



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Area Citizens Planning For Christmas Celebration



GIFTS TO COUNTY HOME — Pictured is an array of gifts given by East school children for residents of the Cleveland County home. The children were invited to bring gifts on a voluntary basis as a Junior Red Cross project.

The gifts were delivered on Tuesday by three faculty members, Mrs. Garland Still, Miss Jackie Blanton and Miss Marjorie Anglin. (Photo by Truett Moore)

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will hold regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 27th, at the Woman's club. Program for the meeting was not announced.

STUDENT DAY

College students who are members of First Presbyterian church will lead the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 30th at 11 a. m., the pastor, Dr. Paul Ausley has announced.

AA MEETING

The Kings Mountain chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold regular meeting next Friday at 8 p. m. at First Presbyterian church.

Christ The King Services Listed

Christ the King Catholic Church will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Christmas Eve at midnight. Beginning at 11:30 p. m. the congregation, guests and visitors will be invited to sing Christmas carols. Robert Early will direct the music and play the organ.

This first Mass of the Christmas Season, traditionally called Christ-Mass, ends the four Advent weeks of prayerful penance. The purple candles of the Advent wreath are replaced by four white candles.

For the spiritual preparation of Christmas Mass and Communion, the Sacrament of Penance was available on Sunday evenings and also will be on Christmas Eve 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

On Christmas morning the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a. m.

Father Robert Lawson, assistant at Christ the King Church, will celebrate the Masses. Father Clements, the pastor, is substituting for Father Regan of Shelby during his hospital convalescence.

Kings Mountain S & L Ups Rate

Dividend Rate Hike Intended For Year '63

As had been anticipated, Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association directors passed a resolution of intent Thursday to increase the annual dividend rate on savings accounts by one-quarter of one percent per annum.

The increase, from the current rate of four percent per year is to be effective January 1, 1963.

The Kings Mountain association's action followed a similar one on Tuesday by Home Savings & Loan association.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer, estimate that the increase will mean more than \$3,000 additional dividends to the association shareholders. Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan association said the increase would mean about \$12,500 annually to shareholders of that association.

Both association's pay dividends semi-annually, on June 30 and December 31.

Postoffice Still Busy on Sunday; Tuesday Tops For Outgoing Mail

Kings Mountain citizens continue to post Christmas mail a trifle earlier each year, Postmaster Charles L. Alexander says, but the Kings Mountain postoffice was still a very busy place Sunday afternoon.

Incoming mail remained quite heavy and virtually all employees were on duty, sorting the incoming mail for Monday delivery.

Kings Mountain citizens' heaviest mailings were on Tuesday, December 18, when 17,913 cancellations were logged. The day before 15,607 pieces of mail were posted.

The outgoing mail today has declined since, with 12,308 pieces

Today's Herald Final One Of '62

Today's Herald is the final edition of 1962. Published in advance of the regular edition, which would have appeared on regular schedule on December 27, this issue replaces the regular one.

Regular schedule will be resumed the following week, with the next edition to be published on the evening of January 2 under date of Thursday, January 3.

The Herald, as it customarily does, will close Monday at 1 p. m. and will re-open on Monday, December 31.

Today's edition is the traditional Christmas issue, featuring Christmas greetings from business firms, special Christmas feature material and regular news coverage.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Dixon Presbyterian church will hold the traditional Christmas Eve candlelight musical service at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Paul Mauney will direct the choir and Miss Joan McClure will be accompanist. Santa Claus will be present to distribute gifts and treats around a Christmas tree in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

Gas System At New Peak December 12

The city's and customer gas meters ran hot on the cold, cold day of December 12.

Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation informed the city by telegram Saturday that, on December 12, the city used 1,676,000 cubic feet of natural gas, a healthy 25 percent greater consumption than the previous peak day when the city's master meter recorded consumption of 1,211,000 cubic feet.

The new peak was set with all industrial firms buying on interruptible service contracts not receiving service.

Kings Mountain Mica Company, which buys gas on firm contract found the weather too cold to permit successful processing on that particular day, General Manager Paul Lancaster said.

Temperatures neared the zero range.

The new peak in gas consumption is 276,000 cubic feet greater than the city's former maximum daily gas allotment. In November, the Federal Power commission approved the city's application for 500,000 cubic feet daily additional.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel observed that FPC approval "came in the nick of time." The new peak likely will prove of benefit to interruptible service customers, as the city will no longer need to suspend service as quickly, with an additional margin of more than 400,000 cubic feet daily.

Under the city's contract with Transco, the city pays a demand charge based on 80 percent of prior peak consumption.

Weatherman Off, Spring Returns

Weather predictions to the contrary, spring-in-winter returned to the Piedmont area Sunday morning, banishing fog and making topcoats non-necessary apparel Sunday afternoon.

The weather prediction, on the heels of the Friday-Saturday morning icing of trees and roads, had indicated snow flurries in the mountains, showers in the Piedmont, and temperatures in the forties.

Farris Child's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Wesley Farris, three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Farris of the Dixon community, were held Sunday, December 16th, at 2:30 p. m. from Dixon Presbyterian church.

Rev. James Mann, pastor, officiated, and interment was made in the cemetery of Oak View Baptist church. The child died of pneumonia. Other survivors include a sister, Connie, of the home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Farris; the maternal grandmother, Mrs. B. R. Moore; the paternal great grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Farris.

Most Retailers Open Wednesday

Majority of Kings Mountain retail firms will be open for business on Wednesday, day after Christmas.

Major exception in the retailing community will be furniture stores, which will be closed both Christmas Day and Wednesday, re-opening Thursday.

Also planning to be closed both Christmas and Wednesday are the city's financial institutions.

Apparel, variety, grocery and jewelry stores have announced they will be open and several are scheduling day-after-Christmas sales.

"The load has been spread materially," he commented.

New Year's Day will be a holiday.



PAINTING DEPICTS STORY OF CHRISTMAS — 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." (Luke 2:8-10)

Last-Minute Preparations Are Underway

Kings Mountain area citizens will spend Monday making final preparations for observing Christmas.

The final preparations will include a variety of activities. Last-minute shopping is expected to be brisk. Merchants, already tired from late-hour schedules, rested on Sunday and prepared for a very busy pre-Christmas sales day Monday.

Many were already enjoying Christmas holidays. Virtually all college students are home from school and city district schools completed 1962 schedules Wednesday. City schools resume regular schedules January 2. Many industrial firms have suspended operation until Wednesday or later.

Religious celebrations claimed the interest and participation of a major segment of the community on Sunday and will continue through Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Majority of citizens plan traditional Christmas Day celebrations, either visiting or entertaining at family gatherings here and away.

Bright-eyed children have the look of anticipation. The annual visit of Santa Claus is finally at hand.

Christmas Day will be a holiday for virtually everyone excepting service stations.

Kings Mountain Drug Com. (Continued On Page Eight)

Churches Plan Special Rites In Observance Of Christmas

Tax Listing Will Begin January 2

Annual city and county tax listing will get underway Wednesday, January 2.

Former Mayor Glee A. Bridges will again serve as tax lister for the city, having been appointed to the position at a special session of the board of commissioners Thursday, and Conrad Hughes, veteran Number 4 Township tax lister, will again attend to the county listing chore.

Mr. Hughes said Saturday he wasn't yet sure who would assist him in taking the farm census.

Both Mr. Bridges and Mr. Hughes will be at City Hall daily, from 8 a. m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p. m., excepting Saturdays.

As is customary, Mr. Hughes will be in Grover on Saturday, at R. E. Hambright's Store, to accommodate citizens in that area. The law requires that all persons who own property of any kind to list the property for taxes. Practically, the listing is carried forward on the books from year to year. Persons who have acquired or disposed of real estate during the year should inform the officials to assure correct billing for taxes.

Owners of business and industry are required to file statements of inventories with Max Hamrick, county tax supervisor, not later than January 31. The law requires that actual values be reported. However, inventories are taxed at 32.5 percent of value.

Automobiles are listed at wholesale value taken from the National Association of Automobile Dealers' "blue book." W. L. Browne, tax lister for Number 5 township, has announced the following listing schedule: On January 2, D. S. Waters Store, 8 to 5; January 3, Ledford's Grocery, 8:30 to 5; January 4 and 5, Crown Service Station, Waco, 8 to 5; January 7, Short's Grocery, 8 to 5; January 8, Akers Super Market, 8 to 5; January 9, B. E. Bass Store, 8:30 to 5; all the remainder of January, daily except Sundays, at Crown Service Station, Waco, 8 to 5.

Phillips' Addressees On Charred Letter

The mail train which caught fire in the East with southbound Christmas mail contained at least one item for Kings Mountain.

It was a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips and postmarked Scranton, Pa.

The letter was well-charred at the top flap, but the contents were discernible.

Whether any more mail with Kings Mountain as destination was aboard isn't known. Postmaster Charles Alexander said.

Mr. Bridges' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Marcus Hoyle Bridges, 70, of Shelby, were held Friday at 2 p. m. from Shady Grove Baptist church near Cherryville, interment following in the Shady Grove cemetery.

Mr. Bridges was father of Mrs. Connie Warlick, Mrs. Melba Willis and Mrs. Betty Lingerfelt, all of Kings Mountain.

Other survivors include seven sons, three daughters, a step-son, two brothers and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day Services Set

Numerous Kings Mountain churches will hold traditional Christmas services Christmas Eve and on Christmas day.

First Presbyterian church will hold its traditional Candlelight Communion Service at 11 p. m. Christmas Eve, with special music being featured.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold its annual Midnight Musical at 11 p. m., with music by the church choir and Miss Frances Summers as soloist.

Christ the King Catholic church will observe the Sacrament of the Penance from 7 to 8 p. m. Christmas Eve, followed by Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 11:30, also to be celebrated Christmas morning at 11 o'clock.

Dixon Presbyterian church will have a musical program Christmas Eve at 7:30.

Resurrection Lutheran church will hold its traditional Candlelight service at 11 p. m. Christmas Eve. The junior, youth and senior choirs will collaborate in singing the cantata "Noel, Noel!" with Susan Plonk flutist, Mrs. George Moore soloist, and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney organist.

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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 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 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 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, 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 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 had 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)

City Board Names Floyd Thornburg Fire Chief, Succeeding Pat Tignor

Floyd Thornburg, veteran volunteer member of the department, will succeed Fire Chief J. Pat Tignor, who is retiring effective January 1.

The city board of commissioners, in special session Thursday, elected Mr. Thornburg and also ratified recommendations of the fire department for other officers.

Also named were: Eugene Tignor, assistant chief, who will succeed Hunter Allen.

Mr. Allen had asked to be relieved of the assistant chief's duties.

Winifred Russell, captain.

John White, lieutenant.

Earl Stroupe, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

C. D. Ware, engineer.

Mr. Thornburg, a member of the city's electrical department, became a member of the fire department in May 1941 and has

been a member since. Mr. Tignor is retiring after serving with the department since it was organized in 1931.

The chief's position pays \$300 per year.

The department personnel remains largely volunteer, with seventeen volunteers complementing the four regular-duty firemen, Palmer D. Fulton, also with the department since its organization, C. D. Ware, T. C. (Red) McKee and N. M. Farr.

In other actions, the commission re-named Glee A. Bridges as city tax lister, and confirmed a prior agreement to pay policeman extra duty time during the holiday season normally paid for school traffic patrol duty.

The commission approved a petition for a gutter on Hawthorn Lane, from Crescent Hill road to Marion street.