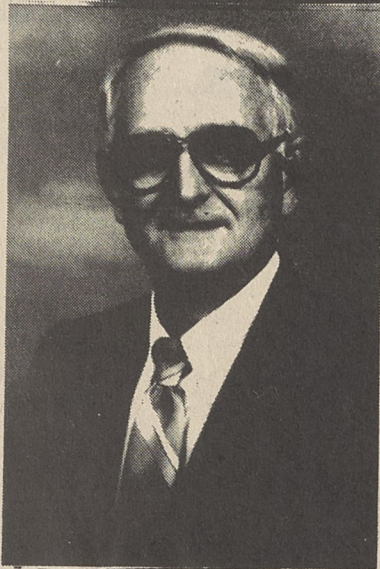


Obituaries



HERMAN D. WRIGHT

Herman D. Wright, 56, of 305 Wright Rd., died February 29, 1992 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Travis and Lois Hovis Wright. He was married to Irene Greene Wright, who survives.

An employee of Lithium Corporation of America, he was a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church and a charter member of Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son, Gordon Wright of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Lisa Cash and Mrs. Elaine Blanton, both of Kings Mountain; five sisters, Mrs. Lillie Mae Jones, Mrs. Sarah Queen, Mrs. Louise McSwain, Mrs. Martha Philbeck, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Jane Summitt of Grover; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 4 p.m. at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Richard Plyler and Rev. J. J. Thornburg officiated. Burial was in Patterson Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

PAULINE R. POSTON

SHELBY - Mrs. Pauline Roberson Poston, 74, of 713 Ligon St., died February 29, 1992 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Gaston County, she was daughter of the late Buren Royster and Mary Louise Woody Roberson. She was married to Coy Poston, who survives.

She was a member of Highland Baptist Church and Senior Center.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one son, Rick LaMountain of Shelby; three daughters, Mrs. Joyce Ann Gilliam, Mrs. Mary Jo Crowell and Mrs. Corina Patterson, all of Shelby; one sister, Mrs. Thelma R. Thomas of Shelby; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Lutz-Austell Chapel by Dr. Everett Thomas. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

OWEN SELLERS

William Owen Sellers, 80, or 107 Arrowood Dr., died March 1, 1992 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was married to Josephine McDaniel Sellers, who survives. He was son of the late Robert Alexander and Mittie Owens Sellers.

A retired textile employee, he was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Robert Sellers of Forest City and Donald Sellers of Charlotte; two daughters, Jean Manley of Charlotte and Sybille Burton of Belmont; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Rev. Harold Beam and Rev. Russell Fitts officiated. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church building fund, 1017 Bethlehem Rd., Kings Mountain, 28086.

MRS. JESSIE CAMP

SHELBY - Mrs. Jessie Oates Hord Camp, 79, of Shelby Convalescent Center, died February 28, 1992 at Shelby Convalescent Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Bud and Dainty Styers Oates. She was widow of James Robert Hord and a retired employee of Universal Manufacturing. She was a charter member of Bethel Baptist Church and a former Sunday School teacher.

Surviving are one son, Thomas A. Hord of Waynesville; four daughters, Joanne H. Wilson of Lawndale, Jewel H. Peppers of Kings Mountain, Brenda H. Mauney of Shelby and Phyllis H. Gillespie of Shelby; one sister, Genevieve Rippy of Ranlo; 14

grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. Ray Lamb and Dr. Ernest Arnold officiated. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Life Enrichment Center, 610 Charles Rd., Shelby, 28152, or Bethel Baptist Church Missions, 600 S. DeKalb St., Shelby, 28150.

J.D. CHAMPION

WILMINGTON - John David Champion, 73, of 222 Williams Rd., died February 25, 1992 at home.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was son of the late Albert and Bessie Reynolds Champion and husband of Ozell Thornburg Champion, who survives. He was retired from Federal Paper Company and I. L. A. Clerks and Checkers and was a member of Sunset Park Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Jerry Champion and Ronald "Joe" Champion, both of Wilmington; one daughter, Lindda Jernigan of Wilmington; two brothers, Howard Champion of Kings Mountain and Carl Eugene Champion of Shelby; two sisters, Gertrude Shaw of Shelby and Sarah Lovelace of Kings Mountain; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Rev. Horace Jackson and Rev. J.J. Thornburg officiated.

FORREST COLLINS

SHELBY - Forrest W. Collins, 50, of 838 Churchill Dr., died February 26, 1991, at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

He was employed by Doran Textiles.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Margaret Sisk Collins; his mother, Mary Hamrick Collins of Shelby; four daughters, Mary Carol Champion of Atlanta, Lillian Howell of Shelby, and Frances Davis and Victoria Smart, both of Kings Mountain; six sisters, Mildred Peterson of Shelby, Reba Sisk of Gastonia, Linda Thompson, Brenda Pearson, Betty Chapman and Patsy Whitworth, all of Shelby; and four brothers, Bobby Collins, Buddy Collins, Tommie Collins, all of Kings Mountain, and Billy Ray Collins of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted Friday at 4 p.m. at Salvation Army Chapel. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials should be sent to Salvation Army, P. O. Box 1764, Shelby, 281541.

VERNELL BARNETT

Vernell Adams Barnett, 52, of 219 N. City St., died February 29, 1992 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was employed by Kings Mountain Hospital.

Survivors include her mother, Ruthie Stowe; five daughters, Regina B. Williams, Paula L. Barnett and Sherry B. Johnson, all of Kings Mountain, Myra F. Barnett and Rena B. Murrell, both of Gastonia; one brother, Brady C. Adams of Los Angeles, Ca.; two sisters, Sarah Adams of Kings Mountain and Evelyn A. McDowell of Silver Springs, Md.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church by Rev. Dewey Smith. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

McGINNIS

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Mother of Pearl necklace. Trip McGill, who directed the concert and planned the program, was master of ceremonies.

McGill, of Kings Mountain, co-teaches at Ashbrook High and directs the Choral group at Holbrook Junior High. He also shares a love of church music and formerly directed the choir of Boyce Memorial ARP Church. After graduating college, he applied for a job in Gaston County Schools and Mrs. McGinnis recommended him highly for the position.

Margaret, who has taught thousands of students in a career which started in Kings Mountain in 1952, served as coordinator of music for 33,000 students in Gaston County Schools beginning in 1977. She retired December 31, 1991 as coordinator of visual arts, drama, dance, band, chorus, and elementary, supervising 105 Gaston County teachers.

Looking back over a active career, the former Margaret Cole said she might have stayed in Kings Mountain where she taught high school chorus and music to grades 1-8 for eight years after graduating from Appalachian State University. She quit to have her son. School policy didn't permit a pregnant teacher to remain in the classroom.

Fall of 1952 in Kings Mountain was an active year for the KMHS chorus. Margaret recalled that senior Shirley Falls played the piano for the choir and some of the senior members included Earl Marlowe, Bud Rhea, Ranny Arnette, Bob Hullender, Ben Hudson, Shirley Houser, Nora Jane Deese, Kay Davis and Jerry King. There were about 50 members in the chorus that year, she said.

After their son was born, Margaret and Dickie McGinnis hired Odessa Froneberger to babysit Greg and his sister, Myra, now Mrs. Rush Hamrick III of Shelby. Margaret reported to a new school location in Gastonia, hired by Dr. Woody Suggs, then superintendent of Gaston County Schools.

Teaching at 25 different schools, Mrs. McGinnis became fast friends with many students and their parents. On almost any visit to a grocery store now, she runs into some of those students, now parents and grandparents, who rush up to her and ask if she remembers them from her classroom.

Margaret never forgets a voice, she says, quickly matching the voice to the face.

Choir director and member at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for many years, she also formerly served as choir director for Resurrection Church.

Growing up in a musical family in Forest City, it was natural that Margaret Cole, aunt of KMHS band director Chris Cole, would study music. Her father was band director at Cools Springs High

School and the five Cole children had no choice but to learn a musical instrument. All five children graduated from college and three majored in music.

A life member of Sigma Alpha Iota, national music sorority, she is active in Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's sorority and Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter DAR. She serves as chaplain of Kings Mountain Woman's Club and was one of the organizers of Kings Mountain Junior Woman's Club. Her late husband, who died nearly 19 years ago, was a partner in McGinnis Furniture Company.

Margaret loves to walk and logs about two miles a day in her Crescent Hill neighborhood. Now that she doesn't have to punch a clock, she is catching up on her reading, needlework, and gardening. The McGinnises built their beautiful home in 1962 when their son was a year old and their daughter was four.

Her co-workers roasted her at a dinner February 22 at Gaston Country Club and entertained with a brass ensemble and solo numbers featuring her favorite music spanning 40 years. Earl Hallman was master of ceremonies and the 56 music teachers presented Mrs. McGinnis with a gold bracelet and two dozen red roses.

Practice makes perfect is a phi-

losophy that Margaret stressed to her choral students.

The auditioned students from Gaston County's seven high schools did her proud Sunday, she said, and are the epitome of the many fine boys and girls she has seen emerge as top musicians during her career. Although the choral group receives weighted credit for graduation, they also get plenty of experience singing before school, church and civic groups in Gastonia.

"I have taught many fine students but those who excelled were

encouraged by parents and friends," she said.

During retirement Margaret and her sister plan to travel. Mrs. McGinnis has been to Europe twice, visiting Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France and London. After the birth of her sister's new grandchild, they plan to put an itinerary together.

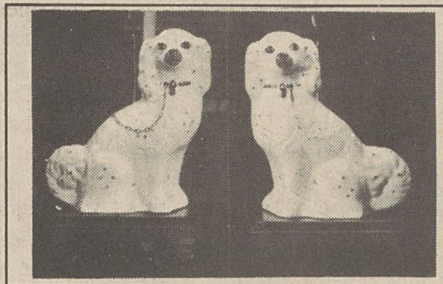
Friends ask her if it took her long to become adjusted to retirement, after a busy schedule from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. five days a week plus concerts she attended to support her students.

"About five minutes," she said.

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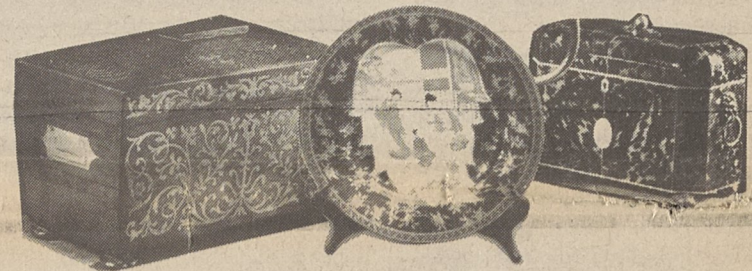
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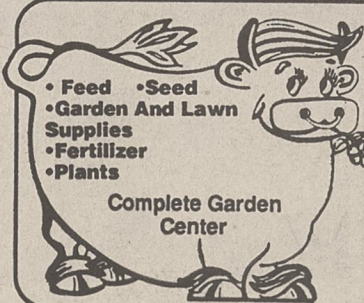
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