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 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 7,206
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Kings Mountain Citizens Ready For Christmas

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB
 Kings Mountain Kiwanis heard a program of carol singing by a group of Girl Scouts at their Tuesday meeting. Mrs. Ben Grimes and Mrs. Joe Neisler, Jr. led the group in the program.

MEETING
 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Kiwanis club on December 31st will be held on Tuesday, December 29th, at 12 noon at the Woman's club. It was announced this week.

ON DEAN'S LIST
 Miss Ann Cansler Falls, medical secretarial student at King's Business college, made the dean's list the past semester at the Charlotte school. Miss Falls is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coman Falls of Kings Mountain.

OFFICE CLOSED
 Offices of the driver's license bureau will be closed Thursday and Friday for the holidays but will be open on regular schedule next week. The office will also be closed on New Year's Day.

LEGION DANCE
 Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a post-Christmas dance on Saturday night from 9 p. m. to midnight. Hague Slek and his band will furnish music for the occasion.

OUT OF HOSPITAL
 J. W. Webster, city tax collector, was discharged last week from Charlotte Memorial hospital. He expects to resume his duties at City Hall Monday.

TO MISSISSIPPI
 Dr. and Mrs. Paul Ausley will leave Friday for Tupelo, Miss., for a visit with Mrs. Ausley's mother who suffered a heart attack recently. The Ausleys expect to be away until Dec. 31.

HEADS MASONS — I. C. Davis will be installed Monday night as master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM for the coming year. He succeeds T. F. Ballard.

Masons Elect New Officers
 New officers of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be installed Monday night at 7:30 in an installation program at Masonic Hall.

Installing officer will be Frank Ballard and Fred Weaver will serve as installing marshal.

I. C. Davis will be installed as master of the lodge for the coming year succeeding T. F. Ballard.

Other officers include: W. B. Thornburn, senior warden; J. R. Harrison, junior warden; T. D. Tindall, secretary; L. A. Harmon, treasurer.

B.M. Hayes, Jr., senior deacon; Joe Roberts, junior deacon; Carl M. Logan, senior steward; Bobby C. Bridges, junior steward; H. B. Herndon, tyler; T. F. Ballard, chaplain; Frank Ballard, trustee; J. B. Simpson, Denver King, continuing trustees.

Mr. Biddy's Rites Conducted
 Funeral rites for Benjamin Franklin Biddy, 61, were held Sunday at 4 p. m. from Macedonia Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Biddy, resident of the Park Yarn Mill section, died at his home Friday following a long illness. A retired furniture dealer, he was a native of Georgia son of the late John and Rebecca Carnes Biddy.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bessie Maliba Biddy; eight sons, E. L. Biddy of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Claude Biddy of Rano, Luther Biddy of Kannapolis, Thomas Biddy of Statesville, Fred Biddy of the U. S. Armed Forces; J. E. Biddy of Spartanburg, S. C.; and Paul and Roy Biddy of Kings Mountain.

Six daughters also survive. They are Mrs. M. C. Holcomb of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Joe Conley of Gastonia; Mrs. Eddie Greene, Mrs. V. C. Kiser, and Mrs. J. H. Kiser, all of Charlotte, and Mrs. K. J. Huffstetler, Jr., of Kansas.

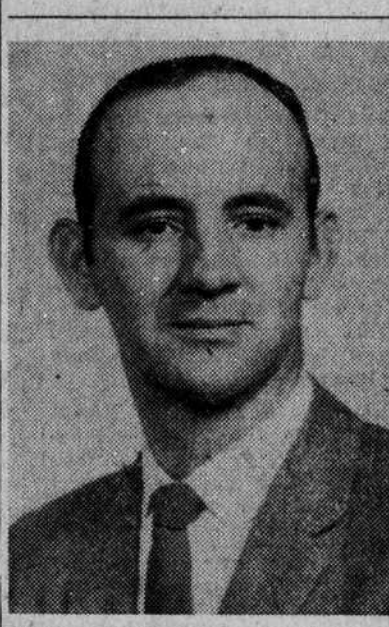
Rev. W. C. Bobbitt officiated at the final rites and interment was in Lowell cemetery.

ARP Young People Schedule Service
 A special service by Boyce Memorial college students at home for the holidays will be given on Sunday, December 27th, at 5 p. m. at the ARP church.

Representatives from a number of colleges and universities will participate, giving information on college statistics, curriculum, and related activities.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor, said an invitation is extended to all friends and especially to the young people to attend.

Church Services To Feature Christmas Celebration Here



Christmas Eve Rites Feature Special Music

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

At numerous area churches the traditional yuletide 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 with special musical programs planned by First Presbyterian, St. Matthews' and Resurrection Lutheran churches.

The traditional midnight musical at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will feature familiar carols by the church choirs under direction of Charles Woodward, church organist-director. Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor, will lead the congregation in the reading of scriptures and meditations.

Choirs of Resurrection Lutheran church will present a musical program at 10:30 with Mrs. N. McClure and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney as organists. Members of the Primary, Junior, Senior, and Youth choirs will participate in the program to be followed by a candlelight service which will be concluded at midnight. Rev. George Moore, who announced this service, also said a Christmas Communion service would be held at 11 a. m. on Christmas Day.

At First Presbyterian church the Christmas Eve service will begin at 11 p. m. Anthems and choral selections by the choir and meditations will be followed by the observance of communion. The congregation will join in the singing of familiar carols, the Girls Ensemble will sing "There's A Song in the Air" and the choir will sing, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly." Mrs. James Logan will sing "Birthday of A King." Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor, will conduct the reading of scriptures.

Central Methodist church has scheduled a Watchnight service on New Year's Eve.

Another Christmas day service will be held by Trinity Episcopal church at West school Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The service will include the rite of Holy communion, Rev. Thomas Doppers, the pastor, said. Prayer meeting will be held at the rectory on Phifer road at 7:30 Christmas Eve.

Noah Sommers Died Tuesday

Noah Sommers died Tuesday morning at his work at a funeral home in Statesville from a heart attack.

Mr. Sommers was the father of Mrs. N. M. Farr of Kings Mountain.

Funeral plans are incomplete.

Postmen And Telephone Operators Feel Full Brunt Of Holiday Rush

Two Kings Mountain service facilities were clogged Monday. The postoffice cancelled 17,857 pieces of mail and the Southern Bell telephone exchange handled more than 24,000 local calls.

For the postoffice, Monday appeared to have been the peak day's business, but Southern Bell could look forward to heavy traffic through Christmas Day.

Floyd Farris, manager of the Kings Mountain exchange, said Tuesday that each of the exchange's 11 positions is being manned at all times and will be through the heavy rush period. "We're giving service as fast as we can," he noted, "and hope our patrons will be patient if there are slight delays."

Mrs. Jack Arnette, supervisor, said the exchange boards make a continuously blinking Christmas tree.

The postoffice has been able to handle the big increase in mail volume adequately and anticipates no further peaks. Postmaster Charles Alexander said Tuesday. To handle the big volume, rural substitute carriers have been helping the regular carriers and six "extras" have been on duty. The extras are James Pressly, Charles Allen, Keith Layton, Benjie Moomaw, Sara E. Houser and Arthur Blitcliffe. Rural substitute carriers who have been on duty are Marshall Van Dyke, Edwin Moore and Walter D. Vess.

Postmaster Alexander noted that most postal employees will get a half-holiday on Christmas Eve. However, he said, the windows will be open until 5 p. m. with a skeleton force on duty, and all outgoing mail will be dispatched. Efforts will be made to get all parcels into the hands of addressees by Christmas Day. The windows will be closed on Christmas.

Second peak mailing day was last Thursday, when 13,521 pieces of mail were cancelled.

Total cancellation for the period from December 14, when the big rush began, through Monday was 92,009.

Annexation, New Town Talk Labeled "Bluff"

What is the reaction to Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's talks concerning incorporating the Margraze community into a municipality.

"I haven't heard much," Mayor Glee A. Bridges replied to the question.

"I think it's kinda bluff stuff, kinda like us when we talk about annexation of outlying areas," Mayor Bridges added.

Al Maino, general manager of the Neisler division of the Mohair firm, acknowledged last week that his company had been leading conversations with other outside city industrial firms concerning possible incorporation of an adjacent town and said his firm is prepared to spearhead the movement alone, should Mohair think it necessary.

The city recently escalated all its water rates, to both in-city and out-of-city patrons. Mr. Maino said the added water bill for his firm would be \$10,000 per year.

Hospital Plans Due Mid-January

Final plans for the 25-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital should be complete by mid-January and bids on the estimated \$275,000 construction should be asked in late February.

This is the word of Kings Mountain hospital officials, following a conference last week with officials of the State Medical Care association in Raleigh.

Attending the conference were George W. Mauney, president of Kings Mountain hospital, Grady Howard, administrator, and Ormand & Vaughan, Shelby architects.

Plans for the general construction are complete and only remaining plans to be completed are for electrical, plumbing and heating phases of the hospital addition, Mr. Howard said.

Final approval of the project by the state agency is expected on receipt of these plans.

In September, the state agency tentatively approved the project, pending outcome of the state-wide bond election, whereby the state group was voted \$500,000 for hospital construction.

For the project the county will furnish \$87,775, the state \$36,025, and the federal government \$151,250.

"We hope to have the new construction under contract by March 1," Mr. Howard commented.

The new wing, made possible by recent approval of a \$100,000 bond issue in a county-wide election, will be an extension of the Lottie Goforth Memorial wing on Edgemont avenue. No additional service facilities are required by the addition.

Jaycees To Give Service Award

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is inviting the public to nominate Kings Mountain's Young Man of 1959 and entries should be forwarded as soon as possible.

A judging committee will base its decision on three points: 1) contributions to the general community welfare during the year; 2) evidence of leadership ability; and evidence of personal or business progress.

Any young man, 21 through 35 years of age, is eligible for nomination. If the nominee reaches his 36th birthday before December 31 of the year for which the award is given, he becomes eligible if the activities for which he is judged were judged before he was 35. The winner need not be a member of the Jaycees.

The annual presentation is made at the Jaycees Bosses' Night banquet in January.

Nominations should be addressed to Bob Goforth, Route 3, Box 416, Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Harmon's Aunt Dies In Greer

Funeral rites for Mrs. Laurens James, 48, of Greer, S. C., an aunt of Mrs. Martin Harmon of Kings Mountain, will be held at Greer Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. James succumbed to cancer Monday night.

Surviving are her husband and three sons, Gregg, Larry and Kenny James.

Next Week's Herald On Regular Schedule

The next edition of the Herald will be published on regular schedule. Publication date will be Thursday, December 31, with the edition to appear on newsstands Wednesday night, December 30.

Today's edition is published one day in advance of regular schedule.

The Herald will close Wednesday at noon and will be closed throughout the Christmas weekend. Operations will be resumed Monday morning.

Clubs, Churches Give To Needy

Numerous civic and church groups are busy this week in an effort to bring Christmas cheer to the needy.

Kings Mountain Jaycees distributed handsome food baskets on Sunday to 40 needy families. Rev. Thomas Doppers reported, and the Kings Mountain Lions club was taking Christmas baskets to blind citizens Tuesday night.

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club began Tuesday its customary Christmas program for the needy. J. C. Bridges, chairman, said the club had chosen seven of the more needy families and are providing them with food, clothing and toys for the children. He said the gifts would total more than \$500.

IN FRATERNITY

Philip Padgett, Jr., freshman at Hampden-Sydney college in Virginia, has pledged Theta Chi fraternity. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Padgett of Kings Mountain. Miss Jean Cash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cash of Kings Mountain, graduates Thursday from Eastern Air Lines Stewardess Training school. Miss Cash completed the training at Miami Springs, Fla.



CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY — Pictured above left to right, Edwin Ford, Shelby Rotary Club president, and Robert Morgan, North Carolina state senator, observe as Charles Dixon, president of Kings Mountain Rotary Club cuts the birthday cake presented by the Shelby group to local Rotarians on the club's first anniversary at the club meeting last Thursday at Kings Mountain Country Club. Officers of the Kings Mountain group are president, Charles Dixon; vice-president, Tom Trott; secretary, Jack White; and treasurer, Dick McGinnis.

Durham Joining Dr. Hendricks

Dr. Durham To Practice Full-Time

Dr. Thomas Garrison Durham will begin full-time practice of medicine here on Christmas day.

Since October, Dr. Durham has been associated in part-time practice here with Dr. Paul E. Hendricks. He succeeds Dr. Paul V. Nolan as a partner with Dr. Hendricks.

Dr. Durham has just completed his internship at Greenville General Hospital, Greenville, S. C. A native of Claremont, N. C., Dr. Durham attended Landrum, S. C., high school, was graduated from Furman university in 1955 and from the Medical College of South Carolina in December 1958. He is a son of Mrs. W. K. Durham, Landrum, S. C.

Mrs. Durham is the former Sarah Frances Casey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Casey, of Anniston, Ala., and a graduate of Winthrop college at Rock Hill, S. C., in 1955. The Durhams have a daughter, Julie, age two.

Jaycee Tree Profits Burned

Jaycee tree sales this year were large, but profits from the venture will probably be small, according to Wes Bush, after the fire Saturday which destroyed the tent pitched on the tree lot.

The attendant had an open fire in a bucket in the tent to help fend off the cold, got a customer and went to attend him. The wind blew a flap of the tent into the fire and the tent was leveled in a matter of minutes.

"One good thing, we saved our collections," said Mr. Bush. About \$60 in cash in a cigar box was lying on a bench in the tent.

The tent belonged to a boy scout troop. Bush said it's value had not yet been determined, but whatever it is, it will bite into the profits of the Jaycee project.

A fire last Thursday at the Park Yarn Mill looked bad, but caused only a small amount of damage, according to John Smathers, mill official.

It sprang from a breaker switch which blew up, setting the card room ablaze. "We had very little loss of stock," Mr. Smathers said.

However, the mill was out of operation from 11:20 Thursday until 7:00 a. m. the next day.

City Fireman C. D. Ware also reported a fire at 406 Battleground Avenue at 2 p. m. Saturday. The blaze was a mantle fire and was doused in a matter of minutes.

Mr. Ware said no Christmas tree fires have been reported yet, but the season is not over and urged all to take special precautions with trees this year.

St. Matthew's First Christmas

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 Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily 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 had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went 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. (St. Matthew 3:1-12).

Most Citizens Look Forward To Yule Holiday

Kings Mountain citizens readied for Christmas this week and the vast majority were either already enjoying a holiday or looking forward to vacation time this weekend.

Many found help for Santa Claus shopping via Christmas bonus payments from employers.

Majority of retail business personnel, who'll be busy through Christmas Eve, are anticipating a long weekend surcease from work. Most firms will not re-open on the day after Christmas, giving their employees a three-day respite. Principal exceptions include grocers, service stations, theatres and drug stores.

Grocers will be closed on Christmas day but will be open on Saturday. Drug stores will also be open on Saturday. On

STORES OPEN LATE
 Merchants will maintain late schedules to accommodate Christmas shoppers Wednesday night, majority of them remaining open until 8 p. m. Closing hours are optional on Christmas Eve, but many firms have indicated they will close about 6 p. m. customary Saturday closing hour. The merchants will resume their Wednesday half-holidays on December 30.

Christmas day, Kings Mountain Drug Company will offer prescription service for two hours Christmas morning and another two hours Christmas afternoon. Griffin Drug Store will offer prescription service on call only Christmas day. Stroupe Drug Company will be closed Christmas day.

Financial institutions, First National Bank, Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association and Home Savings & Loan association, will close at 1 p. m. Christmas Eve and will re-open Monday, December 28.

City Hall offices will close at noon Christmas Eve and will re-open on Monday. City Clerk Joe McDaniel said, standby services will be maintained in gas, electrical and public works departments.

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