

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND CHAMPION LANCASTER, S.C. - Raymond Olin Champion, 79, of 18 Elm Street, died July 17, 1991 at Elliott White Springs Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaffney, he was the son of the late Raymond and Mary Pearl Patrick Champion. He was a retired machinist-molder for Springs Industries' Foundry and Machine Shop.

He is survived by his wife, Floride Adams Champion; a daughter, Miss Deloris Champion of Lancaster; two brothers, Lloyd Ray Champion of Kings Mountain and Rev. Eugene Champion of Gaffney; a sister, Wynona Best of Gaffney; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held Friday at 3 p.m. at Abington Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Gaffney. Rev. Eugene Champion officiated.

JOSIE GRANT

SHELBY - Josie Margaret Grant, 91, of 902 Borders Road, died July 18, 1991 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late George Wesley and Laura Mayhue Grant and wife of the late Jasper James Grant. She was also preceded in death by three children, Carl Grant, Jack Grant and Miss Margaret Grant. She was a retired textile employee and homemaker and a member of Elizabeth Church and the Homebound Department.

She is survived by three sons, James Thomas Grant and John David Grant of Kings Mountain, and George Edmond Grant of Shelby; five daughters, Miss Elizabeth Grant of the home; Lallage Brooks of Shelby, Gladys Wright and Edith Causby of Kings Mountain, and Peggy Thomas of Jamestown, Ohio; three sisters, Edna Garrett, Corene Smith and Birdie Horn of Gaffney, S.C.; 25 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jeff Brendle Saturday at 2 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

EDWIN GROOME

HIGH POINT - Edwin Yates Groome, 89, of The Evergreens in High Point, formerly of Groometown Road, Greensboro, died July 20, 1991 at High Point Regional Hospital.

A native of Guilford County, he was a retired farmer. He was a member of Groometown United Methodist Church.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Kenneth Williams of Columbia, S.C., Mrs. James H. Arthur of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Venable Baggett of Fayetteville.

A graveside services was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Groometown United Methodist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Groometown United Methodist Church, Groometown Road, Greensboro, N.C. 27406.

KIMBERLY RUSS

SHELBY - Kimberly Jane Russ, 22, of 409 Old Stubbs Road, Cherryville, died July 22, 1991 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of Judith McNeely Causby of Shelby and the late Charles Blanton. She was a homemaker.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Gregory Russ of the home; two daughters, Claudia McNeely Russ and Alicia Miranda Russ of the home; her step-father, Larry Causby of the home; a brother, Clint Causby of Shelby; and a sister, Mrs. Lynn Tenney of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Lutz-Austell Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Tim Hendrick. Burial was in Corinth Baptist Church cemetery in Casar.

BYERS

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Byers enjoys sports, bowling, and grows plenty of tomatoes from a flower bed in his back yard on Belvedere Circle. He is active in Mount Zion Baptist Church.

"God has blessed me," says Byers, who says he never gets angry except at the federal government. "They are supposed to be smart and educated people but look at the mess they get us all into."

AT LARGE

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to a two-year term. Voters in Wards 1 and 2 will elect council members from those wards. Election day is October 8. Terms of Mayor Kyle Smith and Commissioners Moretz, Norma Bridges, and Jackie Barrett are expiring in December.

Bennett, a Kings Mountain native and son of the late Henry and Birdie Bennett, retired in 1982 after 34 1/2 years with Burlington Industries. A former insurance man, he retired from the Board of Elections five years ago. He is a partner in Linwood Auto Sales, a past president of KM Lions Club, and a former trustee of Kings Mountain Hospital. Active in Grace United Methodist Church, he is former chairman of the pastoral parish committee, former Sunday School superintendent and former chairman of the administrative board and lay speaker. He and his wife, Dorothy Barnette Bennett, have been married nearly 51 years. A veteran of World War II, he was an administrative First Sergeant in charge of the medical detachment at Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa. The Bennetts have two daughters, Linda Burgess of Kings Mountain and Gail Manning of Lake Wylie, S. C. and three grandchildren.

"When I served on the city board before I worked the third shift. Now retired, I can give full time service and feel I have both the time and experience to be a good commissioner," said Bennett. He says he has "no axes to grind" and is running to serve only, not against anyone.

King, who resigned December 1, 1990 from the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department after 20 years in law enforcement, is a Kings Mountain native, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis King. He joined the Kings Mountain Police Department as a patrolman soon after graduating Kings Mountain High School in 1972 and then worked over 15 years with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, retiring as Detective Lieutenant. He and his wife, Terri, and son, Wayne, 10, reside at 608 Mica Street in Ward I.

King said he chose to run at-large instead of in Ward I because "I had friends all over town who supported me in my first bid for a seat on city council." He says, if elected, he will work to encourage more industry in the city to create more badly-needed jobs

and wants to see city government "run as smoothly as possible."

Moretz said he decided to run for one of the at-large council seats after pondering a run for the mayor's seat.

"I thought seriously about it (running for mayor) but this group of commissioners has some things started that I want to see finished," he said.

Moretz, who is chairman of the City Utilities Committee, said the city has made "tremendous strides" in that area and the citizens are now beginning to "reap the benefits."

Citizens recently approved over \$9 million in utility bonds to upgrade the water, sewer and electric facilities and most of that work will be completed by the end of the year. "Instead of trying to catch up, we can now plan for the future," Moretz said.

"Economic development is a big thing I'll work for," he continued. "We need to attract as much economic development as we can but at the same time keep our cost to citizens in range with our neighboring cities. Right now we're very competitive with the rates of all of our neighbors. Shelby's utility rates are probably a little lower than ours but they're just before passing a bond. Then their rate will jump and ours will probably be the lowest around."

Moretz said he will also work hard to see that solid waste is handled better and within EPA guidelines.

"With the new re-districting that we just went through, this is going to be a real interesting election," he said. "In everything that comes before the council, I will try to do the very best that I can and keep everything in perspective as to what's best for the people of Kings Mountain."

Moretz has held the District 1 council seat for the past four years. He served as the city's engineer for several years and currently owns his own consulting engineer consulting firm. A.B. Moretz P.E.

Moretz is an active member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, where he serves on the Church Council and is Scoutmaster for Scout Troop 91. He is active in the Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts and is director of the Cub Scout weekend camping program, "Lad, Dad, Mom and Me."

Moretz and his wife, Cathy, an employee of First Citizens Bank, have three children and one grandchild. Jim works with his father, Kimberly is a resident counselor with the Baptist Children's Home in Dallas, and Jeremy, 13, is a Kings Mountain student.

MAYOR

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Childers said he feels the next two years will be a very important two years, as the city moves from an at large election to a ward representation election and sees his experience as a former commissioner and from operating his own business for 20 years a valuable asset as the city enters this transition period.

If elected, Childers said he would push new programs in streets, budget, business, annexation, historical and beautification

areas. As mayor, he said he would ask the city staff to prepare a list of the streets to be resurfaced. Once this is done, put the streets in priority as to needs and as monies become available, pave those streets according to the priority list. He said he would work closely with the city manager and finance director to present a budget that will get the job done without additional burdens of the citizens. He pledged to work closely with the Chamber of Commerce to locate small businesses, whether it be retail, food, construction, etc. He said he would push an orderly and earnest annexation program, appoint a historical preservation committee to try and save some of the older buildings torn down daily and help

clean up and beautify the North, South, East and West entrances to the city.

Childers said he does not believe it is the responsibility of the mayor or council to become involved in the day to day operation of the city. He feels, he said, it is the responsibility of the mayor and council to set policy and priorities, turn these over to the city manager and say, "this is where we want to be a year, two years or 10 years from now. You get us there, but keep us informed along the way as to your plans to reach these goals."

MINE

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Curry, who said Kilgore community residents are still recovering from dust and property damage from the J. M. Huber mine that closed last year. He passed out pictures of the property to Tracy Davis and Beth Studenberg, state mining officials, and state environmentalist Jerry Cook of Mooresville, who conducted the meeting.

B. K. Barringer, engineer for Rednour Mining Corporation of Kings Mountain, made application for the state permit April 19. He said the mine will operate within the agenda of the State Mining Act. He said Rednour has taken adequate steps to address requirements of the codes, will install a 10 foot high sound buffer and silt basins for stopping off-site pollution. The mining operation will be a "closed cycle process."

Milton Holloman, representing the Cleveland County Economic Development Commission, said the board opposes granting of the permit under Criteria 4 of 7 criteria listed in the State Mining Act. Criteria 4 prohibits physical hazards to adjoining neighbors and

property owners with terminal effects and possible environmental damage. "These plants on Highway 29 have a substantial number of employment and the county is concerned about them," he said.

Also representing the county at the meeting but not addressing the group were EDC Director Joe Hendrick, Cleveland County Manager Lane Alexander, and County Commissioners Joe Cabaniss, chairman, Joyce Cashion and Charlie Harry. Hendrick said after the meeting that although the county has no zoning laws that the county asked the city of Kings Mountain to host the public hearing to give information to the public on the proposed mine.

After a 60-day review process, Charles Gardner, Director of Land Resources of the N. C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources will make the decision on granting or denying the permit. Mining owners may appeal decision of the board.

Supplemental information from Rednour officials and from the public are invited and can be addressed to Gardner in Raleigh.

Mayor Kyle Smith said city council has no official position on the mine permit application but acted only as host for the public meeting.

GAMBLE

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A widower, he has one daughter, Sharon Gamble, who is employed by New York University. He is a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Filing, which began Monday, ends at noon August 9. Filing fee is

\$36 and candidates must file with Elections Board Chairman Becky Cook at 717 Meadowbrook Road.

Only those voters living in the newly-created Ward I will elect the commissioner residing in and representing Ward I.

The creation of a minority/majority ward in the recent realignment of voting districts virtually assures the election October 8 of a black candidate for the first time in the city's history.

Electricity off next week

Electricity will be cut off Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. for duration of one minute each time as Duke Power Company installs electrical equipment on North Gaston Street.

City Utilities Director Jim Maney said that Duke will be switching over to a back-up generator and when that occurs the outages will occur and will affect 50% of the city. He ask that citizens cut

off air-conditioning units when the outages occur.

Kings Mountain, which buys electricity from Duke, has had no problems in meeting high customer needs this week as the temperatures have soared and has no plans to ask customers to conserve electricity. A record heat wave with scorching temperatures and sweltering humidity have resulted in record power use.

GROVER

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growth and new industry and I want to be a part of the leadership that pushes for more growth and new industry," said King. During his tenure on the board, he pointed with pride to the completion of a new addition to Town Hall and the beginning of garbage pick-up with a new truck in service by the sanitation department. He wants to see more community involvement by the town of 600 citizens and more attendance by residents at monthly board meetings. He said he also wants to see an increase of services to the citizens.

Rich served on the board 1983-89. He is employed by Overnight Transportation in Gaffney, S.C. and is married to Greta Black Rich. They and their son, Lee, 15,

live in Spring Acres.

Rich says he wants to see a continuation of improvements in Grover and cited work on the town hall, the hiring of two policemen, and sewer and park improvements as major projects, some of which were started during the years he was on the board. "I want to be involved in the community and think this is one way to be involved," he said.

Filing deadline for candidates in noon August 2 with the Cleveland County Board of Elections. Filing fee is \$5.

MILLER

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Schools but I'm willing to do my part."

Terms of Chairman Billy King and member Doyle Campbell are expiring this fall. Campbell says he won't seek reelection.



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