

OBITUARIES



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Patricks Were Missed At 100th Anniversary

Those of us who grew up in his congregation could almost visualize Preacher (P.D) Patrick in his pulpit on the 100th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church Sunday.

The only disappointment the 450 worshipers had in the all-day festive celebration was the physical absence of the beloved late Mr. Patrick and the absence of his wife, Blanche, who at 87 was unable to attend the activities. Mrs. Patrick has lived for several years at The Presbyterian Home in Summerville, S.C.

Among the Patrick family present on Sunday were their daughter, Betty (Mrs. Bill) Merritt and Mr. Merritt of Roanoke, Va. and their son, Lawrence Patrick and Mrs. Patrick sent her best wishes to her friends in this community.

Not only was Preacher Patrick the pastor of his First Presbyterian flock and that of Dixon Presbyterian Church but he was a minister and friend of all Kings Mountain. It was during his 23 years of service that the present First church was built and also during his Tenure that our church in the Dixon Community was built and dedicated on June 26, 1949. Organized in the former Dixon schoolhouse, the Dixon church is celebrating its 40th birthday this year.

Before the formation of the Empty Stomach Fund and Helping Hand Fund of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, Preacher Patrick was really the community's "helping hand" and saw people from all walks of life at the manse on East King Street. Since I grew up at the Herald too and worked in both the old Herald buildings downtown, I walked to and from the Herald on many lunch hours to the Patrick manse and had lunch with the Patricks and their maid and good friend, "Lottie" Means, also here for the celebration. There weren't too many times that Mr. Patrick wasn't interrupted at a meal to find someone at the door needing help of some kind, which he gave willingly to everyone and anyone.

Rev. James Moss, now of Abbeville, S.C., called attention to the Patrick ministry during his prayer Sunday during the 11 o'clock worship services. He recalled that the church had reached as far as the Margrace Community, where he grew up, and into the Dixon Community to serve the needs of many. The Patrick influence reached much further and touched many lives during almost a quarter century in Kings Mountain alone.

Rev. B.F. Ormand Jr., now of Brevard, who like James Moss was raised in the First Presbyterian Church and called into the ministry, was the keynote speaker Sunday. He re-enacted the concept of the



THE PATRICKS - Rev. and Mrs. P.D. Patrick served longer than any other minister of First Presbyterian Church, 23 years. The Patricks are pictured above at a homecoming celebration in 1958 at Dixon Presbyterian Church, an outpost of the First Church.

church in his sermon and pointed out that a church is not the building or the minister but a collection of true believers.

The true church practices both an individual gospel and a social gospel and ministers to all, is the external conscious of the world, a community to help those born again to apply Christ's principles in the world in all areas of the Christian life. The Christian believes he is his brother's keeper. Churches should not sit on the sidelines and be comfortable in their cultures, he said. He called for the church to challenge social injustices and reminded that the recent killer tornado destroyed a building in Red Springs but it did not destroy the church.

It was a sermon Preacher Patrick would have delivered.

Former pastors Rev. Gary Bryant, now of Charlotte, Dr. Paul Ausley, who has retired and resides in Kings Mountain, and the present minister, Rev. Eric Faust also participated in the service. A standing-room-only crowd filled the sanctuary, extended into the choir room and into the session room, where I found a seat. Lunch was served in the fellowship hall and recreation building to more than 450 people. The afternoon session was a service of praise in song and Shirley (Mrs. Darrell) Austin said the "inspired" choir never sang better. The concert by both the Adult and Junior Choir was super and much credit should also be given to Mrs. Austin, the director and church organist. Playing the organ was Patricia Harris Summrell, daughter of the late Bessie Harris and niece of Paul and Lillian Mauney. Playing the piano was Ellen McCurdy (Mrs. R.B.) Elam. Trumpeters were Karen and Richard G. Plyler, a brother and sister team, and Mark Sanders. Randy Patterson was soloist for the choir's rendition of "Amazing Grace."

The bell that was rung at the 11 o'clock service was a centennial gift by the Neisler family in honor of the late Paul Neisler, Jr. Church history books and cookbooks were distributed during the afternoon. On the church's 150th birthday a time capsule will be opened and members in 2032 can read about what happened Sunday.

The commemorative program was a reproduction of a charcoal sketch of the 100 year old church and copies suitable for framing are to be distributed to members.

The celebration committee left nothing untouched. Red Geraniums brightened the entrance to the church on the lawn and were used in the windows of the sanctuary.

The entire congregation worked hard to make the 100th birthday celebration a memorable, never-to-be forgotten day.



MRS. HATTIE HUDSPETH

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Whitesides Hudspeth, 88, of 206 S. Gaston St., who died Wednesday in Gaston Memorial Hospital, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Boyce Memorial ARP Church of which she was a member.

Rev. William Tyson, assisted by Rev. Robert Summey, officiated at the rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Hudspeth was a native of York County, daughter of the late John Erskine and Jennie Thomasson Whitesides. Her husband was the late Thomas Glenn Hudspeth.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Geneva Wells of Gastonia and Mrs. Juanita Steffy of Kings Mountain; one sister, Miss Marie Whitesides of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family has designated memorials to Boyce Memorial ARP Church, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

MRS. MAMIE GIBBONS

Funeral services for Mrs. Mamie L. Gibbons, 93, of Route 5, who died Saturday in Kings Mountain Convalescent Center after several year's illness, were conducted Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Oak Grove Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Rev. Bruce Hancock and Rev. Russell Hinton officiated at the

rites, and interment was in the church cemetery.

A native of Cleveland County, Mrs. Gibbons was daughter of the late Billy and Salina Champion Hamrick and was husband of the late Roland Gibbons.

Surviving are two sons, Johnny McKinney of Pickens, S.C. and Sam Lovelace of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. Minerva Philbeck of Kings Mountain; one brother, Arthur Hamrick of Blacksburg, S.C., 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

CHARLES PRICE

Funeral services for Charles Lloyd Price, Sr., 53, of 133 Ark Street, who died Thursday in the Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Midview Baptist Church by the Rev. James Hamrick. Interment was in Bessemer City Cemetery.

Mr. Price was a Gaston County native, son of the late Oscar Burrell and Maggie Lynch Price. He was a textile employee.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Trusdale Price; three sons, Charles Price, Jr., Calvin Ray Price, and Thomas W. Weaver, all of Kings Mountain; three stepsons, Clyde R., Alvin C. and Danny E. Weaver, all of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mary Ann Flowers and Cathy Ann Weaver, both of Kings Mountain; a stepdaughter, Phylles Kaye Akers of Kings Mountain; a brother, Billy Eugene Price of Bessemer City; and eight grandchildren.

ROY TEDDER

Funeral services for Roy Acheson Tedder, 78, of 1931 Kendrick Circle in Shelby, who died Wednesday in Cleveland Memorial Hospital, were conducted Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Grover First Baptist Church of which he was a member.

Dr. Paul Sorrells and Rev. Frank Monroe officiated at the rites and interment was in

Grover Cemetery.

Mr. Tedder was a native of Denison, Texas, son of the late John and Mammie Mysen Tedder. He was retired from Minette Mills.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant Tedder; a son, Malcolm E. Tedder of Matthews; two daughters, Libby Wallace and Hilda Greene, both of Shelby; a brother, Dan M. Tedder of Rock Hill, S.C. nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Grover First Baptist Church, Grover, NC 28073.

WALLACE SHOCKLEY

Funeral rites for Wallace Dean Shockley, 57, of 1521 Anthony Drive in Gastonia, were conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home by Rev. Phillip H. Gibbs, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Shockley died Sunday in Gaston Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Greenville County, S.C. and an accountant. He was a former Scoutmaster and a veteran of World War II. He was son of John Dean Shockley of Kings Mountain and the late Katie Selma Moody Shockley.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gay Bennett Shockley; his father, one son, Jeff Shockley of Stanley; one daughter, Mrs. Susan Sorrow of Gastonia; two brothers, Earl and Danny Shockley of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Vivinnee Scates of Kings Mountain; and one grandchild.

DOUGLAS MIDDLETON

Funeral services for Douglas Wade Middleton, 54, of Lincolnton, formerly of Kings Mountain, were conducted Sunday afternoon from First United Methodist Church of Lincolnton, interment following in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Middleton died Thursday. He was vice president of mining and exploration at Lithium Corporation, Bessemer City.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Peeler Middleton; a son, Dean Middleton of Globe, Ariz.; stepson, Joe Cherry II of Charleston, W.Va.; two stepdaughters, Vonde Fierro of Nashville, Tn., and Lisa Cherry of Arlington, Va., brother, Gary Middleton of Cedar City, Utah.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Bill Harie at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Rt. 1, Box 55-C, Denver, N.C. 28037.

ANDREW JACKSON

Funeral services for Andrew Jackson, 94, of 602 Beech St. in Gaffney, S.C., father of Mrs. Edythe Self of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. James Sanders officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Jackson died Monday evening in Devine Saviour Hospital in York, S.C. He was a retired textile employee and son of the late John Marion and Jane Gibson Jackson.

Surviving are two sons, Fred Jackson of York, S.C. and L.D. Jackson of Gaffney, S.C., two daughters, Edythe Self of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Susie Kineses of West Alexandria, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ATTEND MEETING

Rev. Eric Faust and Mrs. Jack Arnette represented First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Graham Wood and Mrs. Wayne Wells represented Dixon Presbyterian Church at a meeting of Concord Presbytery in Winston Salem Tuesday.

GOSPEL SING

Pathway Gospel Church will sponsor a gospel sing on Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the church on Parkdale Circle. The Holmes Trio will be featured group. Rev. James Hamrick invited the public to attend.

Board To Hire PW Director

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After the meeting, Comm. Humes Houston said he voted against the motion because Moss is employed by the city as a full-time mayor and the chief executive officer of the city. Houston, chairman of the City's Personnel Committee, said the heads of the various departments have been running their own department on an individual basis since Huffman quit and that it is difficult for an employee to operate with more than one boss. Other major departments of the city include water and sewer, gas, electric, streets, and sanitation, and maintenance.

The King motion deletes the gas department, of which Jimmy Maney is supervisor, from falling under the supervision of a public works superintendent.

Comm. King said that his proposal would give the department heads someone to report to and did not elaborate. He has said previously that the procedure the city operates under in regards to public works is illegal.

According to North Carolina General Statutes, neither the mayor or a commissioner can act as a department head.

Mayor Moss said after the meeting that he has never con-

sidered himself acting director of public works but as coordinator of the activities of all department heads.

Commissioner Gaffney said he voted "no" because it was the first time he had heard anything about it (King's motion.)

The Mayor said he has no objection to hiring a public works director and that applications will be taken.

King said that the Natural Gas Department is currently under a "show cause" order from the State Utilities Commission and, in his opinion, it would be unfair and impractical for a new public works supervisor to come in and try to assume those responsibilities until the matters are corrected. After the "show cause" order is removed, King said he would recommend that the gas department and utilities departments also come under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works.

King said that citizen complaints had prompted his motion on Monday and he sees those problems resolved with employment of a superintendent of public works which will relieve the mayor of some of the responsibility. "John (the mayor) has too much to do. This action gives the department heads someone to report to immediately.

The superintendent, in turn, would be responsible only to the board of city commissioners.

In other action:

The Board approved final construction plans from attorney Mickey Corry for professional office on land purchased from the city as part of its urban development project. Parcel No. 1 is on the north side of First Union National Bank near Hoke Electric. Corry said he expects to begin construction by late April on the spacious brick-glass office complex.

The Board forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board request by C.T. Carpenter Realty, agent for Mrs. Clyde Kerns, for rezoning from R-10 to R-0 her property on Williams Street adjacent to the KM Convalescent Center. Mrs. Kerns has asked for rezoning to allow expansion of the rest home.

The Board also forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board the request of Mr. and Mrs. Doytt Falls for rezoning from R-8 to R-20. Their property fronting 65 feet on the north side of Ridge Street for placement of a mobile home.

The Board awarded bid to the high bidder, South Mountain Pulpwood of Lattimore, at \$11.25 per cord on stump for trees at the Board of Outdoor

Recreation Project on Moss Lake and approved a change order for waterline for the BOR Project at additional municipal cost of \$8,549.70 on recommendation of consulting engineers who said that a 12 inch, instead of an eight inch water line, is required.

The Board approved a new Policies and Procedures Committee to include Commissioner Corbet Nicholson as chairman, and Commissioners Gaffney and Houston to work with various department heads in preparing policies and procedures and bringing back recommendations to the board. Booklets spelling out the policies will be prepared after board study.

Crowd Attends Celebration

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and Mrs. Bill Thompson of Concord, Mrs. Mildred Bernhardt of Concord, sisters of the guest speaker, Dr. B. F. Ormand; Mrs. James Ormand of Gastonia, sister-in-law of the guest speaker; Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Betty Patrick) Merritt of Roanoke, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Houston of Louisburg and Mr. and Mrs. Porter Houston of Winston Salem, brothers and sisters-in-law of Humes Houston; Betty (Mrs. J.W.) Timberlake, Jr. of Lake Waccamaw and daughter, Vickie Burton of Gold Head Island; Mr. and Mrs. Timberlake and son, Joe, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Ken (Mary Lillian Lewis) Nantz and children of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Brown of Davidson County Schools; Rev. and Mrs. Gary Bryant, Elizabeth and Mark Andrew of Charlotte; Rev. and Mrs. James Moss of Abbeville, S.C., Rev. Hutch Hutchinson of Grover; Elaine and Steve Hundley; Charles Padgett of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Padgett of New Jersey; Captain and Mrs. W.F. (Pauline Neisler) Brewer of Henderson, N.C. and Rev. and Mrs. B.F. Ormand of Brevard.



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MINISTERS LED SERVICE - The five ministers, above, led the service of praise and worship during First Presbyterian Church's 100th celebration Sunday. From left Rev. Gary Bryant, Dr. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Dr. Paul Ausley, Rev. Eric Faust, the present minister, and Rev. James Moss. Both Rev. Ormand and Rev. Moss are former members who were called into the ministry.