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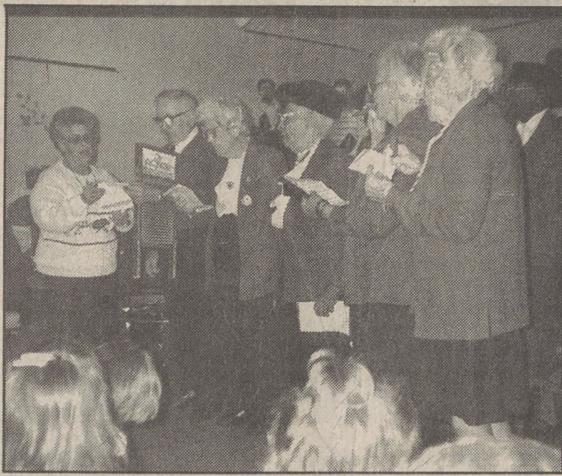
## KM gets in spirit at tree ceremony

Every seat in Weir Auditorium at Mauney Memorial Library was filled Tuesday night and crowds stood to listen to two church choirs and a senior citizen's band usher in the Christmas season with joyful song.

The traditional program was moved inside due to the cold and threatening rain but at 8 p.m. the crowds gathered around the tall tree on the lawn and watched as Mayor Kyle Smith turned on the Christmas lights. The single red bulb on the giant tree was placed by the city in memory of former employee Devoil Butcher, who died in an automobile accident last year.

Christmas favorites such as "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful" were sung by the church choirs. Glenda Crawford led the Foursquare Gospel Choir in two hymns and Tracy Bolin led the Kings Mountain Baptist Church Choir in two selections in the auditorium. Margaret Ruff led the "Swinging Mountaineers" of Kings Mountain Senior Center in several children's favorites. Lottie Means played drums and other instruments were played by the senior citizens, all dressed in holiday red jackets. The crowd joined in a sing-a-long, ending with "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

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Swinging Mountaineers perform at Christmas tree lighting.

## KM parade is Sunday

Kings Mountain's Annual Christmas Parade will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The parade will begin at the intersection of King and Gaston Streets.

This year's grand marshal is WBTV's Mike McKay. Floats, beauty queens, dance groups, antique cars, trucks and various other entries will be on hand, followed by Santa himself.

Persons or groups who would like to enter can come by the Kings Mountain Community Center or call for an application. All horse entries must be registered and remain at the rear of the parade and must provide a clean-up person. For more information, call 734-0449.

The lineup for the parade is as follows:

Kings Mountain Fire Department Pumper, Kings Mountain High Varsity Cheerleaders, Kings Mountain Marching Band, Bridget Barret - Young Miss Kings Mountain, Miss Bethware Fair, Little Wee Miss Kings Mountain, Tiny Mr. Kings Mountain, Cub Scout Pack 92, Antique Fire Truck, Century 21 Hometown Realty float, Dance Reflections, Kelli Ann Hardy - Alpha Kappa Alpha, Brandy Short

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## Grover parade Saturday

GROVER - A 90-unit Christmas parade, Grover's first in 10 years and probably the biggest in recent history, will step off on Main Street Saturday at 3 p.m. with Santa Claus as the star and pretty girls, clowns and the Kings Mountain High School Band leading the way.

Grand marshal will be WESC's Bob Hooper of Greenville, S. C. Sponsor is Grover Fire Department.

The parade participants will start lining up at 2 p.m. at the entrance of Spring Acres and will proceed down the center of town, turning right on Mulberry Street and disbanding on Cleveland Avenue.

Several other school bands have indicated they may participate in the parade, said Town Commissioner Sandra Ellis, a member of the committee chaired

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## 1-year-old Mark Moore dies

By RENEE WALSER  
Of The Herald Staff

Mark Anthony Moore, just over a year old, died Friday, Nov. 29.

There was hope that he would make it at least until spring when a kidney transplant had been planned, therefore prolonging -- maybe -- his young life a little more.

But just two days after his first birthday party on Oct. 26, Mark went back into the hospital for his 11th trip to the operating table. In his weakened condition, Mark was able to return home for nine days out of the month left in his life, but he developed pneumonia and died.

Mark was born with a rare kidney disease and a collapsed esophagus. He came to the attention of many in Kings Mountain when his parents, Mickie and Randy Moore, both out of work, planned to give him his first birthday party.

Otherwise pink and healthy-looking, Mark always had two tubes attached to his lower abdomen for feeding and dialysis. He had nurses nearly round the clock and was on medication constantly. He never ate orally.

"Mark was so special and gave everyone who came to know him a different outlook on life," said friend of the family and benefactor Jean McAbee. "You couldn't help

but love him. There was just something about the way he looked at you. I know his family and friends will never forget him and the special joy he added to their lives."

McAbee was the instigator of Mark's birthday party. She performed as a clown for about 40 of his family and friends at 2nd Baptist Church.

"I know Mickie and Randy would like to thank everyone who gave through funds, love and prayers," McAbee said. "They are special friends who experienced pain and suffering along with their son. They still need the prayers of all because now is going to be the

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MARK MOORE

## City experiences cash flow problems

Utility revenues down due to the recession caused a temporary cash flow problem but the city's audit process "went well," auditor Darrell Keller said in a report to city council.

"It was a tough year for the city with the recession, the construction in progress and the drop in utility income," said Keller, reporting on the 1990-91 audit before the November 26 meeting of city council.

Responding to question of Commissioner Fred Finger, Keller labeled the city in "good fiscal shape" and said that city employees were following suggested procedures in internal accounting. "They've tightened up in minor areas and the internal accounting has improved dramatically since we first started auditing the books

three years ago," he said.

In a related matter, Council wrote off \$45,760.74 in bad debts for the 190-91 year. Keller explained that the debts were more than three years old and most of the people owing them had probably moved out of state.

Responding to a question, City Manager George Wood said the city could collect some of the debts but the extra costs would not make it worth the city's time, noting that the \$45,760.74 represented only four-tenths of 1 percent compared to revenue the city took in last year. "That's excellent," he said. The Council at this time last year wrote off \$70,000 in unpaid utility bills, said Keller.

In another major action of the meeting, council, as expected, dissolved the Moss Lake Authority,

changing it to Moss Lake Commission to serve as an advisory board only. "It was not clear who could make decisions about the lake and we just feel the decisions concerning the lake, our biggest asset, ought to be made by our elected officials," said Wood.

The membership of the Moss Lake Commission will be unchanged and only change in the ordinance has to do with tighter enforcement of rules. Commissioner Al Moretz questioned Section 14 of the rules which deal with shoreline regulations and said that the existing ordinance, as distributed, left the enforcement up to the city manager. Moretz asked that the engineering report address that portion in detail and Wood said that the rules and regulations were being fine tuned to conform to the municipal codes

of the city. Wood said that engineers are in process of reviewing lake rules and regulations.

Betty Davis, of Ellis Street, shared her concerns about safety hazards on North Cansler Street, noting that cars park in front of New Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church on Sundays and often block one complete lane of traffic. Davis said her vehicle was struck by an oncoming car November 9 as she pulled out into North Cansler Street and asked what was the city's responsibility.

"I pay taxes and I think the city should put an officer out there if parking signs can't be put up," Davis said. "I've been living here 10 years and complaining about this problem."

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## KM teachers visit Russia

Russia isn't a smiling nation, two Kings Mountain teachers learned during a 16-day stay in the Soviet Union as People to People Ambassadors with 400 other professionals representing 60 professions from 20 nations, including the U. S. A.

Long lines at the grocery stores in Russia made the food shortage a reality.

The visitors had students standing in lines to talk with them since it was their first opportunity to

speak English with an English speaking person.

"The people were reserved but generous with their time and appeared concerned for the people they worked with and for their families," said Gamble, Vocational Director in KM Schools. "It was an experience we will long remember," said Peggy Baird, Food Services Coordinator at KMHS.

Returning home the teachers shipped English textbooks from

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Peggy Baird, far left, and Betty Gamble, far right, converse in English with college students in Russia during a People To People trip recently.

## Stocking really is empty

The Kings Mountain Empty Stocking Fund, which was begun three years ago to help our unfortunate neighbors, is literally empty.

Thus far only \$50 has been collected and with just three weeks remaining until merchandise has to be bought, the fund's committee is appealing to the community to get in the giving spirit.

Margaret Dilling, committee chairman, said gifts, food and clothing must be purchased at least a week before Christmas so deliveries can be made the weekend before Christmas.

All money received goes to purchase necessities for needy fami-

lies in the Kings Mountain School District. All campaign workers donate their time, gasoline and other expenses.

In the first two years of the fund, over \$6,000 was donated to help those less fortunate. Mrs. Dilling urges individuals, churches, businesses, civic clubs and other organizations to give generously.

Donations may be mailed to Empty Stocking Fund, P.O. Box 1461, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; or taken to Home Federal Savings Bank and deposited into the fund's account there. Donations may be given anonymously and they may also be given in honor or in memory of someone.



## UF drive reaches 93%

Kings Mountain United Fund, encouraged by the response thus far to the emergency community appeal issued by drive leaders, reported Wednesday that \$113,832.00 or 93 percent of the \$120,750.00 goal had been raised.

Facing a \$6,917.37 shortfall, officials are asking more pledges to avoid what could be devastating cuts to agencies. The United Fund serves 15 health and human services agencies in the Greater Kings Mountain area.

"Our goal is in sight but the next few weeks will be push and shove as we try to reach it," said Chairman Pat Carter, who said the sluggish economy has hit the in-

dustrial community hard.

Carter said that in spite of the economy the industrial division headed by Maude Norris of Anvil Knitwear has topped its goal by raising 103% of goal or \$82,459.28, a big chunk of the money asked by agencies to help the Kings Mountain community.

J. C. and Edie Bridges, co-chairmen of the advance gifts committee, reported 102% of goal or \$5,262.71. Other division chairmen are close to reaching the 100 percent mark, including Jay Rhodes of the commercial division and Huit Recp of Kings Mountain Hospital. Larry Allen, chairman of the school's division, has reported 91

percent of goal and Charles Webber reported 84 percent of goal for the city of Kings Mountain. The professional division has reported only 34% of goal thus far but Dr. Martin Stallings and volunteers are still knocking on doors trying to meet the goal.

Agencies benefiting from the United Fund are Hospice, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, KM Boys Club, KM Rescue Squad, Grover Rescue Squad, Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry of Kings Ministerial Association, Salvation Army, Cleveland County Mental Health Association, Cleveland County

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