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KM Citizens Prepare To Give Thanks

With few exceptions, Kings Mountain citizens were readying for Thanksgiving this week. Plans by many citizens were traditional with butcher sales indicating turkey to be the menu favorite. Community-wide Thanksgiving services will be held Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Rev. Robert W. Little, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, to deliver the message. Combined choirs of churches in the Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will present special anthems and an offering will be received for the new crisis min-

istry which is part of the Helping Hand Fund of the Ministerial Association. The public is invited. At least three Kings Mountain churches plan Thanksgiving breakfasts, including congregations of First Presbyterian Church, Boyce Memorial ARP and Central United Methodist Churches. The Central Methodist breakfast will be served by Men of the Church from 6 until 8 a.m. A worship service will be held at 8:30. A Thanksgiving service will be held at 7:30 at Boyce Memorial ARP Church followed by

breakfast at 8 a.m. by Men of the Church. Men of First Presbyterian Church will serve breakfast from 7 until 9 a.m. Dixon Presbyterian church will host a joint service by congregations of Love Valley Baptist, Dixon and Victory Baptist churches Wednesday night at 7 p.m. with the Thanksgiving message by Rev. Dennis Aldridge, pastor of Love Valley Church. Choirs of the three churches will present special music. Refreshments will be served by the host church after the service, open to the public.

In addition to television coverage of holiday parades and football games from all over the country Kings Mountain people have front-row seats via WBTV Channel 3 at 3 p.m. for the Carolinas Carrousel in Charlotte where Shea Barber, KMSHS senior, will represent Kings Mountain as Carrousel Princess. Most downtown businesses will close for the day. City Hall and financial institutions will also be closed. Kings Mountain District Schools will be closed Thursday and Friday, reopening on Monday after a long weekend.

Drugs Are Cause Of Drop-Outs

Drug involvement is blamed for the high percentage of school drop outs last year in the Kings Mountain School System. But Ann Brant, Drop-Out Prevention Counselor, sees those figures (109 or 7 % of the student body in grades 6-12) going down with the activity of Very Involved Parents, a new volunteer group of 35 people formed last week from a cross section of the community to target school drop-outs. Mrs. Brant, a KM teacher for 10 years who is directing the program here for the second year, said the drop-out prevention program is enhanced this year by the addition of two new staff members: Florrie Hamrick, the new home-school coordinator who will work actively with the citizens volunteer group of parents, and Beulah Carroll, the in-schools suspension counselor at Central School.

In addition the program includes a teen support group for teenage parents and pregnant teens at Kings Mountain Junior High which Diane Hollifield serves as counselor, the Latch Key Kids program at Central School led by counselors Kevin Plonk, Paula Goforth and Lori Whiteside and the Spark Plug program at Kings Mountain Senior High School headed by Denise Buchanan where teachers are adopting students who are potential drop outs. Very Involved Parents groups have been highly successful in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System and one VIP group is active in Gaston County. The VIP program was developed by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is designed for use by agencies, schools, churches, advocacy groups and community organizations to teach parents more about how to help and protect their children in today's society. Dr. Bobbie Rowland and Jo Ann Springs of UNCC led a training session here Nov. 17 at KM Community Center. The workshop taught the prospective teachers how to use one of four training manuals: parents of preschoolers, teenage parents and parents with latch key children and parents of children with alcoholic parents. Eight lessons are included in the program which will be coordinated by Florrie Hamrick and the VIP groups will then start functioning with 10-12 parents in each group.

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HE'S NOT YOUR EVERYDAY COP



POLICEMAN ARMED WITH BIBLE - The new chaplain of the Kings Mountain Police Department carries his Bible as a weapon to fight crime. Rev. Mark Bardsley, left, pastor of First Wesleyan Church, prepares to ride patrol duty with Captain Bob Hayes. He joined KMPD Nov. 1 as chaplain to 32 officers.

Preacher: Cop's Weapon Is The Word

He's armed with a Bible, instead of a police revolver, when he rides in a police car a couple of nights and days each week and patrols the streets of Kings Mountain. He's also armed with a Bible each Sunday when he stands before the congregation at First Wesleyan Church where he has been a minister since July. But Rev. Mark Bardsley, 30, the minister, and Rev. Mark Bardsley, the new chaplain of Kings Mountain Police Department, have the same goal to serve the people of Kings Mountain and to open lines of communication. Bardsley, who stands 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 220 pounds, sees his new role as a chaplain for 10 reserve officers and 21 regular policemen, as a challenge and a calling from God. Police Chief Warren Goforth, who hired volunteer Bardsley as a reserve officer Nov. 1, armed him with a badge that identifies him as a chaplain and a patrolman's uniform. Unlike, patrolman, however, the preacher will not be wearing a gun but will be carrying a Bible.

Bardsley's presence with other officers on patrol has resulted in complete consternation on the faces of some law breakers when they suddenly look up and see the title "Rev." on the silver nameplate pinned to his shirt. But Goforth thinks the presence of a "man of God" will bring a change in attitude, and hopefully, a change in people who may have never known a preacher nor practiced a religious faith. "We hope his presence will subside violent tendencies in people that we deal with every day and will be a calming effect during any arrest situation," said the Chief. "I was really surprised at the tremendous size of Kings Mountain when I rode with a city policeman for the first time," said Bardsley. "These fellows cover a large area and I was impressed with the way they handle themselves when making arrests." "Police are under stressful situations. A chaplain can offer our officers and the people they come in contact

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Students To View TV News

Kings Mountain junior and senior high students will begin seeing a 12-minute newscast by satellite next March. The Board of Education, in a special meeting Monday morning, approved a contract with Whittle Communications of Knoxville, Tn., to provide the current events news program to the Kings Mountain students. David Leventhal of Whittle gave an hour presentation on "Channel One News" at last Monday night's board meeting at the Superintendent's Office. However, some board members said they needed more time for Attorney Scott Cloninger to read the contract and for them to seek input from teachers.

Channel One News is seen by 6.5 junior and senior high school students each day and the program is expanding nationwide. The system will be hooked on in Kings Mountain March 5. The contract calls for three-year service beginning in the next school year.

The news is coming to Kings Mountain free of charge but the system is required to show 95 percent of the broadcasts which include two minutes of commercials. The system can end the contract at any time and Whittle can end it anytime if Kings Mountain does not show 95 percent of the broadcasts.

Principals Jackie Lavender at KMHS and Jerry Hoyle at KMJH will be responsible for designating someone to tape the news each morning. It will then be shown in classrooms by VCR and television equipment supplied by Whittle. Leventhal said the program has been well-received in this area. Lincoln and Cleveland County Schools have approved it as well as many others in North Carolina. Leventhal said the school systems which did not approve it objected because of the advertising. However, Leventhal said, advertising is necessary to provide the service free of charge and objectionable advertising is not accepted. The advertising in a tape shown to the board at last week's meeting included one for hair shampoo and another for jeans. He said gambling, alcohol, drug, religion, tobacco, solicitation of funds and many other type commercials are not accepted.

She's Thankful For Shriners

Geneva Deaton, 64, spent many Thanksgivings as a child in the Shriners Hospital in Greenville, S. C. Even though that was in 1932-39, Geneva won't ever forget the special treatment she received nor the tender, loving care that helped her to learn to walk again at age seven. "We were living in Grover at the time and I was sick for a couple of weeks and then became totally crippled from the hip down. The Shriners had a regional hospital in Greenville and Dr. Campbell, our family doctor, and Theodora Roark, a nurse, contacted the hospital for my father and they admitted me free of charge," says Deaton, who now resides at 402 S. Cansler Street. She was a continuing patient until she was 14. At that time Shriners Hospitals kept a patient until that age. Now, patients are admitted up to 18 years of age, she said. "The Lord was with me then and I am thankful every day for



GENEVA DEATON Shriners and wish I could, somehow, repay them for that miracle," she said. A second "miracle" occurred when Geneva was 42. The late Gaither Ledbetter gave her a job at Mauney Hosiery where she prices and bands about 300 pairs of socks a day. Until 17 years ago, she said

no one would hire the full time baby sitter. "My back still bothers me and my right leg is shorter than my left but I'm able to work and will always be grateful to Gaither for giving me a chance," she said. This Thanksgiving Deaton is also grateful for her family, nephews. Born in a family of 12 children of the late Claude and Lona Bell, she never married and she considers her nieces and nephews her own. Residing with her are her brother, Maynard, and her 10-year-old French poodle Pierre Beaugard (Beau) who has the run of the house. She plans to spend the upcoming holidays with her nieces, Cindy Lee in Hickory, Libby Nail in Mount Holly and Barbara Anne Sisk in Charlotte. Her three nephews are Scott and Roger Payne of Mount Holly and Tim Payne of Hickory. Her seven living brothers and sisters are Eitra, James, Clarence, and Maynard Deaton, Helen Owens, all of Kings Mountain, Stoy Deaton of

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Stocking Fund Needs Help

Martha is a 30-year-old mother of four. Her husband is in prison. Her oldest child, a 12-year-old, is severely mentally retarded and blind. Her medical problems are severe and she needs constant attention. She has to be diapered like a 3-month-old baby. Martha holds down a full-time job which is her only means of support. Her paycheck barely covers the rent on her trailer and the power bill. There is little money left over for groceries and none at all to buy Christmas for her children. Martha's a hard worker but it's tough for one person to raise four growing children. Her other three children, ages 10, 8 and 6, try to help out but they can only do so much. Martha would love to see her children have some much-needed clothes, toys and other items for Christmas. In her 30 years, she's never even had a Christmas tree. That's where you can help. Through your gift to the Kings Mountain Empty Stocking Fund Martha's four children, and many others like them, will know what it is to have a merry Christmas. Mail your tax-deductible donation to the Empty Stocking Fund, P.O. Box 1491, Kings Mountain, N.C., 28086, or take it by Home Federal Savings and Loan and deposit it in the special Empty Stocking Fund there.



Empty Stocking Fund

Last week's donations:	
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Murgita	\$25.00
Adult Class-Dixon Pres. Church	\$70.00
Anonymous	\$10.00
(Last week's total)	\$105.00
(Previous balance)	\$350.00
New total	\$455.00