



The Battleforest Apartment complex in East Kings Mountain is beautifully decorated for the holidays. Red bows and holly, wreaths and Santa Claus arrangements decorate apartments, yards and porches.



Evelyn Davis sits on her decorated porch at Battleforest Apartments, where all residents have decorated their homes in Christmas red and green.

Apartments in spirit of season

It's beginning to look alot like Christmas at Battleforest Apartments in East Kings Mountain, where all 46 families in the Weaver Realty Properties decorated for the holidays.

Manager Evelyn Davis said all the tenants got the Christmas spirit this week and trimmed their porches and yards in red bows, lights and glitter.

Davis and her husband, George, have been residents of the facility for 5 1/2 years. Moving from Miami, Fla., the Davises retired in Kings Mountain eight years ago and when the resident manager's job came open Mrs. Davis jumped at the chance to become the facility's second manager. Battleforest Apartments opened here in July 1979 and there have been few vacancies.

The Davises got out their Santa Claus collection for one corner of their living room and trimmed their Christmas tree this week. They also decorated the wooden railings which enhance the apartment complex and encouraged other residents to decorate their porches and lawns.

"When the lights go on at night this is one of the prettiest areas in town," says George Davis.

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New Year celebration is planned

Bells, crowds, music, drama and food will usher in 1992 as the fourth annual "Carillon" New Year's Eve Celebration gets underway on the picturesque Court House Square in downtown Shelby on December 31.

The family oriented, non-alcoholic alternative to New Year's reveling will feature singing groups, food, hammered, dulcimers, a magician, a ventriloquist, art exhibits, Scottish Country Dancers, live theater and a myriad of other performances climaxed by a massed Handbell Choir. More than two dozen performances in seven locations will be presented.

"Carillon" is produced each year by the Cleveland County Arts Council in cooperation with MetalsAmerica, Inc. The annual event draws thousands of participants from throughout the region, according to Barbara Brock, executive director of CCAC. "Carillon" means "musical bells" and is a local tradition which features both performing and visual arts. It is patterned after "First Night" festivals observed in a number of major American cities. All events, designed for every age group, are scheduled inside seven downtown public buildings. Food vendors will line the street around the historic district. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$1 for children under 13 years. The tickets are good for all events and will be on sale at each of the performance places. The festival gets underway at 7:30 p.m.

"Emphasis is on good wholesome family entertainment. So bring your party and join our party," Brock said.

Advance tickets may obtained in Kings Mountain at McGinnis Department Store. Among performing groups is the Kings Revue of Kings Mountain High School, under direction of Eugene Bumgardner.

Gas prices are lower

Motorists taking trips this Christmas will find gasoline prices significantly less than what they were at Christmas a year ago, but virtually unchanged from Thanksgiving.

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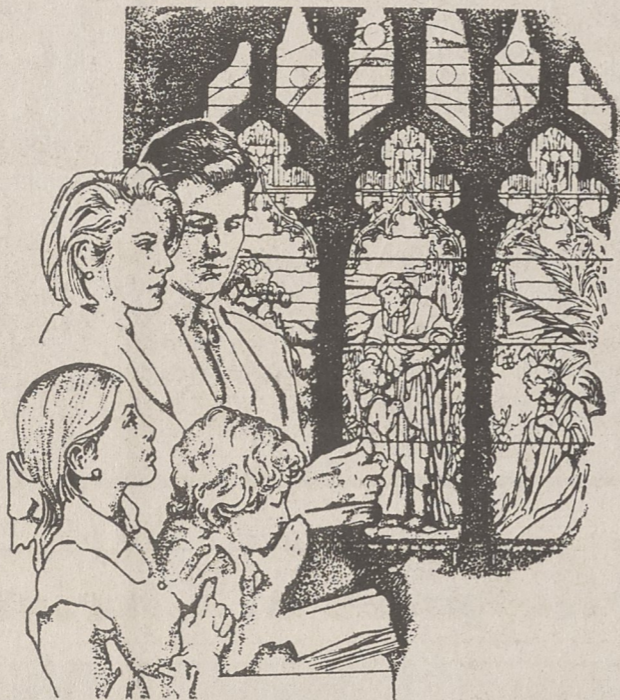


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