



Employees of the City of Kings Mountain string lights around the Christmas tree at Mauney Memorial Library.

Free books available at library ceremony

Come early for the Christmas tree lighting at Mauney Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 2 and get your choice of free books from the discard collection.

Open house will begin at 6 p.m., and as you tour the library and browse through its resources, top by the discard collection in the Electronic Media Room and choose five free books for your personal collection. A wide assortment of books will be available, including paperbacks, hardbacks, fiction and nonfiction. These books are no longer needed in the circulating collection but would be excellent additions to your home library.

ROSE TURNER

KM Librarian



The tree lighting program will begin at 7 p.m. as we gather on the front lawn, weather permitting, to sing Christmas carols. Mrs. Wanda Wilson will lead the singing as the entire community lifts its voice in praise and celebration to begin the holiday season. The program will

include a variety of songs, from Joy to the World and Silent Night to Jingle Bells and Rudolph.

During the music, Santa Claus is due to arrive from the North Pole. When I last contacted Mr. Claus, he was making some minor repairs on his sleigh but he assured me it would be in running condition by December 2. He is looking forward to seeing all the boys and girls of Kings Mountain that night. He requested that we ask all the children to form a line so that each will have a turn and no one will be left out.

There is not much time left until

See Library, 6-A

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chordist with the Chamber ensemble Carolina Baroque and has been featured soloist with the Western Piedmont String Quartet in Hickory and Charlotte and with Atlanta Symphony Players at the annual Bach-Around-the-Clock Festival with flutist Akal DevSharoone in several costumed Bach and Mozart Birthday Bashes; and in performances of the complete Bach Brandenburg Concerti, Handel's Messiah and Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

The harpsichord is an historic instrument whose strings are plucked by a mechanism operated from a keyboard.

First reported in the 1400's, harpsichords were the main stay of music instruction and accompaniment until the popularization of the piano in the late 1700's. They have been fashioned through the centuries in different shapes and sizes and have seen an awakening of interest in the latter half of this century.

Hanneman's splendid instrument was made for him in 1983 by Peter Tkach of St. Louis, who followed the design of a still-operable antique at the Smithsonian, made in 1745 by Johannes Dulcken of Antwerp, now in Belgium. It has two keyboards, is eight feet eight inches long, is finished in cherry and rosewood and bears a soundboard painting by Andrea Tkach of wildflowers and butterflies.

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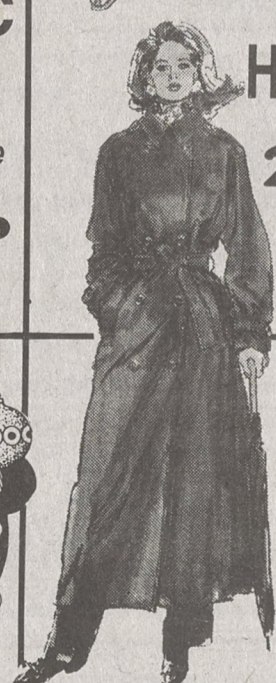
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