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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Christmas Parade Attracts Over 7,000

One of the largest crowds ever, an estimated 6,000 to 7,000 people, jammed Kings Mountain Sunday for the annual Kings Mountain Fire Department-sponsored Christmas parade.

The 80-90 unit parade was held for the first time on a Sunday afternoon and went off without-a-hitch in beautiful weather until the last minute when Santa's sleigh got in trouble on Gaston St.

The clutch in the fire department pick-up truck which was pulling Santa's reindeers and sled "got hot," according to Fire Chief Gene Tignor and there were anxious moments for many youngsters along the route until

Santa arrived, a little late. Some parade watchers were leaving the route but float driver Mike Taylor attempted to navigate the entire route with Santa, despite the heavy traffic of cars and people to give the thousands of youngsters a glimpse of Santa Claus.

Temple Baptist Church, which sponsored a puppet float in the parade, won the Fire Department plaque for the best float for the second year.

C.J. Underwood of WBTV's "Carolina Camera" was parade grand marshal and commented after the parade that "the turnout was better than our Charlotte parade Thanksgiving Day and this is one of the nicest

parades I've attended."

The high-stepping Kings Mountain Senior High Band and the Rambling Rebs, American Legion drum and bugle corps, set the pace for the 1980 parade which featured many children in colorful costumes, including beauty queens, scouts, church groups, and dance students. Religious floats, Cleveport Mills "fruits of the loom," and the Shriners of Oasis Temple were highlights. Channel 9 newsmen brought their helicopter and kids were delighted.

Fire Chief Tignor said the Fire Department expresses appreciation to the "entire community for their support and participation."

Your Blood Is Needed Wednesday At KM High

Kings Mountain Senior High students will sponsor a visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile Wednesday (tomorrow) and donors will be processed from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The Student Participation Organization is sponsoring the visit and the community is in-

ited to support the students in a goal of 200 pints of blood.

"Since this is the holiday season blood is badly needed," said Donna Wright, coordinator for the visit, who said that Kings Mountain Senior High students and Shelby High students are trying to reach a 400 pint quota

this month at bloodmobile visits slated at both of the schools. The school visits will be the only visits of the regional collecting unit to Cleveland County during the month of December.

"We need to meet our blood use this month and are encouraging Kings Mountain citizens to come out and support the bloodmobile," said Miss Wright, who said donors should eat breakfast or lunch before donating a pint of blood.

"There is a lot of competition between the KMHS and Shelby High students and, of course, we want to make our visit the best," said Miss Wright. She said all KMHS clubs are joining in the competitive spirit and for some students it will be the first time to give a pint of blood.

Over one hundred hospitals in the area depend on volunteer blood donors to meet their patients' blood needs. With the holiday season approaching, more people will be on the road visiting friends and families and shopping for holiday needs. They might forget how important it is to give blood. If there are not enough people donating blood this season - it could mean the difference for hospitalized patients needing blood or blood products. Patients in 102 hospitals in the area receive their blood supply through Red Cross Blood Services, Carolinas Region.

An average of 992 pints a day must be donated to meet these needs. The Red Cross provides the means through which volunteer donors can help. There are many leukemia patients, cancer patients and others that rely on blood donations for the red cells, platelets or plasma that are used for their treatments. Every single blood donation counts and is helping to save lives.

"Wednesday's visit and another at Shelby High Friday from 9 until 2:30 will be the only Bloodmobile visits in Cleveland County during December. Both have goals of 200 pints and need the community support to meet the goals. Anyone in the community who would like to donate should come and give the greatest Christmas gift of all - the gift of life," said Mrs. Martha Scruggs, director of the Red Cross Bloodmobile program.

Any B and O blood donors are encouraged to come also, she said, since the Red Cross has an urgent need for those blood types.

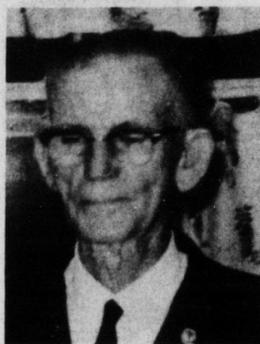
Funeral Services Held For Lloyd V. Gaffney

Funeral services for Lloyd Victor Gaffney, 90, retired owner of Gaffney Barber Shop and a Kings Mountain barber for many years before his retirement, were conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from Temple Baptist Church of which he was a member.

Rev. W.F. Monroe officiated at the rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Gaffney died Wednesday afternoon at 5 p.m. in Kings Mountain Hospital after declining health for several years. He was a native of Cherokee County, S.C., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Gaffney. He was twice married, to the late Elizabeth Curtis Gaffney and to the late Minnie Gordon Gaffney.

Surviving are one son, Curtis V. Gaffney of Kings Mountain; two stepsons, Yates Gordon of Kings Mountain and Gus Gordon of Shelby; three daughters, Mrs. J.H. (Irene) Medlin of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Sam



L.V. GAFFNEY

(Beatrice) Liscandro of Jamestown, N.Y. and Mrs. Charles (Kathleen) Peterson of Bethlehem, Pa.; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Charles Peterson and Mrs. Estelle Pennington, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Ossie Owens of Tarpon Springs, Fla., 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dewey Falls Service Conducted On Sunday

Funeral services for Dewey Fred Falls, 82, of 402 Wilson St., were conducted Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Harwood T. Smith, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Falls died Friday in Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was a retired textile worker and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. He was son of the late William and Mattie McCarter Falls and was twice married to Margaret Mitcham Falls and to Cora Barnette Falls.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Stowe (Marie) Deveney and Mrs. Kenneth (Virginia) Hardin of Kings Mountain; two step daughters, Mrs. Luther (Dorothy) Bennett and Mrs. Sue Wilson of Kings Mountain; two stepsons, Richard and Tommy



DEWEY F. FALLS

Barnette of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Clarence Falls of Kings Mountain and Carl Falls of Gastonia; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Yes, Kings Mountain,
There Is A Santa Claus



Photo by Gary Stewart

Some of the spectators at Sunday's Kings Mountain Christmas Parade headed for home when they thought Santa Claus failed to show. But, the old man just had a reindeer to run hot on him and after he got that straightened out, he caught up with the pack. An estimated 7,000 people attended the annual event, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

Needy Projects Underway

Several projects are underway in the Kings Mountain area to insure that the needy and underprivileged will have happy holidays.

Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is continuing its Helping Hand appeal, which is conducted at this season of the year but is a year-round project which provides staple food items, fuel and clothing to the area needy at all seasons. An offering was received at Wednesday night's community Thanksgiving service but ministers reported that Helping Hand funds are coming in slower this year and encourage citizens to continue their gifts.

Cleveland County Mental Health Association and the Mental Health Center is conducting Operation Santa Claus again this year to collect gifts for area residents in five state psychiatric or mental retardation facilities, as well as for local mental health patients.

Gifts should be new and not wrapped and can be placed in collection boxes in the Kings Mountain area at First Union National Bank, at the KM District Schools Office on Parker Street and at Grover City Hall.

Monetary donations are also welcome because they enable pa-

tients to buy specific items they may need. Checks should be made payable to the Mental Health Center or Mental Health Association and mailed to Mrs. Lynn Young, 222 Crawford St., Shelby, or to Carlos Young, P.O.

Box 204, Shelby, 28150.

For more information citizens can call Hallitt Blanton at 739-4589, Betty Potter at 739-8956, Beth McIntyre at 739-6686 or Freida McGinnis at 739-3485.

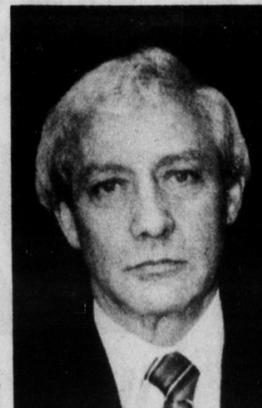
KM's Joe McDaniel Named To N.C. Legion Committee

Joe H. McDaniel Jr., city clerk and treasurer, has been appointed to a five-year term on the Administrative committee of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. He will represent the Fifth Division on the five-member committee.

McDaniel's appointment was announced by N.C. Department Commander Fred Corbett of Charlotte. The Administrative Committee is the policy-making group which leads the 45,000 member veterans organization.

A past commander of Post 155 of Kings Mountain and a past District 23 commander, McDaniel served as adjutant and finance officer for American Legion Post 155 of Kings Mountain for many years. In addition

to his activities on the post and state level, he was recently appointed to the national security



JOE H. MCDANIEL JR.

committee and membership committee in the national organization.