

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Photo by Gary Stewart

READY TO HELP - If Santa Claus needs help delivering toys Christmas Eve and early Christmas morning, he might want to call on Shane Davis for assistance. Shane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis, played Santa in a kindergarten Christmas program at Grover School and struck up a conversation with the big Santa, played by Larry Crocker, after the program.

Kings Mountain Citizens Prepare For Christmas '81

Kings Mountain area citizens will be utilizing vacation days this week to make their final preparations for Christmas 1981. Most workers will enjoy at least one day off from their jobs, and many will receive up to two weeks. Most plants in the area will pay Christmas bonuses. Over 4,000 children in the Kings Mountain District schools will be dismissed two hours early today and will not return to classes until Mon., Jan. 4. A check of local industries found vacation schedules running from two days to over two weeks. Employees of Eaton Corporation of Grover will enjoy the longest holiday period. They suspended operation last Thursday and will resume on January 4. Anvil Knit suspended operations Friday afternoon and will resume operations on January 4.



AWARD WINNER - Rev. Kelly Dixon, left, is presented the Kings Mountain Sertoma Club's first annual Service To Mankind Award Thursday night by Club President Lynn Wellborn. Looking on at right is Dr. Harris Blair, who spoke at the Service to Mankind Award Banquet at Hank's Steak and Chicken Ranch.

Sabettie Leukemia Chairman

The Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter announced today that the 1981 Commerce & Industry Chairman for Kings Mountain will be Louis Sabettie, Jr. The Leukemia Society of America is dedicated towards the conquering of leukemia. Proceeds from the Commerce & Industry drive will be used in research and patient-aid. At the present time the Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter has \$492,935 in research projects granted in the state of North Carolina. These research projects are being conducted at Duke University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The Leukemia Society of America is also providing financial assistance to 225 patients in the state of North Carolina. In spite of remarkable medical advances in the last ten years, leukemia remains a Number 1 killer disease of children. Leukemia is no longer a hopeless disease. Years ago over 90% of everyone with leukemia died within six months but today the picture is much brighter for children and adults due to the research that has helped in treatment and diagnosis. When a volunteer calls, consider that the funds will be used right here in the state of North Carolina in research and patient-aid. Anyone wishing information can contact Sabettie at 739-3116.

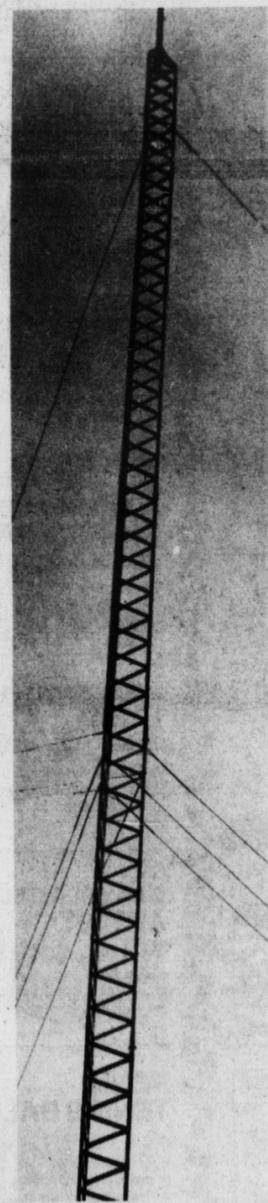


Photo by Ginger Hall

TV COMING - Cable Systems Inc. last week began stringing cables from the cable TV tower at its office on City Street, and expects to have full service in the city within three months. Cable Systems anticipates serving 1,800 of the 3,000 homes in Kings Mountain. Installation charges will run from \$5 to \$10, depending on whether or not customers choose basic or basic and HBO service, and monthly rates will run \$15 to \$24, depending on the service.

Herald To Print Thursday

The Herald will return to normal publication next week. The paper will go to press on Wednesday and carry a Thursday dateline. Deadlines will return to normal, with social news deadline 5 p.m. Monday, advertising deadline 5 p.m. Tuesday, and sports and regular news deadlines at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Herald will close Wednesday at noon for the Christmas holidays and will re-open at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Burlington Industries closed at 6 a.m. Friday and will resume operations at 6 a.m. on Mon., Dec. 28. Parkdale Mills suspended operations on Friday and will remain closed through December 26. Operation will resume with the third shift on December 27. K Mills also closed Friday, will re-open January 28 and will give employees another holiday on January 1. Kings Mountain Knit will observe a split holiday schedule. The plant will close Wednesday and reopen Mon., Dec. 28 through Wed., Dec. 30, then close again and resume operation on January 4. Mauney Hosiery will close Wednesday and reopen on January 4, and Park Yarn Mills will close Wednesday and reopen with the third shift on January 3. Commercial Shearing will give three holidays, Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day. Kinmont Industries and Spectrum Fibers will observe the shortest holiday schedules. Both will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will resume operations Monday. Employees of the City of Kings Mountain will also receive three paid holidays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Minette Sale Talk Underway

Talks have begun for the sale of Minette Mills, the largest employer in Grover with a work force of 350 persons. Charles Duval, Minette secretary-treasurer, said last week that several parties have made offers, but the mill has not been officially sold. Minette, formed in 1919 by C.F. Harry, is owned by Raybestos-Manhattan of Trumbull, Conn. That firm acquired Minette last spring when it purchased Minette's parent, AVC Corporation of Radnor, Pa. Minette was sold to AVC in 1973. Wade Clloyd of Raybestos said that corporation is involved in heavy industry and since Minette is a textile plant and has different production and marketing from other Raybestos operations, it was decided to sell it.

Kelly Dixon Honored

By GARY STEWART
Editor
Rev. Kelly Dixon, well-known Kings Mountain minister and former Mayor, was honored Thursday night as the winner of the Kings Mountain Sertoma Club's first annual Service to Mankind Award. The presentation was made during a special awards banquet at Hank's Steak and Chicken Ranch by Lynn Wellborn, president of the newly-organized Sertoma Club. Dr. Harris Blair, a retired Associated Reformed Presbyterian minister and a charter member of the KM club, was the speaker. Rev. Dixon, 79, was honored primarily for his volunteer work at the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, where he serves as chaplain, counselor and friend of all the residents there. He was nominated by the administration of the center, and selected by a special selection

committee from the Sertoma Club. He will be entered in competition for the District Service to Mankind Award by the KM club. Rev. Dixon has been the volunteer chaplain at KMCC for eight years. He holds worship services there once a week, visits every patient individually and takes part in all the special activities there. He has pastored 116 churches in the area, and organized the Cherokee Street Baptist Church in Kings Mountain several years ago. He still serves as a pulpit supply for ministers who are on vacation and teaches the Adult Men's Sunday School Class at Central United Methodist Church, where he is an active member. "We didn't want to give the award to someone who is just out there for recognition," Wellborn said. "Rev. Dixon has done it for others. Our club's motto is 'Make Life Worthwhile'

and he's tried to do that for the senior citizens at the Convalescent Center." Rev. Dixon, who was reared and educated in the Bethlehem community, was a carpenter for many years before his retirement, and served one term as Mayor of Kings Mountain in the early 1960's. "He's always been one to be involved," Wellborn said. "At 79, he's still involved by being a friend to others who are less fortunate than himself. I hope his example will be an example for all of us." "It's a great honor," Rev. Dixon noted, "and I'm appreciative of it. I wasn't doing anything for self-glory or for any honor from other people. The things I've done, I did because I love to do it." Rev. Dixon and his wife, the former Elizabeth Patterson, were married in 1921 and have nine children, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Seven of his children still live in Kings Mountain.

The Christmas Story

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS STORY
(Luke 2:1-20)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.