

# Merry Christmas

**Population**  
 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
 City Limits 8,256  
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# City's Application For Federal Water Grant Is Filed

## Religious Rites To Highlight Christmas Observance Here

### Six Services Are Scheduled Christmas Eve

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

At least six Kings Mountain churches plan Christmas Eve services and virtually all churches plan Christmas Day services on Sunday. Macedonia Baptist church plans a Christmas Cantata by the choir on Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve services will be held by Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran churches, First Presbyterian and Dixon Presbyterian churches, and Trinity Episcopal church of Kings Mountain and St. Andrew's Episcopal church of Bessemer City and Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Midnight Mass will not be held at Christ the King Catholic church Saturday but members of the local congregation will join with St. Michael's church in Gastonia for celebration of Mass on Christmas Eve.

Eleven o'clock Mass Christmas morning will be celebrated at Christ the King church here.

Congregations of Trinity Episcopal and St. Andrew's Episcopal churches will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 11 o'clock at the St. Andrew's church in Bessemer City.

Boyce Memorial ARP church will hold its traditional program on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas Day sermon will be at 11 o'clock.

The annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at Resurrection Lutheran church will begin at 9 p.m. The Senior Choir will present the Cantata, "Love Transcending" while the youth of the church act out "The Nativity."

Individual candles will be presented to members of the church. Candles, lights and greenery will direct the church and walks of decorate the church and walks with candles.

First Presbyterian church will hold its traditional Christmas Eve service at 10 p.m. with music by the choir and a Christmas meditation by the minister, Dr. Paul Ausley.

Traditional candlelight service on Christmas Eve at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will begin at 11 p.m. with Christmas readings, Rev. Charles Easley will use the sermon topic, "Jesus, Saviour, Then And Now" and Mrs. Robert L. Wilson will sing the solo, "The Magnificat." Choirs of the church will sing "Sing We Noel," "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" and "Sing Gloria."

At Dixon Presbyterian church a Christmas play will be presented at 7 p.m. followed by the traditional lighting of candles and a visit of Santa Claus for distribution of gifts and treats.

At East Gold Street Wesleyan church a play, "Why Christmas?" will be given at 8 o'clock followed by a visit by Santa Claus for distribution of gifts.

At the Christmas Day service the pastor, Rev. C. R. Goodson, will deliver a short message followed by distribution of treats. The Sunday School hour will begin at 10 a.m.

Sacrament of Holy Communion will be featured in the Christmas Day service at Resurrection Lutheran church. The altar will be decorated with Christmas trees adorned with lights and Christmas.

At the morning worship service on Christmas Day at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Rev. (Continued On Page Six)



**TOP TEENAGERS HONORED** — Optimist club president, T. L. Hovis, left presented outstanding teenager awards from the club to Donna Crawford and Chuck Sparks at Saturday's Optimist club ladies' night banquet. R. W. Hurlbut, at right, was chairman of the awards committee. (Photo by Patti Steffy).

## Optimists Honor Top Teen-Agers

### Lions Will Sell City Auto Tags

The Kings Mountain Lions club will again sell City of Kings Mountain auto tags for the coming year.

The tag sale will begin January 3, Chairman Sam Weir announced. Price is \$1.

The tags are painted with white background and green numerals to coincide with the colors of the 1967 North Carolina license plate.

The city and Lions club shares net profit from the tag sale.

### Mrs. Ramsaur's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Fleming Ramsaur, 87, were held Friday morning at Harris Chapel.

Mrs. Ramsaur died Thursday morning at 6:15 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Mauney, 3600 Margrace Road, with whom she resided. Mrs. Ramsaur had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Ramsaur, the former Belle Townsend, was the widow of Fleming Ramsaur, a civil engineer and former Kings Mountain citizen who died March 8, 1928. She was a native of Robeson County, 13th of 17 children of the late Rev. Jackson and Sarah Melissa Oliver Townsend and the last surviving member of the 17. She was a member of First Presbyterian church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Paul Mauney and Mrs. Earnest Harris, both of Kings Mountain, and a son, Oliver Ramsaur, of Allentown, Pa. Eleven grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral rites were conducted by Dr. Paul Ausley, her pastor. (Continued On Page Six)

### Donna Crawford, Chucky Sparks Award Winners

Donna Ann Crawford and Chuck Sparks were named Teenagers of the Year Saturday night at the Optimist Club's ladies' night banquet.

Miss Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Crawford, was nominated for her activities in Boyce Memorial ARP church, in Girl Scouting achievements, in school, and as a "Candy Stripper" at the Kings Mountain hospital.

Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sparks was nominated for his activities in his church, in Boy Scouting achievements, in school and for his interests in community improvement.

Sparks was also awarded trophies for Oratorical achievements in the Optimist Club's contest. Young Sparks was first (Continued On Page Six)

### City Water Supply "Holding On"; Gold Mine Shaft Pump at 250 Feet

The water picture for the City of Kings Mountain Tuesday, as reported by city officials:

Superintendent of Public Works Grady Yelton on supply—"We're holding our own." Meantime, the city was lengthening pipe into the Old Gold Mine shaft the city is pumping from 104 to 250 feet. Supt. Yelton said the shaft is 260 feet deep.

The York Road reservoir is estimated to contain at present level about 50 million gallons. Meantime, the Davidson Lake, the city's auxiliary supply, is estimated to contain about 12 million gallons.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Moss on qual-

### Civic Center Building Grant Also Sought

Preliminary application was filed with the Atlanta regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Tuesday for a federal grant to develop a major additional Kings Mountain water supply employing the waters of Buffalo Creek.

Preliminary application was also made Tuesday for a federal grant to construct for Kings Mountain a neighborhood facility (or civic center) building.

In Atlanta Tuesday to file the applications were Mayor John Henry Moss, Senator and City Attorney Jack H. White, Representative-Elect W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Richard H. Maxey, chairman of the city recreation commission.

Kings Mountain is eligible for a federal grant of up to 50 percent of the \$2,320,000 water project and up to two-thirds the cost of a projected \$600,000 civic center building.

City officials had previously conferred with federal agency representatives concerning both projects.

The water system application follows last week's action by the city board of commissioners in adopting the preliminary recommendations of W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer, for adding a major source of water, together with treatment facilities, to its water system.

Specifically, the city is seeking as quick approval as possible of the first-stage of the two-stage water development program, which is estimated to cost \$1,600,000 and would include a reservoir, pumping station and treatment plant on Buffalo Creek, plus 40,000 feet (about eight miles) of 24-inch cast transmission line.

This reservoir would require about 400 acres.

Second stage development would provide yet another and larger reservoir, requiring about 1600 acres and estimated to cost \$1,620,000.

The two reservoirs would impound 21 billion gallons of water. Engineer Dickson said the 24-inch transmission line would easily accommodate the million gallons daily, adding, "It could handle up to twelve million with extra pumpage along the route."

Mr. Maxey said before leaving for Atlanta he expects to be able to give complete details on the proposed neighborhood facility building within the next few days.

### Yule Church Party To Be Wednesday

The annual Sunday School Christmas party at First Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Presentation of treats and Christmas gifts will highlight the party which will feature a visit from Santa Claus.



**BRICK CHRISTMAS TREE** — What may be a unique decoration for this season at Kings Mountain high school is a seven foot tall 500 pound Christmas tree built of brick by the 35 students in the brick laying class. The snow on the tree is lime and icicles hang from the boughs. Instructor Gerald Rosser directed the project. Pictured above, Gene Putnam, Rosser, Ronnie Burton and Philip Putnam admire their handiwork. Teachers for the brick laying course are Rosser and Quincy Starr. (Photo by Isaac Alexander).

## Cash And Goods Swell Needy Fund

### Stores Open Later Til 9 P.M. Nightly

Kings Mountain stores will remain open until 9 p.m. the remainder of the week for convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Most retail firms will follow their usual Saturday closing policy on Christmas Eve, Saturday.

Merchants will be closed on Monday, December 26, reopening on Tuesday, December 27th.

### PHA Hearing Tuesday Night

The city commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday night at City Hall at 7:30 on question of establishing a Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

If established the authority would incorporate and seek federal government guarantee of 40-year bonds for construction of a federally approved number of residential dwelling units.

Establishment of the authority has the endorsement of the Mayor's 13-member advisory committee on minority housing.

Also on the Tuesday meeting agenda is public hearing on the petition of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander for annexation of a 13.4 acre tract to the city limits. The tract is adjacent to the city limits at the eastern boundary and the majority of tract lies in Gaston County.

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
 The city has issued a building permit to Luke W. Hoyle for construction of a five-room brick residence, estimated to cost \$10,000, at 612 Temple Drive.

### Empty Stocking Fund To Provide Christmas Cheer

Christmas 1966 will be a bountiful one in the county and the indigent families of the Kings Mountain area will enjoy its plenty.

Many of the town's civic organizations, churches and other groups are working toward making Christmas a merry one for all.

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### Smith Sixth Secretary-Treasurer Of Kings Mountain S & L Firm



**IN NEW POST**—Joseph Rivers Smith of Charlotte, will assume new duties as secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association on January 1.

## Kings Mountain Trio Indicted

### Two Are Suspended After Altercation

Two high school girls, one white, the other Negro, had a minor altercation at the Kings Mountain high school water fountain last Friday.

Both Taffy Harry and Peggy Moore were suspended from school for what amounted to two days, Monday and Tuesday, and both have been re-admitted for school on January 3, when school resumes after Christmas holidays.

Mrs. George Moss, homeroom teacher of Miss Harry, said the two girls were suspended on prior promise by Principal Glenn Brookshire to all students that altercations would result in suspension of all persons participating with no attempt to assess blame as to who caused the altercation. Mr. Brookshire could not be reached for comment.

**Three Charged In Mid-Pines Shot-Gunning**  
 Preliminary hearing has been scheduled in Cleveland County Recorder's Court Thursday for three young Kings Mountain men indicted on charges of shot-gunning the Mid-Pines community home of Otis Greene early in the morning of December 14.

The three charged are William Anderson, McGinnis, 21, Roger Connor, 21, and Arthur Spruse, 20.

All three are charged with conspiring to damage real property. McGinnis is also charged with damaging real property. Connor and Spruse are charged with aiding and abetting in damage to real property. Deputy C. A. (Gus) Hufstetter, the investigating officer said.

Warrants were served Saturday afternoon and bond was set at \$2500 each. Connor made bond late Saturday night. McGinnis and Spruse were in Cleveland County jail Tuesday afternoon in lieu of bond.

Shotgun pellets ripped through the picture window of the Greene home about 2 o'clock the morning of December 14. The window was smashed and pellets pierced the draperies and wall of the front room of the residence.

There were no injuries, as members of the Greene family were asleep at the time.

If probable cause is found in Recorder's Court, the trio would be bound over to Superior Court.

### First Citizens Gets School Cash

First Citizens Bank & Trust Company won use of \$3,050,000 of Cleveland County school construction funds Monday, as the Kings Mountain branch offered 5.5 percent interest, top of three bidders.

County Auditor Max Hamrick's figures indicated that First Citizens will pay \$86,166 for the funds, which will be withdrawn monthly in specified amounts.

The bid of Union Trust Company, of Shelby, indicated a return to the county of \$82,050, while the bid of First National Bank, of Shelby, indicated a return of \$67,666.

The banks were asked to bid on basis of the following withdrawal or "take-down" schedule: \$200,000 at February 1, March 1, and April 1; \$400,000 at June 1, July 1, and August 1; \$350,000 at September 1; and the remaining \$350,000 at December 1.

The money represents sale of county bonds voted by the citizens of the county school district for construction of two super high schools, Burns and Crest.

Auditor Hamrick noted it is customary to reimburse contractors on basis of architect's report amount of the construction costs of work completed. Thus the full (Continued On Page Six)

### 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, out of 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 around about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe lying in swaddling clothes. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest. (Continued On Page Six)