

# Obituaries

## PAULINE ERNST

Pauline Dotson Ernst, 70, 803 Third Street, Kings Mountain, died February 25, 1996 at her home.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Frank Leslie and Maggie Etta Rogers Dotson. She was a retired textile worker and a member of Second Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Robert Franklin Ernst of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Martha Scism, Roxanne McDonald and Toni Lawson of Kings Mountain and Sue Pence of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Willard "Red" Dotson of Kings Mountain and Tom Dotson of Cliffside; two sisters, Agnes Loizakes of Spartanburg, SC and Marilyn "Wencie" Dotson of Kings Mountain; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

## BEULAH PETTIT

COWPENS, SC - Beulah Mae Brown Pettit, 75, 186 Washington Road, died February 21, 1996 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

A native of Spartanburg County, she was the wife of the late William P. Pettit, and daughter of the late James Walter and Lillie Fowler Brown. She was a member of North Spartanburg Church of God and had been employed with Dan River Mills.

Survivors include a son, David O. Pettit of Moore; three daughters, Connie Wyatt of Spartanburg, Joyce P. Lingerfelt of Gastonia, NC, and Diane Howard of Cowpens; one brother, Charles W. Brown of Spartanburg; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Boyd King and Richard Porterfield Friday at 2 p.m. at North Spartanburg Church of God. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

## BETTY MADDOX

CHARLOTTE - Betty Elizabeth "Jo" Maddox, 64, 8824 Hunter Ridge Drive, died February 20, 1996 at Presbyterian Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Robert S. and Sallie Gantt Lynn, and wife of the late Benson Keith Maddox.

She retired in 1985 from Southern Bell. She began her career with Southern Bell in 1949 as an operator. After retiring she remained active preparing taxes at H&R Block, volunteering and working as a board member of Lexington Commons Home Owners Association.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

She is survived by her son, William Scott Kelly of Fort Mill, SC; her daughter, Dale Maddox Geddis of Huntersville; two brothers, Robert J. Lynn of Greenville, SC, and Richard A. Lynn of Lewiston, California; a sister, Chloe Lynn Sparks of Kings Mountain; and a grandson, William Paul Kelly of Fort Mill, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Patricia Stone and Steve Plonk Friday at 11 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

## BERTHA CUNNINGHAM

GASTONIA - Mrs. Bertha Gunter Cunningham, 75, 129 Berwyn Don Road, died February 26, 1996 at her home.

A native of Shelby County, Alabama, she was the daughter of the late James R. and Rebecca Burgess Gunter. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Homer Greene, her second husband, Hugh Cunningham, and her son, Ray Greene.

She was retired from Wix-Dana, and attended the House of Worship Church.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James H. and Peggy Greene of Lithonia, Ga.; son and daughter-in-law Don L. and Georgia Greene of Kings Mountain; daughter and son-in-law Gail G. and Joe Gunter of Kings Mountain; two brothers, James W. Gunter of Lake Junaluska and Jesse Ray Gunter of Waynesville; three sisters, Lena R. Greene of Waynesville, Mary R. Wyatt of Waynesville, and Sallie B. Esslinger of Gastonia; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Clint Day Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Carothers Funeral Home. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Emerald Care, Inc., 2923 Rousseau Ct., Gastonia, NC 28054.

## ETHEL CROOK

Ethel McGill Crook, 97, a resident of White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, died February 26, 1996 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Andrew J. and Addie Long McGill, and wife of the late William Kenneth Crook. She was a retired public school teacher, serving for over 40 years as a teacher and principal of Patterson Grove School. She was a member of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church.

She is survived by her son, Robert Cecil Crook of Atlanta, Ga.; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Doug Petersen Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1-1:30 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church, Edgemont Drive, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

## APRIL SAIN

LINCOLNTON - Mrs. April Lorraine Parker Sain, 25, 46 Railroad Street, died February 27, 1996 at Lincoln Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was a member of Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church and was a nurse's aide at the Boger City Rest Home.

She is survived by her husband, Jody Sain of Lincolnton; her son, Justin Sain of the home; her daughter, Ashley Sain of the home; her mother, Carol Brashear of the home; her father, Charles E. Parker of Kings Mountain; a brother, David Parker of Kings Mountain; a sister, Sherry Parker of Lincolnton; and her grandmothers, Mrs. Ruby Cole of Lincolnton and Mrs. Mildred Parker of Kings Mountain.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Bob Wise Thursday at 3 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. Burial will be in Hollybrook Cemetery.

## GASTON GRIGG

Gaston Theodore Grigg, 77, 119 Marys Grove Church Road, Kings Mountain, died February 26, 1996 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late C. Frank and Emma Jane Hinson Grigg. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church where he served as head usher and two terms as a Deacon, and was a member of the Senior Adult Class. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was retired from Lineberger's Warehouse, Cherryville.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Davis Grigg of Kings Mountain; three sons, Eddie Garman Grigg and wife Susan of Charlotte, Billy Clifford Grigg and wife Anne of Kings Mountain, and Kenneth Gaston Grigg and wife Teddy of Cherryville; a daughter, Martha Jane Brackett and husband Everette of Grover; two brothers, Lawrence Grigg of Cherryville and Toye Grigg of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Daisy Cabiness and Bertha Lackey of Shelby; 10 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ron Caulder Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Annie Armstrong Home Mission, Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

## GIRTIE MAYHEW

SHELBY - Girtie Woods Mayhew, 78, 1013 Crowder Road, died February 26, 1996 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Wylie and Anna Huffman Woods and wife of the late Benjamin I. Mayhew. Her step-mother was the late Ella Cook Woods.

She was retired from Patterson Florist in Shelby and was a member of Buffalo Baptist Church, Shelby.

She is survived by three sons, James Mayhew and wife Mary of Shelby, Donald Mayhew and wife Linda of Cherryville, and Jack B. Mayhew of Shelby; three daughters, Carolyn and husband Toy McSwain of Orlando, Fla., Linda and husband Tom Erby of Bessemer City, and Cathy and husband David Vanburen of Shelby; two sisters, Essie Proctor of Cherryville and Eula Towery of Newton-Conover; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jerry Grigg and Herman Simpson Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Carpenter's Funeral Home Chapel, Cherryville. Burial was in City Memorial Park, Cherryville.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Tim Mayhew, Donnie Mayhew, Randy McSwain, Brian McSwain, Steve McSwain and Toby Pilbeck.

Memorials may be made to the Cleveland-Rutherford Kidney Foundation.



**TIFFNEY JOHNSON**  
**Crest student reported missing**

A Shelby mother is pleading for the return of her 15-year-old daughter who was reported missing last Friday.

Rita Smith said her daughter, Tiffney Johnson, a ninth grader at Crest High School, did not return from school on Friday. Smith said her daughter has left home before, but never for more than one day.

Smith said one of Johnson's teachers sent her to the office Friday morning because Johnson said she was sick and wanted to call a family member to pick her up.

Johnson's father lives in Gastonia, but according to Ms. Smith he has not seen their daughter either.

Anyone with information about Tiffney's whereabouts is urged to call the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department at 484-4888 or Crimestoppers at 481-TIPS.

# BUSINESS

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group contact the City of Kings Mountain about putting up a billboard on I-85 welcoming travelers and directing them to the historical city.

Neely suggested that the group send out a monthly newsletter to keep each other and customers informed and Allen suggested that the group promote the services their businesses offer that large competitors do not.

"It's tough to draw customers into our new stores," acknowledged Allen who suggested that merchants want to stay open one night a month in the evening hours.

"But there are times when I have worked after dark and Kings Mountain looks like a ghost town," she said.

Allen suggested that local businesses and professional people who will be asked to join the group sponsor a tour of businesses to let the public know just what is available in Kings Mountain.

Joe Smith said that previous attempts at organizing a merchants or business organization had fizzled since the merchants association was previously active as a credit bureau.

"Computers really put the credit

bureau out of business," said Putnam.

But Smith said the group would need to be consistent in their undertaking and communicate.

Smith took the occasion to publicly thank the City of Kings Mountain and the inmates who have been helping in the program of beautification of streets.

"Kings Mountain is really looking good and I for one appreciate the work the prison inmates have done to help us spruce up Kings Mountain," he said.

Moore said the efforts of the group are applauded by the Cleveland Chamber.

"Your work will only enhance the Chamber's program in Kings Mountain," she said, encouraging members to visit her office frequently on the second floor of City Hall.

Smith encouraged the new business owners of specialty shops in the audience not to give up.

"Staying power is essential for any business to succeed and if you can hang on for a year you'll make it and things are moving in Kings Mountain," he said, reiterating the importance of communication and advertising.

"They told us if you can make it here you can make it anywhere," said Linda Allen.

# POST OFFICE

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old post office building to the Historical Association," said Grindstaff.

Hicks said the city's priorities are "out of line to spend \$14,000 for a roof at this time."

But Councilman Dean Spears, who made the original motion in November, to allocate \$14,000 for roof repairs, said if the city doesn't repair the roof now the cost will be more later. "It could fall in," he said.

Mayor pro tem Phil Hager offered a substitute motion that the staff meet with Historical Association members first to pursue a grant to help pay the costs of the repairs estimated at \$22,000 plus. Voting with him were Councilmen Jerry Mullinax, Jerry White, and Ralph Grindstaff and voting against were Council members Norma Bridges, Spears and Rick Murphrey. Spears had made the motion to give the \$14,000 to the Historical Association up front and let the group use it to make the repairs.

# CONTRACT

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Interim City Manager Gary Hicks said Powell Bill monies will be used to pay salaries of some street workers.

Approved a resolution to receive possible FEMA reimbursement of \$10,556.01 for cleanup during the blizzard of '96.

Approved, on recommendation of the utilities committee, an engineering proposal for a Grace Street water line extension by developer Hubert Toney. The \$2,000 low bid for engineering work was awarded to Moretz Engineering. The board stipulated a written contract by the developer. The line would extend from Linwood Road to May Street for 1600 feet.

Announced that the city will receive bids for the lining of the No. 3 basin at the Pilot Creek Water/Wastewater Plant March 14 in Council Chambers.

Named the private street that runs in front of Neisler Natatorium at King Mountain High School and by the high school athletic field Mountaineer Drive. Principal Phil Weathers said the new name would be another way to generate school pride.

Set the sale date of May 29 at 11 a.m. in Raleigh for the city's Series 1989 and 1991 bond issues since low interest rates make this proposal favorable, said Finance Director Maxine Parsons. Richard L. Maryin of Wachovia Bank was authorized as the city's agent. Marvin said the city could realize a savings of \$33,000 annually. He called the decision by the city "the perfect time for the city go out to market on bonds." The refunding of public utility general obligation bonds was approved by the Local Government Commission after city officials met with them in Raleigh recently.

Adopted a resolution establishing a formal policy on the reduction of operating transfers from the electric fund to the general fund after a presentation by Parsons.

Transfers would be reduced by 10 percent, a recommendation of the Local Government Commission, from \$1 million to \$500,000, upping the amount of reserves to the electric fund reserve fund from \$70,000 to \$350,000 by fiscal year 2001-2002.

Utilities Director Jimmy Maney said additional reserves would mean the city could move more quickly to a peak generation project in the utility system.

Mayor Scott Neisler said he felt better after he read the last paragraph of the resolution which stipulated that in the event of an emergency the amount to be paid from the electric fund may be increased or reduced upon approval by a simple majority of the City Council.

*To all who were part of Harold Alexander's life*  
Love can be fragile, fleeting.  
Such hard work, sometimes to keep passion beating and life's stresses from breaching the walls of intimacy and trust.  
Ugly memories from the past must be brought up and banished.  
Have hope, laughter and faith, Don't let forgiveness vanish.  
Laugh together, cry together, hold on loosely, but well.  
Make the first move to heal, because false pride is the true hell.  
God will hear us and heal any earthly pain.  
He will make the sun shine after a cleansing spring rain.  
Do not over mourn untimely death, but celebrate life.  
Speak kind loving words, smile and pray each day to do better.  
Right a wrong, sing a song of love, joy and caring.  
Share your heart with others, touching all with love and hope.  
God speed my dearest love,  
Nancy

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