

Obituaries

ROBERT PRESSLEY
TRENTON, N.J. - Robert Lee Pressley, 60, of 68 Clark St., died October 7, 1992 at home.
 He was a retired painter.
 Surviving are his wife, Janie Page Pressley; two sons, Robert Lee Pressley Jr. and Eric Pressley, both of Atlanta, GA; one daughter, Sonya Pressley of the home; two brothers, Charles Pressley of Baltimore MD and Plato Pressley of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Annie Mae Pressley and Hattie Quin Smith, both of Kings Mountain, and Louise Bordex of Bridgeport, Conn. and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain with the Rev. Liston Sellers Jr. and Dr. T. A. Powell officiating. Burial was in Van Tine Cemetery in Bessemer City.

YATES GORDON
 Yates A. Gordon, 77, of 207 Lake Montonia Rd., died October 9, 1992 at home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was married to Annie Lee Ivey Gordon and was son of the late John Gordon and Minnie Guyton Gordon Gaffney.

He was a member of Central United Methodist Church and an Army veteran of World War II. He was a retired employee of the U.S. Post Office at King Mountain.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son, Robert Ivey of Kings Mountain; one brother, Gus Gordon of Shelby; and three sisters, Ossie Owens of Palm Harbor, FL, and Estelle Pennington and Margie Peterson, both of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. Bob Little officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

ARTHUR A. BARRETT
 Arthur A. "Dink" Barrett, 52, of 911 Henry St., died October 10, 1992 at 10:30 p.m. at Grand Strand General Hospital in Myrtle Beach, SC.

A native of Cleveland County, he was married to Patricia M. Barrett and was the son of the late G. Arthur and Grace Ward Barrett.

He was employed as financial systems clerk at Hoechst Celanese and was a member of First Wesleyan Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Cathy Patterson of Kings Mountain and Heather Barrett of the home; one sister, Margie Bridges of Kings Mountain and one grandchild, Shelby Patterson. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Richard Barrett in 1968.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at First Wesleyan Church. Rev. Mark Bardsley and Rev. J. W. Phillips officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Fall Foliage excursion set

Kings Mountain Senior Center will sponsor its annual fall foliage excursion to the Boone-Blowing Rock area on October 20.

Seniors will travel to Boone to meet a professional tour guide, then travel on the Blue Ridge Parkway and see the Linville Viaduct, the Moses Cone House, and other points of interest. The group will have lunch (on their own) and then return to the outlet shops in Blowing Rock for shopping.

The price for the one-day tour will be \$17 per person. This includes motorcoach transportation, trip interruption insurance, and a two to three hour tour with a professional tour guide.

Seniors wishing to go on the tour may go by the Senior Center and pay for the trip and complete a trip release form. Money can not be refunded.

Senior Center needs funds

Kings Mountain Senior Center is sponsoring a fund raiser November 21 and \$1 donation tickets for handmade quilts and afghans are available from the Center or donations may be forwarded to KM Senior Center, in care of Carolyn Bell, Kings Mountain, 28086.

Crafts, ceramics, and quilts and other handmade items will be available to the public on the sale day. Proceeds are earmarked for a new bingo machine for senior citizens. The equipment is estimated to cost \$1,000.

LEWIS V. SMITH

Lewis Victor Smith Jr., 61, of 413 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Bessemer City, was killed when he was struck by a train shortly after some Bessemer City residents claimed teen-agers had hurled rocks at him.

The train's engineer reportedly told police that he saw a man lying between the tracks but could not stop the train in time to prevent the accident.

Mr. Lewis was retired from the City of Bessemer City.

He was a native of Pacolet, S.C., and son of the late Willie Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Pearly Dover Smith; a son, Vic Smith of Bessemer City; five daughters, Lorraine Rushton of High Shoals, Lisa Smith of Clover, S.C., and Pamela Rhom, Darlene Smith and Roxanne Smith of Bessemer City; his mother, Ruby Brown Smith of Kernersville; two brothers, Leroy Smith of Kernersville and Leonard Smith of Winston-Salem; three sisters, Annette James of Clyde, Linda Mae Hage of Winston-Salem and Sandra Smith of Kernersville; four half-sisters, Mildred Carico of Winston-Salem, Beulah Cline of Mocksville, and Marjorie Persley and Margaret Phillips of Kings Mountain; and 14 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Keith Hayes and Gene Griggs at 3 p.m. Monday at Harvest Time Tabernacle of Love in Kings Mountain. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

GRACE BELL HENDERSON
 Grace Bell Henderson, 86, of Henderson Care Center, Forest City, died October 6, 1992 at Rutherford Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the widow of Lonnie Henderson and daughter of the late Tom and Kate Spurlin Bell.

She was a homemaker and member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Elbert Henderson of Forest City, Boyce Henderson of Live Oak, Florida, Lawrence Henderson of Gaffney, SC and Dean Henderson of Gastonia; two daughters, Florence Moss of Gastonia, Irene Granger of Shelby and Ruby Dixon of Clover, SC; two sisters, Oveda Bolin of Grover and Mary Prito of Detroit, MI; 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. Richard Plyler officiated. Burial was in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery at Grover.

Memorials may be made to Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 301 Oak Grove Rd., Kings Mountain, 28086.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of John Chaney wishes to thank Dr. Laney and Dr. Perkins, Rev. Eugene Land and Second Baptist Church, and especially Hospice of Cleveland County, for their many kindnesses during the illness and death of our loved one.

Sincerely,
 Ann Chaney

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The family of Charlie R. Wood would like to express our deepest and sincere appreciation to the nurses and staff of North Station at Kings Mountain Hospital for their many kindnesses during the illness and death of our loved one. We greatly appreciate all the prayers and kindness given. May God bless you all.

CANDIDATES

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meeting and the proposed makeup will include a minority seat. He said he has supported since he went on the board four years ago a seven member board, four district representatives and three at large seats, to better balance the board.

Johnny Short, Republican candidate, and Democratic candidates Cecil Dickson and Sam Gold all favor a seven-member board. Gold suggested that the members of the board vote to cut their salaries to pay for the additional cost to taxpayers for two new positions.

Robert Williams, Republican candidate from Polkville, supports a five member board with a representative from each district. "I don't like gerimandering but I would support it if it's what the people want." Short said at-large members would cause confusion and would result in more expense to the county.

Democratic candidate E.T. Vanhoy of Shelby said he will abide by the public's wishes following public hearings but he wonders if a seven member board would be more efficient. He also called attention to costs for two more seats and said the commissioners are spread out over the county now. "We already have district representation," he says.

Dickson and Gold favor restoring municipal grants to towns and Dickson and Vanhoy called for tougher laws for criminals and drug offenders.

All candidates called for land control to prevent radioactive dumps and tainted soil farming and all agreed that meetings of commissioners should be held at night and in various areas of the county to benefit the working public.

Short said he would encourage department heads to establish incentive programs to cut costs and offer reward to employees who cut the fat in their budgets.

Dickson said the county could cut costs by putting a freeze on hiring but "no layoffs and target the big spenders, the social services programs." "Stop abuse of county vehicles and travel time paid employees and hire a full-time county attorney and cut every department's budget," he said. He said the county is currently paying \$225,000 for legal fees.

"You have to start with the big spender and work your way down to cut out the fat," said Williams, who said the social services department budget is \$53 million with a food stamp bill of \$5 million and increased administrative costs of \$900,000.

Harry said the county has trimmed personnel costs and he favors more county-wide cost cuts. He said the county saved \$100,000 per year by contracting its jail food service and \$50,000 by using in-house maintenance service.

"Take care of the kids, elderly and handicapped and let the rest of the county take care of themselves," said Short.

Short said commissioners should start lobbying legislators now for a northern by-pass of Shelby.

Vanhoy sees safety and crime, garbage disposal and landfarming major concerns of Cleveland County residents.

Short said he would limit the terms of county commissioners to two terms and that citizens should vote on such issues as county-wide ABC, lottery, etc.

Williams said children should be taught the basics, the three R's, and that more money should be funneled to the school. "Forty percent of the county budget goes to social services, we're treating symptoms, not the disease. Education in the budget has dropped below 35 per-

cent," said Williams.

"I'm all for schools but I don't see throwing money at a problem to solve it," said Vanhoy.

Short said he thought the next four years would see county-wide school consolidation mandated by the state and that board members needed to be ready to help make a smooth transition.

"Fund each school the same amount of dollars," he said.

Dixon and Gold agreed that something should be done about the \$2.5 million shortfall in the budget of the Cleveland County School System. Harry said that funds are allotted to the three school systems on per pupil ratio and both KM and Shelby City Schools have additional supplement taxes voted by their districts.

"It's prudent to increase as we can but not to give each of the systems the same amount of funds when the county schools voted down a supplement tax," said Harry.

"We should aggressively push for a county school's supplement on the ballot and pass it the next time," said Gold.

Vanhoy said he would like to see the Chamber of Commerce organizations become more involved in seeking new industry and there may be no need for a paid director of the Economic Development Commission but Dickson said he favors a director to work with local industry and bring community leaders together.

Short called attention to a local real estate developer who spent \$300,000 from his own pocket to develop an industrial park hoping to attract support plants from the new BMW plant in South Carolina.

Gold said he applauds the new nine member Economic Development Board and Harry said he proposed the board's makeup which also has authority to hire and fire.

Harry agreed that the sluggish economy has been here and everywhere but that new industry has come to the county as well as major expansions and the tax base was up \$1 million last year. "We are poised for expansion in housing and industry."

All candidates said that a land use plan is needed but over restriction should be avoided.

"The only way to stop contaminated soil is to burn it," said Short who suggested that all 11 townships in the county be asked to pick committees to present a plan for land use and zoning of their areas. "Find a legal way to stop land farming," he said.

Harry reminded that the U.S. Supreme Court took the power out of the county's hands and delegated it to the state in regard to dumping of waste. "The county developed an ordinance setting a fee of up to \$1 million dollars for violators but it isn't worth the paper it's written on." He said over 400 acres had been zoned in the southern end of

the county and only one person opposed.

All six candidates said they became candidates because of their concern for issues facing the county. All agreed that changes will be coming since at least two new members will be seated on the board by voters and from the six three could present a majority of the five member board.

"I want to open up government to the public," said Williams, 45, Republican, of Polkville, who owns and operates ACES Consulting, Engineering & Custom Machine Design, environmental and pollution control systems.

"I love Cleveland County and I want to have a part in the future," said Gold, 55, Earl Democrat employed by Duke Power.

"I was having legal problems with the county and others came to me and told me of their problems. That's how I got in the running. I want to see equal treatment for all," said Dickson, 56, owner of Dickson Auto Supply in Shelby.

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