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Photo by Gary Stewart

**KEVIN'S CORNER** - One end of the Mack living room in Kings Mountain displays awards and mementos from Kevin Mack's outstanding high school and college football career. He closed out his collegiate season Christmas Day by being selected the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for the Gray team in its 17-13 win over the Blue in the annual Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

### Mack Voted Best Back In Blue-Gray Classic

By GARY STEWART  
Managing Editor

With a successful four-year career and record-breaking senior season behind him, Clemson football standout Kevin Mack of Kings Mountain is now looking forward to a possible pro football career.

He's anxiously awaiting pro football tryouts in January and February, the USFL draft on January 4 and the NFL draft in April.

Mack feels his best shot at making the pros will be at tailback rather than fullback, the position he played his last three years at Clemson.

"I'd prefer to go to the NFL," he said while relaxing at home over the Christmas holidays. "But it really doesn't matter. Both are real good leagues and the USFL is beginning to sign

some big name people."

Mack has been contacted by numerous pro scouts and all of them say he'll be drafted. "All of them say I'll definitely be a tailback," he says. "That makes me happy."

Mack was a record-setting tailback his senior year at Kings Mountain High, when he gained 1,585 yards. He was recruited as a defensive back by Clemson, but he never practiced nor played a play on defense.

"I really don't know what made them change their mind," Mack said. "I would rather have played tailback in college, but I had to play what was available to me at the time. I'm not disappointed that I was moved to fullback."

Mack gained 862 yards rushing this past season to break the single season rushing record

for a Clemson fullback. Fred Cone gained 845 yards in 1950. He topped the 100-yard mark in three games and had a career-high 186 yards against Maryland.

He closed out his career Christmas Day by helping lead the South team to a 17-13 win over the North in the annual Blue-Gray Game in Montgomery, Ala. He gained 36 yards rushing in four carries and caught two passes for nine yards. He was voted the outstanding back of the Gray team.

"I'm glad I got to play," said Mack, who started at fullback for the Gray team and gained 18 yards on the first offensive play of the game. "But if I'd had my choice, I would rather have gone to a bowl game with the rest of

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### City Had 365 News-Filled Days

By ELIZABETH STEWART

As the strains of Auld Lang Syne, traditional harbinger of a brand New Year ring out in Kings Mountain Saturday night, Kings Mountain area citizens can look back on 365 news-filled days in which they could recall good times and bad, happiness and sadness.

But, generally Kings Mountain area citizens had their share of good news during the year which ends at midnight Saturday.

Headlines of The Kings Mountain Herald recount again the major news events of 1983.

The New Year brought an upswing in industrial activity and more people were working in December 1983 than in December 1982 with the economy taking a turn for the better. And, the State Highway Department officially opened the U.S. 74-85 interchange east of Kings Mountain, although the weather slowed the opening in December of the Cansler Street section of the mammoth project, there were indications the project would be completed

by the end of January 1984.

Kings Mountain citizens elected a new city commissioner from District 1 in the person of Irvin M. (Tootie) Allen, Jr. and returned incumbent Mayor John Henry Moss to his 19th year at City Hall. For incumbent Commissioner Corbet Nicholson, it was a close victory as he narrowly defeated political newcomer Ronnie Franks in a run-off election. Jim Childers was elected in his bid for re-election to District 1 after serving the city eight years.

The Kings Mountain Board of Education faced a money crunch in 1983 and some teacher contracts were not renewed. It was also an election year for the KM District Schools and Doyle Campbell became the newest school trustee while Bill McDaniel was elected chairman of the board.

There were many deaths during 1983 and residents were saddened by the passing of a large number of prominent citizens.

The year-end review from January-December!

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### Citizens Awaiting Arrival Of 1984

Kings Mountain citizens were preparing this week to welcome the arrival Saturday at midnight of the New Year, A.D. 1984.

Housewives were purchasing blackeyed peas and hog jowl for the traditional good luck piece de resistance, and numerous other citizens were getting ready for the customary New Year's Eve revelry.

Club and private parties are in order for Saturday evening with the arrival of the New Year signaling the end of the current, busy holiday season.

Post 155 American Legion is sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance, open to the public, on Saturday evening from 9 until midnight. "The Legend" is booked for the club dance and advance ticket sales, which are going good, are \$12 per couple. Admission at the door is \$15 per couple. Club Manager Butch

Broome says citizens planning to come to the dance need to arrive early to ensure good seats and that after 100 couples purchase tickets that no more will be sold to avoid overcrowding of the ballroom.

Majority of Kings Mountain citizens resumed regular duties Tuesday though others, including the school population, had another week for rest and relaxation. KM District Schools reopen on Tuesday.

Generally speaking all of Kings Mountain industry will be back in action on Monday, Jan. 2.

Some merchants reopened the day after Christmas and faced plenty of work. Business has been brisk all this week, including both sales and exchange, and merchants are advertising

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REP. JIM MARTIN

### Jim Martin To Speak

U.S. Congressman Jim Martin, a Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will be guest speaker at the Thursday, Jan. 5th, meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at 6:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Martin, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1972, serves as a senior member of the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means. He has been chairman of the Republican Task Force on Health and a member of the House Committee on the Budget.

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### City Will Absorb Gas Hike

Kings Mountain natural gas customers will get a New Year's present from the mayor and board of city commissioners.

Mayor John Moss said yesterday that he will recommend to the board Thursday at the noon meeting at City Hall that the city absorb the recent six cents per dekatherm hike to the city by the city's supplier, Transcontinental Pipeline Corporation.

"We are happy that the city is in a position to absorb this increase so that we will not have to pass the higher costs on to citizens," said the Mayor. "This is a New Year's present we are very happy to be able to give", he added.

### Winter Brings Coldest Weather In KM History

King Winter roared into Kings Mountain and brought a Christmas present that few people liked, the coldest weather in recent history.

Below-freezing temperatures that began last Wednesday have not let up since the weatherman says the worst hasn't arrived.

Zero degree temperatures in this area on Christmas Day were the coldest ever. Some citizens were still experiencing frozen water pipes this week. Freezing rains last Wednesday caused power outage in the Bethlehem section of the community and ice on bridges resulted in a five car pileup on the KM RAMP OF I-85 East coming into the city.

Although winter officially arrived at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, low temperatures and winds caused icy precipitation as early as last Wednesday.

The mercury hasn't climbed above freezing all week.

Christmas Day 1983 was a sharp contrast to Christmas Day 1982 when temperatures were near record highs. The high for Dec. 25, 1982 was a balmy 72 degrees and the day's low was 54.

The entire nation shivered in the cold this holiday season and more winter weather is on the way.

City firemen doused three chimney fires during the holiday period. Lt. Bud Ware said firemen were called Christmas Eve to the home of Leonard Wright, 821 Floyd St., on Dec. 26th to the home of Charles Summers, 915 Sharon Drive, and on Tuesday, Dec. 27th to the home of Mike McDaniel, 608 Hillside Drive. No damage was reported at either residence. "I think they all built their fires up too big", said Ware.

Walt Ollis, of the city's Water and Sewer Department, said that more people had called Tuesday to complain of frozen water pipes than at any other time during the holiday period. He said he had received as many as 20 calls on Tuesday and several calls about frozen pipes on Monday. He said there were no power outages due to Wednesday's ice but city crews had cut limbs away from wires during

the past few weeks and this was time well spent", according to Ollis. "We're just keeping our fingers crossed that the winter storm won't come as expected", he said.

Kings Mountain Rescue Squad reported no serious injuries from wrecks occurring during the holiday period. Three people were treated at the hospital and released early Saturday after their car ran up under a tractor-trailer on Stateline Road 161, Lt. Roy Hammett said.

### Quiet Yule Season Reported By Police

Police reported no arrests during the holiday period, answered three larceny complaints and reported slight damages and no injuries in two accidents, neither of which occurred on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

"It was really a quiet holiday in Kings Mountain", said Police

### Bloodmobile Here Jan. 12

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Kings Mountain Thursday, Jan. 12th, for a one-day visit at First Baptist Church.

Donors will be processed from 12:30 until 6 p.m. Goal of the collection is 150 pints of blood.

"Blood is in critical demand at the holiday season and we encourage everyone to come out and support the bloodbank", said city fireman Bill Herndon.

### Happy New Year! List Your Taxes

January is just around the corner...and so is the time for all citizens to list their taxes.

Tax listing for the city of Kings Mountain and Cleveland County will begin Monday at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Tax listers will be in the lobby of the center each weekday from 8:30 until 5 p.m. to list area citizens' taxes. There will be no

The frigid temperatures on Christmas morning resulted in some inconvenience to citizens attending church services. First Presbyterian church congregation had no heat in the church, so the pastor and members built a fire in the Recreation Building and sat around the fireplace for a worship service. The pastor reminded the congregation during the children's sermon that Mary and Jesus had no place to stay and had to have make-shift quarters for the birth of the Christ Child.

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Secretary Marti Blanton.

Police are investigating these complaints from citizens: Kenneth Cash, 308 Fulton St., larceny of centerpiece from hubcaps, valued at \$108; Pantry, King St., larceny of cap valued at \$2.39; Patsy Jolley, Route 5, larceny of billfold containing \$80 in cash from a foodbasket at Food Lion, and James Walker, 800 Linwood Road, larceny of gun valued at \$80.

Two automobiles collided in the parking lot of Westgate Shopping Center on Dec. 22 resulting in \$900 damages to vehicles. The cars were operated by Jacqueline Goforth of Charlotte and Kathy Clack of Third Street.

Cars operated by Melissa High, of Jacksonville, and

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Saturday listing in Kings Mountain.

Tax listers will be in Grover two Saturdays during the month of January, on January 14th and January 28th, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Grover Rescue Squad.

Citizens who do not list their taxes during the month of January will be subject to late-listing fees.