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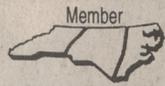
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KM Christmas parade Saturday

Santa Claus is coming to town Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the 103-unit Kings Mountain Christmas parade.

The sponsoring Kings Mountain Parks & Recreation Department promises a spectacular opening to the holiday season with pretty girls, high-stepping bands, colorful floats, dignitaries and, of course, the star of the parade, jolly ole Saint Nick.

U.S. Congresswoman Sue Myrick of the Ninth District will serve as grand marshal.

Parade Chairman David Dellinger said that the parade will line up on West Gold Street in the area of City Hall, proceed right at Fred Kiser's Restaurant and through the middle of town, turn right at the overhead bridge at US 74 and disband in the area of Kentucky Fried Chicken on East King Street.

Dellinger says it isn't too late for more entries and those interested should call Recreation Director Tripp

Hord at 734-0449.

The Shriners' Piedmont Pistons, a longtime favorite of parade watchers, will be No. 99 in the parade lineup. The Kings Mountain High School Marching Band, Madison McCollough Brass Master Band and Greenville CYO Marching Corp will add sparkle to the parade which will feature dancers, children's church floats, the Cherryville Police Cadet Drill team, KMHS Carrousel Princess Christie Hughes, the Carolina Cruisers Car Club, America Cover Miss Lauren Williams, Scouts, Gardner-Webb University cheerleaders, Belkie Bear, Telephone Pioneer Clowns, the KMHS Homecoming Court, White Plains Shrine Club float, Shrine Bowl Queen Courtney Elkins, America's Cover Miss NC Baby Bailey Roxanne Wright, Cleveland County Junior Miss and many more.

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See
You
to the
parade!



Council delays pool bid

A study/report presented to City Council identifies 97 violations of state codes at city owned and operated Deal Street Pool.

Tuesday night City Council took no action on a recommendation by Recreation Director Tripp Hord and Rod Worthington of Artesian Pools Inc., who prepared the study, on starting the bid process for renovations which would top \$182,000.

"We won't be able to operate another summer unless some improvements are made," said Hord who acknowledged there were no funds in the recreation budget.

"Council has stonewalled again," said Joe Champion, a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission after the meeting.

There was little discussion by Council members.

City Manager Gary Hicks said Council asked for the study but he suggested that Council take a look at all the needs of all city departments at budget time and prioritize them.

"I'm not trying to throw cold water on the swimming pool," he said.

Hicks said that with 10 percent cutbacks in every city department that department heads are being asked to plan for four or five years ahead, not necessarily a "wish list."

But Champion said after the meeting that the city spent \$50,000 last year to patch up the pool so it could operate this summer.

"It was a waste of money," he said.

Mayor Scott Neisler suggested that a county recreation grant of \$45,000 could be used to possibly cushion a lease purchase for some of the improvements so that the pool could be operated next summer.

"This project could be high on our list when it comes up on the table at budget time but where do we get the money?" asked Councilman Phil Hager.

Hicks maintained that Council needed to look at the whole picture before setting the pool as the top price tag of city needs.

Neisler suggested the board look into ways to finance the project.

"The swimming pool is just one priority and Council needs to examine each need," said Hicks.

Champion said the Council has been putting off fixing the pool for three years.

Artesian Pools recommended that the city build a new junior Olympic pool and wading pool inside the existing swimming pool, demolish the existing wading pool and most of the existing concrete patio, pour new concrete patios, replace all swimming pool piping and circulation equipment, install a new fence around the wading pool, replace lavatories, water closets, urinals and partitions in the dressing and sanitary facilities, repair the existing roof and showers, install 10 year winter safety cover and develop comprehensive operation and maintenance manuals.

The report outlined extensive structural damage and code violations, noting that partial renovation of the pool would not meet the state codes and was not a viable option.

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LITTLE OFF THE TOP

KM's Wyn Huskey, 86, still cutting hair

By ELIZABETH STEWART
of the Herald Staff

Wyn Huskey at 86 says he's the perfect example that work won't kill you.

Huskey, a retired poultry farmer and barber, has been cutting hair since he was 14.

"And that's a lot of hair and a lot of years," said Huskey this week as he used his electric clippers to cut A. W. Causby's hair in the modern barber shop he built in his back yard in 1967.

Wednesday is probably Huskey's busiest day but he also opens Thursday, Friday and Saturday and then he ends the busy week's activities by eating out with friends at a fish camp or steak house.

Since Huskey's wife of 62 years, Eula Dover Huskey, died two years ago he does some cooking himself - egg custards are his specialty - but he likes to eat out and spends as much time as he can with his two sons and their families. Mrs. Huskey died September 18, 1993, six days after the couple's 62nd wedding anniversary.

Long active in Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Huskey is an avid golfer. The whole family had Thanksgiving dinner with son Bob and Laura Morris Huskey in

Hendersonville. Huskey's son, Dean and Nancy Morgan Huskey, came from Spartanburg, SC to join the family of six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Huskey spent part of the day golfing with his sons.

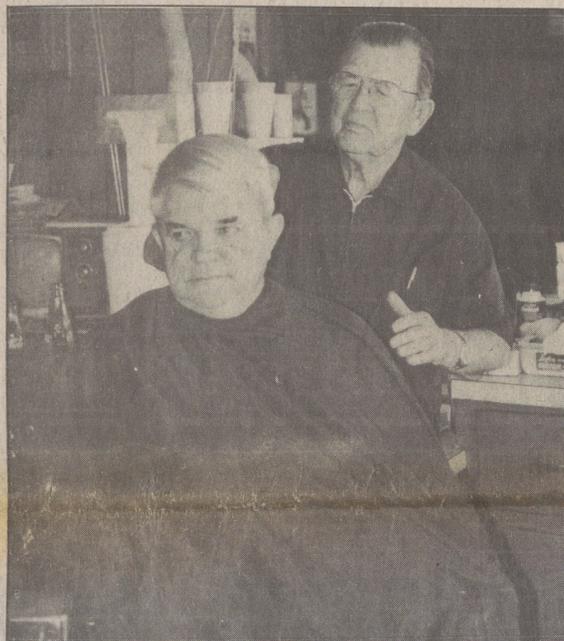
Huskey used to cut his three brothers' hair every Sunday morning in South Carolina before they went to church and in those days he was too young to have a license and cut hair with hand clippers. It wasn't long until Pink Huskey turned the business over to his son. Wyn has been cutting hair on a regular basis since he moved to Kings Mountain in 1939.

In between hair cutting, Huskey worked at the old Margrace Mill for 14 years. That's where he got the unusual nickname of Hot Dog.

Huskey was superintendent of the dyehouse during the World War II years and his co-workers tagged him "Winnie." Hag Goforth, another co-worker, added Hot Dog and the name stuck.

Huskey built his new home on Oak Grove Road in 1953 but lived in it only 30 days before he took a new job at Hyde Park Mills in Covington, Tn.

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W. B. Huskey cuts A. W. Causby's hair at the Huskey barber shop on Oak Grove Road.

KM department heads can live outside city limits

Mayor Scott Neisler broke a 3-3 tie vote Tuesday night by City Council that changes a policy that now permits department heads to live outside the city limits.

Last November the Council approved an ordinance requiring that department heads live within the corporate limits.

"I probably would not vote this way if Kings Mountain had a larger residential area but housing is so limited in Kings Mountain now and it isn't fair to ask a new employee who lives a mile or two out of town to move," said Neisler in siding with Councilmen Phil Hager, Rick Murphrey and Dean Spears.

Council members Norma Bridges, Jim Guyton and Jerry White voted against the change. Councilman Ralph Grindstaff was absent.

City Manager Gary Hicks recommended the new policy because he said it has limited the city's ability

to attract quality candidates.

"The residency requirements we now have restricts who we can hire," Hicks told the board.

"While we would like for them to live inside the city, if they live outside and commute in, that's to be expected in today's mobile society."

Under the amended policy only the city manager will be required to live inside the city limits.

Hicks said it has been difficult to recruit candidates for two city jobs, the position of planning director and personnel director.

"The restriction has a negative impact on the person we get," he said.

But Councilman Jim Guyton said department heads who don't live in the city won't pay city taxes and utilities and would go home after an eight hour shift.

"If we hire a person who lives 40 miles from here he won't contribute to the community," said Guyton.

Hicks disagreed, saying that the person hired will be expected to make some sacrifices and do his job, whatever it takes.

Neisler agreed, saying that the employee should be judged on the job he performs.

"We had a man once whose family was in town twice the whole time he served us and who's to say the next person won't be that way?" asked Guyton.

"I'm certainly not a prophet," said Hicks.

Both Councilmen Murphrey and Hager said the city can't get the most qualified people by making restrictions on where they live.

Councilwoman Bridges asked if out-of-town residents would be driving city cars to work and back.

Hicks said that department heads would use city vehicles only when they are on emergency call and only then would they drive the city vehicles home, regardless of where they lived.

Uncle Yan Patterson notes 100th birthday

God has blessed Yancey Patterson with 100 years on this earth and Sunday he expressed his gratitude as friends and relatives gathered to help him celebrate.

"Uncle Yan," as he is affectionately called by friends and relatives, has outlived his eight brothers and sisters in a family that spans five generations five times.

He smiled and nodded as balloons decorated his wheelchair and 103 friends from near and far called at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church fellowship hall from 2-4 p.m. to enjoy a slice of his birthday cake.

Mr. Patterson hears very little now but he always has a twinkle in his eye and loves company.

Clois Price Patterson, his wife of nearly 72 years in February, was at his side.

Mrs. Patterson was 15 and her husband was 28 when they said their "I do's."

"I guess it's a remarkable feat to be married as long as we have but we are happy," she said.

Patterson worked at Margrace Mill for many years in the machine shop and when the Margrace

closed he joined Bunch Inc. and worked there in the machine shop until about seven years ago. He is an Army veteran of World War I and may be one of the oldest living veterans in this area.

The Pattersons have seven children. They include Sue Bullock, Virginia Putnam, Vickie Moore, Betty Jane Grant, Jenene Weldon, James Patterson and Michael Patterson. A son, Glenn Patterson, died at age 59.

The only family member not present for the birthday bash was Lady Bug, a petite white Maltese and constant companion of Mr. Patterson.

"I really had a good time Sunday because I had seen so many friends I had not seen in a long time," he said after the party.

"Uncle Yan" was a century old on Friday, November 24.

"It's really hard to believe that I am 100," he laughed. Except for a hearing problem, he is in apparent good health.

As he said his goodbyes, he invited all his birthday guests to come to his 101st birthday celebration next year.



Yancey Patterson, 100 on Sunday, and his wife, Clois, greet guests at his birthday party at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church.

Essie Mae Carroll a 'Granny on the go'

By ELIZABETH STEWART
of the Herald Staff

Essie Mae Wilson Carroll, 88 on Sunday, is affectionately called "Granny on the Go" by her family and friends.

Mrs. Carroll is a spry Avon and Stanley sales lady who can be seen in her white 1988 Buick calling on customers almost every day, delivering the products but almost always starting the day with the breakfast crowd at Hardees.

"I don't have any plans for retirement and expect to live to be 100," said the silver-haired grandmother of 27 who chauffeurs many of her younger friends to shopping malls and restaurants.

Born November 28, 1907, Carroll retired from Osage Manufacturing in Bessemer City after 30 years of employment and admits that she has had more fun since retirement because she enjoys meeting new friends through her business she operates from her home on Lake Montonia Road.

She never misses a Sunday at East Side Baptist Church nor a day at the Kings Mountain Senior



ESSIE MAE CARROLL

Center. An active volunteer, she also visits shut-ins, volunteering at both the hospital and nursing home.

"I usually take a group of ladies out to eat at least once a week at Captain's Cap fish camp and shopping," she laughed, saying that a

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