

Kings Mountain Christmas Parade Friday At 4

Kings Mountain's annual Christmas parade, expected to draw its biggest crowd ever, will be held Friday at 4 p. m.

Bob Smith, chairman of the parade for the sponsoring Kings Mountain Merchants Association, said that the lineup currently consists of 46 units but more might be added by Friday.

"In our last-minute haste, we

might have overlooked someone," noted Smith. "So, if there are others who would like to be in the parade, they should contact me at First Citizens Bank or Jim Downey at Western Auto."

Cleveland County's four high school bands will be in the parade, those being Kings Mountain, Shelby, Burns and Crest. Also included are the varsity and

junior varsity cheerleaders from Kings Mountain High and Central Junior High.

Several beauty queens will help highlight the day, among those being Debbie Page, the Kings Mountain High Homecoming Queen, and Janet Bridges, Kings Mountain's Carrousel Queen.

One of the highlights of the event will be the WBTB float,

which annually is among the most beautiful in area Christmas parades.

AS in the past, the parade will commence on West Gold Street and will follow this route:

From Gold to Railroad, left to U. S. Hwy. 74, right to Piedmont Avenue, right to Mountain Street, right to Battleground, and left on Battleground to the First Cit-

izens Bank area, where it will break up.

The present lineup is as follows:

1, police; 2, Knights; 3, County Commissioners; 4, State Senator Ollie Harris; 5, Belk float; 6, KM Carrousel Queen; 7, City Commissioners; 8, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad; 9, Ministerial float; 10, KMHS cheerleaders; 11,

color guard; 12, KMHS band; 13, KMHS jayvee cheerleaders; 14, Central cheerleaders; 15, Elder's Vending; 16, City of Kings Mountain float; 17, Sherry Wilson Baton school; 18, Boy Scouts; 19, open; 20, Junior police; 21, Kings Mountain Fire Department; 22, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad; 23, financial firms float; 24, Crest cheerleaders; 25,

Crest band; 26, King Mountain Homecoming Queen; 27, RA's; 28, Kings Mountain Mirror; 29, First Baptist church; 30, American Legion Post 155; 31, GA's; 32, Jane School of Dance; 33, Jesus Loves You; 34, WBTB; 35, Army; 36, Navy; 37, Burns cheerleaders; 38, Burns band; 39, Wilson float; 40, Grover Rescue Squad; 41, Oak Grove Rescue Squad; 42, Miss

Shelby; 43, Shelby band; 44, Cleveland County New Car Dealers Association; 45, Charlie Dixon antique car; 46, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

Santa Claus, the highlight of any parade, will ride on the Chamber of Commerce float, Smith said.

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914

City Limits 8,465

Greater Kings Mountain area is derived from the annual United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,390 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 174 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder County.



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Jury Awards B&B Ranch \$175,000 For Lake Land

Gaston Residents Can't Cast Vote

Thirteen Gaston County residents who had registered to vote in the Dec. 13 Kings Mountain school bond referendum will not be allowed to vote.

Reason given is that the legal description of the Kings Mountain School District has never been changed to reflect the acquisition of the Gaston County section into the school district.

The Board of Elections has notified those 13 persons that they will not be allowed to vote in the million referendum. Approximately 40 families living in the Linwood section are involved.

Bond Attorney A. Francis Robinson Jr. of New York wrote the Kings Mountain school board attorney on Nov. 21 notifying him that "only those duly registered persons resident within the boundaries as established by order of the Board of Education of Cleveland County adopted February 24, 1950 will be allowed to vote."

The Davidson County Board of Education at its last regular meeting elected Mrs. C. D. (Jane) Elmore as a supervisor-consultant to the county schools of Lexington. Mrs. Elmore is a native of Cleveland county, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goforth of Kings Mountain.

She completed her under graduate degree at Appalachian State University and graduate degree at Appalachian and UNC-C. She has 12 years teaching experience in Burke, Gaston and Davidson counties. Mrs. Elmore is professionally a member of the NCAE and NEA along with being a member of the Division of Home Economic Teachers. She is active in church work at Shiloh Methodist where she teaches a young adult Sunday school class. She is married to C. D. Elmore. They are the parents of four children and reside in the Reeds community.

Supt. E. Lawson Brown indicated she will be working under the direction of associate superintendent J. W. Allen in the middle grades area. She will report to her new position with the beginning of the second semester of the current school year.

The schools are calling for \$2.5 million to build a new junior high school, an auditorium at Kings Mountain High and make improvements at the district's elementary schools.

BUILDING PERMIT

Only one building permit was issued during the past week. A permit was issued Wednesday to Paul Roberts Jr., Box 335, for remodeling of his home. Estimated cost was \$1,140.

Cansler Resale Friday At 10

Resale of the property of the late Mrs. George Cansler will be held at the Cleveland County Courthouse door in Shelby on Friday, Dec. 8th, at 10 a. m.

Commissioner J. A. West said bidding for Tract 1 at 508 West Mountain Street will start at \$7,820. Bidding for Tract 11, at 103 King Street, will begin at \$2,550.30.

Pine Manor Complex Ready

Pine Manor Apartments will begin renting one, two, three and four bedroom townhouse apartments next Friday, H. Michael Coleman, director of marketing, announced this week.

Pine Manor is Kings Mountain's newest apartment complex just outside the city on Charles street.

Pine Manor is a government subsidy project and rent is based on income of occupants, said Mr. Coleman.

Mr. Coleman said open house is planned at the complex next week with December 4th as grand opening when visitors will be invited to inspect the new apartments.

Mr. Coleman said Pine Manor offers equal housing opportunity and listed a number of "time-saving and enjoyable features" as: individual controlled heating system; distinctive cedar shake trimmings; plenty of in-front parking; meticulous landscaping and maintenance; distinctive lighting fixtures; special sound conditioning.

School Out Early Friday

Kings Mountain district schools will be dismissed an hour early Friday to give students time to attend the Kings Mountain Christmas Parade, Supt. Don Jones announced today.

DAR MEETING

Mrs. L. E. Hinnant will present a program on "Christmas Customs" at Wednesday's meeting of Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter, DAR, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Jr.

Spectrum Sale Is Finalized

New York, N. Y. — C. Douglas Blanchard stated today that the previously announced purchase of Spectrum Textured Fibers has been finalized. One hundred percent of the stock of Spectrum Textured Fibers has been purchased by Mr. Blanchard and a group, including the investment banking firm of Gibbons, Green, and Rice. The stock was purchased from International Stretch Products and other former stockholders. Mr. Blanchard has been elected President and Chief Executive Officer of Spectrum by the board of directors.

Spectrum is a major texturizer, yarn dyer, and fabric over and finisher with manufacturing facilities in Kings Mountain, North Carolina and sales offices at 1450 Broadway, New York City.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. J. E. Childers is a patient in Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby where she is undergoing treatment and observation.

Central Methodist Choir Opens Christmas Season With Cantata

Delbert Dixon, Miss Winifred Fulton, Miss Margaret Harmon, Mrs. Bennett Masters, Miss Mary Alice McDaniel, Mrs. G. C. Trout, Mrs. W. A. Tinsley, Mrs. Paul Walker and Miss Jeanne Ware.

Tenors: Jake Dixon, Jimmy Hancock, W. E. Patterson, W. A. Russell, and Arthur Walker.

Altos: Miss Jo Bryant, Miss Laura Carpenter, Mrs. David Dixon, Miss Myra Griffin, Mrs. George Hamrick, Mrs. Bessy Patterson, Mrs. W. A. Ruckley, Mrs. W. D. Werner, and Mrs. Harvey R. Williams.

Bass: David Dixon, Delbert Dixon, Carleton B. Harris, B. S. Peele, Jr. and Paul Walker.

December Bill Shows Electric Hike

All-Electric Customers Get Special Rate

Kings Mountain citizens will see just how much they're affected by the recent electrical power increase when they receive their December billings.

The new rates went into effect on Nov. 1, according to city clerk and treasurer Joe McDaniel. The increase did not involve a flat percentage-wise rate but is basically the Duke Power rate, McDaniel said.

The new rates will give special discounts for persons whose homes are all-electric. The all-electric rates will begin to be cheaper than the regular residential rates after 210 kilowatt hours are used. The regular rates are actually cheaper until that point.

For instance, for 200 kilowatt hours, those on regular rates would pay \$6.44. Those on all electric would pay \$6.49. For 210 hours, those on the regular rate would be charged \$6.69 and those on all-electric would be billed \$6.67. The charge for 200 hours on the old service would be \$6.27.

This is the first time that Kings Mountain has offered special rates for persons with all-electric homes. Most power companies are using that system now.

In some rare instances, the new rates will be cheaper. For example, if you used 125 kilowatt hours, under the old rates you would pay \$4.70. Under the new rate, you would pay only \$4.61 for residential and \$4.69 for all-electric. The same is true if you used 150 KWH. Under the old rates, you would pay \$5.38. Under the current rate, you would pay \$5.21 for residential and \$5.29 for all-electric.

A chart elsewhere on this page further illustrates the rate changes. The first column shows the old rates per KWH, the second column the new residential rates and the third column the all-electric rates.

NAACP Endorses Bond Issue

M. L. Campbell, local minister, teacher of vocational agriculture at Kings Mountain high school and a leading member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announces that the NAACP has endorsed the Kings Mountain city school bond election to be held Dec. 16.

"The organization," said Mr. Campbell, "believes funds from the election will be used for the good of all people and especially encourages its members and other citizens in the Kings Mountain district school area to work diligently for the approval of the bonds and to vote for the same."

Midview Sets Gospel Sing

Midview Baptist church will sponsor an all-night gospel sing Saturday night beginning at 7 p. m.

Featured groups will be the Brown Family and the Ambassadors of Rock Hill, S. C.

Rev. John Frazier, pastor of the church, issued invitation to the community to attend.



ONE NATION UNDER GOD — Members of the Exchange club of Shelby are promoting "One Nation Under God Month" and mayors throughout the county have proclaimed the month-long observance. Appearing before the city commission recently were G. Ibert Greene and Joe D. Roberts, who invited participation from local citizens. Mr. Greene, left, Mayor John Moss and Mr. Roberts, right, hold a mayor's proclamation. In the background are, from left, City Commissioner Ray Cline and Wt. S. Biddix and a far right, Commissioner Norman King. (Exchange Club Photo)

OLD RATES		NEW RES. RATE		ALL-ELECTRIC	
KWH	BILL	KWH	BILL	KWH	BILL
25	\$ 1.34	25	\$ 1.67	25	\$ 1.68
50	\$ 2.69	50	\$ 2.84	50	\$ 2.89
75	\$ 3.36	75	\$ 3.44	75	\$ 3.49
100	\$ 4.03	100	\$ 4.04	100	\$ 4.09
125	\$ 4.70	125	\$ 4.64	125	\$ 4.69
150	\$ 5.38	150	\$ 5.24	150	\$ 5.29
175	\$ 5.82	175	\$ 5.84	175	\$ 5.89
200	\$ 6.27	200	\$ 6.44	200	\$ 6.49
210	\$ 6.45	210	\$ 6.69	210*	\$ 6.67
250	\$ 7.17	250	\$ 7.65	250	\$ 7.36
300	\$ 7.81	300	\$ 8.85	300	\$ 8.24
400	\$ 9.18	400	\$11.13	400	\$ 9.98
500	\$10.53	500	\$13.42	500	\$11.72
600	\$11.87	600	\$15.70	600	\$13.47
700	\$13.22	700	\$17.99	700	\$15.21
800	\$14.56	800	\$20.27	800	\$16.89
900	\$15.90	900	\$22.56	900	\$18.58
1000	\$17.25	1000	\$24.84	1000	\$20.26
**		1250	\$30.25	1250	\$23.87
		1500	\$35.66	1500	\$27.47
		2000	\$44.08	2000	\$33.49
		3000	\$60.91	3000	\$45.51
		4000	\$77.75	4000	\$57.53
		5000	\$94.58	5000	\$69.56

- * Denotes first decrease for all-electric rates
- ** Under old system, all over 1,000 KWH added \$1.34 per KWH.
- *** Under new residential rate, all over 5,000 is \$10.41 plus \$0.01683 per KWH.
- **** Under new all-electric rate, all over 5,000 is \$9.44 plus \$0.01202 per KWH.

KM Native Brother Early Being Forced To Leave Post At Abbey?

A Kings Mountain native and former employee of the Herald is reportedly being forced to leave his post at Belmont Abbey college.

A report in a Gastonia paper Monday said that Brother Robert Early was told by his abbot, the Rev. Edmund F. McCaffery, that he would have to leave if he persisted in plans to publish a novel which has been accepted for publication by Houghton-Mifflin Co.

The Gastonia paper reported that it asked several persons about the report and that it received no denials of the facts but several persons declined to comment on the situation.

Father John Bradley, president of the Abbey, said "it is not a decision of the college's administration."

Tickets On Sale For Lions Club Football Fete

The Kings Mountain Lions Club's annual football banquet, honoring members of the KM High School team, will be held on Tuesday night, Dec. 12, at 7 o'clock at the high school cafeteria.

Members of the Lions Club are currently selling tickets for the event, which will be highlighted by the presentation of four trophies to outstanding members of the team.

Tickets are priced at \$2 each and may be obtained from Lions Club President Richard Green, Lion Bill Bates or Lion Charles Blanton.

Art Weiner, vice-president of Burlington Industries, will be guest speaker for the event. Weiner is a former All-American end at the University of North Carolina and he was head coach and manager of the Mountaineers in 1951, when they posted a record of four wins, four defeats, and one tie.

Lion Charles Blanton is in charge of the program.

Trophies to be presented include the George W. Plunk Most Valuable Player Award, the Fred Plunk Blocking Trophy, the John Gamble Scholastic Award and the players who played in at least 20 which is presented by the high school coaching staff. A leadership trophy has been given in past years, but head coach and athletic director Bobby Jones said that award will not be given this year.

The 13 senior members of the team will receive plaques and all players who played in at least 20 quarters during the 10-game season will receive letters and/or bars. Previous letter winners will receive bars.

The Lions club will be honoring a team that finished with a 6-4 record and gave the school only its second winning season in eight years.

City Probably Will Appeal Court Decision

A Superior Court jury Monday awarded owners of D&B Ranch \$175,000 for land the city of Kings Mountain is taking through condemnation for the Buffalo Creek water project and for damages to remaining land.

The city was seeking 247.57 acres out of a total of 379.6 acres of the D&B Ranch land, owned by Buford Cline and W. K. (Bill) Mauney. The city had set out in a petition in August of 1970 a sum of \$415,000 for the property but that figure was appealed by the landowners.

Verne Shives, one of the attorneys for the city, said the city would appeal the verdict if Judge B. T. Falls did not call for a new trial and set his verdict aside. Judge Falls said he would take Shives' motions under advisement.

Three witnesses testified that the land taken would have been valued in excess of \$200,000 before the taking and that the remaining 132.03 acres at from \$21,000 to \$31,000.

In sharp contrast, however, witnesses for the city testified that the land taken by the city is valued at much less than that and that the remaining land is valued much higher.

The law applied in the case stated the amount Mauney and Cline should be paid was the difference between what the total tract of land was worth before the city condemned the land minus what the remaining land would be worth after the city had taken the 247.57 acres. The difference would include both the cost of the land taken plus the damage inflicted to the remaining land.

The three witnesses for the landowners testified that the land was valued high before the taking because it was a prime dairy farm operation. They stated the remaining land is less valuable because there is not enough land left to continue a dairy farm. They stated that the remaining land would be split into two tracts and would be largely unusable for public access.

They also testified that the remaining land would have no bottomland and no water on it.

Ralph Gilbert, testifying as an expert land appraiser for the landowners, valued the 379.6 acres at \$237,000 before the taking and valued the remaining 132.03 acres at \$91,000, a difference of \$260,000.

Glenn Spurling, a dairy farmer who lives in the Buffalo Creek area, valued the property at \$237,000 before the taking and valued the remaining land at \$26,400, a difference of \$210,600.

Jack Crouse, a former dairy farm agent in Cleveland county, valued the 379.6 acres at \$259,140 and valued the remaining 132.03 acres at \$25,300, a difference of \$233,840.

The landowners' attorney, N. Dixon Lacey Jr., argued in the jury that the property would no longer be a prime piece of land after the taking.

Frank Hoyle, expert land appraiser for the city, said the purchase price for the 379 acres in April of 1967 had been approximately \$85,000. His estimate of a fair market value for the 379.6 acres was \$104,500 and \$99,200 for the remaining 132 acres, a difference of \$5,600. Hoyle said he based his estimate of the 132 acres on sales of land in that area.

Mrs. Viola Morrison, a former dairy farmer who lives in the Buffalo Creek area, testified that she felt the 379.6 acres were worth \$225 an acre before the taking or about \$85,400 and estimated the remaining 132 acres would be worth \$1,000 an acre.

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