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Now that the hurricane season is upon us, Southern Bell is busy making preparations to keep the telephone network operating in Kings Mountain in case a hunricane or severe storm should strike the area.

R. B. Moore, local Southern Bell manager, said today that e-mergency batteries and genera-tors are maintained at all times to take over and supply electri-city to Kings Mountain phone system should normal power service be temporarily interrupted by storm damage Emergency crews are also kept really to deal with any damage a storm might do to telephone equipment.

Hurricane season preparations are begun in May of each year up in key locations in North Carolina. These groups meet and lay the groundwork for storm preparations. Company personnel are briefled on their individual responsibilities, emergency supplies and materials are assembeld and checked and the capabilities of emergency telephone lines and civil defense circuits are review-

When an actual hurricane is ighted precautions are accelerated. Western Electric, the Bell System's supply division, is alerted to stockpile emergency re-pair equipment, poles and cable at strategic locations. These supplies can be quickly transported to emergency areas. Also, telephone people in other areas are notified to be prepared to move

in if they are needed.

The advance preparations and the close teamwork of Southern Bell employees during past disasters have paid big dividents. When Hurricane Hazel cut a broad swath of destruction through the Carolinas a few years back, advance planning helped minimize the time requir-ed for restoration of service. Restoration crews consisting of more than a thousand men, skilled in repairing telephone lines and ca-ble, rushed from Charlotte, Gastonia and Greensboro to telephone exchanges in stricken areas of the state. Help also arrived from Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. Because of the Bell S stem's standardized equip ment, training and operating procedures, the "borrowed" re-pairmen were able to begin work

immediately.

As a result of teamwork and dedication, the last of the 15 exchanges isolated by Hazel had long distance connections re-esblished within 30 hours after ne storm str. ck. Of the 38,000 telephones silenced by the storm, over 18,000 were operating at the close of that long weekend.
(By planning ahead, Southern Bell hopes to be able to maintain, or at least provide early restoration of, telephone service North Carolina communities their times of greatest needduring and immediately after natural and man-made disasters

14 pt - GRACE METHOdists **Grace Methodists** To Have Picnic

Sermon topic of Rev. N. C. sh, pastor of Central United Methodist church, at Sunday morning Hol, Communion ser-vices will be "Table in the Wild-

Following the services a church-wide pienic will be held at Lake Crawford, Shelter No. 1,

Haskins Home From Vietnam

Sgt Andy Haskins, son of Mrs. Hattie Haskins and the late Howard Haskins, has arrived home after a year's tour of duty in Viet

After a 30-day leave here, Sgt flaskins will report for duty at England AFB in Louisiana. Sgt. Haskins arrived home Tuesday.

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Horse Show

Dallas — Jim Atkins, Republican candidate for the N. C. State Senate, told a federal government class at Gaston College on Friday that "the two-party system offers the only practical solution for preserving our demogracy".

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Atkins went on to explain why he switched to the Republican Party. "It was hard to close my eyes to what was going on. I be lieve in people and not self-perhas a tendency to corrupt", Atkins said. "Whenever one group pulls strings for too long a period, they create a cesspool of government which is stagnant and stag

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ringmaster and Duke Anthony will be master of ceremonies. Admission will be \$1 Uor adults and 50 cents for children under 12. Entry fee is \$3 per class.

The showgrounds are located 1½ miles southwest of Grover with directional signs. A conces sion stand will also be operated.

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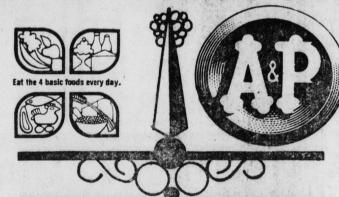
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