

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Kings Mountain Citizens Anticipating Holidays

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the recent week totaled \$241.60, including \$161.40 from on-street meters, \$52 from over-parking fines, and \$29.30 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, reported.

ROTARY PROGRAM

Rev. Thomas Droppers, Priest-in-charge of Trinity Episcopal church, will present a Christmas program at Thursday's Rotary club meeting at the Country club. Two new members, T. W. Grayson and Dorcus Bennett, will be inducted.

SHANEY SPEAKER

Richard Shaney, member of the N. C. Highway patrol, presented a program on safety at last week's Rotary club meeting. Charles Wilson was program chairman. Carl Theis of Charlotte, Dorcus Bennett and Dr. Craig Jones were guests of the club.

DANCES FOR TEENS

Kings Mountain Country Club will sponsor a dance for teenagers who are children of members December 28th from 8 until 11:30 p.m. Mike Gunter and an 11-piece orchestra from Columbia will provide music for dancing.

MEETING CHANGE

Kings Mountain Moose Lodge #48 holds regular meetings on Tuesday instead of Thursday. Lodge members meet at 8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas Story, including a pantomime in song and verse, will be presented at Grace Methodist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The interested community is invited to attend, Rev. Norman H. Pusey, pastor has announced.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at 11 p.m. Tuesday night at First Presbyterian church, Dr. Paul Ausley has announced.

STUDENT SUNDAY

College students from First Presbyterian church will conduct the service at morning services December 29th at 11 a.m., Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor, has announced.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Dixon Presbyterian church will hold the annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rev. James Mann, pastor, has announced. Distribution of treats and gifts will follow.

HOSPITALIZED

T. A. Pollack entered Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday for treatment of arthritis. He is expected to be discharged during the weekend.

Central Cafeteria Grade Was 85

Central School cafeteria, on October 17, was rated 85 by representatives of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

- The cafeteria was downgraded for:
 - Unclean flowers;
 - Outside opening lacked effective screens and self-closing doors.
 - Fly repellent fan wasn't operating.
 - Unclean stoves and refrigerator.
 - Unclean counters, shelves and tables.
 - Lack of health certificates.

Lions To Give Baskets To Blind

Kings Mountain Lions will gather Monday at 7 p.m. at B & B Food Store to distribute Christmas food baskets to the blind. Lions President Odus Smith said all members are invited to attend and participate in the annual project. Monday's meeting will replace the regular December meeting, Mr. Smith said.

Empty Stocking Fund Growing

Christmas Cheer Fund For Needy Reaches \$544

The Empty Stocking Fund reached \$544.36 this week and Kings Mountain ministers conducting the appeal-for-the-needy had high hopes it would exceed the goal of \$800.

Booths on Battleground Avenue (in front of Belk's), at Harris-Teeter Super Market, Winn Dixie and A & P Stores are being manned this weekend by local ministers and laymen who will invite other Empty-Stocking fund contributors.

"The Christmas season finds us with many requests and if we fill all these 'stockings' we will need to exceed our quota of giving to help the needy," a spokesman for the ministers' group said.

The Ministerial Association is a clearing house for the needy project. Those who know of needy families should contact Rev. C. R. Goodson, pastor of E. Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church. Rev. H. G. Clayton, pastor of First Nazarene church, is treasurer of the Empty Stocking Fund and checks may be forwarded to him.

Empty Stocking gifts this week included:

- Circle 1, Kings Mountain Baptist Church, \$5.
- Circle 2, Kings Mountain Baptist Church, \$5.
- Brownie Troop 1, Central Methodist Church, \$3.
- Mr. and Mrs. Spikes, \$2.
- Missouri J. Morgan, \$2.
- Medical Pharmacy, \$25.
- Dilling Heating, \$25.
- Circle 2, First Presbyterian Church, \$25.
- Circle 6, First Presbyterian Church, \$25.
- Ladies Bible Class, First Presbyterian Church, \$12.95.
- Kings Mountain Herald, \$10.
- Dellinger's Jewel Shop, \$10.
- Sadie Mills, \$10.
- Southern Railway, Kings Mountain Local, J. E. Turner, Agent and Switchman, \$22.
- Total \$544.36

Religious Music Kiwanis Feature

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will celebrate Christmas Thursday evening and Monday at noon.

Aubrey Mauney, chairman of the club's committee on support of the churches, said that Thursday evening's program will be a traditional program, the 35-voice high school mixed chorus, directed by Mrs. J. N. McClure, singing the cantata "The Song of Christmas".

On Monday at noon, a program entitled "The Christmas Spirit" will be presented. Sarah Beth Simpson will sing the Christmas reading of St. Luke, and a playlet by Mrs. J. B. Simpson's West school third grade will be presented. Mrs. Juanita Logan will sing "Jesu Bambino" by Yon, and Mrs. N. F. McGill will play a piano solo, an arrangement of "Silent Night".

United Fund Drive Is Lagging, Full Reports To Be In January 1

United Fund contributions totaled \$11,000 this week and Chairman Robert O. (Bob) Southwell urged solicitors to make full reports by January 1.

"We want to close the drive in Kings Mountain about January 1 and solicitors are urging last-minute contributors to do so this month," Mr. Southwell continued. The report from industries is about 40 percent complete, Mr. Southwell said, and there are many others to hear from. "United Fund gifts are of course tax deductible," Mr. Southwell reminded those who would like their gifts counted in 1963. Chairman Southwell noted that

Next Herald Issue To Appear Monday

The Herald will advance its next issue to appear on Monday evening under date of December 24th.

The traditional pre-Christmas Herald will include special Christmas feature materials, up-to-the-minute news happenings, Christmas greetings from business firms and regular advertising content.

Advertising deadline will be Saturday at 4 p.m., society news deadline Sunday at noon. Pictures to appear in the Christmas week edition should be received at the Herald not later than 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

The December 24th Christmas Eve edition will replace the regular December 25th edition.

School Board Holds Meeting

Two definite actions were taken by the Kings Mountain Board of Education at the monthly meeting Monday night.

Board chairman James E. Herndon was given the authority to use a stamp signature on checks, and the board authorized Superintendent Barnes to accept the low bid by Friday with regard to installing folding bleachers at the Compact high school gymnasium.

A three man delegation, headed by William Orr, president of Compact Parent Teachers Association, met with the Board and requested additional parking facilities to take care of the parking problem which exists when athletic contests are held at the high school. The delegation further requested that portions of the high school building be painted, and Supt. Barnes informed the delegation that painting of the elementary building would be painted as soon as possible.

Applications were considered for the sixth grade teaching vacancy at East Elementary School. Action was delayed pending further information concerning applicants.

A carbon copy of a letter written by Lee C. Phenix, chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Education, to the Secretary of the State Department of Public Instruction, requesting a County wide survey of public schools, was read by Supt. Barnes.

Children's Party Sunday At Legion

Otis D. Green Post 153 of the American Legion will be host Sunday afternoon to some 400 underprivileged children of the community at the Post's annual Christmas party for the needy.

Children between the ages of six and 10 are being invited to attend and will be picked up at their homes by Legionnaires sometime Sunday shortly after noon.

Santa Claus, assisted by Legionnaires, will distribute gifts to the children after they have been served a hot meal of hot dogs and hamburgers with milk.

City Board Again Vetoes Power Proffer

The city board of commissioners last Thursday again declined a proffered contract for power from the Department of Interior's Southeastern Power Association.

Though the terms had been altered, City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., was instructed to write the Department of the Interior declining the proffer, on grounds that indicated savings would not be commensurate with additional bookkeeping costs and inferential controls on rates.

The Southeastern Power association wants to sell the city up to 20 percent of its power consumption, most of which is resold.

Several weeks ago the city said "no".

Since then a clause has been deleted from the contract which gave the Department of the Interior rate-regulating authority. Still, the board of commissioners indicated, there are implied controls.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges commented, "The City of Kings Mountain has had a most pleasant association with Duke Power Company, and its predecessor companies, for many years, in fact, since 1905. We expect to continue it."

In other actions the board let contract for two pumping stations, replacing two Imhoff-type sewerage disposal tanks, to the low bidder, A. P. White and Associates, of Charlotte, at \$34,458.

The board voted Christmas bonuses of a week's pay to all employees with six months service and a half-week's pay to all other employees.

Lutherans Plan Yule Services

St. Matthew's Lutheran church's Christmas services begin Sunday at the 11 a.m. service when both Senior and Junior choirs will sing Christmas anthems and the congregation will join in carol singing. The service will be broadcast over Station WKMT.

At 5 p.m. Sunday the children of the Sunday School will present the annual White Christmas program and the junior choir will sing. Afterwards, there will be a Christmas party with Santa Claus to present a small gift to each child. After the party, youth of the church will go caroling.

At 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, St. Matthew's will hold the annual musical service with a candlelight procession by the choir, special Christmas anthems and congregational singing of familiar carols. There will be a brief meditation by the pastor.

The church will be decorated with Christmas trees ornamented with Chrystons, religious symbols made by women of the church.

"We invite the community to join with us in these worship services," Dr. W. P. Gerberding pastor, said.

ARP Youth Choir To Give Program

The Youth Choir of Boyce Memorial ARP church will present a program of Christmas carols during a candlelight service to be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at the church.

Lyn Cheshire will be narrator for the program and Rita Bell will be pianist. The choir is under direction of Mrs. Eugene Steffy, assisted by Miss Reta Phifer. Mrs. W. L. McMackin is Choir Mother.

The program will open with a medley of carols followed by a call to worship and congregational singing. Scriptures from Luke will illustrate the Christmas Story, the Town of Bethlehem, the shepherds on the hillsides, the manger scene and coming of the wise men. Candles will be lighted at the close of the service.

Members of the choir are Wendy Bunch, Pat Cheshire, Donna Crawford, Rita Crawford, Corky Fulton, Doyt Phifer, Jean Phifer, Paulette Phifer, Elaine Queen, Phyllis Queen, Marcia Ware, Roy Whitaker and Susan White.

NATIVITY SCENE
The Grover Community Council is sponsoring a live nativity scene in Grover this Christmas season, it has been announced.

Registration Books Will Open Here On Saturday

County ABC Referendum Is Asked

By MARTIN HARMON
"I think the board would like to know the feelings of the people."

That was the statement Wednesday of J. Broadus Ellis, chairman of the county board of commissioners, on the question of legal liquor in Cleveland County.

Commissioner Hugh Dover, is categorically against, he confirmed.

The request was posed by Ralph Gilbert, chairman of the county elections board, at Monday's meeting of the County board of commissioners.

George Thomasson, secretary of the elections board, said, "All I know is what I read in the papers."

Chairman Gilbert made it explicit that he spoke as a private citizen, not for the elections board.

Mr. Gilbert reported 61 telephone calls, including 56 for his position, and five against.

When Mr. Gilbert spoke to the board, he estimated that the tax revenue would be \$500,000 per year for Cleveland County.

Dixon 4-H Club To Give Play

The Dixon Community 4-H club will present a one-act comedy, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. at Dixon Presbyterian church.

Members of the cast include: Lynda Hardin as Janice Langford, Gary Stewart as Bill Rider, Patsy Welch as Edith Langford, Tony Stewart as Oliver Langford.

Joy Welch as Louise Rider, Paul Farris as Charlie Rider, Mike Graham as Ranny Langford.

The Langfords and the Riders have been neighbors and close friends for years. They completely understand and admire one another, until one day when Mrs. Rider phones the Langford home to leave a message and Ranny, the youngest answers the call. He is engrossed at the time in a comic book so how could anyone expect him to relay the message correctly. He gets the message so garbled that everyone goes far afield and both families are embroiled in a real spat and right before Christmas.

James F. Smith's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for James Franklin Smith, 45, were held Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. from First Presbyterian church of which he was a member.

Mr. Smith died Thursday at 2:45 p.m. in Oteen Veterans hospital after a long illness.

A Kings Mountain native, he was the son of Mrs. W. F. Smith, who survives, and a World War II Veteran.

He is survived in addition to his mother, by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Frances Wilson Smith; one son, James V. Smith of Gastonia and one daughter, Mrs. Ronnie Bingham, of Virginia Beach, Va. and two grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers, Vernon Smith and Jack Smith, both of Kings Mountain, and Clyde Smith of the Army in Texas; and three sisters, Mrs. Hobart Dye, Mrs. Roy Pearson, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Frank Durham of Lancaster, Calif.

Dr. Paul Ausley, assisted by Rev. Thomas Droppers, officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

JAYCEE TREE SALE
Kings Mountain Jaycees are offering Christmas trees for sale from the lot across from the Woman's club, East Mountain street. Trees vary in price from \$2 to \$3.50.



MASONIC MASTER—Carl M. Logan has been elected master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M for the year succeeding Joe Donald Roberts. New officers are to be installed Dec. 30.

Huskey Named Guard Captain

The appointment of Bobby P. Huskey, former captain in the United States Air Force Reserve, as a Captain in the North Carolina Air National Guard, was announced by Governor Terry Sanford.

Huskey was born in Kings Mountain and presently resides with his wife and children at 605 Delwood Terrace, Hendersonville, N. C., where he is employed by Duke Power Company.

Captain Huskey received his bachelor of science degree from North Carolina State College in Raleigh in 1957. He received primary pilot training at Marianna Air Force Base, Florida, basic pilot training at Selma, Alabama, in 1958 and combat crew training at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, in 1959.

Captain Huskey began his military career in January, 1957, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force Reserve, where he has served until his present appointment in the North Carolina Air National Guard. He is assigned to headquarters of 145 Aero-medical Transport Group in Charlotte.

Mrs. Alexander's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Mrs. Lula Bridges Alexander, 73, widow of L. L. Alexander who died last May 31, were held Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Central Methodist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Alexander died Thursday morning in the Kings Mountain hospital following an illness of several months. She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Bridges.

Surviving are three sons, Postmaster Charles L. Alexander, James Alexander and Dwight Alexander, all of Kings Mountain, and five grandchildren.

Rev. Howard Jordan, assisted by Rev. Floyd Willis, officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Postoffice Business Is Brisk; Monday Tops For Outgoing Mail

Business is brisk at Kings Mountain postoffice.

Monday's cancellations, according to Postmaster Charles L. Alexander, climbed to a record 14,538.

Tuesday's cancellations totaled 13,056. Saturday's cancellations were 9,139.

Thursday and Friday's cancellations of Christmas mail are expected to reach a peak in Christmas mailing, the postmaster noted.

Little Federal Issue Decision Is January 14

By MARTIN HARMON

Registration books will open Saturday for the special statewide election on an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution.

The amendment—labeled the "little federal" plan—will be adopted or rejected by North Carolina citizens on January 14.

Ralph Gilbert, chairman of the Cleveland County elections board, said all Number 4 Township election officials are continuing to serve.

Registrars and polling places are: East Kings Mountain, Mrs. Nell Cranford, City Hall Courtroom.

West Kings Mountain, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Armory. Bethware, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Bethware school.

Grover, Mrs. J. B. Ellis, Grover fire station.

Cleveland County's legislative delegation, Senator Robert Morgan and Representative Jack Palmer, are opposed to the amendment.

They point out that 19 percent of the population could control the House of Representatives. The amendment would reduce the representation of populous counties in the House of Representatives by 20—from 120 to 100, one per county—and would increase the number of senators by the same amount—from 50 to 70, to be determined by population.

A 25,000 vote differential in senate districts would be permissible.

On the present senate arrangement, Cleveland County, long with one senator, is in a four-county district. Cleveland has long enjoyed a senator each biennium. By population, Cleveland should have two-thirds of one senator.

Under the "little federal" plan Cleveland would be qualified for one representative and one senator, on basis of 66,000-plus population.

Opponents, including Cleveland's political leaders say, in effect, "Watch that 25,000 disparity."

The Republican party is opposed to the amendment. The Democratic party has no position.

Judge Dan Moore, Democratic candidate for Governor, from Haywood, declines a position, stating that the issue will be long settled before he goes to the ballot box with Judge L. Richardson Preyer, Dr. I Beverly Lake and two other primary candidates.

Judge Preyer, from Guilford, is opposed.

Lefevers Sustains Facial, Hand Burns

Ross Lefevers, Lithium Corporation employee, suffered painful burns to his hands and face Tuesday morning in an accident at the plant near Bessemer City.

Mr. Lefevers is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital.

He is employed in the electrical maintenance department of the plant.

Reminded that now is the time to mail in order to avoid the last-minute rush at Post Office windows.

"Every facility of the Kings Mountain postoffice is being expanded to render maximum service," the postmaster continued. The Postoffice will remain open all day Saturday until 5 p.m., he added.

Gifts should be packed in sturdy cartons, wrapped with heavy paper and tied securely with strong cord. It is best to print the recipient's full name, street address, city and ZIP Code number, making sure to include an extra label inside the package.

Holiday Period Varies: Several Paying Bonuses

A large segment of Kings Mountain area citizens will enjoy a several-day Christmas holiday.

Length of the holiday is variable, and some firms had not determined Wednesday how many days of the Christmas week would be free from regular duties.

Some firms will pay Christmas bonuses based on length of service. Christmas parties are being held by most establishments with gifts and/or bonuses being distributed to employees, a Herald survey revealed.

Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries will suspend operations at the end of the second shift on December 21, resuming the morning of December 26. Employees eligible by length of service for vacation pay will receive their checks this week. The annual children's Christmas party was held Sunday with Santa Claus on hand to distribute gifts.

Carolina Throwing Company will operate on full schedule. The annual employee Christmas dinner is scheduled at the American Legion building Thursday (tonight).

Mauney Hosiery Mills' annual employee party will be held Friday night at the American Legion building. The mill will be closed from December 20 to December 30th.

Minette Mills at Grover will close at 6 a.m. December 21, resuming operations at 6 a.m. December 26th. Christmas bonuses will be paid.

Park Yarn Mill will be closed from December 24th at 3 p.m. until the morning of December 30th.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Holiday schedules are not definite at Duplex-Shannon, Inc., Bonnie Cotton Mills, Sadie Cotton Mills, and Craftsman Yarns.

All plants of Neisler Mills Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with some departments to be closed December 23. All plants will resume operations December 26.

Mauney Mills will suspend at 2 p.m. December 24, resuming operations December 30. Holiday pay, based on length of service, will be two and four percent of earnings.

Slater Mills will be closed Christmas week and employees will receive bonuses of two percent of earnings.

Waco Sportswear, Inc. will be closed from Friday, December 20th until December 30th. A Christmas party for employees was held Monday night at the Kings Mountain Country club.

Footo (Mineral) company will operate on full schedule with exception of the mines which will shut down Christmas Day. The annual Christmas party for employees was held Friday night at Shelby Elks Lodge and at Holly Hawk Center.

Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The annual employee Christmas party was held Friday at Shelby Moose Lodge.

Lambeth Rope Corporation will be closed two days, December 24th and December 25th.

The Kings Mountain Herald will advance its Christmas week edition, according to long-standing custom. The issue which would normally appear under date of December 26 will be published Monday evening, December 23, under date of December 24th.

Kings Mountain district school pupils will get the longest holiday. Schools will be closed from Friday until January 2.

Stores Open Here Until 9 This Week

Kings Mountain retail merchants will be open until 9 p.m. nightly Thursday, Friday and Monday nights to accommodate Christmas shoppers. Merchants Association President Robert O. Southwell said this week.

All department stores, variety stores, jewelers and furniture stores will observe later closings with exception of Christmas Eve when merchants will close at 6 p.m. or later, if they desire.