

## Dr. Adams Heads Medical Staff

Dr. Charles H. Adams, Kings Mountain family practice physician, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Medical Staff. His term will expire September 30, 1987. Dr. Joseph Lee, III, also a Kings Mountain family practice physician, is the new president elect. Dr. S.L. Robinson, Kings Mountain general and thoracic surgeon, is immediate past president of the medical staff; Dr. J.B. Gentry, Kings Mountain Hospital pathologist and laboratory director, is secretary/treasurer; Dr. T.G. Durham and Dr. F.J. Sincox, Kings Mountain family practice physicians, are on the Medical Staff Executive Committee and Huitt Reep, hospital administrator, is an ex officio member.

A native of Spencer, West Virginia, Dr. Adams received a bachelor of arts degree from Glenville State in West Virginia and his masters degree from West Virginia University. He received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Virginia Medical School and

interned at Moses H. Cone Hospital, Greensboro, North Carolina. He has been practicing in Kings Mountain since 1962.

In addition to being president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Medical Staff, Dr. Adams is a member of the American Board of Family Practice, the American Academy of Family Practice and is chairman of the Medical Staff Quality Assurance Committee. He is married, has three grown children and is associated with the McGill Family Practice Clinic in Kings Mountain.

Dr. Lee is a native of Landrum, South Carolina and has degrees from Clemson University and the Medical University of South Carolina. He interned at Greenville General in Greenville, South Carolina. Associated in family practice with Dr. T.G. Durham and Dr. R.V. Crowley, Dr. Lee is also Medical Director of the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center. He is a member of the North Carolina Medical Society, the American Academy of Family Practice, the North Carolina

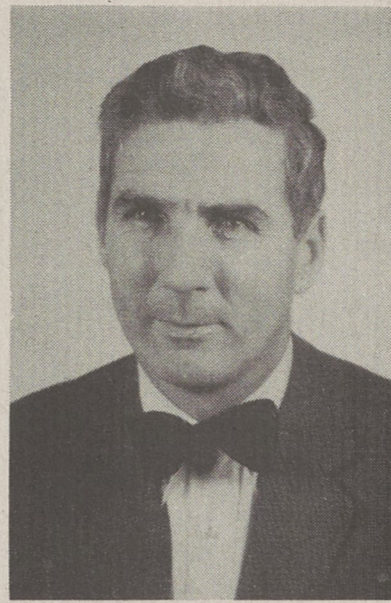
Society of Nursing Home Directors and is the Kings Mountain Hospital Chief of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Lee has been in Kings Mountain since 1964. He is married and has four children, living in Kings Mountain, Georgia and Tennessee.

There are 26 physicians, covering all major specialties, on the Kings Mountain Hospital active medical staff. The modern, 102-bed, acute care hospital is owned by Cleveland County and governed by a Board of Trustees.

"We are indeed fortunate to have so many fine physicians on our medical staff," said Board President Marilyn Neisler, "and we congratulate the new officers."

A not-for-profit institution, Kings Mountain Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and licensed by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission. An accreditation seal gives assurance that every patient is entrusted to competent, dedicated and professional personnel.



DR. CHARLES H. ADAMS



DR. JOSEPH LEE, III

## Spanish Exchange Student Loves Kings Mountain High

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she answers the roll to Laura Ramos-Ortiz. In Spain both her father and mothers' names are used. Laura is the daughter of Fernando and Conchita Ortiz Ramos. She has two brothers and three sisters and Madrid is much, much larger than Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Laura said she had visited the United States three times, spending some time previously in New Jersey, New York, and Minnesota. She loves the South and finds Kings Mountain and the school system "much more friendly than any place I have been."

Upon her arrival at KMSHS this year she said she was nervous on the first day of school. But her fears were unfounded, she said, as teachers and students made her feel welcome. She has made friends quickly and has enjoyed football games and is looking forward to basketball games. Playing basketball and swimming are hobbies, although she said she didn't plan to go out for basketball this Fall. Her favorite American foods are corn on the cob and hamburgers.

Laura wears her hair long, likes to dress casually in jeans and shirts, and wears big gold earrings to enhance her beauty.

## City Of KM May Purchase Old U.S. Post Office

The United States Postal Service has notified Mayor John H. Moss that the old post office building on East Mountain Street is available for sale to the city.

The Mayor said that he is awaiting notification by the Postal Service on procedures to follow in acquisition of the building, which fronts 119 feet on East Mountain with 170 feet depth along Piedmont, and will then prepare a report for consideration by the board of city commissioners. The Mayor said that

a price tag for the property has not yet been determined.

The new post office is almost ready for occupancy, according to Postmaster Fred Weaver, and moving day will be sometime the latter part of this month, according to Weaver, although open house to the public will not be held until after January 1.

Moss said that the board of commissioners is considering using the old post office to house the city police department.

## Democrats Mop Up At Polls

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Also re-elected handily were incumbents Marshall Rauch of Gastonia and Helen Rhyne Marvin of Gastonia. Gene Spicer of Cramerton was the Republican challenger.

In the N.C. 48th House District, for three seats, incumbent Democrats moved far ahead of their Republican opposition. Democrats Edith Lutz of Lawndale, Jack Hunt of Lattimore and Charles Owens easily won re-election over challengers Jim Bishop and Merritt Wheeler.

Democrat William Young of Shelby defeated incumbent District Attorney Marty Shuford for District Attorney 27A, which includes Cleveland and Lincoln Counties.

In neighboring Gaston County three Republicans won House seats, including Jonathan Rhyne of Lincolnton, Walt Windley of Gastonia and newcomer Vernon Abernethy of Belmont. Also re-elected was incumbent Democrat Dave Bumgardner of Belmont who led the ticket with 28,135 votes. Defeated in the 44th House District, which includes Gaston-Lincoln counties, was Cherryville Democrat Sam Beam and Gloria Musard of Gastonia and Billy Joye of Belmont, also Democratic candidates.

In neighboring Gaston County incumbent Sheriff Leroy Russell won re-election over his opponent, former sheriff C.L. (Sarge) Waldrep.

In official results, former Congressman and Senator Jim Broyhill, led Sanford in the county.

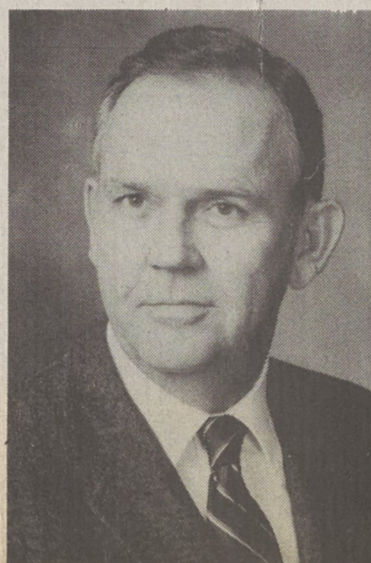
High voter turnout slowed returns in the county and all



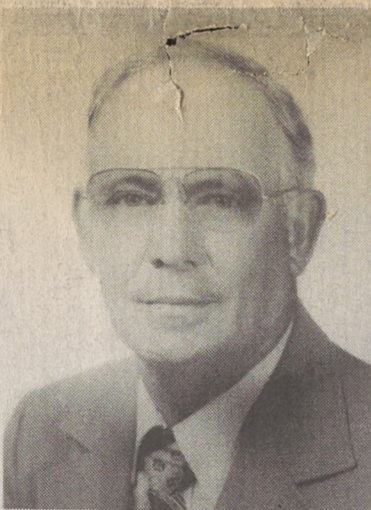
HELEN MARVIN



MARSHALL RAUCH



CASS BALLENGER



COLEMAN GOFORTH



VOTING DAY - These Grover citizens, Lena Goforth, facing camera, and Mabel Byers are pictured casting their ballots in the Grover precinct Election Day Tuesday.



FALL COLOR—Lucy Chaney's yard is ablaze with color this autumn season. Mrs. Chaney, above, has planted impatiens in colors of red, white, pink, and purple in window boxes in flower beds outside her apartment.

### Kings Mountain Hospital Inc.



### AIDS

AIDS or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is an illness caused by a virus called HTLV-III or human T-cell lymphocyte virus, type III. We hear these terms all the time and the subject is brought up almost daily in the press and on radio and TV. This is a disease first described now almost ten years ago when otherwise healthy young men were observed to suffer unexplained opportunistic type infections, sometime leukemia, and sometimes a rare form of a skin cancer called Kaposi's Sarcoma; the combination of which usually resulted in a progressive downhill course and eventually death. Since that time, we have had approximately 20,000 deaths from AIDS with another 40,000 now diagnosed with the disease in this country. Estimates as to the number exposed to the virus number close to 5 million nationwide. The virus now appears to have originated in Africa where it is quite commonplace in some areas without regard to risk groups, but in this country is apparently more prevalent in homosexual and bisexual populations, IV drug-abusers, people with direct African roots, and in persons receiving multiple transfusions of blood and blood products such as hemophiliacs.

The disease apparently is transmitted by the virus in blood and body secretions such as saliva and semen and can infect those who have multiple or high dosage inoculations with these fluids. One is apparently at low risk to no risk in catching the virus with occasional casual exposure. Thus, it is not caught by toilet seats, touching, sneezing and other indirect contact. The virus may do one of several things when it enters a person's body for the first time. The body may form effective antibodies to the HTLV-III and never be heard from again, or else directly infect the T-cell lymphocytes (type of white cell in the blood), and cause the full blown disease, or it may remain dormant for some time and then attack these white cells. It is these antibodies that are tested for in the AIDS test, and so it is currently not known how many of these people will go on to eventually have the disease.

There is no cure at this time for the disease itself, but advances have been made in treating the complications of the disease such as the strange type of pneumonia caused by a protozoan called Pneumocystis carinii allowing these people to live longer after diagnosis. There is active research to find a vaccine for the virus, so that the body will recognize and destroy the virus if one is ever exposed. There is great fear that if unchecked, the illness will progress throughout our society and eventually be a major cause of death in this country. Already, it is the leading cause of death of men aged 25-40 years in New York City, surpassing trauma. This is a legitimate fear, but with increased awareness causing more precautions in blood transfusions and unsafe practices leading to the disease, as well as such good progress being made in treating and preventing the disease (thru a possible vaccination), we probably will be able to slow down and eventually stop its progression.

The average person should thus avoid drug abuse using needles, promiscuous sexual activity, and should be concerned about blood and blood product transfusions. There is absolutely no danger in donating blood, and there is increasing interest in autologous blood transfusions (or giving oneself one's own blood by advance donation in the case of elective, planned surgery). The average citizen thus should have no worry of contracting the disease unless he or she is in one of the high risk groups.

I hope this will help in clearing some of the confusion and fear that most people have about this disease. Surely this is yet another reason to live cleanly and live a healthy life.

Please refer any questions or comments regarding this article or any suggestions for future articles to Dr. Lawrence Leake, Kings Mountain Hospital Emergency Room.

Call 734-0333,  
That's 734-0333!

Citizens calling 739-0333 to have their gas turned on and their garbage collected are calling the wrong numbers. Just ask Bob Bridges and John Smith of Printing Press. Both say their phones are rining off the hook now with cooler weather.

"We get calls for the city all the time," both say.

The correct number to call the City of Kings Mountain to have your gas turned on or your garbage collected, etc. and etc. is 734-0333 not 739-0333.

In case you have forgotten the new telephone numbers for city offices, they are: City Hall, 734-0333; Police 734-0444; Fire, 734-0555; Aging 734-0447; Cemetery Department, 734-0448; and Community Center, 734-0449.