

# Ballew to head Planning And Zoning Board

Lou Ballew will become the first woman chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board January 1 on the retirement of 30-year member and chairman Wilson Griffin.

Kings Mountain City Council Tuesday night unanimously picked Ballew for the job.

The board tabled until the August 31 meeting the appointment of a 15-member ad hoc committee which it established as a land use plan/review committee.

Three members of city council, three members of the planning and zoning board, including David Faunce, Terry Baker and Roger Goforth, and nine members from the community at large will serve on the committee. A land use plan/review committee has not been active in 25 years but the city wants to rewrite its zoning ordinances and the land use plan/review is the first step in that process.

City Manager George Wood said the process of writing a land use plan and rewriting an outdated zoning ordinance could take two years.

The board also reappointed David Faunce and M. C. Pruette to the zoning board and Kay

Cloninger and Rev. John Houze as new members. Pruette was also reappointed to the Moss Lake Commission on a 5-1 vote with Commissioner Al Moretz voting against. Commissioner Jerry White was absent. The board delayed until the August 31 meeting the appointments to the board of adjustment.

Other members of the nine-member planning board with unexpired terms are Roger Goforth, Ballew, Terry Baker, Joe Smith and Joe King. Smith, who was present at the meeting, was asked by Councilman Phil Hager to serve as chairman of the zoning board but he declined because he serves as chairman of the Moss Lake commission.

Other members of the Moss Lake commission with unexpired terms are Jackie D. Barrett, vice-chairman; Billy Hawkins, Evelyn Hamrick, Charles Ballew and Willard Boyles.

Terms of G. V. Birmingham, chairman; Bob Myers, Clavon Kelly and Forte Gamble are expiring on the board of adjustment. Other member is Allen Fuller. The board expects to appoint two alter-

nate members to represent the corporate limits and the extra-territorial jurisdiction because the law specifies that four of five members must be present before a vote can be taken.

The board of adjustment operates on a level between the enforcement officers and the courts. If there were no board, every appeal from a building inspector's denial of a permit would have to either be taken to the courts or to the city council in the form of a request for a change of zone or other amendment to the ordinance. Wood said that either course would be expensive and difficult for the property owner, regardless of how just his case might be. The city charges a \$80 fee for administration for each case that comes before this board which has the final authority.

Mayor Scott Neisler said the land use/review committee will be involved in an in-depth review of existing and future zoning and land use and will meet for five or six times during the year with an eye to long-range plans and growth.

"What they want the complexion of Kings Mountain to be in 10 years is the question this commit-

tee will address," said Wood. "This committee is a guide for decisions about sub-divisions and zoning."

Wood said that the updating of zoning ordinances is critical. He said that the day-to-day administration of the regulations is the responsibility of the planning and zoning board with city council having the final authority. After the ad hoc committee's study is over, that committee would not function.

The mayor and Councilman Moretz pushed for a broad base of membership, up to 15, on the board. Councilman Fred Finger suggested nine to 12 but later recommended each councilman pick one member and the mayor select two.

Councilman Jim Guyton asked if the planning/use board updates the zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations and Wood said that duty was up to the zoning board.

Moretz said that members of the new committee should get precise definitions of what they need to do. "This job won't be easy and they won't please everyone," he said.

Wood said that the new committee is clearly a guide for determining zoning issues and at some point

and time a North Carolina law might require that zoning conform with a long use plan. "Now there is no such law in this state," said Wood.

Wood said that mapping and long-range plans on the city's water and sewer systems are current and will be available to the study group.

Wood announced that CoreSource Inc. the city's current health insurance administrator, was awarded the bid for administration of the city's cafeteria plan at a \$500 start up fee. Weekly processing of medical reimbursement accounts

will be \$5 per participant with \$100 minimum and 50 cents per set of communication pieces. Personnel Director Charles Webber, in a memorandum to council, said the cafeteria plan would be a savings to the city of about \$1200 the first year and \$1500 the second year.

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# Shriners offer \$100 reward

The White Plains Shrine Club is offering a \$100 reward for anyone helping them recover two tents which were stolen in Kings Mountain two weeks ago.

The civic organization hopes to avoid having to replace the two yellow and green tents that mea-

sure 16 by 16 feet and 20 by 20 feet.

"Why the thieves wanted the tents is hard to figure," said Shriener Larry Adams. "The Shriners use the tents to assist them in fundraising activities for the crippled and burned children. Just one trip to one of the facilities in

Greenville, SC or Cincinnati, OH and you would know why they work so hard to raise the money. That money should go to help the children, not to replace stolen property."

The tents were stolen from Kings Mountain's Jake Early Field sometime after an evening game on

Saturday, July 31, and the early morning hours of August 2.

Anyone with information leading to the return of the tents should contact any White Plains Shriener or the Kings Mountain Police Department detective division. Information will be strictly confidential.

# Sizemore fair queen

Carrie Sizemore, daughter of Twain and Debra Sizemore, is 1993 Bethware Fair Queen.

The fifth grader in Mrs. Diana Allen's class at Bethware School was selected for the honor by the Bethware Progressive Club, sponsor of the fair which runs September 6-11 on the grounds of Bethware School.



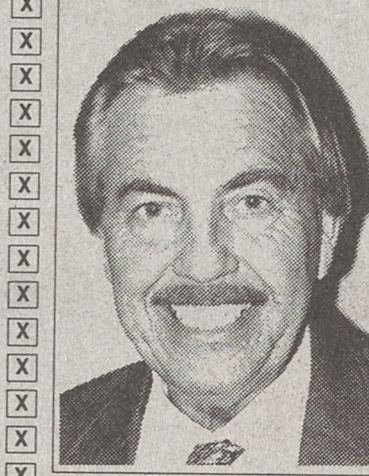
CARRIE SIZEMORE

# Grover party to honor Roark

An autograph party and reception honoring Cleveland County author Les Roark will be held in his hometown of Grover Sunday, August 29.

Roark will be available to sign his new book, "A Matter of Time" from 3-5 p.m. at Grover Town Hall. Refreshments will be served.

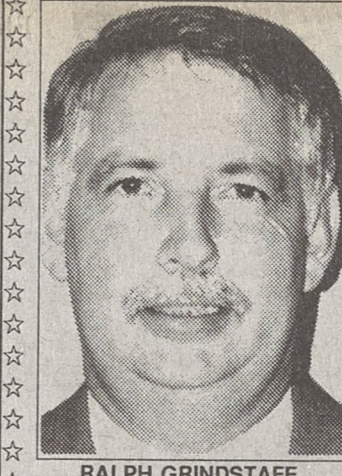
"This is one way that Grover area people thought they could honor the Grover native son," said Dean Westmoreland. The public is invited.



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Ward 3  
Councilman  
October 5, 1993

# Obituaries

## BARBARA BLACK

Barbara Sue "Babs" Downey Black, 57, of 110 E. Iowa Ave., Bessemer City, died August 14, 1993 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gastonia, she was widow of Joseph W. Black Jr. and daughter of the late James W. and Hattie Hoyle Downey. She was the sister of the late James K. Downey of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Black was employed as a security guard for Allied Securities and Southern Bell in Gastonia. In the late 1950's, she operated the Bessemer City Bus Station and Restaurant.

Surviving are two brothers, Butch Downey and Buck Downey of Bessemer City; three sisters, Marelene Childers of Cherryville, Joan Smith of Bessemer City and Joyce Buckner of Kings Mountain; and 15 nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Bethea United Methodist Church by Rev. Eugene Kincaid. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

## ROBERT LEE SHORT

Robert Lee "Bob" Short, 71, of 218 Carmel Drive, Shelby, died August 15, 1993 at home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was married to the late Pauline Sisk Short and was the son of the late George and Mark Bookout Short. He was a member of Dover Baptist Church and a retired spinning department supervisor at Park Yarn and Sadie Mills in Kings Mountain.

Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Kyle Rash of Shelby; one nephew, George Short; and a number of nieces.

The graveside service was conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Shelby's Sunset Cemetery. Rev. Jerry Ruffelt and Rev. Barry Goodman officiated.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 201 W. Marion St., Shelby, 28150.

## JULIA STAMEY LAMB

SHELBY - Julia Adams Stamey Lamb, 52, of 1000 Blanton St., died August 10, 1993 at her home.

A retired teacher in the Cleveland County School System

at Burns High School, she was wife of William Edgar Lamb Jr. and daughter of Mrs. Virginia Jenkins Raymer of Shelby and the late T. C. Stamey.

She was a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Association of Education, National Education of America, American Association of University Women and a former member of Shelby Junior Charity League.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother, are one son, Scott Andrew Cotrell IV of Tampa, FL; one stepson, John Scott Lamb of Shelby; three step-daughters, Tierah L. Millsaps of Shelby, Laura Kristyn Sheppard of Raleigh and Leslie Erin Lamb of Greenville; two step-grandchildren, Joshua Thomas Millsaps and Emily Hannah Millsaps of Shelby; one step-brother Josh Ashburn Raymer of Cincinnati, OH; and one sister, Mary Burton Stamey of Gastonia.

The memorial service was conducted August 12 at 3 p.m. at Shelby Presbyterian Church by Rev. Fred Rose. Memorials may be made to Feed the Children Foundation, 333 N. Meridian St., Oklahoma City, OK 73107 or to Habitat for Humanity, Box 2467, Shelby, 28151.

## JUDY R. MITCHEM

Judy Elaine Roberts Mitchem, 36, of 8141 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain died August 17 at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

A native of Cleveland County, she was employed as a beautician with Cleveland Pines Nursing Center in Shelby. She was a member of Midview Baptist Church and White Plains Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Roberts Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Page.

She is survived by her parents, Harry M. and Myrtle Page Roberts Jr. of Kings Mountain; and three brothers, Ronnie Roberts, Gary Roberts, and Benny Roberts, all of Kings Mountain.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

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