

Better Late Than Never, Santa!

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor hail, nor equipment failure will keep Santa Claus from making his appointed rounds.

But some people in downtown Kings Mountain at Sunday afternoon's Christmas Parade were beginning to wonder.

One of Santa's reindeers ran hot on the east side of Mountain Street and fell behind the remaining floats in the parade.

When some of the people in the Cherokee and East Gold Street areas saw what they thought was the last unit come through, they gave a disappointed look to each other, jumped in their cars and headed home.

But, most people thought old Santa had to be around somewhere and a few minutes later, Old Saint Nick, with Kings Mountain dog warden Stretch Bollinger running interference in a police car, came ho-hoing right on through. By the time the parade wound across the railroad tracks and on to West Mountain, Santa had caught up and parade watchers in that area didn't have the slightest idea anything had gone wrong.

Even though a few spectators left disappointed and thinking Santa wasn't in the parade, the Kings Mountain Fire Department-sponsored event was one of the best ever here.

It was the first on a Sunday afternoon, and that, perhaps, had something to do with the larger-than-usual crowd. The areas of South Battleground and West Mountain Streets were packed.

Notes and noted:

The Kings Mountain Jaycees will soon begin their annual Christmas tree sale with proceeds going to Jaycee-sponsored projects.

The local civic club this Christmas season will sell from the huge parking lot area of the Herald. They, and we, say come on down!



GARY STEWART

Send in a check for Christmas seals. Tuberculosis is on the wane from its once-terrible position as a killer, but the incidence of this disease is still sufficient to cause death. Purchases of Christmas seals make possible the continuance of a winning fight against this disease. A major portion of the funds remain at home to finance preventive measure against tuberculosis and to provide treatments for indigent patients who are unable to pay the cost of needed care.

The Children's Home of North Carolina has launched its annual Little Red Stocking fund-raising campaign and has a goal of \$130,000. The appeal is traditionally made during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season to help with the agency's ongoing program of service to children and their families. Gifts are tax deductible and may be mailed to The Children's Home Society, P.O. Box 6587, Greensboro, N.C. 27405.

Julie and Graham Wood are now "settled in." Graham, our minister at Dixon Presbyterian Church, and Julie moved here two years ago and purchased a home in the Quail Run sub-division to live in while they built their underground home on their 40-acre farm off Highway 161.

They moved in during the spring and for the past two Sunday afternoons hosted an open house to introduce neighbors and friends to the unusual construction.

The home is equipped with solar heat with a wood stove in the basement serving as a back-up system. Graham says the temperature hasn't been below a comfortable 68 yet, and that's without the stove being used.

Needless to say, the Woods, and their daughters Beth, Julia, Cathy and Louisa, are glad to be settled.



KEVIN MACK

Kings Mountain's Kevin Mack had a good season as a freshman running back at Clemson University this fall.

His records don't compare with the likes of Georgia's Hershel Walker, whose 1,617 yards broke the all-time record for a college freshman, but Mack certainly established himself as a part of Clemson's future.

The 185-pound tailback played in seven of the Tigers' 11 games, and rushed for 93 yards in 23 carries. His longest run was for 16 yards against Western Carolina.

The all-time KMHS rushing king for a single season (1,587 yards) also returned three kickoffs for 78 yards.

Thrift, 23 Charged In Fatality

Robert Dewey Thrift, 23, of Route 2, has been charged with manslaughter in the death of Julia Elizabeth Allran, killed in a wreck Nov. 13 on Maple Springs Rd.

Thrift is also charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, larceny of a vehicle and delaying and resisting an officer. His bond was set at \$7,600.

Miss Allran, 21, of Cherryville, a student at Appalachian State University, was a passenger in a car driven by Thrift. The car, which belonged to David Carrigan of Route 2, reportedly came out of a sharp curve on Maple Springs Road onto a bridge, slide sideways into the left lane where it struck an iron bridge rail, went down an embankment and overturned.

The driver and two passengers were thrown from the car. Miss Allran was found face down in the water. Coroner Bennett Masters said autopsy reports show that Miss Allran drowned as a result of the wreck.

Thrift was admitted to Cleveland Memorial Hospital with injuries and Boyd Smith, of Route 2, was treated and released.

Griggs, 22 Dies Tuesday In Accident

Henry Nelson Griggs Jr., 22, of Route 3, died Tuesday after he was caught in a napping machine at L&K Company near Shelby.

Shelby Rescue Squad member Carroll Bingham said employees had Griggs out of the machine when he and another rescue member arrived at the scene. Griggs was taken to Cleveland Memorial Hospital but later transferred to Charlotte Memorial Hospital where he died at 11 a.m.

Assistant Coroner Jim Gold said Griggs suffered injuries to both his head and arms. He said an autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from Washington Baptist Church of Waco, interment following in the church cemetery.

Griggs is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson Griggs Sr. of Route 3, two brothers, Moses Griggs of Kings Mountain and Mike Griggs of the home, and two sisters, Faye and Donna Griggs, both of the home.

Enloe Mortuary of Shelby was in charge of arrangements.

BREAKFAST

Bethlehem Baptist Church will hold a Foreign Mission Breakfast Sun., Dec. 7th, at 8 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Reservations for families attending should be made at the church office by Friday.

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