



POOL DEDICATED SUNDAY-Dr. Scott Mayse makes remarks during the dedication ceremony for Neisler Natatorium Sunday. From left on the platform are Mayor Kyle Smith, Charles Neisler, Bill McDaniel, Tracy Stewart, Rev. Dewey Smith, and Supt. Bob McRae.

Pool

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now involved in competitive swimming. Kings Mountain Recreation Department is scheduling classes. "The \$840,000 raised by the community is a tribute to the community. Comparing a town this size with that of Charlotte, he said that if Charlotte got the same support from each citizen that city could raise \$35 million.

Mayse said the project had spanned five years and was long "and difficult at times" due to higher costs after the initial plan was drawn. The Kiwanis club gave \$17,000 in 1984 to evaluate the need for an indoor pool and received good response from other clubs, thus the KM Indoor Pool Foundation was formed in 1985 and just-retired KM Hospital Administrator Grady Howard became chairman of the ambitious drive for funds. The pool redesign was completed in 1987-88 and the project was let out for bids. Construction began in July 1988.

Mayse publicly thanked Howard, the Kings Mountain Board of Education, the City of Kings Mountain, the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, his wife, Sarah, the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Neisler Sr. who made a sizable gift to spearhead the project in memory of their mother and the community. "This was a community effort", he said.

Lee Neisler, grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Neisler Sr., president of the Class of 1982 which got the idea for a pool and made the initial gift of \$1,000, joined Mayse in recalling the history of the pool project.

Henry Neisler, on behalf of his twin brother, Charles Neisler and the Neisler family, presented the facility to the citizens of Kings Mountain. "This would be a proud achievement for Mother who had a special empathy for youth who participated in sports. She would be proud to know she had a part in giving kids a place for recreation and therapy," he said.

Bill McDaniel, chairman of the KM Board of Education, Jackie Lavender, principal of Kings Mountain Senior High School and Jay Hendricks, vice president of the Student Body of KMSHS, proudly accepted.

Dr. McRae called the many dedication plaques throughout the beautiful facility as "a citizen's who's who" and said the building of the indoor pool was one more example that Kings Mountain is interested in youth.

Mayor Kyle Smith congratulated "all who had a part

in making today a reality" and praised the Neisler Natatorium as second to none in this area in recreation.

Grady Howard said the building of the facility "reaffirmed my faith in Kings Mountain people" and thanked the families of Henry and Charles Neisler for a gift up front to get it going and said that naming of the facility to memorialize Kathryn Neisler was a much deserved tribute.

McRae recognized officials of the city and county and the KM Indoor Pool Foundation. Representing the City of Kings Mountain were Mayor Smith, City Manager George Wood, Recreation Director Dave Hancock, Planning Director Gene White, and Council members Norma Bridges, Fred Finger, Humes Houston, Al Moretz, Harold Phillips. County Commissioner Charlie Harry was recognized as were directors of the KM Indoor Pool Foundation which included Anita Campbell, Scott Cloninger, Bill Davis, Corky Fulton, Betty Gamble, Larry Hamrick Sr., Grady Howard, Bobby Maner, Lou Sabetti, Odus Smith, Brad Tate and Mrs. W. T., Weir and members of the KM Board of Education, who included McDaniel, Doyle Campbell, Paul Hord, Billy King, and Priscilla Mauney. McRae praised architects for the project Jim Martin and Stan Bardley of the firm of Martin, Bardley and Anthony of Shelby, and Dr. Larry Allen, Assistant Superintendent for their expertise in the building program. He also recognized members of the city and school board who served during the period in which the pool planning began, also recognizing former mayor John Moss, former school trustee Kyle Smith and former school trustee June Lee.

In his prayer of dedication, Rev. Dewey H. Smith said the Natatorium represented a labor of love and commitment of the community, a shining reminder of work and dedication to high ideals and values.

KMSHS student Tracy Stewart sang "The National Anthem."

After the ribbon-cutting by Henry and Charles Neisler, representatives of the city, schools, and Indoor Pool Foundation, spectators enjoyed swimming exhibitions by Sharks Aquatics Club and tours of the facility. Some spectators also brought their swim suits.

Kids waiting to swim stood on the sidelines excited about getting their hair wet for the first time in the new pool.

One of the first young swimmers in the pool was Wendy Ann Neisler, daughter of Scott and Jan Neisler. "I'm sure Great-Grandmother Kathryn would have enjoyed seeing her swim today," said a member of the Neisler family enjoying the event.

possession with intent to sell/deliver and sell/deliver marijuana.

Jeffery Haney, 25, of 502 Lynn St., four counts, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and sell/deliver cocaine.

Faye Strong, in mid 20's, Apt. 83 Pine Manor, four counts, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, sell/deliver marijuana, maintaining dwelling for purpose of selling marijuana.

Vickie Boyce, 32, of 206 Parrish Drive, four counts possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, sell/deliver cocaine, maintaining residence for purpose of selling cocaine.

Michelle Stewart, 21, of 605 Ford St., seven counts possession with intent/cocaine, sell/deliver; manufacturing cocaine and possession with intent to manufacture.

Randy Eugene Aiken, 29, of 605 Ford St., seven counts possession with intent, cocaine; sell/deliver cocaine; maintain dwelling; manufacturing cocaine; and possession with intent to manufacture.

Gene Lewis Goins, charged with drug trafficking, was turned over to Gaston County Police.

All suspects except Goins were jailed in Cleveland County Jail. Goins was jailed in Gastonia.

Obituaries

LEWIS HAMRICK
WALLACE, S.C. - Lewis A. (Al) Hamrick, 58, died Tues., Feb. 28 at a Florence, S.C., hospital.

A Shelby native, he was the son of the late Joseph and Josephine Camp Hamrick and was a retired dispatcher with the Cheraw, S.C., Police Department. He was a musician and songwriter and a long-time radio announcer on WCRC in Cheraw and WKDX in Hamlet, N.C. He was also owner of Hamrick's Store in Wallace.

He is survived by his wife, Zena Hamrick; a son, Bill Hamrick of Cheraw; five daughters, Debbie Hutto of Florence, Emma Jean Smith of Bennettsville, Samantha Duncan of Columbia, Sue A. Hamrick and Marie Jo Hamrick of Wallace; one sister, Emma Neal of Dallas, Ga.; three step-sisters, Corrine Swofford of Kings Mountain, Edna Gantt of Shelby and Myrtle Lee Greene of Hickory; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday at 3 p.m. at White's Creek Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

FAY TESSENER

GROVER - Fay T. Tesseneer, 80, of Route 1, died Wed., March 1 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a retired electrician and son of the late Pink and Darcus Dayberry Tesseneer. He was married to the late Addie Horne Tesseneer.

He is survived by one son, John Tesseneer of Patterson Springs; four daughters, Laura Mae Biggerstaff of Caroleen, Doris Champion of Shelby, Maude Allison of Patterson Springs and Irene Waters of Sandy Mush; a brother, Virgil Tesseneer of Bostic; a sister, Iva Lowrance of Rutherfordton; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at 3 p.m. at Goode's Grove Baptist Church near Cliffside by the Rev. L. W. Toney, the Rev. Benny Turner, and the Rev. Andy Mead. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

ROBERT A. LEE

Robert Alexander Lee Jr. died March 3 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Robert A. and Docia Derberry Lee. He lived in Wycliffe, Ohio, for 37 years and was a retired technical engineer for White Motor Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Caldwell Lee; two brothers, Claude Lee of Oklahoma and W.D. Lee of Gastonia; three sisters, Julia Hughes of Hayesville, Emma Coble of Lexington, and Juanita O'Donohue of Gastonia.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church by the Rev. Robert Collins. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.

D.G. HERNDON

GROVER - D.G. (Bud) Herndon, 73, of Maple Avenue, died March 2 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

A Cleveland County native, he was son of the late John Lester and Novella Bookout Herndon and husband of the late Annie Ormand Herndon. He was retired from Minette Mills and a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, David Herndon and Donnie Herndon, both of Grover; two brothers, Harold Herndon and Jack Herndon, both of Grover; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Grover by Drs. Bobby Gantt and Vann Murrell. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

ELLEN WELLS

MARS HILL - Ellen Navy Wells, 84, of 150 Forest Street, formerly of Kings Mountain, died March 2 at Madison Manor Health Care Center.

A Madison County native, she was the daughter of the late James A. and Mollie Kate Davis and was a retired textile worker. Her husband was the late David Lee (Dan) Wells of Kings Mountain.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Mars Hill. While living in Kings Mountain, she was a member of Dixon Presbyterian Church, where she served as pianist for a number of years. She later was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

She is survived by a stepson, Erwin Wells of Belmont; a brother, James Mary of Mars Hill; five sisters, Martha, Violet, Laura and Sophia Navy of Mars Hill and

Mary Jackson of Gray Hawk, Ky.; two step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. at Capps Funeral Home in Mars Hill by the Rev. Ralph Hogan. Graveside services were held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

RUTH S. KIRKLAND

GASTONIA - Ruth Smith Kirkland, 61, of 2347 Maplewood Drive, died March 5 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late John R. and Georgia Proctor Smith and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest Clinton Kirkland; a son, Ricky Lee Kirkland of High Point; two daughters, Teresa Yarbrough of Bessemer City and Juanita Costner of Grover; two brothers, Ernest Smith of Dallas and John Smith of Gastonia; three sisters, Annie Mae Pate, Ola Benfield and Shirley Tassmore of Gastonia; and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 1 p.m. today at Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia, by the Rev. Dick Whitener. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gastonia, 990 Robinwood Road, Gastonia, 28054.

JOHN R. MARTIN

John Ross Martin, 62, of 18 Bennett Drive, Kings Mountain, died March 6 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, S.C., he was the son of the late John Ross Martin Sr. and a former employee of Owens Steel of Gastonia. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Lois Sprouse Martin of Kings Mountain; mother, Mabel Martin Eskew of Kings Mountain; three sons, Phillip and Larry Martin of Kings Mountain and James Martin of Gastonia; four sisters, Virginia Mixon of Bessemer City, and Mildred Melton, Coleen Bennett and Gwen Smith of Kings Mountain; and six grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 3 p.m. today at Harris Chapel by the Rev. Odes Webb and the Rev. Frank Gordon. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Gonzalez

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Rev. Gonzalez served as pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church for more than three decades. After they retired, they lived in Kings Mountain during the summer and in Fort Myers during the winter.

Her friends and relatives in Kings Mountain recall that music was always her first love. She was a soprano, and in addition to sacred music and hymns, she enjoyed singing arias from Mozart operas. She was also an accomplished pianist.

Rev. Gonzalez said she was always a loyal companion and his best friend.

"She was a first-rate mother, too," he said. "She was firm, but I wouldn't say strict. She always enjoyed spending time with the children."

Although she was ill for some time before her death, Rev. Gonzalez said she always remained optimistic and depended on her Christian faith to give her strength. "Philosophically and ethically, she

Cook

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eight hours a day, six days a week for eight years," Hayes said. "He was somebody that I really looked up to. I don't think there's ever been a finer gentleman."

Hayes was in Florida when he received news of Cook's death. "I was really shocked," he said. "Of course, I hope I can make it back before the funeral. To me, there's no adjective that I can use to describe Bynum Cook. He was that great of a man."

Det. Richard Reynolds said Cook was also the first officer he rode with after joining the force in 1969.

"I thought he was one of the best officers and finest men I've ever known," Reynolds said. "He was always easy going, and so fair. As an officer, he was always calm and never hot-headed or anything."

"He was a very kind individual," Reynolds added. "There was nothing he wouldn't do for you. You could call on him day or night, and if there was anything he could do for you, he would. I've really missed him a lot since he retired, and I'll continue to miss him. He was a fine man."

Cook was a native of Shelby and son of the late Esper and Dicey

EDNA C. BEAL

GASTONIA - Edna Crisp Beal, 74, of 211 Graham Street, died March 3 at Charlotte Orthopedic Hospital.

A native of Stecoah, she was the daughter of the late Royal and Candis Morgan Crisp and was retired from the Matthews-Belk marketing department. She was a member of West Franklin Avenue Baptist Church and past president of the Senior Citizens Dove Club.

She is survived by her husband, Jake Beal; one daughter, Delores Bradley of Kings Mountain; one sister, Ethel Deaver of Rock Hill, S.C.; two half-brothers, Frank Pendleton of Raleigh and Ray Pendleton of Gastonia; one half-sister, Olean Humphries of Burlington; four step-sisters, Hattie Merritt of Dallas, Laura Pennington of Mount Holly and Tally Bradshaw and Edith Abernathy of Gastonia; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at West Avenue Baptist Church by the Rev. Phillip Frady. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the West Avenue Baptist Church building fund, 1701 W. Franklin Ave., Gastonia, N.C. 28052.

MARIE GASTON

MOUNT HOLLY - Marie Gaston of 329 N. Lee St., died March 4 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of Wesley Chapel Holiness Church in Mount Holly.

She is survived by one daughter, Crissy S. Gaston of Mount Holly; two sons, Anthony P. Gaston and Kelly O. Neal of Mount Holly; mother, Luceal Gaston of Mount Holly; three sisters, Ruth G. Smith and Diane Henderson of Charlotte and Susie B. Gaston of Mount Holly; four brothers, James J. Finks of Kings Mountain, Leonard B. Gaston and Jimmy L. Gaston of Charlotte and Willie J. Gaston of Mount Holly; and one grandchild.

Services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. by Elder Jason Scott at Wesley Chapel Holiness Church. Burial was in Morningside Park.

was very Christian," he said. "She was heart and soul to the church."

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Joseph Gonzalez of Princeton, N.J.; one daughter, Dr. Margaret Gonzalez of New York, N.Y.; three grandchildren; four brothers, Hubert McGinnis, Donald McGinnis, Bill McGinnis and Jim McGinnis, all of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Lucille Sawyer of Charlotte, Virginia Sabetti of Kings Mountain, Dorothy Whetstone of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Janet Eagle of Kannapolis. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Odell McGinnis, Paul McGinnis and Richard McGinnis, all of Kings Mountain.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Myers and burial was in the Fort Myers Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Memorial Fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2800 Broadway, Fort Myers, Fla. 33901.

Drug Bust

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Bobby Michael Wells (Michael Bobby Wells), 37, of 206 Margaret St., four counts possession with intent/cocaine, sell/deliver cocaine and maintain motor vehicle.

Richard David Patterson (Joe) (Rick), 27, of 414 Clinton Drive, three counts possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, sell/deliver cocaine, maintaining dwelling for purpose to sell cocaine.

Gary Dean Martin (Red), 33, of 205 E. Parker St., 33, four counts possession with intent/marijuana, sell/deliver marijuana, maintain business.

Joe Larson Williams (Skip), 24, of 103 E. Parker St., three counts possession with intent/cocaine and sell/deliver cocaine.

Tyrone Davis, Alpine Drive, two counts, aid and abetting sale of marijuana.

Pat Logan, 19, of North City St., six counts possession with intent-marijuana and sell/deliver marijuana.

David Smith, 211 A West Mountain St., three counts

Holiday Would Cost \$18,000

King Action Delayed

The city's personnel committee has delayed until Monday making a recommendation on whether the city should establish Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a paid holiday for City of Kings Mountain employees.

City Manager George Wood told the committee at Monday's meeting that establishing the holiday would cost the city \$18,000 to \$20,000 including overtime for employees who had to work that day, such as police officers and water plant operators.

The civil right's leader's birthday is observed by most of the state's larger cities and about half the cities of comparable size. Neither

neighboring Gastonia nor Shelby observes King's birthday.

The full city board is expected to act on the personnel committee's recommendation at the March 28 meeting of city council.

The committee, which includes Mayor Kyle Smith, J. D. Barrett and Fred Finger, will also recommend a policy on accumulation of sick leave and city-paid medical insurance for long-time employees. The committee will recommend an unlimited amount of sick leave, following similar policies of other cities, and will recommend the city pay medical insurance for employees with 20 years continuous service meaning that a person may be employed with the city only 15

years but have served 10 years as a volunteer fireman or on the reserve police force. The volunteer service would amount to one year for every two years of service and would qualify the employee for 20 years of continuous full time service. Councilmen said continuous service would not apply to city council. Those now receiving the free insurance benefits would still receive it under a "Grandfather clause".

The personnel committee meets again Monday at 2 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Also serving in an advisory capacity to the committee are Personnel Director Charles Webber and City Manager George Wood.