

**POPULATION**  
City Limits (1940 Census) 8,574  
Immediate Trading Area 15,090  
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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# Citizens To Vote On State Bond Issues Saturday

## Local Share Of Bond Proposals Listed

Should the state school bond issue be approved in Saturday's voting, the Kings Mountain school district's share would be approximately \$50,000.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said the city district's share would be around 11 percent (based on number of pupils) of the county share of \$449,525.

Passage of the road bond issue of \$200 million would allot to Cleveland county \$2,766,000 for rural road building, according to the election bill passed by the 1949 General Assembly.

## Legion Juniors Play Here Friday

Kings Mountain junior baseball team is scheduled to meet Gaffney, S. C., juniors in a return game in City Stadium tonight (Friday) at 8 p. m. in the final practice game of the season.

Kings Mountain defeated Gaffney last Friday night in the South Carolina city by a score of 7 to 2.

Coach Everett Carlton's nine was to face the Waco high school nine in City Stadium Thursday afternoon in another practice affair.

Friday night's game will give Coach Carlton his last look at the field of candidates before reducing the squad to 20 players.

Admission for the game will be 20 cents for students and 40 cents for adults.

## Homecoming Sunday At El Bethel Church

Annual homecoming will be observed Sunday at El Bethel Methodist church with a full day of services and dinner on the grounds.

O. W. Morris will teach the Men's Bible class at 10 o'clock, and Rev. E. A. Bingham, the pastor, will preach at the regular 11 o'clock services.

Dinner will be served beginning at noon, and a song festival beginning after dinner will include renditions by the Four Macs, of Beaver Dam Baptist church, the B & M quartet of Shelby, the Carolina Melody Boys of Kings Mountain, and a trio from Kings Mountain's Second Baptist church.

## First Wesleyan Revival Underway

Rev. R. C. Mullinax, president of Central College, Central, S. C., is conducting revival services at First Wesleyan Methodist church here, it was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Phillips.

The special series of services began Wednesday night and will continue through June 12.

Mrs. Leroy Posey, of Gastonia, is the song leader for the revival series.

## L. P. Stowe To Attend Westinghouse School

L. P. (Skimp) Stowe, of Stowe Radio Service, announced this week that he will attend the Westinghouse television service school to be held in Charlotte Wednesday.

Mr. Stowe has attended several schools conducted by other manufacturers.

He is associated with Western Auto, Associate Store in the television business.

## First Television Set Sold Last Saturday

Henry S. Huffstetler, of Cherryville road, purchased the first television set sold in Kings Mountain last Saturday according to L. P. Stowe, of Stowe Radio Service, who sold the set.

One of the pioneers of this section, Mr. Huffstetler thusly becomes a "pioneer" in the modern field of televised-photos.

He purchased a 100-inch table model General Electric model.

### GRADUATED

Five Kings Mountain students were among the 77 receiving diplomas at Gardner-Webb junior college at commencement exercises last Friday. They were Edward Campbell, Joseph McDaniel, John Roberts, Jim Spivey, and Dwight Ware. Roberts was awarded the J. D. Huggins citizenship medal for scholarship and leadership.

## Legion Juniors To Open Season Monday Night

Kings Mountain American Legion junior baseball team is scheduled to start the 1949 season elimination schedule here in City Stadium Monday night against the Taylorsville Juniors. Game time is 8 p. m.

The opening game is to be sponsored by the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce and one of the largest crowds in recent junior baseball history is expected to attend.

In the event the Monday night game is rained out the opening night ceremonies will be held Tuesday night when the locals are scheduled to face Forest City's junior nine in City stadium at 8 p. m.

In the third of four games scheduled for the Kings Mountain team during the first week, the local nine is billed to meet Shelby there on Thursday, June 9. Charlotte is scheduled to come to the Kings Mountain home field for a game on Saturday, June 11.

Coach Everett (Shu) Carlton has announced that he will carry several players from Bessemer City on the team. The Bessemer City Legion post is not sponsoring a team this

TUESDAY "LADIES NIGHT"

Officials of the Legion athletic committee have announced that Tuesday night will be "Ladies Night" in event Monday's opening night ceremonies are not delayed by rain. All ladies will be admitted free to the Forest City game as guests of the club. In case the Monday night contest is rained out, opening night ceremonies will take place Tuesday night and "Ladies Night" postponed to a later date.

year and players from that city may, according to the rules, play with the team closest to their legal residence. With a possibility of five pitchers, all right-handers, on the 20-man team roster for the opener, Coach Carlton was set to look over at least two in yesterday's (Thursday) practice. (Cont'd on page four)

## Crowd Heard Highway Chief

"As long as our wealth is spent on our own people, you can't lose," Joseph Graham, ninth division highway commissioner, told an audience of some 250 persons at Bethpage school auditorium last Friday night.

Occasion for Mr. Graham's address was a rally in support of Saturday's state-wide bond election which will determine whether the state borrows \$200 million for rural road building and \$25 million for school building construction.

Commissioner Graham reviewed the history of the state and declared that the state had seen three great visionary governors in the past 50 years, Aycock, Morrison, and Gardner.

The latest visionary is Kerr Scott, he continued, "and his is the greatest vision of all. His program is better schools, better roads and more electrical facilities and more telephones for the rural people of the state."

The speaker cited the great growth of the state following the Morrison road program and added, "If we miss this chance of taking advantage of Governor Scott's vision, we'll be 40 years getting out of the mud."

He said the contention of citizens against the bond program—that the state would have \$293 million to spend on road-building during the

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## Argument Over Marble Game Ends In Death For 10-Year-Old Negro

A 13-year-old Negro boy, James Daniel Wingo, was to appear before Juvenile Court Judge E. A. Houser, Jr., in Shelby Thursday afternoon to face a murder charge in connection with the death of an 11-year-old playmate Monday night around 10:30 p. m. after an argument over a game of marbles.

Joe Falls Russell, of West Ridge street, died of internal injuries and shock after a fist-fight with Wingo.

Cause of death was given by Cleveland county Coroner J. Ollie Harris as internal injuries and shock.



HENRY NEISLER



EMELYN GILLESPIE



FRANCES SUMMER



ERROLL MYERS



JAMES HERNDON



CHARLES NEISLER

## Students Getting College Diplomas

A number of Kings Mountain college seniors have received diplomas during the past week, or will receive them at graduation exercises during the forthcoming week.

Receiving diplomas Monday at Salem college were Miss Emelyn Gillespie and Miss Frances Summers, while Kings Mountain graduates, while Kings Mountain graduates, at Davidson exercises Monday were W. Earle Myers, Charles A. Neisler, Henry P. Neisler, and James E. Herndon, Jr. Miss Betsy Tolleson received her diploma from Woman's College, WSUNC, on Monday. Among next week's graduates will be Meek Carpenter, University of North Carolina, James Thorneburg, Duke, Ben H. Goforth, Western Carolina

Teacher's college, and Nelson Bridge, Georgia Tech.

Miss Summers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Summers, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Music in voice. While a student at Salem, she has been a member of the Choral Ensemble, Der Deutsche Verein of which she was secretary, the Home Church Choir, and the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Boards of Student Council. This year she served as house president of Strong Dormitory. Miss Summers studied voice under Paul Peterson, head of the Salem College voice department. She gave her graduating recital earlier this spring. Before coming to Salem as a junior in

1917, Miss Summers attended Marietta College.

Miss Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Gillespie, received an A. B. degree in economics and sociology. This year she has been editor-in-chief of the college yearbook, a member of the Order of Scorpion, the May Day committee, the Student council legislative board and nominating committee, feature editor of the Semelite, president of the Spanish club, librarian of the Choral Ensemble, member of the President's forum, the orchestra, Early Morning Moravian choir, Latin club, permanent president of the senior class, and feature girl. The last honor went (Cont'd on page four)

## Local Poppy Sale Sets New Record

Kings Mountain citizens paid \$280 for 2,000 poppies in the American Legion's annual Poppy Day sale on Saturday, according to joint announcement by Mrs. Hal D. Ward and Mrs. J. R. Davis, co-chairmen of the sale.

It was the largest sale in the history of the event, officials reported.

Winning prizes as leading poppy salesmen were Halie Ward, first, Cornelie Ware, second, and the team of Cynthia Plott and Marilyn Tessener, third.

The Legion Auxiliary is deeply appreciative of the fine cooperation given by the public in this year's sale, the co-chairman stated. "All of the money will be used for rehabilitation and child welfare work. Some of it will be used to cheer hospitalized veterans, while the rest will go to local child welfare work—aiding children of veterans locally, where need occurs."

The local auxiliary has been assigned seven veterans at Oteen.

The co-chairmen also stated appreciation to all those who assisted in conducting the sale.

### LEGION FISH FRY

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a fish fry Saturday night at 7:30 at the Trout Club. Price of the dinner will be \$1 for trout, and \$1.50 for catfish or chicken. Election of officers for 1949-50 will be the chief business of the meeting.

## Union Services To Start Sunday

Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, will deliver the sermon at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday night, in the first of the annual summer series of union services sponsored by five Kings Mountain churches.

The service will begin at 8 o'clock. Participating in the series, which will continue through Sunday, September 11, are the following churches: First Baptist, St. Matthew's Lutheran, Boyce Memorial ARP, First Presbyterian, and Central Methodist.

Following is the schedule for the summer Sunday evening series:

June 12, Lutheran, Rev. W. H. Stender; June 19, First Baptist, Rev. W. L. Pressly; June 26, Central Methodist, Rev. P. D. Patrick; July 3, First Presbyterian, Rev. L. C. Pinnix; July 10, ARP, Mr. Stender; July 17, Luther, Mr. Brendall; July 24, First Baptist, Mr. Patrick; July 31, Methodist, Mr. Pressly; Aug. 7, First Presbyterian, Mr. Pinnix; Aug. 14, ARP, Mr. Brendall; Aug. 21, Luther, Mr. Patrick; Aug. 28, First Baptist, Mr. Stender; Sept. 4, Central Methodist, Mr. Pinnix; Sept. 11, Presbyterian, Mr. Pressly.

## Lions To Fete Ladies Tuesday

Some 200 Lions, their wives and other guests are expected to attend the annual Ladies' Night banquet of the organization to be held at the high school cafeteria Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Feature of the program will be "Magic and Mystery," a show by A. R. Thompson, of Charlotte.

Hilton Ruth will serve as toastmaster, and Sam Stallings will welcome the ladies while Mrs. W. B. Thomson will respond. M. E. Stanton will conduct a prize drawing. Invocation will be led by T. A. Pollock and Dan Huffstetler will lead group singing.

Special music will be furnished by the Sisk Quartet and Miss Barbara Gault will play dinner music.

## School, Road Proposals Total \$225,000,000

Kings Mountain area citizens will go to the polls again Saturday, June 3, to vote on two state bond issue proposals totaling \$225,000,000.

The voters will cast yes or no ballots on these questions:

(1) Shall the state borrow \$25,000,000 for aiding the counties to build schools?

(2) Shall the state borrow \$200,000,000 for rural road construction?

Should the road bonds be voted, a one-cent increase in the state gas tax will go into effect.

All precincts will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. West Kings Mountain voters will cast their ballots at Victory Chevrolet Company, and East Kings Mountain voters will cast their ballots at City Hall.

Though much more interest has been evidenced concerning the bond election for the past week, veteran political observers here are predicting a light vote, principally based on the thesis that citizens don't get excited until personalities are listed on the ballots. However, a close vote is being predicted, particularly in the West Kings Mountain box. The rural population is considered strongly pro-bonds, and the majority of them vote at the West Kings Mountain precinct.

Considerable publicity from both sides has been filling local mail boxes all week.

## Band Group Names Kincaid

Arnold W. Kincaid, Ward 3 school trustee, was re-elected president of the Kings Mountain school band association at a meeting last Friday night conducted in conjunction with a public concert.

Other officers named were: Mrs. W. G. Grantham, vice-president; Mrs. Hal D. Ward, secretary; Mrs. Paul Mauney, treasurer; and J. H. Patterson, Mrs. J. H. Arthur and Mrs. Hunter Neisler, publicity directors.

The association also adopted recommendations of a special committee, which makes it's board of directors include the association officers and one member each from all of the city's civic and service organizations.

The band concert, which featured a number of popular and semi-classical selections, was described as one of the best given by the school band. Band members wore new uniforms and accessories, and it was announced that the band was purchasing a bass clarinet, a baritone horn and four French horns. Delivery is expected before the end of school.

### METER RECEIPTS

A total of \$144.98 was collected from parking meters during the past week according to report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse.

## Funeral Rites For Ed W. Bridges, Plane Crash Victim, To Be Friday

Funeral rites for Edgar Wiley Bridges, 37, well known Kings Mountain man who was killed in a plane crash near Hendersonville on Tuesday afternoon, will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pleasant Grove Baptist church near Fallston, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Bridges' body was found in the wreckage of his single-engined plane atop Sugar Loaf Mountain late Wednesday afternoon.

His family and brother, Paul Bridges, of Shelby, became alarmed Tuesday night, when the crash victim failed to put in appearance on the last leg of his trip returning from the airport.

Members of the VFW and American Legion planning to attend the funeral of E. W. Bridges at Pleasant Grove church Friday afternoon are being requested to meet at Harris Funeral Home at 1:30.

from the Memorial Day auto races at Indianapolis. He had taken off from Hendersonville - Asheville airport at 3:25 Tuesday afternoon. Investigating officials thought the crash occurred less than an hour later.

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