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Next Week

THURSDAY'S

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Because of the holidays, the Mirror-Herald will publish only one edition next week, appearing on newsstands Wednesday morning, Dec. 28.

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### UFO Sighted!

An unidentified flying object was sighted in the Northern United States this morning and is reportedly traveling south toward Kings Mountain.

According to reports, the UFO resembled a sleigh filled with toys, driven by a fat, jolly old man and eight reindeer, one of which has a bright red nose.

At the pace they're traveling, it's estimated they'll reach Kings Mountain sometime around Saturday night or Sunday morning.

## Christmas Day Services Are Set

Christmas Day services at Kings Mountain area churches Sunday will celebrate the birthday of Christ.

At least two Kings Mountain churches have arranged special musical programs for Sunday morning.

Oak Grove Baptist Church has planned a 10 a. m. cantata, "Down From His Glory," by John W. Peterson for the only service of the day, according to Rev. Russell Hinton, pastor. The church choir, will sing the cantata, under the direction of Bobby Webster, with Mrs. Bobby Webster at the organ and Mrs. Russell Hinton at piano. Narrator for the pageant will be Willard Boyles and featured soloists will be Mrs. Ollie Jo Ross, Mrs. Betty Ware, Mrs. Marty Southards and Giles Bell.

The Chancel Choir of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will sing the cantata, "Noel, Noel," at the Sunday morning worship hour at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Richard McGinnis is directing the program and Mrs. L. E. Hinnant is organist.

Several churches will have abbreviated schedules on Sunday.

There will be no Sunday School at First Presbyterian and Dixon Presbyterian Churches. Coffee and doughnuts will be served from 10:30 to 11 a. m. in the recreation building at First Presbyterian Church and a short worship service will be held in the sanctuary from 11 to 11:30 a. m. All other Sunday activities will be canceled.

At Dixon Presbyterian Church an informal service will be held at 9:15 a. m. with Rev. Olin Whitener, pastor, to bring the message.

Christmas Eve candlelighting services are planned by four Kings Mountain congregations Saturday night.

At St. Matthew's Lutheran, Resurrection Lutheran and First Presbyterian Churches the traditional services will be held at 11 p. m. Communion services will be held by both First Presbyterian and Resurrection

churches.

Boyce Memorial ARP Church will have a traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p. m. with special music by the choirs, under direction of Trip McGill, with meditation by Dr. Charles Edwards.

Chancel and Junior Choirs of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will present a Christmas Musicales on Christmas Eve, featuring carols, with Mrs. L. E. Hinnant at the organ and Mrs. Richard McGinnis directing. Dr. L. Glenn Cloninger will give a Christmas meditation. The church will be decorated for Christmas with two Christmas trees, poinsettias and candles.

Mrs. Glenn Boland and Mrs. Donald Deal will sing "O Holy Night" and the Choirs of the church will present Christmas anthems at the candlelight communion service at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Mrs. Aubrey Mauney will be organist and Donald Deal will direct the choirs. Rev. Glen Boland will lead the communion meditation and the church will be decorated with candles and traditional greenery.

Mrs. Judy Whisman will be featured as soprano soloist in the special music to be presented by choirs of First Presbyterian Church at the 11 p. m. service which will feature Holy Communion. Rev. Gary Bryant will lead the meditation and the church will be decorated with two Christmas trees and traditional greenery. Prior to the program, young people of the church will stage a live nativity scene from 8 until 11 p. m. on the front lawn of the church on King Street.

A Living Manger Scene will be presented by youth people of First Presbyterian Church on Christmas Eve from 8 until 11 p. m.

The scene will be recreated on the front lawn of the church on King Street for the benefit of all who pass by to remind them of God's gift to us at Christmas.

Various young people of the church will take the role of characters at the manger on the day Christ was born.

### St. Luke's Christmas Story

## For Unto You Is Born...A Saviour

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 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 the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. (Luke 2:1-20)



Photos by Gary Stewart

**PUTTING IN ORDERS**— Santa Claus paid a sneak visit to Kings Mountain today to take last-minute orders for Saturday night. Two lovely young ladies made sure he got their requests. In photo at left is Ann Marie Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sanders, who is fond of some candy Santa

brought along. At right, Susan Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns, whispers her requests into Santa's ear. Santa said he has his sleigh packed and is ready to go.

### Downtown Stores Buzzing

## KMers Preparing For Christmas

Kings Mountain citizens were busy this week preparing for Christmas.

Retail stores bulged with patrons this week, as citizens kept busy at completing shopping lists and merchants anticipate another busy three days, today, Friday and Christmas Eve before the Christmas holiday.

Holidays began for many citizens of the area last weekend, and a large number will be free of regular duties until Jan. 2.

School children were dismissed at the end of the day on Tuesday for a long holiday.

Some businesses and offices will observe a holiday on Mon., Dec. 26, including the City of Kings Mountain and some downtown merchants.

Majority of Kings Mountain retail stores are open until 8:30 p. m. with exception of Christmas Eve when they

will observe the regular closing schedule.

Most industrial firms are already enjoying a week's holiday, and with pay, including Neisco, Pauline Mill, Burlington Industries, Phenix Plant, Sadie Cotton Mills, and Minette Mills.

Other firms closing this weekend for the holiday are Kings Yarns, Kinmont, Mauney Hosiery Mills, Cleveland Hosiery, Gay Hosiery, Can-Do Hosiery,

Lyn-Tex Inc., Ideal Hosiery and Ruppe, Dixon, Spears.

Shorter holidays will be observed by Park Yarn Mills, which closes at 11 p. m. Friday and reopens with the third shift at 11 p. m. on Mon., Dec. 26, and Duplex and Grover Industries, which closes Friday and Monday for the holiday.

Kings Mountain Mirror-Herald will operate on regular schedule.

### Unique Gift For Pruitts

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church congregation gave their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell Pruitt, a unique Christmas present.

The 400 members, on recommendation of the Board of deacons, have presented the new church parsonage to the couple for life meaning that in event of death of either of the Pruitts, the remaining partner would still have a home for life.

"We are indeed fortunate and most grateful," said Rev. Pruitt, in his 14th year as pastor of the church. "The Lord has greatly blessed us and our congregation."

The Pruitts came to Kings Mountain in June, 1964 from Mt. Whitaker Baptist Church of Blacksburg, S. C. They are natives of Shelby.

During the Pruitt leadership, the church has conducted a massive building and renovation program, has constructed the six-room brick parsonage, built a second 800-seat auditorium-assembly with full cement and constructed a fellowship hall and Sunday School addition.



**EATON GIVES TOYS TO NEEDY**— Plant officials of Eaton Corporation are pictured presenting 75 stockings full of toys for needy area children to Mayor John Henry Moss for distribution to the Toys for Tots program. The stockings were left from the annual Christmas party for plant employees at which more

than 400 were distributed. Eaton also presented gifts to area needy in Grover. From left, Personnel Manager Joe Robillard, Haywood Homesley, Charlie Moss, General Manager John JMajors and Mayor Moss.