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Gene Tignor Grand Marshal

## Christmas Parade Sunday

Kings Mountain's 110-unit Christmas parade will step off Sunday at 2 p.m. with pretty girls, the KMSHS Band, Shriners cars, floats, and, of course, Santa Claus in his first appearance of the holiday season.

Retired Fire Chief Gene Tignor will serve as grand marshal of the parade which is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Parks & Recreation Commission.

Unlike former years when he

was chairman of the holiday spectacle as KM Fire Chief, Tignor will be given the place of honor this year and won't be working behind the scenes.

A fireman for 37 years, Tignor was the city's first paid Fire Chief. During his tenure the Fire Department sponsored the popular Mountaineer Day celebration, the Christmas parade and Toys for Tots, among other community endeavors. Since his retirement in

April 1989, Tignor has been active as a volunteer in the new Crisis Ministry.

The parade will follow the traditional route from the intersection of King and Gaston Streets west to Battleground Avenue, then south on Battleground to East Gold Street past City Hall and disband at the intersection of Gold and Lake Drive.

Six floats, beauty queens galore, cheerleaders, motorcycles, clowns,

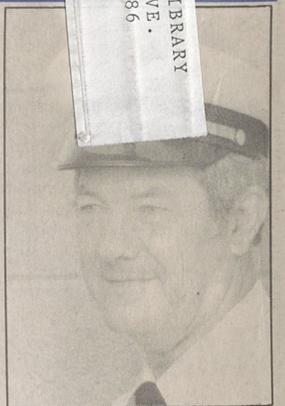
units from four radio stations and two newspapers, church, city and civic club floats, dancers, and many citizens of all ages will star in the parade which will officially open the Christmas shopping season in Kings Mountain.

Mayor Kyle Smith, members of City Council, Kings Mountain Police Chief, Kings Mountain Fire Chief, State Highway Patrol, Cleveland County Sheriff's units and Parade Marshal will lead off

the parade route which winds throughout the downtown area.

Parade watchers estimate a large crowd will line the route. Recreation Director David Hancock said Kings Mountain is rolling out the red carpet to Santa and friends.

The parade lineup: Kings Mountain High School Homecoming Queen, Kings



GENE TIGNOR

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### Empty Stocking Fund

Fund Totals \$1,550

The Kings Mountain Empty Stocking Fund continues to grow as we inch closer and closer to Christmas. Gifts during the past week came to \$690, hiking the grand total to \$1,550.

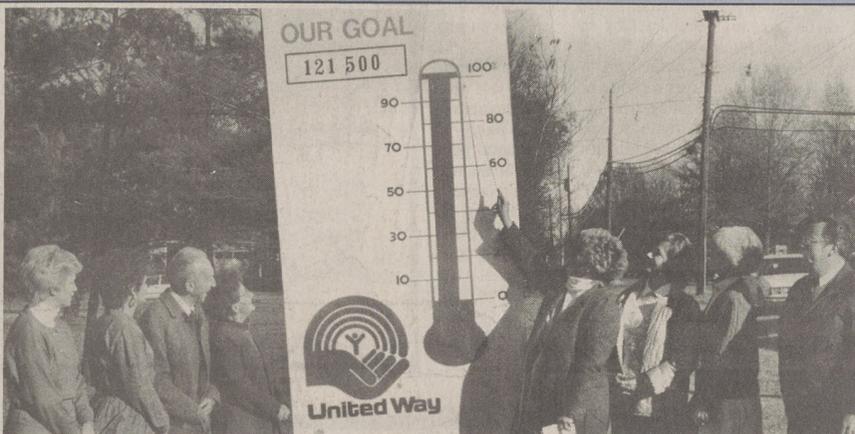
The funds will be used to make Christmas brighter for many needy children and families in the Greater Kings Mountain area.

Contributions may be mailed to the Empty Stocking Fund, P.O. Box 1491, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, or deposited in the Empty Stocking Fund account at Home Federal Savings and Loan.

- Last week's contributions:
- Anonymous, \$20
  - Kings Mountain Jaycees, \$50.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Green, \$10.
  - Mr. and Mrs. James Potter (in memory of Matoka Campbell), \$25.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stewart, \$25.
  - C&C Scrap Iron, \$200.
  - Anonymous, \$50.
  - Mrs. Helen C. Hendricks, \$200.
  - Ladies at Bunch, Inc., \$40.
  - Annie and Steve Robbins (in memory of Steve Robbins Sr.), \$20.
  - Ladies Class of Penley's Chapel Church, \$25.
  - Anonymous, \$10.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Payseur, \$15.

Last week's total, \$690.00  
Previous total, \$860.00  
New grand total, \$1,550.00

### You Did It Again, Kings Mountain



UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN OVER TOP-Kings Mountain's United Fund campaign is over the top with record contributions. From left, divisional chairmen brave the wind and cold Monday to record their victory at the thermometer at the western entrance to the city. From left to right are Lavon Strickland, Marlene Reynolds, J. C. and Edie Bridges, Ruby Alexander, pointing to 100% on the thermometer, Maude Norris, Mikie Smith and Ernest Rome, far right.

## United Fund Tops Goal

Kings Mountain's United Fund campaign is over the top.

As of yesterday, pledges and contributions totaled \$124,000 with some volunteers still to make reports.

The drive, which surpassed its \$121,500 goal, raised more money than has ever been raised before in a United Fund effort which was necessary this year due to increased askings and funding of 16 agencies plus four first-time Venture Grants, according to Mrs. Charles Alexander, chairman.

"The great thing about the United Fund is that it provides one

very practical way for self-sufficient, fortunate persons to give direct to those who cannot help themselves right now," she said.

Jubilant divisional chairmen met Monday in front of the UF thermometer at the western entrance to the city to celebrate, despite the gusty winds. Reaching their goal were members of the industry division, the advance gifts division and the school division. The industry division was the big leader in the campaign which saw more increased donations from smaller plants, as well as big industry. "We are just so pleased," said

Ernest Rome, chairman of the industry division which topped 115% of goal with pledges of \$91,237.00. Advance gifts topped 112% of goal with \$5488 and the schools division topped 105% of goal with contributions of \$7375.

Alexander said she thought one reason for the campaign's success has been the public awareness Hurricane Hugo brought about in Kings Mountain. We know that in our own area many people benefit from United Fund," she said.

"We will really have something to celebrate at our Victory dinner when the final results come in."

## Education Key To Win Drugs War

Parents and education are the keys to stopping the ever-increasing problem of drugs, agreed the speakers at Tuesday night's Drug Education Forum at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Only a handful of people attended the event, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department as a part of the "Cities Fight Back Against Drug Week" which was proclaimed recently by City Council.

The week of drug prevention emphasis will end Saturday with a dance for fifth through 12th graders at the Kings Mountain Community Center. Admission is one dollar and all proceeds will go to the D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program in KM schools.

Bogey Wingfield of Gastonia, a member of the Parent to Parent training program; Kings Mountain Police Chief Warren Golorth and Detective Richard Reynolds; KMPD officer Alan Hardin, who teaches D.A.R.E. in KM schools; and Katherine Hardy, drug counselor, were the speakers.

All cited statistics indicating that the drug problem is increasing and all agreed that in order to slow the problem education must begin at an early age in the home and schools.

Mrs. Wingfield, the mother of five, said her organization encourages workshops for parents and promotes Project Graduation for Gaston County Schools. PG is a drug free, alcohol free graduation night party for high school graduates and is held at Carowinds. Project Graduation in Cleveland County is held at the County Fairgrounds.

"Alcohol is the biggest drug problem of our youth today," she said. "That is the first drug and has done more damage than all the others combined."

She said a recent survey in Weekly Reader indicated that one-third of fourth graders feel pressure from their friends to drink wine cooler and do crack.

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## Council To Meet Tuesday

If City Council follows its traditional pattern in according the top vote-getter with the honorary Mayor Pro Tem, the appointment will go to political newcomer Scott Neisler who led the voting in the recent city election.

The new Council will elect the Mayor Pro Tem as one of the items of new business after being sworn-in on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Manager George Wood said the board can choose any one of the six council members for the No. 2 slot on the board.

Norma Bridges, District 3 Councilwoman, currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem, presided once during the past two years in the illness of Mayor Kyle Smith and has officiated at several ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Taking the oath Tuesday will be Councilmen Neisler, of District 5; Fred Finger of District 6 and Elvin Greene of District 2. Finger narrowly won reelection in the Primary, defeating Coot Camp, and newcomer Greene edged veteran Councilman Humes Houston by 10 votes in the run-off election after Houston led the three-candidate field in the Primary.

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## Mayor Discusses Goals With New Grover Board

Grover's "want list" for the new administration isn't very long but Mayor Bill McCarter says the improvements should be high priorities.

The Mayor outlined some goals as he welcomed returning commissioner Jim Howell and new commissioners Tim Rowland and W. Norman King after they took the oath of office Monday night from

Town Clerk Debora Philbeck.

Prior to the oath-taking, the outgoing board accepted the resignation of policewoman Linda Norris after holding a brief closed session. The mayor also took the occasion to thank retiring commissioner Don Rich who was completing six years on the board.

See Grover, 13-A



HELPING HAND PROJECT UNDERWAY-Ministers of the community will be ringing bells in the business section beginning this weekend as a Christmas-season project for the needy. Above, Dr. Eric Faust, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, invites contributions.

## Ministers To Ring Bells For Needy

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association enters its ninth year of "Bell-ringing" at the area shopping centers to raise funds for the Helping Hand Fund. All gifts of money are tax deductible.

Traditionally, these funds have been used to purchase supplies for the Food Bank. The Food Bank is the ministry of serving which is available for citizens living in the Kings Mountain School District area, or for people who live outside this area but work in industries which contribute to the KM United Way Fund. The Food Bank is located in the KM Community Center and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-4 p.m. People may get applications by calling their minister or the minister of the church nearest where they live.

In 1988 the Food Bank served some 600 families. The cost for this ministry was \$26,407, which was an average of \$44.00 per family helped.

As of December 1, 1989, the Food Bank has served nearly 640 families, a large increase over 1988. By the end of 1989, the cost will have risen over \$3,000 over 1988's total cost.

The Kings Mountain United Way has been a significant supporter, giving \$13,300 in 1989 to the Food Bank. The rest of the funds have come from the "Bell-ringing", donations from individuals, contributions from congregations, and canned food drives by the

Boy Scouts, school classes and clubs.

One minister summed up the feeling of the KMMA. "It is an honor to make an appeal to the people of Kings Mountain and to see the fantastic response, year after year. Thank you!"

As the program enters 1990, the Helping Hand Fund is organizing to expand its serving ministry, so that other crisis needs can be addressed. Part of this year's Bell Ringing receipts will help to undergird this new venture.

The hours this year are from 2-8 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays in December. The schedule for December 7 is: at Harris Teeter from 2-4, George Simmons; 4-6, Ron Caulder; 6-8 Gene Land; at Winn-Dixie from 2-4, Mitchell Pruitt; 4-6, Charles Davenport; 6-8, Morris Jordan; at TG&Y from 2-4, Harwood Smith; 4-6, Bob Little; 6-8, Mark Bardsley.

On Friday, December 8 the schedule is: at Harris-Teeter from 2-4; John Futterer; 4-6, Robbie Moore; 6-8, Frank Gordon; at Winn-Dixie from 2-4 State Alexander (Good Hope Presbyterian); 4-6, Richard Young; 6-8, someone from Christ the King Catholic; at TG&Y from 2-4, (volunteer needed); 4-6, Chip Sloan; 6-8, volunteer needed.

Checks may be made to KMMA Helping Hand Fund and may be put in "the bucket" or mailed to KM-MA, PO Box 1335, Kings Mountain 28086.