

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 7600. The trading area population in 1945, based on nation board registrations of the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

## Local News Bulletins

**WITH HARRIS FIRM**  
Bill Bell, former city policeman, has joined the staff of Harris Funeral Home, it has been announced by Ollie Harris.

**PRIVILEGE LICENSES**  
Purchase of city privilege licenses for the current year totaled \$5,265.58 through Tuesday, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reports.

**ARP SERVICE**  
Rev. J. G. Brawley, of Blacksburg, S. C., will speak at 11:00 o'clock morning services Sunday at Boyce Memorial ARP church, Dr. W. L. Pressly, the pastor, has announced.

**WOMAN'S CLUB**  
Members of the Woman's club will serve Sunday dinner at the Woman's club Sunday beginning at 12:15. It has been announced by Mrs. J. M. Cooper.

**LEGION AUXILIARY**  
Annual family picnic of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion Auxiliary, will be held at the city picnic area Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

**CAKE SALE**  
The Intermediate department of Central Methodist church will hold a cake sale at P & N Appliance Center Saturday morning at 9 a. m. Proceeds will be used to buy choir robes for the group.

**BAPTIST PICNIC**  
Annual First Baptist church picnic will be held next Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keeter. J. Ollie Harris is chairman in charge of arrangements, and swimming facilities at the city recreation park will be available to the group from 4 until 6 p. m. prior to the 7 p. m. meal.

**NEW RECRUITER**  
Sgt. Stuart H. Coleman, of the Air Force, has been assigned to recruiting duty in Kings Mountain. Sgt. Coleman succeeds Sgt. C. H. Strickland in a split of territory. Sgt. Coleman will be at Kings Mountain postoffice each Friday morning from 9 o'clock to noon to interview prospective Air Force recruits, he said.

**UNION SERVICE**  
Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will preach at Sunday night's union service to be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Special music will be rendered by Mrs. Miles Mauney, violinist, and by the church choir, it was announced by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of the host church.

**MORROW REUNION**  
The annual Morrow reunion will be held Saturday afternoon at Pisgah ARP church beginning at 5 o'clock, according to announcement of Mason Robinson, of Gastonia, president of the clan. Group singing will precede serving of picnic dinner at 7 o'clock. The historian, Agnes Bell, will report on vital statistics of the clan.

**ONE FIRE**  
Kings Mountain Fire Department answered one call this week. Saturday around 11:18 p. m. the department was called several miles outside the city limits on Highway 161 to extinguish a truck blaze. C. D. Ware, city fireman reported.

**LICENSE PLATES**  
Two North Carolina car license plates, Nos. 344-43355 and R-1-286055, have been turned in at Kings Mountain Police department, Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., reported. Owners may claim the license plates at the police department, he said.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$175.92, Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office, reported.

**LIONS MEETING**  
Members of Kings Mountain Lions Club will attend a picnic supper Tuesday night at Bethware High School. The picnic will be held at the regular meeting time, 7 p. m.

**MOOSE MEETING**  
The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held Tuesday night at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

# Macedonia To Break Ground For Church Plant Sunday

## New Edifice To Be Built Will Seat 600

Macedonia Baptist church will break ground Sunday on a new church plant.

Formal ground-breaking services will be held immediately following regular Sunday morning 11 a. m. services, Rev. T. A. Lineberger, the pastor, announced yesterday.

Actual construction on the church building, designed to accommodate 600 persons, will begin in mid-September, with Ralph Webber, of Shelby, to supervise construction. Also included will be an educational building, to enable the church to operate a completely graded Sunday school.

The new plant will be built of brick-and-block on property recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. James Fowler. This property is a lot immediately adjacent to the present Macedonia site. The new site fronts 150 feet on the Park Grace school road and varies in depth from 225 to 240 feet. The old residence which occupied the lot is currently being demolished.

The church building committee includes Charles Alexander, Otto Kiser and Lester Welch.

The planning committee included the pastor, chairman of the board of deacons, training union director, and representatives from each department of the Sunday school.

When the new plant is completed, the present edifice will be demolished, Mr. Lineberger said in making the announcement.

## Plunk President Of McGill Clan

William Lawrence Plunk was elected president of McGills of Gaston at the annual reunion held Wednesday at Bethel church arbor.

Mr. Plunk succeeds Will McGill. Other officers named were Mrs. C. S. Plunk, Jr., vice-president, and Mrs. Stokes Wright, secretary-treasurer.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., of Le noir, former pastor of First Baptist church here, gave the devotional address, and Miss Willie McGill, keeper of vital statistics, reported the clan had numbered 16 births, a wedding, and a death during the past year.

Named to the nominating committee for the coming year were Mrs. R. B. Keeter, chairman, M. D. Phifer, and Mrs. Earl Carpenter.

## Trustees Vote Condemnation Action For Expansion Of East School Site

Kings Mountain school board voted to condemn a tract of land for playground space for East Elementary school and adopted a local funds budget for 1955-56 totalling \$468,644.85 at the regular monthly meeting held Monday at 7:30 p. m. at Central school.

The board also voted to advertise a house for sale for removal located on West Elementary school property and also included a building it wants removed from the North Elementary property.

The board authorized Superintendent B. N. Barnes to retain Attorney George B. Thomasson to begin condemnation proceedings to secure the East school land from Consolidated Textiles, Inc., after falling in repeated efforts over a long period to purchase the land from the firm. The land, about five acres, is located west of the East school building and is adjacent to the present property.

The board also voted to increase Supt. Barnes' local supplement from \$821 to \$1,200 annually after Chairman A. W. Kincaid pointed out that the superintendent had not had an increase in the past eight years or more. The board made the increase effective as of last July 1.

The 1955-56 local funds budget is some \$24,000 less than the one for 1954-55 and includes \$86,356.14 for current expenses, \$380,664.28 for capital outlay and \$1,624.43 for debt service. Mr. Barnes pointed out that a copy of the budget is on file in his office and is available for anyone who wishes to study it. He reported the



**PROMOTED — Commander William F. Brewer, USN, husband of the former Miss Pauline Neisler, of Kings Mountain, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Capt. Brewer is currently serving as executive officer of the USS Valley Forge, Essex-Class aircraft carrier.**

## Brewer Promoted To Captain Rank

USS VALLEY FORGE, AT SEA — A Navy Board of Selection announced this week the promotion of Commander William F. Brewer, USN, to the rank of Captain.

Commander Brewer, who is presently serving as the Executive Officer of the 33,000 ton Essex-Class carrier Valley Forge, is a native of Henderson, North Carolina and a graduate of Henderson high school and Davidson college, class of 1935.

Commissioned as an ensign and designated as naval pilot in 1937, he has seen extensive duty throughout the world. During World War II he served as operations officer of Fleet Air Wing 7 and as Executive Officer of VPB-103 based in England. Subsequently he served as officer-in-charge of B-24 Crew Training at NAS, Hutchinson, Kan., and as commanding officer of Patrol Bombing Squadron 107, also in England. The end of World War II found him on duty in Okinawa as land plane group commander. A graduate of the general line school, Newport, Rhode Island, he served on the staff of the Naval War college before coming to the USS Valley Forge.

The son of Mrs. Eva Hart Brewer of 107 Clark Street, Henderson, N. C., Captain Brewer is married to the former Miss Pauline Neisler of Kings Mountain. They reside with their three children at 5808 Upper Brandon Place, Norfolk, Va.

## Drama Completes 1955 Run, Plays To 4,000 People

The curtain fell on "The Sword of Gideon" — perhaps permanently — Saturday night, as the Kings Mountain Little Theatre completed its fifth season of presenting a battle drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Ed Smith, Little Theatre publicist, reported attendance of 1200 persons for the final weekend of performances, with 550 present for the final show Saturday.

Total season's attendance of about 4,000 was less than in previous years, with the attendance drop attributed to unfavorable weather for several performances. Though the performance was never cancelled by rain, on several evenings nearby rains in the Piedmont area cut the crowds.

Again for the fifth year, the drama was able to defray its expenses.

The Little Theatre had previously voted to discontinue its production of the drama at the end of the 1955 season, though it offered the hope that some way would be found to continue a dramatic commemorative production.

In a statement, Meek Carpenter, Little Theatre president and general manager of the 1955 production said: "The Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., wishes to express its thanks, publicly, to the many citizens of this community who have assisted in, or taken an active part in, the production of its historical dramas in the Kings Mountain National Military Park. The organization has voted to discontinue production with the season just concluded, unless some more advantageous means of production can be arranged. This should not be taken as any measure of a lack of success of the venture, however. During the five-year period, the dramas about the Battle of Kings Mountain played to a total of nearly 25,000 people. While no profit has ever been realized from the venture, it was never necessary to enter a red figure in the books. Many American citizens have been made aware of the existence of Kings Mountain, both as a city and as an historical landmark of the American scene.

"It would have been impossible for any volunteer organization to have achieved such success without the generous support of a great many citizens in this area. While it is not possible to list each by name, all should feel a sense of pride in having helped put our Kings Mountain more firmly on the map."

## Mrs. Gibson Joins ESC

Mrs. James Gibson, of Jackson street, accepted a position Tuesday as interviewer-stenographer with the Kings Mountain Employment Security office.

Mrs. Gibson replaces Miss Annie R. Randall, of Grover, who resigned Monday to accept a position as foreign service secretary with the Civil Service commission. On completion of two weeks of indoctrination training in Washington, D. C., Miss Randall will be assigned for work in Taipei, Formosa.

## Fair Barbecue Date Wednesday

The annual Bethware Community Fair barbecue, for sponsors program advertisers and friends of the Bethware Fair, will be held next Wednesday, beginning at 5:30 p. m., at Bethware school.

Tickets were mailed advertisers and others last week by Stokes Wright, secretary, inviting attendance.

Mr. Wright said additional tickets may be obtained at \$1.50 and said all reservations should be received not later than noon on Tuesday.

An annual event preceding the Bethware Community Fair, the barbecue customarily is heavily attended.

## Huffstetler To Face Charge In Wreck Case

Palmer Huffstetler, 17, was indicted for involuntary manslaughter Tuesday in connection with the August 4 death of four persons in an auto smash-up on the new Highway 29 by-pass.

Huffstetler immediately made bond of \$500. Also charged with an offense in connection with the accident, is Thomas R. Kearns, allegedly the starting official in a race between Huffstetler and two of the four killed in the accident.

Kearns is charged with aiding and abetting in the unlawful entrance on a road closed to traffic.

Wednesday morning, the warrant indicting Kearns had not yet been served. Sheriff's Deputy J. L. Osborne said. Both warrants were signed by Sgt. J. B. Kuykendall, State Highway patrolman who investigated the accident.

Killed in the accident were Paul Kenneth Furr, 19, and Ronnie L. Blackwelder, 21, both of Stanley county; Lyman A. Champion, 40, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Mary Sansing Grigg, 41, of Bessemer City.

Sgt. Kuykendall previously had reported receipt of a signed statement from Palmer Huffstetler stating that Huffstetler and the Stanley County youths, all employees of Blythe Brothers Construction Company at the time, were racing on the uncompleted by-pass, Huffstetler, in the statement, said he was a head, realized no car was behind him, and returned to find the accident, which occurred about 1.7 miles south west of Highway 161. The Furr and Champion cars had crashed head-on.

Hearing for Huffstetler has been tentatively set for August 26 in county recorder's court. He will be represented by two legal firms, Davis & White, of Kings Mountain, and Horn & West, of Shelby.

There had been some question whether any indictments would result from the accident due to the fact that the by-pass was still under construction and not yet a North Carolina highway.

Sgt. Kuykendall said he based his decision to file the warrants on an opinion from the North Carolina attorney general, in which the attorney general opined Huffstetler could be charged on the theory that persons were killed while he was engaging in the unlawful act of entering a barricaded road. Kearns' charge is merely a misdemeanor.

Huffstetler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huffstetler, is a 1955 graduate and former athlete of Kings Mountain high school. He expects to enroll as a freshman at Wake Forest college in September.

## Wesleyan Conference Held

Rev. Hoover E. Smith announced yesterday change of name of Second Wesleyan Methodist church to Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church and reported on the annual conference.

Rev. Smith attended the annual North Carolina Wesleyan Methodist Church conference at Colfax August 8-12 and said that all area pastors had been returned to their churches.

Officials elected to head the state-wide conference for the coming year included Rev. B. H. Phaup, of High Point, president; Rev. E. L. Henderson, of Thomasville, vice president; Rev. W. M. Phaup, of Troy, secretary; and W. W. Kiser, of Charlotte, treasurer.

The Gold Street church Women's Missionary Society won a finance award for highest average gain in the conference during the past year. Mrs. William H. Morgan is president of the local WMS.

Rev. Smith also reported that the church is building and equipping a recreation field behind the church building. Badminton, volleyball and basketball courts are planned and a barbecue pit had been constructed. Sadie Cotton Mill has provided a building to be used for indoor games and a softball field is located behind the mill, he said.

Appliance Center moved Tuesday into the building formerly occupied by City Auto & Home Supply at 243 South Battleground avenue.

The firm has been located at 243 Cherokee street since it opened for business last May.

Appliance Center specializes in natural gas heating equipment and is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. (Hub) Mitcham.

# Workman Is Instantly Killed In Accident At Brick Plant

## Judge Dissolves Order Restraining Minerals Firm

Superior Court Judge P. C. Froneberger recently ordered dissolved a restraining order granted July 5 against J. J. Mullinax and Cleveland Minerals, Inc., in a civil action brought by heirs of Mrs. Bertha Parker Shelton.

Result of the order meant that Carolina Mines, Inc., which has obtained the mineral rights of Cleveland Minerals, Inc., was able to proceed with their work toward readying for production a kyanite mine.

The Shelton heirs had obtained a restraining order on July 5 following their lodgment of suit charging the defendants with failure to fulfill a mineral rights contract executed by Mrs. Shelton before her death.

The judgment of Judge Froneberger vacating the restraining order follows:

"This cause coming on to be heard before his honor, P. C. Froneberger, Resident Judge of the Twenty-seventh judicial District, holding the courts of Gaston County in said District, on July 27, 1955, upon return of the Order directing the defendants to show cause why the restraining order heretofore granted should not be continued until the final determination of this action; and being heard upon the complaint and affidavits submitted by the defendants, all of which will appear of record; and it appearing to the Court upon such hearing that the plaintiffs are not entitled to the said restraining order:

"IT IS NOW ORDERED that the restraining order granted in this action on July 5, 1955, be and the same is hereby vacated and dissolved and that the plaintiffs will pay the cost thereof."

Annual convention of the Woman's Missionary society of the North Carolina Synod of the United Lutheran church will be held at St. Andrew's Lutheran church of Hickory, beginning Saturday and continuing through Monday.

Representing Kings Mountain Lutheran women at the convention will be Mrs. Carl Mauney, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mrs. E. C. Cooper, of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, and Mrs. C. Q. Rhyne, Mrs. Paul McGinnis and Mrs. John Rudisill, of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney will serve as convention organizer.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., of Kings Mountain, will be featured soloist at the Sunday evening session.

Theme of the convention will be "God's S. O. S."

## Stolen 1940 Ford Recovered Tuesday

A 1940 Ford, stolen sometime over the week-end from Kings Mountain Used Car Company, has been recovered, according to a report from the office of Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr.

Chief Logan stated an Oak Grove community resident reported Tuesday an abandoned car near Oak Grove Baptist church. Investigation proved the car to be the stolen Ford, the officer said.

No arrests have been made.

## Must Street-Paving Assessments Be Paid? City Attorney Says "Yes"

"Do you have to pay street paving assessments?" The answer to this question, which has been asked more or less openly by many citizens in the past, is "Yes," says City Attorney J. R. Davis.

Once a street-paving or other public improvements assessment is confirmed by the city board of commissioners, it remains on the books — bearing interest at one-half of one percent per month until paid or until ten years have elapsed. Meantime, it prevents the particular property assessed from being sold or otherwise transferred under clear title.

There is one loophole Attorney Davis says, but it is not too likely to occur and potentially expensive for the assessed property owner to chance it. The street assessment expires



**KIWANIS SPEAKER — Jeff B. Wilson, of Raleigh, official of the North Carolina Motor Carriers association, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.**

## Wilson To Speak To Kiwanis Club

Jeff B. Wilson, of Raleigh, a trucking industry official, will address the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at its meeting Thursday night at 6:45 at Masonic Dining hall.

Announcement was made by Harold Coggins, club program chairman.

Mr. Wilson, who spoke here several years ago at a meeting of the Lions club, is editor of the truckers' monthly magazine "Tar Heel Wheels", a member of the board of directors of the 14-state Southern Safety conference, and director of information and safety of the North Carolina Motor Carriers association. Mr. Wilson is a native of Jones County and attended Durham high school, New York university and Wake Forest college.

## Wesleyan Pastors Returned Here

Kings Mountain Wesleyan Methodist pastors have been returned by their pastorates by the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, which met during the weekend in annual session.

Rev. A. J. Argo returns to First Wesleyan Methodist church and Rev. Hoover E. Smith returns to Second Wesleyan Methodist church.

## Mrs. Page's Father Dies In Greenville

Funeral services for Robert C. May, 52, of Greenville, N. C., will be held Thursday afternoon at Greenville's First Methodist church.

Mr. May, father of Mrs. William Page of Kings Mountain, and a relative of Milton May of Kings Mountain, died early Monday morning. He had been ill several weeks.

He was associated with Scott Motor Company, of Greenville. Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Page, are his wife and a son, Robert May, Jr., naval aviator stationed in Texas. Mrs. May was the former Miss Clara May.

The funeral rites were first scheduled for Wednesday afternoon but were postponed due to weather conditions resulting from Hurricane Diane.

## Quakenbush In Pulpit Sunday

The new pastor of the First Baptist church will fill the pulpit for the first time Sunday.

Rev. Aubrey T. Quakenbush will use the subject, "Lost Opportunities", for his first sermon. He will take his text from First Kings 20:40.

Before accepting the First Baptist pastorate, Rev. Quakenbush served as pastor of Stoney Creek Baptist church in the Dorches community near Rocky Mount. He has also served churches in Oklahoma and Burlington.

Rev. Mr. Quakenbush, a native of Burlington, attended Brown University, Moody Bible Institute and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He, Mrs. Quakenbush and their three small children occupied the parsonage Monday.

He succeeds Rev. Gordon Weekly, who resigned December 12, 1954, to accept the pastorate of Providence Baptist church, Charlotte.

## Sammy Moore, 22, Dies As Hopper Topples On Him

Sammy Lee Moore, 22-year-old Negro, was killed instantly Wednesday morning at 8:25 when he was pinned underneath a clay hopper in an accident at Bennett Brick & Tile Company.

Moore was working near the hopper and was crushed as the heavy hopper, which weighed several tons, canted over and fell upon him. Dorus Bennett said their were no eye-witnesses of the accident. Another Negro employee, working nearby as conveyor belt operator, heard Moore cry out and hurried to the scene to find Moore pinned beneath the heavy hopper. Moore had been an employee of the Bennett firm since Feb. 21. Mr. Bennett said cause of the accident had not yet been determined.

C. T. Bennett, head of the brick-and-tile manufacturing firm, said it was the first fatality among his employees in 33 years of general contracting and manufacturing.

Moore, who lived in the Bethware community, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore, of Route 2. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Lillie Mae Moore, and two young daughters, Derice and Dorothy Moore. Also surviving are his parents, six sisters and eight brothers.

Funeral rites with Gill & Brown Funeral Home handling arrangements, will be held at Vestibule Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. S. T. Clement officiating. Burial will be made in the church cemetery.

## Webster Issued Four Permits

Four building permits estimated to total \$26,000 were issued this week by Building Inspector J. W. Webster.

Two permits were issued Monday. One to L. L. Rameuse to erect a one-story house on Benfield road, at an estimated cost of \$5,000; the other to George McClain to erect a house on S. Cherokee street, at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

Saturday, a permit was issued to I. B. Goforth, Jr., to erect a house on Goforth street, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

D. M. Peeler was issued a permit Friday to erect a brick veneer house on Grove street, at an estimated cost of \$7,500.

## Tax Pre-Payments Reach \$20,636

Pre-payments of 1955 city taxes totaled \$20,636.07 through Tuesday.

Pre-payments on 1955 tax bills are now being accepted by both the city and Cleveland county tax collectors at the full two percent discount. The discount rate will drop to one percent on September 1.

The total city levy is expected to approximate \$165,000.