



Brooke Baity, 2, standing in the center of a crowd of first graders with her cousin, Casi Carner, 6, kick off a benefit for Brooke's brother, Chad Baity, at West School. Chad was hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center three weeks ago.

PTO begins fund drive for Chad

Brooke Baity, 2, and Casi Carner, 6, helped West School first graders and West School PTO kick-off a benefit fundraiser for Brooke's brother and Casi's cousin, Chad Baity, 7, on Tuesday.

The children bought the first \$1 donation tickets with money donated by their teacher, Karla Bennett, and class members got more tickets to sell from PTO project chairman

Stella Lee Putnam. She said that 2,000 tickets have been distributed and that more tickets are on order.

West PTO has also opened a bank account in Chad's name at First Union National Bank. Persons wishing to contribute to the fund to help the family defray medical costs may forward checks to First Union National Bank, in care of Juanita Cloninger, Box 459, Kings

Mountain, 28086.

Putnam said that first graders hope to sell the most tickets and win the 10 foot trampoline with safety pads donated by Bridges Hardware. The lucky ticket holder will receive the prize. If the students win, the trampoline will be presented to Chad. The winning ticket will be drawn at West School PTO's February 23 meeting.

Chad's condition stabilized

Chad Baity laughed Monday when West School teachers Karla Bennett and Lisa Stewart visited him at Carolinas Medical Center.

"That was the brightest day we've had in three weeks," said the 7-year-old's father, Brent Baity.

The boy's condition has stabilized but doctors tell his parents that the West School first grader remains in a "light coma."

A blood vessel apparently burst without warning in the boy's brain as he sat at lunch at school January 20. Within minutes Chad was unconscious. Quick action by school officials was credited by the parents with saving his life.

"The doctors tell us that realistically Chad may not wake up soon," said the father. After another brain scan this week, rehabilitation will begin and Chad may be moved from a private room on the Pediatrics floor to the 7th floor rehabilitation wing.

Chad was moved out of Intensive Care Friday.

"He looks wonderful," said the father, upbeat about the boy's response to his teachers' visit. We have his VCR and Nintendo here

in his room and we're just anxiously awaiting for him to wake up and say, 'hey, Daddy, what's happening?'"

Chad can receive cards in care of Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation, 1100 Blythe Blvd., Charlotte, 28203.

Obituaries

LELA LEWIS WARE

GASTONIA - Lela Lewis Ware, 76, of Courtland Terrace, died February 8, 1993.

A native of Gaston County, she was the widow of Carl Ware and the daughter of the late Robert Lee and Susie Robinson Lewis. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Bessemer City and Lutheran Church Women.

Surviving are one son, Larry Ware of Gastonia; two daughters, Susan Phillips of Gastonia and Kathy Goforth of King Mountain; one brother, George E. Lewis of Bessemer City; one sister, Lillian "Dot" Rhine of Gastonia; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Rev. Robert Mitschke will officiate. Burial will be in Westview Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Box 185, Bessemer City, 28016.

Ross, both of Kings Mountain; one sister, Lillian Mincey of Gastonia; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The graveside service will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at Veterans Gardens of Mountain Rest Cemetery. Rev. Buddy Williams and Rev. Otis Shelton will officiate.

GENEVA HEAD

Geneva Revels Head, 90, of White Oak Manor, died February 8, 1993 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Gaston County, she was widow of Jessie James Head and a homemaker. She was daughter of the late William Edward and Eliza Jane Huffman Revels. She was a member of Flint Hill Baptist Church of Boiling Springs.

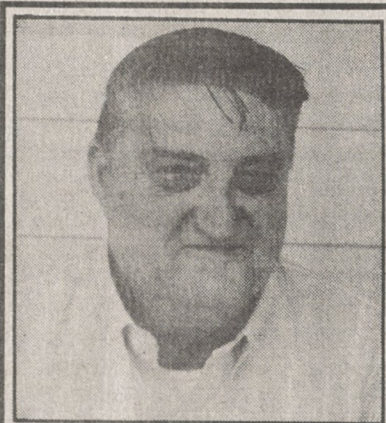
Surviving are six sons, Junior Scott, Ralph Head and Hugh Head, all of Shelby, Floyd Head of Gastonia, James Head of Chesnee, SC and Albert Head of Fort Myers, Florida; two daughters, Juanita Saldo of Grover and Louise Bradshaw of Gastonia; two brothers, Raymond Revels of Kings Mountain and Sam Revels of Cowpens, SC; three sisters, Annie Mae Poole, Nettie Mull and Ruby McSwain, all of Shelby; 32 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. Keith Dixon officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

LUCILLE HONEYCUTT ROCK HILL, S.C. - Lucille Burton Honeycutt, 70, of 337 Ebenezer Avenue, died February 7, 1993 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was a retired winder hand. She is survived by her husband, Harold J. Honeycutt; a daughter, Christy Rayfield Hall; and two sisters, Margaret Spurling of Gastonia and Willie Wright of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Grandview Memorial Park in Rock Hill.



In Memory Of
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Catherine Patrick

WILLARD HUGH ROSS

Willard Hugh Ross, 75, of 306 Blanton St., died February 9, 1993 at home.

A native of Gaston County, he was married to Aline Belk Ross and was son of the late William Anderson and Mary Elizabeth McClure Ross. He was a retired textile employee and an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 155.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son, Billy Belk of Gastonia; one daughter, Louise Carpenter of Kings Mountain; two brothers, John Ross and Richard

"The financial burden to Chad's family will be tremendous," said Chad's aunt, Rene Carver, with whom Brooke is staying while her parents are at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte with the boy.

"The community of Kings Mountain has overwhelmed the family with concern and support and we want to especially thank the PTO for standing by this family in their time of need," said Carver.

"You can't put a price on the life of your child," said Carver. "My brother, Brent, has said that he will dedicate his life to Chad's recovery."

KM's Moss is Page in Senate

Charity Moss, student at Kings Mountain High School, served as a Senate Page for Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain during the first week of the current legislative session.

She is the daughter of Quay Moss and Karen Moss of Kings Mountain.

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