



Merry Christmas



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Kings Mountain Ready for Yule Holidays

Pittsburgh Plate To Become County Industrial Citizen

Local News Bulletins

COLLEGE NIGHT
Sunday night's service at First Presbyterian church will be College Student Night, Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor, announced, with the program to be presented by church members home from school for the holidays. The service will begin at 7:30 and will feature special music and short addresses by the students.

OPEN HOUSE
Daughters of Wesley Class of Central Methodist class is sponsoring open house Thursday and Friday with calling hours from 5 o'clock to 9 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. M. Gantt. A silver offering will be received, with proceeds to benefit the organ fund. The public is invited to view yule arrangements.

Listing Books Open January 2
Annual city and county tax listings won't begin until January 2, it was jointly announced this week by J. W. Webster, city tax supervisor, and by Conrad Hughes, township tax lister. Since majority of business establishments will be closed on the New Year's day holiday, Mr. Webster noted, the listing chore won't be started until the following day. The law requires listing of properties for taxes each January.

Police Report Minor Accident
Kings Mountain Police Department reported only one automobile accident during the past week, a parking accident occurring on Battleground Avenue. The accident occurred when Fate Arrowwood of Route 2, pulled abreast of an automobile owned by Frank Hodge of route 1, York Road, Gastonia, attempted to park and sideswiped the Hodge vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$10 to each car. William Roper, Jr. was the investigating officer.

Today's Herald Final Of 1957
Today's Herald is the last of 1957. Published in advance to permit Christmas holidays for Herald employees, the edition is the one which normally would have appeared on December 26. The next publishing date will be January 2, with the Herald appearing on newsstands the evening of New Year's Day. Today's edition includes last-minute shopping suggestions by some merchants, and numerous firms have purchased advertising space to convey Christmas greetings to their friends and customers. The Herald will close at noon Tuesday and will re-open on Monday, December 30.

Multi-Million Fibre Glass Plant Planned

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's board of directors voted to build a multi-million dollar fibre glass plant near Shelby. The company subsequently named John V. Schweppe as manager of the Shelby plant. Action by the Pittsburgh board culminated a long series of events whereby Shelby Chamber of Commerce, aided by many other county groups and individuals, sought to bring Pittsburgh to Cleveland County as an industrial citizen. The plant is expected to employ initially 800 persons, will require several months to construct. Ground breaking is scheduled for January on the big site above Shelby. Implementing the efforts of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, were citizens of the county, who twice voted resounding approval of the county's furnishing water and sewer line service to the proposed plant. The first vote was nullified on a legal technicality. Cleveland County's economy is expected to be boosted considerably, both by construction of the plant and its subsequent operation.

The Pittsburgh decision has been hailed in all parts of Cleveland County and in neighboring counties. One visitor to Shelby last Thursday, day the announcement of the Pittsburgh decision was made, remarked, "Old folk were acting like Santa Claus had already come."

Masonic Officers To Be Installed

New officers of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M will be installed Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall. Arnold W. Kincaid and Paul W. Owens, past masters of the Kings Mountain lodge, will conduct the installation program. To be installed are Fred Weaver, master; Frank Ballard, senior warden; I. C. Davis, junior warden; L. D. Tindall, secretary; L. A. Harmon, treasurer; Bruce Thorburn, senior deacon; Ralph Harrison, junior deacon; H. V. Herndon, tyler; Paul Cole, chaplain; Denver O. King, trustee; and Ben Bridges, senior steward.

John G. Martin Receives Letter From Brother He'd Thought Dead

John G. Martin, retired Kings Mountain textile spinner, received a letter last Friday from a brother "we'd long given up for dead." Mr. Martin received an air mail dispatch from William "Plato" Martin, after noting a prior item in Kays Gary's Charlotte Observer column of December 14. Mr. Gary wrote: "William Martin, once known as 'Bill' and 'Plato' Martin, when he lived in Gastonia's Crowder's Creek section 25 years ago is in California suffering from the sad loneliness. Doing well as a retired carpenter at 72, he's hankering for some trace of children he last saw in 1934. The children were Mollie, Mamie, Grady Lee and Bertha. Martin's address is Box 313, Newberry Park, Calif." John G. Martin, the Kings Mountain brother, was able to write his brother that a daughter lives at Glendale, S. C., near Spartanburg, S. C. According to the Kings Mountain man, Brother Bill was a good carpenter and a born rambler. "When he was a little fellow he

Paying Old Bills This Man's Holiday

A least one Kings Mountain citizen has proved himself an honest man. This citizen was in Keeter's Department Store Saturday morning, handed Byron Keeter a shiny new ten dollar bill with a white slip of paper attached. The slip of paper was a statement in the amount of \$7.90, mailed to the citizen under the date of March 31, 1932, and covering a September 4, 1931, account. The penmanship was that of the late D. J. Keeter. The citizen told Byron Keeter he wanted to pay the account, had had financial hard times and regretted he hadn't paid it long ago. The same citizen chanced into M. L. Harmon on the street, told him he wanted to pay an account of \$15 he'd owed him, also of 1931 vintage. Mr. Harmon, who has poor vision, was embarrassed he did not immediately recognize the man. Both Mr. Keeter and Mr. Harmon agree. They feel the cash involved unimportant. Important is that their faith in human nature was justified. They knew an honest man in 1931 and he still is. There was no legal obligation to pay the accounts, just a moral one.

Local Teen-Agers Charged With Theft

Theft of food and drink from the A & P and an M. A. Rhyne truck resulted in charges against three Kings Mountain teen-agers and a Gastonia man. Gaston rural police have jailed Gene Layton, 19, of 404 Wilson street, Virgil Hamrick, 18, of 21 Bennett Drive, and Bill Staggs, 17, of 413 York road, all of Kings Mountain; and Pete Glaze, 22, of Gastonia. The officers said the four are accused of stealing some pies and cakes from the A & P and about eight quarts of milk from the truck. The youths have admitted also to breaking into a Grover bus, business firm last week and stealing considerable merchandise. Sheriff Haywood Allen went to Gastonia Saturday to talk to them.

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Bell Building Repeater Station

Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is being to utilize its lot at the corner of Mountain street at Cansler, but the small building being erected is not the company's projected dial system exchange. The small building underway is a repeater, or booster, station. Floyd Farris, Southern Bell manager, says he has no definite date on the building of a dial system exchange. "You know," of course, it's in the mill," Mr. Farris commented. He said the company's service department is now changing their patrons' telephone units to dial-type building project and change-over.

Savings & Loan Dividend Total At New High Peak

Kings Mountain's two savings and loan associations are preparing to pay December 31 record six-month dividend payments to shareholders. The aggregate payment will be \$76,209.13. Home Savings & Loan Association will pay to its shareholders \$41,603.01, including \$22,150.91 to owners of full-paid shares and another \$19,452.10 to holders of optional saving shares. Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association will pay an aggregate of \$34,606.12 to its shareholders, including \$16,689.62 on full-paid shares, and \$17,916.50 on optional shares. Both associations are currently paying dividends semi-annually on basis of 3.5 percent per annum. December 31st payments are \$6,220.89 greater than were paid last June 30. Home Savings & Loan payments increased \$3,841.97 for the period, while Kings Mountain Savings & Loan increased by \$2,378.92. Payments for the full year will total: Home Savings & Loan association, \$79,364.05. Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, \$66,833.32. Both A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan, and Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan, said that checks would be mailed full-paid shareholders on December 30. Dividends on optional savings will be credited accounts on December 31.

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Resurrection Lutheran church will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight musical service, beginning at 11 p. m. The church's three choirs, senior, junior, and child, will participate in the rites. The church will be entirely lighted by candles and prior to the recessional, each worshiper will receive a lighted candle. The choirs will leave the church and the worshipers will pass through the candlelit walkway. The senior and junior choirs are directed by Mrs. J. N. McClure, organist, and the child choir is directed by Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, the pastor. There will be no sermon. During the reading of the Christmas story, colored slides will depict the Christmas story and the congregation will sing Christmas hymns. The children's choir will sing "Hark The Angels Sweetly Singing", a French carol, and "The Friendly Beasts", arranged by Dickenson. The junior choir will sing "When the Infant Jesus", a Polish carol, and "Gesu Bambino", by Yon. The senior choir will sing "Carol of the Little King", by Caldwell, "Sing We Noel", another French carol, and "The Birthday of a King", by Neidinger. All choirs will join in singing the antiphonal anthem "Sing Gloria", arranged by Davis. Mrs. Ed Goter, soprano, will sing a solo, "Lullaby on Christmas Eve", by Christianses. Two piano-organ duos, "Oh Holy Night" and "Pastoral Symphony". The pianist will be Mrs. John Caveny. Worshipers are being asked to be seated prior to 11 o'clock when the processional begins.

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Last-Minute Gift-Buying Now Underway

Kings Mountain citizens were busy Monday making last-minute preparations for Christmas and the holiday season. Business section traffic was heavy as last-minute shoppers sought to complete gift lists with only two shopping days remaining. The push at the grocery stores was also in full swing as the city's residential chefs began filling larders for sumptuous Christmas dinners, numerous drop-ins and private parties and for the day-after Christmas when majority of retail stores will be closed. The city is already in a holiday mood with virtually all of the textile industry suspended for Christmas vacations. Popular in the industry is a one-week holiday, with regular production schedules to be resumed Monday. There are three principal exceptions. Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler division plants will resume production on Thursday, after a three-day respite. Carolina Throwing Company is operating on regular schedule. Craftspun Yarns, Inc., with yarn orders thin and year-end inventory time at hand, won't resume work until January 6. Most retailers and city offices will take a two-day holiday. There are a few exceptions among the grocers, some of whom will take off only Christmas Day. Kings Mountain post office will be closed Christmas Day only, and will also be closed on New Year's Day. The state employment service branch will take a three-day respite, re-opening Friday morning. City hall office holidays will coincide with these of the retailers, who will also be closed on New Year's Day. The Kings Mountain Herald will close at noon Tuesday, resuming regular schedule December 26. (Continued on Page Eight)

St. Matthew's To Have Annual 11 P. M. Musicale

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold its traditional Christmas Eve Midnight Musicale, with the rites to begin at 11 p. m. Tuesday. Miss Rachel Farris, church organist, is director of the musicale and will play two preludes beginning at 10:50 p. m. Soloists will be Frances Summers, soprano, who will sing Yon's "Gesu Bambino" and Charles Byers, baritone, who will sing "Comfort Ye" from Handel's Messiah. The church choir will hold a candlelight processional and will sing five anthems, Williams' "In Bethlehem's Lowly Manger", Jungst's "Christmas Hymn", Davis' "Sing Gloria", Merritt's "The Praise Carol", and the 16th century French carol "Sing We Noel". Dr. W. P. Oberding, the pastor, will give a short Christmas message and the congregation will join the choir in singing four Christmas hymns.

Theft Case Court Continues

On the eve of Christmas eve recorder's court presented several offenders with Christmas sentences. A continued charge against Cole L. Pitman of failure to comply with N. C. compulsory attendance laws was heard. His seventh grade daughter was given a chance to testify and said her absences were because she didn't like her teacher. Judge White recalled that he had had several teachers he didn't like but said that wasn't sufficient reason to quit school. He advised the girl to get an education. Prayer for judgment was continued. A warrant against Jerry Oliver, sworn out by Floyd Cooper charging Oliver with larceny of a camshaft valued at \$43, resulted in Judge White finding Oliver not guilty. Testimony from John Boyace to whom Oliver reputedly sold the auto part contradicted what Boyace had earlier told police. Boyace stated under oath that he had gotten the camshaft from a trash can. Judge White suspected that somebody wasn't telling the truth but due to insufficient evidence declared Oliver not guilty. Benjie Moomaw, charged with reckless driving at the Silver Villa, pled guilty and was fined \$5 and costs of court, upon conditions he not violate any traffic regulations for 60 days and his license be stamped. Three public drunkenness cases were heard, two receiving 30 day sentences suspended upon payment of costs of court and a third

St. Matthew's Yule Story

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea 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 Judea: 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 of 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. When they heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. Matthew 2:1-12