

Obituaries



COLEMAN STROUPE

R. Coleman Stroupe, 87, of 552 Waco Rd., who quit cutting hair two years ago after 72 years as a barber, died May 20, 1994 at Carolinas Medical Center.

Stroupe had been ill since a fall April 16.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Michael and Bertie Helton Stroupe. He and his wife, the late Elsie Lockridge Stroupe, had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. He was a two-term Kings Mountain city commissioner and went on the board during the administration of Glee A. Bridges. He was a member, former Sunday School teacher and former assistant superintendent of the Sunday School at First Wesleyan Church.

Stroupe's first barber shop in Kings Mountain was the old Rippy Jewelry Store on Piedmont avenue until 1952 when he moved on Piedmont to a new location. He told a reporter in an interview on his 82nd birthday that he started working in Kings Mountain in 1931. He blamed the decrease in barber shops in town to the advent of the Beatles and Hippies of the 1960's who wore long hair.

Stroupe said he used to work 75 and 80 hours a week and up until two years ago worked a 40-hour week.

Surviving are one son, R. Coleman "Bobby" Stroupe Jr. of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Glenda Ivey of Kings Mountain; and one brother, Aaron Stroupe of Cherryville.

The funeral was conducted May 23 at 3 p.m. at First Wesleyan Church by Rev. Mark Bardsley. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

NELLIE STAGGS

CHARLOTTE - Miss Nellie Inez Staggs, 69, of 3025 Ivydale Drive, died May 27, 1994 at her home.

A native of Sharon, SC, she was a retired cashier with Constan Car Wash. She grew up in Kings Mountain and moved to Charlotte in 1956.

She is survived by two brothers, James Staggs Jr. of Waxhaw and Bill Staggs of Cherry Grove, SC; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Monday at 11 a.m. at Sharon Memorial Cemetery.

ROBERT E. CARROLL

Robert Eugene Carroll, 59, of 216 Benfield Road, Kings Mountain, died May 24, 1994 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Robert Glenn Carroll and Hazel Anderson Carroll. He was retired as a chemical foreman with Foote Mineral with 20 years of service. He was co-owner of Carroll's Racing Team of Kings Mountain. He was a member of First Wesleyan Church and a former member of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Myrtle Ann Plumley Carroll; two sons, Dennis E. Carroll and Robert B. Carroll of Kings Mountain; and two brothers, William C. Carroll and Harold A. Carroll of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bob Hope and Mark Bardsley Friday at 2 p.m. at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bessemer City. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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Religion

The idols at the mountain

From Elat, Israel the Sea of Aqaba cuts like a southwestern arroyo through the desserts of the Middle East. A heavy, midnight blue, this sea is cold and deep. It moves quietly between two unfriendly neighbors - Israel to the right and Jordan to the left. And before long, these two guardians of its banks give way to bigger giants - Egypt to the right and Saudi Arabia to the left. It is a place where countries meet with unspoken thoughts of tragic histories. It is a beautiful place whose people have not always lived beautiful lives.

Approximately 50 miles south of Elat lies the small Egyptian town of Nwabi. Here the traveller who enjoyed the cool boat ride leaves to find a different picture. Because no sooner has he left the banks of the sea than he is on the basin of a huge, barren dessert. Here the daytime temperatures sore under cloudless skies and the terrain is mercilessly flat and tedious. Miles and miles in a bus are the only alternative to the camel. But finally, after hours, the horizon looks promising. Bumps at first. Then hills. And finally the jagged mountains. And in the middle of the range is the awesome sight of the mountain itself, the destination which has made the trip worthwhile. It is Jebel Musa (the Mountain of God). Here Christians through the centuries have claimed that God spoke to Moses and provided the wandering ex-slaves the Ten Commandments. It is a place which rings of authority and power, a sight never to be forgotten. Mount Horeb. Mount Sinai.

The power of this sight is the product of two colliding forces - the sheer size of the mountain and the complex history of which it speaks. And the history of this place is complex. It is wonderfully gracious in the memory of God's willingness to provide the ancient travelers with the divine Law. But it is also a sobering commentary upon human sinfulness. Because no sooner had Moses climbed the mountain than the people grew restless. No sooner had Moses left them to speak with the God they could not see or manipulate than the people decided to create a god they could manipulate, a manageable, easy, quiet god. In the end, one cannot

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look upon Mount Sinai with a happy heart alone. Because the same mountain which tells of God's deeds tells also of the golden calf, the primal symbol for idolatry in the Bible.

With summer on the doorstep, the days are growing long in Kings Mountain. Dinner is not eaten in darkness but in the bright light of day. And in the evening, if one is in the neighborhood of the mountain itself, one cannot help but notice the wash of evening sun on the face of the rock. It is brightly golden and magnificent, a great piece of the American landscape.

But those of you who have seen Mount Sinai will agree that the sun-washed Kings Mountain brings to mind more than American geography. In fact, with the exception of its greenery, our own Kings Mountain in the evening sun could be the twin of Egypt's most famous rock. The similarities are startling.

And with the similarities comes the obvious comparison. If Moses were to step off the mountain today, and if he were to step off into our town, what would he find? The question is an important one because the ill of idolatry is no less a factor in the lives of God's people today than it was for the Hebrew wanderers thousands of years ago. Indeed today the golden calf pales in comparison to sophistication of our idol making and idol worship. So how about it? Are the idols at your doorstep and in your life? The biblical story itself calls us to ask it. Because the story is as fresh as the mountain of a reminder in our own back yard.

Church Briefs

Gospel singing to benefit Yarbro

There will be a gospel singing benefit for Ken Yarbro June 4 at 5 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium, located on the campus of Kings Mountain High School.

Mr. Yarbro was severely burned when he attempted to light a gas grill. He was hospitalized at the Burn Center in Chapel Hill and is now recuperating at home.

A love offering will be taken for the Yarbro family to help meet medical expenses and any other family need. All proceeds will go directly to the family.

Special singers will include Ann and Larry Laws, The Singing Anchors, New Covenant, Lynn Breakfield, Robert Fraley, and other local talent.

The master of ceremonies will be Gene Austin of WKMT Radio.

Gospel rally set at Lineberger Park

There will be a gospel rally Saturday at 3 p.m. at Lineberger Park, Garrison Blvd., Gastonia.

Speaker will be Marie Dunn of the United Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

For more information, call Dunn at 866-8016.

VBS set next week at Macedonia Baptist

Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 S. Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain, will have Vacation Bible School activities June 5-10.

Parents of preschoolers, children and youth may preregister their children by calling the church office at 739-6811. A registration form will be sent to the home and they are to be taken to the church Saturday night, June 4 at 7 p.m. for a pre-registration party. After the forms are presented, the youth will attempt to build the largest banana split in Kings Mountain history.

VBS begins June 27 at First Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School will be held June 27-July 1 at First Baptist Church.

The theme will be "Trail of Treasures."

The school will be conducted from 9 a.m. until noon.

To volunteer as a worker call Hilda Leonard.

Bethlehem Church to begin Bible School

Bethlehem Baptist Church has scheduled Vacation Bible School for June 5-9 from 6:30-9 p.m. for ages 3-17.

Preparation Day, including lunch, is set for Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The commencement program will be held June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Barbecue set Friday at True Gospel Church

The women of True Gospel Holiness Church will hold a barbecue supper Friday June 3 from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Plates are \$5 each.

The church is located at 1608 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain.

KM Baptist Church plans Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be

held Sunday, June 5 through Friday, June 10 at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain.

Bible School begins at 6:30 p.m. and all ages are invited. Mrs. Donna Logan is the director.

Revival next week at Victory Baptist

Revival will be held June 5-8 at Victory Baptist Church, Highway 216, Grover.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Rev. Jerry Blanton will be the evangelist. Rev. Dennis Wells, pastor, invites the public.



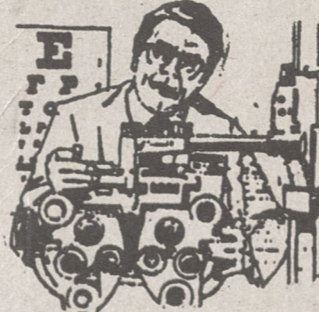
The Regals will be in concert Saturday at 7 p.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church, Highway 216, Cherryville.

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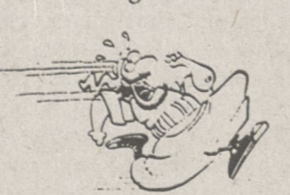
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Mountain Hospital, a loving caring group of people, Rev. Bob Hope and Rev. Bob Pulkkinen, all the friends and neighbors of our beloved mother for all their kind expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow.

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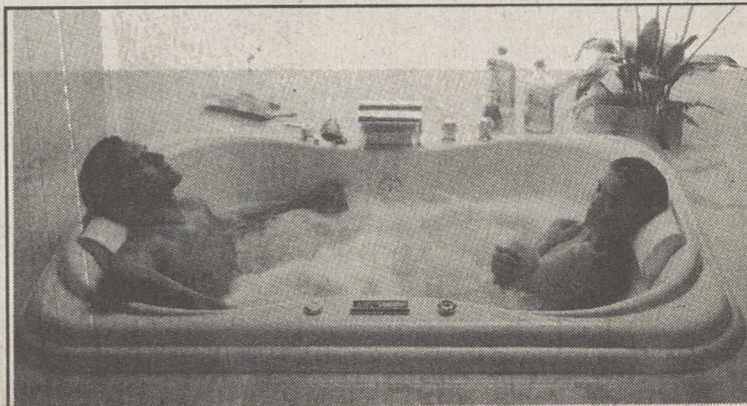
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