

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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CITIZENS PLANNING TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY

Horvath Firm Takes Over Neisler Operation

Church Rites, Family Dinners Feature Season

Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Monday to Zeb Grigg to erect a house on Stowe Street, at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

HOSPITALIZED

Frank Glass, owner of Glass Grocery, is in Kings Mountain hospital recuperating from a heart attack suffered Saturday by his son, Don Glass, to be improving, with a possibility of being discharged from the hospital by the end of the week.

TWO FIRES

Firemen answered two calls this week, Fireman C. D. Ware reported. Saturday, firemen extinguished an auto blaze in a car owned by Jake Sipes. Tuesday, firemen extinguished an electric motor blaze at McCurdy's Cleaners and Laundry.

KIWANIS MEETING

The Rev. A. T. Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist Church, will deliver the Christmas message to the Kiwanis Club Thursday night at 6:45 at Masonic Hall. James W. Chastain, pastor of Bessemer City, will sing a number of Christmas selections. William Herndon is program chairman.

AT QUEEN'S

Mrs. E. H. Sudie has joined the staff of Sudie's Beauty Shop, according to an announcement by Mrs. Andrew Jenkins, owner of the firm. Mrs. Queen was formerly employed in Kingston, Tenn.

Lutherans Plan Musical Event

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will hold two special Christmas services this weekend. Saturday night at 11 the traditional Midnight Musical with two robed choirs, solos, anthems, pipe organ and chimes, under the direction of Gordon Beaver.

The bells will ring outside from 10:30 to 10:45. The organ prelude will start at 10:45. Pastor Gerberding will bring a brief Christmas message.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock there will be special music, with the sermon to be delivered by Dr. E. C. Cooper.

The White Christmas service was held last Sunday with a filled chapel and program by the children. Gifts were brought for Lowman Home, Children's Home, Lutheran World Action and local charity.

Stores To Be Open Later On Weekend

Kings Mountain merchants will be open later than normal this weekend for the benefit of last-minute Christmas shoppers.

Majority of Kings Mountain stores will observe "Saturday hours" on Thursday and Friday evening as well as on Christmas Eve. This means that most dry goods, variety and jewelry stores will be open until 6:30 or 7 o'clock, with grocery stores staying open until 7 and 7:30 p. m. Furniture stores and hardware stores will be open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday until 6 p. m. Dixie Home Store and A&P Super Market will be open until 8 p. m. Friday night.

Horvath Official Outlines Policies

McKee, Mauney, Jackson Named Managing Team

By MARTIN HARMON

Ernest V. Horvath, president of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, reported last Friday morning completion of the transaction whereby Horvath textile interests acquired the operating facilities of Neisler Mills, Inc., and made these announcements:

1) One new official has been employed for operating the six-plant Neisler property. He is William F. McKee, of Chicago, Ill., who will serve as controller.

2) Until employment of a general manager for the six-plant Neisler property, the Neisler division will be managed by a three-man committee, including Mr. McKee and veteran Neisler topmen Howard B. Jackson and Paul Mauney.

3) The Neisler brothers will continue with the new organization in an advisory capacity.

4) Otherwise, the present organization will continue.

5) The Neisler group will be known as Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Inc., a Lowell, Mass., textile plant employing 800 persons.

6) Acquisition of the Neisler property broadens the Horvath offerings in the drapery-upholstery field, giving Horvath interests facilities to produce and to sell all grades of these products.

Here with Mr. Horvath last Friday was Richard N. Stone, a vice-president of the Massachusetts company and controller-general for the Horvath enterprises, which also include Dana Warp Mills, Westbrook, Maine, a plant producing high-count combed yarns and a 100-loom weaving plant at Salmon Falls, N. H., producing pile fabrics.

Mr. Horvath was explicit concerning the acquisition of Neisler on matters of employment and plant operation: "The Neisler plants are in no wise competitive with our other operations," he stated, but merely add flexibility to the operation and broaden our offerings in the fabric field to include all price ranges. We have no plans for bringing to Kings Mountain, Ellensboro and other Neisler plants a new group of employees to run these mills. We have no plans for removing from Neisler plants the operations now

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New Neisler Man William McKee Is Native Brooklynite, Yaleman

William F. McKee, new member to Kings Mountain of the new management team at Neisler plants here and in South Carolina, is a Brooklyn-born Yaleman, most recently from Chicago, a professional controller who was reared in the investment business.

Mr. McKee and veteran Neisler men Howard (Dad) Jackson and Paul Mauney have been named to the management committee in charge of operating the Neisler acquisition of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Inc.

Most recently, Mr. McKee, who has just joined the Horvath organization, was secretary-treasurer and director of Wilson Brothers, manufacturer of men's apparel, and a director of Wilson subsidiaries, Erno Shirt Company, a Louisville, Ky., and Wright Underwear, a New York subsidiary. In addition, he has served as secretary-treasurer and director of Sheboygan Chair Company,



INSTALLED—Lester A. Harmon, pictured above, was installed as Master of Fairview Lodge No. 339 A.F. & A.E. at the lodge's annual installation services Monday night. Harmon succeeds Jimmy Simpson as Master of the local lodge.

Masons Install Officers For '56

Fairview Lodge No. 339 A. F. & A.M. held installation services to install new officers Monday night at the lodge hall.

Lester A. Harmon was installed as Master of the lodge, succeeding Jimmy Simpson.

Other officers installed included Thomas D. Tindall, senior warden; Fred Weaver, junior warden; Denver King, treasurer; James B. Simpson, secretary; and George W. Mauney, trustee.

Postal Peak Hit On Monday

Among the city's most rushed spots this week has been Kings Mountain postoffice, where 21,536 pieces of mail were logged through the cancellation machines Monday.

Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir and Assistant Postmaster George Hord agreed Tuesday morning that Monday's total, including the weekend pile-up was the peak day and that daily totals on Tuesday and thereafter would be smaller, though still much heavier than normally.

"We've kept up with it pretty

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School Heating Plan Changed

The Kings Mountain school Board held its regular monthly meeting Monday night at Central school.

It was a short meeting with only a few routine business matters to come before the board.

Board Member Fred Plonk reported on the property the board is buying adjoining Central school. He said that the sale has not been completed, but that it would be after a survey of the property is made. This land is being purchased from Mrs. H. B. Jones and Mrs. D. H. Houser. This addition will be used to give more playground space for Central school.

The board decided to make a

Several Firms Expect To Pay Holiday Bonus

Kings Mountain's industrial workers will begin holiday vacations lasting from three days to seven days this week.

Several local industrial plants are paying Christmas bonuses this week as has been the custom in past years.

Earlington Mills' Phenix plant distributed some \$6,000 in Christmas money to its employees last week, according to a report by J. T. Latham, superintendent.

Craftspun Yarns announced last week that its employees would receive one-day's pay as holiday bonus, while Sadie Mills will pay two per cent of yearly earnings for a bonus.

W. K. Mauney said Tuesday that a definite decision on bonuses had not been reached for Mauney Mill and Bonnie Mill employees. Mauney Hosiery and Carolina Throwing Company said that their workers would receive holiday bonuses.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company and Carlon Division of Carlton Mills at Crowder's Mountain, are paying bonuses.

Many of the other local plants will give candy, turkeys, hams, blankets and other gifts to their employees before closing operations this weekend.

Business Holiday Plans Are Listed

Kings Mountain area citizens were busy getting ready for Christmas this week and looking forward to an actual holiday and looking forward to a happy holiday season.

Majority of citizens could look forward to an actual holiday and brief respite from the busy pre-Christmas season.

Kings Mountain merchants will close on Monday December 26, since Christmas comes on Sunday this year, and textile firms are taking varying holidays from three days to seven days.

First National Bank will follow the mercantile holiday schedule and observe regular banking hours on Saturday. The city's two building and loan associations will close at noon Saturday, also re-opening the morning of December 27. Dry cleaners and Finger Laundry have announced their Christmas holiday schedule will conform with the merchants'. The city's drug stores will be open Monday on Sunday-type or holiday hour schedules only.

City Hall offices will suspend operations at the close of business Friday and resume on December 27, and the North Carolina Employment service office will follow the same schedule, Manager Franklin Ware announced.

The Kings Mountain Herald will be closed from noon December 21 and will re-open Monday, December 26.

St. Matthew's Christmas Story

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea 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.

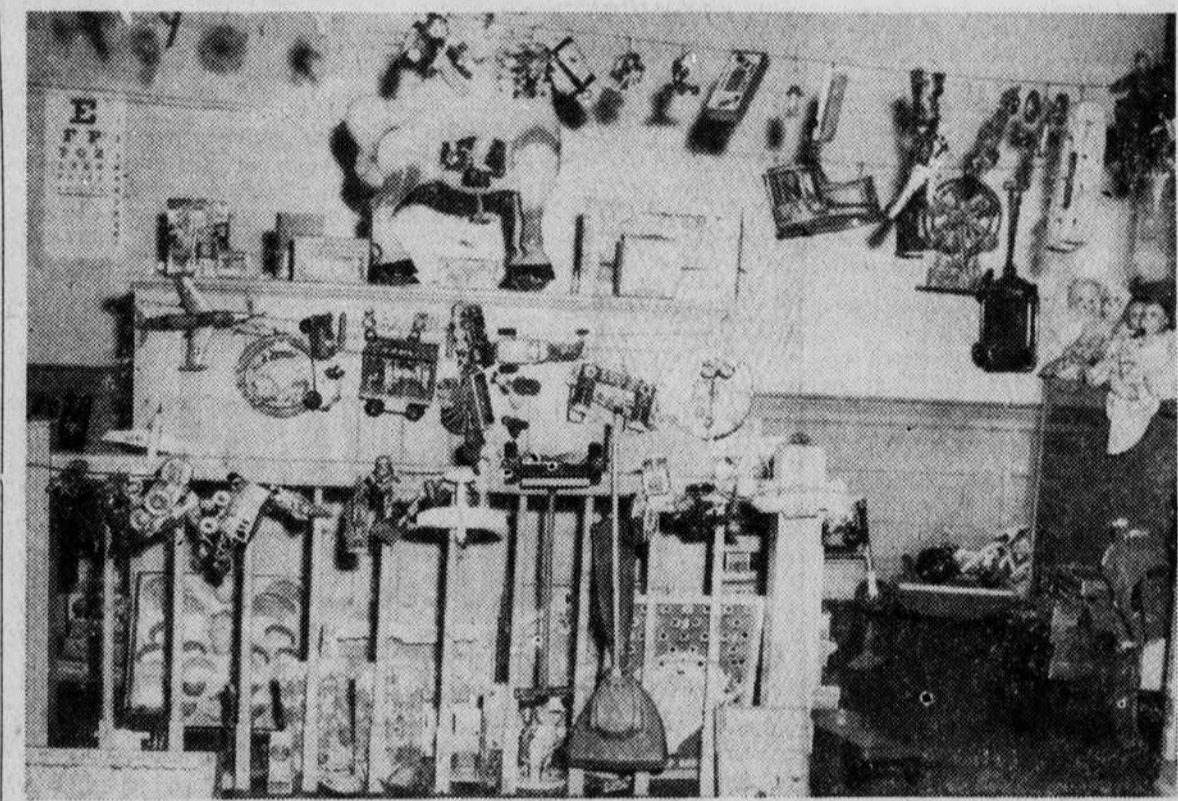
And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: 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 privately 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.



TO FILL THE STOCKINGS—Pictured above is a small part of the toys that have been collected and repaired by the Kings Mountain Police department for distribution to children in indigent homes in the Kings Mountain area. Many of the toys were in perfect working order when received, but others have had a fresh coat of paint and a few repairs to make some child happy on Christmas morning. This picture was made in the Kings Mountain Courtroom. The toys had to be placed in the courtroom due to a lack of space.

1956 City Tags Are Now On Sale

City auto licenses for 1956 went on sale at City Hall this week.

For 1956, the city returns to the familiar metal strip tag, conforming in color to the 1956 North Carolina license tag. For the past two years, the city has used a window decalomania for its auto license. The metal strip has black letters on an orange background, with the publicity line "The Historical City" underneath the words "Kings Mountain."

Price of the tag is \$1.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham said the tags are on sale both at the clerk's office and in the police department office.

The Kings Mountain Police department has collected some 400-500 used toys and repaired them for distribution to children in the needy homes. These toys included bicycles, tricycles, dolls, trucks and many, many others.

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Baskets To Be Big For Area's Needy

Many Planning Christmas Cheer For Indigent

Christmas 1955 will probably be the most bountiful Christmas in the history of this country, and the indigent families of the Kings Mountain area will enjoy its plenty better than in past years.

Many of the town's civic organizations, churches and other groups are working towards making Christmas a merry one for everyone.

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Christmas Came Early, And Twice, For Dr. and Mrs. Paul V. Nolan

A Kings Mountain couple seeking to adopt a child and wanting the adoption completed in time for Santa Claus are now the proud parents of fine twin boys.

Mrs. Paul V. Nolan, wife of the Kings Mountain doctor, was calling to check on the arrival possibility at the county welfare department.

"Yes, we hope to do something for you by Christmas," the voice on the wire replied. In fact, we could do something now, maybe. Would you adopt twins?"

After a hasty consultation with her husband, Mrs. Nolan replied that twins would be quite acceptable.

The babies, three and one-half months old, were brought home last Wednesday and have been named John Andrew and Thomas Lewis Nolan. Their nicknames are "Johnny" and "Tommy", Mrs. Nolan said.

Distinguishing between the two is no immediate problem for the couple, the mother reported, adding that one of the boys, Tommy, weighs three more pounds than his brother, has light "fuzz" for hair and blue eyes. Johnny has brown hair and darker eyes.

The parents reported that the children sleep well, the mother adding, "They're real good babies." But the diaper duty is heavy.

Mrs. Nolan, the former Miss Anne Lewis, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Dr. Nolan, were married six and one-half years ago. They have no other children.

The couple came to Kings Mountain in mid-August, Dr. Nolan having served four years in the Air Force as a flight surgeon and captain. Dr. Nolan is associated with Dr. P. E. Hendricks in the general practice of medicine.

Cloninger Held For Moss Theft

Alfred Hugh Cloninger, 21-year-old Gaston County man, has been arrested and charged with armed robbery in connection with the robbery of Uncle Henry's Store two weeks ago.

Jack Moss, operator of the Cherryville road store, was knocked unconscious and the store's cash box was robbed of about \$75. According to Cleveland County deputies Cloninger has admitted the crime.

A preliminary hearing was held Monday morning in Shelby's Recorder's Court for Cloninger and Judge Reuben Elam bound the defendant over to Superior Court.

Bond for Cloninger has been set at \$1,000 and he was reported still in jail Tuesday morning.

Cleveland Deputies Allen and Colbert, along with Detective Ed Groves, of the Gaston County Sheriff's department, arrested Cloninger over the weekend at his home in Gastonia.

Today's Herald Out One Day Early

Today's Herald is being distributed early, in conformance with a long-standing practice for the Christmas-week edition, though the paper is dated as it normally would be.

The extra day enables the Herald staff and mechanical personnel to have a slightly longer Christmas holiday.

The edition is the largest Christmas-week edition the Herald has ever published, containing Christmas greetings from the majority of Kings Mountain business establishments, numerous advertisements from merchants listing last minute suggestions and arrivals for gift-buyers, and special Christmas feature material, in addition to the customary full content of up-to-the-minute reports on news events and regular features.

Next week's Herald will appear on regular schedule, getting newstand distribution Wednesday night, December 28, and mail distribution on December 29.

The Herald will re-open Monday morning, December 26.