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## Local News Bulletins

**RELEASED BY ARMY**  
Cpl. W. P. Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Fulton, has been released to inactive duty status by the army, following Cpl. Fulton's completion of two years of active duty with the signal corps. Cpl. Fulton was on duty at Fort Belvoir, Va.

**TO BREVARD**  
W. D. Sawyer, state highway patrolman, has been transferred to Brevard after four years duty in Kings Mountain. Officer Sawyer and family moved to Brevard Wednesday.

**KIWANIS MEETING**  
A. H. Jones, vicepresident of the American Trust Company, of Charlotte, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night at 6:45 at Masonic Dining Hall. The program was arranged by the club finance committee, of which B. S. Peeler is chairman.

**SPECIAL SERVICE**  
Rev. C. W. Kirby, Superintendent of the Gastonia District of the Methodist church will be the visiting minister at Grace Methodist church Sunday at morning worship services at 11 o'clock. Announcement was made by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Grant.

**PLEDGES SORORITY**  
DURAHM—Shirley Elizabeth Arthur, of Kings Mountain, is one of 196 Duke University coeds who have been pledged to the 13 national Greek letter sororities on the Woman's College campus. Miss Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur of 200 W. King Street, pledged Phi Mu.

**LIONS MEETING**  
Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hear a musical program presented by the high school men's octet at the regular meeting of the organization Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall. The octet is under the direction of James G. Blanton, of the high school faculty, and includes Ben Hudson, Darrell Austin, Palmer Huffstetler, Gene Ellis, Earl Marlowe, Jerry King, Tim Gladden and Bill Briggs.

## Fire Damages Ware Home Here Thursday

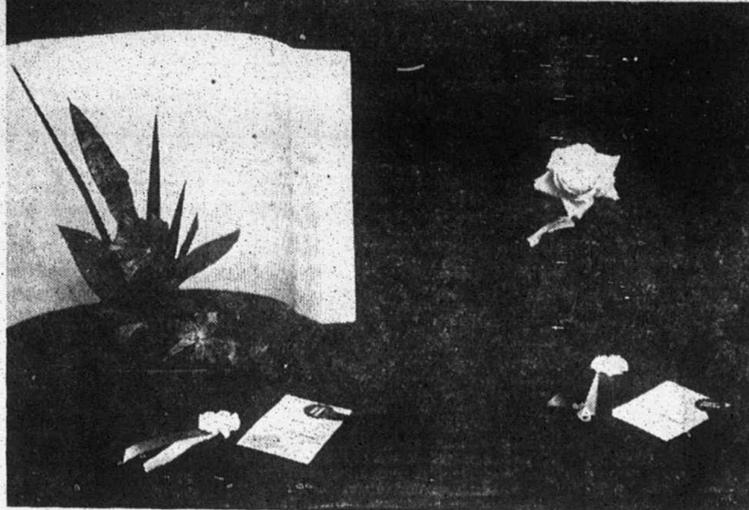
City firemen extinguished a fire at the Ben Ware residence at the Margrace Mill village Thursday morning at 3:15 o'clock. Cause of the fire, which started behind the mantle of the fireplace was a faulty flu. Damages to the dwelling was estimated at \$300. Three grass fires were also extinguished during the week, on Wednesday at noon and Monday at 10:25 a. m. and 3:15 p. m.

## Home B. & L. Accounts Insured

The Home Building & Loan association has been accepted for membership in the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, according to notification received by A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer, Wednesday. Membership in the corporation means that all savings accounts held by the building and loan association's shareholders are insured up to \$10,000.

## Overseas Mailing Deadline Nearing

Postmaster W. E. Blakely reminded parents and friends of servicemen overseas of the approaching deadline on mailing of Christmas parcels. Deadline is set at November 15. Mr. Blakely said packages are limited to 70 pounds in weight and cannot measure more than 100 inches in width and girth combined. Weight limit on air parcel post is two pounds, he added.



THESE WON TOP FLORAL FAIR HONORS—Shown above are entries which won the top tri-color awards at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club's 49th annual Floral Fair last week. At left is the all-green arrangement exhibited by Mrs. J. L. McGill, judged the most outstanding arrangement in the show, and, at right, is a Peace rose, exhibited by Mrs. E. B. Ellerbe and judged the most outstanding specimen in the show.

## Winners Listed For Floral Fair Competition

Winners in competition at the Kings Mountain Woman's club floral fair, held at the club house on October 29, were announced this week with Mrs. John L. McGill awarded the sweepstakes prize for winning the most blue ribbons.

Mrs. E. B. Ellerbe won the tri-color award for the most outstanding specimen, a peace rose, entered in the show and Mrs. McGill also won the tri-color award for most outstanding arrangement, an all-green arrangement.

"The 49th annual Floral Fair was the biggest and best ever held and we wish to thank everyone who worked, the committees and chairmen, to everyone who entered the competition, and to the firms who donated the prizes and to the Kings Mountain Herald for publicity," Mrs. George Houser, chairman of the event, said this week.

## Other winners were:

**Horticulture**  
Annuals: Blue Ribbons—Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. J. R. Davis, Mrs. Hunter Neisler, 2.  
Red Ribbons: Mrs. J. E. Herrndon 2, Mrs. Hunter Neisler 2, Mrs. John McGill, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Mrs. W. T. Weir.  
Yellow Ribbons—Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Mrs. P. G. Padgett.  
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## City Schools Band To Attend Game

The Kings Mountain school band will attend the University of North Carolina Virginia football game at Chapel Hill on Saturday. Band Director Joe Hedden made the announcement, stating that the school had accepted the invitation of UNC officials to be their guests at the contest and to perform during halftime ceremonies. The band will travel by auto, with many citizens making the trip to transport members of the unit.

## Miss Averitt's Uncle Dies Of Injuries

Funeral rites for Herschell Strange Averitt, 80, prominent Fayetteville lawyer and an uncle of Miss Alice Averitt of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday afternoon at Fayetteville's Hay Street Methodist church. Mr. Averitt died Saturday of injuries received six days previously, when he had been hit by an automobile. Born on May 1, 1872, in Steadman, he had lived in Fayetteville since passing the bar in 1903. Surviving are his wife, a son and three grandchildren.

**ON HOME MISSIONS**  
Mrs. Paul Mauney will give an address on home missions at Dixon Presbyterian church at the regular Sunday School hour Sunday at 3 p. m.

## World Community Service Friday

Kings Mountain churchwomen will observe World Community Day Friday evening with a community-wide service at First Presbyterian church at 7:30.

Principal speaker for the service will be Rev. Morton Kurtz, an ordained Baptist minister, and director of finance for the Kansas City, Mo., Council of Churches. Theme of this year's annual observance is "Building Lasting Peace," and citizens of the community are being asked to give "Packets for Peace," articles of good used clothing for infants and children up to six years of age. An offering will be taken, with proceeds to provide medicines for needy children around the globe.

The public is invited and urged to attend the service, which is being sponsored jointly by the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen and the Kings Mountain Woman's Club. Both Continued on Page Eight

## Former Citizen Suicide Victim

Floyd Bridges, former Kings Mountain citizen, died in Lumberton at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning of self-inflicted wounds, according to information received here early Wednesday afternoon. Robeson County Coroner D. W. Biggs called Harris Funeral Home here to notify the Kings Mountain firm that the body was being brought here for funeral rites. Other details were not given. The address of Mr. Bridges' wife was given as Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

## Schools Of Community To Join In Education Week Observance

The thirty-second observance of American Education Week will begin on November 9 and continue through November 15 with the theme, "Children in Today's World". The churches of Kings Mountain will open the week with special services on Sunday, followed through the week by daily topics stressed by teachers on the following subjects: Monday, "Their Homes"; Tuesday, "Their Heritage"; Wednesday, "Their Schools"; Thursday, "Their Country"; Friday, "Their Opportunity"; Saturday, "Their Future". In addition to the stressing of these topics in individual classrooms, the students at each school will attend three assembly programs. A minister will visit each school for one program; the band will perform at another; and a play carrying out the theme will be presented. Another special feature of the week will be a newsreel entitled, "Movie Trailer", sponsored by Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion. The movie will run the entire week at the Joy Theater. Each day open house will be held in the schools until 10 a. m. Parents and patrons are invited to visit the schools during this time.

## Bond Election Registration Starts Saturday

With one election just over, another election process starts here Saturday. Registration books will open for the first of three consecutive Saturdays on the December 6 city bond election issue, whereby the voters will decide whether the city shall issue \$600,000 in bonds for improvements to the city's sewage disposal system, including extension of lines, mains and other improvements.

Books will be open at each of the five ward polling places all day Saturday. Persons already registered are not required to re-register. The five polling places and the registrars are: Ward I at City Hall, C. L. Black. Ward II at City Hall, Mrs. H. R. Parton. Ward III at Phenix Store, Mrs. Ruth Bowers. Ward IV at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company club room, Paul Ledford. Ward V at Victory Chevrolet Company, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr. It was announced this week that Mrs. J. H. Arthur would serve as a judge in Ward V, replacing C. C. Wilson, who had declined to serve due to ill health.

## Fire Chief Says City Tinder Box

Fire Chief Grady King warned Kings Mountain citizens this week to avoid all outdoor fires of all kinds until rainfall dampens the community.

Chief King, in his statement, pointed out that "the community is dry as a powder keg". He said "No trash or leaves should be burned even in a seemingly protected incinerator, for sparks could easily ignite and cause heavy and costly fires." Several alarms have been answered by the city fire department in the past week, an indication the tinder box situation at the moment, though losses have been minor.

## Still Apologizes To Solicitor

Mayor Garland E. Still, in a letter to the Kings Mountain Herald this week, publicly apologized to district Solicitor James Farthing of Lenoir for a verbal attack made last July. The Mayor had accused Solicitor Farthing of delaying prosecution of court actions against three city commissioners.

## Styers Raises Prize Gourd

W. F. Styers brought to the Herald office this week an unusually large gourd he had raised during the current season. The gourd "handle", or stem, measured 41 inches in length and the circumference of the large bulbous "dipper" section was 27 1/2 inches. In olden days the gourd was an almost indispensable piece of equipment around a spring. It made an excellent dipper and a long handle was desired.

## Golph Portrait Unveiling Planned

Tentative plans for the unveiling of the portrait of the late Lotie Golph, benefactress of Kings Mountain hospital, call for a special unveiling ceremony on Sunday afternoon, November 23, according to announcement yesterday by Joe Dixon, hospital business manager. The portrait, painted by J. Lee Settlemyre, Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, has been completed. Program for the unveiling ceremonies is being arranged by a committee which includes C. D. Blanton and Hunter R. Neisler, hospital trustees, and Mr. Dixon.

## Stevenson Ahead In City; Ike Gets Township Margin

### Bethware Box Goes Republican; Vote Here Close

Number 4 Township citizens turned out to the polls in record numbers Tuesday, returning a majority to the Republican candidate for president for the first time since 1928. The township total was: Eisenhower 1,918, to Stevenson's 1,854, a margin of 64 votes. Kings Mountain's two large precincts, where 3,004 persons voted, gave Stevenson a slim 15-vote margin, the East Kings Mountain box favoring Stevenson by 22 votes, the West Kings Mountain box favoring Eisenhower by seven votes. The big Republican box was Bethware precinct, which returned 235 Eisenhower votes against 118 Stevenson votes in its first general election. The Bethware precinct was created two years ago. Grover supported Stevenson, 232 to 194. The Bethware box was solidly Republican, though the margins it gave to Republican candidates for North Carolina offices were small, varying from six to 15 votes.

The township totals for state offices gave all Democrats a lead of 1,100 to 1,200 votes, for an approximate two-to-one majority. For governor, the township supported William B. Umstead (D) by 2,437, over Herbert F. Sewell, Jr. (R) by 2,437 to 1,224, and it supported for member of congress from the eleventh district Woodrow W. Jones (D) by 2,406 over George M. Pritchard (R) at 1,211. Totals for other state offices were within the same general range.

County and township Democratic tickets were unopposed for county offices and, of course, received large vote totals. The unopposed county Democratic ticket was led in Number 4 Township by District 2 county commissioner Hazel B. Bunnard, of Kings Mountain, who polled 2,537 votes, second high runner in this group was State Representative B. T. Falls, Jr. at 2,554. All these candidates polled in excess of 2,500 votes in the township.

Township offices were also sought only by Democrats, with the returns officially electing the following: for constable, Paul Byers, for magistrates, J. Lee Roberts and Otto Guyton. The township supported each of three amendments to the North Carolina constitution. These totals were: for limiting the total of county tax to 20 cents per \$100 valuation, 1,497, against 1,095. For amendment relating to filling General Assembly vacancies, 1,303, against 851. For amendment relating to filling of certain state offices 1,278, against 634.

## Lions Continue Rummage Sale

The Kings Mountain Lions club will continue its rummage sale this weekend, according to announcement by E. E. Marlowe, chairman of the project. The sale is being conducted in the J. R. Davis building on Mountain street, former location of City Floor Service. The doors will open at noon Friday and the sale will be continued all day on Saturday. Mr. Marlowe said more bargain offerings are being added for the forthcoming weekend.

## DYE RELEASED

John Robert Dye has been released from active duty with the navy. Dye, who has been stationed aboard the USS Armistead, Norfolk, Va., has served with the navy reserves corps for a year.

## Pinkney Roberts, Jr., Reported Killed In Action In Korean War

Pvt. Pinkney Roberts, Jr., 19, has been reported as killed in action on October 29 while fighting with the First Marines in Korea. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Roberts, Sr., of route two, were notified by telegram received on Sunday. The young Marine was serving with a field artillery unit of the 1st Marine division. He landed in Korea on October 1, leaving the United States on September 15 after completing boot training at Paris Island. A former Grover high school student, he had entered the service on February 4. The body will be brought back to Kings Mountain later for final interment in Memorial Park, Mountain Rest cemetery. Pvt. Roberts is survived, in addition to his parents, by two brothers, Edward and David Roberts, and five sisters, Mrs. Edith Henderson, of Camden, S. C., Mrs. Virginia Frederick, of Greensboro, Mrs. Ethel Dower, of York, S. C., Mrs. Isabelle Odum, of Varnville, S. C., and Mrs. Donnie V. Miller, of Grover.



**THE WINNERS**—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, above, Republican presidential candidate, and Senator Richard M. Nixon, below, vice-presidential running mate, were landslide victors in Tuesday's general election. Not final, but near-complete returns gave the GOP team 442 electoral votes to 89 for the Democratic ticket of Stevenson and Sparkman. The newly elected president and vice-president assume their offices in January.

The victory, which first appeared a smashing GOP party triumph, seemed on Wednesday at noon to be more of a personal victory for General Eisenhower. There was still a question as to which party would control the Senate, though the Republicans had scored some gains, and the race was reasonably close for control of the House of Representatives, though the edge of already.

## Election Sidelights

It was apparent early Tuesday morning that Kings Mountain citizens were going to the polls in record numbers. In the first half-hour of voting at West Kings Mountain precinct, 73 persons cast their ballots. It was an average of better than two-per-minute.

## East Kings Mountain Precinct Election Officials Were Almost Equally as Busy

East Kings Mountain precinct election officials were almost equally as busy. They didn't have time to vote themselves until the end of the day. Their names appear last on the poll books, prior to the absentee voters.

## First Voters of the Day Were Herbert Adams, at East Kings Mountain Precinct, and J. V. Stewart at West Kings Mountain Precinct.

The voting was unusual from many standpoints. Little fanfare attended the voting. Missing were the customary banners adorning cars of partisans. Voters were not being flouted with cards for favorites. And seldom have lines formed for voting at past general elections. Lines were prevalent at both Kings Mountain precincts for much of the day, and some 35 persons were still in line at West Kings Mountain box as the clock reached 6:30 p. m., official closing hour. As was practiced all over the nation, voters in line at closing hour were allowed to vote. East Kings Mountain virtually came out even, the line of voters having voted as the closing hour was reached. The presidential totals, chief in interest to local voters, were virtually completed of counting Continued on Page Eight

## County Stays In Democratic Ranks With State

The Republican party, led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, came back from 20 years of defeat Tuesday to win a smashing landslide election victory for its national ticket. The GOP split the so-called Solid South for the first time since 1928, and, with returns still incomplete late Wednesday morning, held a huge electoral vote lead of 442 to 89.

Even the few states, including North Carolina, which appeared to be definitely in the Democratic column, had returned unusually high Republican votes. North Carolina, breaking all records for voting, went to the polls more than one million strong. With about 200 precincts still to report the lead of the Democratic candidate Governor Stevenson was about 90,000 votes.

Cleveland county, traditionally Democratic in the pattern of the state, remained in the customary column. The final unofficial total for the 28 county precincts was: Stevenson 9649 against Eisenhower's 7088, a Democratic margin of 2561 votes.

South Carolina was being credited to Stevenson in spite of the defection of Governor James F. Byrnes. The popular vote was very close, but South Carolina had the choice of voting for two states of Eisenhower electors, Tuesday's general election. Not final, but near-complete returns gave the GOP team 442 electoral votes to 89 for the Democratic ticket of Stevenson and Sparkman. The newly elected president and vice-president assume their offices in January.