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Heritage Funeral Home and Hardin's Chapel Now Open in Red Springs

Red Springs businessman, Bill Hardin and his wife, have built a new funeral home in Red Springs. Heritage Funeral Home and Hardin's Chapel held their open house on Sunday, March 11. Since the open house the new facility has handled the funeral arrangements for three families. The spacious new facility is located on 710 South Main Street. Clifton M. Yarn is presently serving as Director. He is being assisted by Rev. Grady Hunt who previously worked for Red Springs Funeral Home. He held that position for seventeen years. In addition to the familiar presence of Rev. Hunt will be the Rev. Montana Locklear, pastor of Freedom Assembly of God, who will assist the owners, the Director and Assistant Director in whatever capacity he is needed.

Bill Hardin stated that it was a long time dream he had to own a funeral home and be in a position to provide a much needed service in the community. While he is owner, he will not operate the facility. He will continue to operate Hardin's Septic Tank Service as well as continue with his other business ventures. "I am proud of the facility and pleased with the assistance from Heritage through the directorship of Clifton M. Yarn. Rev. Hunt is very

knowledgeable of the business and he and Clifton assisted by Rev. Locklear will provide professional services and an added blessing is that these ministers know how to console and comfort bereaved families. I have a great deal of confidence in them and will depend on them for the day-to-day operation. I am fortunate to have these gentlemen available to provide their expertise to this new venture."

The Hardins' daughter, Amy Hardin Jones is studying for her Director's license and hopes to obtain her license in June.

Rev. Grady Hunt comes from a family which placed a great deal of emphasis on spiritual matters. He is the son of Johnny and Dessie Mae Hardin Hunt and is originally from the Smyrna area. His father served many years as a Deacon at that church.

Rev. Hunt is a minister with the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. He delivered his trial sermon on the second Sunday in February 1961. Among the churches he has pastored are Bethel Hill, Pee Dee Chapel, and Sandhills Community Church. "My membership," he said is in Smyrna, but my record is on high."

He is very excited about the new facility and sees it as a way to minister to grieving families.

Rev. Locklear is the son of Mary Jane Barton and the late Carlie Locklear. He is well known in the Assembly of God fellowship and is heard on the local Red Springs station every day with his Freedom Gospel Hour. He is dedicated to the gospel and sees ministering as more than preaching. "You've got to reach out to suffering humanity," Rev. Locklear said. "The only way we can serve God is to serve our fellow man. We are the only instruments God has, and he expects us to be witnesses. Working in a funeral home gives us another opportunity to serve people. Hurting humanity needs compassion and care. Jesus expects no less from us and we are committed to sharing the love of Christ through service to every individual who comes through these doors."

In addition to two separate viewing rooms, Heritage Funeral Home features Hardin's Chapel which can comfortably seat 300 people when the Chapel is needed for a funeral.

Mr. Hardin and his associates invite you to come and visit the facility if you were unable to attend the open house. If services are needed or if the staff can be of assistance, they may be reached at (910) 843-9833.

by Connee Brayboy



Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Rosie Lee Hardin, owners of Heritage Funeral Home and Hardin's Chapel in Red Springs.

AUDITIONS- "Strike at the Wind!"

Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 31st from 10 am - 5 pm and again Sunday, April 1st from 1 pm - 5 pm, for "Strike at the Wind!". All roles open, particularly the need for boys/men. Auditions will be held at the Amphitheater, NC Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke. For more information please contact Pennie Arokiasamy at 522-6111 or 521-2433.

McIntyre Salutes Lady Pirates

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre has honored the Lumberton High School Lady Pirates state basketball championship with a tribute in the Congressional Record of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In his remarks which were delivered recently, McIntyre stated, "Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lumberton High School women's basketball team for their tremendous accomplishment this week. Their spirit and determination throughout their 29-1 season has been an inspiration to us all." "On Saturday, March 10, the Lady Pirates defeated East Wake High School 69-45 to win the North Carolina state 4-A girls' basketball title for the first time in school history. This is truly an amazing achievement for Coach Danny Graham, his coaching staff and the entire Pirate team. It was the first state championship won by Lumberton's girls in any sport. Lumberton's only other state crown was a 2-A football title won in 1951."

"Throughout the year, the Lady Pirates have represented the students and faculty of Lumberton High School well by sticking together and demonstrating good sportsmanship. Coach Graham has instilled in his players the ethic of dedication, sacrifice, and teamwork in the pursuit of excellence, and instilled in the rest of us a renewed appreciation of what it means to win with dignity and integrity. Indeed, it was my distinct privilege to have personally experienced Coach Graham's excellence in both instruction and inspiration when I had the opportunity to coach our sons' basketball teams together in the Lumberton Recreation Department's basketball program several years ago."

"I also salute the many students, teachers, coaches, administrators, friends and fans of Lumberton High School who cheered our Lady Pirates throughout the season and through the playoffs to the ultimate victory in Chapel Hill. Your unwavering support made this truly a family affair and an opportunity for unity in our community!"

"My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating this extraordinary group of players and their coaches, parents and classmates who cheered them on and made this year's basketball season one to remember. Congratulations. Pirates!"

FirstHealth CEO receives health care award

RALEIGH -- Charles T. Frock, President and CEO of FirstHealth of the Carolinas in Pinehurst, has received the prestigious Regent's Award presented by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

The award, which goes to senior-level health care executive, recognizes significant contributions toward the achievement of ACHE goals and the advancement of health care management excellence. It was presented Feb. 15 at the ACHE Breakfast held in conjunction with the winter meeting of the North Carolina Hospital Association in Raleigh.

Oscar R. Aylor, Director of Professional Development, Department of Health Policy and Administration, at the UNC School of Public Health, made the presentation to Frock.

Criteria for the Regent's Award include demonstrated leadership ability and innovative and creative management; contributions to the development of others in the health care profession; leadership in local, state or provincial hospital and health association activities; and participation in civic/community activities and projects.

Frock served as President and Chief Executive officer of Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst from 1991 until 1995 when the hospital became the flagship facility of the newly formed FirstHealth of the Carolinas network. As FirstHealth's President and CEO, he now oversees a 16-county health care network that includes three hospitals- Moore Regional, Montgomery Memorial in Troy and Richmond Memorial in Rockingham- as well as a rehabilitation hospital, a skilled nursing facility, 19 family care centers, seven stores, a laundry, charitable foundations, two Hospices, two home care services, an insurance plan and critical care and medical transport and EMS services.

Revival services planned at New Bethel Church

Revival Services will be held at New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church on March 25- 30, 2001. Sunday night service will begin at 7:00 P.M. and the rest of the week services will begin at 7:30 P.M.

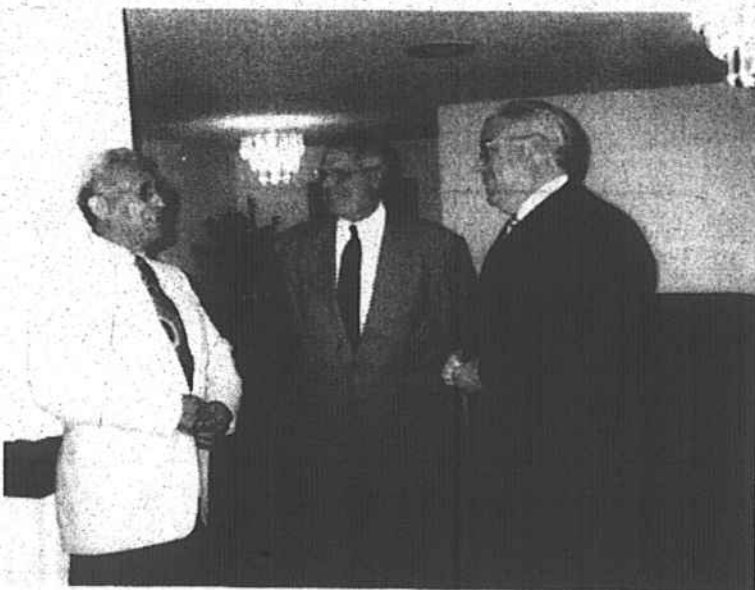
The church is located on 3396 Iona Church Road, between Rowland and Fairmont, North Carolina.

The Evangelists; Rev. Bill James Locklear, Pastor of Prospect United Methodist Church, and Rev. Kelvin Locklear, Pastor of White Hill Free Will Baptist Church will be conducting the services.

There will be special music each night. The public welcomed and encouraged to worship with us.



Rev. Montana Locklear is shown greeting Madie Rae Locklear as she tours the newly opened Heritage Funeral Home during Open House recently.



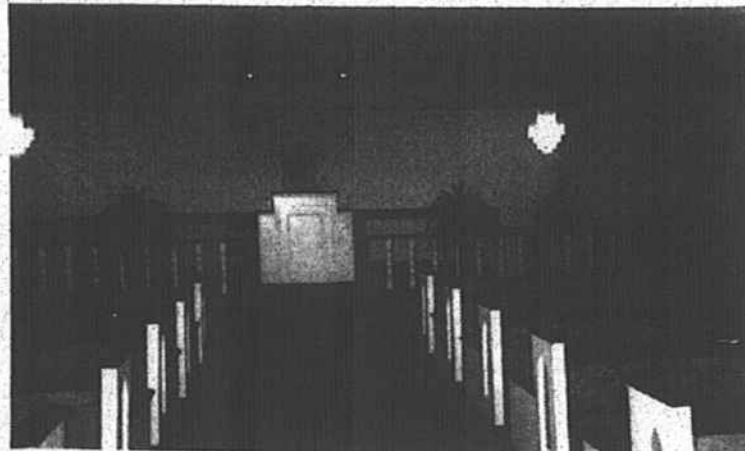
Rev. Grady Hunt, left, is shown speaking with visitors at Heritage Funeral Home in Red Springs recently.



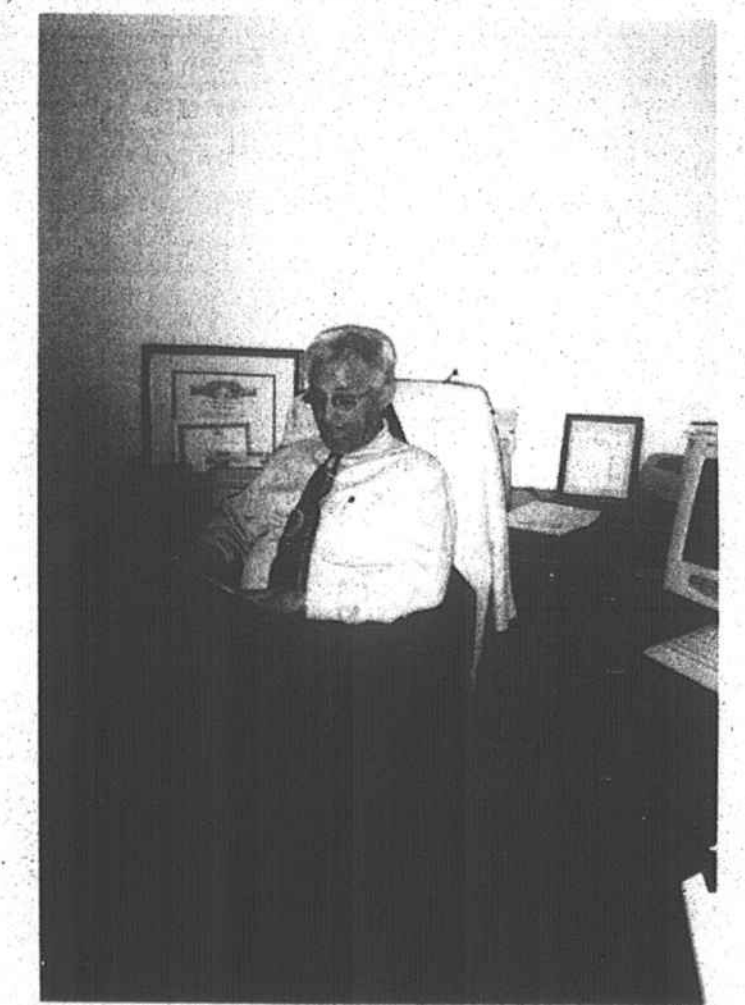
Rev. Montana Locklear is standing at the door of the newly opened Heritage Funeral Home.



Amy Hardin Jones is shown in her office at Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Jones is seeking her Funeral Home Director's License and expects to receive them in June.



Here is a view of Hardin's Chapel inside the new Heritage Funeral Home. (Photos by Cynthia L. Hunt)



Rev. Grady Hunt, Assistant Director of Heritage Funeral Home, is shown in his new office at the facility.

Consumers' privacy should be protected

RALEIGH- Consumers' insurance information would be banned from being sold for profit under a new Senate proposal introduced last week.

"Consumers' personal information should stay with their insurance company- it should not be sold to other businesses without their permission," said Sen. David Weinstein, D-Robeson. Senate Bill 461 prohibits insurers from sharing their customers' bank account numbers with other businesses for marketing purposes. Insurers would also be required to send their customers annual reports, which would detail the customers' personal information that the company has on file and the company's policies about disclosure of that information.

Weinstein said that as technology makes it increasingly easy to disseminate and share information, consumers' rights should not be ignored.

"Your personal information should remain strictly between you and the business you use, unless you give your permission for that information to be shared," Weinstein said.