



The National Unidentified Flying Object Watch Association (NUFOWA) has reported the sighting of a strange object in the skies over northern Alaska.

The group said it is flying in a southeasterly direction at a high rate of speed and is headed toward Kings Mountain.

A spokesman for the group said the object resembles a sleigh that is being pulled by eight animals resembling

reindeer, one of which has a shiny, red nose. The sleigh appears to be carrying a big, fat man dressed in a red and white suit and also is filled with Nintendo sets, Ninja turtles, Oopsie Daisy dolls, GI Joes and lots of other toys.

The UFO is expected to arrive in Kings Mountain late Sunday night or early Monday morning. Merry Christmas!



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Long Holiday Sign Of Down Economy?

\$10 Million In Construction Is Planned

New Year 1990 should see the completion or near-completion of over \$10 million in new construction underway or beginning in the Kings Mountain business community.

Building permits issued by the city report a total property valuation of \$10,581,436 through Nov. 30, 1989, up 40 percent from last year's total building activity of \$6,117,589.00.

Codes Officer Tom Fields and Community Planner Gene White say that, additionally, more than 300 new

homes will be available in seven sub-divisions in Greater Kings Mountain in the near future, including Robert E. Lee Subdivision on U. S. 74 west, Deerwood Park at Country Club Extension and Merrimont Avenue, Oakland at Crescent Hill, Gold Run on Oak Grove Road, Chestnut Meadows at 216 and Penley's Chapel Road, Brown Meadows on Long Branch Road beyond 216, Williams Street near the

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Longer holidays at Kings Mountain textile plants may reflect a downward trend in the economy, say some plant officials.

At most plants, however, Kings Mountain industrial employees will get holidays with pay. The vacation schedule varies from two days to the full Christmas week.

Shortest holidays are reported by Cablelink, Combustion Engineering, Copeland, Cyprus Foote Mineral, Minette Mills of Grover and Phillips Dupont of Grover who will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. At Cablelink, gift certificates for turkeys or hams will be presented to all employees as well as vacation pay to eligible employees. A "pot

luck" lunch will be served on all shifts at Combustion Engineering on Friday. Christmas gifts in the form of turkeys and hams or a catalog gift will be presented to all Copeland employees. Holidays at Minette Mill will be with pay for employees who will receive their choice of gifts from a catalog.

City of Kings Mountain will be closed on Monday and Tuesday and holidays will be with pay. Employees with the city five years receive a week's pay.

Personnel Director Charles Webber said city employees furnished turkey and ham with all the trimmings for a Christmas dinner Friday night and also donated \$120 for door prizes which were distributed. The

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KM Churches Set Christmas Eve Services

Church services on Christmas Eve morning, 7 p.m. evening services by at least two churches and three 11 p.m. candlelight and communion services will feature the Christian celebration of Christmas by Kings Mountain area citizens Sunday.

At all churches the Christian celebration will feature singing of hymns and carols and special anthems by the choirs. Cantatas will be sung at morning worship services at two congregations.

At the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Central United Methodist Church the 33-voice choir, under the direction of Linda Dixon, will sing the cantata, "O Holy Night." Sue Horton will be guest organist.

The 7 p.m. evening service at Central United Methodist Church will feature special music by the choir and conclude with the lighting of candles and singing of "Silent Night." Jeff Grigg will sing the solo, "O Holy Night" accompanied by Mrs. Linda Dixon who is directing the program. The church is decorated with two tall Christmas trees, red and white poinsettias on the altar and chancel areas, and pew candles.

The Adult Choir of Boyce Memorial ARP Church will sing a Christmas cantata at the 11 a.m. service. Chip McGill will direct the musical program.

Rev. Harold Mace, interim pastor, will lead the 7 p.m. candlelight service and special music will be presented by the choir. The church is decorated with red poinsettias and Christmas wreaths.

First Presbyterian Church will hold the traditional 11 p.m. candlelight communion service on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Darrell Austin will direct the special music. Christmas trees flank the church altar and white poinsettias bank the altar and are used in each window.

Resurrection Lutheran Church will hold the traditional 11 p.m. candlelight communion service and congregational singing of carols will feature the service. The Chancel choir, under direction of Donald Deal, will sing three anthems. Members gathered Thursday evening to hang greens and wreaths in the church and on Christmas Eve they will bring red poinsettias for the altar. Rev. John Futterer, pastor, said Christmas Advent music will be played on the carillon the week of Christmas.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will hold a special children's service at 4 p.m. featuring carols by the

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NEW SCHOOL BOARD SWORN IN-Mayor Kyle Smith, left, administers the oath of office to Ronald Hawkins, Priscilla Mauney and Rev. Billy Houze, right, newly-elected members of the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

Re-Districting Possible

School board members are narrowing their choices of dealing with racial balance in the schools, leaning toward redrawing district lines or reorganization of the elementary schools, they said Monday night as they agreed to try to settle the sticky problem of what to do with East School at a Jan. 4 work session with an eye toward a final decision by Feb. 1.

"My gut feeling is that this is not going to get easier," said new board chairman Doyle Campbell who said either option approved by the board will be unpopular with some. "We must do what is in the best interest of the students," he said.

Other board members agreed, including new members Ronnie Hawkins, the first black member Rev. Billy Houze, new vice chairman Billy King and re-elected incumbent member Priscilla Mauney but they all agreed they had to make a decision soon about the attendance zones.

"We're ready to go with another building project but we don't know what to do about East," said Supt. Bob McRae who says the board needs to make a decision concerning East or reposition building projects at East and Bethware. Renovation and new construction at East are scheduled as the system's second elementary

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Grover Construction Reviewed By Board

Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday previewed the site layout for new construction at Grover School, the next major building project of the school system, and okayed site preparation.

"I like the compactness of it," said Dr. Larry Allen in presenting an architect's rendering of the proposed new building which enhances the unique character of the campus and pulls the buildings together by lining up the existing K-1 building with the auditorium, media center and offices. There will be a continuous walkway around the campus and the parking area will also be redesigned.

A steel truss standing steel metal roof and walls that can be put in and taken out as the need arises will be features of the new facility. The maintenance free roof structure will be a real plus, says Allen. The brick structure will blend with the existing K-1 building.

After Christmas holidays, teachers will see the op-

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Doyle Campbell School Chairman, Three Sworn In

New school board members were seated Monday night in swearing-in ceremonies conducted by former member and Kings Mountain Mayor Kyle Smith.

"I'd just like to ask all three if they know what they're doing," Smith quipped.

Spouses and children of the three new members stood by as Priscilla Mauney, Ronnie Hawkins and Rev. Billy Houze took the oath of office. Houze, Grover minister and postal employee, becomes the first black to serve on the board of education. Hawkins, also a newcomer, is a Kings Mountain mortician associated with Harris Funeral Home. Mrs. Mauney, a former teacher and wife of Dr. Jeff Mauney, was re-elected to another term.



CAMPBELL

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Neisler and Mrs. Neisler, Mrs. Kyle Smith and City Manager George Wood were among the large number of visitors present for the ceremony in the school offices on Parker Street. A reception honoring the outgoing board members Bill McDaniel and Paul Hord, Jr. and the new members was held after the swearing-in ceremony.

Supt. Bob McRae took the occasion to present McDaniel and Hord with plaques and gifts. McDaniel served on the board for 12 years, the last six as chairman. Hord had served since October 1982.

During the reorganizational meeting, board members unanimously elected Doyle Campbell as chairman and Billy King as vice chairman.

Campbell, 48, vice president of McGinnis Department store, is in his sixth year on the board and is its senior member.

"I want to thank my colleagues for electing me and I pledge my best service to do the job as it should be done," said Campbell.

In other matters the board delayed action on a cooperative agreement with the city on facility use. Board

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Photo by Dieter Melhorn

CLEARING 85 - State trucks haul sludge on Interstate 85 late Tuesday afternoon to try to melt the ice which formed from freezing rains during the day. The freezing rain which fell Monday and Tuesday made driving hazardous in spots but the sun came out bright Wednesday morning and melted it. Don't get too comfortable, though. The weather man is calling for another cold front to come through the area Friday.

Stocking Fund Tops \$3,400

Donations to the Kings Mountain Empty Stocking Fund reached \$3,463.17 this week.

The fund will remain open through Christmas and money will be used to provide toys, clothes and other items for needy children in the Greater Kings Mountain area.

Contributions may be mailed to the Empty Stocking Fund, P.O. Box 1461, Kings Mountain, or taken to Home Federal Savings and Loan and deposited into the Empty Stocking Fund account.

Donations, which are tax deductible, may be made anonymously or in honor or in memory of someone.

This week's donations:

- Mrs. Doris S. McGinnis and Julie R. McGinnis, \$25.
- Mrs. Roberta B. Ellison, in memory of Tommy Ellison, \$25.
- C.J. Holland and the USSSA Softball, in memory of Dwight Hall, past N.C. State Director and Regional Vice-President, \$100.
- Sandra Wilson Realty, \$50.
- Anonymous, \$43.17.
- Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dye, in memory of Sam and Emma Mae Dye, \$50.
- Neisler Brothers, \$100.
- Kings Mountain Herald, \$100.



Empty Stocking Fund

- Darrell Austin, in memory of Joe Whitehurst and Hall Goforth, \$50.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stewart, \$25.
- Fred and Linda Dixon, in memory of Betty Ballard and Jim Crawford, \$30.
- Love Came Down At Christmas, \$150.

This week's total, \$748.17
Previous totals, \$2,175.00
New grand total, \$3,463.17