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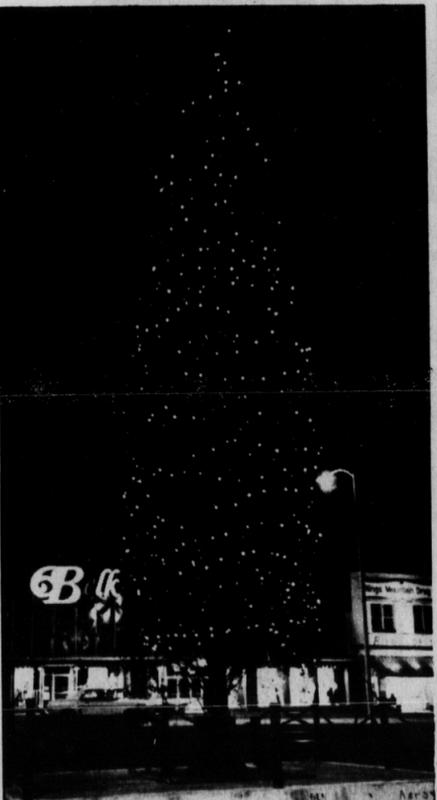
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1978

Merry Christmas



A BIG BEAUTY - Fifty-foot high and illuminated at night with over 1,200 lights, this tree on the Mauney Memorial Library site at W. King St. and S.

Fiedmont Ave. is a thing of beauty. White lights were selected by the appearance commission to stick to an old-fashioned Christmas theme.



TWINKLING STARS - Like twinkling stars use lights in the Christmas tree on Railroad Ave. lend a seasonal look to the central business district. Another similarly lighted tree is located about 100 yards away on the S. Battleground Ave. side of the Southern Railroad tracks.



LIGHT THE WAY - Even the small trees planted in the City Parking Lots off S. Cherokee St. have been laden with white and bright lights for the Christmas season. The city's yule lights were erected by the KM Appearance Commission.

On \$299,250 City Hall

City Selected For EDA Grant Review

By TOM MCINTYRE
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Sen. Robert Morgan's office notified the City of Kings Mountain Wednesday that an application for \$299,250 for the construction of a Governmental Services Facility Building has been approved for final review by the Economic Development Administration.

Shelby Mayor Les Roark, an aide to Sen. Morgan, said Kings Mountain's application was one of 37 set aside for a second look in North Carolina and the only one in the four-county Region C Planning area.

Final approval of the application could come within the next two weeks, according to Roark.

Mayor John H. Moss said Wednesday, "We are very happy we've been selected for final consideration of funding out of all of the applications submitted across the state. We have our fingers crossed that Kings Mountain will be included in the program."

According to Roark Kings Mountain has better than an even chance of being approved by EDA. He said that within 90 days of the date of final approval the city will have to advertise for bids on construction of the new city hall. The city's application statement from Moodye Clary, architect, indicated the city would be ready to advertise within the time limit.

Mayor Moss said the present city hall, which was erected in 1937 and renovated in the late 1960's, was not designed to handle the increased services offered citizens today and that a new facility has been discussed for sometime. He said the new Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Program (P. L. 94-369) came at an opportune time.

The planned city hall offers needed areas to the administrative and business offices, plus the fire and police departments. According to the EDA guidelines the on site construction of the city's new facility, if approved, could begin by March 15, 1977.

Roark said 353 applications, totaling \$250 million in requests,

were submitted across the state. Only 37 applications were approved for final review. Those 37 cover the state's entire budgetted amount of \$28 million.

Roark said 28 of the applications are covered under the first phase of the public works act, which lends assistance to municipalities with unemployment exceeding the national average of 7.8 percent. Nine applications are considered under the second phase of financial aid to areas with unemployment between 6.5 and 7.8 percent. Kings Mountain falls into this category.

It is ironic that Roark's city, Shelby, was not approved for final consideration. Roark said Shelby submitted three applications: one for restoring the old Junior High annex, a second for renovation to city park and the third for construction of a second fire station.

Roark did not say, but with the city being the only applicant in Region C approved for final consideration, it appears the KM City Schools application for funds to construct a life-skills facility at Central School was also rejected by EDA.

Police Grant OKed

Kings Mountain Police Department has been awarded a grant for \$14,488.00 to employ a full-time youth officer.

Chief Lloyd said he submitted the application to Law Enforcement Assistance Association three months ago and the new position will be effective Jan. 1, 1977.

Chief Lloyd said the officer will be in charge of investigations of all criminal offenses concerning juveniles, including counseling and developing of new programs for youth.

The youth officer will work in the

detective division, said the Chief, who said one of his present officers will be promoted to the position and a new patrolman will be employed.

Chief Lloyd also reported the employment of Mrs. Linda Haynes Hamm, 28, as a new patrolman-dispatcher, the second woman to be employed. Mrs. Hamm is married to Richard Hamm and they and their two sons reside at 810 Fulton St. She is a 1965 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and recently completed a 180-hour course in Basic Police Science. She has been employed as a school crossing guard since 1974.

Toy Shop Is Open

The Toys For Tots shop is open today and Friday with members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association on duty distributing Christmas goodies to needy families.

The toy shop is located on S. Cherokee St. in the former Durham Life Insurance offices. Ministers in the Kings Mountain area have distributed cards to qualified families in the community and those persons are asked to present the certified cards to the ministers at the shop in order to receive toys and games.

The cards are given to needy families to prevent anyone from taking advantage of the program, according to ministerial association members.

The project is an annual event co-sponsored by the Kings Mountain Fire Department and the ministerial association. The firemen collect new and repairable toys and the ministers distribute them.

Eight ministers will be on hand working two hour shifts both today and Friday to handle distribution. The toy shop opens at 8 a. m. both days and closes at 5 p. m.

Sister Finks On Her Brother To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a Baby-That-Away.

I been good, but my little brother has been mean. He plays with baby dolls. He is a sissy. He don't need a thing for Christmas.

Yours truly,
Kelly Moore

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Maybe Kelly won't be too upset if Santa brings her little brother a little something for Christmas. At any rate, the letters to Santa have been coming in heavily and The Mirror-Herald has been pleased to publish them.

The last batch of Santa letters are located on the inside of today's edition.

Dog License

Tags On Sale

December 28

Annual sale of 1977 city dog license tags begin Tuesday, Dec. 28 and are available at the Kings Mountain Police Department or from Dog Warden Stretch Bollinger at \$2.50.

Dog owners are reminded by KMPD that all dogs are required by law to wear a dog tag. Should an untagged animal be picked up by the dog warden, the dog's owner will be required to purchase a tag before the pet is returned.

Yule Story In KM

Kings Mountain will observe a traditional Christmas, against a background of high-level business conditions and near-full working schedules.

Citizens are busy today catching up loose ends, designed to make a well-rounded and happy Christmas holiday, as kids await with painful anticipation arrival of Santa Claus on his annual Christmas trek.

There will be holidays for most. Already the city's population is swelled with arrival home of area college students and out-of-town kin for the holidays. Virtually all industry is on holiday or will begin holidays today, most firms paying Christmas bonuses and presenting gifts at Yule parties this week.

Christmas Eve church services are planned by at least six Kings Mountain area churches.

Traditional 11 p. m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services are planned by congregations of First Presbyterian, St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran Churches, a 7 p. m. Candlelight Communion service is slated by congregations of Dixon and Shiloh Presbyterian Churches at the Dixon church and a 7:30 p. m. Candlelight service is planned by the congregation of Boyce Memorial ARP Church.

At First Presbyterian Church at 11 p. m. Friday, the Chancel Choir, under direction of Mrs. Darrell Austin, will sing "No Room" by

John W. Peterson and "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" prior to the communion meditation and celebration of the Lord's Supper. Candles and greenery will decorate the windows of the sanctuary which will feature a Christmas tree as central decoration.

The Nativity Story will be retold in word and song at St. Matthew's 11 p. m. service which will feature special anthems by the Junior and Senior Choirs. Mrs. L. Glenn Coninger, soprano, will be featured soloist in "Jesu, Bambino." Out of deep Lutheran tradition, the St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran Churches will be not dressed until "the dawn of Christmas", on Christmas Eve. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the Resurrection Candlelighting Service at 11 which will feature choral anthems under direction of Donald Deal with Mrs. Aubrey Mauney at the organ.

Trip McGill will direct special music by the Senior Choir of Boyce Memorial ARP Church at 7:30 p. m. Candlelight service. Pastor Charles Edwards will use the sermon topic, "The Lord Always Before Me."

Dr. Olin Whitener will lead the communion meditation at the Candlelighting Communion service at Dixon Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Day, Saturday, will be a day of family reunions and celebrations.