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Crowd Packs City For Yule Parade

Thousands Here For Christmas Opening Event

A crowd estimated at 5,000-6,000 persons packed Kings Mountain Wednesday afternoon for the 1954 Christmas opening parade.

The throng jammed the parade route in spite of coldest weather of the current winter and under gray skies which gave some promise of snow.

All city policemen were on duty directing traffic and controlling the crowd and were assisted by a large detachment of Shelby policemen, as well as members of the State Highway Patrol.

Merchants remained open late for the event, keeping their doors open until 6:45 to provide warmth and comfort for the parade throng.

The parade line-up listed a 37-unit parade, including twelve floats, seven high school beauty queens, led by Kings Mountain's police safety car.

Floats included the Queen City Coach Company "Jolly Ship Lollipop," Lance, Inc., "Cracker Express," and floats of Mauney Textile Interests, Foote Mineral Company, Phenix plant of Burlington Mills, Kings Mountain Jaycees, and Coca-Cola Company, Macedonia Baptist church, Moose Lodge, and Mt. Zion Baptist church, in addition to the colorful reindeer float bearing Santa Claus himself.

School beauties appearing in the parade included Rachel Neal, of Bethware school, Juanita Lackey, Waco high school, Becky Strutt, Bessemer City high school, Dale Gold, Grover high school, and Katherine Ware and Jean Arthur, Kings Mountain high school.

Bands appearing in the parade included those of Cherryville high school, Gastonia high school, Dallas high school, Charvis high school, Shelby high school, and Kings Mountain high school.

Other units adding color to the parade were Kings Mountain National Guard company and the Otis D. G. -sen Post, American Legion, color guard.

Numerous autos were included in the parade bearing several official groups, including city officials, merchants association officials, and ministerial association officials. A city fire truck carried a number of youngsters and a clown motored about on a toy-size vehicle.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scout units marched in the parade and Davidson high school glee club sang Christmas carols.

Another colorful feature of the parade was L. A. Love, in cowboy regalia on his white stallion, Sir Charles Allen, Jr.

Also appearing in the parade was the six-mule hitch of Mr. Love.

Other units included a double-deck scenic bus of Queen City Coach Company and the high school driver training car.

The event marked the formal opening of the Christmas season here. Christmas lights in the business district were lighted for the first time.

Jolly Santa Claus, in regulation garb behind his white prancing reindeer, tossed goodies to the crowds along the parade route.

Some paraders, though lightly clad, seemed to ignore the piercing cold.

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The entire project received splendid co-operation from everyone, and as one member so aptly stated, "It was indeed a labor of love," the pastor stated.

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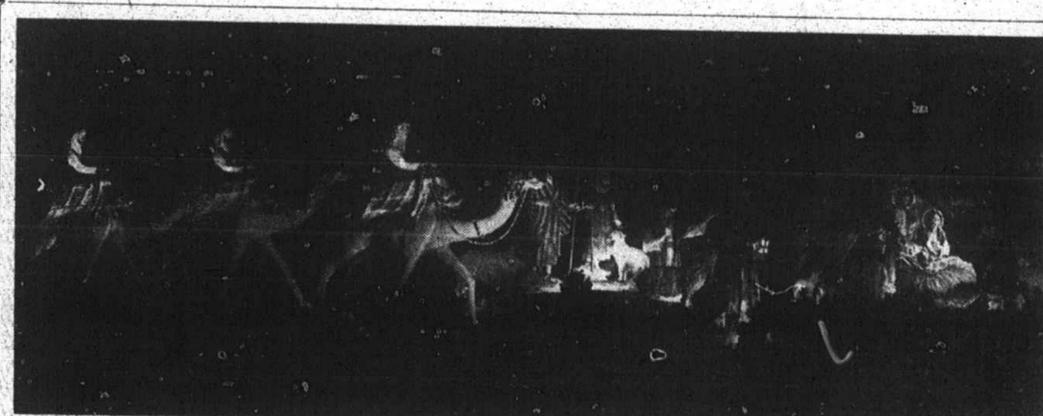
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CITY'S CHRISTMAS SCENE - The Nativity Scene pictured above is a replica of Kings Mountain's new community Christmas decoration, which was installed this week on the lawn of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library. The massive figures are of permanent-type construction and material and will be usable in future years.

Eight-Member Library Group Is Appointed

The operating committee of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library has been expanded to eight members, by the governing library board, H. W. Lynch, committee chairman reported this week.

Under the expanded committee arrangement, the members are to serve for staggered terms, with terms of two members to expire annually.

The eight members are: One - year term: Mrs. W. R. Craig, Mrs. W. T. Weir.

Two - year term: Dr. W. L. Pressly, Mrs. J. E. Castle.

Three - year term: H. E. Lynch, Mrs. W. L. Mauney.

Four - year term: Mrs. Hunter R. Nelsler, Dr. D. F. Hord.

New members under the expanded arrangement are Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Nelsler and Dr. Hord.

Mrs. W. L. Mauney joined the committee several months ago on resignation of Mrs. E. W. Griffin.

Mr. Lynch said the committee would meet soon to organize for the coming year.

Members of the Jacob S. Mauney library board, which includes a member of the J. S. Mauney family, a member of the city board of commissioners, and a member of the city board of school trustees, are W. K. Mauney, J. H. Patterson, and J. R. Davis.

City Board Session Short

The board of city commissioners held a short December meeting last Thursday night, with majority of the actions routine.

It voted to advertise for bids on a small ditch-digger for the natural gas department, estimated to cost about \$4,000 by Vince Beach, gas department superintendent, and asked J. W. Webster, gas tap salesman, to defer until December 20, his notice that he was resigning the position.

The board had scheduled a meeting for December 20 to receive the bid.

Mr. Webster told the board he wanted to quit December 11, and indicated he didn't regard the \$60 per week salary sufficient pay.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges named Commissioners W. C. Grantham, T. J. Ellison, and H. J. Phillips as a committee to make a recommendation on the Webster matter.

Mayor Bridges also informed the board that the city required a 400-foot easement for sewer line right-of-way from Paul Mauney for access into the new treatment plant from the Linwood Road section and named Commissioners Phillips and Patterson to confer with Mr. Mauney concerning obtaining the right-of-way.

In other actions, the board voted: 1) Voted to pay Robert Hilker, of Gastonia, \$50 per month for maintenance of the city's several radio communications units (he had been receiving \$35 and had asked the increase due to added units).

2) Deferred action on request of the city clerk for an additional office clerk due to absence of two commissioners.

Lions Will Honor Gridmen Tuesday

Coach Duggins Of Appalachian To Give Address

The Lions club will honor the Kings Mountain high school football team at Masonic Hall Tuesday night, with E. C. Duggins, coach of the Appalachian State Teachers College football team to be the featured speaker.

The banquet is to get underway at 7 p. m.

The popular ASTC coach, whose team won the North State Conference title and a Thanksgiving Day Burley Bowl game, reports he will bring two of his players with him Tuesday night - Aubrey Elam, back, and Rick Lippard, a 235-pound tackle.

Coach Duggins will come here fresh from his second bowl game of the season - the Mountaineers are slated to hit Newberry on Saturday in Raleigh's annual Elks Bowl contest. Undeclared in North State play this season, the Mountaineers dropped last season contests to Tampa Presbyterian and finished at 8-2 before taking East Tennessee State in the Burley Bowl game.

Coach Duggins is a Navy veteran, missing the 1951 football season while on active duty as a Naval officer.

The program was arranged by Ollie Harris.

Kings Mountain high had another successful year on the gridiron last season, finishing with a record of seven wins, one tie and two losses, the mark not being benefited by any of the forfeits which occurred because of use of ineligible players by two loop teams. The 1953 team finished with a 5-3 record.

Kings Mountain suspended use of all auxiliary water sources Monday following Sunday's heavy rains which raised the level of the York Road reservoir by four inches.

City Clerk Joe Hendrick said the city water department suspended pumpage at the Gold Mine shaft and suspended intake from the artesian wells on Cherryville Road on Monday.

The suspension of pumpage from auxiliary sources signalled the formal end of Kings Mountain's 1954 water shortage which had resulted in a 40-day restriction of water consumption for some purposes.

Cotton Farmers Will Vote Tuesday On Continuing Marketing Quotas

Cleveland County cotton farmers, along with other cotton farmers in the South and other cotton states, will vote Tuesday to decide whether cotton marketing quotas will continue in effect for the 1955 crop year.

The Number 4 Township voting place will be at Bethware School's agricultural building, while Number 5 Township cotton farmers will vote at Waco school. The polling will be conducted between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m.

J. D. Ellis, chairman of the county ASC, estimated 7,500 Cleveland county citizens are eligible to vote in the election and guessed that the vote would favor a continuance of marketing quotas.

"The issue is not how much acreage will be planted, for allotments have already been declared by the Secretary of Agriculture," Mr. Ellis said, "but on marketing quotas, similar to the arrangement on wheat. Should marketing quotas not be approved, the law provides that parity guarantees of the federal government will drop to 50 percent, rather than the top range of 82.5 percent to 90 percent."

A state agriculture official has stated the result of the vote will determine whether cotton will be worth 33 cents per pound, or 17 cents per pound.

All farmers who grew upland cotton in 1954 will be eligible to vote in the upland cotton referendum. At least two-thirds of the growers voting by secret ballot must approve the quotas if they are to continue in effect.

The vote follows the Secretary of Agriculture's proclamation, on October 14, of a national marketing quota and a national acreage allotment for the 1955 crop of upland cotton. Such a proclamation must be made under the law when the prospective "total supply" of cotton exceeds the "normal supply."

The total supply of upland cotton for the 1954-55 marketing year was estimated in October at 21.5 million running bales, more than 3.8 million bales above the normal supply of 17.7 million bales.

J. C. Lackey Funeral Rites Held On Friday

Funeral services for John C. Lackey, 74, vice-president and director of the Kings Mountain Building & Loan association, were conducted last Friday afternoon from St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Mr. Lackey, in declining health for several years, became seriously ill a week prior to his death and succumbed at Kings Mountain hospital last Thursday morning at 8:10.

A native of Gaston county, he had spent much of his life as a citizen of Kings Mountain. For many years he was bookkeeper for Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company and became secretary - treasurer of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association in the mid-thirties. He was an active member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and for many years served as church treasurer.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, the pastor, conducted the final rites, and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery. Dr. Gerberding commented on the high esteem in which Mr. Lackey was held by a host of friends in the community.

A native of Gaston county, he was a son of the late James P. and Sarah Anne Crouse Lackey. He was married on February 12, 1903, to Miss Mary Ellen Plink.

Surviving are his wife, a son, John P. Lackey, of Kings Mountain, a daughter, Mrs. L. W. Turner, of Graham, and two sisters, Mrs. L. M. Wolfe, Kings Mountain, and Mrs. W. F. Stroupe, Hammonton, Calif. Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive. A brother, R. L. (Fate) Lackey, died two weeks previously.

The body lay in state at the church for a half-hour prior to the funeral rites.

Active pallbearers were L. Arnold Kiser, James P. Lackey, Charles Lackey, Marshall Wolfe, Dr. Robert Baker, and G. E. Bridges. Directors of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association were honorary pallbearers.

Water Shortage Over For '54

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King Winter Blows Low Temperatures

King Winter added his voice to the Christmas season this week with a heavy dose of winter weather.

After a steady and sometimes heavy rain Sunday, Monday dawned clear and crisp and temperatures dropped to seasonal lows in Kings Mountain and the Piedmont area. Early risers reported a light snowfall early Monday morning, but the snow was insufficient to show. Charlotte had light snow and three inches of snow was reported at Greensboro.

Weather prophets Wednesday were predicting a respite from the cold wave - to be replaced by higher temperatures accompanied by rain.

ELECTED Miss Anne Dilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dilling, has been elected treasurer of the Freshman class at Limestone college, Gaffney, S. C.

Officers are elected by their classmates at the beginning of the second term on the basis of their grades for first term.



DEDICATION RITES SUNDAY - The new brick parsonage of Grace Methodist church will be dedicated Sunday following 11 o'clock services at the church, with the district superintendent to conduct the services of dedication, with church officials taking part. The dedication culminates a church-wide effort for a new parsonage covering several pastorates, beginning during the tenure of Rev. G. W. Fink. It was reported by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Local News Bulletins

WACO BRIDGE BIDS

Bids asked this week by the State Highway & Public Works commission on road work in the state included one for a bridge over the Seaboard Air-line Railroad on a county road at Waco. The bids are to be opened December 21.

KIWANIS MEETING

Ed Coter, assistant superintendent of Foote Mineral Company, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting, Masonic Dining Hall, at 6:35.

FOOD SALE

The Central Methodist church, Woman's Society of Christian Service will conduct a food sale at C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency on Mountain street Saturday from 9 a. m. until 1 o'clock. Announcement was made by Mrs. Sam Davis.

FAIRVIEW LODGE

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge No. 339 AF & AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall. Election of officers will be held, and all members are urged to attend. Joe H. McDaniel, secretary, announced.

DEACONS ELECTED

New deacons elected by First Presbyterian church last Sunday were Henry Neilsen, Hubert Davidson, W. J. Fulkerson, Jack Arnette, and Harry Page.

REVIVAL

Rev. Kelly Dixon will conduct a revival at Cherokee Tabernacle beginning Sunday night with services to continue at 7 p. m. each evening through December 19. Mr. Dixon is pastor of the church. Leonard Huffstetler will lead the song service.

OPTIMIST CLUB

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Optimist club will be held at the Woman's Club Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

COURT OF HONOR

Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 7:45. It was announced by Piedmont Council headquarters.

JC's "Buy A Can" Project Underway

Kings Mountain Jaycees are beginning this week their annual appeal for staple food items for the city's needy families - "Buy A Can, Leave A Can".

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with grocers of the city, have placed "Merry Christmas Baskets" and appropriate placards in the 30-food stores.

The public is being asked to place something in the baskets each time they visit the food stores. Jaycees will collect the gifts on Christmas Eve and the county welfare department will distribute them to needy families in time for dinner Christmas Day.

Grace To Dedicate Parsonage Sunday

Mail Early, Please, Is Postoffice Plea

Mail early, please, is the plea of Kings Mountain postal officials, as they report volume already picking up toward the Christmas peak.

Postmaster W. E. Blakely said Wednesday demand for two-cent and three-cent stamps is already up considerably and that incoming volume of mail is also increasing heavily.

He particularly noted that mail and parcel post for distant points should be posted well in advance of Christmas if the sender is to be sure greetings or packages arrive in time. He also suggested that greeting cards get better handling if sent as first-class mail bearing a three-cent stamp and sealed.

1955 Yule Club Has 353 Members

First National Bank reporting a booming start Wednesday on its 1955 Christmas Savings club, with 353 accounts opened by Wednesday morning and with initial week payments totaling \$1,750.

Of the 353 savings club memberships, 54 were new members not in the club just closed last week.

President Frank R. Summers said the heavy first-week sign-up indicates that both membership and total savings will be considerably increased in the 1955 club, as many of the former members have taken increased savings contracts.

He said 114 Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., employees have joined the 1955 club, compared to 60 completing contracts in the 1954 club.

First-week payments are now due, with the period to end December 13.

"There's still plenty of time to join," Mr. Summers said, "and we invite all Kings Mountain area citizens to become members of the 1955 club."

Members agree to pay from 50 cents to \$5 weekly into the club. Next December 1, they will receive checks in varying amounts, from \$13 to \$250. The club period covers 50 weeks.

Little Theatre To Stage Comedy Thursday, Saturday At Clubhouse

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present the three-act comedy, "Act Your Age" at the Woman's club Thursday and Saturday at 8 p. m.

Mrs. M. A. Ware is directing the production, which was written by William Davidson and produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Co., Chicago. It. Admission is 25 cents for children, 75 cents for adults, and 50 cents for students.

Members of the cast, in order of their appearance are: Betty Tudor, who portrays Angelica (Angy) Goetz; Billie Gibbons as Geraldine Joyce; Mrs. Franklin Pethel as Cora; H. L. (Red) Feinster as Archibald Hoffenbugel; Mable Jeff Wells as James Matson; Bemie Winifred Fulton as Helga; Peggy Mauney as Sandra.

The production staff includes B. S. Peeler, Jr., and Delbert Dixon, in charge of sets; Luther Casler, lights and sound; Mrs. Ed Tudor, publicity chairman; Mrs. P. G. Padgett, in charge of make-up; Miss Nancy McGinnis, prompter; Tom Eszes, programs and tickets; Mrs. Franklin Pethel, costumes; and Mrs. E. W. Griffin and Mrs. J. S. Norman, hostesses.

Ushers will include Mrs. S. E. Tudor, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stallings.

The play is the first Little Theatre production of the current season.

City Directory Said Assured A Greater Kings Mountain city directory is assured, Neal Grissom, president of the Kings Mountain Optimist club, said this week.

The Optimist Club is sponsoring the publication of Kings Mountain's first city directory, scheduled for completion by next spring.

Mr. Grissom said all of the advertising sales work had not been completed, but that sufficient indications of support are in hand to assure the publication of the directory.

The directory census work is scheduled to begin in January.

The directory will include a directory of every person residing in the Kings Mountain area, together with their place of employment, and other information. It will also include a numerical phone listing, business directory, and other features.