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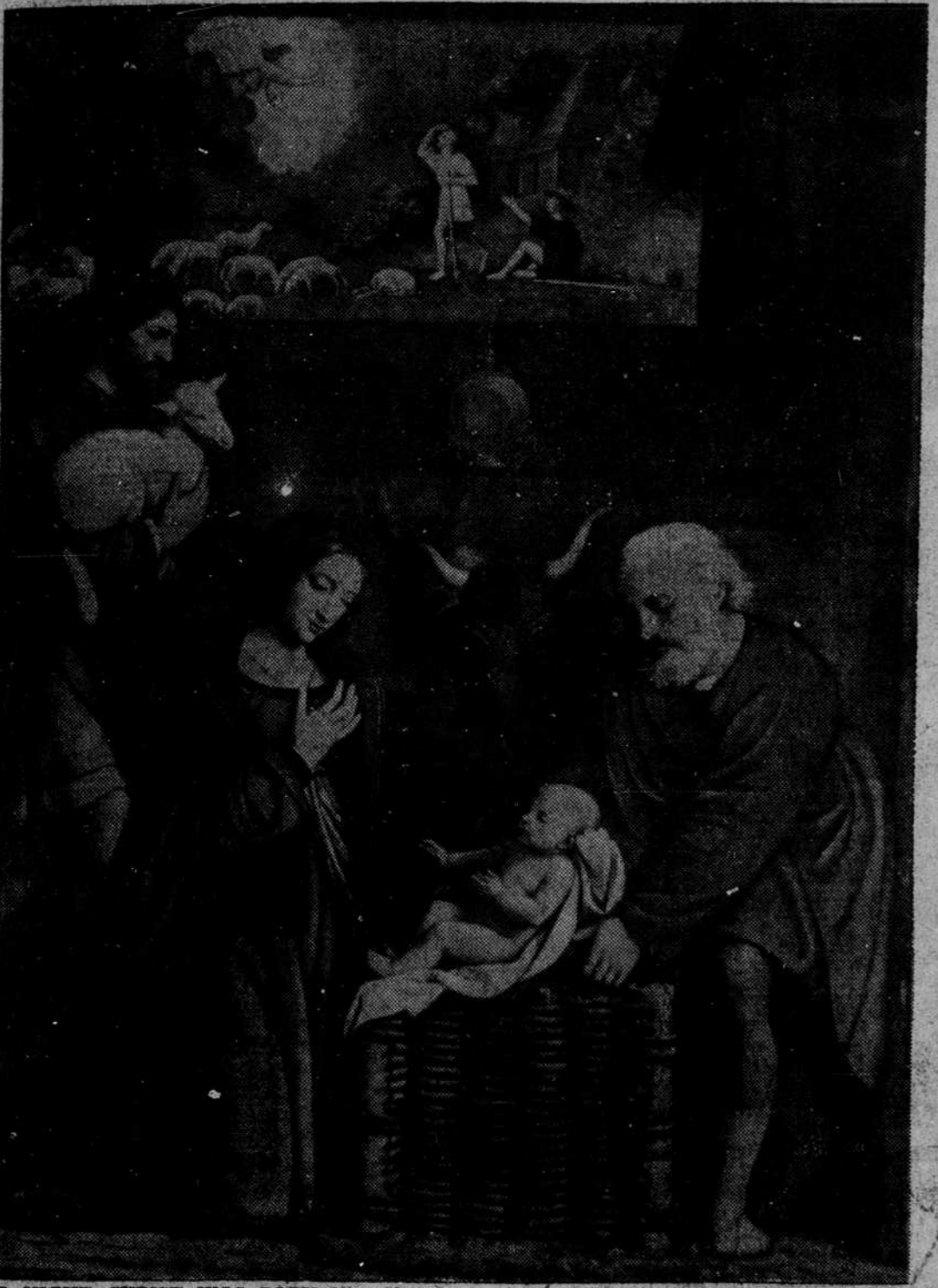
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Seventy-Second Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Area Citizens Preparing For Christmas Celebration



THE NIGHT CHRIST WAS BORN has been commemorated by artists throughout the ages and is appropriate for this Christmas season. One of the first to show the Christ Child in a humble manger scene was Renaissance Painter Bernardino Luini, whose painting, 'Adoration of the Christ Child,' is reproduced above. With the Holy Family is a shepherd, and in the background other shepherds are shown with their flocks...

their flocks, as the angels bring glad tidings of the birth of Christ. This scene is being depicted in pageants being given in numerous churches this season. Some services are planned for Christmas Eve. The painting above, from the Samuel H. Kress Collection, is now at the Isaac Delgado Museum of Art in New Orleans, La.

Industries Giving Employees Gifts, Bonuses, Holiday

Most Kings Mountain folk employed by major industrialists here and in the area will have 'time off' for Christmas. In addition, many will make merry with a Christmas bonus. Some will receive gifts of food from employers.

Mauney Hosiery Mill will cease operation Thursday at noon and resume Wednesday, December 27 at 7:00 a. m. Employees will be feted at a dinner Thursday at 12:30 p. m. at American Legion Post 155 at which time they will be presented with their choice of a turkey or ham.

Christmas bonuses distributed will include four percent of the annual salary for workers employed with the firm for five years or more. A two percent bonus will be given employees with the firm for less than five years.

Carolina Throwing Company will not cease operation at all, but Christmas bonuses and gifts will follow the same schedule as Mauney Hosiery Mill.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company will observe the holidays by halting operation of the plant from Friday through Tuesday.

Neisler Mills Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will close Saturday at 7:00 a. m. and reopen Wednesday at 7:00 a. m. Gifts for employees are planned.

The holidays will be observed at Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries from the end of the second shift Friday, December 22 until the beginning of the third shift, Tuesday, December 26.

Employees eligible by length of service for vacation pay will receive a check this week.

The annual Christmas party for employees' children was held Sunday at the Joy Theatre. Park Yarn Mills will close Saturday, December 23 at 7:00 a. m. and resume operation Wednesday, December 27 at 7:00 a. m.

Elmer Lumber Company will suspend operation Friday through Tuesday in observance of the holidays.

Lambeth Rope Corporation will be closed Monday (Christmas Day) and Tuesday. Employees will receive a country ham as a Christmas gift. The company observes (Continued On Page Ten)

U. S. House Or Senate Bid? Mayor Dixon Is Undecided



RESIGNS — Neale Patrick, for the past four years Herald sports editor, is resigning to accept a position on the news staff of the Gastonia Gazette.

Neale Patrick To Join Gazette

Neale Patrick, sports editor of the Kings Mountain Herald since November 1957, has resigned to join the staff of the Gastonia Gazette.

Mr. Patrick will complete his duties here with publication of the December 28 edition of the Herald.

At the Gazette, Mr. Patrick will become a member of the general news staff, with his particular assignment county editor.

Mr. Patrick is a Gastonia native and has continued to reside there while serving as Herald sports editor. He is a 1939 graduate of the University of North Carolina, having majored in journalism. After graduation, Mr. Patrick worked successively with the Jamboree Voice, Statesville Record, Raleigh Times and Gaston Citizen. He is a navy veteran of World War II.

Martin Harmon, publisher of the Herald, commented, "It is with more than a little regret that the Herald finds itself and Neale Patrick parting company. He has done a most effective job in detailing the Kings Mountain sports scene in the Herald."

GOP Leaders Are Boosting Dixon For Senate

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain Mayor Kelly Dixon is pretty sure to carry the Republican standard as a candidate for national office in the 1962 elections, and his opponent likely will be either Representative Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, or Senator Sam Ervin, of Morganton.

Identity of his opponents, of course, depends on the outcome of the May Democratic primaries in event these incumbents have opposition.

Mayor Dixon, who was accorded more than 41,000 votes in his unsuccessful race against Rep. Whitener in 1960, acknowledged Wednesday that he is receiving encouragement from numerous Republican leaders to seek the United States Senate seat.

However, he laughed, "I found that a Congressional district covers a mighty lot of territory and North Carolina is several times bigger."

Mr. Dixon followed his loss to Rep. Whitener by unseating four-term Mayor Glee A. Bridges last May. While the race was not strictly a party contest, it had overtones of a party fight, since Mr. Dixon, in addition to being a life-long Republican had only a few months previously been a Republican candidate for national office, and former-Mayors Bridges had served for a dozen years as a Democratic county commissioner.

Mayor Dixon likely will have his choice on whether to take a re-match with Rep. Whitener and aim for the six-year Senate term.

A political unknown when nominated for the House of Representatives, Mayor Dixon's performance in the 11th district race was a pleasant surprise to his GOP backers. With the home election victory last May, he has evidence of further strength.

Should he seek the Senate seat, it is likely that Bill Cobb, Morganton lumberman, Bill Puett, Gastonia lawyer, or Jim Hendley, Stanley manufacturer, would seek the House post in what will be the new and re-carved tenth district, where Charles Raper Jr. has been in the present tenth district, where Charles Raper Jr. is the representative and (Continued On Page Eight)



HEADS CLUB — Frank Hamrick has been installed as president of the Bethware Progressive club for the coming year. He succeeds Stokes Wright.

Hamrick Heads Bethware Club

Frank Hamrick was installed as president of the Bethware Progressive club for the year 1962 at the club's annual ladies' night and Christmas party Monday night.

Mr. Hamrick succeeds Stokes Wright.

Other officers installed by R. G. Franklin were Willard Boyles, vice-president; Harold Hord, re-elected treasurer; John O. Patterson, secretary; and Cameron Ware, Jim Yarbro and Arthur Lee Putnam, directors. Mr. Wright will serve as ex-officio member of the board.

Progressive club members presented the program, Lamar Herron offered the invocation and the group sang the carol, 'O Come All Ye Faithful,' and 'Silent Night' and the hymn, 'Blest Be the Tie.' New members recognized were Russell Putnam, Robert Porter, Joel Whinsant, and Paul Bell. Progressive club pins were presented by Cameron Ware.

Other club members taking part on the program were Myers Hambrick, Hal Morris, Jim Yarbro, Harold Hord, Stokes Wright and Frank Hamrick.

Christmas favors and gifts were presented the ladies.

Mrs. Buford Ware, Mrs. Jasper Philbeck and Mrs. Clyde Welch prepared the meal and assisting in serving were Frankie, Ann and Jean Hamrick, Brenda Putnam, Shirley Seism, Becky Webster and Geraldine Hicks.

Most Planning Traditional Observances

Kings Mountain area citizens were busy this week in preparation for celebrating the traditional Christmas holiday season and in traditional manner.

Thumbed this meant (though not necessarily in this order):

- 1) Completing gift lists.
2) Vacationing. Most college students are home for the Christmas season suspension and district schools ended this year's schedules Wednesday. The grade school pupils will return to classes January 2. Many industrial employees will begin holidays Thursday.

- 3) Preparing through church groups, civic and service organizations to play Santa Claus to needy, less fortunate citizens.

- 4) Working on special religious programs in commemoration of Christ's birthday.

- 5) Getting ready for traditional Christmas feasts.

- 6) Preparing for entertainment of family and friends.

For the highway patrol, the busiest season of the year was already well-underway. Local patrolmen were joining their counterparts throughout the nation in an admonition to all drivers to drive at conservative speeds, let another drive if drinking, and to watch the other driver as much as himself.

Though some industrial firms will suspend operations as much as a week, the public industrial holiday schedule will begin Thursday and end, with first-shift schedules on Wednesday. Numerous firms have announced they're paying Christmas bonuses, as has the City of Kings Mountain.

St. Matthew's Christmas 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 Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophets. 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 in the star went before them, until it came and stood 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 to their own country another way. (St. Matthew 2:1-12)

Churches Will Hold Special Services On Christmas Eve

Local News Bulletins

Three Schedule Special Rites Christmas Day

Combining a day of Christmas Eve services in the city's churches, some churches are scheduling special services Sunday afternoon and Sunday night.

Three Kings Mountain churches — Resurrection Lutheran, Christ the King Catholic and Trinity Episcopal — plan morning services on Monday, Christmas Day.

Pastors, in announcing the programs, said, "Christmas is a Christian celebration and it is therefore most desirous that Christians should gather to worship the Christ Child.

Resurrection Lutheran church will hold the traditional candle-light service at 11 p. m. on Christmas Eve and a Christmas Day communion service at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney will be organist for the special program beginning at 10:30 p. m. Sunday. Music by the Senior, Youth, and Junior choirs will feature the service with instrumental accompaniment by Carol Coker on the clarinet, Susan Florio Gite, Tommy Bennett, trumpet, and Spencer Moore, saxophone. Rev. George Moore, pastor, will lead the service, 'God's Light For the World,' beginning at 11 p. m.

Trinity Episcopal church will celebrate the Feast of the Birth of Christ on Christmas Day, at 10 a. m. with service of communion. An evening program of music and scripture reading will begin at 7:30 p. m. on Christmas Eve.

The 45-voice Mixed Chorus of Kings Mountain high school will present a musical program at (Continued On Page Eight)



HONORED — Diane McDaniel, high school senior, has been selected as Miss Hi Miss by members of the senior class.

Diane McDaniel Miss Hi Miss

Miss Theresa Diane McDaniel of Kings Mountain high school has been selected as the 1962 Miss Hi Miss by the members of her senior class.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McDaniel of Kings Mountain, she will be honored in the 1962 Miss Hi Miss edition of the Johnstown, Wintrop City Star and Review, which will be published Feb. 16.

The honor senior girls from South Carolina and North Carolina high schools will be guests of Wintrop at Rock Hill, S. C., for a weekend March 23-25.

Miss McDaniel is secretary of Student Participation Organization, and a member of National (Continued On Page Eight)

Most Businesses To Be Open 26th

With the exception of First Union National Bank, hardware and auto stores, majority of Kings Mountain business firms will be open for business on Tuesday, December 26, a Herald survey indicates.

Majority of apparel firms, variety stores, jewelers, drug stores, furniture stores, groceries, the city's two savings and loan firms will be open for business as usual after the Sunday and Christmas day holidays. Garages, too, are expected to be open, one auto dealer said. Most will resume the Wednesday half-holiday.

Meantime, several uptown stores have extended schedules this week, remaining open at night to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Those following later schedules, for the most part, are advertising that they'll be open late through Friday, but several remarked, "We'll stay here Saturday until the customers stop coming."

Merchants generally report good sales in the Christmas selling season to date and anticipate a last-minute peak Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Henderson's Rites Conducted

Funeral mass for Mrs. Beulah Mae Henderson, 65, was held Tuesday at 11:00 a. m. from St. Michael's Catholic Church, Gastonia. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Henderson had been in failing health for ten years and seriously ill for five days. She succumbed Sunday at 4:00 p. m. at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The widow of James Elvin Henderson, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Helen Jenk ins of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Fanny L. Skipper of Bessemer City, Mrs. Carrie Lingerfelt of Dallas, and Mrs. Lena Robinson of Gastonia; three brothers, Charles C. Walker of Dallas, J. W. Walker of Gastonia, and George H. Walker of New Orleans, La.; and two grandchildren.

NO PERMITS No building permits were issued by city officials during the past week.

Warrant Issued For Alleged Meter Law Violator Is First In History

Jack Moss, of the Pine Ridge community, has the dubious distinction of being the first person to be summoned to city recorder's court for alleged meter law violation, both since the new parking meter ordinance became effective November 23 and since the city installed the meters in 1946.

Moss had failed to honor the parking ticket or the warning notice to pay, and warrant was signed by Judge Early, meter officer, and passed to the sheriff's department for service.

Meantime, due to heavy Christmas season shopping and a high degree of compliance to the parking meter ordinance, weekly receipts soared past the \$200 mark. City Clerk, Joe McDaniel, Jr., said the total for the week ending Wednesday, \$221.57, is a record for the past 11 years and he guessed the total in a record, in day parking meter history. Other weeks \$149.57 came from on-street meters, \$41 from cars, and \$20.60 from off-street meters.

Under the new ordinance, the over-parking fee is 25 cents. If paid within three days, for the next seven days, the over-parking motorist owes \$1. On summons to court, he may plead guilty and escape with paying half the costs of court, which is \$7.30.

First Baptist Is "Clearing House" For Santa Claus For Area Needy

Rev. B. L. Raines thinks he has a good barometer of business conditions in Kings Mountain today, as compared to last year.

The First Baptist minister, chairman of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association's "clearing house" for charitable Christmas giving, commented, "This year the telephone has been ringing from people who ask 'Who can we help?' Last year there was an excess of calls from people who asked, 'Can you help me?' or 'Can you help my needy neighbor?'"

Of course, the community still has indigent citizens and families and, Mr. Raines notes, churches, civic and service organizations, as well as individuals, business and industry are planning to do their part in playing Santa Claus to these needy citizens.

The clearing house, Mr. Raines notes, was set up to assure that as many needy families as possible can be helped and to avoid duplication. All clubs, churches, church agencies and other organizations are urged to inform Mr. Raines, by telephone or otherwise, of the names on their gift list.

Mr. Raines reports on 1960 "clearing house" results: "Last year seventy families were aided at Christmas and none was overlooked who was referred and found qualified on basis of need."

Mr. Raines noted that numerous business firms contributed clothing and other articles last year, and said gifts of this kind will again be welcome. The Fellowship Hall of First Baptist church (the onetime Herald building) will be the warehouse and (Continued On Page Eight)

Mrs. Souther, Teacher, Dies

Mrs. Macie (Sue) Greene Souther, 63, member of the faculty of Patterson Grove and Bethware schools for many years, died Wednesday morning at 11:50 at Kings Mountain hospital.

Mrs. Souther, widow of W. W. (Bill) Souther who died in 1944, had been seriously ill for several weeks and her condition worsened last weekend.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Greene, of Mooresboro, Mrs. Souther was a member of the Kings Mountain Baptist church and of the American Legion auxiliary.

Surviving are three brothers, Sam Greene, Sr., of Mooresboro, J. F. Greene, Spartanburg, S. C., Robert Greene, Norfolk, Va., and three sisters, Miss Rosavelt Greene and Miss Florence Greene, (Continued On Page Eight)

Kings Mountain Lumber By Acre

The acreage of the City of Kings Mountain has increased by approximately one acre.

The city commission voted to annex the Sam Dye property last Thursday night, on Mr. Dye's request.

It is the first expansion of Kings Mountain city limits since a portion of the acreage in Country Club Estates was annexed last year.

NO FIRES City Fireman N. M. Farr reported Wednesday morning that the department had no alarms during the past week.