

Obituaries



BESSIE WARE GOFORTH
One of Kings Mountain's oldest citizens, Bessie Ware Goforth, died February 13, 1995 at the age of 100.

She died at White Oak Manor where she had resided for six years since she broke her hip.

A fulltime homemaker, Mrs. Goforth had cooked and worked a garden until age 94. Her home-baked biscuits and green apple pie were her specialties.

She enjoyed a quiet family birthday celebration on Sunday, October 9, 1994 with birthday balloons and flowers and talked so much that she had to rest up the rest of the week, she told a Herald reporter who later took her picture with her grandson, former Police Chief Warren Goforth and his father, Charles Goforth.

Mrs. Goforth reared two sons and three daughters on a farm in the Patterson Grove Community. After 47 years of marriage to John Dixon Goforth, she lost her husband to a massive heart attack at age 66.

She was the daughter of the late Thomas M. and Martha Lovelace Ware. She was a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Goforth of Shelby and Howard Goforth of Cherryville; two daughters, Louise Ledford of Kings Mountain and Margaret G. Hamrick of Lattimore; two brothers, Hunter Ware and Ben Ware of Kings Mountain; one sister, Pearl Bell of Kings Mountain; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. Ron Caulder officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

MARGARET H. ANTHONY GASTONIA - Mrs. Margaret Hord Anthony, 97, died Wednesday, February 8, 1995 at Country Time Rest Home, Kings Mountain.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Jacob George and Carolyn Isabelle White Hord, and wife of the late Luther Leslie Anthony Sr.

Mrs. Anthony was a 1917 graduate of Erskine College and taught in Kings Mountain and Bessemer City elementary schools. She was a member of Pisgah A.R.P. Church since 1922 where she served as President of the Women of the Church. She was a member and Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by a son, Dr. L.L. Anthony Jr. of Gastonia; a daughter, Mrs. Isabelle A. Hiatt of Greensboro; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Craft of Rutherfordton, Mrs. Mary Frances Cothran of Shelby and Mrs. Carolyn Harris of Kings Mountain; a brother, James E. Hord of Miami Springs, Fla.; four grandchildren, Mrs. Tricia Anthony Bond and Mrs. Nancy Anthony Bryant of Asheville, Mrs. Martha Anthony Waggoner of Gastonia, and Walter "Wally" Hiatt of Henderson; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Roy Beckham Friday at 10 a.m. at Pisgah A.R.P. Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to B.C.I.F. Fund, c/o Pisgah A.R.P. Church, 3600 South Linwood Road, Gastonia, NC 28052; or The Permanent Endowment Fund, c/o Erskine College, Due West, SC 29639.



ANNE BLACK MERRITT
Anne Black Merritt, 68, of Birmingham, Alabama, sister of Ellen Black Elam of Kings Mountain, died February 4, 1995 of Lou Gehrig's Disease in Nashville, Tennessee.

She was the daughter of the late Annie and Carl Black of Wingate and widow of David H. Merritt.

Other survivors are three sons, Harry E. Merritt of Birmingham, David H. Merritt Jr. of Florence, Alabama and Marc P. Merritt of Akron, Ohio; two daughters, Mary Ellen Dougherty of Nashville and Carol Merritt Wanning of Birmingham; one brother, Layne Black of Wingate; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Merritt was a former legal secretary and a graduate of Mars Hill College. She was Presbyterian.

The funeral was conducted at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ALS Society.

RICHARD BAKER SR.
ROCK HILL, SC - Richard G. Baker Sr., 74, of 3127 Celanese Rd., died February 13, 1995 at Piedmont Medical Center.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Dr. Luther P. and Mary Tipton Polyette Baker. He had retired from Hoechst Celanese R&D Department and was a member of Ebenezer ARP Church. He was a member of the Elks Club and an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy O. Baker; two sons, Richard Baker Jr. and Robert M. Baker, both of Rock Hill; two brothers, Dr. Robert N. Baker and Dr. Thomas P. Baker, both of Kings Mountain; one sister Mary B. Fulford of Knoxville, Tn. and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Ebenezer ARP Church by Dr. Boyce Wilson and Rev. Jack Basie. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Ebenezer ARP Church, 2132 Ebenezer Rd., Rock Hill, 29732 or to a charity of one's choice.

ELMER G. ARROWOOD CHERRYVILLE - Elmer Gene Arrowood, 70, Cherry Oaks Nursing Center, died February 13, 1995 at Cherry Oakes.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mack and Minnie Mayhew Arrowood. He was retired from Dixie Lumber Company in Cherryville and was a member of Charity Baptist Church, Fallston.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Hayes Arrowood of Bessemer City; two sons, David Arrowood of Bessemer City and Danny Arrowood of Grover; a daughter, Kay Stroupe of Kings Mountain; a brother, Marvin Arrowood of Cherryville; two sisters, Ione Towery of Lincolnton and Aileen Hayes of Cherryville; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Carl Ray Cook Jr. and Bobby Herndon Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Charity Baptist Church. Burial was in Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Southern Piedmont Chapter, 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215.

ROBERT LEE BOWEN GROVER - Robert Lee Bowen, 55, 1017 Lavender Road, died February 9, 1995 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of Lizzie Ellis Bowen of Grover and the late Lee Gordon Bowen. He was a member of Allen Memorial Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Linda Sipe Bowen of Grover; five sons, Todd Bowen, Richard Bowen, Randy Bowen and Dale Bowen, all of Grover, and Jerry Bowen of Shelby; two daughters, Christy Speed of Easley, SC and Linda Allen of Shelby; five brothers, Bob Bowen, Kenneth Bowen, David Bowen and Lawrence Bowen, all of Grover, and Ricky Bowen of Shelby; five sisters, Ethel Looman, Betty Lou Wright, Brenda Ann Whitworth, Janice Marie Carter, and Becky Dover, all of Grover; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Dale Angel and Norris Willis Saturday at 3 p.m. at New Buffalo Baptist Church. Burial was in Allen Memorial Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to New Buffalo Baptist Church, Earl Road, Grover, NC 28073.

CELEBRATION
Cleveland Community College will host a Native American Cultural Celebration Monday at 8 p.m. in the college auditorium. It is free to the public and will include musicians, drummers, and dancers.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Feb. 8-14	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.78	1.49
Maximum one day	.39 (14)	.65 (11)
Year to date	7.63	7.38
Minimum temp.	10 (8)	26 (10)
Maximum temp.	54 (11)	76 (9)
Average temp.	34.9	43.2

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Flu alert sounded in area

Local doctors are seeing a heavy load of patients with upper respiratory infections this week but no report in Kings Mountain of influenza type A which has hit the Charlotte area.

The Flu Alert Center, a national flu tracking system, has placed the Charlotte area on flu alert status and recommends that the illness can be prevented through vaccination and antiviral prophylaxis.

Local doctors say the symptoms are fever, overall muscle and body ache, headache, severe cough and sore throat.

Both Kings Mountain Family Practice and KMH Medical Services reported seeing a heavy load of patients with upper respiratory infections and bronchitis but running no high fever.

Flu is a highly contagious viral respiratory illness that spreads quickly from one person to another and from one community to the next. The flu spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes or by direct contact with those who are already infected.

The Flu Alert Center recommends a prescription antiviral medication, Flumadine, cleared

last September for marketing for the treatment of influenza type A in adults and for the prevention of influenza A in children. Flumadine can help stop the flu if those suffering are treated within the first 48 hours of flu-like symptoms by reducing fever, overall muscle and body aches, headache, cough and sore throat significantly on the second day of treatment.

"Surprisingly, many people still think the only way to treat flu is to alleviate symptoms with over-the-counter medications and simply let it run its course," said Dr. Arnold Monto, professor of epidemiology and international health at the

University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"People need to know that prescription medications are available that actually help stop the influenza virus from reproducing, so the illness will go away faster."

The Flu Alert Center says vaccination is the primary method of prevention and is modified each year to protect against the strain most likely to affect the United States.

Local doctors say preventing influenza A is especially important for people with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, children with asthma and everyone over the age of 65.

In Memory of our Mother Mrs. Nell Moore

This is for you mama on Valentine's Day. Your love has never ended, if anything it will last forever. A kind and gentle person you were. You were always eager to be there, of all the years you spent with us, your sweet memories will last forever. We never thought the day would come that we would have to put you to your final rest to be laid. Yet in our hearts you really haven't left us. Through our days, God will protect and guide our wise old ways. Mama in our hearts you will live forever. But with God you will remain. We know you are happy now and never feel no more pain. You will never be replaced but missed by oh so many and we will always love you forever until our days are gone. Mama Happy Valentine's Day. Hope to see you in Heaven.

Cathy Davis

Mayor expects budget report

Mayor Scott Neisler says he hopes to be able to present his 1994-95 budget proposal for consideration by City Council February 28.

Tuesday the mayor spoke with representatives of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh and the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill who said they may be finished with reviewing his proposals by the first of next week.

Neisler said he will probably drive to Raleigh next week for an appointment with the state treasurer's office.

The mayor's proposal anticipates an eight percent fund balance and \$600,000 in discretionary funds by June 30. He is also recommending that residential water rates and tax rates be rolled back next year equal to the increase this year.

"Last year was a year that could have been avoided if we had been equipped with good financial projections of the year end," Neisler said, maintaining that lease purchases paid off will free up funds.

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