



Lib Stewart

Jean Neill Wins Helpful, Caring Person

Friends and relatives of Jean Webb Neill recalled her as active, caring and helpful, one who participated in various organizations at her church and at her children's school.

The daughter of Halbert Webb of Kings Mountain and the late Mary Belle Webb died suddenly July 21 of a massive heart attack. She had been in apparent good health.

A native of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Neill, 54, of 4565 Woodlark Lane in Charlotte, graduated from Kings Mountain High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. After attending Greensboro College, she worked for a modeling agency in Charlotte through the mid 1960's. She also worked as a travel agent for Wide World Travel Agency in the late 1960s and early 1970s. After leaving the travel agency, her father said she became active in the Center of Elder Care Services. She was an Elder Care Sitter, helping those people who required assistance with chores and things, according to her family. She was a charter member of Providence Methodist Church, a membership that spanned 25 years. She taught Sunday School and belonged to the United Methodist Women and was twice chairman of a circle. She was a former Junior Woman's Club members and also promoted the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. Her father recalled his daughter's participation with school groups in which her children were active over the years, the Girl Scouts and PTA. "The most important thing I remember about Jean is the friends she had. So many people loved her," said Mr. Webb.

Jeannie Christian, a former neighbor who knew Mrs. Neill for 30 years, recalled her as a "sweet and kind person" and C.J. (Butch) Spivey, daughter of Lib (Mrs. J.M.) Rhea of Kings Mountain, another Charlotte neighbor, said Jean "remembered a lot of happy times."

A memorial service was held last Tuesday afternoon from Providence United Methodist Church. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. last Tuesday at Oakwood Cemetery in Charlotte.

Survivors also include daughters, Kathy Herran of Charlotte, Libby Sturgis of Rock Hill, S.C. and Allison Neill of the home; and brother, Dick Webb, of Richmond, Va., and four grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Barium Springs Home For Children, Barium Springs, N.C. 28010.

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LOOKING BACK

(From the Aug. 6, 1953 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald) "Sword of Gideon" begins its third weekend Thursday night at the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park, with the show director and casts looking forward to "Hometown Night" which has been set for Friday.

Members of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club met Tuesday and heard presented a new Constitution and By-Laws, including changes to meet the needs of a re-organized and growing club.

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Stone announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Betty, to Andrew Thomas DeBruler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A.T. DeBruler, Sr. Both families are of Kings Mountain. The wedding will take place Sept. 26.

Miss Betty Kate Jones has completed plans for her wedding to Jack Ruth, which will take place at 5:30 p.m. August 12th at Main Street Methodist Church in Greenwood, S.C.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And We Know that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. Romans 8:28.



THURSDAY:

12:00-Kings Mountain Rotary Club at Holiday Inn.
6:45 p.m.-Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at Holiday Inn.

SATURDAY:

6:00-10:30 a.m.-El Bethel United Methodist Church is serving country breakfast at the church fellowship hall.



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OBITUARIES

BOB HERNDON

Funeral services for Robert Eugene (Bob) Herndon, 53, of 502 Lynn St., were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Masters Funeral Home.

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

Herndon died at his home Friday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

He was the son of the late Howard and Essie Hambright Herndon and was a member of Pathway Baptist Church of Kings Mountain. He had been in declining health.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha Jolley Herndon; two sons, Jackie Eugene Herndon and Jonathan Nathan Herndon of Gastonia; two daughters, Donna Herndon and Jennifer Herndon of the home; three brothers, Laudys Herndon of Shelby and Herndon and Joe B. Herndon of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Mary McMackin of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren.

JIM WRAY

Funeral services for James Robert Wray, 66, of the Antioch Community near Grover, were conducted Monday at 3 p.m. from Antioch Baptist Church by Rev. Raymond Crow and Rev. Wayne Tuttle, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Wray died Saturday in the Cherokee County Hospital at Gaffney, S.C.

He was a retired employee of the Old English Mica Company in Kings Mountain and a native of Cherokee County, S.C. He was a member of Canaan United Methodist Church. He was the son of the late Robert Manning and Eliza Dover Wray.

Surviving are his wife, Eunice Turner Wray, of the home; a son, Charles Wray of Blacksburg, S.C., a daughter, Joyce Fowler of Blacksburg, S.C., two brothers, Ervin Wray and William Wray of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mary Sistare and Ruth Gann, both of Kings Mountain, and four grandchildren.

Gordon's Funeral Home of Blacksburg, S.C. was in charge of arrangements.

J.M. CRAWFORD

Funeral services for James Monroe Crawford, 75, of 305

Linden St., Grover, who died Saturday at Meadowbrook Manor Nursing Home in Shelby after several month's illness, were conducted Monday morning at 11 a.m. from First Baptist Church of Grover.

Dr. Bobby Gantt and Dr. Paul Sorrells officiated at the rites and interment was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Mr. Crawford was a native of McCormick County, S.C., son of the late Charlie B. and Forna Watts Crawford. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Shelby American Legion Post 82.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Viola Smith Crawford; one brother, Y.W. Crawford of Sarasota, Fla., two sisters, Mrs. Zora Brooks of Greenwood, S.C. and Mrs. Nettie Tesseneer of Grover.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. WILEY BLANTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Effie Jay Blanton, 78, of 801 W. Mountain St., wife of J. Wiley Blanton, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from First Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Dr. Joel Jenkins and Rev. Bruce Rayburn officiated at the rites and interment was in Sharon Memorial Cemetery in Charlotte.

Mrs. Blanton died Monday in the Kings Mountain Hospital after several month's illness.

She was a native of Cleveland County, a retired medical technician, and daughter of the late Robert S. and Elizabeth Williams Thornburg. She was twice married: to the late Albert Odell Steele and to J. Wiley Blanton, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one son, Robert Ted Steele of Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. Gerald Allen of Charlotte and Mrs. Charles Dixon of Cary; three stepsons, Rev. Demuth Blanton of Union, S.C., Harold Blanton of Kings Mountain and Howard Blanton of Durham; four brothers, Wray Thornburg and Fred Thornburg, both of Kings Mountain, Otha Thornburg of Rock Hill, S.C. and Theodore Thornburg of Charlotte; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Bell of Thomasville, Ga., 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BRUCE HARRY

Memorial services for Bruce Andy Harry, 59, of Moore Haven, Fla., formerly of Grover, were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. from Grover's First Baptist Church.

Funeral services and burial was held Tuesday in Moore Haven, Fla.

Mr. Harry died Thursday at Edgecombe General Hospital in Tarboro.

He was a native of Grover, son of Bessie Howard Harry and the late Audy Harry.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Lena Speller Harry; a son, C. Bruce Harry of Charlotte; a daughter, Judy Harry Cook of Charlotte; a stepson, Don Overton of Homestead Fla., a stepdaughter, Barbara Brandon of Tarboro; four brothers, Donald Harry of Charlotte, Thomas Harry of Shelby, Jesse Harry of Sanford, Fla. and Phillip Harry of Grover; two sisters, Sarah Harry McCarter of Grover and Annette Harry Woods of Piedmont, S.C., four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

CECIL C. SMITH

Funeral services for Cecil Clyde Smith, 55, of 303 Fairfield Drive, Tallahassee, Fla., formerly of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from First Baptist Church of Woodville, Fla., interment following in Oakland Cemetery in Tallahassee.

Mr. Smith died Monday in the VA Hospital at Lake City, Fla. after extended illness.

He was a native of Clayton, Ga., former owner and operator of a service station. He had lived in Tallahassee nine months.

He was a veteran of military service and a member of Woodville, Fla. First Baptist Church.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Exie Greene of Tallahassee; two sons, Cecil Clyde Smith, Jr. of Cherryville and Norman Smith of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Cathy Goins of Cherryville; one brother, Buddy Smith, of Charlotte; two sisters, Lena Stallings of Woodville, Fla. and Dot Bell Reeves Reaves of Woodville, Fla., and four grandchildren.

Culley and Sons Funeral Home of Tallahassee was in charge of arrangements.

TOM GLADDEN

Funeral services for Howard Luco (Tom) Gladden, 69, of 621 Meadowbrook Road, former Kings Mountain policeman, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from David Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

His pastor, Rev. James Parks, officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Gladden died Monday in Kings Mountain Hospital after several month's illness. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late William Walter and Mary Ellen Stroupe Gladden.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Thelma Ware Gladden, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Rachel Short of Charlotte and Mrs. Linda Roberts of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Furman Gladden of Kings Mountain and Charles F. Gladden of Springfield, Va., eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to David Baptist Church or the North Carolina Lung Association.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BILLY RAY MCGINNIS

Billy Ray McGinnis, 48, of 6845 Supreme Court, Springfield, Virginia, died early Monday morning at the home. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. McGinnis of Rt. 3 Kings Mountain.

Carpenter's Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for their sympathy, prayers and concern during our recent bereavement. May God bless each of you who have been so thoughtful.

THE FAMILY OF MILLIE GLADDEN

KM Native Sees Olympic Torch Pass

George Anne Moss Marston, formerly of Kings Mountain and now of Lajolla, Calif., couldn't get tickets for the Olympic Games which are now underway in nearby Los Angeles, but was able to see the Olympic torch pass through her town last week.

An avid jogger, Mrs. Marston, daughter of Mrs. Sue Moss of Kings Mountain and the late George Moss, got up before 5 a.m. one morning to jog along the beach and hopefully see the Olympic torch pass by.

As it turned out, the torch bearer was about an hour late coming through Lajolla. After staying on the beach until after 6 a.m. to see the torch, Mrs. Marston returned home at 7 and called her mother.

"She just had to tell someone," Mrs. Moss said. "She said it was amazing the large crowd of people that turned out that early in the morning to see the torch being carried along the beach."

Mrs. Marston had hoped to see San Diego Padre first baseman Steve Garvey carry the torch through San Diego Park a couple days earlier, but couldn't get close enough to see because of the large crowds.

Mrs. Marston works as a sales manager for Pulse Electronic Corporation in San Diego.

Although she won't be attending the Olympic Games, she did get to see the Olympic basketball team play a group of NBA stars in San Diego recently.

"She and her husband are both graduates of the University of North Carolina, so it was a big thrill for her to get to see Michael Jordan and Sam Perkins," Mrs. Moss said.

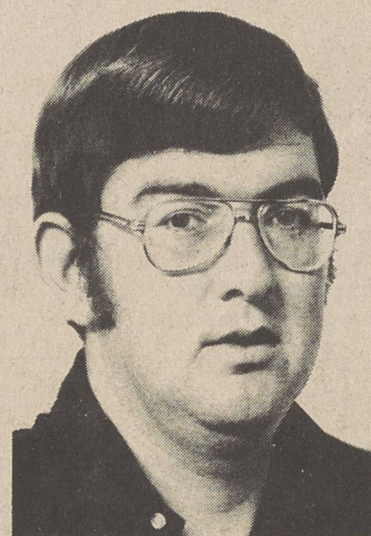
Sometimes it seems you can never get things right!

Two weeks ago in the Kings Mountain police report, it was stated that "Kings Mountain Police charged Chris Short of 701 Landing Street with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting bodily injury following an incident on July 10.

Keith Guin of 532 Baker Street reported the assault.

Guin was arrested on July 14."

The above line should have read Short was arrested on July 14.



Stewart's Slants

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By
Gary Stewart

Then, last week, Guin called to have the above correction made, but we understood the caller to say the entire account of the assault was wrong, so we ran a correction saying that Guin was charged with assault.

So, let's clear it up for good. Guin was assaulted. Short was charged. Now, if we're wrong again, you'll read in next week's paper that I was charged with assault.

Herald Deadlines

The Herald welcomes your letters to the editor, news articles and other information.

We ask that you follow these deadlines for submitting articles for the paper:

Social news for the "Styles" section, or Section B, should be submitted by 5 p.m. Mondays. These articles include weddings, engagements, birthdays, church news, club meetings, etc.

Classified and display advertisements, regular news items and sports should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stories that happen on Tuesday nights should be submitted by 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

If you have an item of interest, or know of someone or something that would make a good story, call us at 739-7496.