

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Final Preparations For Christmas Underway

Joy Theatre Plans To Show Motion Pictures On Sunday



HELP TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER — Members of the high school Future Homemakers club are pictured as they mend garments for the children's clothing closet. The club is collaborating with the Junior Woman's

Club to provide a merrier Christmas for the community's needy. Other churches and civic organizations are also at work this week to take Christmas cheer to the indigent.

First Sunday Bill Scheduled Coming Sunday

Joy Theatre has scheduled a theatre billing for Sunday and plans to continue showing in the future.

Eugene McSwain, manager of the firm, said the Joy Theatre will show the "Swiss Family Robinson", a family-type film, three times Sunday at 1:30, 3:30 and 9 p. m. Doors will open at 1:15 and 8:45 p. m.

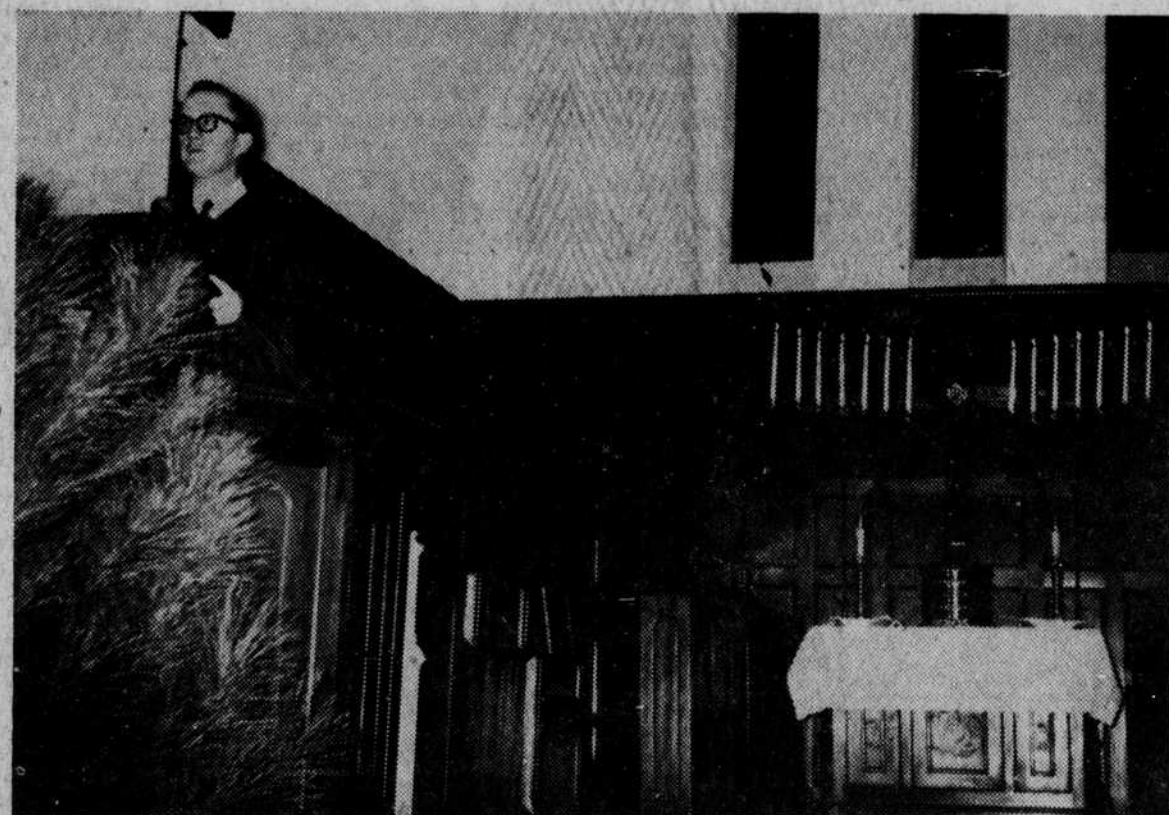
The firm is owned by Stewart & Everett, Inc., of Charlotte, which operates theatres in more than 80 cities in the two Carolinas.

E. G. Stellings, vice-president, several weeks ago asked the city board of commissioners to rescind its ordinance preventing Sunday showings, noting that only three cities in which his firm operates retain so-called "blue" laws. He also suggested that the city, which operates a city swimming pool on Sundays in the summer, was discriminating with unfair competition when it prohibited showing of motion pictures.

The forthcoming action of the theatre firm appeared sure to produce some protests. The city commissioners tabled the request to relax its "blue" law and, though on the old business calendar, wasn't mentioned at the December commission session.

Rev. J. W. Phillips, president of Kings Mountain Ministerial association, had no immediate

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READY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES — Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, is photographed in the pulpit as he will appear at 11 o'clock services Christmas

Eve. Other traditional Christmas Eve services will be held, also beginning at 11 o'clock, at St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran churches.

Three Churches To Hold Services Christmas Eve

Church services will be a major part of the Christmas celebration in Kings Mountain.

At least three of the community's churches have scheduled 11 p. m. Christmas Eve musicals, and in addition, three others have scheduled special programs for Saturday evening.

Both Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran church have scheduled midnight musicals with the Resurrection program to begin at 10:30 and the St. Matthew's service to get underway at 11 p. m. First Presbyterian church will also hold its traditional 11 p. m. service with special music and the service of communion to feature the program which is under sponsorship of the young people.

Oak View Baptist church and Dixon Presbyterian church will begin Christmas Eve programs at 7 p. m. Macedonia Baptist church will hold a Sunday School program especially for the children.

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Ex-Policeman Hawkins Dies

Funeral rites for P. A. Hawkins, 55, a city policeman until illness forced him to retire in August '59, were held Friday at 3:30 p. m. from Second Baptist Church.

Mr. Hawkins died of a heart attack Thursday morning in Kings Mountain hospital. Though in ill health, his death was unexpected.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a son of J. B. Hawkins of Shelby and the late Docia Pearson Hawkins.

He is survived in addition to his father, by his wife, Mrs. Nettie Pearson Hawkins; eight daughters, Mrs. Robert Whitesides, Mrs. Don Bumgardner, Mrs. Robert Davis, Misses Linda and Myra Hawkins, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Ira Bumgardner of Ft. Campbell, Ky., Mrs. Robert Crawford of Randolph Field, Tex., Mrs. Don Ellis of Shelby, and two sons, J. B. Hawkins and Tommy Hawkins, both of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are five brothers, Robert A. Hawkins, Joe K. Hawkins, Creighton Hawkins, all of Shelby, A. R. and Clarence Hawkins of Kings Mountain and four sisters, Mrs. M. C. Wood of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Clifford Kelly, Mrs. Mitchell Pruitt and Mrs. Tom Putnam, all of Shelby. Ten grandchildren also survive.

The final rites were conducted by the Rev. W. C. Hastings, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Sides, and the Rev. Dale Thornburg. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Kings Mountain policemen served as active pallbearers.

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Final Rites Held For Fred Wright



ELECTED — Dr. John C. McGill is the newly-elected chief of the Medical staff of Kings Mountain Hospital. New officers were elected this week.

McGill Heads Hospital Staff

Dr. John C. McGill has been named Chief of the Medical Staff at Kings Mountain Hospital for the year 1961.

The Kings Mountain physician succeeds Dr. George Plonk as head of the medical staff.

Other officers, also elected at a meeting this week, include: Dr. W. L. Ramsour, vice chief of staff, and Dr. Thomas Durham, secretary-treasurer.

Orders Thin, But Many Industries Saying "Merry Christmas" In Cash

In spite of hand-to-mouth orders for their products and, in some instances, slack production schedules for the past several weeks, numerous Kings Mountain area industrial firms are saying "Merry Christmas" to employees with cash.

At least eight area firms are giving holiday pay to employees, including Mauney Hosiery Company, Carolina Throwing Company, Bonnie Mills, Sadie Mills, Phenix Plant of Burlington Mills, Mauney Mills, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company and Minette Mills, of Grover.

In most instances, the holiday checks will be paid on a percentage-of-earnings basis, with veteran employees being paid approximately four percent of annual earnings and with other employees being paid two percent of earnings.

Manufacturer Of Concrete Products Dies

Funeral rites for Fred J. Wright, 63, were held Monday at 3 p. m. from Central Methodist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Wright, partner in the firm of Fred J. Wright and Son Concrete Blocks, Inc., succumbed Saturday night in Gaston Memorial hospital. He had been in ill health for several weeks.

A Mason, he was a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM of Kings Mountain and was a member of the board of Stewards of Central Methodist church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jennie Blalock to whom he was married in 1918; a son, Fred J. Wright, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. J. E. Rhea; two brothers, Baxter Wright and G. L. Wright; three sisters, Miss Patricia Wright and Mrs. Bill Osborne, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Robert Osborne of Gastonia. Three grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

The final rites were conducted by the Rev. H. D. Garmon. Members of the Board of Stewards and the Men's Bible Class were active and honorary pallbearers.

The family had requested that memorials, in lieu of flowers, be made to the Cleveland County Cancer society.

Yule Holiday Is In Store For Many Folk

Kings Mountain citizens are busy this week making final preparations for the 1960 observance of Christmas.

Holidays are in store for almost all, as the industrial firms suspend operations, and business firms anticipate a one-day surcease on Christmas Day and Monday, December 26.

Church services will be a major part of the Christmas celebration. In addition to Christmas Eve services in several churches, all churches will hold services on Christmas morning, which this year comes on Sunday.

Financial institutions have announced they will be closed on Monday, December 26, and again on Monday, January 2.

Officials of First Union National Bank obtained special permission to operate regular hours on Saturday, after Christmas Eve had been declared a banking holiday.

City and county offices will be closed Christmas Eve and the day following Christmas, reopening Tuesday morning, December 27.

Kings Mountain postoffice will observe Monday as a holiday

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St. Luke's Christmas Story

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 Cyrenius 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 flocks 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 in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. (St. Luke 2:1-18)

Local News Bulletins

TO ATLANTA

Robert E. Martin, merchandiser for Walgreen Drug Co., attended Walgreen sales meeting in Atlanta, Ga., on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

OFFICE CLOSED

Offices of the Selective Service Bureau at Shelby will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23 until Tuesday, Dec. 27, reopening on Wednesday, according to announcement by Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board.

RETURNS TO WORK

Hilton Ruth, manager of Belk's Department Store, returned to work Saturday after being discharged from Kings Mountain hospital.

KIWANIS CLUB

Rev. A. A. Bailey, pastor of Bessemer City's First Baptist church, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting at the Woman's club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sunday School Christmas party at First Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday evening beginning at 7 o'clock, the pastor Dr. Paul Ausley has announced.

Today's Herald One Day Early

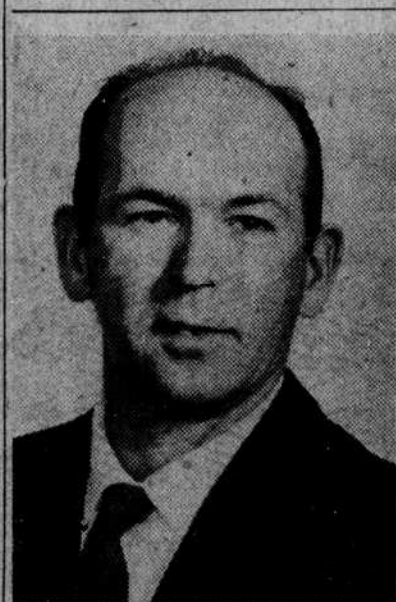
Today's Herald appears one day early, according to the Herald's annual Christmas custom of advancing the pre-Christmas edition.

Next week's edition will be published on regular schedule, appearing on newstands the night of Wednesday, December 28 and getting full distribution December 29.

Today's edition includes last-minute Christmas gift suggestion, Christmas greetings from a large number of the community's retail merchants and service firms.

The Herald will be closed from the afternoon of December 21 to Monday morning, December 26.

Clubs To Spread Cheer To Needy



PRESIDENT — Stokes Wright, Kings Mountain postal carrier, was installed Monday night as president of the Bethware Progressive Club. He succeeds Dale Vollbracht.

Bethware Club Holds Banquet

Bethware Progressive Club held its annual Christmas season ladies night Tuesday.

Officers for 1961 were installed and the more than 100 present heard an address by Rev. George Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Discussing the space age, Mr. Moore, who describes himself as a hobby astronomer, summarized the developments in space travel since the first airplane flight, outlined the relationship of the earth to other planets and stars in the universe and said he had no doubt that scientists are correct in predicting that man will visit the moon within 15 years and other planets within 30 to 50 years.

In his conclusion, Mr. Moore asked, "What is the point of it all?"

The answer, he said, is a further awareness of the power of

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Churches, Clubs Playing Santa To Indigent

Santa Claus will have many helpers this year in making Christmas merrier for underprivileged children and needy families throughout the Kings Mountain area.

Kings Mountain civic clubs, in addition to virtually all churches are supplying Christmas cheer in gifts being distributed to the needy.

Area citizens are donating food via Buy-A-Can. Leave-A-Can project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and are giving through various church channels to help the less fortunate.

The Junior Woman's Club via its children's clothing closet has clothed at least 20 families with warm winter clothing and with the help of Future Homemakers at Central school have mended 300 more garments for distribution. Headquarters for the "closet" is at Central School.

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Building Plans Of Country Club Outlined; Membership Limit 130

Directors of Kings Mountain Country Club have mapped a \$60,000 building program to replace the building destroyed by fire several weeks ago, including construction of a swimming pool.

Plans of the club were outlined to members in a letter this week by Dr. George Plonk, president.

Concurrently, Dr. Plonk announced a slightly increased dues schedule, effective January 1, and limitation of memberships to 130.

He wrote members, "Since the clubhouse can accommodate only a limited number of people, the board voted this week to close membership at 130 members."

Under the new dues schedule, full memberships, permitting use of all club facilities, will be \$140

per year, and house membership memberships will be \$120 per year, and house memberships will be \$100 per year.

Stock membership will be \$300 and certificate memberships \$200. The board also revised its rules concerning activation of memberships. Until January 15, members in arrears may become active by paying \$50 and current dues. After January 15, members in arrears must pay \$100 and current dues.

Dr. Plonk noted that a new tax law would enable the club to save up to \$1500 per year on federal excise taxes. Certain credits are allowable where a club is investing in a construction program. He added that other savings anticipated in insurance

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