



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Shoppers Slip And Slide In Area-Wide Ice Glaze

Many Gifts Await Winner Of Baby Derby

Many prizes from Kings Mountain area merchants await the winner of the Kings Mountain Herald's ninth annual First Baby Derby.

To the first baby born in 1964 to Kings Mountain area parents firms are preparing a bit of welcome to him or her.

Who will be the winner and how can he or she win?
1) Winning baby must be born in the Kings Mountain area.
2) Parents must be residents of the Kings Mountain area.
3) Exact time of birth must be specified in written statement by attending physician.

4) All applicants must be received in the office of the Herald by January 10, 1964.

5) In the event of a tie, awards will be distributed at the discretion of a contest committee.

6) All decisions of the judges committee will be final.

A complete list of prizes is detailed on two pages appearing in Section B of this week's Herald.

David Delevie Unwitting "Thief"

About 11 o'clock Saturday morning Grocer Horace Hord found his truck missing from behind his store and reported it as apparently stolen.

The city officers were prompt in recovering it, but decided to prefer no charges.

It was all a case of mistaken truck identity.

David Delevie had asked the use of the Bridges Hardware truck to haul some tables from the armory to the American Legion building. When he went out to take the truck away he mistook the B & B Food Stores truck for the hardware vehicle.

Returning from the armory on Gold street, Mr. Delevie observed two police cars speeding up behind him, their sirens blowing. He, politely, pulled to the right to let the hot-rodding policemen pass. Only one passed, and it stopped in front of him.

"What's the trouble?" Mr. Delevie innocently asked.

"What's the trouble with you?" an officer said frowningly.

Everybody had a good laugh when the honest error was discovered, but Mr. Delevie's could have been more hearty, his friends aver.

Local News Bulletins

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Young People and Children's Department of Central Methodist church presented the play, "The Light Of Christmas" Sunday afternoon.

ROTARIANS

There will be no meeting the day after Christmas of the Kings Mountain Rotary club. Members will be assessed the regular luncheon fee, with the proceeds going to the Empty Stocking fund. Meetings will continue beginning Jan. 2.

LIBRARY CLOSED

The Jacob Mauney Memorial Library will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will reopen on Friday.

KEETER IMPROVED

J. Byron Keeter, Kings Mountain merchant who has been hospitalized for the past two weeks at Kings Mountain hospital, was reported improved Monday.

Empty Stocking Fund At \$1481

Pastors Brave Ice To Provide For 84 Families

An Empty Stocking Fund of \$1,481.57 will provide Christmas cheer to 84 underprivileged families of Kings Mountain.

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, which headed up the needy fund, said other gifts Monday and Christmas Eve may swell the contributions to over \$1500 and more.

A spokesman for the ministers said today, "The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association wishes to thank those who had a part in the Christmas cheer fund this year. It has been a success because so many of the people have helped."

The Ministerial Association has been a clearing house for the 1963 needy project in the Kings Mountain area. The Empty Stocking also doubled the gift report in the December 19th Herald during the weekend.

Other contributors included: Circle 1, Central Methodist Church, \$4.97. Grace Methodist Church Men's Fellowship Class, \$22.00. Ray Farris of WKMT \$6.00.

Leroy Blanton Laundry, Norge Village, \$5.00. Circle 5, First Presbyterian Church \$5.00.

Total \$1,481.57

Re-Zoning Request Approved By Board

The property bounded by Floyd street and Highway 161 to the city limits has been re-zoned for industrial use.

The city board of commissioners held a public hearing on the re-zoning petition Friday afternoon. None appeared to protest and the re-zoning action was unanimous.

Part of the property is owned by J. Raymond Cline and part of it by Mr. and Mrs. George H. Houser.

Marion C. Falls Retiring Monday After Near 35 Years At Postoffice

Marion C. (Bub) Falls, veteran Kings Mountain postoffice clerk, will retire Monday after nearly 35 years of service with the Kings Mountain office.

Mr. Falls, 66, joined the postal staff as a substitute carrier and clerk in 1929, when the postoffice was located on West Mountain street in the building recently vacated by Warlick Insurance Agency. The office was subsequently moved to Battleground avenue, and the present postoffice was occupied in 1940.

Mr. Falls served under Postmasters, S. S. Weir, James S. Ware, W. E. Blakely, Charles Alexander and Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir.

He recalls no particular problems as far as clerk duty was concerned but says, "I used to have a little trouble with dogs, and guess all postal carriers do. I was never bitten, but I've had many a pants cuff chewed up."

Mr. Falls "cared" one large pack of dogs by throwing a large firecracker in their midst. "I never had any more trouble out of that bunch," he laughs.

He acquired his nickname "Bub" from an older brother. "He couldn't pronounce the word Brother. It came out Bub-

Today's Herald Final One of '63

Today's Herald is the final edition of 1963.

Today's edition, in accordance with long-standing Herald tradition, is advanced from regular publication date to allow Herald employees a brief holiday.

The Herald will close at noon Tuesday and will resume operations on December 30. The next edition will appear on regular schedule, dated January 2, 1964.

Today's edition contains Christmas greeting from numerous business firms, feature material on Christmas and its traditions, and latest news events in the Kings Mountain area.

Howell Gets Nod For Rural Carrier

Boyd Howell, substitute city carrier at Kings Mountain postoffice, has been recommended for a rural carrier position by the Bethware Democratic precinct committee.

Bruce W. Boyles, chairman, said the recommendation of Mr. Howell was unanimous.

Mr. Howell, a Democrat, is a disabled veteran of World War II.

He has been on substitute carrier duty since November.

He was on the eligible list as a result of a competitive examination.

The rural carrier vacancy was created by the death of Bryan Hord.

Mr. Boyles said the Bethware committee's recommendation had been forwarded to Democratic Chairman J. Clint Newton for forwarding to U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener.

Other members of the Bethware committee are Mrs. H. A. Goforth, vice-chairman, Cameron Ware, secretary, Clyde Short and J. D. Jones.

City And County Tax Listing Starts January 2

Annual county and city tax listing will begin Thursday, January 2.

Conrad Hughes again will serve as Number 4 Township tax lister, and Mrs. Steve Harmon will be at City Hall courtroom Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Hughes will be at Grover on Saturdays to accommodate citizens of the Grover area.

Law requires that all property owners must list their properties for taxes during the month of January, with penalties provided for failure to list or for listing late.

Men between the ages of 21 and 50 must list for the \$2 county poll tax, regardless of whether they own other property. The city did not levy a poll tax for the present year.

Real estate is automatically listed. However, transfers of real estate during the past year should be called to the attention of the listing officials.

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Persons must list autos, other vehicles, diamond rings and other jewelry, radios, television sets, other household goods, lawn mowers and any personal property of value.

St. Matthews Christmas Story

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

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, 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. (Matthew 2:1-12)

AMBULANCE GIFT

J. Oille Harris, owner of Harris Funeral Home, has donated a 1961 model Cadillac ambulance to the Grover Rescue Squad. The ambulance was presented to the Rescue Squad by Mr. Harris Saturday. The Harris firm has recently purchased a new ambulance.



Silent Night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour is born,
Christ, the Saviour is born.

Traditional Religious Rites Scheduled At Nine Churches

Six Services Christmas Eve, Three Christmas

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

First Presbyterian church will hold its annual Candlelight Communion service at 11 p.m. Tuesday night. The anthems, "Come to the Manger" and "Gesu Bambina" will be sung by the chancel choir and the congregation will join in the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

At 11 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran church the Christmas musical will include a candlelight

Yule Mail Volume Is Less This Year

Kings Mountain's peak mailing day was Monday, December 16, and the second most active day was Tuesday, December 17, Postmaster Charles Alexander said Monday.

He said postal mailings were already trailing off and Monday's icy coating slowed postal activity even more than normally.

In the past week, last Thursday was the peak mailing day, with 11,275 cancellations. Saturday the outgoing flow dropped to 7,683.

As has been noted elsewhere, the Postmaster said the volume of Christmas mail has been less this year, though parcel post mailings have been "about the same."

Live Nativity Scene Portrayed By Grover Group

A live nativity scene made up of 54 characters portrays the Christmas Story in Grover.

Located across from Grover's First Baptist church, it will be conducted for the fourth night Christmas Eve from 6 until 7 p.m. along with a community caroling led by Harold Ellis.

A star hangs over a manger, and as Grover citizens dressed as Mary, Joseph, the wise men and shepherds, gather to worship the Christ Child, the strains of Christmas music fill the night. Sheep and other livestock stand around the scene.

The manger scene is sponsored

Business Pace Halts, Resumes; More Snow Likely

Those wanting a "white Christmas" apparently got their wish Monday morning, as more than two inches of sleet glazed trees, homes and highways.

And the weatherman's prediction was for more to follow.

With only two days remaining until Christmas, the early morning hours in Kings Mountain found a minimum of activity, as what traffic attempted to move stalled on inclines. Foot power seemed to be the safest and surest means.

But by 10 a.m. movement had become heavier.

John L. McGill, at Kings Mountain Drug Company, said when

he came to work he felt he was entering a morgue, but traffic began to increase and was brisk Monday afternoon.

Similar reports were related by several other merchants, though all agreed the Monday sales volumes would be less than normal for December 23.

Grocers, particularly, who sell the bulk of their Christmas foods in the final few days before Christmas, said Monday sales would be off heavily. A trucker for Winn-Dixie said another had jackedknifed a short distance from the warehouse and was unable to get his chains on.

Bus traffic up to mid-afternoon Monday had been limited to buses, one from Asheville, one from Shelby.

The icy weather threatened to cause cancellation or dereliction of many citizens' plans to visit friends and relatives in other parts of the state and nation.

A spokesman from the highway patrol and highway commission offices reported by mid-afternoon that the primary roads were cleared, except for some icy spots. But both added, "We don't know what will happen tonight."

But many prior plans were being fulfilled.

The Kings Mountain Ministerial association was proceeding with the delivery of Christmas fuel, clothing, food and toys to 82 needy area families, and the Lions club was planning to proceed with its annual distribution of food baskets to the area's needy blind.

The weatherman's prediction was for four more inches of snow Monday night in the western half of North Carolina.

The icing couldn't have been timed better from the standpoint. Among the busiest places were service stations who did a rushing business both selling and installing car chains. One service station operator jested, "I believe there ought to be some easier way to earn a living."

On basis of results of Saturday's auction, Savings & Loan Manager Francis Whitesides, of Gastonia, made a wise business decision when he decided the City of Kings Mountain two lots in lieu of paying street improvements assessments.

The two lots on Monroe Avenue were bid off for a total of \$70. The street improvements assessments totaled \$348.

Clavon Kelly was high bidder for the 298-foot lot at \$50, and Yates Harbison was high bidder on the 50-foot lot at \$20.

The bids remain open for ten days through December 31 and may be raised by any citizen in an amount not less than five percent of the original bids.

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