

Population

Greater Kings Mountain City Limits 10,320
7,206

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SOUTHERN BELL SHOWS DIAL SYSTEM — Kings Mountain citizens proved themselves quite curious over the intricacies of dial telephone operation last Thursday night, as more than 2500 persons attended Southern Bell's open house to explain the workings of dial

service and to show the public their new \$450,000 exchange on West Mountain street. The tour required about 30 minutes. Pictured is a group of visitors stopping for refreshments at the end of the tour. (Pennington photo)

Court Approves Sale Of Craftspun

Mrs. C. E. Cash Wins Top Award

Entries Heavy At 57th Annual Floral Event

Mrs. C. E. Cash won the top award given to exhibitors in Wednesday's 57th floral fair of the Garden Council and Woman's Club.

As sweepstakes winner, Mrs. Cash was holder of the most blue ribbons or first place awards in the entire show. She also copped the award of distinction given to the most outstanding entry in the horticulture division.

Other coveted awards—the tri-color and the award of distinction in arrangements—went to Mrs. W. L. Pressly and Mrs. H. L. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell's composition, "Landing On Plymouth Rock" won for her the award of distinction. The winning tri-color arrangement by Mrs. Pressly featured the Ikebana style and theme, "America Links Hands with the Oriental Republic of Japan."

The Central high school biology department won the Junior achievement award given to the outstanding educational exhibit. The display featured the theme, "Know Your Insects." In the Junior division, the Rose Junior Garden Club of North school copped first place for a display of terrariums and dish gardens. Mrs. Bridges' Seventh grade at North school won honorable mention for a collection of leaves.

Garden clubs of Kings Mountain entered a number of arrangements, not eligible for prizes, which followed the general show theme, "Cavalcade of America."

Large crowds attended the annual fair at the Woman's Club. Complete list of prize winners follows:

Section B—Artistic Arrangements
Class 1. Columbus Sails — A composition. Branches and water to be part of the picture. Mrs. M. A. Ware, 1st, Kings Mountain Garden Club.

Class 2. Landing On Plymouth Rock—Driftwood and fresh material to suggest windswept coast. Mrs. H. L. Campbell, 1st, Town and Country Garden Club; Mrs. Robert Miller, 2nd, Town and Country Garden Club; Mrs. Howard Jackson, 3rd, Kings Mountain Garden Club.

Class 3. Thirteen Colonies—Composition or arrangement. Fall flowers in an antique container. Mrs. J. O. Plonk Jr., 1st, Kings Mountain Garden Club. Mrs. John Cheshire, 2nd, Kings Mountain Garden Club.

Class 4. California Gold Rush—Composition using gold flowers. Mrs. Norman McGill, 1st, Magnolia Garden Club; Mrs. Clyde Kerns, 2nd, Open Gate Garden Club; Mrs. E. R. Roberts, 3rd, Open Gate Garden Club; Mrs. E. R. Goter, 4th, Azalea Garden Club.

Class 5. Alaska. Composition (Continued On Page Four)



STEWARDESS — Miss Phyllis Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dean, has completed stewardess training at American Airlines Stewardess College, Ft. Worth, Tex., and has been assigned to that company's flight operating out of the New York City area. She graduated from Central high school and attended Greensboro college.

Bill McDaniel Postal Carrier

Kings Mountain postoffice inaugurated city carrier delivery Saturday and the new service, to 565 families who formerly received rural carrier service, is going well, Postmaster Charles Alexander said this week.

"There are some headaches, of course," the Postmaster added, "but they're being ironed out."

Concurrently, Postmaster Alexander announced that William B. (Bill) McDaniel, formerly of Harris Funeral Home, has been appointed substitute city carrier and is handling the mounted carrier service.

Mr. McDaniel was appointed from a list of eligibles after required civil service examination, the Postmaster said.

The new service replaces rural service on all three rural routes. However, the bulk of the new service goes to former Route 2, Kings Mountain, residents.

Principal headaches concern requirements of residents in the mounted carrier area to install house numbers and to place mail boxes at their curbstones.

Mr. Alexander said the improved service means that all the families in the new area will get service to their front doors. In the past, mail boxes have been up to a quarter-mile away from their homes.

Buyers Expect To Take Over Near December 1

BY MARTIN HARMON

Purchasers of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., expect to assume operation of the firm about December 1.

E. Stanley Marks, New York attorney, told the Herald Wednesday he represents a syndicate which has contracted to purchase Craftspun capital stock.

Mr. Marks, who said he is not yet at liberty to divulge identity of principals in the purchasing syndicate, said the syndicate expects to continue the firm's present operations. He added that the syndicate is currently operating in the same phase of the textile business.

Craftspun is a North Carolina corporation. Scranton Corporation, of Scranton, Pa., reorganizing under the federal bankruptcy act, is owner of Craftspun stock.

Petition of Scranton trustees for sale of Craftspun stock at a bid of \$460,000, was approved by Judge John W. Murphy in Pennsylvania Middle District court on October 7.

Judge Murphy noted that no objection to the sale was lodged by stockholders or by the Securities and Exchange commission and approved terms of a provisional sale contract between Mr. Marks and the court-appointed Scranton trustees, J. Julius Levy and John F. Murphy.

Mr. Marks said Craftspun will be operated by Scranton Corporation until the take-over by the new syndicate.

Craftspun is being managed by a committee, including B. H. Lowe, accountant and novelty division manager, and Harold Phillips, superintendent.

In the petition for sale, the Scranton trustees reported the company operating at a loss and stated the opinion that the firm could not be operated profitably without considerable expenditure for capital equipment.

Craftspun lists 235 employees and is operating on a five-day work week.

Registrars Add 239 In Township



COMMENTED — Ann Broadwater and Billie Jones, seniors at Central high school, have been commended for outstanding performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test held last spring in schools all over the nation.

Registration Will Continue At Precincts

Considerable interest in the forthcoming November 8 general election was evidenced in Number 4 Township Saturday, first day of three for registering to vote, as 239 citizens added their names to the pollbooks.

The election books will be open at the voting places on Saturday, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and again on Saturday, October 29.

New registrants last Saturday declared themselves as predominantly Democrats.

In the two Kings Mountain precincts 140 of 195 new registrants said they were Democrats, 42 said they were Republicans and 13 classified themselves as Independents.

Mrs. John D. Jones, of Bethware, who registered 20 new voters, did not have an accurate breakdown on party affiliations, but said there was "an excess of Democrats." Noting that no new voter claimed "Independent" status, Mrs. Jones said only six Bethware voters list themselves as independents.

Mrs. J. E. Ellis, Grover registrar, also didn't have an accurate breakdown on party affiliations of new registrants, but guessed there were about a half-dozen Republicans. Two registrants listed themselves as Independents, trebling the former Grover precinct Independent total of one. The remainder of the 24 new registrants were Democrats.

All registrars reported a lot of checking on the part of citizens to determine that they were officially registered.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain registrar, anticipates another busy day on Saturday. She reports many telephone calls concerning registering.

Some confusion among potential voters is apparent due to the different registering arrangements in Mecklenburg county, where the books are already closed. Mecklenburg and a few other heavily-populated counties have a different registration period.

The registrars also note: 1) A citizen who has voted since the 1950 primary in county and general elections is registered to vote.

2) Youths who will be 21 years of age on or before November 8, 1960, are eligible to register and vote.

3) All would-be voters must register in person. In other words a husband cannot register for his wife, or a father for his son or daughter.

4) Eligibility to vote in a city or town municipal election doesn't qualify a citizen to vote in a county or general election, as separate pollbooks are maintained. Both East and West Kings Mountain precincts, as well as Grover, embrace areas outside the municipal boundaries. (The Southern Railway is the central boundary line between East and West Kings Mountain precincts.)

Persons desiring absentee ballots must apply to the Chairman, County Elections board, at Shelby.

Kiwanians Elect Charles Neisler

Charles Neisler, Kings Mountain cotton broker, will serve as president of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club during 1961.

He was recently elected for the coming year to succeed current president John C. Smathers.

Other officers named for 1961 in recent club elections are B. N. Barnes, first vice-president; Grady Howard, second vice-president; John L. McGill, treasurer; and Charles Alexander, secretary.

The club elected seven directors, including James E. Amos, Glee E. Bridges, W. Sage Fulton, Jr., Dr. D. F. Hord, Joe A. (Bud) Neisler, Sherman F. Perry, and W. Ted Weir.

The new officers and directors will assume their duties in January.

Yelton Adds Gas Department Duties

Nicholson Blasts Board In Resigning

Grady Yelton, city superintendent of public works, has assumed the added duties of superintendent of the city's natural gas system.

Mr. Yelton was named to succeed Corbett Nicholson, who resigned last week with a blast at the city commission for "constantly harassing me."

The city board of commissioners, at a special meeting Monday afternoon, appointed Mr. Yelton at a salary of \$100 per month. Mr. Nicholson had been paid \$4800 per year.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ben H. Bridges presided and the vote was 4-0. Commissioner Ross Alexander was absent. Mayor Glee A. Bridges was out-of-town. The Mayor Tempore told the board members Mr. Yelton was willing to add the gas department work to his other duties and pointed out that, with winter approaching, gas consumption would be increasing and more service required by customers.

The retiring superintendent, Mr. Nicholson, had headed the system for three years. He delivered his letter of resignation to the commission in person at last Thursday's board meeting. The commission approved Comm. Alexander's motion to accept the resignation "with regret."

Mayor Bridges at that time recommending tender of the superintendency to a former superintendent, V. L. Beachum, but Comm. Alexander's motion failed to carry.

Mr. Nicholson wrote in his letter of resignation:

"I should like to say that I have enjoyed my work very much, and have made every effort possible to please the customers of the Gas Department. I have never failed to answer any call of trouble or complaint, day or night, since I have been in this position.

"I have never complained about the rigors of the job whether called out of bed at 3 o'clock in the morning or called away from home in the evening. (Continued On Page Eight)



NEW DUTIES — Grady Yelton, since 1955 superintendent of public works, has added the duties of superintendent of the natural gas system. He was appointed to succeed Corbett Nicholson Monday.

Giles Sellers' Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Giles C. Sellers, 68, were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. from Beulah Methodist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Sellers, prominent farmer of route three, succumbed Monday in the Kings Mountain hospital following an illness of three weeks.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David W. Sellers and a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church. He was a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Harmon Sellers; one daughter, Mrs. Donald Beam of Cherryville; one brother, Charles Sellers of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Goforth and Miss Emma Sellers, both of Kings Mountain. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. W. L. Pressly, assisted by Rev. H. O. Huss.

ARP Formally Launches New Plant Plans At Dedication Service

Plans for building a new church plant were begun officially Sunday by Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

In a special service Sunday morning, Dr. W. L. Pressly, the pastor, delivered a sermon on "Building for the Future" then addressed individually chairmen of the several committees in charge of the project. Dr. Pressly emphasized the privileges, duties and responsibilities of the several committees.

Aim of the church is to launch construction of a new church plant in 1962, or earlier.

The architectural committee,

of which N. F. McGill, Sr., is chairman, has retained J. L. Beam, Jr., Cherryville architect.

I. G. Patterson is general chairman of the project.

Other committee chairmen are:

W. S. Fulton, Jr., sanctuary; J. L. McGill, educational building; Menzell Phifer, grounds; B. D. Ratterree, finance; Mrs. John Cheshire, Jr., manse; Mrs. J. E. Gamble, secretary.

Several months ago the church purchased a tract located on Edgemont drive and King street as a new church site.

The Sunday service closed with a dedicatory prayer.

Pearson, Mauney Joins Jaycees

Two new members were accepted by Kings Mountain Jaycees Tuesday night when they met in regular bi-monthly session at the Long Bow Restaurant on Shelby Road.

Inducted were Bob Pearson, an employee of Southern Bell Telephone company, and Charles Mauney, general manager of Mauney Hosiery Company and a transfer Jaycee from the Kinston chapter.

Les Roark, a member of the Shelby City Board of Commissioners, presented a program on the problems of city government.

To demonstrate his statement that there are two sides to every question and every decision will not be accepted by everyone, Mr. Roark explained the pros and cons of several city management problems after which he passed out ballots for Jaycees to secretly cast votes.

Each ballot showed about half for and half against the issues in question.

That's the way it goes at a city council meeting," Mr. Roark said. "You can't please everyone, and every decision we make we step on someone's toes."

Parties War On Mountain Street; Township Favored GOP In '52, '56

Kings Mountain was being treated to an unusual political spectacle this week.

Teen-age Democrats opened headquarters to promote the Democratic slate last weekend, and the Republicans were quick to counter.

The Young Republicans have rented the Fulton building for a headquarters office. Since the Democratic group is occupying the Thomasson-Peeler building, formerly the location of Griffin Drug Store, the big signs favoring Kennedy-Johnson and Nixon-Lodge argue at each other across Mountain street.

There is quite good reason for activity on both sides.

While Kings Mountain and Cleveland County is traditionally Democratic, this tradition was dented in the general election of 1952 and was completely broken in 1956.

From the standpoint of the 1956 general election result for president, Kings Mountain is a Republican community. From the standpoint of Number 4 township, the township has been Republican since 1952.

In 1956, the Republican national ticket of Eisenhower-Nixon was favored in each of the four township voting precincts

and the total vote was 1893 for Eisenhower-Nixon to 1391 for Stevenson-Kefauver.

In 1952, Kings Mountain remained Democratic by 15 votes, with the 22-vote margin for Stevenson-Sparkman in East Kings Mountain sufficient to overcome the seven-vote edge for Eisenhower-Nixon in West Kings Mountain.

Bethware, considered a Republican precinct, did not follow the rest of the county in 1956 in voting for Governor, favoring loser Kyle Hayes over Luther Hodges.

Otherwise, the township has been Democratic, returning 2 to 1 margins for opposed Democratic candidates.

What will be the result in 1960?

Democratic partisans contend that Kings Mountain will revert to tradition this year, noting that GOP Candidate Nixon is hardly up to the vote-getting strength of military hero Eisenhower.

Republicans mean to continue the trend set in 1956. They point to increasing willingness on part of "national Republicans" to support the ticket openly, and privately, remind that the community bolted the Democrats in 1928 on the issue of a Catholic candidate for president.

Local News Bulletins

AT WINTHROP

Georganna Moss and Kathryn Sterauer of Kings Mountain are enrolled for the fall term at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C. Of the 1,640 student enrollment, 62 are North Carolinians.

BIDS INVITED

The Kings Mountain Post Office is now open for bids for servicing contract on Post Office vehicles. Any garage interested in bidding may receive full details by contacting the Postmaster.

HOSPITALIZED

Miss Dorothy Wells, owner of Modern Beauty Shop, is recuperating satisfactorily in Gastonia Memorial hospital following major surgery. Mrs. J. B. Falls is managing her shop in her absence.

SERVICES CONTINUING

Fall evangelistic services are continuing through Sunday night at Macedonia Baptist church. Rev. Wayne Ashe, pastor of the church is in charge of the special services.

SUPPER

Women of the Moose, chapter 1307, will sponsor a ham dinner Sunday with serving from 1 until 5 p. m. at the Moose Lodge off York road. Plates are one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children.

CLARIFICATION

Charles Ray Bridges, 23, of 107 Fulton street, is not the Charles Bridges recently tried in city court for illegal possession of non-tax paid whisky.

PERMIT

A permit was issued September 30 by City Building Inspector M. H. Biser to Miss Marjorie Hord to build a six room residence on W. Gold Street.

NO FIRES

City Fireman C. D. Ware said Wednesday morning the department has had no alarms since last Wednesday afternoon.

NO WRECKS

City policemen reported no auto accidents within the city limits during the past week.

PEPSI SALE

Kings Mountain Jaycees netted \$54.90 for the civic fund Sunday during their final Pepsi Cola Sale at the overhead bridge on King Street.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$111.35, including \$100.85 from on-street meters and \$10.50 from off-street meters. Assistant City Clerk Grace Carpenter reported.

AUXILIARY

Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion Auxiliary, will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. P. D. Fulton with Mrs. Tracy Stewart as co-hostess. Mrs. Hubert Adersholt is program chairman.