



CHRISTMAS TREES - It's beginning to look like Christmas in the area as citizens buy trees and begin decorating for the holidays. Larry Parsons, above, puts up trees at Christmas Express corner of East Gold and 161, where Frazier fir and white pines range from 4-12 foot high and where the lot will be open daily until Dec. 23 from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight. Christmas Express, which opened this year for the first season, is owned by KM National Military Park Ranger Dick Paisley. Some of the trees are homegrown.

103 Units In Christmas Parade

A total of 103 units are gearing up for Kings Mountain's Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 11.

The parade will form on East King Street, branching off on Deal, Dilling and Carpenter Streets and will kick off at 2 p.m. and follow the traditional route, proceeding from King to the overhead bridge and turning left on Battleground Avenue. The parade will continue down Battleground, turning left on East Gold (beside KM Farm Center) and disbanding at the site of the new Post Office.

Leading off the parade will be units of the State Highway Patrol and Cleveland County Sheriff's Department followed by Kings Mountain Police Chief and Kings Mountain Fire Chief, by Mayor Kyle Smith, the Kings Mountain City Council, a Parks & Recreation car and by Senator J. Ollie Harris.

Co-chairmen of the parade are Parks & Recreation Director David Hancock and Fire Chief Gene Tignor.

Other units, in order of their appearance, are:

Kings Mountain High Cheerleaders, Jr. Varsity Cheerleaders, Kings Mountain

High Band, Carrousel Princess Lisa Lund, Homecoming Queen Allison Bumgardner, Sandra Grant, Leslie Dover, Tonya Hawkins, Tammy Gillespie, Carry Rhine, Ann Hawkins, Robin Waterson, Shannon Smith, Jennifer Mullax, Denise Meeks, Kimberly Thompson, Robin Goforth, Gina Anthony, Andrea Mayhew, DeDe Brown, and Debbie Gore.

Also, Jane Ledford, Student Body President J.J. Warlick, Marsha Ware Art Club, Holly Denton Beauty Queen, Kings Mountain High Radio Broadcast, BBT Float, Jane Campbell Dancers, Tex-Tyler & Textile Queen, Bethware Queen Christie Hughes, Little Miss Kings Mountain Miranda Smith, Amity & Belks float, Broadway Dance Studio, Toot Smith Race Team (2 cars), Bethware Cub Scouts (3 units), Cleveland County Cancer Society (walking), Cub Scout Troop #92, Career Club - Central School, Olivers Christmas Assortment (walking), Vickie Arrowwood Dance Academy (marchers), Grand Marshall James Fulghum, City of Kings Mountain, Dance Reflections Susan Horne (marchers), Convelescent Home (car), Little Wee Miss Kings Mountain D.

Chapman, Kings Mountain Optimist Club Jr. Pee Wee Cheerleaders & Homecoming Queen, Little Miss Cleveland County, Gastonia Gazette Float, Oasis Temple (2 units), and Sparky the Dog (wandering).

Also Adams Chapel AME Zion Church (singers), Linderman Three Wheelers, Kings Mountain Body Shopo (truck), McDonalds, Dune Buggie Club (7 units), Command Post (music), Holiday Inn, Brownie Troop #1 Leslie Moore, Fredrickson Motor Lines (antique truck), Rotary Club (truck with house), K.M.G. (truck), Suzuki (motorcycles), Curry's Beauty Shop (van 2 units), Cindy Bullock (dance/music), Robbie Moore Model-T (go cart), Kevin Sawyer (car), Rodney Graham (car), Thomas Dover (car), Herman Simpson (car), Richard Welch III (car), Rodney German (car), Wally Stroupe (car), Jerome Bridges (car), Jeff Goodwin (car), and Doug Shelby.

Also Cameron Maples, Scott Rollins, Arnold Blanton, Bill Ewing, Glen Rice, James Garren, Timmy Hunt, Keith Baldwin, Allen White, Darrell Adams, Greg Thompson, Jay Hamrick, and Steve Ingram (car).

Also Oak Grove Fire Department (2 units), Grover Rescue (2 units), Bethlehem Fire Department (truck), Kings Mountain Rescue (4 units), Yamaha of Gastonia Float & bikes, Fist Union Bank Float, Scuba Boat Kings Mountain Fire (truck and boat), Antique Fire Truck (1938), Antique Fire Truck (1935), Burch Electric Company (7 units), First Presbyterian Church, WADA Radio Station (music), Al Lane Suzuki Lincolnton (motorcycles), Antique Tractor H.C. Lankford, Burch Liquor Still (truck), Home Federal & 1st Federal Savings & Loan Float, Ed Brown Rodeo Horse Wagon (7 units), Shriners (3 units), Santa Clause Float, and Horses.

Nintendo Entertainment System by Nintendo is expected to do a big business this holiday season as well as Barbie, by Mattel, Inc., the reigning queen of fashion dolls, about to turn 30. G.I. Joe by Hasbro, Inc. Military action figures and vehicles continue to be best sellers at Christmas and Win, Lose or Draw, by Milton Bradley, is another popular board game based on charades.

With the county's unemployment rate at 3.8 percent local merchants are having no difficulty in hiring seasonal employment.

"I think sales will definitely be up for Kings Mountain merchants this year," said Campbell who said the Christmas shopping rush is already here.

Fulton said he thinks sales will definitely be up this holiday season. "There seems to be a confidence among customers who are just looking and making their list," he said. "Kings Mountain is fortunate to have such low unemployment."

Bridges, Hancock Appointed To Indoor Pool Committee

Mayor Kyle Smith, at the Nov. 22nd meeting, appointed Councilwoman Norma Bridges and recreation Director David Hancock as the city's representatives to the Kathryn M. Neisler Natatorium Governing Board.

The new indoor swimming pool should be completed by mid-December and in full use by mid-January, according to Dr. Scott Mayse, chairman of the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation.

Others previously appointed to the board were Dr. Scott Mayse and Bob Maner, representing the Pool Foundation; and Dr. Bob McRae and Dr. Larry Allen,

representing the school system. The enclosed 11,000-square-foot facility features six 75-foot swimming lanes, with an overhead gallery seating 300. Cost for the natatorium has been announced at \$820,000.

A drive for an additional \$140,000 to meet an announced project short-fall is going well, Dr. Mayse said, with (progress report and sales pitch).

The foundation director said that a dedication service will be held in mid-January. Planned meetings of the governing board will be held to establish schedule and use plans.

Full Recommendation Not Accepted

Council failed to accept in full an ad hoc personnel committee recommendation seeking amendments to the city's job classification and pay plan at its regular semi-monthly meeting at city hall on Nov. 22nd.

One ad hoc member, Councilman Jackie D. Barrett, voted for Councilman Al Moretz's motion in the action and the other, Councilman Humes Houston, abstained. Mayor Kyle Smith, the other representative on the ad hoc committee that met at least two times on the matter, only gets to vote in case of a tie.

The motion by Moretz that "it remain the same" was seconded by Councilwoman Norma Bridges but was questioned by Councilman Fred E. Finger, who asked "what do you mean? I want the motion read back."

Councilman Houston asked Moretz, "what are your

reasons," but apparently got no satisfactory answer before the vote was called.

What the confusion was all about was mostly the recommendation made by Municipal Advisors, Inc., the city's consulting firm contracted to recommend the new job classification and pay plan. Their plan which council adopted Aug. 16, 1988, drew 13 appeals from employees.

Roger Scott, principal of Municipal Advisors, was advised by City Manager George Wood in

a letter Nov. 2nd that the number of appeals was minimal. "When you consider that we were not installing an update, but a completely new system, I believe it is a commendable effort on your part," he said.

The matter was tabled at the Nov. 7th meeting and the ad hoc committee was named.

The 13 appeals were reduced to five which were ruled valid and to one reclassification and the addition of one new position, a pretreatment coordinator.



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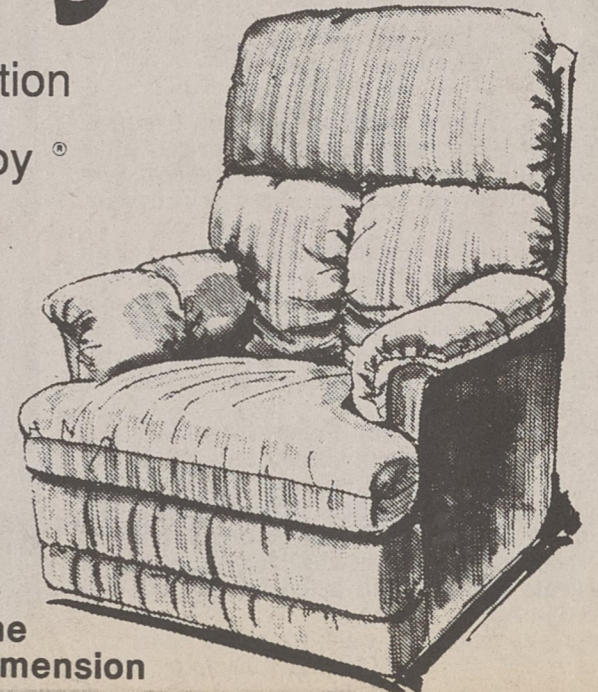
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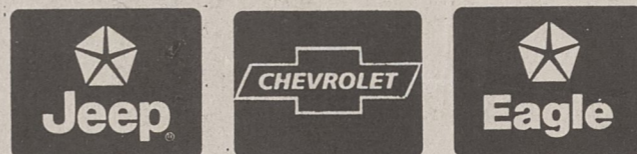
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