

# Obituaries

**FRANKLIN PETHEL GREENSBORO** - Franklin Pethel, 55, of Greensboro, died Thursday.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, which he served as organist and minister of music for the past 23 years. He was former organist at First Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his mother, Connie Pethel of Houston, Texas; his wife, Evelyn Gillespie Pethel; two sons, Blair Pethel of Baltimore, Md., and Hunter Pethel of Greensboro; a brother, L.M. Pethel of Charlotte; and four sisters, Mrs. Frank Hunter, Mrs. Clarence Cook and Mrs. Norris Dearman, all of Knapolis, and Mrs. L.R. Phillips of Houston, Texas.

Memorial services were conducted Sunday at 5 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro.

## ELIZABETH CLEMMONS

Elizabeth Sargeant Clemmons, 79, died Thursday at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

A native of Six Miles, S.C., she was a retired textile employee and merchant. She was the daughter of the late John and Nannie Garrett Sargeant and the wife of the late Hubert G. Clemmons.

She is survived by two sisters, Sonvilla McDowell of Columbia, S.C., and Emmie Sanford of Westminster, S.C.

Services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home by the Rev. L.K. Fannin. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

## H.M. TATE

**NEWTON** - Howell Melvin Tate, 73, of 205 Highway 10 East, died Wednesday.

A Cleveland County native, he was the son of the late Thomas C. and Elizabeth Campbell Tate. He was retired from Burlington Industries and was a former employee of Dover Mill in Shelby. He was a former Mason and member of the Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Padgett Tate; two sons, David D. Tate of Floral City, Fla., and Manly S. Tate of Newton; a daughter, Mrs. Bobby Smith of Raleigh; four brothers, F.V. Tate of Greenville, S.C., Earl Tate and Tom Tate, both of Kings Mountain, and Clifford Tate of Gastonia; a sister, Mrs. Mary Dale of Hickory; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church by the Rev. Malcolm Ivey. Burial was in Catawba Memorial Park.

Memorials may be sent to North Carolina Lions Camp Dogwood at Sherrills Ford, or the American Heart Association.

## CHARLES STOWE

Charles Frank Stowe, 71, of 831 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, died Friday.

A Cleveland County native, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stowe and was a textile overseer. He was a

member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Baldwin Stowe; a son, Richard Stowe of Antioch, S.C.; four daughters, Mrs. Gary Wright of Burlington, Mrs. Bobby Tomlinson of Butner, and Mrs. Steven Huffstetler and Mrs. Robert Morris, both of Kings Mountain; a brother, John Stowe of Shelby; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Spivey of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Martha Sue Yawn of Rock Hill, S.C.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist Church by the Rev. J.C. Goare. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

## MRS. SWOFFORD

**ROCHESTER, Wash.** - Mrs. Katie Swofford Pittman, 59, of Rochester, died Monday.

She was the daughter of the late Robert and Mary Ethel Green Swofford.

She is survived by her husband, Guy Pittman of the home; one son, Tommy Pittman of Rochester; one daughter, Mary Pittman of Vancouver, Canada; six brothers, Roy Swofford of Shelby, Howard Swofford of Kings Mountain, Glenn Swofford of Jacksonville, Fla., James Swofford and Alfred Swofford of Minneapolis, Minn., and Lee Swofford of Dallas, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Alice Arcand of Hugo, Minn.; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Strickland Funeral Home in Centrolia, Wash. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

## CARY OSBORN

Cary Dunlap Osborn, 62, of 313 West Gold Street, Kings Mountain, died Monday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Anson County, he was the son of the late Charles Edward and Margaret Shaw Osborn, and was a retired teacher in the Kings Mountain School System. He was a veteran of World War II and also served with the U.S. Coast Guard. He received his B.S. degree from High Point College and his Masters degree from Appalachian.

He is survived by two brothers, Douglas Osborn of Matthews and Gerald Osborn of Norfolk, Va.; and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Smith of Baden and Mrs. Alice Burch of Wadesboro.

Services were conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hart-sell Funeral Home in Albemarle by Dr. Wayne Kennedy. Burial was in Fairview Memorial Park.

## MRS. JOHNSON

Mrs. Fannie Crawford Johnson, 77, of 104 Myers Street, Kings Mountain, died Monday at Gaston Memorial Hospital after several weeks illness.

She was the daughter of the late John and Fanny Huskey Crawford and the wife of the late Edwin H. Johnson. She was

a retired textile employee.

She is survived by three sons, Chambers Johnson of Jacksonville, Fla., and Edwin M. Johnson and Crawford Johnson, both of Kings Mountain; five daughters, Mrs. Viola Jones of Charlero, Pa., Mrs. Ann Sherrill of Gastonia, Mrs. Eleanor Chaney of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Carrie Mote of Rutherfordton and Mrs. Eunice Holcombe of Kings Mountain; one brother, John D. Crawford of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Tindell and Mrs. Isabel Harris, both of Gaffney, S.C.; 21 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, where she was a member, by the Rev. Eugene Land, the Rev. Gerry Davis and the Rev. Steve Gregory. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

## REV. DOCK DEGREE

**SHELBY** - Rev. Dock Degree, 73, of 218 Buffalo Street, died Saturday at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a retired self-employed mechanic, employee of Porter Brothers and an evangelist.

He was a member of New Ellis Chapel Baptist Church and a former Mason and member of the I.B.P.O.E. of W.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel R. Degree; a stepson, H.A. Rippy of Shelby; a daughter, Ella Sue Degree Sims; two brothers, Frank Degree of Shelby and Monroe Degree of Kings Mountain; a sister, Donnie Scott of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at New Ellis Chapel Baptist Church by the Rev. A.A. Ponder. Burial was in Webb Memorial Lawns.

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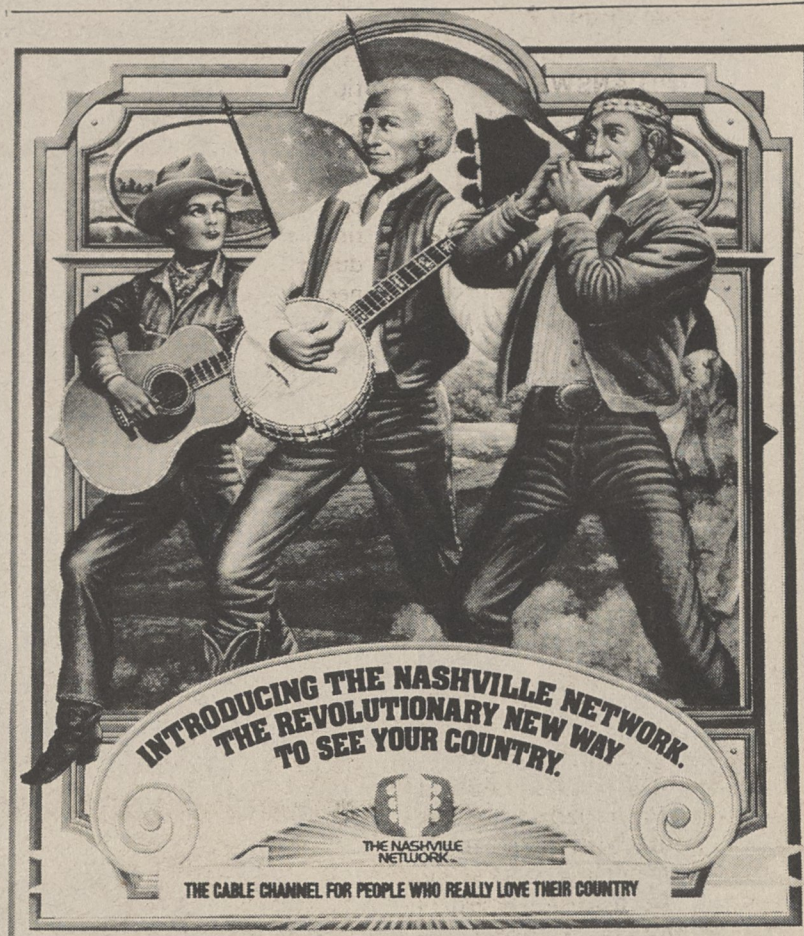
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## Cop Car Damaged In Chase

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According to police, the chase began when Phipps allegedly crashed his car into glass doors and windows at First Union National Bank in Gastonia. Gaston County Rural Police gave chase in Gastonia and continued into Cleveland County, where Kings Mountain and Shelby Police, along with the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department joined in.

Phipps car reportedly ran a road block in Kings Mountain and ran his car into the back of the Kings Mountain police car. About 10 minutes later, police allege that Phipps, who was being chased by two police cars, sideswiped the KMPD car and caused it to spin around and hit a Gaston Rural Police car head-on.

Several minutes later, Phipps reportedly rammed into a car driven by Jane I. Dellinger, knocking it into a ditch. Phipps reportedly wrecked about seven minutes later.

Phipps was charged with more than 25 violations and was jailed in Gaston County on \$213,000 bond.



Dear Friends,

Benefits May be lost to the family for lack of knowledge. If the deceased was covered by Social Security, his beneficiary is eligible for a benefit - likewise the family of a war veteran with active service. Some trade unions and fraternal organizations provide survivor benefits. Your funeral director can assist you to learn of and apply for various benefits to which the survivors may be entitled.

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