



Merry Christmas

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## McGill Sertoma Winner

John Knox McGill was named winner of the Kings Mountain Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award at the third annual Service to Mankind Awards Dinner Thursday night at Hank's Steak House.

Dr. Harris Blair, retired A.R.P. minister, and Phil Witherspoon, Sertoma president, made the presentation. Guest speaker was Rev. Bill Tyson, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church.

McGill was cited for his work with the Sertoma Club's Ten Treasures Attic Sale which raises

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**AWARD WINNER - John McGill, left, accepts the Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award from club president Phil Witherspoon at Thursday's third annual awards banquet at Hank's Steak House.**

## KM Preparing For Christmas

Kings Mountain area citizens were busily preparing for the Christmas holidays this week.

For most, the holidays will begin Thursday with textile firms suspending operations for two days and up. And most employees are receiving holidays with pay while others are receiving gifts and are also being entertained at yule parties.

Shortest holidays will be taken by employees of Parkdale Mills and Cinderella Knitting Mills.

Parkdale will be closed for two days, on Saturday and Sunday. The firm is giving Christmas bonuses to employees and entertained children of employees at a Kids Christmas Party Dec. 10th at Kings Mountain Depot.

Cinderella Knitting Co. will be closed Friday and Monday and employees will receive the second week of vacation pay at the close of work Thursday. Cinderella Knit will also close on Jan. 2 for New Year's Day holiday. The plant party will be held on Wednesday.

Mauney Hosiery Mills, Cleveland Hosiery, Can-Do Mills and Lyntex Mills will close at the end of the working day

### HERALD HOLIDAY

The Kings Mountain Herald at Canterbury and King Streets will be closed Thursday and Friday, reopening on Monday morning at 8:30.

Thursday and reopen on Jan. 3. Bonuses will be paid employees based on length of service.

Sadie Cotton Mills will close at 6 p.m. Friday and reopen at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Bonuses will be presented to employees and a plant turkey dinner will be served on all three shifts Wednesday.

Kinmont Industries will close Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the holidays. Employees and their wives or husbands were entertained at a holiday dinner Saturday night at the Elks Lodge in Shelby.

Eaton Corporation employees will take a holiday from Friday through Tuesday, Tuesday, Jan.

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## School Board Sued For \$2.6 Million

Kings Mountain District Schools, Grover School Principal Jim Scruggs, Superintendent William Davis and five persons who were members of the school board in 1980 have been sued for more than \$2.6 million by John Phillip Harry of Grover, whose nine-year-old daughter Kelli was seriously injured when struck by a car in front of the school on December 18, 1980.

Kelli was leaving school for

the Christmas holidays on December 18, 1980, when she was struck by a vehicle driven by Amos Shear of Route 1, Grover. Harry earlier filed a suit against Shear asking for \$1,891,977.61.

Miss Harry, who was given CPR and revived by Kings Mountain Park Ranger John Cissell, was in a coma for 13 weeks at a Charlotte hospital.

The school board members mentioned in the suit are June C.

Lee, William McDaniel and Kyle Smith, who are still members of the board, and Harold Lineberger and Marion A. Thomasson, who were members in 1980.

The suit asks for \$191,977.61 for hospital bills; \$200,000 for future medical and rehabilitation bills; \$750,000 for pain and suffering; \$750,000 for serious scarring and disfigurement; and \$750,000 for permanent injuries.

The total amount asked is \$2,641,977.61.

The suit claims that on December 18, 1980, at 2:30 p.m., Kelli was dismissed from her class for the start of Christmas vacation. The suit claims she went into another classroom building and exited through a side door facing Carolina Avenue. It says while crossing the street, she was struck by a vehicle. The suit says

school crossing monitors had been assigned to one crossing area, but there were no monitors where Kelli attempted to cross.

The suit claims the system established by the school system for pickup of children allowed extreme traffic congestion and a dangerous condition for children. It says the principal failed to insure the safety of children and that the superintendent had failed to remedy the un-

safe conditions.

The suit says that after Kelli regained consciousness 13 weeks later, she underwent extensive therapy, and was hospitalized again on April 17, 1981 until June 15, 1981 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

The suit states that since December 18, 1980, Kelli "has constantly suffered great pain which has caused her to alter her lifestyle."

## Special Church Services Scheduled This Weekend

Special Christmas season services at the community churches began over the weekend and will continue through Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Traditional 11 p.m. Christmas Eve services are planned at three local churches.

The 11 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at First Presbyterian Church with special music by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Darrell Austin. Chrismon trees decorate the sanctuary.

Resurrection Lutheran Church will hold the 11 p.m.

### Robinson Given 40-Year Sentence

A 33-year-old Kings Mountain man charged with killing a 15-year-old youth was given a 40-year prison sentence Friday after being found guilty in Cleveland County Superior Court.

Thomas Edgar Robinson of Pine Manor Apartments was charged with the August 16 stabbing death of T.C. Bowden III in the Pine Manor parking lot.

A jury of six men and six women deliberated for seven hours before returning the verdict. The jury had returned to the courtroom late Thursday afternoon and told Judge Chase Saunders that the members were unable to break a deadlock. The judge then instructed the members that it was their duty to consult and reach a unanimous decision, provided that no member surrendered an honest conviction. The jury returned an hour later and announced its guilty verdict.

A notice of appeal was given by Robinson's attorney, Jack White.

Candlelight service with special music by the choirs under the direction of Donald Deal and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney as organist. Chrismon trees and poinsettias decorate the sanctuary.

The 11 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will feature a first performance by the new 10-member Hand Bell Choir of high school students. The new choir is directed by Mrs. Jeff Mauney. The Adult Choir will also sing special music under the direction of Mrs. Dick McGinnis with Mrs. L.E. Hinant at the organ. The Hand Bell Choir will also present special music at the 11 a.m. Christmas Day service. Rev. Harwood T. Smith, pastor, will lead both services of worship. The Chancel of the church will be decorated on Christmas Eve with two Chrismon trees, the ornaments made by members of the congregation. The Christmas Eve service will feature congregational singing and members will see the lighted trees for the first time this Christmas Season.

The Choir and members of East Side Baptist Church on York Road will present "The Christmas Story" in scripture and song on Christmas Eve night beginning at 6:45 p.m. The Choir is under the direction of Eric Wright and the community is invited to attend.

A Christmas play, the singing of carols and the celebration of Holy Communion will feature the 10 a.m. worship service on Christmas Day at Central United Methodist Church.

Boyce Memorial ARP Church will hold a Candlelight service

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**SHRINE CLUB INSTALLATION**—Illustrious Potentate J. Warren Jeffries, left, installs new officers of the White Plains Shrine Club. Beside Jeffries, new president Tom Tindall, secretary,

I.C. Davis, treasurer, Tom Tate, outgoing president Paul Falls, and recorder Calvin Gaddy. Absent was Bobby Tumbleson, vice president.

## Shriners Raise \$12,925

The 72 Shriners in the one-year-old White Plains Shrine Club gave a total of \$12,925.00 to the Crippled Children's Hospital for Burned Children in Greenville, S.C. this year.

Retiring President Paul Falls made the report during the ladies night holiday banquet Thursday

night of the Shrine Club at the American Legion Building in which wives of members were special guests for a dinner-dance.

Thomas D. Tindall, retired Kings Mountain insurance man and former president of Piedmont Shrine Club, was installed as the new president by Il-

lustrious Potentate J. Warren Jeffries, Potentate of the Oasis Temple of Charlotte. Other new officers are Bobby L. Tumbleson, vice president; I.C. Davis, secretary; Thomas A. Tate, treasurer; and Tommie G. Vaden, Desert Dust Recorder. Members of the Board of Direc-

tors are Dwight Chapman, Floyd O. Caveny, Marvin Bid-dix, and Carl W. Champion.

The club also crowned the 1984 Shrine Club Queen. She is Miss Anne Hord, daughter of Mrs. Eoline K. Hord of Kings

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### KM Citizens Generous

## Santa Has Many Helpers

Santa Claus will have numerous helping hands in Kings Mountain this year to assure the holidays will be brighter for the underprivileged.

The Kings Mountain Fire Department is distributing this week toys to approximately 500 area children in the area and are aided by many individuals and

civic clubs. Kings Mountain Hospital employees trimmed a tree for the needy, taking names of underprivileged and purchasing toys for them for firemen to distribute this week. Kings Mountain Jaycees donated funds toward the Toys For Tots project.

The Helping Hand Fund

sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will provide fuel and staple food items at Christmas and all year to area needy. Ministers of the community will continue ringing bells in the business district through Saturday.

The Kings Mountain Lions Club are distributing fruit

baskets to the blind this week as an annual project.

The Kings Mountain Fire Department will be distributing fruit baskets to senior citizens at the Depot Center Wednesday.

Most churches in the area are giving to underprivileged with special "poundings" and gifts this Christmas.