

Obituaries

EDWARD S. DEVENNEY
Edward Stowe Devenney, 71, 201 North Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, died January 17, 1995 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of Ocie Wells Devenney of Kings Mountain and the late Adam Lee Devenney. He was a retired brick mason and a charter member of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Marie Falls Devenney; a son, Steve Devenney of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Jan Ledford of Denver and Lynn Bumgardner of Kings Mountain; two brothers, J.C. Devenney of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and Worth Devenney of Crystal River, Fla.; a sister, Sue Allen of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. John Futterer Thursday at 11 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

DOVIE C. GOFORTH
SHELBY - Dovie Canipe Goforth, 79, 602 Calvary Street, died January 12, 1995 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

She was a retired employee of Parkdale Mill, Kings Mountain, and also worked at Shelby Mill. She was the daughter of the late Winslow and Hattie Radford Davis and was a member of Shelby Missionary Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, John Howard Goforth of the home; a son, Audrey Canipe of Shelby; three daughters, Ester Burge of Linden, AL, Thelma Patrick of Kings Mountain and Elizabeth Watkins of Bostic; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. R.L. Predergrast Saturday at 2 p.m. at Shelby Missionary Methodist Church. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

JAMES BLANTON
GAFFNEY, S.C. - James "Tot" Blanton, 62, 947 N. Logan Street, died January 12, 1995 at Upstate Carolina Medical Center.

A native of Cherokee County, he was the son of the late Shelton and Minnie Blanton and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was a retired private detective and was a member of American Legion Post 109, and a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma S. Blanton of the home; stepdaughter, Kathy Vinesett of Gaffney; stepson, Charles Campbell; three brothers, John Blanton of Greenville and Joe Blanton and Shelton Blanton Jr. of Kings Mountain, N.C.; two sisters, Shirley Hawkins of Greenville and Pauline Waters of Shelby, N.C.; and five step-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Harold Henderson Saturday at 3 p.m. at Shuford Hatcher Chapel. Burial was in Frederick Memorial Gardens.

ELOISE J. HARRIS
YORK, S.C. - Mrs. Eloise Jenkins Harris, 92, 961 Oakhill Court, died January 12, 1995 at White Oak Manor Nursing Home in York.

A native of Cherokee County, she was the daughter of the late Washington and Della Broome Jenkins, and wife of the late James Henry Harris. She was a retired weaver with Burlington Industries and was a charter member of Cherokee Falls Church of God.

She is survived by three sons, Rev. Howard Harris of Gaffney, Gene E. Harris of Kings Mountain, N.C., and Dennis R. Harris of Cherokee Falls; two daughters, Mrs. Joyce H. Vance of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Shirley H. Childers of York; a brother, Wardlaw Jenkins of Lockhart; three sisters, Mrs. Ozell J. Ivey and Mrs. Betha J. Jones of Gaffney, and Mrs. Lillian J. Batchler of Shelby; 23 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. James Clark and Robert Mullinax Sunday at 3 p.m. at Cherokee Falls Church of God in Blacksburg. Burial was in Mt. View Cemetery, Blacksburg.

JEAN B. ASHLEY
YORK, S.C. - Mrs. Jean Bratton Ashley, 51, 23 Wright Avenue, died January 12, 1995 at Piedmont Medial Center.

A native of Cherokee County, she was the daughter of R.C. and Gladys Childers Bratton of York, and wife of the late Robert Guy "Bobby" Ashley. She was director of operations at Carolina Staff Resources, Inc., and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of York County Crescent Shrine Club and a member of the Financial Womens Club International.

She is survived by her parents; a son, Robert Guy Ashley II of York; a daughter, Mrs. Robin C. Ashley Johnston of New York City, NY; a brother, Dean Bratton of Columbia; a sister, Mrs. Linda Bratton Pratt of York; and one grandchild.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial was in Lakeview Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Hejaz Shrine Bowl Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 667, Mauldin, SC 29662.

COLEEN M. REYNOLDS
Coleen Moss Reynolds, 64, 501 West God Street, Kings Mountain, died January 17, 1995 at her home.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Roy and Ethel Pennington Moss, and wife of the late Jake Mahood Reynolds. She was retired as owner of Security Police, Inc. and was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two sons, Jake Clarence Reynolds of Salem, Oregon and Joseph Reynolds of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Donna Ward of Charlotte and Colette Hudson of Hickory; three sisters, Frances Poole of Kings Mountain and Modenia Reynolds and Dorothy Carroll of Blacksburg, SC; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. John Mauney Jr. Thursday at 3 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

KM student wins Lions poster contest

Ben Godfrey, a student at Kings Mountain Middle School and son of Karen and Mike Godfrey, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally-recognized artist by winning the local, district and state competitions sponsored by the Kings Mountain Lions Club and Lions Club International.

Godfrey's poster is among thousands of entries submitted worldwide in the seventh annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Out of all the posters created by Middle School students, Godfrey's entry best portrayed the contest's theme, "Peace in My World."

Fourteen other students participated in the contest including Karen Shytle, Cody Smith, Sonphone Prasonghime, Heather Procter, Justin Sheppard, Frankie Dobbins, Diana Falls, Kristy McSwain, Ola Moore, Andrea Lail, Leah Hall, John Goforth, Erin Mathis and Kenneth Moore. All are students in Vicki Franks' art class at the Middle School.

Councilman says Mayor's claim 'totally ridiculous'

Mayor Pro Tem Rick Murphrey labeled as "totally ridiculous" Mayor Scott Neisler's contention that he used his position on City Council to cut water costs for his employer.

The Vice-President of Sales for Spectrum Dyed Yarns, the city's biggest user of city water and sewer, said he felt it was his duty as an elected official to research all the options before a city raises utility rates.

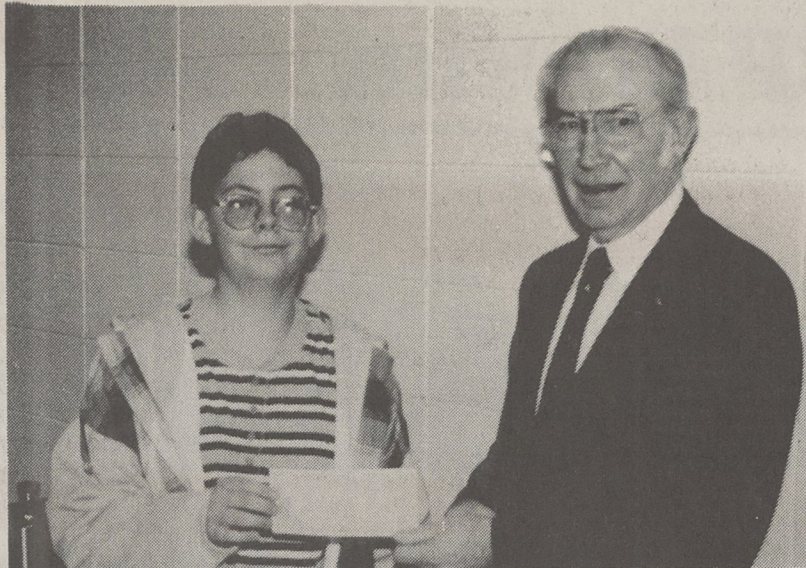
"I asked that the city cut expenses internally and we did major cutbacks within the city and this was at a time when the water fund was making money," he said.

Scholarship to honor Officer Terry Lyles

Belmont Abbey College has established a scholarship to honor M. Terry Lyles, a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer slain in the line of duty in 1990.

The scholarship will be presented each year to an Abbey student in need of financial assistance. The first award, in the amount of \$2,000, is scheduled for the fall of 1995.

Lyles, a 1983 graduate of Belmont Abbey, was a former resident of Gastonia.



Ben Godfrey, left, receives a \$50 US savings bond from Don Crawford, president of the Kings Mountain Lions Club for winning the local Peace Poster contest at KM Middle School. Godfrey also received a \$50 US savings bond for winning the district competition.

Kings Mountain Lions Club President Don Crawford said he was pleased with all the work the Middle School students put

into the project. "From looking at all the entries, it was obvious all the students have strong feelings about peace," said Crawford.

Godfrey's poster advanced through district and state competitions where it competed with entries from numerous other schools. Godfrey's poster will face stiff competition through several more rounds of international competition if he is to be declared the international grand prize winner, Crawford said.

Lions Club International is sponsoring the contest to underscore the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

Ultimately, one grand prize winner will be selected from 24 international finalists. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$1500, plus an all-expense paid trip for the winner and two family members to New York City for the awards ceremony at the United Nations in March 1995. As merit award winners, the remaining finalists each will receive certificates and a cash award of \$250.

"We know Ben has a long way to go, but we're cheering for him," Crawford said.

Neisler contends that if the city had raised industrial customers the nine percent hike that former City Manager George Wood had projected in January 1994 that the city would not be in a financial crunch.

Instead, Council raised water and sewer rates across-the-board and property taxes in July 1994.

"Any elected officer should look at ways to cut before he raises rates, it's just good business," said Murphrey.

Murphrey said the present management has a style that is different. He said he hoped citizens will give it a chance to work.

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The Catawba Plant of Delta Mills Marketing Company in Maiden, North Carolina has announced the promotion of Kenneth Williams to supervisor's position in the Spinning Department. Delta Mills is a division of Delta Woodside Industries Inc. of Greenville, South Carolina.

Mr. Williams has been employed by Delta Mills since 1990. During this time he has worked at various technical jobs in the yarn manufacturing process, while participating in the Delta Mills' Management Training Program.

Mr. Williams resides in Kings Mountain with his wife and two children, Misty and Kenneth, Jr. He is a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.