

# Merry Christmas to All

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Majority Of Citizens Anticipating Yule Holidays



"O HOLY NIGHT" IN ART — From earliest times, artists found in the story of the Nativity and the events surrounding it a continuing source of inspiration and challenge to their talents. Shown above is Petrus Christus' "The Nativity", painted by the Flemish artist about 1440-1450. The painting is from the Mellon collection and is at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C.

### Daves Charged In His Cousin's Hit-Run Death

A young Cherryville man has been charged with murder, following the death of his cousin, Fred Theodore Daves, 30, on the Stoney Point road near here Saturday afternoon.

Investigation by Sheriff Haywood Allen indicates that Franklin D. Daves, 24, ran down his cousin with an auto, killing the man instantly.

Eye witnesses — who escaped injury by jumping into a side ditch — were the victim's wife, Mrs. Kathleen Daves, and Miss Aileen Rudisill, 40, of Cherryville. It was Miss Rudisill's car and Franklin Daves also is charged with theft of the car.

Sheriff Allen gave this account:

The four left Cherryville together. When they stopped for gas, the younger Daves, said to have been drinking, got behind the wheel to drive. Proceeding recklessly, the other passengers begged him to stop. He finally turned off on the dirt road into a sand pit adjacent to Muddy Fork Creek. The three passengers walked back to the paved county road. Daves drove back on the road, drove off alone, but quickly turned back. Apparently aiming the car at the three former passengers, he struck his cousin, who either did not see the approaching auto in time, or thought the driver was bluffing.

Daves was apprehended about an hour later. Sheriff Allen had gone to Daves' father's home when the wanted man drove up. Seeing officers, he ran into a nearby store. He was captured quickly.

Coroner J. Ollie Harris said the driver himself barely missed death on Muddy Fork Creek. After he slammed into a bank, the car was inches away from turning over into the creek, on the driver's side, where the depth of the water was five feet.

Funeral for Fred Theodore Daves was held Monday afternoon at Cherryville's Second Baptist church, burial following at Mountain Rest cemetery here.

In addition to his wife, Fredrick T. Daves is also survived by the parents, Annie Mae Gibson and William M. Daves of Cherryville; a nine-year-old daughter, Theresia Ann Daves of the home; four stepsons, Lawrence Junior Griffin, Roger Dean Griffin, George Eugene Griffin, and Billy Ray Griffin, all of the home; a brother, William M. Daves, Jr. of Cherryville; and five sisters, Mrs. Dean Ayers of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Dean Bostle of Gastonia, and Mrs. Bun Morrow, Mrs. Robert Webb, and Miss Patricia Ann Daves, all of Cherryville.

### Lodge Sets Installation

New officers of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be installed Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by Thomas D. Tindall, secretary.

George Lee of Fallston, district deputy grand master of the 43rd Masonic District, will install the new officers.

### Fellowship Of Christian Athletes Organization Meeting Monday 7:30

A meeting to discuss organization of a Kings Mountain area chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be held at City Hall courtroom Monday night at 7:30.

John H. Moss, president of Western Carolinas League, announced that three Gastonia citizens will attend Monday night's meeting to outline details in forming a local chapter. They in-

clude Lionel Brunner, president of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, Robert Frye, one-time Duke quarterback who is chairman of the Gastonia chapter, and Dr. Edward Whitesides.

Mr. Moss said he had conferred with numerous interested citizens, including pastors, professional and high school athletes, coaches and others, and finds



YOUTH EVANGELISTIC TEAM—Three Gardner Webb college students will lead a youth revival beginning Sunday, December 26th, and continuing through Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at First Baptist church. From left, above, Nathan Lamar May of Gastonia, a freshman, who will be speaker for the services; Samuel Young, now of Boiling Springs and formerly of Scotland who will be in charge of music, and Don Ledbetter of Shelby. Following each service there will be youth forums and fellowship.

### Mrs. Price Falls Succumbs at 91



SUCCUMBS — Mrs. Price Falls, Kings Mountain area native, died Monday at the age of 91 following a two-day illness. Funeral rites will be held Wednesday afternoon.

### Barrett Rites Held Monday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Barrett, 83, were held Monday at 4 p. m. from Central Methodist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Barrett died Sunday morning in the Kings Mountain hospital following several years illness.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Mabry and widow of Francis C. Barrett.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Orangel Jolly of Kings Mountain; two sons, Forrest Barrett of Dallas, Texas, and Horace Barrett of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. V. D. Estridge of Rock Hill, S. C., and two brothers, John Mabry of Kings Mountain and Dave Mabry of Paolet, S. C. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Howard Jordan officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

### Today's Herald Is Day Early

This week's edition of the Herald is published a day in advance of regular schedule. The Herald will close at 1 p. m. Wednesday, re-opening Monday morning.

The next edition will be published on regular schedule, going to press Wednesday night, December 30, under date of Thursday, December 31.

By a freak of the calendar, aided by Leap Year, the December 31st edition will be the 53rd edition published during 1964.

### Sunday Morning Fire Destroys Payne Home

Tom Payne and his sister narrowly escaped death early Sunday morning when the Payne home near Bessemer City-Kings Mountain Drive in theatre was completely destroyed by fire.

Mr. Payne awakened to find his room filled with smoke and was able to find his way out of the house. He re-entered to find his sister in a hallway but apparently unable to find her way out. They had escaped only briefly when the roof fell in.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. Two baskets of clothes were the only contents saved.

Kings Mountain firemen answered the alarm, along with Chapel Grove department in Gaston County. Both conserved their water to protect outbuildings, the residence already past saving.

The Kings Mountain department answered several other alarms in the past week.

On Thursday morning the firemen extinguished a fire in the grease pit at Phillips 66 service station on East King street.

Other fires were comparatively minor. On Friday morning the firemen put out a motor fire at Candler Street Washerette, on Saturday night answered an alarm which happily was false.

A citizen had become alarmed and called the department when he saw sparks coming out of his neighbor's chimney.

### Retailers Open Late Wednesday

Majority of Kings Mountain retail establishments will be open Wednesday night to accommodate last-minute Christmas shoppers and also on Saturday, the day following Christmas.

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### Empty Stocking Fund Now \$1768; Pastors Anticipate \$2000 For Needy

Christmas will be merrier and brighter for many Kings Mountain area families as the Empty Stocking Fund neared the \$2,000 mark this week.

Gifts Tuesday morning totaled \$1768 and ministers of the city were still making booths in the business section seeking help for the unfortunate. Last year's fund was over \$1700.

Kings Mountain Auto club is cooperating with the Ministerial Association by picking up good, usable toys and repairing them as their contribution to the "Operation Santa Claus" project.

Food, clothing, fuel, and toys are to be distributed to the area needy Wednesday and Christmas Eve by members of the sponsor-

ing minister's organization.

Rev. C. R. Goodson, pastor of East Gold St. Wesleyan Methodist church and chairman of the 1964 Empty Stocking fund project, was optimistic Tuesday that this year's gifts would top \$2,000.

Mr. Goodson acknowledged a \$100 check from Kings Mountain Auto club.

Mr. Goodson commented, "The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association wants to thank all those who had a part in the Christmas cheer fund this year. It has been a success because so many have been interested enough to help."

Over 100 families benefitted from the 1963 Empty Stocking fund in the Kings Mountain area.

### "Long Weekend" Suspension Set By Textile Firms

Most industrial activity in the Kings Mountain area will be suspended during the Christmas weekend, as most plants start Christmas vacations Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

Majority will resume regular schedules Monday.

One exception is Sadie Mills Company. Resumption of regular schedules is tentatively set for Wednesday, December 30, depending on completion of machinery relocation in the picker room.

One firm, Lambeth Rope Corporation, has scheduled two holiday weekends for production employees, from Thursday morning to Monday morning on both the Christmas and New Year weekends.

At least a half-dozen firms are paying Christmas bonuses to employees, on a length-of-service basis. Mauney Mills, Bonnie Mills, Sadie Cotton Mills, Carolina Throwing Company, and Mauney Hosiery Company are paying Christmas bonuses of four per cent of annual pay to employees with five or more years of service, and two percent to employees of less than five years of service. Burlington Industries is also providing employees with Christmas checks on a length-of-service basis.

Firms suspending operations Thursday morning are Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Lambeth Rope Corporation, Sadie Cotton Mill, Mauney Hosiery Company, and Mauney Mills.

Firms suspending operations Wednesday night are Craftsman Yarns, Park Yarn Mills, Minette Mills at Grover, Burlington Industries, and Bonnie Mills.

For the majority of retail businesses, Christmas will mean only a one-day holiday on Christmas day.

Service establishments, however, are planning a weekend suspension.

Among firms closing Friday until Monday are First Union National Bank, Home and Kings Mountain Savings & Loan associations, and majority of the city's auto dealers, garages, and auto parts firms.

Finger Laundry expects to be closed, Thursday through Sunday, while most dry cleaning establishments will be closed Friday through Sunday.

The City Hall office will be closed both Friday and Saturday.

Kings Mountain postoffice will also be closed Friday and Saturday.

### 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, into 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

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## Church Services Highlight Christmas Celebration Here

### Four Churches Have Services Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve 11 o'clock services at First Presbyterian, St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran churches will highlight religious services in the community celebrating the annual observance of the birth of Christ.

The candlelight services will feature religious music of the season.

Christ the King Catholic Church will celebrate Mass at 12 midnight. A program of traditional carols will be sung at 11:30 p. m. followed by confessionals and the midnight mass, Rev. Edward J. Beatty, pastor, said.

At First Presbyterian church the traditional candlelight communion service will be held at 11 p. m. Christmas anthems by the choir, under direction of Mrs. Darrell Austin, will be featured, along with a meditation by the pastor, Dr. Paul Ausley. Candles will be lighted and communion observed.

At Resurrection Lutheran church the Youth Choir, under direction of Mrs. Dick McGinnis, and the Junior Choir, under direction of Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, will present a program of carol singing at 10:30 p. m. The Junior

### Local News Bulletins

#### LOGAN IMPROVED

W. Lawrence Logan, a patient at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered early Saturday morning, was reported improving Monday night, members of his family said.

#### LIBRARY CLOSED

Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the holidays, according to announcement by Mrs. Helen G. Neal, librarian.

#### EPISCOPAL SERVICE

"Living in the Light" is the title of a sermon to be given by the Rev. Robert Haden at the 10 a. m. Sunday service at Trinity Episcopal church on Phifer road.

#### TAX LISTING

City and county tax listing will begin Monday, January 4, it has been announced by Conrad Hughes, Number 4 Township tax lister, and Mrs. Judy Harmon, city tax lister.

### Three Churches Have Services Christmas Day

Three churches have arranged Christmas Day services.

At Trinity Episcopal church on Phifer road a Christmas communion service will be held at 10 a. m. There will be Christmas carols and a sermon, Rev. Robert Haden, pastor, announced.

Resurrection Lutheran church will hold Christmas Day services at 10 a. m. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed, Rev. George Moore, pastor, said.

Christ the King Catholic

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