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Blakely Urges

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seals may be placed only on the backs of packages. "Do Not Open Until Christmas" stickers may be used—if you're afraid someone will peek.

The Postmaster particularly stressed the importance of sending all Christmas cards with three-cent stamps as first class mail. Actually, savings are very little by sending your greetings in unsealed envelopes, because the rate for third class mail has been increased to two cents.

Also, first class mail has these advantages:

1. Your cards may carry written messages.
2. They are dispatched and delivered first.
3. If necessary, they are forwarded to new addresses without additional charge.
4. If undeliverable, they are returned if the sender's address is on the envelope.

Postal regulations, moreover, require minimum postage of three cents on envelopes smaller than 2 3/4 by 4 inches, or larger than 9 by 12 inches, whether sealed or unsealed.

To avoid last-minute crowds, Postmaster Blakely recommends that a visit to the post office next week to purchase extra stamps. The stamp lines are short now, and this is one phase of Christmas shopping that can be done easily.

Christmas cards and packages for out-of-town delivery should be posted well in advance of De-

Keglers Hold Second Place With Forfeit

Kings Mountain's Keglers maintained the runner-up position in Cleveland County Bowling Association league play with a forfeit win over Ella Mill last Friday night on the Shelby Center alleys.

Furman Wilson capped the Keglers' effort against Ella with a 316 for high set. Ralph Arrowood posted a 120 for game high. The Kings Mountain entry racked up 1,532 points before the opponent folded.

The Keglers have a league record of seven wins, two losses to hold the second place spot. Shelby's Outlaws are in first place with 9 wins and no losses.

The Kings Mountain team has a league scrap scheduled for Monday night at the Center.

Other members of the team are Tom Gamble, captain, Bill Logan, Albert Brackett and Jim Everhart.

December 11th. Those for local delivery are sure to arrive by Christmas Day if mailed by December 15th.

"We anticipate an even heavier load of Christmas mail this year than in 1950, when both local and national records were broken," the Postmaster concluded.

"Consequently," we've enlarged our staff of mail clerks and carriers as much as possible. The sorting tables and delivery trucks are all set up," he commented.

MORE ABOUT Modern Schools

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tion. A place was set aside for each, the youngest, the older, and then the oldest students. Playing hockey or avoiding study was unthought of. There was no compulsory school law for the students attending were there because they desired an education.

The athletics department was confined to baseball and football, since there was no gymnasium for indoor sports. Coaches for sports were unheard of. Usually one of the older boys, having played with the team while in school, coached.

Styles of dress for the girls were similar to today's style, except the dresses were longer. The way of dress for boys differed greatly. They wore short pants, that fitted tight above the knees, until they were 14 or 16 years old.

Programs for the school children were enjoyed by all the people of the town. All programs of the town were given in the auditorium.

The teacher whom students of the school remembered best was Dr. Bickle. He not only taught school, but was the pastor of the Lutheran church. Many of his best teachers said, "He was the best teacher that ever taught me, and he is one of the greatest mathematicians." His students liked him because he had a different and more efficient way of teaching. Although he was very stern and required much studying, his students respected and admired him.

The school building that the pupils attended was all together different. Students entered first a large auditorium or a long hall—used as a classroom. On each side there was a wing, with two rooms down stairs and two up. (These were added later than the picture.) One had to cross through the first two rooms to get to the two back ones over the auditorium. A big stove sat in the middle of the auditorium, which was furnished with homemade seats. The building was made of wood and there were no locks on the doors. In the belfry hung the bell, which when rung could be heard for a half-mile. There were no janitors to clean the school, instead some of the boys worked off their tuition by cleaning the building.

All the boys gathered on the school ground on Saturdays to play. Their favorite game was "Fox and Hounds", giving a couple a head start, the group would chase them. They usually traveled as far as Bessemer City or Crowders Mountain in this game.

There was a commencement program; but much different from graduation exercises of today. Diplomas were not given. When one had taken all courses possible he simply did not attend anymore. The commencement program given lasted over a period of three nights. The first night was for small chil-

FIRST SCHOOL. — Above is a reproduction of a drawing of Kings Mountain high school as it appeared around 75 years ago. Mrs. M. L. Houser kept the picture and made it available. Writing under the picture reads: "Captain W. T. R. Bell Prin. . . Students prepared for college and the business pursuits of life . . . The Fall Session . . . will open . . . August 13, 1877." On either side of the date is noted "Tuition per Session \$7 to \$15 and "Board per Month \$8 to \$10." A Latin phrase is under the date, along with two other curved lines which are too faint to read. Other notations include: "Cleveland County . . . North Carolina . . . Latin Greek French . . . Drawing Mathematics . . ." By the turn of the century, two wings had been added to the building.

dren: the next night a program was given for middle-sized group and the third was for adults. Usually all seats and standing room was occupied for all three programs. The type of programs given were just good plays to suit everyone's taste.

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Other units will include vehicles of the Kings Mountain National Guard company, commanded by Capt. Humes Houston. Other members of the Guard company will aid city policemen in handling traffic.

The opening will also mark the lighting of Christmas street lights and decorations for the first time.

Majority of retail stores will close at 5:30 p. m. as is their regular policy, and Merchants Association officials suggested that persons who wish to combine shopping with attendance at the parade to come early and attend to their shopping prior to 5:30.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gallant had as their Sunday dinner guests, Fred Gallant, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Morrison and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barry and children, of Grover.



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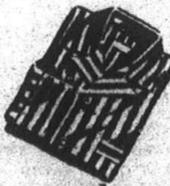
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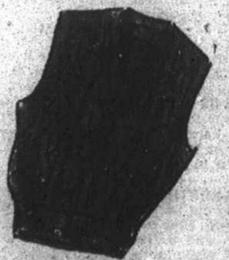
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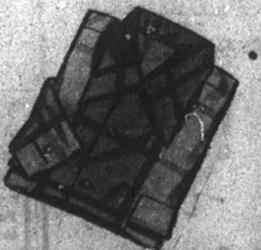
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