



## Kings Mountain To Celebrate

At least six Kings Mountain churches will hold Candlelight services on Christmas Eve and the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a 9 a.m. Worship Service Christmas Day.

First Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and Resurrection Lutheran Church will hold the traditional 11 p.m. service, First Wesleyan Church has arranged a Watch Night service from 11 until midnight, and Dixon Presbyterian Church and Boyce Memorial ARP Church will hold 7 p.m.

services.

At First Presbyterian Church, a Family Christmas service will be planned at 7 p.m. Children of the church will enact The Nativity under the direction of Mrs. Cheshire, Mrs. and Mrs. Jerry. At 8 p.m. the Candlelight Communion Service will feature special music under the direction of Merrill Austin. Christmas Eve services will include "Worship Thee", "Burn", featuring

## Good Sign: Kelli Harry Squeezes Father's Hand

The condition of nine-year-old Kelli Harry remained unchanged Wednesday but her grandmother, Mrs. B.A. Harry, said the youngster squeezed her father's hand but has not regained consciousness in Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Kelli, a fourth grader, was critically injured Thursday when she was struck by a pickup truck in front of Grover School. The youngster reportedly ran between vehicles waiting to pick up children at the school and into the path of a pickup truck operated by Amos Shear of Grover. The incident took place about 2:45 p.m. on Carolina Avenue in front of the school.

There is no crossing guard at the elementary school. Kelli is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Harry of Grover.

John Cissell, a National Military Police, is credited by school officials with saving the girl's life. Cissell was at the school to pick up a child when he administered medical aid and resuscitation until a paramedic started breathing. The rescue squad's arrival, Scroggs wrote Park Supt. Michael Loveless praising the efforts of Cissell, a licensed medical technician who had operated the ambulance service for Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky prior to coming to the military park.

"We appreciate the concern of so many during this trying time and know there are prayers being said for Kelli all over the country," said Mrs. Harry.

## Identification Process Still Not Completed

A skeleton found last summer in York County, S.C., may be that of a Kings Mountain woman who has been missing for several years, but positive identification will not be known until after a dentist has completed his identification process, a spokesman for the York County Sheriff's Department said today.

Medical experts at a Spartanburg hospital have been working for several months on creating sculptures of two faces of skeletons found in that county

since July.

Kings Mountain police took photographs of the first two phases of one of the sculptures, and both sculptures have been shown on area television stations as law enforcement officials asked for public assistance in the identification process.

A Charlotte television station reported last Friday that the identification of the first sculpture will be announced within a week, but York County officials said the report was incorrect.

## Hamrick Elected C Of C President

Larry Hamrick, Jr., Kings Mountain businessman, has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association for the coming year.

Mr. Hamrick will succeed Jim Potter.

Other new officers are Burris Ramey of Sadie Mills, first vice president; W.S. Fulton, III of Fulton's, second vice-president; and Dan Honeycutt of First Union National Bank, treasurer.

New directors are Doyle Campbell of McGinnis Department Store, Gary Whitaker of First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Larry Wood of Foote Mineral Company, Andy Neisler of Cloninger & Neisler Attorneys, and Bill Grissom of Ben T. Goforth Plumbing. Holdover directors are outgoing president Jim Potter, of Park Yarn Mills, John Major of

Eaton Corporation and Allen Propst of Cornwell Drug Company.

President-Elect Hamrick is a 1974 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 1978 graduate of Wake Forest University where he was active in Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He joined Wartick and Hamrick Association in the insurance and real estate business in 1978 and is active as an agent in both insurance and as a realtor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hamrick, Sr. of Kings Mountain. Active in Central United Methodist Church, he serves on the administrative board. He is secretary of Kings Mountain Jaycees. Hamrick is married to the former Florrie Pulley of Fayetteville and they reside at 403 West Mountain St.

Wesleyan Church. Vinelee Phillips Missionary Society is sponsoring the worship program and service of carols.

Dixon Presbyterian Church will hold a Candlelight Communion service at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve. Special music will be presented by the Choir. The service will follow the presentation of a live nativity scene on the front lawn of the church which has continued four evenings under the direction of Mrs. Graham Wood. The sanctuary will be decorated with a Christmas tree, candles, and poinsettias.

Boyce Memorial ARP Church will hold a Candlelight service at 7 p.m. and special music by the Choir will be featured. Mrs. Lynn Echols will serve as organist-director and will accompany Miss Frances McGill who will sing the Christmas anthem, "O Holy Night". Mrs. Charles Blair will be at the piano.

A 11 p.m. Eucharist service will be held by St. Andrew's Episcopal and Trinity Episcopal Churches on Christmas Eve at the Bessemer City church. The Christmas Day 9 a.m. worship service will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Kings Mountain.

## Housing Complex Okayed

Mrs. Ruby M. Alexander, Kings Mountain realtor, got an early Christmas present from Santa this week in the form of a letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, advising her that her loan request has been approved and funds reserved for a new housing complex for the elderly in Kings Mountain estimated to cost \$300,000.

The Kings Mountain woman probably holds the distinction of being the only North Carolina female ever granted a loan for construction through this agency.

Mrs. Alexander said that she had been pursuing federal financial assistance for nearly three years. The city board of commissioners in April 1977 authorized construction of 12 single bedroom apartments for the elderly, giving approval to the N.C. Housing Finance Agency and Alexander Realty, Inc. of Kings Mountain to build 12 single bedroom units for the elderly at the northeast corner of Gantt and Morris Streets. The N.C. agency will be built by

Alexander Realty. The units will be rent subsidized and the location of the proposed housing will be convenient for senior citizens, said Mrs. Alexander.

Groundbreaking is expected to be held at the one acre site on Jan. 12th. Carl Morrison of Shelby is general contractor for the new construction and Murphy Martin Associates of Shelby are architects.

Alexander Realty, a Kings Mountain business citizen for many years, has over the years developed 13 acres of single family dwellings in the Linwood Area and in the area of KMSHS

and has constructed two apartment complexes on Mountain and Juniper Streets in recent months.

Morrison said the new housing will be composed of four brick veneer buildings with four units to each building. The one bedroom apartments will be energy efficient.

The Morrison firm has constructed numerous public buildings in town, including Western Auto Store, First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Independence National Bank and the American Legion.

## You'll Get Your Herald On Wednesday Next Week

The Herald will be on the streets and in the mail on Wednesday again next week.

Because the New Year's Holiday falls on one of our regular press days, the paper will publish only once.

Deadline for news and advertising for the paper will be 5 p.m. Monday.

The paper will carry a Tuesday dateline and be published late Tuesday afternoon.

## Board Meets Monday Night

A Special, Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners has been called for Monday, Dec. 29, at 12 Noon for the purpose of reviewing the Pre-Application of the Small Cities Application for Grant to be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Greensboro Area Office.

The Pre-Application is to be submitted by Jan. 1.

## Minor Damage In House Fire

Kings Mountain Firemen responded to two fire alarms during the weekend.

Depot Stop and Go reported fuel spillage Sunday morning at 9:25 a.m. No damage was reported.

A wood stove caught the wall on fire at a residence at 4 Bennett Dr. Sunday afternoon at 2:15 p.m. Firemen reported minor damage.

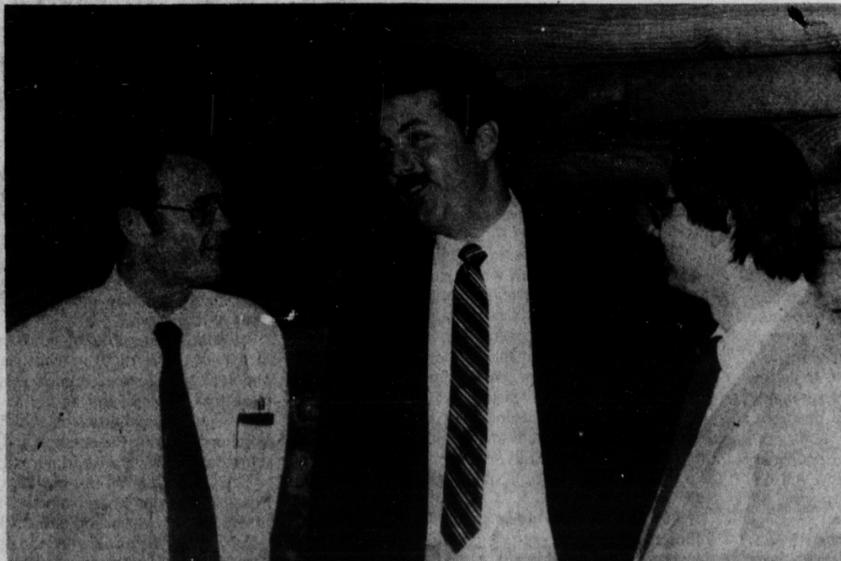


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NEW OFFICERS - Pictured are new officers of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association. From left, Burris

Ramey, vice-president, Larry Hamrick, Jr., president, and W.S. Fulton III, vice president. Not pictured is Dan Honeycutt, treasurer.

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