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CHURCH DECORATED - This scene at First Presbyterian Church is repeated by most churches in the community this season. A Christmas tree decked with the Christian symbols of Christmas are at either side of the altar. Candlelight ser-

vices will be held at five churches Wednesday with 11 p.m. services at First Presbyterian, St. Matthews, and Resurrection Lutheran Churches.

Christmas Eve Services Slated

Christmas Eve services will highlight the Christmas observance in Kings Mountain.

First Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and Resurrection Lutheran Church have planned traditional candlelight 11 p.m. services. Boyce Memorial ARP Church will hold a 7:30 p.m. candlelight service and Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a 6:45 p.m. service.

At First Presbyterian Church the Choirs, under direction of Mrs. Darrell Austin, will sing Christmas anthems and Dr. Eric Faust will lead worshippers in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The church sanctuary is decorated with two

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Herald To Publish Day Early Next Week

Because of the New Year's holiday, the Herald will publish early again next week.

Next week's paper will be printed on Tuesday. It will be available at newsstands on Tuesday afternoon and in the mail on Wednesday.

Deadlines for all news items and advertising will be 5 p.m. Monday.



CORRIE ALLEN IS 101 - Saturday was Corrie Bell Allen's 101st birthday and she celebrated at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center. Pictured with her are her daughter, Mrs. Grathel Lail, left of Grover, and Mrs. Lail's daughter, Mrs. Wade Tyner.

Mrs. Allen, 101 Years Old, Remembers Past Christmases

By LIB STEWART
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Christmas memories for Corrie Bell Allen, 101 on Saturday, are of a house filled with laughter and love.

Her fondest memories of this special holiday was Christmas Day 1905 when she was 19 years old and eloped with her best beau, Benjamin Franklin Allen, who came for her in a buggy and they attended church with her parents, Monroe and Nicie Ann Randle Bell, at Grover Baptist, now First Baptist Church of Grover.

Spending her first Christmas at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center after breaking her ankle in April, Mrs. Allen smiled from her wheelchair and looked at the Christmas tree and talked of Christmases past.

Her cousin, Mamie Harris, had come to the Allen home on Christmas Eve to spend the night with her. Christmas morning they dressed for church services, Mrs. Allen in a dress she had made for the occasion, a simple black dress with a white lace collar. John Bridges, who had come for cousin Mamie, and the Allens rode to church together in the family buggy. After services and lunch, the two couples eloped and were married in a double ceremony by Justice of the Peace Mullinax at his home in Grover. After the wedding, Corrie and Ben Allen moved into the house he was born in with his father, Dave Allen. The Allens lived in the house in the Allen Memorial Baptist Church community near Grover until Mr. Allen died in

February 1957 and Mrs. Allen moved in with her daughter, Mrs. Grathel Lail, for 28 years.

Although this holiday is quite different from Christmases past, Mrs. Allen was enjoying the big Christmas party for residents with her daughter and grand-daughter, Bradie Tyner, as her guests. Her two surviving sisters, Jay Kendrick of Grover, 88, and Annie Fulton of Spartanburg, S.C., 86, joined Mrs. Allen, along with all family members, on Saturday for a joint birthday party honoring Mrs. Allen and her daughter.

The eldest of seven children and mother of five, Mrs. Bell recalled that

Santa Claus Gets Assist

Operation Santa Claus was getting assistance from numerous civic and charitable organizations this week in the form of toys, cash and warm blankets.

Kings Mountain firemen, readying to begin their annual toy distribution to the needy, said they had received names of more than 300 children and that more names of kids and families are expected to be added before Santa makes his rounds on Christmas Eve.

Santa firemen will be distributing the toys from a huge Santa headquarters in the fire department today, Tuesday and Christmas Eve.

Charges Are Dismissed

Charges against Willard Pete Johnson, owner of Pete's Gulf Station on King Street, on liquor violations were dismissed in Cleveland County District Court Tuesday.

In addition, Kings Mountain Jaycees purchased 75 bicycles for firemen to

District Judge Leonard Van Koppan dismissed charges of possession and sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit and possession of alcohol on unauthorized premises.

St. Luke's Christmas Story

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, unto 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 first born 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 fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night;

And 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 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 and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts, 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 has made known unto us.

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

And when they had seen it they made known abroad the sayings which were told to them concerning this child.

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



Photo by Lib Stewart

LISTEN UP SANTA - Marylee Dilling, four-year-old daughter of Danny and Mary Dilling, whispers in Santa's ear her wishes for Christmas and Santa assured her he would be to see her Christmas Eve night. The familiar visitor from the North Pole was in Kings Mountain for a pre-Christmas visit and will return with his annual visit to all boys and girls Wednesday night.