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Kings Mountain Area Citizen Ready For Holiday

Housing, Rail Traffic Safety Meeting Scheduled by Mayor

Answers Sought To Problems Said Pressing

Mayor John Henry Moss has scheduled late December meetings of committees-of-the-whole to attack problems of 1) rail traffic safety and 2) a shortage of housing.

The Mayor has asked William Herndon, chairman of the rail traffic safety group, which includes the planning board, urban redevelopment commission, chamber of commerce, merchants association and industrial committee, to convene Monday, December 30, at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall.

The duty of this group is to formulate recommendations for improvement of auto-pedestrian traffic safety at railroad grade crossings, the recommendations having been invited by the Piedmont division superintendent of the Southern Railway.

Being invited by the Mayor to meet the following morning at 10:30 at City Hall are land developers, realtors, financing firms, builders and suppliers to determine ways and means to provide needed housing.

The Mayor recently called for a minimum of 1000 new homes for Kings Mountain within three years.

He reiterated yesterday, "I firmly believe this goal can be reached. It is not a question of 'if' but 'must'. Our industrial expansion is developing opportunity for all our citizens as well as potential citizens. They must have shelter."

Christmas Story By Saint 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 Judea, 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 firstborn 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 a 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 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 wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with him a multitude of heavenly hosts, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said

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GRADUATE — Mrs. Mickie Logan Houser has completed requirements for an A. B. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne college in Hickory.

Mrs. Houser Wins Degree

Mrs. Mickie Logan Houser, wife of Rod H. Houser, has completed her student teaching and requirements for an A.B. degree in primary education from Lenoir-Rhyne college in Hickory.

The Kings Mountain student completed her studies over a three and one-half year period. She was an honor student for two years at Gaston college, has been doing her student teaching under supervision of Mrs. Rachel Saine in the third grade at Park Elementary school in Lincolnton.

The Housers are parents of a five-year-old daughter, Teresa. They reside at 813 E. Ridge street.

Mrs. Houser is the daughter of Mrs. Ben T. Goforth of Kings Mountain.

Rhodes Rites Held In Tampa

Funeral services for William F. Rhodes, Sr., 81, former Kings Mountain citizen, were held in Tampa, Fla., Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Rhodes, native of Gaston county, died Thursday in Tampa where he had lived for the past two decades, following a long illness.

A retired detective, he was a veteran of World War I. He was a brother of the late J. E. (Eb) Rhodes, onetime Kings Mountain police chief, and a brother-in-law of Banks Barber and Mrs. D. H. Houser, of Kings Mountain. In Kings Mountain he was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jettie Barber Rhodes, and two children, Mrs. Helen R. Jackson, of Holbrook, Mass., and William F. Rhodes, Jr., of Winder, Ga. Burial was in Tampa.

Junior Women To Lead Drive

The Kings Mountain Junior Women's club will conduct the annual Mother's March on Birth Defects in January.

In Shelby the Mothers' March will be led by members of the Margaret Meagher Woman's club.

Announcement of the fund drive leaders was made by Boyce Hanna, fund drive chairman for the 1969 March of Dimes in Cleveland County.

Bucknell Man Grant Named Oxford Manager

The appointment of Arnold Grant as Plant Manager of Reliable Mills, Gastonia, North Carolina, has been announced by Julian Lerner, Manager of the Knit Wear Division of Oxford Industries.

Grant will become manager of the new knitting plant now under construction in Kings Mountain, North Carolina when the plant is completed. One of the largest integrated knitting operations in the country, it is scheduled to be opened in May, 1969.

Grant, who holds a BSIE degree from Bucknell University and an MA degree from the University of Alberta, was most recently a consultant to the Knitting Industry with Ted A. Podbereski and Associates. Currently residing in Peekskill, New York, Grant will relocate to Gastonia with his wife and three children in the next few weeks.

Oxford Industries, a diversified apparel manufacturer, operates 36 plants in six states. The Atlanta based firm had sales of approximately \$140 million last year.

Rev. Finley Accepts Call

Rev. David Finley, pastor of Foursquare Gospel church here, has accepted the call to become pastor of Foursquare Gospel church in Jacksonville.

Mr. Finley will complete his pastorate duties next Sunday. The Kings Mountain minister is married to the former Barbara Moss and they and their two sons, Douglas and Michael, reside at 1007 Second street.

Mr. Finley came to the Kings Mountain church from Rock Hill, S. C.

Craftspun Fire Cause Undetermined

Cause of the fire which damaged a cotton warehouse at Craftspun Yarns, Inc. Wednesday night had not been determined yesterday, company spokesman said.

Officials have determined the fire did originate in the back side of the warehouse located behind Craftspun's main manufacturing facility.

Gerhard Ten Brink, superintendent, declined to estimate damages. Previously a company spokesman had been quoted as saying the warehouse housed some 2000 bales of cotton and was also used for yarn storage. He said there was fire damage to cotton, and smoke and water damage to the building, but no structural damage.

The fire was discovered around 7 a.m. Wednesday by an employee reporting to work. Kings Mountain firemen answered the call and stayed on the scene until 6 a.m. The warehouse is a two-story brick and cement block structure and some of the cotton storage area has a wooden floor. Fire Capt. C. D. (Red) Ware said firemen threw very little water inside the building but mostly on the cotton after it was hauled outside. Two lift machines were used inside the building to transport the burning bales of cotton outside the warehouse, where two additional lift machines carried them away from the platform. Firemen poured water on the smoldering bales as they were brought out.

Gifts Will Greet First Baby Of '69

Kings Mountain area retail firms are preparing to welcome the first arrival of the New Year '69.

Who he or she will be, only time will tell.

The Kings Mountain Herald is sponsoring for the 14th year the First Baby Derby. A two-page advertisement in today's edition details the gifts the new arrival will receive and the donors of the gifts. Contest rules are also detailed on these pages.

Christmas Eve Rites Climax Annual Religious Services

Horne Charged In Slaying At Truck-Stop

Kenneth Ray Horne, 21-year-old Grover textile employee, was charged with murder Friday in the shotgun slaying of one man and the wounding of another at Road King I-85 Truck Plaza near Chemstrand, about two miles south of Grover.

Horne was jailed without bond in Cherokee County Jail in Gaffney, S. C.

The shooting reportedly occurred about 5:30 p.m. A deputy sheriff said the cashier, Jack Smith, 54, died from a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun in the stomach, and Dock Allison, 42, manager of the truck stop, was shot in the back. Allison was listed in fair condition at Spartanburg General hospital.

Deputies said the men were shot by a man they had ordered to leave the truck stop about an hour earlier. He had argued with a waitress, they said, and returned with the shotgun over his shoulder. Witnesses said the man leveled the shotgun at Smith's midsection, fired, quickly reloaded the single-shot weapon and fired a blast at Allison. Several truck drivers reportedly disarmed the man and wrestled him to the floor.

Horne was arrested at the truck stop. A resident of Cherokee county, he is single and an employee of Minette Mills in Grover.

McDaniel Heads Kiwanis Club

New officers of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be installed at a ladies night banquet Thursday evening at the Woman's club.

H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel, Kings Mountain waste dealer, is the newly elected president. Don Jones, superintendent of schools, is incoming first vice-president, and Carl P. Finger, laundryman, is incoming second vice president.

Newly-elected directors are Jim Lybrand, Don Parker, Rev. Robert Mann, Lewis Dellinger, William Herndon, Rev. Tom Ritchie, and Ragan Harper.

Dr. Cecil Cosper, education professor at Western Carolina University and lieutenant-governor of Carolinas Kiwanis District 1, will speak and will install the officers and directors.

Bands Honor Joe Hedden

A Christmas Concert by the Freshmen and Senior Bands Thursday at Central school auditorium honored the retiring band director, Joe C. Hedden.

Mr. Hedden announced his resignation at the end of last school term to become principal of West school in the elementary system.

The program was arranged by Donald Deal, band director.

The Freshmen Band played "Christmas in England", "Jingle Bells", "Spirit of Christmas" and "Rhapsody".

The Senior Bandsmen played "Overture to the Messiah", "A Montal Continental" and "Carol of the Drums".

Officers of the bands are John Ballew, president; Joey Hedden, vice-president; and Barbara Hord, secretary.



COMMISSIONED — Richard A. Goforth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Goforth of Kings Mountain, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Belvoir, Va. Friday. He will be stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. and will reside there with his wife, Vicki. Going to Fort Belvoir for the ceremonies were his parents and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Goforth.

Cotton Program Changes Listed

Several changes have been made in the Cotton Program for 1969, Ralph Harrill, manager of the Cleveland County ASCS has announced.

1. For 1969 there will be no required diversion. Farms with 10 acres or less allotments will receive payment on 35 percent of their allotment at 11.26 cents times the yield per acre. Farms larger than 10 acres will only receive price support.

2. Farms with 10 acres or less allotment can receive a small payment by signing to participate in the program and plant no cotton and earn the additional payment and history credit.

3. Farms for 1969 which are larger than 10 acres will not be permitted to lease to 10 acres and be considered a small farm.

4. Farms planning to lease allotments must complete necessary forms and file with the Cleveland County ASCS Office on or before December 31, 1968.

Navy Achievement Award To Wells For His Training Work In Combat

Lt. Commander Aaron L. Wells, of Kings Mountain, received the Navy Achievement Medal during recent ceremonies at Naval Station Treasure Island, Calif., where Commander Wells heads the military personnel department.

The citation accompanying the award reads:

"For meritorious achievement as Executive Officer while attached to and serving in USS Paricutin (AE-18) from December 1966 to August 1968 during combat operations against the enemy, Lt. Commander Wells consistently and skillfully coordinated departmental activities in such a manner as to significantly enhance Paricutin's habitability and operational abilities and readiness.

"Prior to, during, and after underway refresher training, his leadership, planning and training programs were responsible for the 'Excellent' grades received by several departments and the successful completion of all phases of underway refresher training

Christmas Communion Drop-In At ARP

Church services will climax annual yule religious rites. At least four Kings Mountain churches plan Christmas Eve services, two at 11 p.m.

A Christmas Cantata with Communion will be featured at 8 p.m. services at Resurrection Lutheran church with members of the Senior and Youth choirs to participate.

Eleven o'clock candlelight communion service will be held at first Presbyterian church and additional 11 p.m. services will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Music by the choirs of the church will be featured at both services.

At Resurrection Lutheran church the seven-part cantata will feature: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"; "Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive"; "While Shepherds Watched"; "And It Came To Pass"; "Sweet Baby Sleep"; "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"; and "Let All Together Praise Our God" from the Cantata, "Let All Together Praise Our God" by Williams. Soloists will be Mrs. E. R. Goter and Mrs. Donald Deal. Choir director is Mrs. Dick McGinnis and organist is Miss Dina Jo Hanna.

Members of the choirs are: Senior choir — Mrs. E. R. Goter, Miss Mary Ann Foster, Miss Esie Marie Foster, Mrs. Donald Deal, Mrs. Richard McGinnis, Mrs. Hal Plonk, Miss Becky Dunn, Gene Gladden, Glenn McDaniel, E. R. Goter, and Donald Deal. Youth Choir — Becky Plonk, Mary Ann Bennett, Debbie Plonk, Sharon Plonk, Beverly Plonk, Debbie Lypsie, Mark Lypsie, Mike Dyke, Steve Plonk, Mike Plonk, Tim Webster, John Plonk, Jr., Mike Bennett, Mark McDaniel, Wayne Whitley, Glenn Stawls, Joe Deal, John Deal and Steve Gladden.

Two anthems by the choir and congregational carol singing will feature the First Presbyterian communion service. Dr. Paul Ausley will lead the meditations. Mrs. Darrell Austin is choir director and organist.

Rev. Charles Easley will lead the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve rites at St. Matthew's Lutheran church and anthems by the choirs will include "Venite Adoremus"; "Ding Dong Merrily On High";

Board To Meet Friday Night

The city board of commissioners will hold a special meeting at 6:30 Friday evening, December 27.

Major item of business is public hearing on petitions of several citizens in the southwest area of the city, along with the Frank B. Glass Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for inclusion in the city.

The commission will also receive bids for:

1) A major amount of street improvements (curb and gutter) on Roxford Road, N. Gaston street, Waco road, Downing street, Monte Vista drive and N. Tracy street.

2) A roster for the sanitation department.

3) A sewer line to serve Kings Mountain Industrial Park.

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LOOKING FOR SANTA — Kings Mountain high school students took part in Christmas door decorating contests recently and one of the entries was photographed by Isaac Alexander, Pam Leigh, left, and Jean Hüllender stand before the door as two pajama-clad youngsters peek through the keyhole for Santa. The inscription reads: "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus."



MEDAL PRESENTED — Lt. Comm. Aaron L. Wells, Kings Mountain native, has been presented the navy's achievement medal. Capt. W. A. Walker III, commanding officer of Naval Station Treasure Island, where Comm. Wells is military personnel officer, made the presentation.

Holiday Season Is Underway Now For Many

With few exceptions, Kings Mountain citizens looked forward this week to some surcease from work during the Christmas season.

For many, the Christmas holidays had already begun. Many portions of Kings Mountain textile plants are closed this week, some for two days, others from three to 10 days.

Several firms made cash gifts to employees. Others gave Christmas presents in the form of gift certificates for hams or turkeys. Retail personnel will get a one-day respite, Christmas Day, and will be closed on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1.

The city's four financial firms will observe the North Carolina banking legal holiday on Wednesday and Thursday.

City Hall offices will close Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Drug stores will be open on abbreviated schedule to offer prescription service Christmas Day.

Longest holiday was announced by Mauney Textiles. Mauney Holiday shut down at 3 p.m. Thursday and resumes operations at 7 a.m. December 30. Carolina Throwing Company closed Friday and will reopen at 7 a.m. December 30th. Christmas bonuses were paid, based on length of service.

Craftspun Yarns closed for the holidays Saturday and will resume operations December 30th. Holiday bonuses were distributed at a turkey dinner for employees and their families Sunday at the high school cafeteria. WBTV entertainer Fred Kirby and Santa Claus entertained the employees and their families Sunday afternoon.

K Mills will close Tuesday and Wednesday and gift certificates will be presented employees.

Kings Mills closed operations Saturday night at 10, reopening on Thursday morning, December 26. Christmas bonuses were paid. Burlington Mills Phenix Plant will be closed for the holidays December 23-29. Holiday bonuses were paid employees, based on length of service.

Neisco Mills will close Monday through Wednesday for the holidays. Christmas gifts will be presented employees.

Park Yarn Mills ceased operations at 7 a.m. December 21, reopening on December 30th.

Minette Mills at Grover closed Saturday at 6 p.m. reopening on December 26th at 6 a.m. Christmas bonus payments will be made.

Sadie Cotton Mills suspended operations Saturday, reopening

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Today's Herald Final One Of '68

Today's edition of the Herald, the special Christmas edition, is the final one of 1968.

The next edition of the Herald will be published on the evening of January 1, 1969, under date of January 2.

The Herald will close Monday afternoon and re-open Monday morning December 30.