

...And A Partridge In A Pear Tree

Dear Santa,

Somebody said the other day that Christmas is just around the corner. I'd swear that it's been only a couple of months since last Christmas.

But, whether I'm ready or not, you'll be coming on down in a couple of days, so you might as well throw these items on for the following:

An Orange Bowl victory for Clemson's Tigers, and Player of the Game honors for the Tigers' fullback from Kings Mountain, Kevin Mack...

A Gator Bowl win for the North Carolina Tar Heels, and a national championship for the UNC basketball team. You might as well throw in National Player of the Year honors for UNC's James Worthey, a Gastonia Ashbrook product...

A state 3-A basketball championship for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers and college scholarships for their trio of three-year starters, Carl Smith, Demetrius Goode and Terrence Blalock. State Coach of the Year honors for John Blalock would be nice too...

An after-Christmas turnaround for Kings Mountain's girls basketball team, which is struggling at the present. But, Santa, we remember last year at this time. The girls were having their problems then, too, but they came on strong to finish second in both the Southwestern Conference regular season and tournament. You can do it, Santa...

A Southwestern Conference wrestling title for the young, but coming Kings Mountain High grapplers. Coach Steve Moffitt missed winning the SWC title last year, and that's unusual for him...

Rocking chairs for Muhammad Ali (I still prefer to call him Cassius Clay, though) and Smokin' Joe Frazier, two former heavyweight champions who have been washed up for years, but continue to embarrass themselves by making comeback attempts. And a little sense for fight promoters and fans, who are still crazy enough to pay them big purses and buy tickets...

A return to power for Kings Mountain High's baseball team, which



Stewart's Slants

By Gary Stewart

was down a little last spring after going to the state 3-A finals the year before...

All-American honors for Kings Mountain's talented southpaw, Tim Leach, at Wingate College, and a national NAIA title for Wingate. They barely missed last spring...

Plenty of big, strong, smart, and good shooting basketball players for Davidson College and its new head coach Bobby Hussey. Hussey worked wonders with the Kings Mountain High and Belmont Abbey cage programs, and he'll do the same at Davidson if Wildcat fans will be patient...

A strike-free major league baseball season in 1982. I never could get interested last year...

Great success for the newly-organized youth basketball league in Grover. A handful of adults are carrying the whole load of getting the program off the ground, and they need the support of the community...

More people like Will Sanders and Steve Brown to get involved in youth sports in Kings Mountain. They, and many others, give generously of their time year in and year out to help our youngsters...

Some more transfers like Bert Long for the KMHS football program. If the Mounties could get 11 transfers a year like Bert, they'd dominate the Southwestern Conference...

Tons and tons of clothes, toys and Christmas goodies for Rev. Charles Keyes of Hickory, better known as the Parson of the Hills, who each year is Santa Claus to thousands of needy families in the Appalachian mountains...

An accident-free, fire-free, crime-free Christmas Day, so the good

Letter

Doing Good Work

To The Editor;

An open letter to the **Kings Mountain Herald** concerning Donald J. Deal and Christopher H. Cole:

Please allow me this opportunity to express to you my sincere appreciation for the tremendous work that you both are doing in the developing of the musical talents and abilities of our young people in Kings Mountain. Our school system is most fortunate to have two people with such expertise.

The musical talent as expressed in your "Winter Concert" presented by the Kings Mountain Junior High School 8th. Grade Band; the Junior High 9th. Grade Band; and the Kings Mountain Senior High School Blazer Band at the High School on December 17, 1981 was superb. I cannot remember ever attending a concert more enjoyable.

Keep up the good work. I know that it is rewarding to see such musical talent growing to fruition. Both of you, and the young people in your bands, are to be commended for such a job well done.

Looking forward to your Spring concert, I remain

Gratefully yours,

Dr. G. Tom Patterson
Pastor
Macedonia Baptist Church

Bypass Project Still Go

The N.C. Department of Transportation Friday approved a revised highway program calling for \$1.2 billion projects over the next seven years.

Many highway projects already approved were cut, but the Kings Mountain Highway 74 bypass project was approved as previously scheduled.

That \$30-plus million project is already well underway and is scheduled for completion during the fall of 1983.

DOT officials said a \$4 million paving project will be let during the current fiscal year and another \$2 million paving project will be let during 1983.

The bypass project from Piedmont Avenue to Bethware School is already complete, except for the paving, and the interchange project connecting 74 and I-85 is scheduled for completion in 1983.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPERSTITIONS

Superstitious? If so, as midnight approaches on December 31, open the windows in your home and sweep from back to front, allowing the old year's bad luck and evil spirits to be swept away, while letting in the New Year's good luck. On New Year's Day, break a pomegranate on your doorstep in the Greek tradition. This is said to bring wealth during the new year.

people who volunteer their time and talents as firemen and rescuers can spend the day with their family and friends...

A Southwestern 3-A Conference tennis title for Coach Ed Guy of the Mountaineers, who has been chasing Shelby for years. One of Guy's teams once won the Western State 3-A title, but they've yet to win the regular season conference crown...

A number of state titles for Kings Mountain's young state-ranked tennis players, Jeff Guy and Brian Jones. When those two youngsters get to the high school ranks, maybe the above-mentioned request will come to pass...

A change of attitude for recently fired South Carolina football coach, Jim Carlen. He's a pretty decent coach, Santa, but he can't get along with people...

More people like Kelly Dixon of Kings Mountain, who has spent his life in service to his friends and neighbors, and who was well-deserving of the Sertoma Club's Service To Mankind Award which he received last week...

A chain of fish camps for Paul Hord of Paul's Seafood in Kings Mountain. The whole world should experience the good taste of Paul's green shrimp...

A spare fork for Dr. Charles Adams to carry along with him when he eats out at Chinese restaurants...

Good health, peace and a very Merry Christmas for everyone.

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Pharmacy Topics

By RAY JOYE

There may be a link between allergies and arthritis, says a Connecticut allergist. Certain allergens seem to cause musculo-skeletal allergic reactions.

Keep mouthwashes away from toddlers. If ingested in large amounts, they may be poisonous—and you know that toddlers will eat or drink almost anything.

Free booklet explains the causes of diabetes, its effect on the body, monitoring methods, and current treatments. Write: Ames Diabetes Group, P.O. Box 70, Elkhart, IN 46515.

Therapy for cancer—directing heat to a tumor—may be effective, say doctors, especially used in conjunction with anti-cancer drugs or radiation.

Beto-endorphin, a biologic pain reducer, has been injected directly into the brain by neurosurgeon Yoshio Hosobuchi of the University of California at San Francisco to relieve severe pain of head injuries. Genetic engineering scientists are "teaching" bacteria to make this substance.

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