

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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## Registration Books Will Open Saturday

### Registrars Anticipating Busy Season

Registration books for the November 8 general election will open Saturday at all the county's 28 precincts. Number 4 Township polling places and registrars are: East Kings Mountain (City Hall Courtroom), Mrs. Nell Cranford; West Kings Mountain, (Victory Chevrolet Company), Mrs. J. H. Arthur; Grover (Grover fire station), Mrs. J. B. Ellis; Bethware (Bethware school), Mrs. John Jones.

Registrars expect a brisk registration season. Mrs. Arthur said Wednesday that her telephone has been kept busy recently, as would-be voters called to inquire about registering.

Eligible voters may register on three consecutive Saturdays, with the registrars to be at the polling places from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on October 15, 22, and 29. November 5 will be Challenge Day.

Ralph Gilbert, county elections board chairman, noted that a person who meets the residence requirements may register and vote if he or she will be 21 years of age on or before November 8. Absentee votes are permitted in general elections.

While Mr. Gilbert said he did not anticipate that absentee voting will be permitted for "mere convenience", applications will be honored from citizens who definitely need to vote absentee. The hospitalized, the ill at home, persons who expect to be out-of-town on business, college students, teachers with residence in the county but teaching elsewhere are eligible to vote absentee, as are servicemen and their families.

The voter, or a member of his family, may apply for an absentee ballot. In turn, the absentee voter must mark his own ballot, seal it and have the form notarized before mailing it to the chairman of the county elections board. Deadline for applying for absentee ballots is November 4.

Lists of all absentee voters will be posted on voting day in the precinct in which they reside. Kings Mountain registrars reminded local voters that registration for city elections do not make them eligible for the forthcoming election. Unless their names appear on the county books, they won't be able to vote on November 8.

### School Board Meets Monday

Kings Mountain City Schools board will meet in regular session Monday night at 7:30 in the superintendent's office at Central School.

Supt. B. N. Barnes said Wednesday the meeting will be a routine business session.

**COURT POSTPONED**  
The regular Monday session of City Recorder's Court will be postponed until Thursday next week in the absence of Judge Jack White.



OPEN HOUSE PLANNED—Southern Bell Telephone Company will hold open house Thursday in its new building at 208 W. Mountain St. Pictured above, Bell officials, map final plans for the event to be held from 6 until 10

p. m. Left to right are Mrs. Norva Hopper, service representative, Floyd Farris, manager, Mrs. Adeline Hagar, service representative, and Jack Barham, plant supervisor.

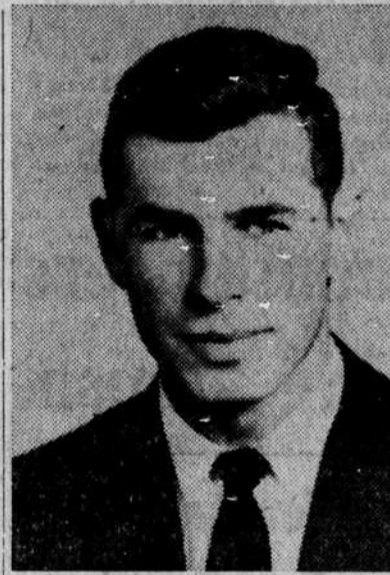
## "Autumn Harvest" Event Wednesday

### Woman's Club Presenting Floral Fair

Details for the 1960 Woman's Club-Garden Council Floral Fair have been virtually completed and officials said yesterday they anticipated a record-breaking event in all departments.

The fair opens at the Woman's Club at 12:30 on Wednesday, October 19th and closes at 9 p. m. Competition is open to the public in both arrangements and horticulture.

As is customary, dinner will be served in the club dining room



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### Southwell Plonk Motor Manager

Robert (Bob) Southwell has assumed the duties of manager of Plonk Motor Company, Kings Mountain Ford dealer, it was announced this week by Fred W. Plonk, owner.

Mr. Southwell, a native of Rome, Ga., is a graduate of Davidson college, and a veteran of two year's army service in Germany.

His father is a Lincoln-Mercury dealer in Rome, Ga., with whom he has been associated.

Mr. Southwell recently attended a Ford merchandizing school. He served as a deacon of Rome's Westminster Presbyterian church, before moving here.

He and his wife, the former Dorothy Saunders, of Southern Pines, and their two children, live at 206 N. Piedmont avenue. Mrs. Saunders is a daughter of W. P. Saunders, now of Raleigh, and the late Mrs. Saunders, both former Kings Mountain citizens.

### Red Cross Names Mrs. Kesler

Mrs. Thomas L. Kesler has been appointed chairman of volunteer workers in the Kings Mountain Red Cross blood program. It was announced this week by Mrs. O. W. Myers, blood program chairman.

Mrs. Kesler replaces Mrs. J. N. McClure, who resigned on becoming a member of the city schools faculty.

Mrs. Kesler will be assisted by Mrs. James Rollins.

both at mid-day and in the evening. Serving will be from 11:30 to 1:30 and from 5:30 to 7 p. m.

Out-of-town judges will begin the tasks of determining prize winners at 10:30 a. m.

A bazaar will again be a feature of the annual show.

Theme of the flower show, Autumn Harvest, is "Cavalcade of America" and the theme will be carried out in invitational classes as well as arrangements. Garden clubs of the city are preparing arrangements to carry out the theme. These will not be judged.

In competitive classes, prizes will go to first, second, third, and fourth place winners. Coveted awards are the tri-color, the awards of distinction and the sweepstakes, all of which will go to outstanding exhibits in both categories.

Mrs. Wilson Crawford, publicity chairman of the event, said yesterday that the current fair should be one of the best ever held. "The committees have been working diligently and most cooperatively, and we feel everything is in readiness for the fair," she said.

Mrs. W. M. Gantt is general chairman of the flower division. "Autumn Harvest" is sponsored jointly by the Kings Mountain Woman's Club and the Kings Mountain Council of Garden Clubs. The Garden Council includes all garden clubs in the city.

**Park Visitation Reported Good**  
Fall visitation to Kings Mountain National Park was described as "good" by Supt. Ben F. Moomaw this week.

Mr. Moomaw noted that a number of visitors were students who had been trekking to the park from different parts of the state.

**JAYCEES MEETING**  
Kings Mountain Jaycees will gather Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at the Long Bow Restaurant on Shelby Road for their regular bi-monthly session. The program for the meeting will be presented by Les Roark of Shelby, the district supervisor of Pilot Life Insurance Company.

The insurance included \$25,000 on the 60-year-old frame clubhouse and \$5,000 on the contents. Fire leveled the main building. The concrete block locker room, pro shop and lounge remain standing, but Dr. Plonk said initial estimates indicate about \$2,000 will be required to repair these facilities for operation.

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### Fire Leveled Country Club Early Sunday

Decision on rebuilding of Kings Mountain Country Club, leveled by fire early Sunday morning, awaits settlement with insurance carriers and action by the stockholders, Dr. George W. Plonk, president, said Tuesday.

It is possible the insurance adjustment will be completed this weekend, according to Wes Bush, of C. E. Warlick Agency, which shared the \$30,000 coverage with the Arthur Hay Agency.

The country club board of directors met Monday night and named a three-man committee to confer with the insurance adjusters, the committee including P. M. Neisler, Sr., Fred W. Plonk, and James E. Herndon.

Should the loss be ruled "complete", as the country club officials contend, the club would have approximately \$21,000 available for investment in a new building, Dr. Plonk noted.

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### Annual White Cane Sale For Blind Will Be Conducted By Girl Scouts

Kings Mountain Girl Scouts will conduct the annual White Cane sale for benefit of the blind here on Saturday and on October 22.

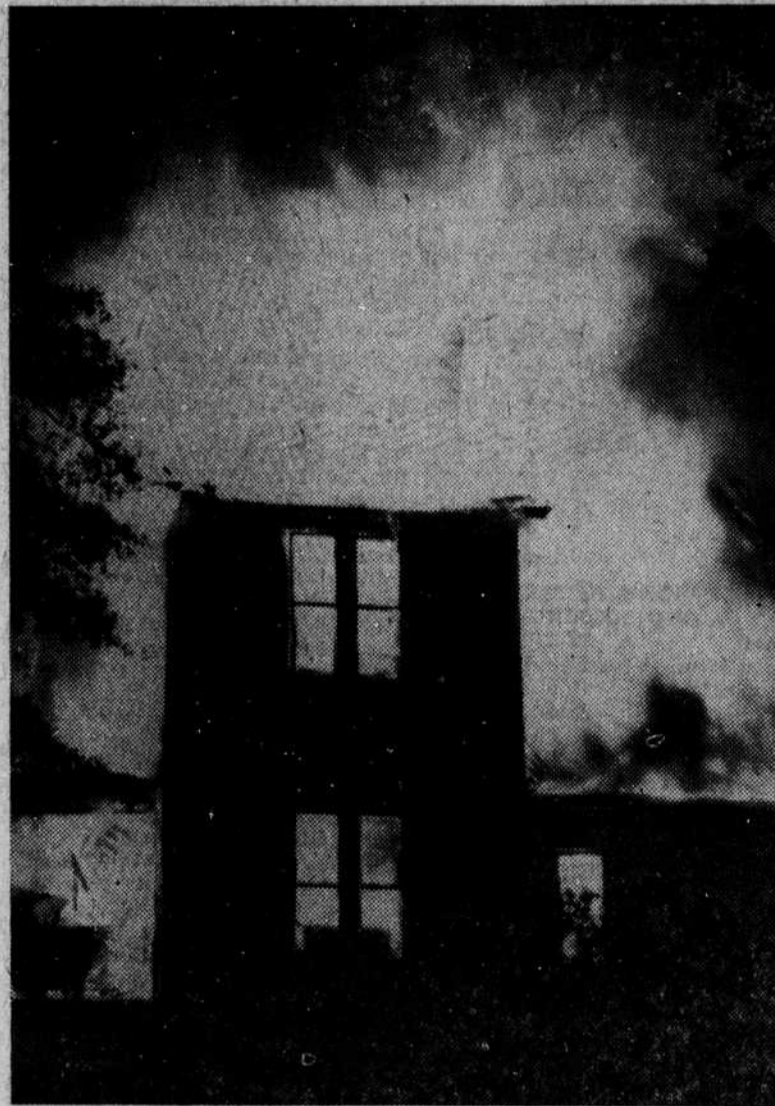
The annual White Cane sale, sponsored by Lions clubs throughout the state, supports the North Carolina Association for the Blind, a non-profit organization dedicated to aid the blind, repair poor vision, and prevention of blindness.

Howard Broadwater is chairman of the Kings Mountain Lions club project.

The Girl Scouts will sell white cane lapel buttons. Portion of the receipts will be used for Lions

aid to the blind here. Luke A. Grooms, of Lincolnton, speaking at the Lions club Tuesday night, told members that particular attention is being devoted to this year to operation of glaucoma clinics throughout the state. He said, "Glaucoma literally robs a man's vision blind," adding that early detection of the ailment is mandatory, since vision lost to glaucoma can never be regained.

Last year, the state association for the blind expended nearly \$30,000 for clinical work, the state eye bank at Winston-Salem, eye examinations, treatment and glasses for the indigent, and many other related services.



FIRE LEVELS CLUBHOUSE — The massive white frame Kings Mountain Country Club went up in flames early Sunday morning. The fire was out-of-control before the blaze was discovered. The 60-year-old building was opened by the country club in 1947.

(Photo by Claire Gilstad)

## Insurance Report Awaited By Club

### Local News Bulletins

**BOARD MEETING**  
Regular October meeting of the city board of commissioners is scheduled for City Hall Thursday night at 7:30.

**TO CONVENTION**  
Joe McDaniel, Jr., Elmer Rhea, Ray Cline, Glee A. Bridges and J. T. McGinnis, Jr., are to leave for Miami, Fla., this weekend where they will represent Otis D. Green Post 155 at the National American Legion convention.

**DISCHARGED**  
Clark Starnes, Gastonia Mill Supply official, was recently released from Garrison Memorial Hospital and is convalescing well at home.

**ROTARY CLUB**  
Kings Mountain Rotarians will hear a report on the Cleveland County Welfare department Thursday by department superintendent Ben Carpenter when they meet in regular session at 12:15 p. m. at the Long Bow Restaurant on Shelby Road.

**NO PERMITS**  
City Building Inspector M. H. Biser issued no building permits during the past week.

**FIRE**  
City firemen were called to 604 N. Piedmont Avenue Tuesday at 1:05 p. m. to douse an oil stove blaze. No damage was reported.

**LUTHER LEAGUE**  
The Luther League meets Sunday at 6 p. m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Recently-elected officers are Ann Cooper, president; Kay Mauney, vice president and Larry Cline, secretary-treasurer.

**KIWANIS CLUB**  
Fev. H. D. Garmon, chaplain for Kings Mountain Fire Department, will talk on fire prevention at the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club meeting Thursday. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

**LUTHERAN SERVICE**  
Dr. D. P. Rudisill of Lenoir Rhyne college will fill the pulpit Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church in the absence of the pastor, W. P. Gerberding, Dr. and Mrs. Gerberding, in Atlantic City, N. J., for the United Lutheran Convention, will return the latter part of next week.

## Open House Set At Dial Exchange

### Public Invited To Make Tour Thursday Night

Southern Bell will throw open its doors Thursday night to public visitors for a open house program at the new \$450,000 Kings Mountain telephone building, 208 West Mountain street. The open house will feature conducted tours and special exhibits.

A general invitation to residents of Kings Mountain and the nearby communities is extended by E. P. Farris, Manager.

Tours of the telephone exchange will be conducted between the hours of 6 to 10 p. m. Telephone employees stationed throughout the building will explain the intricate behind-the-scenes operations which take place when a telephone subscriber places a call.

"A modern telephone system is, without doubt, one of the largest and most intricate machines ever designed and operated," Mr. Farris stated. "The tour has been arranged to trace the course of a call through our exchange, and special efforts have been made to make every step clear for the laymen. This tour should prove to be very entertaining and educational."

Admission to the Southern Bell (Continued From Front Page)

## 565 Families To Get Mounted Carrier Service

Mounted carrier service will be extended to some 565 families now receiving mail by rural carrier beginning Saturday, Postmaster Charles Alexander has announced.

Mr. Alexander said this major change in city delivery policy at the Kings Mountain Post Office has been in the planning stage for many months.

"By mounted city delivery we mean delivery to the curb-line in front of a residence", Mr. Alexander pointed out. Prior to this, he noted that many rural patrons were forced to group their boxes on the highway, some distance from their home in order to get delivery service. The patrons effected by the mounted delivery service route will be able to place their box in front of their house at the curb-line, where it will be served by city carrier using an automobile.

Added city delivery service will benefit families in the Margrace community, the Pine Ridge section, the Park Dale community, patrons on the Shelby highway from the Royal Motel East, Peaceful Valley section and the southern portion of the Linwood area.

"Patrons in these extended areas are requested to cooperate by filling in the questionnaire that is being delivered to them today, in order to help expedite delivery on the new route", Postmaster Alexander added.

## Nicholson Is Resigning

Corbett Nicholson, for the past three years superintendent of the city natural gas system, is resigning effective October 15.

Mr. Nicholson said this week he had informed the mayor of his intention to resign and would present his formal resignation to the board of commissioners at Thursday night's meeting.

He has been associated with the city gas department since it was created. He joined the department when the distribution system was being installed.

Mr. Nicholson did not announce his future plans but said he had several employment offers and expects to remain a Kings Mountain citizen.

Last spring, several members of the board of commissioners sought his resignation, but Mr. Nicholson declined. He said at the time the members seeking his ouster declined to give a reason. Subsequently, at a commission session, a large delegation supported Mr. Nicholson and some other city employees when the board declined to state specific reasons they wanted resignations.

**ELECTED**  
Phil Mauney has been elected vice-president of the freshman class at Lenoir Rhyne college. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Mauney of Kings Mountain.



READY FOR FLORAL FAIR — Pictured above as they complete final plans for the Woman's Club-Garden Council Floral Fair to be held Wednesday are three officials of the two organizations. From left to right, Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, president of the Woman's

Club, Mrs. W. M. Gantt, general chairman of the flower show, and Mrs. A. J. Slater, president of the Council of Garden Clubs. The fair will be open at the Woman's Club.

(Photo by Claire Gilstad)