



Santa Arrives!

Old Santa, with sleigh and reindeer, arrived Friday in Kings Mountain to officially welcome in the Christmas season. Santa

was the climax of the city's successful holiday parade. See more photos inside! (Mirror Photo by Rodney Dodson)

Post Office Has Heavy Christmas Mailing

Postmaster Charles Alexander reports a brisk business at the local Post Office, with sales exceeding those of previous years.

Cards were mailed the week of December 6-10. On Monday, Dec. 6, the figure was 9,547; Tuesday, 11,127; Wednesday, 10,640; Thursday, 11,786; and Friday, 11,534. "This should prove to be our largest Christmas business in years," said Alexander.

The Post Office reminds you to mail now to guarantee proper and expedient delivery of your cards and packages. The Post Office windows will be open from 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. daily, and will also remain open Saturday, December 18.

Won't Run For Senate

Broyhill Seeks Re-Election To House

Congressman James T. Broyhill has filed with the North Carolina Board of Elections for re-election to the United States House of Representatives. The Lenior legislator is seeking his sixth term in the U.S. Congress.

Plan, (Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston and Watauga.) In his 5 terms in Congress, due to re-districting, Broyhill has served 18 North Carolina counties.

who wish to give toys or those needy families who want toys will find the center open December 22, 23, and 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The local ministers who wish to obtain the cards of approval necessary to receive toys may go by the Central Methodist Church and pick them up there. Mirror asks

Ministers Sponsor Toys For Needy

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Assoc. will, again this year, sponsor a toy distribution center for needy families. The center this year will be located at the Community Center on Cleveland Ave. All

Mr. Jim Bowman, manager, said the Phenix Plant will be closed December 22 through December 26 for the Christmas holidays. Burlington wage employees in 14 states will receive year-end vacation pay to coincide with scheduled manufacturing plant closings for the holidays. Individual amounts are based on length of service. Burlington will give more than 74,000 traditional Christmas treat bags to children of employees this year.

Phenix Schedules Plant Vacations

Grover Postmaster Fain Hambricht has been named deputy director of the National League of Postmasters 10-state Southern Region. Hambricht was notified recently by Eugene Dalton, national president, that the league's board of directors had approved the appointment. Responsibilities of the post include representing individual postmasters at the regional level. Hambricht, who has served as Grover postmaster since 1961, will undergo a training program at the league's national headquarters in Washington, D.C. next year.

Postmaster New Director

Broyhill was first elected to Congress in 1962 in the old 9th District. After re-districting in 1967, his home county of Caldwell was placed in the 10th District.

At the time of filing Broyhill states, "Continued service in the House adds to Member's influence, knowledge, and responsibility. My additional seniority in Committee and in the House can be an advantage for the people of the district. Also, as I seek another Congressional term, I want to continue my practice of close contact with the people I serve by use of personal visit, questionnaires, and newsletters."

Broyhill continued, "The first duty of a Congressman is to vote on legislation. But I also believe that the Congressional office should be one of service. That is why I have always tried to make myself available to individuals to aid them with their problems in any way that I can. This practice will continue."

In commenting on speculation that he might seek state-wide office, Broyhill stated, "I have stated over and over that I will not be a candidate for state-wide office. The reason that I am officially

Adopts Gas Policy

Kings Mtn. Approves Sale Of Water To Bessemer City

The city of Kings Mountain approved Monday night the sale of water to Bessemer City on an emergency basis.

The approval was made by the Board of Commissioners following a report from the water committee, John Henry Moss Chairman, which recommended that the city board give favorable considerations to Bessemer City's request in the amount of 250,000 gallons daily.

The water committee had met jointly with the Bessemer City water committee, and the Mayor read a letter from Bessemer City requesting the emergency water. The attorney representing Bessemer City cited a dire emergency there at this time, with many industries having to curtail water.

The county of Gaston has agreed to use their water policy for the installation of a proposed 12 inch line running from the Kings Mountain Industrial Park to the Bessemer City Limits.

Under the general provisions of the contract, Kings Mountain's portion of the line reaches 31 feet East of the center line of Lewis Road. The committee recommended a 2 year contract with a one year notice of discontinuance.

Also under the provisions, Kings Mountain's gross volume delivered is not to exceed 200 gallons per minute or 250,000 gallons per day.

Bessemer City agrees to a \$1,000 monthly purchase, and Kings Mountain has the right to adjust water rates and has all tapping rights west of the Lewis Road boundary.

Kings Mountain may discontinue or reduce delivery of water in the event of mechanical failure, structural failure, fire, or acts of God.

Any line problem east of Lewis Road will be handled by Bessemer City. Should Bessemer City find itself in more desperate need, additional water can be acquired only through the city board of Kings Mountain.

To execute the proposal, Kings Mountain must acquire the water line, agree with Gaston County accept participation in the sale, and authorize the execution of the contract subject to final review.

The board approved a motion by Commissioner Ellison to acquire the line, and authorized the mayor to execute the

contract between the two cities. In his committee report Mayor Moss said Kings Mountain has an ambitious water program in progress, the water project is moving along, producing water on the Kings Mountain water project site on Buffalo Creek.

In other action Monday, the city adopted a series of recommendations by the gas department which became effective immediately.

The proposals include: a \$5 service call when the problem is no fault of the city; that a serviceman be on call 24 hours, 7 days a week; the city will not install parts, or provide labor or maintenance beyond the city equipment; the inspector will inspect equipment, piping installed by a company licensed to do business in the city.

The spring shut-off policy will remain the same.

Regard Christmas and New Years holidays for city employees, the board declared December 24, 25, 26 holidays for city employees; also January 1, 2, and 3 for New Year holidays.



It's That Time Again ...

With only 9 days left before Christmas, the rush is on to pick just the right tree to decorate the home for the holidays. Busy housewives seldom have access to the traditional tree selected from the woods, and enjoy the convenience of choosing from a number of pre-selected trees such as these for sale by

the Kings Mountain Jaycees. Mrs. Pat Dixon and son Mark, and Mrs. Charity Tignor choose three trees from salesman Fred Loop of the Oak Grove Community. Helping Loop is David Robinson. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch.)

City Schools Out 17th For Christmas Holidays

Kings Mountain City schools will dismiss for Christmas holidays on Friday, Dec. 17, and will resume full schedule on Monday, January 3rd.

Superintendent Donald Jones reports that there have been requests for school to dismiss early on the 17th, but plans are now for a full schedule on that day. reflection

New Medical Officers

At the annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Hospital medical staff, Dr. John C. McGill was elected new President, Dr. Thomas B. Durham, Vice-President, and Dr. Frank S. Sincos, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mirror Asks:

Last Friday the Kings Mountain Merchants Association sponsored a Christmas parade which was a success in spite of the bad weather.

We asked some people on the street what they thought about this year's parade.

Editor's Note: The questions in this column are asked strictly at random, with no attempt to solicit pro or con answers, nor are the answers edited to favor a certain opinion. The answers are those of the individual only, and are unedited, if printable. The answers in this column do not necessarily reflect the editorial opinion of this newspaper. It is not intended as a public poll, but merely an opportunity for individuals to speak out on issues.



MRS. NED YARBROW: "The parade was the best we've ever had - it was beautiful! All my children enjoyed it. It's usually always small. I'm real proud of Kings Mountain."



FLORA LEDFORD: "I thought it was real pretty, especially the Belk float. It was a little larger than we've been having."



BRENDA JENKINS: "I enjoyed it. I think it did a lot for the business, but I didn't care for the way some of the people watching it acted. The floats and all were a lot better."



MONROE GRIGG: "I didn't get to see it. I was working on the second shift, but I sure wish I could have been in it riding my trick horse."



GEORGE THOMASSON: "I thought it was a real good one - one of the best ones we've ever had. It was bigger and had more floats in it."