

**Charles H. Smith  
Serving in Japan**

With the Eighth Army in Camp Crawford, Hokkaido, Japan—Recruit Charles H. Smith, the son of Mrs. Leila B. Smith, Kings Mountain, N. C., has recently received his coveted paratrooper wings.

Ret. Smith joined the Army 12 June 1948, at Kings Mountain, N. C. Upon his arrival overseas he volunteered for the famed 11th Airborne Division. Later he was sent to the Division Training Center, where he attended a course of instruction in parachuting, landing, falling, and endurance running. This course requires determination, self-discipline and physical exertion.

Ret. Smith has been assigned to Company D, 187th Glider Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division, stationed in Camp Crawford, Hokkaido, Japan.

Recognition that alfalfa is a "lime-loving" plant and that it also has a high requirement for phosphate, potash and borax has probably been the most important single factor in enabling North Carolina to expand production of this crop, says W. W. Woodhouse, Jr., of the State Experiment Station.

The North Carolina Jersey Cattle Club will hold its annual meeting in Statesville January 13.

Charter No. 5451

Reserve District No. 5

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

of Kings Mountain in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on December 31, 1948, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

**ASSETS**

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,398,247.34
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,568,558.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	175,005.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	124,000.00
Corporate stocks (including \$5,550.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	5,550.00
Loans and discounts (including \$ None overdrafts)	776,417.15
Bank premises owned \$49,250.00, furniture and fixtures \$9,750.00	59,000.00
Other assets	2,720.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,109,497.49</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,534,735.28
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	680,536.39
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	60,030.74
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	526,166.01
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	45,335.16
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$3,846,623.58</b>
Other liabilities	1,569.22
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,848,192.80</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	31,304.69
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	30,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$261,304.69</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$4,109,497.49</b>

**MEMORANDA**

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 845,900.00  
Loans as shown above after deduction of reserves of 8,617.04

State of North Carolina,  
County of Cleveland ss:

I, L. E. Abbott, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. E. ABBOTT, Cashier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1949.  
M. Carolyn McDaniel,  
Notary Public  
My Com. Ex. 4-28-50

Correct—Attest:

M. A. Ware  
G. A. Bridges  
T. M. Neisler  
Directors

**Letter To Editor**

To the Editor:

Beverage alcohol in all of its forms is, and has been from time immemorial, a back-biting outlaw, and has never submitted to "legal control" in spite of all claims to the contrary. Even here in Cleveland county where they claim "legal control" for beer, and further that it will not intoxicate, I think I am safe in saying, from half to two-thirds of the cases tried in the Municipal Courts, are for public drunkenness, driving while drinking, fighting and brawling as a result of drink or some other kind of crime either directly or indirectly connected with the effects of beverage alcohol.

They told us to legalize wine beer and liquor, and it would stop the blind tiger operations. They knew that was untrue when they said it. The fact is whenever you find legalized beverage alcohol you also have the blind tiger operating in high gear, and the legal liquor is a smoke screen for the blind tiger. Besides legal alcohol gives us the lion with eyes all around his head, which is far more destructive than the blind tiger. Besides it puts every citizen in the county into the liquor business and makes us accessories before the fact, for all manslaughter, murder, and all other crimes legal alcohol causes drinkers to do. Thus we become guilty with the drinker for all of such crimes.

Besides, the little tax money we receive to offset many times by the cost incurred by the effects of alcohol. "In every case where the facts were known it has been found that approximately one half the total costs of maintaining police departments originated in alcohol."—Dr. Roy L. Smith.

The annual costs of caring for the mental patients whose illnesses have been caused or precipitated by alcoholism; also the financial cost on others due to inebriety. To say nothing of money spent for cures of alcoholics, property damaged by them; and the alarming destruction of character, time lost from work and many other things too numerous to mention.

The only safe thing to do is to vote against legalizing alcohol in all forms, and work to get removed from the laws of North Carolina the Laws the Liquor interests had put there, such as the "Gallon" law and all other laws legalizing lawful possession of alcoholic beverages. Also get officers that will do their best to get rid of the Blind Tigers.

G. W. Fink, Pastor  
Grace Methodist Church

**Bundy Studio Moved  
To Crescent Hill**

Bundy Studio has moved to 506 Crescent Hill road, residence of Ben Bundy, owner, according to an announcement made last week.

The business was formerly located in the Morrison building and was previously above the office of Dr. J. E. Anthony.

"We moved in order to give our patrons better service—there will always be someone at the studio now, 24 hours a day, seven days per week, ready to serve you," Mr. Bundy said in making the announcement.

Mr. Bundy said he expected to have a telephone installed in the near future.



**BREVARD, N. C., Jan. 5**—Bob Davis and his Orchestra, pictured above, have recently completed a series of entertainment engagements throughout the Western Carolinas during the holiday seasons. Members of the orchestra are (left to right) front row: Jack Prince, vocalist, Kings Mountain; Lois Starton, vocalist, Reidsville; Dana Harris, Jr., Shelby; Jim Wofford, Greensboro; Bill Duckworth, Brevard; Bob Davis, director, Gastonia; Second row: Thurmond Rogers, Brevard; Carl Guin, Gastonia; Robert Norwood, Brevard; J. C. Grose, Statesville; Tommy Day, Gastonia. Third row: Eddie Miller, Alexandria, Va.; Hugh Griffith, Monroe; Wayburn Houch, Todd. All members of the orchestra are Brevard college students. The orchestra was organized in the fall of 1947 by Bob Davis, a sophomore from Gastonia, who had his own orchestra in Gastonia prior to coming to Brevard College. The orchestra has played for a number of occasions at the college including all the dances held there this year.

**Girl All-Stars Take  
Shelby Nurses 38-18**

Kings Mountain all-star girls basketball team defeated Shelby hospital nurses in Central gymnasium on the afternoon of Dec. 24 by a score of 38 to 18.

The game was deadlocked at half-time 12-all but the local lassies, led by Barnette with 17 points and Reynolds with 15, turned on the steam and won going away.

The lineup:

**Kings Mtn. (38)**  
Barnette, 17  
Reynolds, 15  
Medlin  
Floyd, 4  
Roberts, 2  
Jackson  
Hoyle  
Whitley  
Smith  
Patterson

**Shelby (18)**  
Taylor, 8  
Childers, 3  
Flynn, 7  
Tyson, 4  
Rortensbury, 7  
White  
Harris  
Eaker

The nation's commercial hatcheries produced 58,576,000 chicks in November to set a new record for the month.

Spoilage of stored cottonseed is a serious problem to Southern cotton farmers and cottonseed-oil millers. In some years it costs them millions of dollars. The average per-acre yield of tobacco in North Carolina in 1948 was 1,236 pounds, as compared with an average of 999 pounds from 1937 to 1946.

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**Fellow Voters:**

On Saturday, Jan. 8, you will decide by your vote whether we will retain the legal sale of beer or vote it out.

Actually, we are not voting on whether we will have beer or not, but on HOW it will be handled—LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY. For what will prevent bootleggers from selling beer at higher prices if we vote out legal, controlled sales of this beverage of moderation?

So, you see, the question is this: Do you favor a proven system of legal control which has brought law and order and needed revenue to our county, or do you want to place the sale of beer in the hands of bootleggers and let them reap the benefits of the revenue needed so badly by our county and municipal governments?

You surely agree that beer SHOULD NOT BE TURNED OVER TO LAWLESS ELEMENTS. Isn't legalized control much the better solution?

If legal beer is voted out, some of our county and local government services must be curtailed or stopped unless the lost beer revenue is replaced by INCREASED TAXES OR NEW TAXES. On the basis of the first distribution of beer taxes to counties and municipalities, our county would stand to lose about \$50,000.00 a year. CAN WE AFFORD IT?

We urge you to take a calm, commonsense view. Legal control of beer is good business and good sense. It promotes sobriety by holding down the sale and consumption of bootlegged hard liquor. Let's keep it this way in our county.

Be sure to vote Saturday so that ALL THE VOTERS will decide this issue which is so vital to our county's welfare and progress. Another vote on the question cannot be taken for three years. Don't take a chance with our present system of legal control and revenue! Vote "FOR THE LEGAL SALE OF BEER."

Sincerely,

**Cleveland County Committee  
For Legal Control of Beer**

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