

OBITUARIES

CHARLES KENNEDY

Charles Wesley Kennedy, 88, of 303 North Gaston Street, Kings Mountain, died Sunday at 3:15 p.m. at Cleveland Memorial Hospital following several months illness.

A native of Gastonia, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kennedy. He was a retired textile employee and a member of Central United Methodist Church.

His wife was the late Mary Boone Kennedy. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Nancy Gunnings of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. John (Martha) MacDonald of Pisgah Forest, Mrs. E.D. (Lillie) Blanton of Charlotte and Mrs. William (Evalena) Herndon of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Dewitt Watterson and Mrs. A.J. Turner of Charlotte; 11 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church by the Rev. Ivan Stephans and the Rev. Kelly Dixon. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

MRS. HUFFSTETLER

Mrs. Cornelia McWhirter Huffstetler, 72, of Route 3, Kings Mountain, died Sunday at 12:15 a.m. at Kings Mountain Hospital following several months illness.

A native of Gaffney, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George McWhirter. She was a member of Penley's Chapel Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Leonard Huffstetler, pastor of Penley's Chapel Methodist Church; one son, Dr. Boyce Huffstetler, pastor of Ardmore United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem; one brother, Henry McWhirter of Gaffney, S.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Beulah Parrish of Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Belia Blanton of Gaffney, S.C.; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Penley's Chapel Methodist Church by Dr. Boyce Huffstetler and the Rev. David Huffstetler. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

HILLIARD COKER

Hilliard Guy Coker, 63, of 43 Landmark Apartments, Kings Mountain, died Sunday at his home.

He was a retired textile worker.

He is survived by his wife, Willie Mae Garland Coker; three sons, Richard Coker of Dallas, Elford Coker of Blacksburg, S.C., and Hilliard Eugene Coker of Kings Mountain; five daughters, Mrs. Edna Jolly of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Annette Watkins of Gaffney, S.C., Mrs. Angelus Martin of Blacksburg, S.C., Mrs. Carolyn Crawford of Hickory and Mrs. Kay Childers of Bessemer City; 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Masters Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. James Sanders. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Film Slated At Oak Grove

A special showing of the new World Wide Pictures release, "Jesus is Victor," is scheduled for Sunday, July 17, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Oak Grove Road, Route 5, Kings Mountain. The showing, which is open to the public free of charge, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"Jesus is Victor" is a personal and intimate portrait of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian who, until she was silenced by a stroke in 1978 at the age of 86, traveled the globe telling of her experiences in Nazi-occupied Holland during World War II. She and her family were responsible for saving the lives of hundreds of Jews through their work with the "underground."

There will be a love-offering taken and given to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Films.

DEGRADED STREAMS

The number of degraded streams in North Carolina has been reduced by 40 percent over the past five years, according to the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management.

ETTA PERRY

Etta Smith Perry, of 108 Waterson Street, Kings Mountain, died Sun., July 3 at Meadowbrook Manor Nursing Home in Gastonia.

Services were conducted Thurs., July 7, at Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church by the Rev. V.C. Carson. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Marie P. Burris of Kings Mountain; three sons, Harry Perry of Kings Mountain, Angelee Perry of Charlotte and Charles Perry of Old Fort; and 14 grandchildren.

MARIE LINEBERGER

LINCOLNTON - Miss Marie Lineberger, 86, former Kings Mountain school teacher, died Mon., July 4.

Miss Lineberger taught fourth grade at Central School from 1927 until 1962. While living in Kings Mountain, she was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Lincolnnton.

BOYCE SANDERS

Boyce James Sanders, 53, of Winter Garden, Fla., formerly of Kings Mountain, died Wed., July 6, at Orlando, Fla.

He was the son of the late Simon J. and Effie Peterson Sanders.

He is survived by two sons, Boyce Ray and David Bruce Sanders of Tallahassee, Fla.; two brothers, Earl Sanders of Gaffney, S.C., and Billy Gene Sanders of Kings Mountain; and three sisters, Beatrice Peterson and Hazel Bollinger of Kings Mountain and Lois Hayes of Gaffney, S.C.

Services were conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Masters Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Jerry Grigg and the Rev. Keith Howell. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

SELMA BLANTON

Miss Selma Blanton, 87, of Meadowbrook Manor, Shelby, died Monday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital after several years of declining health.

A Cleveland County native, she was the daughter of the late William Asbury and Louise Smith Blanton. She was a retired seamstress.

She is survived by two nephews, Albert Harris of Shelby and John F. Harris of Annapolis, Md.; and one niece, Mrs. Harold Farley of Raleigh.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby by the Rev. Gene Watterson.

REV. JESSIE SHEPHERD

EARL - Rev. Jessie Jahue Shepherd, 64, died Sunday at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

A Rutherford County native, he was the son of the late Samuel Julius and Nancy Doster Shepherd. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, was a former assistant pastor at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, and worked in prison ministry for 20 years. He was a retired loom fixer at Esther Mill.

Survivors include his wife, Kathren Allen Shepherd; three sons, David Shepherd and Robert Shepherd of Earl and Emmett Shepherd of Gaffney, S.C.; one daughter, Mrs. Grace Kiser of Shelby; one brother, Jim Shepherd of Shelby; three sisters, Mrs. Inez Curry of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Ida Mae Allen of Shelby and Mrs. Daisy Barker of Marion; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Lutz-Austell Chapel by the Rev. Glenn Walker.



Photo by Jeff Grigg

FIREMEN PLAN BATTLE - Chestnut Ridge firemen, left to right, David Berry, Rick Franklin, and Danny Navy stand in front of their fire truck purchased from Rowan County during Tuesday night's board meeting where they plan for fund raising projects to help the station.

Firemen Need Help

The Chesnut Ridge Fire Department is facing financial and manpower problems, stated Cindy Milling during its Tuesday night board meeting. She added that the fire department is not being supported by the public the way it should be.

The fire department, started and organized in May 1980, consists of the concrete structure, two fire trucks, one being leased from Grover and the other purchased from Rowan County, and one water truck, donated by Patterson Oil Company.

One reason stated by Milling that the public is not aiding the department is that members of the community are confused as to what fire district they are located in.

The monthly expenses for the fire department average \$500 which includes building, utilities, and equipment. To combat the financial difficulties the department will hold a car wash, beginning at 10 a.m., and a hot dog sale, beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday July 23.

Firemen include: David Berry, chief; Dale Milling, assistant chief; Danny Navy, captain; and Roy King, lieutenant. Each fireman is required by law to

take 36 hours of classwork each year.

The fire meetings are every Monday at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend. Anyone wishing to join or any present members wishing to pay their dues please contact Cindy Milling at the fire station.

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GOD'S FIVE MINUTES



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Bible promises no loaves to the loafer. On the contrary, it praises zeal. "What soever thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might."

There is a lot to be said for the zealot, even when he is wrong. I recall seeing my mother make bread. Such pounding. Such rolling and kneading. "Why are you beating the dough so hard?" I asked. Her answer was mostly for the benefit of a troublesome little boy—"I suppose you've got to let the dough know who's boss."

Today's footprints are tomorrow's path—and working hard at the task of making life work—making it meaningful—is letting it know who is boss. "I will be up and doing."

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