

## Population

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Trading Area ..... 15,000  
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## David D. Saunders Buying Laundry

### Local News Bulletins

### Sale Effective End Of Week; Plant To Move

**BUREAU CLOSED**  
Driver's license bureau will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1, according to W. W. Wright, license examiner. The office will again reopen January 8, he said.

**CLOSE TUESDAY**  
Jacob Mauney Memorial library will be closed on Tuesday, December 23 through Friday, December 26, according to announcement by Mrs. Charles Dilling, librarian. The library will again reopen on Saturday, December 27, she said.

**TAG SALES**  
Sale of 1953 city tags total 210 Wednesday morning according to a report from the city clerk's office. Tags must be purchased by February 1, 1953 and price of the tag is one dollar.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
Bethlehem Baptist church will present a special Christmas program in song, Scripture and verse on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Juanita Warren is pianist and Max Blackburn is chorister.

## Jaycees Launch Bumperlite Sale

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce has launched a campaign to cut down on the number of traffic accidents in the city.

To do this, the Jaycees have gone into business, selling "Red line bumperlites", a luminous tape which is attached to rear bumpers of automobiles. The bumperlite is a strip of red tape, five feet long and one and one half inches wide. It has little use in daylight hours but glows brightly at night as a warning to vehicles which may be approaching from the rear. Jaycees say it will last for approximately two years.

The bumperlite is attached to vehicles by means of a highly sensitized coating on the reverse side of the tape. Jaycees recommend that it be placed a little higher than half way up the rear bumper. This will prevent its being scratched by cars or trucks during parking maneuvers.

The Jaycees have installed the bumperlites on police cars, Chief S. R. Davidson said he considered the bumperlite to be an outstanding measure to reduce accidents.

Red-line bumperlites are sold only by Jaycees and may be obtained from any member of the Kings Mountain club, Chairman K. E. Morrison has announced. Jaycees employed at Plunk Motor Company and Victory Chevrolet Company have a supply of the tape and Mr. Morrison may be contacted at his taxi stand near the bus station.

Price of the tape for one vehicle is one dollar.

## Christmas Herald To Appear Tuesday

The next edition of the Kings Mountain Herald, its Christmas edition, will appear next Tuesday rather than Thursday, as the Herald follows its customary annual custom of advancing the Christmas week issue.

The edition will include special Christmas - season feature material, in addition complete coverage of news and social events. Merchants also will use the edition to convey season's greetings to their patrons.

Advertising deadline for the advanced edition will be 5 p. m. Saturday, with the news deadline at 2 p. m. Monday. All society news should be received not later than 10 a. m. Monday. Correspondents are asked to note the advance in publication schedule and to turn in their copy accordingly.

The Herald will be on newsstands Monday evening, and get full distribution Tuesday morning.

Kings Mountain Laundry, laundress and cleaners, has been sold to David D. Saunders, according to joint announcement this week by Mr. Saunders and by E. A. Harrill, owner of the establishment.

The transaction includes the laundry and cleaning business along with equipment and fixtures, but does not include the large brick building where the Kings Mountain Laundry has operated for the past several years.

Mr. Saunders said the firm name would be changed to Sunshine Laundry, and that the business would be moved to the Cleveland Avenue building owned by D. C. Mauney and which formerly housed Kings Mountain Laundry. The Mauney building has been most recently used as a warehouse by Sterchi's, local furniture firm.

Mr. Saunders is the son of D. L. Saunders, owner of Saunders Dry Cleaning. He has been associated with his father for the past several years. He formerly managed Saunders Men's Shop, a men's store subsequently sold to Clyde Hughes of Union, S. C.

Mr. Harrill has been either owner, or part-owner, of the Kings Mountain Laundry for the past nine years, having purchased it in 1943. Paul Mauney purchased a share of the business and it was operated as a partnership until August 1948, when Mr. Harrill purchased Mr. Mauney's interest.

Mr. Harrill said his law office would still be maintained in its present location in the building on Childers street now occupied by the laundry.

The laundry will be closed after Saturday and throughout the week of December 22 for moving and renovating. Mr. Saunders said, it will re-open Sunshine Laundry at the Cleveland Avenue location on Monday, December 29, Mr. Saunders said.

Consideration in the transaction was not announced.

## Stores Open Later Beginning Monday

Later-than-usual closing hours will be observed by majority of Kings Mountain merchants beginning Monday, according to action of the Kings Mountain Merchants association.

The association has recommended that its members observe Saturday hours beginning Monday, December 22, which means that department and variety stores will be open until 7 o'clock from Monday through Christmas Eve. Furniture stores will close at 6 p. m., while grocers will be open slightly later than department stores.

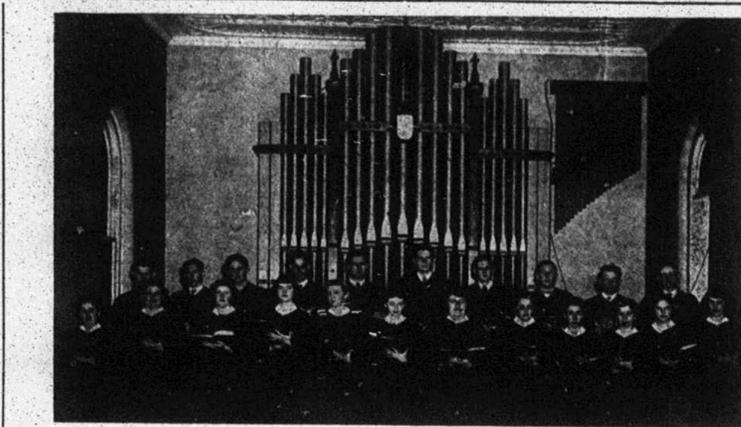
Majority of merchants will take a two-day Christmas holiday, closing on both Christmas Day and on December 26, and re-opening for business on Saturday, December 27. The following week, merchants will take a one-and-one-half day holiday, resuming the Wednesday afternoon closing on December 31, and taking as a holiday New Year's Day.

## "Buy A Can, Leave A Can" Jaycee Motto For Spreading Yule Cheer

Members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet at Plunk Motor Company Tuesday night to prepare baskets of food gathered in the club's annual "Buy A Can, Leave A Can" collection campaign for the city's needy families.

"We've gotten a late start on the "Buy A Can" campaign this Christmas and I wish to urge all citizens to remember to make a contribution. When you're buying your groceries, purchase some staple item or items and place them in the baskets located in the stores. You'll be helping some needy family to a merrier Christmas." J. T. McGinnis, Jaycee vice-president said yesterday.

Virtually all Kings Mountain grocers are participating. Mr. McGinnis urged members to contribute to the campaign at



**CHOIR TO PRESENT CANTATA** — The 24-voice choir of Central Methodist church will present "The Story of Christmas", a Christmas cantata written in a very modern musical style by H. Alexander Matthews on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The choir is under the direction of Miss Bonnie McIntosh. B. S. Peeler, Jr., is assistant director.

## Many Are Seeking Carrier Delivery

### Blakely Says Thirteen Areas Ask Service

A large number of Kings Mountain citizens, residing within the city limits, but now receiving city carrier postal service, have petitioned for this service, according to announcement by Postmaster W. E. Blakely.

The petitions were filed before last Saturday's deadline, after invitation for them by the postmaster.

Citizens asked for city carrier delivery on portions of Davidson avenue, Deal street, Waco Road, South Cherokee street, City street, Wells street, Wilson street, Falls street, Monte Vista drive, Parker street and W. King street, in addition to many residents of the Burlington Mill community who now received their mail addresses to rural routes.

Postmaster Blakely said he felt confident that some of the areas, at least, would be approved by the postoffice department for adding to city carrier routes.

Postmaster Blakely invited the petitions on instruction from the assistant postmaster general, after Mr. Blakely had requested that an inspector be sent here to investigate the need for route additions.

"I feel that the large number of petitions received will result in an inspector being sent here soon," Mr. Blakely said, "and I feel that the more popular sections will be approved for city carrier delivery."

**PAGEANT SUNDAY**  
The Sunday school of Resurrection Lutheran Church will present a Christmas pageant, "The Kingdom of the Christ Child," Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Eugene Mitcham and Mrs. Sam Mitcham are directors of the pageant and the public is invited to attend.

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
A candlelight service for the Nativity will be conducted at Resurrection Lutheran church at 11 p. m. Wednesday, December 24. The service will be concluded at 12 midnight and a service of caroling will follow.

## First Baptist Plans Yule Programs

The First Baptist church schedule of Christmas program plans was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Gordon Weekley.

On Friday evening at the Masonic Dining Hall, the annual all-church party will be held, with Mrs. F. R. McCurdy in charge of a social program. The program will include games, a Christmas reading by Miss Marie Camp, and group singing of Christmas songs followed by distribution of gifts and appearance of Santa Claus with gifts for the children.

The pastor will deliver a Christmas sermon on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and on Sunday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, a pageant, entitled "A King Is Born," will be presented. It will be directed by Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., with music under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Bridges, organist and choir director.

On Sunday evening, young people of the church will carol shut-ins of the church and community, and on Wednesday evening (Christmas Eve) the Carol Choir, under the direction of Miss Melba Tindall, will sing carols throughout the community.

### School Holidays Begin On Friday

Kings Mountain area schools will close after classes Friday for the annual Christmas holidays.

City students will have a longer holiday than county units, with the exception of Park Grace school which will open for classes again on January 5 as will all Kings Mountain city schools.

Grover school students will go back to the classrooms on December 29. Bethware school will resume classes on December 31.

## Band And Chorus To Give Concert

The annual Christmas concert of the Kings Mountain high school band and mixed chorus will be presented Thursday night, at the high school auditorium.

Time of the concert is set for 8 o'clock. The public is invited and no admission will be charged.

Among the varieties of selections, including sacred, popular classical, and religious numbers are, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Jingle Bells," "O Holy Night," "Winter Wonderland," "Half as Much," "Syncopated Clock" and many others.

The girls' trio composed of Misses Dolores Davidson, Shirley Falls, and Nora Jane Deese will sing several selections. They will be accompanied at the piano by Shirley Houser, Shirley Falls accompanies the mixed chorus.

Among the numbers the chorus will sing with band accompaniment are, "Noel" and "White Christmas."

"This concert promises to be one of the best," Joe Hedden, band director, said in making the announcement. "Everyone is urged to attend."

Miss Margaret Cole directs the chorus.

## First Baptist Plans Yule Programs

The Kings Mountain postoffice will be open all day on Saturday to accommodate Christmas season matters. The postoffice customarily closes at noon on Saturday.

Six "extra" employees are on hand to aid both city carriers and rural carriers. In addition, there are two extra window clerks, and two more "extras" will be added for the final pre-Christmas rush, according to Assistant Postmaster George Hord.

Mr. Hord thinks that many people are mailing greeting cards, gifts, and other Christmas season mail earlier than usual and that the effect has been to make handling of the mail easier, in spite of the growth in volume during the past few years.

### GIFT SALE

The Young Married Ladies class of Patterson Grove Baptist church Sunday School will conduct a gift sale Saturday at the Home Service and Frigidaire Store on W. Mountain street. Items to be offered for sale include aprons, pillow slips, cakes articles suitable for gifts.

## Saturday Last Day To Enter Yule Contest

Saturday is the deadline for entries in the city-wide Christmas decorated door contest, being sponsored jointly by the city's Garden Club council and the First National Bank.

Mrs. M. A. Ware, chairman of the Garden Club council, urged all citizens to enter the contest, pointing out again that only door decorations will be judged in the contest.

Prizes of five dollars each are being offered in thirteen different residential divisions, with a grand prize of a \$25 savings bond to go to the owner of the entry judged best throughout the city.

The judging will be conducted by out-of-town judges on the evening of December 22.

Prizes for doorway decorations will go to winners in these divisions: Non-garden club residences, Burlington Mill residences, Craftsman Mill residences, Loom-Tex Mill residences, Pauline Mill residences, Kings Mountain Manufacturing company residences, Margrace Mill residences, Saddle Mill residences, Mauney Mill residences, Park Yarn Mill residences, Bonnie Mill residences, Garden club member residences and Negro residences.

Only requirement of persons entering the contest is that they fill out entry blank, noting name, address and division of the contest they are entering, and forward the blank to the contest committee, either by mail to Post-office Box 764, Kings Mountain, or by dropping it in entry boxes at Griffin Drug Company, Kings Mountain Drug Company, or the First National Bank.

Entry deadline is December 20, and out-of-town judges will determine the winners on the evening of December 22.

Judging of the contest will be based on three major points as follows: originality, 40 percent, suitability of material, 30 percent, and general appearance, 30 percent.

## Garden Club Sale Is Friday

The Kings Mountain Garden Club council will conduct a Christmas sale of decorations, gift items, arrangements, and holiday-season cakes, cookies and other delicacies Friday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock at the Woman's Club.

The sale will be similar to one conducted last year, and Garden Club council members are anticipating a repeat of last year's "sell-out."

The Garden Club council includes three Kings Mountain garden clubs.

## St. Matthew's Yule Program Is Listed

Special Christmas services will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church beginning Sunday, according to announcement by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

Christmas worship will be observed at Sunday School and at the morning worship on Sunday, with a special "White Christmas" program scheduled for 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the youth and children's department. Gifts will be brought for the Lowman home, Children's home and local charity. The annual Christmas party will follow, with light refreshments to be served, and with treats for the children.

The church's traditional mid-night musical will be held Wednesday evening at 11 o'clock, featuring anthems by two choirs, vocal solos, a violin offertory by Mrs. Miles Mauney, carol-singing and a short meditation by the pastor.

## Pre-Christmas Buying Rush To Peak This Weekend For "Five Saturdays"

Though many people have done considerable Christmas shopping, many have much yet to be done, and Kings Mountain merchants are girding themselves for what they anticipate will be "five successive Saturdays."

They look for busy, pre-Christmas selling days on Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, before pulling their shades at closing time on Christmas Eve.

Though not as heavy as they were two weeks ago, stocks of Kings Mountain merchants are still in good shape, and, with many stores reporting receipt of special Christmas shipments this

## Assessments Listed For Street-Paving



**HEADS MINISTERS**—Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, has been named president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association for the coming year.

## Ministers Name Daniel President

Rev. Vance M. Daniel was named president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association at the regular December meeting of the organization held at Central Methodist church last Monday morning.

The new association head is pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church and served during the past year as secretary and treasurer of the group.

Rev. B. F. Austin, pastor of Second Baptist church, was named vice president and Rev. Phil Shore, Jr., Central Methodist pastor, was elected secretary and treasurer.

Rev. Gordon Weekley, First Baptist pastor, Rev. W. P. Gerberding, St. Matthew's Lutheran pastor, and Rev. W. L. Pressly, Boyce Memorial A. R. P. pastor, were named to the program committee.

Guest speakers at the meeting were W. C. Abernathy, representative of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., and Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain funeral director.

## Minor Zoning Change Proposed

Hearing on a proposed minor change in the city's zoning ordinance has been set for the board of commissioners regular meeting on Monday, January 12, according to legal notice first published in today's issue of the Herald.

The proposal, on request of Warren Reynolds, is to change a small area of York Road from residential area to neighborhood trading area.

Mr. Reynolds, who has sought the change at a recent board meeting, indicated the lot would be used to erect a self-service grocery.

The proposal would change a lot 105 feet by 150 feet from residential zone to neighborhood trading zone.

All persons interested in the proposed change are invited to attend the hearing, according to the published notice.

## Hearing Called For January 12 For Objections

The city is publishing in today's issue of the Herald notice of public hearing on adoption of assessments for street improvements made during the past two years. The assessment roll totals about \$16,000.

According to the notice, which lists proposed assessments for street paving on portions of 20 city streets, the city board of commissioners will hold a hearing on the proposed assessments at its next regular meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 12, 1953.

Property owners objecting to the proposed assessments should appear at the hearing to list their objections, according to the notice.

The notice appears on Page 6, Section II, of today's issue.

The assessment roll includes charges for paving all or portions of the following streets: City street, Cherokee street, First street, Third street, McGinnis street, Wilson street, Deal street, Sims street, Meadowbrook road, Rosewood lane, Gofogh street, Gold street, Grace street, Myers street, Wells street, Dilling street, and Monte Vista drive.

## Phenix Bonuses Total \$4,335

Christmas bonuses totaling \$4,335 are being paid this year to employees of Phenix Plant, a unit of Burlington Mills, it was announced today by Superintendent J. T. Latham, who also released plans for the plant's annual Christmas party to be held December 21.

"Despite the poor year experienced by the textile industry generally, the company is happy to be able to pay Christmas bonuses again this year," Mr. Latham said.

On a company-wide basis, Burlington Mills will pay out approximately \$504,000 to its production employees it has been announced.

The annual Christmas party for children of employees at Phenix Plant will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday, December 21 at the Joy Theater. Gifts will be given to children 10 years of age and younger, following a brief Christmas program of movie cartoons.

The program will include prayer by Rev. C. F. Grant, pastor of Grace Methodist church, address of welcome by Superintendent Latham and introduction of guests by Paul Howard, Hams and fruit cakes will be given as door prizes.

Annual supervisors banquet and party will be held Saturday night at 6:30 p. m. at the Masonic dining hall. The Phenix square dance team will give a demonstration at the party.

Plant holidays will be observed beginning at the end of the third shift at 6 a. m. on Wednesday, December 24 and ending with operations being resumed at the beginning of the third shift on December 29.

## Crosby's Antiques Opened Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Crosby opened on Monday at their home at 409 South Battleground avenue a new business enterprise, Crosby's Antiques.

Mrs. Crosby will manage the establishment and said the firm will specialize in early American antiques, including furniture, copper and brass works of the period, lamps, chests, chafin dishes, and many other items.

The firm will also be agents for wall paper and decorator fabrics, Mrs. Crosby said. Among special Christmas items now in stock are candlelers.

**KIWANIS MEETING**  
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be held Thursday evening at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall. Program is being arranged by the committee on Boys and Girls work, of which Burt Chandler is chairman. It will be the final meeting of the year, since no meetings are scheduled for Christmas nor New Year's Days.