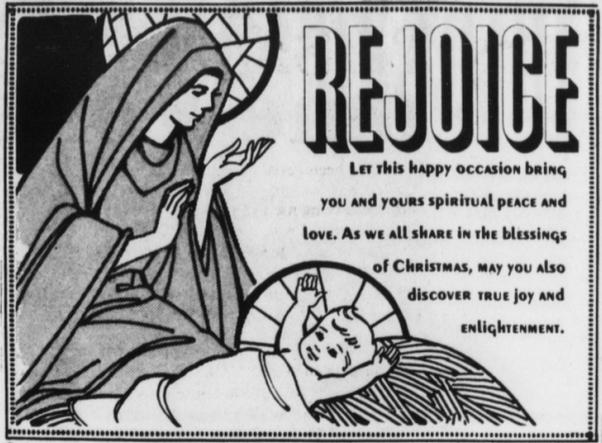




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TOYS DONATIONS - Employees of the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center and members of the Kings Mountain Jaycees last week presented Kings Mountain firemen with donations for their Toys for Tots program. which benefits needy children at Christmas. The administrative staff this year made Toys for Tots donations instead of exchanging gifts and the

Jaycees purchased used bicycles and gave the firemen a check to cover the cost of repairing them. Left to right are Carolyn Bell and Faye Barbee, KMCC employees; firemen Gene Tignor, Bill Herndon and Bud Ware; and Jaycees Larry Hamrick, Myers Hambright Jr. and Alan Propst.



Let this happy occasion bring you and yours spiritual peace and love. As we all share in the blessings of Christmas, may you also discover true joy and enlightenment.

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28 Deaths Predicted

The N.C. State Motor Club estimates 28 people may die in traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways over the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays, two of the most meaningful holidays of the year.

The state will count its toll from 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24 through midnight Sunday, December 27 for Christmas; and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 31 through midnight Sunday, January 3 for New Years.

Last year 19 were killed and 1,015 were injured over Christmas holidays, while 17 were killed and 826 injured over the New Year holiday. Each holiday was celebrated over a 102-hr. period.

"This prediction, as well as every other holiday prediction is always an unpleasant job, and we are always hopeful that our predictions will far exceed the actual loss of life at the end of the holidays," stated Dr. John G. Frazier, president of the statewide motor club. "However, statistics cannot be ignored, and with each holiday we are hopeful that our message will reach more and more motorists, making them aware of the dangers and the fact that only the drivers themselves can help reduce the needless number of deaths that occur on our streets and highways." Frazier added.

The problem strikes at all segments of the population—infants, the elderly, drivers, riders, and pedestrians. The facts show the tremendous loss of young people in their most vibrant and productive years. Approximately half of all highways fatalities are under 30 years of age.

Local and State Highway Patrol officers will be out in full force during the holiday period, concentrating on the speeding and drinking driver.

"Have a safe holiday", Frazier stated, "and help keep you and your loved ones out of the collision statistics."

Christmas Means Some Good Eating

The very mention of the word "Christmas" brings to mind any number of images: round sidewalk Santas appealing to holiday shoppers; twinkling lights dancing upon the boughs of an evergreen; pleasant hearthside gatherings of family and friends.

Food figures in

Of all the associations that come to mind when thinking of Christmas, one of the most vivid is that of holiday foods. For Christmas, like no other time of the year, seduces even the most disdainful of cooks into the kitchen.

Fruitcakes laden with raisins, currants and citron and laced with a good dose of sherry or brandy, are an old holiday tradition.

Buttery cookies, cut in the shape of candy canes, reindeer, stars and Santas are a favorite with children. An adventure-some baker might try his or her hand at a gingerbread house—when decorated with spice drops, icing and sugary confetti, it's a visual treat too good to eat.

Diet next year

Don't be afraid to indulge in the seasonal goodies. After all, those New Year's resolutions to diet are just around the corner!

Peace on Earth



His birth brought love and hope to all mankind...embracing hearts with joy and spirits with true peace. Let the celebration of this holy day fill each of us with renewed happiness, as we share in thanks for the many blessings we behold.

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