

# Population

City Limits ..... 7,206

The population is from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population gain since 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7608. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

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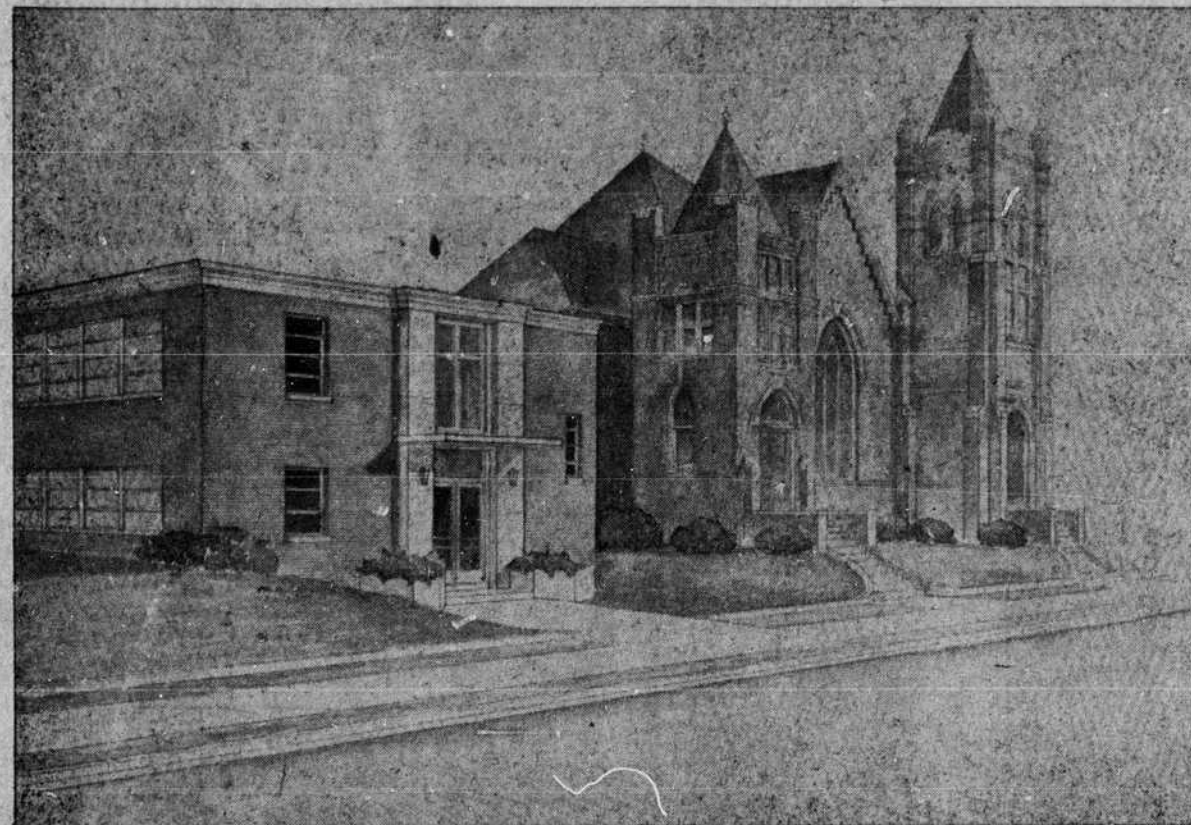
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**FORMAL OPENING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED**—The formal opening of the new \$770,000 educational building, shown in architects sketch above, will be observed by members of Central Methodist church during the week beginning Sunday. The public is invited to open house at the church Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

## Hoke Bid Low On Electrical Job For School

Low bid of \$4,100 by L. A. Hoke, Kings Mountain electrical contractor, for re-lighting Central school was accepted by the Kings Mountain city district board of school trustees at the regular monthly meeting of the group at Central school Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Three bids on the project were opened at the school last Friday. Other bids were \$5,230 by Grigg Electric Co., of Shelby, and \$12,000 by Medlin Electric Co., of Mt. Pleasant.

The board also voted to execute options for some 15.3 acres of property totaling \$7,625 for the proposed new North elementary school as follows:

Mrs. Mattie C. Stowe, 7.55 acres, \$3,775 and Mrs. Stowe, .34 acre and house facing N. Piedmont, ave., \$1,000.

Mrs. Minnie Heavner, 2.92 acres, \$1,466.

Dr. W. L. Ramseur, 1.96 acres, \$1,200.

Hugh Williams, .38 acre, \$190. A gift of 2.15 acres is being made by J. R. and E. R. Roberts.

Some three acres remain to be purchased in the tract, school officials stated, and the board took action to obtain it. The board passed motions to offer the F. J. Carpenter Estate heirs \$700 for less than an acre and to offer Mrs. B. I. Mull \$600 for approximately an acre.

Fred Van Wageningen and T. W. Cothran, Shelby architects who have been retained to draw plans for the proposed new structure, were present at the meeting and discussed with the board the type of construction, number and type of rooms to be constructed, roads, and size of cafeteria and auditorium. The board asked the architects to make preliminary sketches of the building prior to making of detailed sketches for submission to the state school board for approval.

Marion M. Packard, Shelby engineer who drew plans for the Central re-lighting project, was also present. Mr. Hoke said Tuesday that he plans to start work immediately on the primary department phase of the project. Major work in the main portion of the building is to be begun June 1. The board authorized Trustee Fred W. Plonk and Superintendent B. N. Barnes to purchase fixtures for the job. Bids on the work called for the contractor to install fixtures purchased by the board.

Mr. Barnes reported that the new addition at East school and the new Davidson elementary building were still not ready for acceptance, with minor changes required.

The board voted to extend Miss Gussie Huffstetler's permission to employ a substitute teacher, to give a bell from Davidson school to Faith Baptist church after Mr. Barnes reported that approval of the gift had been made by the school's Parent-Teacher association, and voted to claim all building and loan association dividends and deposit the money in the general bond account.

The board also authorized a new survey of land needed for East school and discussed purchase of additional land for West school. Mr. Barnes reported surrender of a \$10,000 bank certificate and told the board that all the funds (\$301,000) from the last county bond issue will be available during the year. The board also discussed insurance on property recently purchased and on new school buildings.

All members were present except Dr. P. G. Padgett.

**GIRL SCOUT DINNER TO BE HELD FRIDAY**  
The Pioneer Area Girl Scout annual meeting will be held at the Kings Mountain Woman's club building Friday. This will be a dinner meeting and all adult scouters and parents of scouts are invited.

Dr. Harry Moffatt, pastor of Gastonia's First Presbyterian church, will be the speaker. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock.

Tickets are \$1.50, and reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Harry Page, Mrs. T. L. Hovis, and Mrs. P. E. Hendricks.

**TO WOODRUFF, S. C.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Darracont will move Friday to Woodruff, S. C., where Mr. Darracont will begin operation of a new wholesale auto firm. They will live in Woodruff at Poole Apartments, West Georgia street.

The Darraconts have sold their Meadowbrook Drive home to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamrick.

# Burlie S. Peeler, Jr., Named Young Man Of Year For '54



**JAYCEES FIRST DSA AWARD WINNER** — Burlie Peeler, Jr., third from left, was named Kings Mountain's Young Man-of-the-Year for 1954 at the first annual Distinguished Service Award banquet of the Junior Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night. Pictured, left to right, are Wilson Griffin, Jaycee president, Lambert Swartz, of Charlotte, who announced the winner, Mr. Peeler, and R. G. Plonk, Jr., DSA committee chairman. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

## Jaycees Made Service Award Tuesday Night

Burlie Peeler, Jr., 26-year-old lumberman and civic leader, was named Kings Mountain's Young Man-of-the-Year for 1954 at the regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

Announcement of the winner of the club's initial distinguished service award, to be given annually, was made by Lambert Swartz, winner of Charlotte's DSA award for 1953 and a past president of the Charlotte Jaycees.

The winner, who is a former Jaycee, was present at the meeting, evidencing his civic interest by accepting a request to tape-record the meeting for the club's files.

Exhibiting much surprise at the announcement, Mr. Peeler said, "I feel a little selfish about this . . . all the things I've done . . . were for my own pleasure. I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Selected by a secret committee of Kings Mountain men above 36 years-of-age, name of the winner of the first annual award was a closely guarded secret, known only to DSA Chairman R. G. Plonk, Jr., and the five-member selection committee.

Names of others nominated for the award by citizens of the area will not be disclosed and neither will the names of the selection committee members. Chairman Plonk told the large number of Jaycees and their guests. The selection was made strictly by the national and state rules governing the project, he said.

Mr. Peeler, who is single, will be 27 years-of-age on January 29, and has been active in church, civic, social and business affairs of Kings Mountain for the past several years.

He is a member of Central Methodist church, is a past member of the church's board of stewards and is now serving as assistant to the choir director and as chairman of the music committee.

A member of the Kiwanis club, he is now serving as first vice president and is a past director and past second vice president. He served as president of the Kings Mountain Choral Society for two years and for two years was a member of the board of directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

An active member of the Little Theatre, which he helped organize several years ago, he took a prominent part in the organization and production of "Sword of Gideon," drama of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain. He is a past

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## Local News Bulletins

**TO ABERDEEN, MD.**  
Pvt. Carl Herman Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and has orders to report for duty January 28 at Aberdeen, Md., at the army proving grounds.

**SHRUB SALE**  
Annual shrubbery sale of the Kings Mountain Garden club will be conducted February 3, beginning at 9 o'clock on the vacant lot on West Gold street across street from the J. L. McGill residence, it was announced this week.

**LIONS PROGRAM**  
Major W. B. Lentz, executive officer of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting Tuesday night at Masonic Dining hall. The club meets at 6:45. The program was arranged by Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr.

**TAG SALES**  
A total of 328 sales auto licenses for 1955 have been purchased at the office of the city clerk. It was announced Wednesday. Fifty-three of the total were purchased this week.

**WEIR MANAGEMENT**  
Management of Weir's Coal and Weir's Grocery, located at Park Yarn Mills, will be under the direction of Miss Bertha Blanton, and Obreen White, it was announced this week by W. T. Weir, owner, who relinquished active management of the businesses to become acting Kings Mountain postmaster.

**ON DEAN'S LIST**  
Miss Joyce Biser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Biser, has been listed on the Dean's list for the fall term at Appalachian State Teacher's college, Boone.

**TO PRESS INSTITUTE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harmon will go to Chapel Hill Thursday where they will attend the annual Mid-Winter Press Institute sponsored jointly by the University of North Carolina, Duke university, and the North Carolina Press association.

## Polio Fund Benefits By Bowlers' Misses

The note read, ". . . terrible bowling, but it was for a good cause. . . ." and inclosed was seven dollars and a nickel.

The money was designated for the annual March of Dimes drive for funds to fight polio and was from the Kings Mountain Bowling League.

Players in the four-team loop had assessed themselves one penny for each pin they failed to knock down at the regular weekly matches at Shelby Community Center on Monday night. Twenty Kings Mountain bowlers comprise the league.

The money was turned over to Ben H. Bridges, co-chairman of the drive now underway, on Tuesday.

# Central Methodist To Open Building

## Formal Services And Open House Set For Sunday

Formal opening of the new educational building at Central Methodist church will be observed for a week beginning Sunday morning. Rev. F. L. Shore, Jr., pastor, Paul Walker, Sunday School superintendent, and J. R. Davis, of the board of stewards, will make statements of appreciation.

Conducted tours of the new building will be carried out and visitors are being asked to enter at the Piedmont avenue entrance to the new building.

Rev. C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia district, will deliver the sermon on Sunday morning. Rev. F. L. Shore, Jr., pastor, Paul Walker, Sunday School superintendent, and J. R. Davis, of the board of stewards, will make statements of appreciation.

The Young Adult class, the Daughters of Wesley class and the Youth Department will assist in the open house Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. J. Garland Winkler, a former pastor and superintendent of the Marion district, will deliver the sermon. Earl Marlowe, Jr., president of the Senior Youth Fellowship will make a statement of appreciation.

Program for the week also includes four other services.

On Monday at 7 p. m. the church will honor the church school staff, the building committees and the official board at a supper meeting. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Main Street Methodist church of Gastonia, will be the guest speaker and Rev. Mr. Kirby will express appreciation to the honored groups. The supper is to be prepared and served by members of the Women's Guild.

## First Big Snowfall In Years Blankets Kings Mountain Area

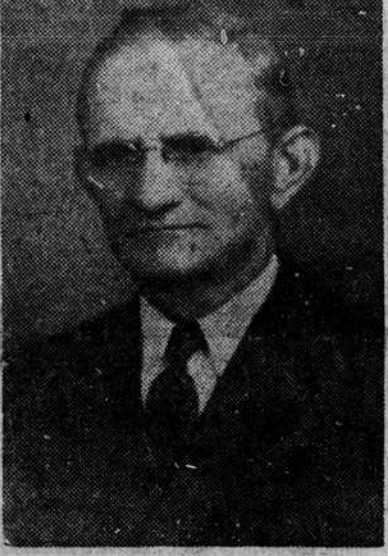
It snowed. Kings Mountain was digging out Wednesday from its first major snowfall in several years, to the delight of the community's youngsters — many of whom had never seen the white blanket — and to the inconvenience of many citizens, who were not equipped to cope with this form of nature's activity.

A cold rain which began shortly after dark Tuesday night turned to snow in a few hours and continued all night, leaving a five-inch covering in its wake.

Some school children plodded and paddled to the city's schools, then waded home again as school officials declared a weather holiday.

Taxicabs did their most rushing business in several years, as cars were either immovable or couldn't make the main streets, which were generally passable as a result of highway department and city clearing work.

Service stations quickly sold



**WRITES HELD** — Final rites for J. A. Walker, 72, prominent Kings Mountain Mason, were conducted on Sunday.

## Walker Rites Held On Sunday

Funeral service for Joseph Allen Walker, 72-year-old retired textile worker and prominent Mason, were conducted from Central Methodist church Sunday at 3:30 o'clock.

Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., officiated and Masonic burial rites were conducted at Mountain Rest Cemetery by D. C. Wright of Mooresboro. Members of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., which he served as tyler for 20 years served as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Walker died at Kings Mountain hospital Friday around 3:30 p. m. following a serious illness of three weeks. He was the son of the late James Wesley and Catherine Johnston Walker and his wife, Julia Hartsoe Walker, died in April, 1952.

A native of Gaston County, he

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out their supply of chains, one operator remarking, "Yes, I sold mine pretty quick, then helped some of the other boys get theirs sold." Garage wreckers also did busy duty, and merchants found their first run on rubber footwear in many seasons. Generally, these stocks were low and one merchant had put in a rush order by telephone in hopes the shipment would arrive before the snow melted.

Last major snowfall here, Herald records indicate, was in early 1948.

Also welcoming the snow, in spite of the fact many were snowed in temporarily, were the area's farmers, remembering two hot dry summers and noting that rainfall during the winter season has been below normal. Farmers feel the snow will help considerably their crop prospects for 1955.

Most services were working normally, though some telephone lines were reported temporarily out of action.

# R. F. Elam, 76, Dies In Accident

## Farmer Killed When Tractor Overturned

Richard Fuller (Dick) Elam, 76-year-old farmer of route two, was instantly killed near his home Tuesday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock in a tractor accident.

Funeral service will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Bethlehem Baptist church, where the body will lie in state for one-half hour prior to the rites. Rev. R. E. Robbins, the pastor, and Rev. Gordon Weekley, of Charlotte, will officiate and burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Elam was driving the vehicle on his farm near his home off Shelby road when a front wheel ran off into a seven-foot gully, Paul Barnette, 15-year-old youth who was riding the rear of the tractor, said that he jumped but Mr. Elam attempted to back into the road and the vehicle flipped over into the gully, pinning the victim underneath, Acting County Coroner Neil Grissom reported.

The victim suffered a depressed fracture of the skull and died instantly, Mr. Grissom said.

Mr. Elam was a member of Bethlehem Baptist church.

He was the son of the late Phillip Ramseur and Mary Barber Elam and was married to the former Sallie Roberts, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Richard Broadus Elam of Gastonia, Phillip Ramseur Elam of Mars Hill, and John Edgar Elam of Bladenboro; three daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Vance of Macon, Ga., Mrs. Sarah Viola Smith of Bladenboro, and Mrs. Alice Evelyn Gamble of Southern Pines; and 14 grandchildren.

Vernon Crawford of Earl, De Witt Crawford of Shelby, and Wayne L. Ware, Jr., Cameron Ware, Clarence Plonk, Jr., and Hobart Dye, all of Kings Mountain, will serve as active pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers will be Fuller McGill, E. W. Griffin, Sr., J. T. Teague of Bessemer City, M. A. Ware, Sr., Dr. Luther P. Baker, C. E. Dengler, Campbell Phifer, R. B. Cherry of Gastonia, Jake Phifer, Lyman Martin of Blacksburg, S. C., Tom Blalock and Bush Dixon.

**MOOSE LODGE MEETS**  
The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1743 will be held Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

## Falls Bill Would Amend 1951 Act

A bill to change the method of nominating Cleveland county commissioners was introduced in the General Assembly by Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., January 10.

It was referred to the calendar committee.

The bill of Rep. Falls provides that all citizens may vote in the respective party primaries for five commissioners, though the bill does not change the provisions of the 1951 Act. Under the 1951 Act citizens vote only for one candidate from their particular district.

## KIWANIS PROGRAM

The Kiwanis club achievement committee will report on the club's work of the past year at the regular Thursday night meeting at Masonic Dining hall at 6:45. G. C. Kelly is chairman of the committee.



**CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT POST OFFICE**—Pictured above are W. T. Weir, newly appointed acting postmaster, receiving a handshake of congratulatory from W. E. Blakely, right, retiring postmaster, as Postal Inspector F. E. Hayes looks on. Mr. Hayes, a Kings Mountain native, is a veteran postal official recently transferred to this district. Mr. Weir assumed the duties of the post office Saturday afternoon. Mr. Blakely retired January 15 after more than 18 years as Kings Mountain postmaster. (Photo by Furman Wilson.)

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