

Obituaries

GEORGE M. GOFORTH

BLACKSBURG, SC - George Martin Goforth, 75, of 742 Antioch Road, died January 3, 1994, in White Oak Manor in Shelby.

A native of Rutherford County, he was born August 12, 1918. He was the son of the late George Edward and Elizabeth Pannell Goforth. He retired as Principal of Blacksburg High School in 1978.

A graduate of North Carolina State University, he earned his Master's of Education from the University of South Carolina. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, South Carolina Educational Association, North Carolina State Alumni Association and the 4th Infantry "Ivy" Association. He earned the rank of Lt. Colonel while serving in the United States Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma Beam Goforth; two sons, George E. Goforth of Blacksburg and John R. Goforth of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Ann G. Rosi of Chicago, Ill. and Jean G. Peach of Gastonia; one sister, Zella G. Sweezy of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Joe A. Goforth and Coleman W. Goforth, both of Shelby; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church. Rev. Elizabeth Pratt George and Rev. Julian Lazar officiated. Burial was in Beulah United Methodist Church at Stoney Point.

Pallbearers were Donald Beam, Paul Goforth, James Sweezy, Jim Leigh, Domino Rosi, Steve Goforth, John Goforth and Freddy Wilkins.

Honorary pallbearers were T. D. Wilkins Sr., Roy L. Byars, Charles Love, C. C. Moorhead, Roy Young, Leonard Jones, Claude Cobb, Anderson Hambricht, Charles Borders, Marshal Neal, Hubert Adair and Phil Wilkerson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Duke University Alzheimer Disease Research Center, Durham, 27710.

MARY M. McABEE

Mary Mellon McAbee, 75, died December 29, 1993 at Broughton Hospital in Morganton.

A native of Gaston County, she was widow of Barney Lee McAbee. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are three sons, Douglas Eaves of York, SC, Howard Junior Nance of Shelby and Jake G. Nance of High Shoals; four daughters, Ollie Mae Nance, Brenda K. Gore and Linda F. Orr, all of Gastonia, and Betty Brackett of Kings Mountain; one sister, Rose Brackett of Kings Mountain; and nine grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at Camp Creek Baptist Church Cemetery by Rev. H. F. Tutherford.

PATSY O'DONOGHUE

CHARLOTTE - Mrs. Patsy B. O'Donoghue, 65, of Charlotte died Wednesday, December 29, 1993 at Carolinas Medical Center.

A native of Belmont, Mrs. O'Donoghue was a Continental Management Consultants administrative assistant and a Sacred Heart College graduate.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; sons, Michael O'Donoghue of Wilmington, DE and Stephen O'Donoghue and William O'Donoghue of Charlotte; daughters, Mrs. Deborah Baltz of Raleigh, Mrs. Patrice O'Donoghue-Eastland of Pointblank, TX, Ms. Pamela O'Donoghue of Arlington, VA and Mrs. Mary Andujar of Charlotte; brother, Reginald Ballard of Winston-Salem; sister, Mrs. Daphne Cammer of Cherryville; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Holy Angels, 418 N. Main Street, Belmont, NC 28012.



Kings Mountain Mayor Scott Neisler, Republican Congressional candidate and N.C. House Minority Leader David Balmer, Dennis Davis, Republican candidate for State Senate, and Tim Moore, left to right around the table, and Rick Moore, standing, chat at Rick's Grill during Balmer's visit to Kings Mountain Friday.

Balmer campaigns in KM

As would-be rivals drop out, Republican David Balmer, 31, of Charlotte, continues to aggressively pursue the 9th District U. S. House seat being vacated by Congressman Alex McMillan.

Balmer was lining up support in Kings Mountain Friday, as he met with local GOP leaders. The 9th District also includes Kings Mountain in Cleveland County.

To a finance committee already top-heavy with big-name business leaders, Balmer also added Ray McKenney of McKenney Chevrolet of Kings Mountain, John Fraley Jr. of Carolina Freight in Cherryville and Duke Kimbrell of Parkdale Mills.

Kings Mountain Mayor Scott Neisler and Ole Country Store proprietor Rick Moore gave Balmer and N. C. Senate candidate Dennis Davis a tour of the business district New Year's Eve and they all had lunch with supporters at Fred Kiser's Grill.

House Minority Leader Balmer was first elected at age 26 to the North Carolina House from District 55. In 1993 he sponsored many bills including the first-ever House Republican Caucus state budget proposal.

"We wanted our budget to be a side-by-side, apples-to-apples comparison," Balmer said.

The budget plan, which Balmer printed at his own expense, even includes a provision calling for line-item veto for the governor, an issue Republicans pushed hard during Martin's two terms. The budget argues that many of the functions of agencies duplicate efforts of private groups and that the state should save the money it puts into them. The GOP wants to cut spending to the North Carolina Arts Council, the Council on the Status of Women, the Microelectronics Center, the Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park and other agencies that have been GOP targets before.

"The House Republican caucus has long been in favor of veto power for the governor," Balmer said. We will even support giving it to Governor Hunt."

Balmer says he hopes that the Democratic leadership of the General Assembly will give the GOP budget proposals a serious look.

"With 42 Republicans in the House this year we are a more potent block of votes and it's time we stood up and said what we believed in," said Balmer. "We are a mature opposition party in the legislature."

Balmer's budget, which he said he prepared on his own home computer and paid the \$1,500 printing costs from personal funds, would eliminate the state tax on food, extend child care tax credits to families who care for their preschool children at home and cut more than 3,400 state jobs.

Born and raised in Charlotte, Balmer is a graduate of UNC at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest

University Law School, graduating in the top 20 percent of his class. He served a clerkship in the North Carolina Supreme Court and is a Captain in the United States Army N.C. National Guard. He is vice-president and general counsel for Bourne & Company. In 1989 as a legislator he sponsored the Police Officer Protection Act of 1989, a bill passed by the legislature to allow service of certain subpoenas

by telephone.

He won the 1989 Legislator of the Year Award from the Police Benevolent Association, the 1990 and 1992 Guardian of Small Business Awards from the National Federation of Small Independent Businesses and the 1991 N. C. Taxpayers United perfect score, the 1993 N. C. Free Pro-Business group award, ranking six out of 120 representatives.

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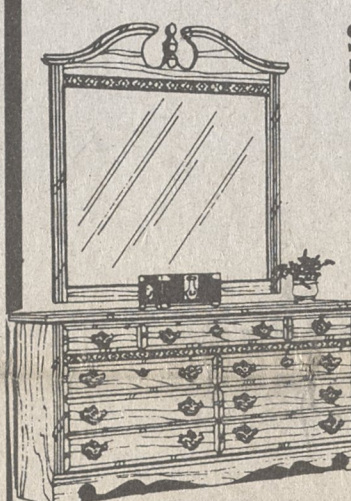
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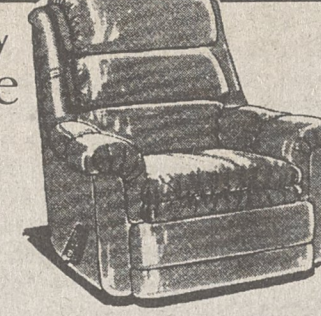
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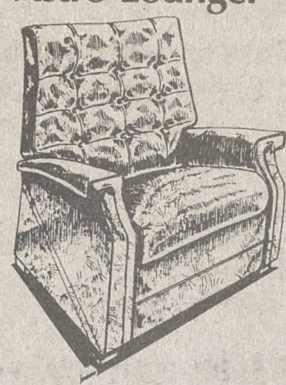
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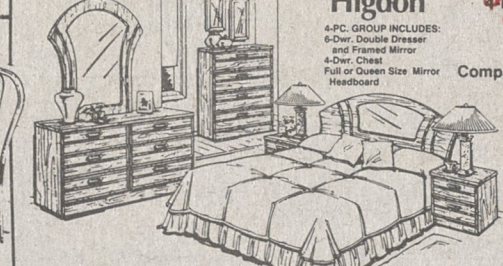
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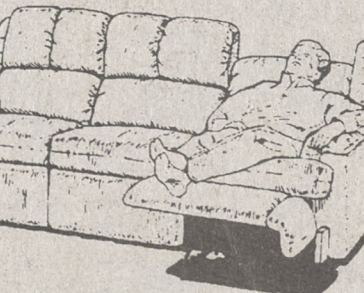


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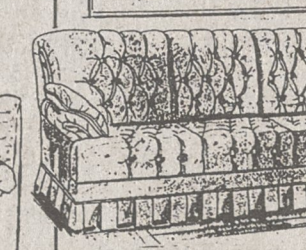
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