys collected last week. On Friday night at 7:30, Jaycee members will meet at Mauney Hosiery Mill to pack gift baskets of staple groceries, candies, and fruits for distribution along with the toys on Christmas morning. Club members will meet at 9 a. m. at the Mauney Hosiery mill to begin distribution. Lists of needy families were compiled through the Red Cross and the Kings Mountain city schools.

## OUR WISH THIS YEAR - AS ALWAYS



## 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 Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, everyone into 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 fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shined 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 Savior, 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 was 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 unto us.

And 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, St. Luke 2:1-17.

## Supplements Total \$15,815

Kings Mountain city school teachers and principals received a total of \$15,815.07 in supplementary salaries for the school year 1949-50, according to announcement by B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools. Checks were paid out Monday, December 11, in amounts determined by the State Board of Education. (Cont'd on page eight)

## Retailers Will Be Open Until 7 P. M.

Kings Mountain merchants will observe longer hours, beginning Thursday night and thruing through Saturday night in order to accommodate last-minute Christmas shoppers. Majority of department, furniture and jewelry stores will observe Saturday hours, remaining open until 7 p. m., while grocers will be open approximately a half-hour longer. Most merchants will re-open for business on Tuesday morning. They will be open on Wednesday morning and close Wednesday at noon, resuming the customary mid-week half-holiday.

## WOW Square Dance Tonight At 8 P. M.

A pre-Christmas square dance will be held at the Arcadia Skating rink Thursday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Woodmen of the World. Woodmen are anticipating a large crowd for the party, and Smith, who is in charge of arrangements, said a good string band would be on hand to furnish the music. Admission will be 75 cents per person. (Cont'd on page eight)

## Bank To Alter Hour Schedule

The First National Bank is announcing today a schedule change effective January 2, 1951. Effective that date the bank will be open for general banking business from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., rather than until 2 p. m. The bank will continue to close at noon on Wednesdays. The personal loan department will continue to be open from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m., daily except Wednesdays. The new schedule will enable the bank to give its patrons better service, President F. R. Summers pointed out in making the announcement.

"Under the present schedule," Mr. Summers said, "some of the officers and tellers are out of the bank for lunch from 11 a. m. until the 2 p. m. closing hour. This has resulted in considerable delay in serving patrons during those hours, particularly during the weekend. By changing the schedule, all officers and tellers will be on hand at all times during the banking day. It should virtually eliminate all delays for patrons in making deposits, cashing checks, paying accounts, arranging loans, or in transacting business." (Cont'd on page eight)

## Woodward Assets Sold For \$1,926.50

Public auction Monday of the assets of the estate of Joe Lee Woodward, trading as Woodward & Son Men's Shop, brought \$1,926.50 in a final confirmation hearing in Charlotte, following an unconfirmed auction at the former place of business here earlier in the day.

The auction here at 1 p. m. supervised by L. T. Hamrick, trustee in bankruptcy, and Henry B. Edwards, attorney for trustee and creditors, both of Shelby, brought bids totaling \$1,971.50 for merchandise, fixtures, a lot at Lake Montona, and a 1941 Chevrolet automobile. This figure was altered with rebidding and the release of some items to the owner of the building, Mrs. W. P. Putnam, at the 3:30 p. m. confirmation hearing at the Mecklenburg County courthouse in Charlotte, before R. Marion Ross, referee in bankruptcy.

Wellons and Sinko, salvage firm of Charlotte, paid \$1,570 for the largest total purchase. This figure included \$1,550 for a jump purchase of merchandise appraised at \$2,815.18 and \$20 for a desk and portable typewriter.

Three Kings Mountain business men and the Charlotte firm completed bids for the auctioned assets. Tolly Shuford, Kings Mountain resident and owner of the Besemer City Ice & Coal Co., bought a cash register for \$115. A desk and chair, \$25.50; radio \$10; and 1941 Chevrolet, \$150, went to Coley Freeman, owner of a fleet of taxicabs. John Cheshire purchased a group of unattached fixtures including wrapping paper, clothing forms, tie rack, three chairs and a footstool for \$25. Cheshire also bought a lot at Lake Montona, appraised at \$200, for \$31, stipulation being that the lot remain with Mr. Woodward until his death. Purchases of four glass show-cases and two tables to the Sinko firm and attached shelving to Woodward until his death. (Cont'd on page eight)

## Postoffice Rush In Full Swing

As usual this time of year, the most booming business in town is enjoyed or suffered, depending on viewpoint, at the Kings Mountain post office. Seven extra workers including clerks, carriers, and parcel post workers have been added to the regular staff to handle Christmas mail that according to Postmaster W. E. Blakely, should pour in to and out of the post office in greater volume than last year. Peak day thus far was Monday, during which \$550 worth of stamps was sold. The sale of two-cent stamps has already reached 100,000 and with the remainder of the week ahead, Mr. Blakely figures the 120,000 mark of last year will be passed.

Extra employees for the holiday rush are Demouth Blanton, Houston Black, Bill Allen, Harvey Bumgardner, Mary Beth Ford, George Tolleson, and Charles Ware.

## Pennies Make Dollars: Parking Meters Pay Off \$10,855 Chattel

Every part of every penny and nickel now dropped into the parking meters in Kings Mountain's business district remains in the city's revenue fund. For, unmarked by celebration, the city on November 28 officially concluded payment of \$10,855 for 187 parking meters purchased May 10, 1948. According to City Clerk S. A. Crouse, the meters grossed receipts of \$20,331.93 from May 12, 1948, through November 30, 1950. Of this, \$9,478.33 remained in city revenue. Payment for the meters has been made in monthly installments since they were put in operation May 12, 1948. Seventy-five percent of receipts from the meters each month for the first six months and 50 percent thereafter went into payments. The remainder of receipts became city revenue. With the November 28th payment of \$321.50, the meters became city property, lock, stock, and chinking coins. In "pre-meter" days, parking space in the business district was to be had only by dawn arrival for work or for shopping. After (Cont'd on page eight)

## Citizens Completing Last Minute Details

### Herald Will Close Until Next Tuesday

With publication of today's edition, the Herald will suspend operations until Tuesday morning, December 26th, closing for the customary Christmas-season holiday.

In today's edition, a large number of the city's merchants, service establishments and other business firms are saying "Merry Christmas" to their friends and patrons through specially prepared advertisements.

The edition also includes a large number of timely suggestions for last-minute gift shoppers.

This week's Herald was published one day earlier than customary in order to benefit the merchants and to give the Herald staff an additional day of rest. Next week's edition will appear on regular schedule under date of Friday, December 29th.

## Blood Quota Set At 325 Pints

The Kings Mountain blood center has been assigned a quota of 325 pints of blood to be collected between December 13 and June 30, 1951, according to notice received by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, secretary of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter.

This amount will be collected in three bloodmobile visits between now and June, 1951, Mrs. Gamble stated. Original quota for the local unit called for collection of 398 pints of blood from October 1 to June 30, but this figure was reduced to the current quota with the collection of 70 pints from October 1 to December 13.

Word has also been received at the local Red Cross office of nationwide expansion of the blood collection program through an immediate advance of \$3,000,000 by the Defense Department. These funds, part of a total of \$12,000,000 set aside by the department, will be used for the collection and handling of whole blood for overseas shipment to the armed forces and for the new civilian defense plasma stockpiling program.

In explaining its joining with the Red Cross in a joint blood collection program, the Department of Defense made the following statement in the release received here: "While the Red Cross has the basic organization and experience to handle this new task, the new and greatly expanded blood program of the armed forces requires additional funds beyond the planned budgetary estimates of the Red Cross."

## Industry Sets Brief Holiday Schedules Here

Kings Mountain citizens were busy this week getting ready for the annual Christmas holiday.

It was a busy time for almost everyone and few citizens could report their Christmas shopping completed and everything otherwise in readiness for the annual observance. Most people were planning to use the final pre-Christmas weekend to good advantage, completing the necessary details to make Christmas complete.

For some it meant more shopping, others would be decorating, others would be working with civic groups and church groups in making Christmas merry for the needy and in preparing special Christmas programs in the religious vein.

The holiday would not be very long for the bulk of the population.

With industrial activity at a high level, few concerns were planning more than a long weekend for a Christmas holiday. Most industrial plants will resume operations early next week. The holiday periods compared favorably with those of last year, and are in marked difference to Christmas holiday periods of 1948, when the holiday really meant work cessations.

Christmas 1950 in Kings Mountain will be a joyful one, in spite of the Korean War, and the strained international situation which causes many to expect the nation to become involved in full. (Cont'd on page eight)

## Guard Reports 50 Vacancies

"It appears inevitable that men between the ages of 17 and 45 are going to be called into service in the armed forces. Join the National Guard and serve with men you know."

The statement came from Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer of the Kings Mountain National Guard company. Capt. Houston, who has been given authority to increase the strength of the local company to 108 men, said this week that some 10 enlistees in the guard company have been received in the past two weeks, but that 50 vacancies remain.

He has previously announced that veterans enlisting for guard service will be accepted at former ratings, where - the company's plan of organization lists vacancies in those ratings.

He also has pointed out that, up to the present time, men in the National Guard have not been drafted for service.

Information about service in the company, a communications unit, can be obtained at the National Guard armory on Beeson's Creek Road. The Armory is open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily.

