



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Population
 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008

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Kings Mills Is Buying City's Oldest Textile Plant

Bids On Stadium Far Exceed Gifts

Grading, Seating Total \$141,000; General Begging

By MARTIN HARMON
The news was not good at the Kings Mountain district board of education office Tuesday afternoon.

Low bids for two of three contracts for John Gable Stadium—clearing, grading and storm drainage (1) and for seating—total \$141,008.55.

No bids were received on the general contract, though seven contractors had plans, including three who entered bids on other phases of the three-phase offering.

The results:
1) The board of education rejected the two bids for seating, where Myers & Chapman, of Charlotte, was low at \$73,570, to Crowder Construction Company's \$76,000. Crowder is another Charlotte firm.

2) The board instructed the architect to confer with the low bidder, Shelby Construction Company at \$67,258.55, on the grading-clearing-storm drainage contract to determine what savings might be effected by a change in

Mrs. Byers' Rites Wednesday

Mrs. Lillie Bell Byers, 66, wife of Samuel Byers, died Monday morning in the Kings Mountain hospital following several weeks illness.

Funeral rites will be held Wednesday at 3:30 from First Wesleyan Methodist church of which she was a member. Rev. John Harris and Rev. J. W. Phillips will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Byers was a native of Rutherford County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hill Hill.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, James Alvin West of Gaffney, S. C. and Carl Junior West of Blacksburg, S. C.; three daughters, Mrs. James Staley of Huntersville, Mrs. Cora Lee Jones and Mrs. Randolph Yarbro of Kings Mountain; a step-son, Eddie Byers of Kings Mountain; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Bill Kiser of Gastonia; and five sisters, Mrs. Frank Adams of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Bertha Sisk and Mrs. Mattie Pruitt, both of Forest City, Mrs. Effie Bailey and Mrs. Odessa Fowler, both of Inman, S. C.; a half-brother, Rev. Hill Kiser of Winston-Salem; 29 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Empty Stocking Fund Tops \$1000; Civic Groups Also Aiding Needy

Christmas 1965 will be a bountiful one in the history of the country and the indigent families of the Kings Mountain area will enjoy its plenty.

Next Week's Herald On Regular Schedule

Next week's Herald will be published on regular schedule, appearing on newsstands Wednesday evening, December 29.

Today's Herald is the annual pre-Christmas edition containing Christmas feature materials and greetings from merchants as well as customary content of news coverage.

Advisory Group Named By Mayor

Mayor John Henry Moss has appointed an advisory committee of area industrial purchasing agents to assist a city committee in setting up a system of purchase and inventory control.

He said the joint committee will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock at City Hall, adding he anticipates a report at the January commission meeting on Tuesday, the eleventh.

"I anticipate the recommendations will be in manual form," he added.

Named to the advisory group are Fred A. Dixon, Lithium Corporation; Kelly Bunch, Fiber Industries; Robert Lowe, Craftspan Yarns; Robert W. Hurlburt, Foote Mineral Company; W. J. Keeter, Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries; Clinton Jolly and J. D. Hammett, Carolina Throwing Company; Jay Powell, Superior Stone Company; Tom Burke, Lambeth Rope Corporation; and James E. Amos, Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

Sincos Heads Palsy Appeal

Dr. Frank Sincos will head the Kings Mountain appeal for cerebral palsy and J. Ollie Harris will serve as vice-chairman.

Announcement was made by Dr. Edward King, Cleveland County chairman of the 1966 annual campaign, who also said that Mrs. James Lybrand will serve as fund treasurer.

County treasurer for the drive is Fred Morehead of Shelby. It was erroneously reported in last week's Herald that Harris would serve as chairman. A house-to-house canvass will be conducted in Kings Mountain Tuesday, January 11th, from 7 until 10 p.m.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD — The child born in Bethlehem nearly twenty centuries ago is born anew in modern times in the hearts of peoples in many lands. Cultures around the globe, as the paintings shown here reveal, have gone beyond thinking of Christ as someone proclaimed by western missionaries and their churches. Artists of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America visualize Christ as a man born in their environment. At top left, "Wise Men From The East" by Agha Behzad, outstanding Christian artist of Iran, and at top right, "Madonna and Child", by Heung Chong Kim, of Seoul, Korea. At bottom left artist David Chitluka's "Madonna and Child". At bottom right, Miss Doelia Castro of Argentina's "Boy and Star." A collection of this specialized art has been fostered by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, a 22-year-old interdenominational agency. "Lit-Lit", as it is known internationally, has helped teach millions in many countries to read and write.

Six Christmas Eve Services Here; Two Christmas Day

Yule Holiday Schedules Listed For Industries

Religious services will highlight the community's observance of a traditional Christmas.

Six Kings Mountain churches plan Christmas Eve services and two churches plan Christmas Day rites.

Eleven o'clock Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held Friday night by congregations of First Presbyterian church, Resurrection Lutheran church and St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Midnight Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Catholic Church.

Trinity Episcopal church and St. Andrew's church of Bessemer City will hold a joint service at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve at the Bessemer City church. Their Christmas Day service at 10 a.m., featuring Holy Communion, will be held at the church here.

Stores Open Later 'til Christmas

Majority of merchants are open later than normal this week for the benefit of last-minute Christmas shoppers.

Most Kings Mountain stores will be open 'til 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday nights, observing "Saturday hours" on Friday, Christmas Eve.

Retail merchants will be closed Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th, reopening on Monday.

Kings Mountain retail businesses will be open on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, members of the Merchants Association board of directors voted recently. Stores will close on Monday, January 3.

City Hall will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Religious Rites Will Highlight Holiday Season

Kings Mountain's industrial workers will begin holiday vacations lasting from three days to seven days this week.

Several local industrial plants are paying Christmas bonuses this week as has been their custom in past years.

Lambeth Rope Corporation will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, reopening on Monday morning. Kings Mountain Mica Company offices will be closed on both Thursday and Friday and Foote Mineral Company will be closed Friday through Sunday, resuming operations Monday morning. Superior Stone Company will be closed Friday and Saturday.

At the Bessemer City plant of Lithium Corporation of America workers will also get a three-day holiday from December 24th through 26th, reopening on Monday morning.

Hord Is Retiring At KM Postoffice

Assistant PM Became Clerk 42 Years Ago

George B. Hord, assistant postmaster, will retire December 30, just 42 years after he joined Kings Mountain postoffice as a clerk on New Year's Day 1923.

His review of the 42 years: "I know there were many times of hard work and times I wished I were someone else, but all and all it's been good."

During the period Mr. Hord worked in (and out of) as a city carrier for five years) three buildings and for five postmasters. He became assistant postmaster October 16, 1942.

When Mr. Hord became clerk, the late Sylvester S. Weir was postmaster. He was succeeded by the late James A. Ware and he was succeeded by the late W. E. Blakely. After Mr. Blakely's retirement, W. T. Weir, son of S. S. Weir, was acting postmaster until the appointment of Postmaster Charles L. Alexander.

In 1923, the postoffice rented the Hord building between present Morrison Loan Company and Central Barber Shop. On January 1, 1930, it rented the Battleground avenue building then owned by the W. A. Mauney Estate and now occupied by City News.

The new postoffice-owned postoffice was occupied on July 7, 1940.

Mr. Hord is a Kings Mountain native, son of the late Joseph S. and Frances Stubbs Hord. His wife is the former Mary Alice Knox of Chester, S. C. There are two children, Mrs. Mary Helen Pike and George B. Hord, Jr., both of Greensboro, and three grandchildren.

Craig Falls Seriously Ill

Craig Falls, York Road grocer, is seriously ill at Charlotte Memorial hospital, where he underwent an emergency operation Tuesday.

In apparent good health, Mr. Falls complained of a backache Sunday, went into shock Tuesday morning. His family was told he had suffered a ruptured blood vessel in the abdomen.

He remained a patient in the hospital's intensive care ward Wednesday morning.

"Old Mill" Community Venture, First Meeting at Railway Depot

(Ed. Note: Aubrey Mauney has gleaned the following facts on the 73 year history of Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company from the firm's minute books.)

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, the city's first textile firm, familiarly known as the "old mill" was organized in February 1888 and went into production the following year.

It was a community venture, the first organizational meeting being held at the railway depot, and with initial subscribers totaling an even 100. The first stockholders included merchants, doctors, ministers, school teachers, masons, carpenters, dress-

Kings Mill, Inc. To Take Over December 28

By MARTIN HARMON
Kings Mill, Inc., a newly-formed corporation, is purchasing the plant and equipment of Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, the city's oldest textile plant and will take over operations effective next Tuesday.

A Kings Mill spokesman, who declined identification, issued this statement Tuesday:

"Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company will be sold in its entirety effective December 28. Thereafter to be owned and operated by Kings Mill, Inc.

"The new management plans to completely modernize this mill with the latest and most up-to-date equipment available.

"It will be engineered to manufacture carded knitting yarn on a six-day per week operating schedule.

"It is the sincere hope of the new management to make this mill into one of the finest textile plants in the area and to be an asset to the City of Kings Mountain."

He added that Paul Owens, KM Manufacturing superintendent, will remain with the new firm as director of operations.

He added that equipment modernization will begin immediately.

The sale does not include the mill-owned houses adjacent.

The transaction was confirmed by Aubrey Mauney, general manager and secretary-treasurer of KM Manufacturing who said, "Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company as contributed much, in its 73 years, to the welfare of the community."

Mr. Mauney continued, "The future operation of the mill is well assured. The product throughout its history has been carded weaving yarn, but will be changed to 28/1 carded knitting yarn for a financially interested customer in Martinsville, Va., Sale Knitting Company, Inc."

Mr. Mauney became secretary-treasurer of KM Manufacturing in 1941. Current president is Mrs. S. A. Mauney, who succeeded her husband at his death in 1952.



RETIRING — George B. Hord, assistant postmaster, will complete 42 years of service with Kings Mountain postoffice when he retires December 30.

Two Injured In Accident

Gary Stewart, sports editor of the Herald, and Mrs. Maudie Parker Garris, Kings Mountain beautician, sustained injuries Friday afternoon after a two-car collision at the corner of West Gold and Cansler streets.

Mrs. Garris suffered an ear laceration, which required several stitches, several minor bruises, and said at her home, 805 Maner Road, Wednesday she still had considerable soreness in the arm and hip. She regained consciousness, she said, when entering Kings Mountain hospital.

Stewart suffered lacerations on the head, both legs, and a right arm sprain. He also had emergency treatment at Kings Mountain hospital. Neither were admitted. Stewart has not been able to return to his Herald duties.

Both cars were heavily damaged. Estimates of damage to the Garris-driven car, a '61 Cadillac owned by John Arnold Queen, Route 2, Bessemer City, were \$2,000, and to the Stewart car, a '64 Corvair, \$1,500. Additional property damage was \$225, cost of the hydrant cut out when the Cadillac struck it.

Mrs. Garris was proceeding south on Cansler, Stewart west on Gold.

Mrs. Garris was charged with failing to observe the stop sign. Officers William Roper and Ellis King investigated.

In a more minor accident the previous day, Gene Franklin Austin suffered \$100 damage to his

St. Matthew's Christmas Story

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

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 Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophets.

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 the 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 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

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