

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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Christmas Holiday Near For Most Citizens

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB

Dr. Harvey Bumgardner, State College professor, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Tuesday noon meeting at the Woman's club. Dr. Bumgardner is at home to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Hazel Bumgardner.

BUILDING PERMIT

J. W. Webster, city inspector, issued a permit to Sallie Neal Early Monday to build a 8-room brick house on York road at the estimated cost of \$14,000.

Band Members Hear Hendricks

Members of the high school band held their annual banquet at the American Legion building last Wednesday evening.

Feature of the program was an address by Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, former high school band director, now a Kings Mountain physician. Dr. Hendricks told the band members they could expect support from Kings Mountain in direct proportion to the band's quality of performance and their ability to do a job of which the community can be proud.

He said every band member should have the desire and willingness to work to make first chair in the particular instrument classification he plays.

Carol Goter said an invocation, and Sara Rose Lennon welcomed students and guests. Mac Lennon recognized special guests. Bobby Early gave a toast to waiters and waitresses, and Billie Jones presented Dr. Hendricks. The party was adjourned for dancing by Doug Burton.

The banquet theme was "Christmas Around the World."

Band officers are Doug Burton, president; Mac Lennon, vice-president; Sara Rose Lennon, secretary; Gale Kircus, treasurer; Susie Davis, librarian; and Charles Ballance, director.

Wreck Victim's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Fred Smith Neal, 37, were held Sunday at 3 p. m. from Concord Methodist church.

Mr. Neal was killed Friday afternoon when the car he was driving went out of control and wrecked on Kings Mountain-Cherryville highway.

County coroner J. Ollie Harris said Neal, the county's 16th traffic fatality of the year, died of a broken neck. Mr. Neal was alone in the car.

The accident victim was an employee of Mauney Hosiery Mill. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Betty Starnes Neal; two children, Teresa and Jeff Neal of the home; five sisters, Mrs. Mae Houser, Kings Mountain; Mrs. Perry Littlejohn, Mrs. Lanie Bridges, Mrs. Ada Helton, and Mrs. Myrtle Lingerfelt, all of Bessemer City; and two brothers, Howard and George Neal, both of Bessemer City.

Next Week's Herald Will Appear Tuesday

Today's Herald is published in advance of the regular Thursday publishing date and next week's edition will be early, too, but by only one day.

Next week's edition, which ordinarily would be published under date of New Year's Day, will be published one day in advance, under date of December 31. It will appear on newsstands on Tuesday night.

Following publication of today's Herald, the office will be closed to give employees a Christmas holiday from Wednesday through Saturday.

Christmas Eve Church Rites To Climax Yule Celebration

Three Church Services Set For 11 O'clock

Kings Mountain churches were arranging some special observances of the Christmas season this week.

At numerous area churches the traditional programs were held on Sunday with other Christmas activities held in the various Sunday School groups earlier in the week.

Christmas Eve services will be held in at least three Kings Mountain churches — First Presbyterian, Resurrection Lutheran, and St. Matthew's Lutheran churches.

At First Presbyterian church, the 11 o'clock Christmas Eve service will feature special music by the three choirs of the church, with Miss Derice Weir, soloist. Dr. Paul K. Ausley, the minister, will conduct the scripture readings and meditation and administer the sacrament of communion.

The candlelight service at 11 p. m. at St. Matthew's church will feature familiar carols and anthems by the choirs, under the direction of Charles Woodward, organist-director. Dr. W. P. Gerberding, the pastor, will lead the congregation in the reading of scriptures and meditations.

Three choirs of Resurrection Lutheran church will present a traditional midnight Christmas musical under the direction of Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mrs. J. N. McClure. The 60-voice choirs will sing familiar Christmas selections significant of these countries: Eastern Europe, Germany, Balkan countries; Poland; Russia, and the United States.

The children's Christmas program will be presented on Christmas Eve at Grace Methodist church at 7 o'clock. Dixon Presbyterian church will also hold the annual Christmas Eve program at 7 o'clock, with a three-act play to be presented by the young people.

Central Methodist church will hold a Watchnight service at 11 o'clock p. m. on New Year's Eve, the pastor, Rev. James B. McLarty announced. Choirs of the church presented a musical program on Sunday morning as a feature of their Christmas-season activities.

Dimes Drive To Start Soon

The March of Dimes opens its 1959 campaign next month, with the effort to raise polio funds to start here January 2.

Area committee heads have already been appointed by Wesley Bush, Kings Mountain chairman in the fund-raising campaign which seeks this year to receive money for polio aid and for support of a greatly expanded health program launched by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"We urge the community's cooperation in this drive for such a worthy cause," Mr. Bush added.

Following Truck Will Bring Fine

Fire Chief Pat Tignor said Monday persons following city fire trucks to fires are jamming firemen in and hereafter will find themselves facing a citation for doing so.

Following a fire truck or even parking within 500 feet of the trucks on call is against the law," Tignor said, "and although it hasn't been enforced strictly in the past, we've got to cut some of this out."

Mr. Tignor said the fine is anywhere from \$5 to \$50.



NAMED OFFICER — Alexander J. Maino, southern division manager of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, has been elected a vice-president of the company, it was announced by Ernest Horvath, president.

Maino Elected Mohair Officer

NEW YORK. — Ernest V. Horvath, president of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Inc., has announced election of Alexander J. Maino of 211 Nemaskeet Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts, and Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, as vice president in charge of the Southern Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Inc.

Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co., Inc., is the largest stockholder of the Buckeye Corporation (American Stock Exchange).

The Southern Division consists of the Margrace, Patricia, Patty X and Pauline Plants in Kings Mountain, North Carolina; the Ellenboro Mills in Ellenboro, North Carolina; the Belmont No. 1 Mill in Shelby, North Carolina, the Belmont No. 2 Mill in Double Shoals, North Carolina; and the Mayo Mills in Mayo, South Carolina.

Prior to his promotion as vice-president, Mr. Maino was serving as General Manager of the Southern Division of Mass. Mohair Plush Company, Inc. A former vice-president of Wauregan Mills, Wauregan, Connecticut, he has also held positions as president of the Wauregan Bonded Warehouse Company, Treasurer of Quinebaug River Sales and Research Company, Inc., in addition to having served on the board of directors of Wauregan Mills, Inc., and Quinebaug River Sales and Research Company, Inc.

Atlas Near Size Of Park Obelisk

In event local area citizens have not grasped a tangible idea of the size of the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile launched last week and now circling the earth every 100 minutes, here's a comparison.

Ben Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park, says the advertised size of the Atlas approximates the dimensions of the obelisk monument at Kings Mountain park.

The Atlas is 10 feet wide and 85 feet long.

The National Park obelisk is 10 feet wide and 88 feet long.

Mr. Moomaw made no weight comparisons.

The Atlas missile weighs nearly 8,800 pounds and is about four times as heavy as Sputnik III, third of the Russian rockets which is now also circling the earth.

Bulldozer Rig Crunches Span, Falls In Ravine

A Kings Mountain man escaped injury Thursday afternoon when he jumped from a 17-ton bulldozer when it tumbled over a 100-foot drop-off at the Millpond bridge in the Dixon community.

Fred A. Moseley, of route 1, who was operating the equipment for Kings Mountain Landscaping and Grading Company, told Patrolman R. E. Shaney his brakes failed as he rounded a bend and started down an incline toward the bridge. He said he saw the "3 ton limit" sign and jumped.

The vehicle went off the road just before it reached the bridge and plunged into the stream 100 feet below.

Yule Program Held Monday

First Presbyterian church held a Christmas Candlelight service "Let There Be Light," on Sunday evening.

Mrs. P. G. Padgett and Mrs. George Thomasson are co-chairmen of the committee on annuities and relief in charge of arrangements for the annual Joy Gift program.

E. Lawson Brown was narrator for the program which featured special music by the Junior, Chancel, and Youth Choirs of the church under the direction of Mrs. James Page and Mrs. B. F. Maner. Mrs. Musa Marto sang two solos, "O Holy Night," and "I Wander As I Wander." Miss Shirley Falls was organist.

Church Group To Give Play

The Youth Fellowship of Dixon Presbyterian church will present a three-act Christmas comedy, "Home For Christmas," Christmas Eve at 7 o'clock at the church.

Following presentation of the play, gifts and treats will be distributed in the fellowship hall. The cast includes: Ed Baker, a hardworking salesman, L. H. Stewart; Alice Baker, the ambitious mother, Elizabeth Stewart; Betty Baker, a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Cloninger; Laura Baker, a domineering sister, Linda Stewart; Jack Baker, a college boy, Gary Stewart; Billy Sears, a rich boy, David Hughes; Tommy Larkin, a businessman, Phillip Humphries; Sally Gregg, a pretty neighbor, Armitie Farris, and Katy Kraft, a neighborhood pest, Vickie Jackson.

Church And Civic Groups Plan Merry Christmas For Indigent

Kings Mountain's spirit of Christmas giving is transcending the familiar pattern of purchases for family and friends.

No estimate was available or compilable on the amount of gift which will go to indigent families and their children as church circles and Sunday school classes and civic clubs play Santa Claus during the next few days. The total will be large.

On Sunday, Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, played host to indigent children at the annual post Christmas party. A total of 217 children were given a sumptuous dinner (all you can eat) and gifts at the Legion Building. Santa Claus was on

Yule Holiday Is Underway For Many Folk

With few exceptions, Kings Mountain citizens looked forward this week to some surcease from work during the Christmas season.

For many, the Christmas holidays had already begun. Major portion of Kings Mountain textile plants are closed this week and will resume regular operations Monday.

There are a few exceptions. Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will close Thursday and Friday only and will resume operations Saturday.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., and Foote Mineral Company will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, resuming operations Friday.

Added to the list of the week's surcease is Elmer Lumber Company. Lithium Corporation of America will suspend December 23 and resume operations January 6.

Several firms made cash gifts to employees. Added to this list are Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., which repeated its 1957 Christmas gift of four percent of earnings to employees with five and more years of employment and two percent of earnings to employees of less than five years of service. Craftspun Yarns is giving its employees a day's pay.

Majority of retail personnel will get a two-day respite, most retailers planning to re-open on Saturday. First National Bank and other financial institutions will follow the same schedule.

City Hall offices will close Wednesday at noon and will re-open on Monday. However, stand-by personnel in service departments will be on duty. Finger Laundry will follow the same schedule.

Kings Mountain Drug Company will be open from 10 a. m. to noon and from 3 to 5 p. m. on Christmas Day. The management said it hopes to observe the same schedule on Friday, barring increased incidence of sickness.

Griffin Drug Store will offer prescription service only on Christmas Day and will be open on regular schedule Friday.

Stroupe Drug Company will be closed all day Christmas but will be open as usual on Friday.

The Employment Service will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, re-opening Monday.

Mrs. Gilbert Wins Scholarship

Mrs. Jane Byars Gilbert, Kings Mountain student at Brevard college, is one of four winners of the National Methodist Scholarships awarded by the board of Education of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Byars, is married to Tommy Gilbert, also a student at Brevard.

National Methodist Scholarship awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality, and need. About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education in its nationwide scholarship program.

Dr. Gerberding will conduct a short meditation.

Man, Woman Found Dead At Motel Sunday Afternoon

Realtor Charged After Argument At Poker Table

A disagreement in a poker game resulted in a charge of armed robbery last Wednesday against Warren E. Reynolds, Kings Mountain realtor.

Preliminary hearing for Mr. Reynolds, free under \$500 bond, was continued in city court Monday on request of E. A. Harrill, attorney for Reynolds.

The warrant was signed by A. E. Nowlan, 1145 Brighton Place, Charlotte.

Attorney Harrill, late Monday afternoon, said Reynolds and several others were playing poker. Reynolds thought the game was "crooked" and demanded \$90 in winnings back from Nowlan. Harrill termed the incident an unfortunate squabble that got out of hand.

The case was set for hearing by Judge Jack White for 2:00 p. m. next Monday.

Attorney Harrill represented Earl Eugene Matheson in Monday's session on a count of speeding and temporary larceny of an automobile. The case had been continued from the previous session.

Harrill produced papers showing Matheson's ownership of the car, which he had allegedly stolen and Matheson was cleared of the charge.

He was given a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment of a \$5 fine and the costs of court on the speeding charge.

A warrant was then drawn for Matheson on a no financial responsibility charge.

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Lutherans Set Special Service

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold the traditional Christmas Eve Musical and vesper service Wednesday night at 11 p. m., the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding has announced.

Music by the two choirs will include these anthems: "Lo, A Voice to Heaven Sounding", Borntinsky; "What Child Is This", Candlyn; "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence", Holst; "In Natali Domini", Gesangbuch; "Jesus Was Born In Bethlehem," Marshall.

The Junior choir will sing "Unto Us Is Born A Son", Cantiones; "Gloria In Excelsis Deo", Cantiones; and the organist will play "In dulci jubilo", Zachau; "Adeste Fideles", Thomas; Adams; "Greensleeves", Richard Purvis; "Noel" (Grand Jeu et Duo) D'Aquin; "Pastoral Symphony", Handel; and "Carillon," Louis Vierne.

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Students Set Sunday Program

College students will present the program at Sunday morning's worship service at First Presbyterian church.

The service has been designated "College Student Day" with special emphasis being placed on the day's church activities.

Included in the program will be Steve Kesler, student at University of North Carolina; Polly Page, student at Agnes Scott college; and Derice Weir, student at Flora Macdonald college.



HEADS MASONS — Frank Ballard has been elected master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M in Kings Mountain. The new officers are to be installed Monday.

Masons Name New Officers

New officers of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M will be installed Monday night at Masonic Lodge.

Frank Ballard, Kings Mountain grocer, will be installed as lodge master succeeding Fred Weaver.

Other officers, to be installed by Mr. Weaver, are: I. C. Davis, senior warden; Brue Thorburn, junior warden; Ralph Harrison, senior deacon; Manley Hayes, junior deacon; Danny Webster, senior steward; Joe Donald; Roberts, junior steward; Thomas Tindall, secretary; L. A. Harmon, treasurer, and H. V. Herndon, Tyler.

D. E. Tate will serve as installing marshal for the ceremonies.

The new master has been a mason the past seven years and has been active in the Fairview Lodge organization.

Mr. Weaver, outgoing master, has been appointed chaplain for the year 1959 and elected trustee for a term of three years was James B. Simpson. Other trustees include L. A. Harmon and Denver King.

The committees include: Charity—T. Frank Ballard; I. C. Davis, and W. Bruce Thorburn; Finance—Lester A. Harmon, Howard V. Herndon, H. K. Dixon; Reference, Samuel R. Suber, Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., and J. W. Webster; Eastern Star, Emmett Ross, J. E. Bumgardner, and L. L. Benson; Oxford Orphanage, Fred Weaver, J. Ollie Harris, George D. Webster; Building Committee, Glee A. Bridges, Fred Wright, Sr., and O. O. Walker; Masonic Education, George W. White; J. Ralph Harrison, and C. J. Gault, Jr.; Ladies Night Banquet, James B. Simpson, D. E. Tate, Ben H. Bridges, Jr., and Denver King.

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Carbon Monoxide Cause of Death, Says Pathologist

A man and woman were found dead at Royal Motel on the Shelby highway at 5:30 Sunday afternoon.

Cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning, Dr. R. C. Henry, Shelby hospital pathologist, said after making an autopsy on the two bodies.

The dead are J. B. Mackey, 31, formerly a resident of Baker street, and Mrs. Margaret Carswell Hamrick, 28, of Shelby.

Mackey was single. Mrs. Carswell and her husband are reported estranged.

I. M. Allen, Jr., operator of the motel, said the two registered at the motel at 12:20 Sunday morning as married, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Haper, 401 Walker street, Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Allen said he was given an incorrect license number for Mackey's Mercury.

The dead bodies were discovered by Mr. Allen and his brother-in-law, W. M. Hord, late Sunday afternoon, after Mrs. Hord had knocked on their door about 3 p. m. to say that it was check-out hour.

The partially dressed body of Mrs. Carswell was lying at the door on the floor of the motel room. The nude body of Mackey was lying on the bed.

Coroner J. Ollie Harris ruled that death had occurred between 5 and 6 a. m. Sunday morning.

Meantime, William Edwards of Greenwood, S. C., gas engineering consultant to Bernard & Burke, of Baton Rouge, La., arrived here Sunday night at 11 p. m. and checked the gas heater installation in the motel room. He was quoted by coroner Harris as saying the heater was working properly.

Mackey was an employee of Smitty's Service Station on U. S. Highway 74 near Shelby. His employer told coroner Harris that he had been due to report

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Christmas Story By St. Luke

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day