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Trading Area ..... 15,000  
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

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## Local News Bulletins

### UNION SERVICE

Sunday night's union service for five city congregations will be held at the First Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central Methodist church, will bring the message and special music will be rendered by Mrs. Bill Merritt and Miss Cornelia Dick.

### REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will begin at El-Bethel Sunday morning, August 10 to continue through August 17. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 and will be conducted by the pastor.

### TO BE CLOSED

Jacob Mauney Memorial Library will be closed the week of August 11 according to announcement by Mrs. Charles Dilling, librarian. It will again re-open Aug. 18, she said.

### HOMECOMING

A homecoming will be held at the Oak Grove Baptist church Sunday, August 10, announcement was made by the pastor, Rev. Oxford. "Everyone is invited to attend the 'all-day singing and dinner on the grounds,'" he said.

### NAZARENE PROGRAM

The Sisk Quartet, Shelby radio singers, will present a program of music at First Church of the Nazarene at the Sunday evening service at 7 o'clock, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. C. E. McKenzie.

### AT MERCHANTS OFFICE

Miss Ann Mayes is serving as temporary secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, during the absence of Mrs. John Lewis, who is on vacation.

### HOME ON LEAVE

GMSN Donald E. Cashion, son of Mrs. Minnie Cashion, is home on thirty day leave from duty with the U. S. Navy. He is to report back to San Diego, Calif., for duty on Saturday.

### AT CHAPEL HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coggins are visiting in Chapel Hill this week. Mr. Coggins is attending the management institute at the University of North Carolina.

### KIWANIS MEETING

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold a picnic meeting Thursday at 6:30 p. m. at Bethware school, with the Bethware community hosts for the occasion.

### LEGION MEETINGS

Regular August meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will be held at the Legion Hall Friday night at 8 o'clock. Commander Sam Collins has called an executive committee meeting for 7 p. m. Friday, prior to the regular meeting.

## Water Pumpage For July Heavy

The city water plant pumped 23,575,000 gallons during the month of July, George Moss, water plant superintendent, reported this week.

Pumpage for July, one of the hottest months in recent summers, did not set a record, though the total was in the high strata. Largest previous pumpage was in August 1951, when the plant pumped 27,350,000 gallons. The plant was first used in February 1929. Total for October 1951, at 23,651,000 gallons, exceeded slightly the total pumpage for July.

Mr. Moss said Foote Mineral Company was using more city water in the record months last year than they used during the recent month.

## Police Department To Get License List

A list of delinquent purchasers of the city privilege licenses is being turned over to the police department for collection, Joe Hendrick, city clerk, said Wednesday.

Business firms are required to purchase privilege licenses under the schedule adopted in June.

Penalty of five percent per month applies to delinquent purchasers, with first penalty date having been August 1. Mr. Hendrick urged immediate purchase of the licenses to avoid "needless penalty."

## Weekley Accepts First Baptist Call



RECEIVES DEGREE — Richard (Dick) Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster, received his bachelor of science degree at summer commencement exercises at Newberry College Friday night, August 1. A physical education major, he served as president of the class during his senior year. He will assume his duties as assistant football and basketball coach at Eau Claire high school in Columbia, S. C., on August 15. His wife, who received a degree in chemistry from Newberry in June, will be a member of the Hand Junior high school faculty in Columbia.

## Mrs. Littlejohn Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Nettie Rutledge Littlejohn, 54, died suddenly at her home 208 Fulton street, at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mrs. Littlejohn, wife of Charles H. Littlejohn, patient at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Mountain Home, Tenn., is a former employee of Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company. She had been suffering from a heart condition for the past five months, but her sudden death was unexpected.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are three sons, Charles H. Littlejohn, Jr., of Charlotte, Johnnie Gaston Littlejohn, with the U. S. Coast Guard, and Bobby Littlejohn, of Kings Mountain.

Four daughters, Miss Betty Lee Littlejohn, Miss Mary Ann Littlejohn, and Mrs. Edna Nell Stacy, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Peggy Grace Frady, of Bessemer City; and two sisters, Mrs. Maude Huffstetter, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Mollie Pope, of Winston-Salem. Two grandchildren also survive.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete late Wednesday afternoon, pending communication with her husband.

## Little League Feed Slated Monday Night

Reservations for the Kings Mountain Little League banquet must be in by Friday. The event will be held at Masonic dining hall Monday night at 7:30 p. m., according to announcement by Red Layton, league commissioner.

Members of the four Little League teams do not need reservations, he said. Parents and others desiring to attend may secure tickets from Mr. Layton or Dr. W. P. Gerberding. Price is one dollar.

Trophies and awards will be presented at the banquet. Trophies are now on display in the window at Belk's Men's Store.

## Goforth Portrait Drive To Close; Settlemire Commissioned As Artist

J. Lee Settlemire, Kings Mountain native and now a Rock Hill, S. C., artist, has been commissioned to paint the portrait of the late Miss Lottie Goforth for hanging at Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. Settlemire has already obtained pictures of the late Miss Goforth and will paint a three-quarter length portrait for the hospital which Miss Goforth endowed.

Concurrently, it was announced that the fund campaign for contributions to paint the portrait will end on next Wednesday, August 13.

Total contributions through Wednesday morning were \$326, Dr. O. P. Lewis, treasurer of the

## Wilmington Man To Assume Duties Early Next Month

Rev. M. Gordon Weekley, pastor of Masonboro Baptist church of Wilmington, has accepted the call of First Baptist church to fill its pastorate, according to announcement this week by Dr. D. F. Hord, chairman of the church's pulpits committee.

Rev. Mr. Weekley and his family are expected to arrive in Kings Mountain the first week in September.

He will succeed Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., who accepted in May the pastorate of a large Baptist church in Lenoir.

Rev. Mr. Weekley is a native of Atlanta, Ga., and a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Weekleys have one son, Dr. Robert A. Dyer, of Gardner-Webb college, has served as supply pastor for the church since Mr. Cashwell's departure.

Other members of the pulpits committee are Harold Crawford, W. A. Williams, George W. Allen, Mrs. A. W. Kincaid, Mrs. W. F. McGill, and W. B. Logan

## County Tax Bills Payable At Discount

August is the month to pay 1952 county tax bills and obtain the full discount of two percent.

Individuals and businesses wishing to take advantage of the discount offer should write or call R. M. Gidney, county tax supervisor, for a statement of the amount. Notices are not mailed until October 1, Mr. Gidney said.

Discount rate for city tax prepayments dropped to one percent August 1.

## Local Area Roads Will Be Paved

Grading work on a Kings Mountain farm-to-market road began Monday, prelude to its surface treatment.

The road is 3.1 miles long and connects the Kings Mountain-Oak Grove road with Highway 74.

It is one of three short roads scheduled for paving, E. R. McGimpsey, of the state highway office, said Wednesday. Others are:

1) Four-tenths mile from Route 29 (El Bethel church) to Bethlehem church.

2) One and three-tenths mile from a road off Route 29 to Midway on Route 74.

The projects include paving, necessary structures, and surface treatment.

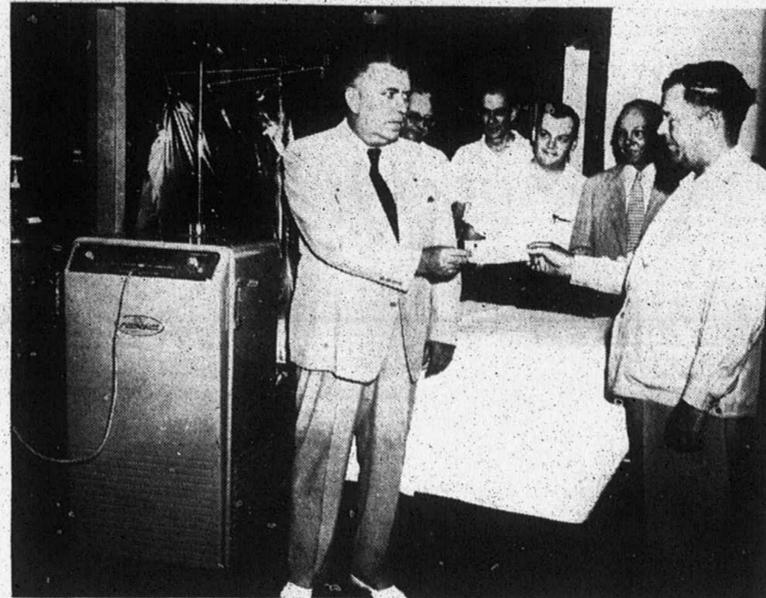
STENDER TO PREACH  
Rev. W. H. Stender, former pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will be guest minister at Resurrection Lutheran church at 11 o'clock services Sunday morning. Following the service picnic dinner will be served.

ON MAGAZINE COVER  
Paul M. Neisler, Sr., was one member of a group picture used on the cover of the August issue of "The Kiwanis Magazine. The picture was taken at the President's Ball during the annual convention of Kiwanis International at Seattle, Wash.

fund, reported. For persons who have not yet donated to the fund, checks should be drawn to the Lottie Goforth Portrait Fund and mailed or handed to Dr. Lewis.

The portrait will honor Miss Goforth who bequeathed all her estate for the purpose of building a hospital in Kings Mountain. The amount of the estate exceeded \$33,000 and was utilized in the building of the Lottie Goforth Memorial wing of Kings Mountain hospital.

The fund report to date: Previously acknowledged \$306  
Dr. L. P. Baker 10  
A Friend 10  
Total \$326



KIWANIS DONATION PAYS FOR OXYGEN TANK—In the picture above, Kiwanis President Harold Hunnicutt, right foreground, is presenting to Joe Dixon, business manager of Kings Mountain Hospital, a check for \$750 to pay for the new oxygen tank at the hospital. The check represented proceeds from the Kiwanis club's 1952 horse show. Others in the picture are, left to right, E. S. Neill, M. K. Fuller, Dr. D. F. Hord and Dr. W. P. Gerberding. The availability of the oxygen tank has already saved the lives of several persons, hospital officials report. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

## Here's Rate Schedule On July Power Bills

Kings Mountain citizens got their city utility bills last Friday, their first under the new schedule of rates adopted by the city board of commissioners in June and made effective with billings for the month of July.

Some citizens' power bills went up, and some went down. Under the new schedules, four former rate schedules were replaced by two. Under the new system, only two rates schedules are used, one for residential, one for commercial. There is no longer any need for more than one meter at either single residence or single business establishment, for readings on separate meters are totaled and billed out as one account. Within the next few months, the city expects to remove all "extra" meters.

Following are the new rate schedules, plus demand charge schedules, the latter to be used until the city can install demand-type meters to determine the actual demand charge to be assessed:

Residential Rate		Commercial Rate	
First 50 KWH @	6c	First 100 KWH @	6c
Next 100 KWH @	3c	Next 900 KWH @	3.2c
Next 200 KWH @	2c	Next 1500 KWH @	2c
All Over 250 KWH @	1.5c	All over 2500 KWH @	1.1c
Monthly minimum	\$1	Monthly minimum	\$1 or 60 percent of contract demand less 10 KW, whichever is greater.
Three-phase service, add	\$2		
Demand Charges		Demand Charges	
KWH	Add \$	KWH	Add \$
1100 to 1300	1.00	2200 to 2400	11.00
1301 to 1400	2.00	4001 to 4200	12.00
1401 to 1500	3.00	4201 to 4400	13.00
1501 to 1600	4.00	4401 to 4600	14.00
1601 to 1700	5.00	4601 to 4800	15.00
1701 to 1850	6.00	4801 to 5000	16.00
1851 to 1950	7.00	5001 to 5200	17.00
1951 to 2050	8.00	5201 to 5400	18.00
2051 to 2200	9.00	5401 to 5600	19.00
2201 to 2300	10.00	5601 to 5800	20.00
2301 to 2400	11.00	5801 to 6000	21.00
2401 to 2500	12.00		
2501 to 2650	13.00		
2651 to 2750	14.00		
2751 to 2850	15.00		
2851 to 2950	16.00		
2951 to 3050	17.00		
3051 to 3200	18.00		
3201 to 3300	19.00		
3301 to 3400	20.00		
3401 to 3500	21.00		

These adders are to be used with residential schedule only until Demand Registers can be installed. Outside city limits: Add 20 percent to total.

## Former City Electrical Rates

SCEDULE R 1—LIGHTS	
First 10 kwh @	7.50c
Next 20 kwh @	7.00c
Next 20 kwh @	6.00c
Next 250 kwh @	5.50c
Next 300 kwh @	5.00c
Next 400 kwh @	4.00c
Next 2000 kwh @	2.00c

All over 3,000 kwh @ 1.75c  
Monthly Minimum Charge \$0.75

SCEDULE HC—HEATING OR COOKING	
First 100 kwh	@ 2.00c
All over 100 kwh	@ 1.75c
Monthly Minimum Charge \$2.50	

SCEDULE 1 — COMBINATION LCH — LIGHTS, HEATING AND COOKING	
First 50 kwh	@ 4.00c
Next 50 kwh	@ 3.00c
Next 100 kwh	@ 2.00c
All over 200 kwh	@ 1.75c
Monthly Minimum Charge \$3.00	

SCEDULE—CP 1—POWER	
First 50 kwh	@ 5.00c
Next 150 kwh	@ 4.00c
Next 200 kwh	@ 2.50c
Next 2,600 kwh	@ 2.00c
Next 3,000 kwh	@ 1.75c
All over 6,000 kwh	@ 1.50c

Monthly Minimum Charge \$2.50 Commercial  
Monthly Minimum Charge \$1.50 Residential  
Outside city limits: add 10 percent to total

## Nurses' Home Prospects Good

Prospects are quite good that the Kings Mountain hospital plant, recently expanded by the addition of the Lottie Goforth Memorial wing, will be able to boast a modern 13-bed nurses' home in the near future.

Plans for the nurses' home are now being drawn by V. W. Brezee & Associates, Shelby architects, according to announcement by Joe Dixon, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. Dixon said a three-man committee was in Raleigh last week conferring with the State Medical Care commission concerning the building of a nurses' home and that the commission officials were most favorable in their attitude toward the proposed project.

The three men conferring with the Medical Care commission were C. C. Horn, chairman of the Cleveland County hospital board of trustees, R. L. Moser, county hospitals administrator, and L. Arnold Kiser, former trustee.

Under present plans, the nurses' home will be located on the northwest sector of the hospital grounds, near the country club.

Medical Care commission approval of the project would mean financial participation in building of the nurses' home.

## Mrs. MacLeod To Speak Here

Mrs. W. Murdock MacLeod, of New York City, chairman of the council of church women of the United States will be in Kings Mountain next week, coming to visit her daughter, Mrs. William Klein.

Mrs. MacLeod will speak to the women of Kings Mountain on Thursday afternoon, August 14 at the First Presbyterian church at 3:30 o'clock. Immediately following her talk an informal reception will be held in Fellowship Hall of the church.

All church women are invited to hear Mrs. MacLeod.

TO FILL PULPIT  
Mr. William Klein, assistant pastor of First Presbyterian church, will fill the pulpit at Boyce Memorial ARP church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

## Fire Destroys Three Grover Firms; Blaze Damage Estimated At \$50,000

Fire completely destroyed two business buildings in Grover Monday night about 10 o'clock, wiping out also three business establishments and the Masonic Lodge Hall.

Initial estimates placed the loss in excess of \$50,000.

Business establishments destroyed included Grover Cleaners, owned by Plato J. Heavener, of Kings Mountain, a beauty shop owned by Mrs. Joyce Falls Caperton, of Kings Mountain, and operated by Mary Reed Norman, and People's Drug Company, owned by Roland Tate. The brick buildings were owned by Harold Herndon, who recently purchased them from Warren Hicks.

Cause of the fire, which brought fire-fighters from Kings Mountain, Shelby and Blacksburg, S. C., had not been definitely determined. Mr. Heavener speculated that the fire could have originated from an over-heated motor in his cleaning plant. He

## Miller To Explain Power Schedules

### Public Invited To Board Meeting Thursday Night

The city board of commissioners will meet in special session Thursday night at 7:30 at City Hall courtroom, with Max Miller, the city's consulting electrical engineer scheduled to be present.

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Other matters to be considered by the board at the Thursday night session include:

1) Discussion on possible adoption of a more stringent sanitation law, including possible outlawing of livestock within the city limits.

2) Discussion on possible revision of water rates.

3) Discussion on ordering a check of water lines serving sprinkler systems.

The agenda was furnished by Mr. Fuller and Mayor Garland Still. The special meeting will not replace the regular monthly meeting, they said, but the regular session may be postponed until Tuesday night.

## John Charles To Coach Here

John Charles, former Lenoir Rhyne college backfield ace, said last Friday that he is definitely coming to Kings Mountain high school as an assistant coach.

Coach Charles had signed a contract with Kings Mountain school officials two weeks ago and then, when the head coaching position at Bessemer City high school was offered him, signed another contract there.

After further discussion with members of the Kings Mountain school board, he decided last Friday to fulfill his contract here, he said.

Mr. Charles, who was assistant football and head boys basketball coach at Valdese last year, will succeed Jack Sink, who resigned to enter the armed services several weeks ago.

The new coach expects to move his family here in about two weeks. The Charles' are currently on vacation at his home in Pennsylvania.

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## Jim Spivey Heads Little Theatre

Jimmy Spivey has been named to succeed B. S. Peeler, Jr., as president of Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc. He will take office on September 1, along with the following new officers:

Bruce Thorburn, named vice president to succeed Mrs. P. G. Padgett.

Hubert Carlisle, named secretary to succeed Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr.

Delbert Dixon, named treasurer to succeed Sam Stallings.

Directors of Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., elected by the membership at a meeting two months ago, named the new slate of officers for the organization at a meeting last week.

New directors elected included Meek Carpenter, Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Spivey, Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Jr., and Bill Melcher. Holdover directors were Mr. Peeler, Dr. P. G. Padgett, Mr. Thorburn, Jack White and Mr. Dixon.

Retiring directors, in addition to the replaced officers, are Mrs. M. A. Ware and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

The new officers will assume duties relative to the regular activities of the Little Theatre group and will not replace officers of the drama production, "Sword of Gideon," previously announced.

Miss Betty Ledford is executive secretary of the organization.

President-elect Spivey has been an outstanding member of the Little Theatre for the past several years. He appeared in leading roles in several productions.

## Dixon Joining Tractor Firm

Holland P. Dixon, veteran manager of Archdale Farms, Kings Mountain dairy, will resign his position in the near future to become actively associated as officer and stockholder of a new Shelby farm equipment concern.

Mr. Dixon is vice-president and treasurer of Hardin-Dixon Tractor Company, dealers for Ford and Dearborn farm equipment. The firm is a successor to the firm formerly known as Hardin Tractor Company. Other officers are Joe Hardin, president and general manager, and Mrs. Joe Hardin, secretary. Mrs. Dixon is also a stockholder in the concern.

P. M. Neisler, treasurer of Neisler Mills, Inc., owner of the dairy, said he would have an announcement concerning the future operation of the dairy in the near future.

Mr. Dixon has managed Archdale Farms for the past 20 years.

## City Tax Refunds Mailed To 146

Postmen carried good news to a number of Kings Mountain citizens Wednesday morning.

The good news was refund checks to 146 citizens who had prepaid their 1952 city taxes.

Checks totaling \$1,868.72 were mailed to the 146 individuals and business establishments and represented a refund on the pre-payments, the refunds reflecting the 10-cent cut in the city tax rate.