

## Obituaries

### VENNIE HUDSON

**SHELBY** - Vennie Strange Hudson, 84, of 2421 S. Lafayette St., died May 19, 1992 at home.

A native of Greer, SC, she was widow of Harry Lee Hudson and daughter of the late Luther and Lofa Blalock Strange. She was a member of Putnam Memorial Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Marvin Hudson of Columbia, Bill Hudson of Shelby, and Thomas Hudson of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Shirley Hudson and Joyce Hudson, both of the home; Peggy H. Ricker of Charleston and Linda H. Smith of Shelby; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The graveside service will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Cleveland Memorial Park by Rev. Larry Morris.

### BOBBY D. GORE

Bobby D. Gore, 57, of 111 Wave Road, died May 14, 1992 in St. Luke Memorial Hospital, Spokane, Washington.

A native of Cherokee County, he was the son of the late Rev. Edward O. and Sarah Farris Gore. He was a retired employee of Boyte Lutz Landscaping Company. He was a member of Oak View Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, Ronald Gore of Spokane, Washington; one brother, Harley Gore of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Oak View Baptist Church. Rev. Ralph Sparrow and Rev. David Kime will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends Friday night from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

### LUCY S. HUFFSTETLER

Lucy Mable Sellers Huffstetler, 92, 348 Gary Beam Road, died Friday, May 15, 1992, at Byerly Hospital, Hartsville, S.C.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late William and Kate Williams Sellers and wife of the late Presley Casar Huffstetler. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Alese Ferreira of Kings Mountain, Jean Huffstetler of Shelby and Kathleen Winburn of Patrick, S.C.; a brother, Lee Sellers of Cherryville; two sisters, Laura Smith of Bessemer City and Mary the Beam of Bessemer City; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. A son, Carnie Huffstetler, preceded her in death.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ronnie Allen and Howard Kiser on Sunday, May 17, at Mary's Grove United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery. Carpenter's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Mary's Grove United Methodist Church, Mary's Grove Church Road, Kings Mountain 28086.

### DAISY McCRAW

**BESSEMER CITY** - Daisy Lovelace McCraw, 92, of Route 2 Box 467, died May 16, 1992 at home.

A native of Rutherford County, she was daughter of the late David and Mary Bell Lovelace and widow of Ollie Herbert McCraw. She was a homemaker and member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, Leroy McCraw of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Estelle McNeely of Bessemer City; and two half-sisters, Ethel Ellis and Jeanette Lovelace, both of Shelby; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Ron Caulder and Rev. Bruce Hancock officiated. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

### Bowen graduates

Stephen Chad Bowen, son of Dean and Judy Bowen of Grover, has graduated from the University of North Carolina at Asheville with B. S. degree in meteorology.

He is working for the U.S. Government in Asheville. He aspires for a career as a TV weatherman. He is a 1987 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

Journalist Lloyd Dobyns was the commencement speaker. He used the subject, "If Japan Can, Why Can't We?" in a challenging speech laced with humor. Dobyns has won 28 major awards for writing, including the prestigious George Foster Peabody and Christopher awards. He is a former writer for The Washington Post.



Linda Strachan, left, Jane Copenhaver, and Mary Louise Baker rehearse a scene from KMLT's "Steel Magnolias" which opens Friday night at 8 p.m. at KM Woman's Club.

## KM Little Theatre sets 'Steel Magnolias'

The setting is a beauty shop in the Deep South. The plot centers around six women in Louisiana. How they help each through trials and tribulations and retain their sense of humor is the story theme.

"Steel Magnolias" opens Friday night at 8 p.m. at Kings Mountain Woman's Club by Kings Mountain Little Theatre with performances also on Saturday night at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Next weekend show dates are Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Jim Champion, veteran Little Theatre actor and director since 1971, is directing the show which won raves on stage and screen.

Featured in the cast are four veteran performers and two newcomers to the Kings Mountain stage. Punkin Higginbotham, as Truvy, was in "Sound of Music" and

"Murder Takes The Stage." Jane Copenhaver, as Ouiser, directed "Miracle Worker" and "Best Christmas Pageant" and was in "South Pacific." Annie Grant, as Shelby, directed "Toward Zero" and was in "New Odd Couple" and Mary Louise Baker, as Clairee, made her debut in "Harvey." Linda Strachan as M'Lynn, and Marianne Miller as Annelle will be performing for the first time on the Kings Mountain stage. Denise Hullender will be cast as Ouiser on Sunday.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre dates back to the 1940's and has performed at Central School, the old Park Grace School, and at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

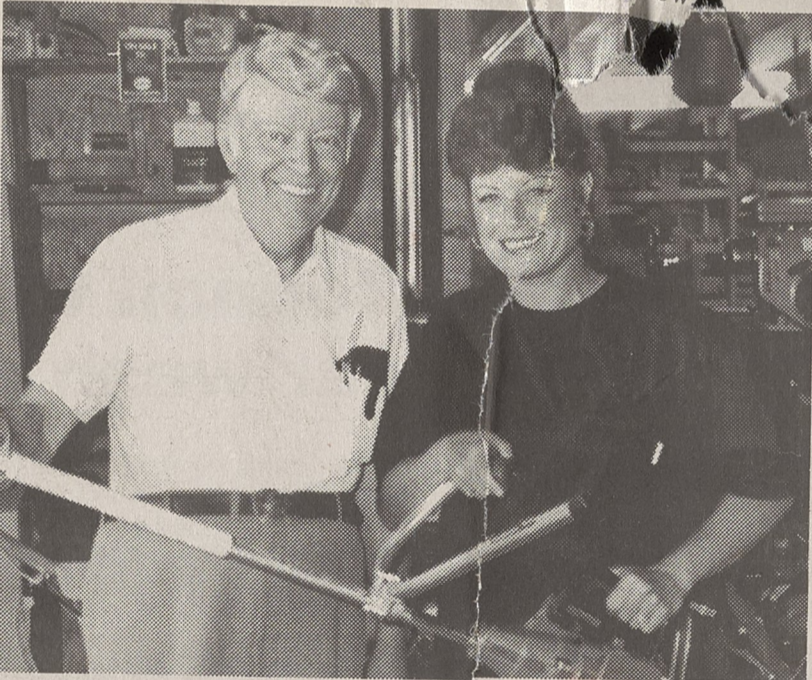
It is the first time the Little Theatre has performed at the Woman's Club which will seat about 150 people.

"This is a popular play and we think playgoers will enjoy it. The setting of the Woman's Club should be ideal for the show," said

Champion. Denise Hullender and Ina Blanton are stage managers. Hullender is special understudy for the cast.

The project is sponsored in part by a grassroots grant from the N.C. Arts Council.

KMLT President Jeff Grigg said auditions for MASH will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 26, 27 and 28 from 7-9 p.m. at Central School Auditorium, East Ridge Street. There are parts available for 15 men and 15 women ages teenage and up. The performance is tentatively scheduled for the middle of August.



**WINNER** - Becky Buchanan of Shelby accepts the new weed eater from Jim Wright she won in a prize drawing at Jim's Small Engines recently. Wright, owner of the Chestnut Road business, said over 800 names of customers were in the drawing.

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## Fire house at Fest

A Fire Safety House is coming to Mountain Fest May 30.

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce President Ruby Alexander says that arrangements have been made with Cleveland County Home Builders to bring the house to the parking lot of Central United Methodist Church. She said local firemen will be on duty all day May 30 to man the facility and to offer the training program to interested children.

Alexander said the house was bought by realtors after they saw the success of a similar house sponsored by Southern Bell Telephone Company which travels to elementary schools to teach fire safety.

How to escape safely from a burning house is the instruction offered by firemen. The house is filled with a non-toxic smoke and the youngsters actually crawl from the house.

"We are delighted that the Safety House will be a feature of Mountain Fest, shaping up to be one of the city's biggest celebrations," said Alexander.



The family of the late Iva W. Roberts, wish to thank their many friends for their love, kind expressions and support shown to them during their hour of sorrow, especially Dr. Joseph Lee, staff and Nurses of White Oak Manor. May God richly bless and keep all of you in his loving care.



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