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Kings Mountain Businessmen Optimistic For '64

Leaders Give Their Opinions On Prospects

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Kings Mountain's economic prospects for 1964 appear good, a spot survey of area industrialists showed New Year's Day.



MISSIONARY - Rev. Clarence G. Lomperis will discuss mission work in India at Resurrection Lutheran church Monday night.

Missionary Here Monday

Rev. Clarence G. Lomperis, Lutheran missionary on furlough from India, will speak and show slides of mission work in India Monday night at 7:30 at Resurrection Lutheran church.

The program is under sponsorship of United Lutheran Church Women of Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran churches. The Lutheran League, assisting in the program, will be costumed in Indian dress and will show exhibit items from India.

Mrs. Paul McGinnis is chairman of the committee on arrangements which also includes Mrs. E. R. Guter, Miss Essie Marie Foster and Mrs. Alma Whitesides. A social hour will be held after the program, to which the interested public is invited.

As a missionary since 1944, Rev. Lomperis has done evangelistic work among the Muslims in the Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh, India. During his first two terms he was located in Chirala, but moved to Guntur during his third term. His work takes him around the three synods of the Andhra Lutheran church in Guntur and except for one co-worker, Pastor Lomperis is the only missionary assigned to Muslim work.

He is associated with the Henry Martyn School of Islamics in India and it was there he had his formal language study upon arrival in India. Unlike most missionaries who must be able to speak Telugu, Pastor Lomperis speaks Urdu.

Lomperis received his B.A. degree from Luther College, where the B.D. from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and has studied during his furlough at Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, Connecticut, concentrating in the field of Islamic studies.

Wilson Crawford, president of the Chamber of Commerce, 1964 is a bright New Year and I believe it will be a good one for mercantile, manufacturing and home construction in Kings Mountain. Kings Mountain business citizens have enjoyed a profitable year and we have seen the evidence of progress in the addition of new homes and new businesses in town. Stores have been remodeled. New homes are being built. 1964 looks good and I think will be even better than 1963.

Kings Mountain Mayor Glee A. Bridges was also optimistic. He said, "The Chamber of Commerce and the City of Kings Mountain have good industrial prospects for 1964 and we anticipate that several new industries will locate here in the next 12 months."

Robert O. Southwell, president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association and an automobile dealer, said, "Year-end reports from automobile manufacturers rate 1963 as the best automobile year in history with sales of over seven million cars surpassing a record number in car sales. If this, in any way determines what the New Year holds for the whole economy, the year 1964 should be even better, business-wise, for all."

Rev. Southwell said that local merchants had enjoyed an increase in sales in 1963 and that he is optimistic the New Year will surpass the year just ended.

City of Kings Mountain auto license tags go on sale Thursday. There's no change at City Hall where a dollar will get a motorist a shiny new 1964 license tag. Law requires that Kings Mountain citizens who own motor vehicles purchase and display city automobile tags.

Jaycees To Make '63 DSA Award

Alan Newcombe, WBT-WBTW weatherman, announcer and Charlotte lecturer, will make the principal address at Tuesday's annual Bosses' Night banquet of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Kings Mountain's Young Man of 1963 will be announced as highlight of the affair which is expected to attract a large crowd of Jaycees and their employers.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club, Howard Lutz, chairman of the committee on arrangements said Wednesday. Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award for 1963 were accepted from the general public. The winner, to be selected by a secret committee of citizens over 35, will be the 10th recipient of the award here.

The Jaycee award is presented to a young man, age 21 to 35, who has made outstanding contributions to the general community welfare, has shown evidence of leadership ability and evidence of personal and business progress. Former winners have been B. S. Peeler, Jr., Grady K. Hobard, Everette L. Carlton, Bob Maner, Charles E. Dixon, Sam Stallings, Charles Blanton, Otis Falls, Jr. and Donald Crawford.

Commenting on Tuesday's program Mr. Lutz said, "Bosses' Night is an annual feature of Chambers throughout the nation. It is dedicated to the bosses who support the Jaycees and recognize the value of the organization."

Some dog owners are flirting with trouble in tailing their animals to: 1) run loose; and 2) overturn garbage, Mayor Glee A. Bridges says. The police department and mayor's office are receiving complaints almost daily and Mayor Bridges issued a warning Wednesday to dog owners to "please cooperate with law enforcement officials."

J. Byron Keeter's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for John Byron Keeter, 67, Kings Mountain merchant for 40 years, were held Monday at 3 p.m. from his home at 587 Crescent Hill road.

Mr. Keeter died Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. following an illness of several weeks.

A native of Grover, he was the son of the late Dock J. and Leona Harry Keeter. He was a member and deacon emeritus of Kings Mountain Baptist church.

A past president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, he had also served as a district governor of Kiwanis International and as a trustee of Gardner-Webb Junior college. A Veteran of World War I, he was a member of the American Legion Post 155 and was a Mason, member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM.

He and Mrs. Keeter, the former Mary Alston, were married in 1919. They had owned and operated Keeter's Department Store for over 40 years.

In memory to Mr. Keeter Kings Mountain retail businesses were closed during the funeral hour.

Besides his wife Mr. Keeter is survived by two daughters, Mrs. D. F. Hord of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Randolph Madison, Jr. of Petersburg, Va.; a brother, Harry Keeter of Greensboro; four sisters, Mrs. Joe P. Wharton and Mrs. Charles Pearce of Greenwood, S. C., Mrs. J. H. B. Jenkins of York, S. C. and Mrs. E. L. McBride of St. Petersburg, Fla., and six grandchildren.

Rev. Marion DuBose officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Injuries Fatal To Stepfather Of Mrs. Bridges

Albert H. Kemsley, 76, of Hilltop, N. C., was killed in an automobile accident near York, S. C. Friday afternoon while en route to visit his stepdaughter, Mrs. Glee A. Bridges in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Bridges' mother, Mrs. Bertha Kemsley, is in Divine Saviour hospital in York where she is being treated for a broken hip sustained in the accident.

Graveside service for Mr. Kemsley will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in Mountain Rest cemetery. Dr. W. E. Scarborough, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, officiated.

York County Coroner A. Y. Leslie said that Kemsley, a native of England, was killed when his car left the road at 3:45 p.m. on Highway 321 six miles south of York. The coroner said that Kemsley apparently went to sleep at the wheel and suffered a heart attack and his wife was apparently dozing. No inquest was held.

Kemsley was retired from the British Naval Service. Other survivors include a daughter in Australia; a stepson, L. E. Foythress of Virginia and a sister in Capetown, South Africa.

Firms Pay Record Dividends
Kings Mountain savings and loan associations again paid a record total of dividends during 1963, with for December's semi-annual payment and for the full year.

Aggregate dividends of Home and Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Associations were \$355,945.57, some \$64,552.87 more than the 1962 aggregate of \$290,493.00. This compares with a 1961 aggregate of \$268,023.

Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan Association, reported year-end dividends of \$207,164.00 compared with June 30 dividends of \$98,942.00.

Duncan Baby Boy Is Derby Winner Here And County

John Scott Duncan, eight-pound three-ounce baby boy, is winner of both the Kings Mountain and Cleveland County First Baby Derby of 1964.

The youngster, who arrived just 12 minutes and 30 seconds after the New Year, weighed in at Kings Mountain hospital. He is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Coran Duncan, 3150 Midpines.

As winner of the baby derby sponsored by the Kings Mountain Herald for the ninth annual year, John Scott will be eligible for prizes from local advertisers as well as those from the baby derby sponsored in Cleveland County by the Shelby Daily Star.

The youngster is the first boy to win the county derby since 1960 when Ricky Eugene Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eppson Ewell Taylor, also of Kings Mountain, took the honors. Young Taylor arrived at 12:50 a.m. New Year's Day at Kings Mountain hospital.

Dr. John C. McGill was the attending physician. Other babies born at Kings Mountain hospital since midnight Tuesday were the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burke of Kings Mountain, who arrived at 3:40 a.m. and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Lingerfelt of Bessemer City, who was born at 7 a.m. New Year's Day.

Books Open Again Saturday
Voter registration books will be open for the final day of three Saturday for the January 14 election on the so-called little federal amendment to the North Carolina Constitution.

The books will be open at all the county's 28 voting precincts. Challenge Day is January 11. No new voter registration is required to those who are already registered to vote in a general election. The books are open for citizens who haven't registered or who wish to change their registration from one precinct to another.

The four registrars and polling places in Number 4 Township are: Mrs. Nelle Cranford, East Kings Mountain, City Hall Court room.

Blame King Winter For Tardy Pictures

New Year's Day icy weather prevented arrival of two engravings for pictures which the Herald intended to use in today's society section.

Both pictures were shipped by bus but the 4 p.m. bus from Spartanburg, S. C. hadn't run Wednesday night at presstime.

City Welcomes New Year '64
New Year 1964 arrived at midnight Tuesday amidst a din of noise and gaily by Kings Mountain citizens who braved a New Year's sleet storm to attend private and semi-private gatherings.

New Year's Eve revelers had to slip and slide in some 75 of an inch of ice which began to fall Tuesday afternoon and continued through the night. Tuesday's low was 25 degrees.

As the strains of "Auld Lang Syne", traditional harbinger of a bright New Year, were played in Kings Mountain and throughout the nation, horns sounded and there was a heavy incidence of New Year greeting. Some citizens didn't attend parties, planned before the sleet started falling.

Wednesday, New Year's Day, was a holiday for most Kings Mountain citizens, as majority of retailers and financial institutions closed their doors for the day. However, there was work underway inside some of these doors. Retailers were working on year-end inventory figures and financial institutions were compiling year-end statements.

Kings Mountain students who were to return to school Thursday after the holidays will have their holiday extended because of the weather. Supt. B. N. Barnes said yesterday that schools will be closed Thursday.

Jolly Named To Who's Who

Conway Jolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jolly of Rutherfordton, former Kings Mountain resident, has been named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Jolly is a senior at Western Carolina college at Cullowhee and expects to receive the bachelor's degree in business administration and psychology next spring.

At WCC, Jolly is president of the student body, the highest elective office available, and was president of his junior class and both president and vice-president of the Society for Advancement of Management.

He is a 1960 graduate of Rutherfordton-Spindale high school. Jolly's mother is the former Virginia Gault, daughter of Mrs. C. J. Gault, Sr. of Kings Mountain.

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Headlines Record '63 Events

Newspaper headlines recorded a large number of news events, some good and some bad, during the year just ending. Looking back on 1963, Kings Mountain area citizens could see that in 1963 they generally had their share of fun, happiness and sadness.

The city and township shared with the nation the top news story of the year, President John F. Kennedy's assassination at 11 p.m. Friday, November 22. Citizens were stunned at the news that the young, 35th president of the United States had been shot to death while riding through Dallas, Texas in a motorcade. They wept. They marvelled at the composure of Jacqueline Kennedy and sat glued to television sets as the tragic event and its aftermath unfolded before their eyes.

As the book of Father Time closed on the year 1963, area citizens could look back on a year which had been generally prosperous and good for most Kings Mountain citizens.

City politics claimed a share of the headlines with the election in May of a new mayor, Ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges regaining his mayoral post for a fifth term at City Hall. All incumbent city commissioners seeking another term were re-elected and two new faces came to City Hall in the persons of the new mayor and Ward 4 Commissioner Norman King. A total of 2360 persons who went to the polls also elected two new school trustees in the persons of George H. Mauney, textile official, and James Herndon, textile waste dealer and son of a late former Kings Mountain mayor.