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## 175 Pints Is RC Blood Goal Monday

Next Monday the Red Cross Bloodmobile will set up shop in the fellowship hall at Kings Mountain's First Baptist Church.

Lyn Cheshire, local Red Cross Bloodmobile chairman, said this trip, the goal is 175 pints.

"This blood is vitally needed here and in the county," Cheshire said. "Blood is always needed, especially during the holidays. Hospitals in the county have already had to cancel elective surgery because of insufficient supplies of whole blood."

The bloodmobile will operate here next week from 11 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. Cheshire said the Red Cross urges local citizens to give the gift of life during this holiday season.

## Region C Approves Requests

Isothermal Planning and Development Commission has approved two applications from Kings Mountain.

One application, submitted by the city, is for \$900,000 for a governmental facilities building. The application has been forwarded to the Economic Development Agency and final word on the application is expected in December.

The second application receiving favorable comment was from the Kings Mountain District Schools for a life skills facility (swimming pool) at Central School. This application is for \$288,000.

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An application for \$950,000 for construction submitted by a Charlotte development company for 52 townhouse-type apartments in Kings Mountain is still being held pending additional information.

This application is made to the Farmers Home Administration Agency under a federal act covering moderate income family facilities. The project is known as Strawberry Hill. The additional information needed, according to a Region C spokesman, is the availability of city services to the project.

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The Region C Emergency Medical Services Council held elections in November for officers who will serve as the executive committee of the EMS Council.

Delbert Dixon of Kings Mountain, a member of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, was elected secretary.

Others elected include Marvin Arledge of Polk County as chairman, Marny Hendrick of Rutherford County as vice chairman and Dr. Jerrill McIntire of McDowell County as treasurer.

## Police Taking Applications For Officers

Kings Mountain Police Department is taking applications for patrolmen, according to Chief of Police Earl Lloyd.

Minimum standards for police applicants are that the man or woman be a high school graduate between the ages of 21 and 35 years old; at least five feet seven inches tall for males and five feet four inches tall for females; weigh at least 140 pounds for males and 110 pounds for females; possess 20-100 uncorrected vision, corrected to 20-20 and possess normal hearing determined by an audiometric hearing test.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

**PEANUTS FOR SALE** - Marvin Teer of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club is ready for the annual Peanut Sale this Saturday on behalf of the young boys who play on the Kiwanis Little League Baseball team. Kiwanians will be stationed all over town Saturday to accept donations in exchange for dry roasted peanuts. The donations help youngsters and the peanuts ain't bad.

## They Braved Cold For Parade

The magic of parade day. As early as 2 p. m. Tuesday they began to gather on downtown streets despite the 36 degree weather. Some bundled up on the steps of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, huddled together to keep warm. Others lined the parade route, clad in parkas,

heavy mittens and warm toboggans.

Papas hoisted their small tots on their shoulders at 3 p. m. when the fire siren signaled the start of the 80-plus unit mammoth parade of pretty girls, high-stepping bands from Kings Mountain High and Shelby

High, beauty queens, floats, scouts, antique cars, horses, covered wagons and Santa Claus, the star of the parade sitting high atop a red sleigh drawn by Kings Mountain Fire Department and Fire Museum which sponsored the second annual event.

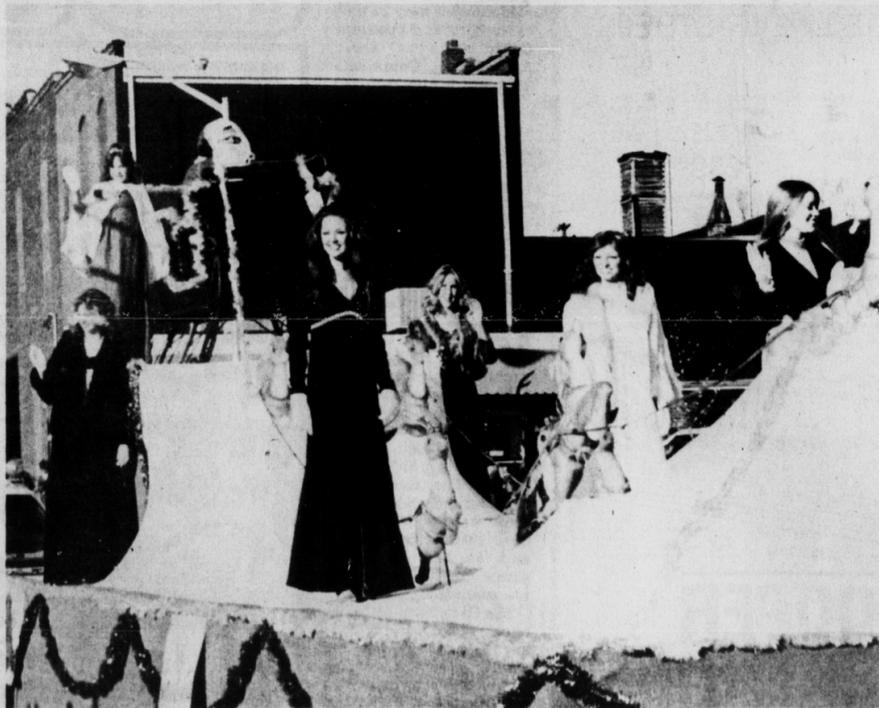


Photo By Gary Stewart

**HO HO HO** Santa Claus, surrounded by lovely ladies from Joan Baker's School of Modeling, made an early visit to Kings Mountain Tuesday to ride in the annual Christmas parade. A huge crowd braved 36 degree

weather to view the 80-unit parade and give Santa some early gift orders. Santa said he'll be back Friday to ride in the Grover parade.

## Park Yarn Mills Sold, Modernization Continues

Sidney H. Kosann, president of Stevco knit Inc. announced today his company's acquisition for cash of the Park Yarn Mills Co., at Kings Mountain from the Washington Group.

Commenting on the purchase, Kosann noted that Park Yarn Mills represents a further diversification in a related field for Stevco knit Inc. which is a leading producer of coordinated single knit, doubleknit and woven cotton, polyester-cotton, and synthetic fabrics.

Park Yarn Mills Co. is a sales yarn mill manufacturing fine count polyester-cotton yarn for the underwear and outerwear trades. The Park Yarn has been undergoing modernization and equipment change over the past year for improved quality yarn. This program will be continued and accelerated under the Stevco knit philosophy of producing only the finest quality products in all divisions.

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## Grover Yule Parade Set For Friday

Santa Claus is coming to Grover in the annual Christmas parade at 4 p. m. Friday which will feature bands, floats, and pretty girls.

Grover PTO will serve hot dogs and cake after the parade at Grover School Cafeteria and all proceeds will benefit school projects.

And, in Shelby the annual Christmas parade is slated for 4 p. m. Thursday (today).



**OFF TO CHICAGO** - Cleveland County 4-H'er Chuck Keller has been named a national scholarship winner at the 55th National 4-H Congress in Chicago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawks, Kings Mountain, Rt. 4. With Keller is Mrs. Myrtle Swicegood, a district agent for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, which conducts the 4-H program with the aid of volunteer local leaders. Keller, a winner in the automotive program, received a \$1,000 scholarship. He is one of 36 delegates from North Carolina and 1,650 from across the nation attending the Congress. The delegates return home Friday.

## Local 4-Her Cops Cash, Chicago Trip

Chuck Keller, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawks and a member of the Dixon Community 4-H Club, is one of eight national winners in the 4-H automotive program.

Keller, is a sophomore student at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, sponsor of the 4-H automotive program. He is a nine year 4-H'er.

Selected by the Cooperative Extension Service, the winners were presented with their awards at the 55th National 4-H Congress, which is currently underway.

Keller organized two automobile safety checks and has done major auto repair work. He also conducted automotive and bicycle safety classes at a day camp in Catawba County and coached the 1976 state winner in the 4-H auto skill driving contest for the eastern section of the nation. He has won district automotive skill driving contests and competed last year in the Eastern U. S. Automotive Event, where the girl state winner and he teamed up to win second place team honors. He also conducted a number of other projects while active in the Dixon Club near Kings Mountain.

Keller plans a career in dentistry.

## Cemetery Cleanup Is Urged

City cemetery crews are beginning the annual holiday clean-up of cemetery properties, and Supt. Ken Jenkins reminds citizens to remove all "old flowers" from graves.

Supt. Jenkins said gates at the cemetery open at 7:30 a. m. and close at 5:30 p. m. and invites citizens to cooperate in the clean-up effort.

## Gospel Sing Saturday

The Providers of Shelby is one of the groups featured in a gospel music program at Barnes Auditorium Sat., Dec. 4.

Admission to the 7 p. m. program is free, but a love offering to go to the Alfred Wright Evangelistic Association will be accepted.

Along with The Providers will be The Pathfinders of Gastonia and others.

Gospel music programs are sponsored once each month at Barnes Auditorium, according to Bennett Masters, who co-sponsors the programs with Jerry White and Raymond Galloway.