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KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C.



Photo by Gary Stevens

SANTA'S IN TOWN—Santa Claus was the hit of Sunday's annual Kings Mountain Christmas parade. Other parade photos are on page 12-B.

W.P. Saunders Rites Held Here

Graveside services for William Preston Saunders, 89, retired textile executive and former state senator, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. from Mountain Rest Cemetery by Dr. Eric Faust, pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Saunders died Friday at Moore Reginal Hospital in Raeford after declining health.

He was a native of Dallas, son of the late Robert Lee and Mary Elizabeth Gaston Saunders and the husband of the late Elizabeth Plonk Saunders of Kings Mountain.

He served four terms as a senator, from 1963 to 1973, in the North Carolina General Assembly and was employed in the textile business for more than 30 years. He was formerly president of Robbins Mills, Inc., a multi-plant concern from which he retired, and served as Mayor of Robbins for 16 years. He served as director of the



W.P. SAUNDERS

North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development under Governor Luther H. Hodges and during his term played a major role in the beginning of the North Carolina Research Triangle. He had the distinction of being appointed to a state ex-

ecutive position by each governor of North Carolina from J.C.B. Ehringhaus in 1933 through Dan K. Moore in 1967.

He served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church, both in Robbins and Southern Pines, for many years and was a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines. He was a Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner and member of the Southern Pines Elks club and Sandhills Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Betty) Barnhardt of Raeford and Mrs. Robert O. (Dottie) Southwell of Burlington; two brothers, Tom Saunders of Brookneal, Va. and Arthur Saunders of Burlington; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle McKinley of Kannapolis, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

KM City Board To Raise Electric Rate Wednesday

City electric bills are going up, following increase to the city by its supplier, Duke Power Company.

The city board of commissioners is expected to approve a 9.3 percent overall increase at a special called meeting Wednesday at noon at City Hall.

Duke Power Company, the city's supplier of electricity, is increasing its cost to the city 11.1 percent, effective Oct. 31, according to Bill Little, consulting engineer for the city with Southeastern Engineers of Charlotte. Little said he will present the

cost analysis at Wednesday's meeting and will recommend the city adopt Duke Power's retail electric rate that will amount to an increase of monthly revenue at 9.3 percent average.

Little said the rate groupings will range from 8.9 percent for residential users, 9.1 percent for commercial users, 7.56 percent for industrial users, 10 percent for KM Housing Authority, and 9 percent for miscellaneous categories with an average of 9.3 percent overall increase. "The city is already paying the higher cost," he said. For the average residential customer using 1,000

kilowatts per month, the increase means a monthly power bill increasing from \$75.91 to \$82.96, or \$7.05 more monthly, according to Acting City Clerk Judy Harmon. Mrs. Harmon said that December power bills go out to customers sometime next week and guessed that the higher rate would be reflected in the January billing.

Other items on the agenda for Wednesday's special meeting include a proposal to submit application for Senate Water Bill funds, matching grants allocated to qualifying counties; and a personnel session.

Rev. N.S. Hardin Dead At 83

Funeral services for Rev. N.S. Hardin, 83, pastor emeritus of David Baptist Church, will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from David Baptist Church of which he was a member.

Rev. Brian Taule, Rev. W.T.s Luckadoo and Rev. Marvin Whisnant will officiate and interment will be in David cemetery.

Mr. Hardin died Monday morning at home after declining health.

The well known Baptist minister, who retired from



REV. N.S. HARDIN

David Baptist Church in 1969, was called to preach as a teenager and licensed by Cliffside Baptist Church in 1924. After doing evangelistic work for several years he organized and pastored the Second Baptist Church in Cherryville and was ordained by the Dover Baptist Church in 1943. His other pastorates included Zion Baptist Church, New Buffalo Baptist Church, and Eastover Baptist Church. On Sunday, Feb. 13, 1955 he was called as pastor of David

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Special Service Wednesday

Rev. George Simmons, pastor of East Gold Wesleyan Church, will deliver the sermon in the community-wide Thanksgiving eve worship service Wednesday night at 7:30 at Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

Ministers from area churches will also assist in the service which is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, is program chairman.

Patti Collins will be featured soloist for the Thanksgiving anthem and special music will also be presented by a combined choir from the various churches.

A special offering will be received for the Kings Mountain Helping Hand Fund.

The community is invited to attend.

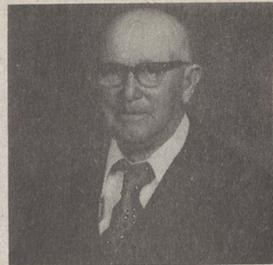
John Clyde Randall, Dead At Age Of 92

Funeral services for John Clyde Randle, 92, retired dairyman of the Bethlehem community, were conducted Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist Church of which he was a member and former deacon. Mr. Randle died Friday in the Kings Mountain Hospital.

Rev. Ed Sessom and Rev. Russell Fitts officiated, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Randle was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late W. Frank and Alsie Sheppard Randle and the husband of the late Lizzie Lee Herndon Randle.

He was a former Southern Railway employee and a member of the Gurensey Breeders Association, a sister, Verie Cline Spake of Shelby; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Memorials can be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church, Route 2, or the charity of the donor's choice.



J.C. RANDLE

Howard Randle of Kings Mountain and Walter Randle of Shelby; three daughters, Virginia Coon of Fallston, Ruth Clay of Pacific Grove, Calif. and Geneva Randle of Kings Mountain; a brother, Buren Randle of Grover; a sister, Verie Cline Spake of Shelby; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church, Route 2, or the charity of the donor's choice.

KM Post Office To Open

Kings Mountain's new U.S. post office, built at a cost of approximately \$1 million, will open to the public Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

No formal open house is planned until after the holidays, probably in late January.

Postmaster Fred Weaver said that new post office box keys will be placed in customer boxes today and tomorrow and citizens may return their old keys on Friday, either to the new post office at 100 East Gold Street or to the old location at 100 West Mountain Street.

The new facility will double the number of post office boxes, over 1400, available to residents and will also more than triple the size of parking spaces available to employees and to postal patrons. A total of 27 parking spaces at the back and front of the building are available to customers.

The 12,300 square foot building will also provide more working space for the 27 employees and give added convenience to post office customers.

The contemporary design of the building, with glassed front, and high columns and tapestry, reflects, according to architect Jeffrey Lane of Ferebee, Walters and Associates, Charlotte, a historic post office and an expression of the federal government's strength and stature. The small post office box lobby has been expanded to give the public more space and allows room for expansion, he said. Lane said the expanded parking area was coordinated by Mayor John Moss and Police Chief J.D. Barrett.

Lane said the structure, designed for effi-

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