

Suicide Victim Buried

Funeral services for Leonard Mull Patterson, 56, of Rt. 8, were conducted Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Oak Grove Baptist Church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Patterson died Monday afternoon of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to Cleveland County Coroner Bennett Masters.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs.

Maynard Patterson. He was employed in the Maintenance Department of the Kings Mountain District School System. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Kathleen Lovelace Patterson; three sons, Gilbert, Jeffrey and Ike Patterson, all of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Robert Patterson of Charlotte, Maynard Patterson of

Orlando, Fla. and Johnny Patterson of Kings Mountain; six sisters, Mrs. Ocie Goff of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Della Bynard of Caroleen, Mrs. Grace Leonard of Charlotte, Mrs. Lucille Brown of Burlington, Mrs. Patsy Rouse of Orlando, Fla. and Mrs. Fred Weaver of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren.

Rev. Russell Hinton and Rev. Richard Plyler officiated at the services.

Obituaries

KENNETH WALKER

Graveside services for Kenneth Eugene Walker, 44, of San Francisco, Calif. who died December 20 in a San Francisco hospital, will be conducted Thursday at 2 p. m. from Mountain Rest Cemetery by Rev. Tracy Streater.

Mr. Walker was a native

of Kings Mountain son of Charles Cordell Walker and Gaynelle Gladden Walker.

Survivors include his son, Kenny Walker, Jr.; two daughters, Pam and Cindy Walker; one brother, Edward Walker of Abilene, Texas; half-brothers, Marion Walker and Lloyd Walker, both of

Graham; and three sisters, Hazel Walker of Blumont, Ill., Mrs. Nancy Jo Perkins of Ridgeway, Va. and Mrs. Letha Bingham of Kings Mountain.

WORTH HOFFMAN

Funeral rites for Worth Franklin Hoffman, 70, of

Rt. 3, Bessemer City, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p. m. from Sisk Funeral Home East Chapel, interment following in Mt. Beulah Cemetery.

Mr. Hoffman died at 12:50 p. m. Monday.

He was the son of the late John A. Hoffman and Ola McAllister Hoffman.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Service of Kings Mountain and Mrs. H. B. Sellers of Belmont; two brothers, George Hoffman and Claude Hoffman, both of Bessemer City.

MRS. LAMAR CLARK

CHARLOTTE — Funeral services for Mrs. Bonnie Stewart Clark, 52, of Charlotte, wife of Lamar Clark and daughter of Mrs. Elma Stewart of Kings Mountain, were conducted Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Clark, in apparent good health, died suddenly of a heart attack New Year's Day.

Also surviving are three children, four grandchildren and three sisters. Mrs. Stewart is employed by Plonk Brothers Department Store.

Man Charged In Woman's Murder

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The Knauer murder investigation has been one of the most exhaustive in local history with a rough estimate of 10,000 manhours spent pursuing leads. In the first week following the murder local police spent 600 manhours in the investigation checking close to 100 suspects or parties who might have information in the case.

Involved in the investigation initially were KMPD, Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and the SBI. During the three-month investigation the FBI and several other local and county agencies were utilized. Local officers traveled to Florida, Georgia and West Virginia and through communications leads were run down as far away as New Orleans, Nevada and Montreal, Canada.

KMPD Det. Sgt. Richard Reynolds, Sgt. Paul Barbee, Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, and SBI Agent Jim Woodard concentrated on the investigation from the beginning, following it through to their second trip to Florida five days ago to arrest and return Green to Cleveland County.

The charge against Green is the second such charge drawn by the Kings Mountain Police in recent weeks. The first was against Perry Dean Bristol, 21, of Kings Mountain in the shooting death of James Luther Rayfield, a night attendant at a local service station. That incident occurred about 1:30 a. m. on the morning of December 18, 1975.

Accident Victim Improves

Mrs. Edith Chambers, of Rt. 4, is improving at Kings Mountain Hospital from injuries she sustained in a two-car head-on crash on Ice-slick Grover Rd. Monday morning.

Mrs. Chambers was passenger in a car operated by her husband, Charles.

The Chambers car was involved in a collision with a car operated by Scenetta S. Fowler of Rt. 4. Mrs. Fowler and Mr. Chambers were both treated for injuries and released from the hospital.

N. C. Trooper J. R. Reid, who investigated the accident, charged Mrs. Fowler with driving on the wrong side of the road and exceeding safe speed.

Damages were estimated at \$1,200.

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Broyhill Seeks More Natural Gas For State

Tenth District Congressman James T. Broyhill, of Lenoir, was sworn in to office Tuesday at 2 p. m. to begin his eighth term of service in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Shortly after the swearing in ceremony the veteran lawmaker introduced several bills to be considered by the 98th Congress. One of the most important is an "emergency bill" to alleviate natural gas shortages such as North Carolina and South Carolina are now experiencing.

Broyhill's bill called the "Natural Gas Temporary Purchase Act" would allow interstate pipelines such as Transcontinental Pipeline Co. to purchase "emergency" natural gas from intrastate pipeline companies. Transcontinental, the only pipeline service North Carolina is currently experiencing severe shortages of natural gas.

The nation's natural gas shortage continues to be one of the largest problems facing the Congress.

"I believe the public is beginning to pay the price of over regulation and Congressional inaction. I am introducing this bill because it is obvious that Congress needs to take immediate steps to protect homeowners, small businesses, and industrial users who have no ready substitute for natural gas," Broyhill said.

"There are roughly 170 small commercial, industrial and high priority natural gas users in the two Carolinas which are threatened with a potential cutoff of their natural gas supplies this month," Broyhill went on to say. "These companies represent 50,000 jobs in our State alone. I believe my bill is crucial not only to the well-being of the citizens of our region but also to the well-being of our Nation's economy," Broyhill stated.

Broyhill said there is little doubt that the 98th Congress will be considering legislative proposals to increase natural gas supplies for the long term. "In the mean-

time some areas of the nation are facing a present crisis, I am urging Congress to act promptly on an emergency bill to prevent an immediate economic crisis in states like North Carolina and South Carolina."

Broyhill also introduced legislation creating a select House Committee on energy. Broyhill said that in the last two Congresses there have been approximately 35,000 energy related bills introduced. More than 86 House Committees and/or subcommittees have heard testimony on the nation's energy problems and proposed solutions. While everyone involved in the energy field is complaining about governmental energy dis-organization,

Congress has done nothing to coordinate its efforts to solve this nation's energy problems.

Broyhill's bill would create a select committee on energy with jurisdiction over all energy matters. Broyhill said at present energy bills are introduced and almost forgotten as committees and subcommittees fight for jurisdiction over the legislation.

"I have seen energy issues in Congress diluted and torn apart till the only issues left were political ones. I believe the creation of a select committee on energy will enable the House to unite its efforts and develop a comprehensive energy program," Broyhill concluded.

Grover Board Talks Charter Amendment

Grover Town Board Monday night called for a public hearing January 24 at 7 p. m. at Grover City Hall to discuss amending the town charter to increase the number of commissioners to five, stagger their terms and lengthen their terms to four years.

The board reappointed Joe Boheler as Chief of the Fire Department and Forest Love, assistant fire chief, for another year.

After a lengthy discussion of water system improvements, the board postponed any action until "a couple of minor changes could be made," Grover Mayor W. W. McCarter said.

During the four and a half hour meeting, the board agreed basically with water system improvements recommended by its consulting engineer firm, John A. Edwards and Co. of Raleigh but deferred action until the board could seek alternate pipe prices and question the type of pump recommended for the new well the firm has designed. The town's four

wells have submersible pumps while the engineers recommend a turbine pump for the new one. The board said it prefers the submersible pump because it takes less maintenance.

Free Gospel Sing Saturday

The public is invited to attend a free gospel singing program Sat., Jan. 8 at 7 p. m. at Barnes Auditorium.

Featured are the Directors Quartet, The Joyful Sounds Trio, the Heaven Bound Singers and The Pathfinders.

Donations will be given to the Alfred R. Wright Evangelistic Association.

MONDAY 7 p. m. — Kings Mountain Ladies Police Auxiliary meets at the home of Mrs. Houston Corn, Wilson St.

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