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Christmas Eve Services Usher In Christmas



Photo by Gary Stewart

LOOKING FOR BIG CHRISTMAS - Seven-year-old Kevin Milling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Milling of Kings Mountain, reaches into Santa's bag for some candy during Santa's visit to The Dance Academy in Kings Mountain last week. Kevin and other children will be looking for even better gifts when they arise from bed early Christmas morning.

Four Kings Mountain churches have arranged special Christmas Eve musicales and three, First Presbyterian, St. Matthew's Lutheran, and Resurrection Lutheran, will hold the traditional 11 p.m. candlelight services. First Presbyterian church will hold a 5 p.m. service for children.

Trinity Episcopal Church has arranged a special musicale beginning at 7 p.m. which will feature carols and readings in three languages—English, Swedish, and Spanish. Asa Nord, Swedish exchange student, Marlene Smith, who comes to Kings Mountain from Cuba, and Larry and Esther Muench and their children, Jeff, Jenny and Jim, William McSwain, and Rev. Thomas Hudson will sing special anthems and carols. Supper will be served after the program.

The Choir of First Presbyterian Church, under direction of Mrs. Darrell Austin with Lisa Darnell as piano accompanist, will present special music at the 11

p.m. service in the church which will include the Sacrament of Communion. A 5 p.m. service is planned for those unable to attend the later service and is arranged especially by the pastor, Dr. Eric Faust, and Lonnie Darnell, assistant, for children. The church sanctuary is decorated with candles, poinsettias, greenery and a Chrismon tree.

The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will perform six Christmas anthems at the 11 p.m. candlelight service at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Mrs. Dick McGinnis directs the church choir with Mrs. L.E. Hinnant at the organ and Mrs. Jeff Mauney will direct the Handbell choir for a special prelude and for the lighting of candles. The church sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias, wreaths, and two Chrismon trees. Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor, will lead the service. The annual candlelight 11

p.m. communion service at Resurrection Lutheran Church will feature music by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Donald Deal with Dina Jo Hanna at the organ. Rev. Phillip Squire will lead the service of worship. The church sanctuary will be decorated with two Chrismon trees, garlands of greenery, poinsettias, grapevine wreaths, and candles.

The annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at Central United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Special music will be presented by the choir and the service of worship will be led by Rev. George Auman.

Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour children in the Sunday School of Central Methodist Church held a birthday party. Besides, all classes meeting in the Children's Department for cake and juice and the singing of carols. A New Year's Eve watch service is planned on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Human Involvement Is Needed

Dr. Clyde Holsclaw, Assistant Superintendent of the DeKalb County Schools System in Atlanta, Ga., challenged the KM District Schools Public Relations Council to sponsor an "Adopt A School" program in Kings Mountain as he addressed the council and members of the Board of Education and other guests Monday.

education", he said at the luncheon meeting in the Board Room at the Superintendent's Office. Others present were members of the Vocational Advisory Council, Supt. Bill Davis, and other key school personnel.

Dr. Holsclaw pointed to the successful program, which he initiated in DeKalb County over a year ago, and talked

about the success of the program all over the nation. He said that the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and industry are essential ingredients in making the program successful.

"Human involvement is what we are talking about", said Holsclaw, as he pointed out that adopters of a school can be any industry, business, church or private

citizen who wants to go into a school and motivate students through a series of projects, address a class, sponsor a field trip, reward students for good attendance and reap dividends in a public relations program for the sponsor company without putting a lot of money into the project. "This is a valuable tool to

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Bloodmobile Visit Slated

The Kings Mountain city employees will sponsor a Red Cross Bloodmobile at First Baptist Church on West King Street on Thursday, January 9 from 12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The goal for this visit is 100 pints. This is a regular Kings Mountain visit so all donors who gave at the Kings Mountain High School visit on Thursday, November 14 are eligible to give.

Industries Slow Gears For Holidays

Industrial Kings Mountain was slowing its gears this weekend toward a virtually complete shutdown next week for the Christmas holidays.

The spottiness in textiles is reflected in some holiday schedules but at some plants some portions of the plant will run as usual Christmas week.

tory on Monday with most of the plant closing the full Christmas week.

Mauney Hosiery Mills employees will take a full Christmas week vacation but some portions of the plant may work on Monday and Tuesday after Christmas, the plant reopening on regular schedule Jan. 2. Bonuses are paid to employees based on length of service.

Some carding, winding, and twisting employees at Sadie Mills will also be working parttime during the holidays, which start Christmas Eve for most employees.

Employees of Dependable Knit and Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics began a long holiday Saturday at 7 a.m. and will report back to work at 7 a.m. on Dec. 30th. All employees will be given gifts and bonuses based on length of service.



GARY SALE AND BUCK

KM Cop, Dog Track Suspect

Kings Mountain Ptl. Gary Sale, with the aid of his full-blooded bloodhound, assisted officers from Gaston County, Ranlo, the SBI and troopers from the State Highway Patrol in the capture of a suspect wanted in a string of armed robberies after a holdup at the Handy Pantry, 2001 N. Chester St., Gastonia, early Thursday.

Officer Sale said he was called to bring his bloodhound at 2:40 p.m.

The suspect had fled into woods behind McDonald's at Highway 321 and I-85 in Gastonia. State and Gaston authorities had staked out the store and six other convenience stores in the area.

Sale said that Steve Nowell Bristol, 27, of Gastonia, was arrested at 3:15 a.m. and charged with the robbery of Handy Pantry, 2001 N. Chester St. and also the robberies at Handy Pantry, 1448 W. Garrison Blvd. on Dec. 9th, Handy Pantry at 2400 W. Franklin Blvd. on Dec. 10th; Handy Pantry, 2400 W. Franklin Blvd. on Dec. 12th; Majik Market, 2400 W. Franklin Blvd., Dec. 16th and The Pantry at N.C. 74 Bessemer City, Dec. 18th.

Additional charges are pending. Kings Mountain Express, 212 W. King Street, Kings Mountain, was robbed at 10:52 p.m. on Dec. 15th by a black man wearing a ski mask and armed with a small caliber handgun who demanded money from the cash register and the rings from the fingers of the store clerk, Jo Whetstone.

One shot was fired by a Gastonia city officer but no one was hurt during the arrest.

Bristol was charged with robbery with dangerous weapon in connection with Thursday morning's holdup and with five other counts of armed robbery.

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