

Merry Christmas

Population
Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits (1966 Census) 8,256
City Limits U. S. Estimate 1970 8,476

... Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,980 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,194 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Kings Mountain Area Preparing For Yule Celebration

Nursing Convalescent Center Construction Predicted Soon

President Smith: Local Firm's Plans Unchanged

By MARTIN HARMON

Joe R. Smith, president of Kings Mountain Nursing and Convalescent Center, foresees construction of the projected 100-bed unit in the near future.

The Kings Mountain corporation is merging into two other firms, one based at Greenville, S. C., which are specialists in the field.

They recently opened an 85-bed unit at Toccoa, Ga., he said, and are operating some 40 in all.

President Smith added that the projected Kings Mountain facility will be the only one in the area between Charlotte and Asheville which will be approved for Medicare and Medicaid federal programs.

Plans call for hospital-type construction and will meet the requirements of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

The nursing-convalescent center is to be constructed on a nine-acre tract north of Kings Mountain hospital, will have a laundry, rehabilitation center, food facilities and necessary offices.

Cost estimate is \$500,000 and financing has been indicated, President Smith added.

Surber Rites Are Conducted

Final rites for William Surber, 78, of 218 Walker street, retired textile worker, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Temple Baptist church.

Rev. Frank Shirley officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were his grandsons: Larry Surber, Leonard Barnette, Billy Greenway, Ronny Goode, Mike Ellis and Billy Feemster.

Mr. Surber died Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at his home after several months' illness.

He was a native of Pineville, Ky. and a member of Spencer Mountain Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Myra Evans Harbins Surber; four sons, Earl Surber of Charlotte, Eugene, Bill and James Surber, all of Kings Mountain; six daughters, Mrs. Eileen Jenkins, Mrs. Jeanette Heinback, both of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Clara Greenway of Shelby; Mrs. Marilyn Ellis of Gastonia; Mrs. Eldora Barnette of Charlotte and Mrs. Helen Goode of Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. F. R. Flowers of Anderson, S. C., Mrs. Mae Suttles and Mrs. Etta Thomas, both of Landis; 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was son of Andrew Jackson and Rachel Maples Surber.

Next Week's Herald On Regular Schedule

Next week's edition of the Herald will appear on regular schedule, under date of Thursday, December 31.

The Herald will be published on Wednesday night, December 30th.

Pictures should be at the Herald not later than Monday noon. Advertising deadline will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. and news deadline is Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Retailers Decline Chamber Merger

Board Endorses Against Vote Of Membership

Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants association in ballot voting declined to merge with the Chamber of Commerce by a 22 to 13 vote.

The vote total represented 51 percent of the eligible membership.

The board of directors endorsed the ballot Monday morning.

President Bennett Masters said some members opposed the association's losing its identity and becoming merely an arm of the Chamber of Commerce.

He added, "There is good reason for the two organizations to be mutually cooperative and therefore mutually helpful."

He said he has suggested to the Chamber of Commerce that regularly scheduled joint meetings of the two organizations' directorates be arranged.

Piedmont Pastor Assumes Duties

Rev. Ansel Center, Jr. of Greer, S. C. has assumed new pastorate duties at Piedmont Baptist church and he and his family have occupied the church parsonage at 702 Bridges Drive.

Rev. Mr. Center was pastor of Spring Street Baptist church in Greer for nine years. He is a graduate of North Greenville Junior college and Fruitland Baptist Institute.

The Centers are parents of three children: Daniel, age 12; James Center of Landrum, 22, who is father of two children, and Mrs. Faye Humphries, age 20, of San Diego, California. The Humphries presented the Centers a grandchild for a Christmas present, the new arrival born on December 16th in San Diego.

Twenty-five Seeking To Succeed Bates as High School Grid Coach

Kings Mountain Schools Supt. Donald Jones said he has already begun "official" interviews with prospects for the post of football coach and athletic director at Kings Mountain High School.

Mr. Jones said that he plans to interview several more, if not all of the coaching candidates, during the Christmas holidays.

"We have had several more applications since last week," said Mr. Jones. "In fact, we talked with a young man from Western Carolina this morning (Tuesday)."

Jones said the number of applicants has now reached 25.

"We've already got about eight coaches lined up for interviews during the holidays," he said. "And the others indicated that they would come whenever we called them. So maybe we can do something fairly soon."

Kings Mountain is looking for

Lewis Carroll Condition Still Said Critical

Charles Lewis Carroll, 49, of 206 Margaret street, remains in critical condition at Kings Mountain hospital, where he was admitted late Sunday night for shotgun wounds.

Carroll was shot in what Police Chief Tom McDevitt described as a "long standing family feud."

According to McDevitt's investigation, Carroll, along with Melvin Floyd Carroll, Larry Lewis Carroll and Harold Ray Lingerfelt had gone to the home of Carroll's father and brother.

Lewis Carroll was allegedly shot in the stomach and chest with a close range shotgun blast, according to McDevitt.

The three men who went with Carroll to his father's home have been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, according to McDevitt. Each was released on \$1,000 bond for hearing in District Court January 6th.

McDevitt said that police have a similar warrant against Lewis Carroll, though it has not been served since Carroll is in the hospital.

Herman Falls' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Irwin Herman Falls, 65, retired brickmason, were held Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. from Central United Methodist church of which he was a member.

Rev. D. B. Alderman officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Active pallbearers were Otis Falls, Jr., Doug Falls, Ernest Falls, Russell Falls, Risky Falls and Kirk Falls all of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Falls died Saturday at 8:30 p.m. of a heart attack. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Kings Mountain hospital. He had been in ill health 12 years.

A native of Cleveland County, he was son of the late William O. and Wynona Sanders Falls. His wife, the late Ethel Eunice Patterson Falls, died January 17, 1968.

Surviving are one son, Don Falls of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Grace McCall of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Dale Childers of Gaffney, S. C.; two brothers, Austin Falls and Paul Falls, both of Kings Mountain; and three sisters, Mrs. Sam Howell, Mrs. George Blalock, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Floyd Falls of Shelby. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

Permits Issued For Three Homes

City building permits were issued this week for construction of three residences to: Bridges Construction Company, to build a seven-room brick veneer home, estimated to cost \$18,000, on Scotland Drive;

J. Wilson Crawford, to build a six-room home, estimated to cost \$18,000, at 318 Scotland Drive; and

W. A. Russell, to build a six-room home, estimated to cost \$19,500, at 910 Henry street, O. G. Penner, builder.

Permit was also issued to Paul Owens to close in a back porch at his residence. Cost estimate is \$737.50, and Charles and Hubert Humphries are the contractors.



CHRISTMAS SCENE — Women of Central United Methodist church recently made Crismons to decorate two Christmas trees for the sanctuary of the church, pictured above. Crismons are symbols of Christmas and the trees were decorated for the recent community-wide Cantata of Handel's "Messiah" presented by a 60-voice choir representing virtually all churches in the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. Other church services are planned this week in celebration of the birthday of Christ. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Holidays Begin For Many; School Children Out

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, while others will observe holidays ranging from one to 10 days. Holidays for Kings Mountain's school population began Tuesday at 1:30.

Several industrial 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.

The city's financial institutions will observe the North Carolina banking legal holidays and will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

City Hall offices will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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

Longest holiday will be observed by employees of Burlington Mills' Phenix Plant No. 1, Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., Mauney Mills, and Oxford Industries. Shortest holiday announced is that of K Mills where the mills will cease operation at the end of the first shift Christmas Eve.

Next shortest holiday was announced by Kinder Manufacturing which will close at noon on

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Services On Christmas Eve Planned At Five Churches

Two Arrested As Drug Cache Seized Here

State Bureau of Investigation officers and Cleveland County sheriff's deputies Thursday confiscated more than 15,000 amphetamine capsules and arrested two Lexington men after officers stopped and searched a car on I-85 near here about 1 a.m.

SBI agent John Vanderford of Charlotte said the drug cache was one of the largest ever found in the state.

John Harry Sheek, 47, of Rt. 3, Lexington and James John Eller, 30, also of Lexington, have been arrested and charged with illegal possession for the purpose of sale and the illegal transportation of amphetamine drugs.

Officers said they also found a .38 caliber pistol and three gallons of non-tax paid liquor in their search of the car. Sheek was charged with possession and transportation of non-tax paid liquor and carrying a concealed weapon. The 1960 car, reportedly owned by Sheek, was also confiscated.

Vanderford declined to say how officers were informed of the drugs. He said the officers intercepted the car as it was traveling south on I-85 near its intersection with the York Road.

Both men are being held in the Cleveland County jail awaiting a January 14 District Court hearing. Sheek is being held in lieu of \$11,500 bond and Eller is under a bond of \$5,200.

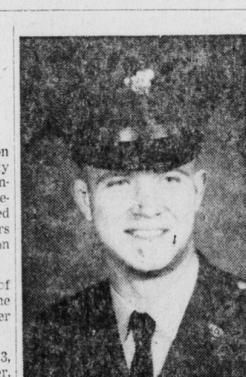
Vanderford also reported that Sheek had more than \$2,700 in cash with him when he was arrested.

Amphetamines are stimulant drugs more commonly called pep pills and the capsules are sold illegally for as much as \$1 each.

Vanderford declined to say where he thought the two men were taking the drugs when they were apprehended.

AUSLEY TOPIC

"Making New" will be the sermon topic of Dr. Paul Ausley at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.



PROMOTED — SP/4 Jesse W. (Rocky) Martin, Jr. was promoted to his present rank while serving with the Army in Vietnam.

SP/4 Martin Wins Promotion

Specialist 4th Class Jesse W. (Rocky) Martin, Jr. was promoted to his present rank while serving in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Div. (Radar) at Phu Loc. Since his promotion he has been transferred to Birmingham fire base, assigned to the 2nd Battalion of the 327th Infantry Reg.

Spec. Martin recently returned to Vietnam after spending a week's R & R in Hawaii where he was joined by his wife, the former Debbie Harbut. Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Martin of Fla. and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Camp and Mrs. Sallie Martin, all of Kings Mountain.

He was formerly employed in the mechanical department of the Herald prior to entering the service.

4-ERS HONORED

Dixon Community 4-ers were honored at an Achievement Night and Awards program Saturday night at a Family Night program held at Dixon Presbyterian church.

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 Cyrenus 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 fields, 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 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.

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Toys for Tots, Empty Stocking Fund To Spread Yuletide Cheer

Kings Mountain's spirit of Christmas giving is transcending the familiar purchases for family and friends.

Again this year Kings Mountain civic groups and churches will make Christmas more merry and bright for the indigent.

The Kings Mountain Jaycees and the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association are conducting the annual Toys for Tots project and these gifts, along with staple food items, fuel and clothing will be distributed to the area needy

by Christmas Eve.

Ministers of the community are also conducting the Empty Stocking Appeal, funds from which are used year-round to aid the needy. An Empty Stocking Fund booth in the business district is being manned by ministers of the area.

Kings Mountain Lions club members distributed food baskets to the blind last evening. Several churches have sponsored Operation Santa Claus projects to provide a helping hand to the less fortunate.