

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Population
Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,256
The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Holidays And Christmas Pay In Store For Many Here

Carolina Throwing Firm Expanding

New Addition To Be Operating By April 1

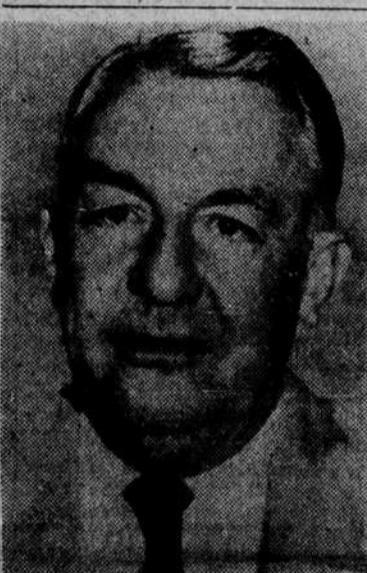
By MARTIN HARMON

Carolina Throwing Company hopes to have a million-dollar plus addition in operation by April 1, W. K. Mauney, Jr., an official of the firm, said Wednesday. Currently underway is construction of an addition with more than 16,000 square feet, estimated to cost \$80,000. It will be equipped with most modern air-conditioning, costing about \$200,000, and designed to improve the quality of the yarns the company stretches. Mr. Mauney said the added equipment will approximate a million dollars and will enable the company to increase production from 50,000 to 70,000 pounds per week. He estimated an additional 15 to 18 employees will be required. Carolina Throwing Company has been expanded several times since it was founded. The current one is among the most major expansions. The building is being constructed by Mauney Hosiery Company and will be leased by the throwing firm.

Services On Christmas Eve Will Climax Seasonal Rites

Candlelight Services Set At Churches

Church services will climax annual yule religious rites. At least two Kings Mountain churches plan Christmas Eve candlelight services at 11 p.m. while several others plan services earlier in the evening. St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold its traditional 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve with special music by the choir and a sermon by the pastor on the subject, "Voices In The Night." First Presbyterian church will hold its traditional 11 p.m. service of Holy Communion, featuring music by the Combined Choirs of the church. At Dixon Presbyterian church a candlelight service will be held at 6 p.m. with presentation of a pageant, "Blue Overalls Angel," to be featured.



TO VISIT SHELBY — Senator Sam Ervin will be in Shelby December 28 where friends will honor him at a reception at Hotel Charles. He will also address the Shelby Kiwanis club.

Choirs To Sing Yule Cantatas Sunday Morning

Two Christmas Eve musicales will be presented at 11 o'clock morning worship services in Kings Mountain. Members of the Senior Choir of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will sing Louise Stairs' "The Child of Bethlehem," at Sunday worship services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Combined Choirs, members of the Junior and Senior Choirs of First Presbyterian church will sing the cantata, "Let All Together Praise Our God" as the Joy Gift program Sunday morning. Presentation of children's "nite" boxes will feature the service. Mrs. Ben T. Goforth will be soprano soloist. Mrs. Darrell Austin will be organist-director for the presentation.

Senator Ervin To Visit Shelby

United States Senator Sam J. Ervin will be honored at a reception at Hotel Charles in Shelby December 28. Announcement was made by Clyde Nolan who said the reception is being given by friends of the Senator. The public is invited attend. Refreshments will be served. Hour of the event is 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Young Brothers orchestra will provide music. In the evening, Senator Ervin will address the Shelby Kiwanis club, also at Hotel Charles, at 7 p.m.

Ruth May Seek Seat In House

A onetime Kings Mountain recreation director may seek the state's eighth district congressional seat. Dr. Earl B. Ruth, now a Catawba College official, says he's considering making the bid as a Republican. Now a registered Democrat, he said he would establish residence in a neighboring county in the district which employs the permanent registration system. In his home county of Rowan, the permanent system is not employed, and the filing deadline would have passed before he could change his party identity.

MOSS TO ATLANTA

Mayor John Henry Moss will go to Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday to review the city's project applications with officials of the regional office, Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Morganton legislator, a former North Carolina Superior and Supreme Court judge, was appointed to the Senate in 1954 to succeed the late Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who was re-elected to full six-year terms in 1956 and 1962. He is third ranking Democrat on the Senate judiciary and government operations committees and fifth ranking member of the Senate armed services committee. He has announced he will seek re-election.

\$100,000 Supplement For Hospital Addition Seems Far Distant Today

A quick \$100,000 supplemental appropriation for expanding Kings Mountain Hospital does not seem in the offing. W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government Commission, told a county committee last Thursday funds for hospital construction can be appropriated only from non-tax revenues or voted by citizens. The county's non-tax revenues are few. The state Supreme Court has ruled that hospitals are not a necessary function of county government. George W. Mauney, member of the committee and president of

Kings Mountain Hospital, said the hospital board has not met and therefore determined what course of action it will take. There is some feeling, he noted, that with the advent of the federal medicare program, the Supreme Court might take a different view from its former findings and that a friendly test case might be instituted. The projected addition is estimated to require \$768,000. A half-million in bonds has been approved by voters, and some monies are available from gifts and memorials. Private foundations have indicated some funds will be available.

Tuesday Peak Mailing Day; 16,988 Pieces

Although there was still plenty of mail business, the big push appeared nearly over late Wednesday at Kings Mountain post office. Cancellations for the day passed the 8,000 mark, but the office's biggest day was Tuesday when 16,988 pieces of out-going mail were cancelled. On Monday the total was 15,500.

Postmaster Charles L. Alexander said the volume of mail indicates this year's mailing will set a Christmas season record. Mr. Alexander noted that on a normal day the postoffice registers about 3,000 pieces of outgoing letter mail. The postoffice will be open until noon on Saturday. Postmaster Alexander said he anticipates there will be no need of remaining open later. The postoffice remained open all day last Saturday.

"We appreciate the cooperation of patrons in labeling local and out-of-town greeting cards and mailing early in the day," said the postmaster. He said this policy helps eliminate or better control last minute rush periods.

Baity Rites Thursday At 3

Clyde Coleman Baity, 49, died Tuesday morning at 11:30 in the Kings Mountain hospital after illness of three weeks.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home. Rev. W. T. Luckadoo and Rev. Jerry Grigg will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

A native of Cleveland County, Baity was son of Harrison Baity of Kings Mountain and the late Mrs. Baity. He was married to the former Sarah Elizabeth Elliott who died in August 1966. He was a member of Faith Baptist church.

Besides his father he is survived by two sons, Ronald Baity and James Baity, both of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Earl Falls, Jr., Mrs. Claude Anderson and Miss Phyllis Baity, all of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Floyd Baity of Kings Mountain and Lawrence Baity of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Black and Mrs. Addie Baity, both of Kings Mountain; and one grandchild.

Empty Stocking Gifts Now \$1575, Short of Estimated \$3500 Needs

Christmas gifts to Operation Helping Hand, the city's Empty Stocking fund appeal, were lagging this week, as Drive Chairman Robert Mann reported contributions of \$1,575.61. Rev. Mr. Mann, pastor of First Baptist church and chairman of the Ministerial Association's Helping Hand committee, said a total of \$3,500 is needed to assure the less fortunate and area needy of a merry Christmas. Funds not used at this season will provide emergency relief during the year 1968. Needy families should ask their minister to provide them with a card if they desire help with food, clothing or toys during Christmas, said Mr. Mann. This card should be presented on Friday from 1 until 5 p.m. at the old First Union Bank Building on Battleground avenue for toys and clothing. Food baskets will be delivered to the needy prior to Christmas Eve. Kings Mountain Jaycees are rebuilding used toys and several merchants are donating new toys to aid the project, said Mr. Mann. The Empty Stocking Fund and its year-long welfare counterpart had a name change this year. "It is the same organization with a wider base," said Mr. Mann. Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor of Central Methodist church, heads up the welfare organization, Rev. Robert Haden, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, is responsible for Christmas distribution and Rev. Mr. Mann heads the committee on fund-raising and distribution. Ministers will continue to man Empty Stocking booths on downtown streets this weekend. Citizens not contacted may forward their contributions in care of Rev. Mr. Mann at First Baptist church.



GEORGE WASHINGTON HONOR MEDAL WINNER — SP/5 Johnnie E. Floyd holds the medal he won in the 1966 Freedom Foundation essay contest. The George Washington Honor Medal was accompanied by a \$100 cash prize. The Kings Mountain man wrote the winning essay while stationed in Vietnam. (Photo by Steve Martin)

Johnnie Floyd, Army Retiree, Medal Winner

Johnnie E. Floyd, a Kings Mountain veteran of 14 years service in the Army until he was wounded in November while serving in Vietnam, is among winners of the nation-wide essay contest on freedom sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. SP/5 Floyd is among 25 recipients of a \$100 cash prize and the George Washington Honor Medal.

The Kings Mountain man wrote: "Freedom is not just a word, it is many things and it carries many faces: Freedom is a sacrifice today, for the assurance of happiness tomorrow." Son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Floyd of Kings Mountain, SP/5 Floyd was medically retired with 60 percent disability in November this year. Injured in Vietnam, where he was on duty two years, he entered Walter Reed hospital in Washington November 14th. Since returning to his home here he has served as agent for the Floyd Band.

The 1966 essay contest was on the theme, "Defending Freedom Safeguards America," Floyd said (Continued On Page Six)

Next Week's Herald On Regular Schedule

Next week's edition of the Kings Mountain Herald will be published on regular schedule. The paper will be published on Wednesday night under date of Thursday, December 28th. The Herald will be closed from Thursday at 1 p.m. until Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Pictures for next week's edition should be brought to the newspaper office by 1 p.m. Tuesday. The Herald ships via bus photographs to Spartanburg, S. C. Herald Journal for engraving. Photographs may also be mailed to the Herald, Box 752.

KM Florist In Who's Who

Kings Mountain Florist will be listed in the 1968 edition of "Who's Who In The Flower World." Everette Stroupe, owner of the firm, received notification of the honor this week from Allied Florists' Credit Association, 11111 North Central Exp. Dallas, Texas, which publishes the listings. "Who's Who In The Flower World" will be distributed to florists throughout the U. S.

"Your shop has been chosen after careful consideration of several factors important to the floral industry," Mr. Stroupe's letter of selection read. It continued, "The quality of your work, your ethical standards in dealing both the public and fellow florists and the promptness which you pay all bills. . ."

Ken Bunkowski Tau Beta Pi

Kenneth D. Bunkowski, Jr., of Kings Mountain, has been invited to pledge North Carolina Alpha chapter of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. Candidates are chosen on basis of character and scholastic excellence. Mr. Bunkowski, majoring in chemical engineering, is a junior and has qualified for the dean's list each semester since he enrolled at North Carolina State University at Raleigh. His parents live at 802 Meadowbrook Road.

Textile Holiday Schedule Varies Day To Week

Holidays for Kings Mountain industrial employees vary from one day to a full week, a survey of the city's textile plants reveal Wednesday. Some firms will pay bonuses to employees based on length of service and others will give gift certificates for Christmas hams and turkeys. The announced work cessation schedule ranges from the one-day holiday of Duplex-Shannon, Barwin Knitting, Lithium Corporation of America and Foote Mineral's Milling Department to the week's shutdown of Craftspun Yarns. Carolina Throwing Company will not suspend operations but will "operate straight through", Supt. Clinton Jolly said. Mr. Jolly said bonuses of two and four percent will be paid employees. Burlington's Phenix Plant No. 1 will be closed for the holidays, from December 23 through December 26. Employees will receive Christmas bonus payments, which this season will total about \$3 1/2 million for the entire company. These payments, plus payments received during last summer's vacation, will total about \$7 million this calendar year, Supt. W. J. Keeter said.

Bonnie Cotton Mills will suspend operations at 6 a.m. this morning and reopen at 6 a.m. December 27th. Minette Mills of Grover will be closed from 6 a.m. Saturday until Wednesday at 6 a.m. Employees will receive Christmas bonuses based on length of service.

Sadie Cotton Mills will suspend operations for the holidays Saturday night at 10 p.m., reopening January 1. Christmas bonuses will be paid employees. Mauney Hosiery Mills, Cleveland Hosiery Mill and Ideal Hosiery will suspend operations for the holidays on Thursday afternoon, reopening on January 1. Bonuses of two and four percent will be paid employees.

Double Knit Fabrics will cease operations for the holidays at 3 p.m. Friday, reopening Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. Christmas party for employees will be held Friday.

Kings Mills will close Friday at 2 p.m., reopening Tuesday at 2 p.m. Christmas bonuses will be paid employees. Elmer Lumber Company employees will take a holiday from Friday until Tuesday morning. Lambeth Rope Corporation will close Christmas Day, as will Duplex Shannon, Barwin Knitting, (Continued On Page Six)

St. Matthew's Christmas Story

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying Joseph, thou son of David fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea 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 (Continued On Page Six)

He is chaplain of the Pottstown Automobile club, a past president of the Boyertown Area Ministerial association, advisor to the New Hanover branch of the National Bank of Boyertown, a board member of Artman Home for Lutherans in Ambler, secretary of the Lutheran churches Trappe district, and a member of the Pottstown Selective Service board. His name was listed in the 1966-1967 publication of "Who's Who In The East" and wrote and directed the historical pageant in 1950 when the 250th anniversary of the church was observed. The pageant included more than 100 persons in the cast. The Rev. Cooper is looking forward to what he describes as a challenging project in January. He will be speaker at a week long retreat for Protestant servicemen at Ft. Riley, Kansas.