

Obituaries

THOMAS E. McDEVITT
CASHIERS - Former Kings Mountain Police Chief Thomas Edward McDevitt, 64, of Route 63, died April 25, 1996 at McDowell Hospital in Marion.

He served at KMPD from 1968-74 and retired in 1994 from the Forest City Police Department where he was Chief for 20 years, ending a 36-year career in law enforcement.

A native of Madison County, he was the son of the late Thomas F. McDevitt and Effie McDevitt Hopper. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean Barnard McDevitt, who died in 1989.

McDevitt began his extensive law enforcement career as an M. P. in the U. S. Air Force, having served in Tokyo, Japan, Great Falls, Mont., Texas and California. In 1958, he joined the Asheville Police Department as a traffic officer and served there until 1966. In 1968, he came to Kings Mountain as Chief of Police and served until February 1974 when he became Chief of Police for the Town of Forest City until his retirement May 1, 1994.

He instructed law enforcement classes for several community colleges and served as chairman of the Smoky Mountain Police Executive Association; the Region C Criminal Justice Advisory Committee; chairman of CAPPs and PATH; member of the Forest City Police Club and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was instrumental in the formation of 911 for Rutherford County, where he served as chairman of that organization also.

Two of his sons followed in his footsteps in police work: Sgt. John T. McDevitt, Field Supervisor of the Burke County Narcotics Task Force, and Trooper Don McDevitt of the Alexander County Highway Patrol.

Surviving are his wife, Thora Dell McDevitt of the home; three sons, John Thomas McDevitt of Morganton, Donald Dallas McDevitt of Taylorsville and Robert Carl McDevitt of Hillsville, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Loujeana M. Parker of Rutherford County; one stepson, Todd Wise of Asheville; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson of Asheville; one sister, Mrs. Betty Lou Long of Jacksonville, Fla.; his stepfather, John Henry Hopper of Cashiers; and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral was Saturday at 2 p.m. at Forest City First Baptist Church. Burial was in Rutherford County Memorial Cemetery. Members of the Forest City Police Department served as honor guard.

THOMAS LEE HORNE
RICHBURG, SC - Thomas Lee Horne, 82, Mountain Gap Road, died Saturday, April 27, 1996 at Piedmont Medical Center, Rock Hill.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Thomas Clayton Horne and Leola Ware Horne Loven and husband of the late Mary Carpenter Horne.

He was educated in the Kings Mountain schools and was a member of Mt. Prospect United Methodist Church. He was a self-employed contractor.

He is survived by five sons, Robert Horne Sr. of Macon, Ga., Robert Horne Jr. of Manning, SC, and Ted Horne, Blaine Horne and Wayne Horne, all of Richburg; four daughters, Dayla Gregory, Roxanne Furr and Virginia Hunter, all of Richburg, and Nell Walker of Lancaster, SC; a brother, Olin A. Horne of Kings Mountain; 21 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Fant Steele April 29 at 3 p.m. at Mt. Prospect United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Prospect United Methodist Church, c/o Terry Horne, 2296 Mtn. Gap Road, Richburg, SC 29729.

REBA SIMS
Reba Sims, 83, 114 Lackey Street, Kings Mountain, died April 27, 1996 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

She was a retired textile worker and a member of Second Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie Sims of Cherryville; a son, Jack Sims of Kings Mountain; a sister, Etta Bennett of Columbia, SC; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Land Monday at 2 p.m. at Second Baptist Church. Burial was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

HUGH A. LANCASTER
Hugh A. Lancaster, 60, 311 Maner Road, Kings Mountain, died April 28, 1996 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Union, SC, he was the son of Paul A. Lancaster of Kings Mountain and the late Louise Jones Lancaster. He was Vice-President of KMG Minerals, Inc., Kings Mountain, and was a member of First Baptist Church.

He attended Clemson College and was a former Lieutenant in the N.C. National Guard. He was an Advisory Member of the N.C. State Minerals Research Lab, Past President of the N.C. Mining Association, was on the Advisory Board of Carolina State Bank, was a 30-year member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, was Past President of the Kings Mountain Jaycees, a member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, and former President of Babe Ruth Baseball.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Helen West Lancaster of Kings Mountain; two sons, David Lancaster and wife Debbie of York, SC, and Steven Lancaster and wife Joy of Kings Mountain; a sister, Bette Passamani of Iron River, Michigan; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. John Sloan and Russell Fitts Tuesday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 605 West King Street, Kings Mountain; or to the American Cancer Society, 201 West Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150.

GENE RAYMOND WELCH
CHARLOTTE - Gene Raymond Welch, 62, died April 29, 1996 in Charlotte.

A native of Gastonia, he was the son of Willie M. Frady Welch and the late Claude Raymond Welch. He was a 1952 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 1956 graduate of Western Carolina University, and attended the University of Georgia.

Mr. Welch retired in 1991 after 37 years of service as a computer systems analyst with USDA Forestry Service in Washington, DC and Manassas, VA. Since his retired he has worked part-time at Food Lion in Charlotte. He was a member of Emanuel Baptist Church in Manassas, VA.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice G. Welch of Charlotte; children, Jewell Moore of Woodbridge, VA; Romona Kate Martin of Norman, OK; Dean E. Welch of Charlotte, and Tamara Lynn Severe of Manassas, VA; five grandsons and two granddaughters; sister, Billie Gail Klatt of Tampa, FL; and mother, Mrs. Willie Welch of Charlotte, formerly of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Olin Byrum III, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, Wednesday at 11 a.m. at McEwen Funeral Service, Pineville Chapel. Committal followed in Oak Grove Baptist Church cemetery in Marshall, NC at 4 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church, Route 2, Marshall, NC 28173.

JENNIFER TAULE
BELMONT - Miss Jennifer Allison Bryanna Taule, 22, 102 Treeline Drive, died April 25, 1996 at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Tony Harper, Phil Hayes and Richard Hardee Saturday at 11 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. Interment was at 5 p.m. Saturday at East Fork Cemetery in Sylva, with the Rev. L.F. "Bill" Sutton officiating.

Miss Taule was born May 19, 1973 in Washington County, Arkansas. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and the College and Career Sunday School class.

Surviving are her parents, Rev. Brian and Gale Taule; brothers, Nathan Taule and Aaron Taule of the home; sister, Corrie Taule of the home; and grandparents, Robert and Hazel Buchanan of Sylva and Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler of Huntsville, Ark.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 2200 Ashley Road, Charlotte, NC 28208; or to Crisis Pregnancy Center, 1311 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28204.

Grover Town Board meets Monday night

Grover Town Board will hold the May meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at Grover Town Hall.

A report on paving progress will be given by Mayor Ronald Queen.

ESSIE MCABEE
Essie Mae McDaniel McAbee, 78, 1411 N. Post Road, Shelby, died April 30, 1996 at her home.

A native of Cleveland county, she was the daughter of the late William A. and Josie Conner McDaniel. She was a retired textile worker.

She is survived by her son, Don Whitting of Kings Mountain; eight daughters, Jane Robbins of Shelby, Barbara Crosby and Paula Crosby of Walterboro, SC, Linda Hamrick and Darlene Bradford of Shelby, Betty Bradford of Jonesville, SC, and Nancy Farmer and Rita White of Blacksburg, SC; 24 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Claude White Thursday at 2 p.m. at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Bethlehem Baptist Church cemetery.

FLORENCE ALLEN
CHERRYVILLE - Florence Ledford Allen, 87, 1604 Requa Road, Cherryville, formerly of Kings Mountain, died April 30, 1996 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Cleophus Ledford and Essie Padgett and wife of the late Riley Allen. She was a homemaker and member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by two sons, D.C. Allen of North Wilkesboro and Burnie Allen of Charlotte; four daughters, Phyllis McSwain of Cherryville, Elaine Davis of Kings Mountain, Margie Ware of Welbar and Emogene Allen of Grover; a brother, Clarence Ledford of Bessemer City; three sisters, Eleanor Kiser of Bessemer City, Dollie Carpenter of Lincolnton and Gertrude Champion of Kings Mountain; 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Bob Baynard, Ronnie Allen and Wayne Kee Thursday at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

ANNEXATION

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South textile plans on Canterbury Road.

A total of 17 businesses, including nine on the Canterbury Road area and eight on Second Street and Kings Mountain Industrial Park, are included.

The annexation would take in more than \$29 million in property worth more than \$100,000 per year in property taxes to the city.

"We have always felt that these areas were a part of Kings Mountain," said Mayor Scott Neisler.

The city is moving to overcome money shortfalls, the recent loss of revenue by the closing of Clevefont Mills and the forthcoming loss of revenue by new water recycling procedures underway at the Spectrum Industries, the city's largest user of water and natural gas.

The city will probably vote to annex the two areas as soon as 10 days after the public hearing.

The annexation study prepared by Benchmark Inc. had indicated earlier that the annexation would be a good move for the city.

The Second Street area and KM Industrial Park, Area 97-A, has a real property value of \$10 million and is comprised of 212 acres with 49 homes and eight businesses.

The Canterbury Road and I-85 area 97-B has 11 homes and nine businesses with real property valuation of \$19.3 million covering 546 acres.

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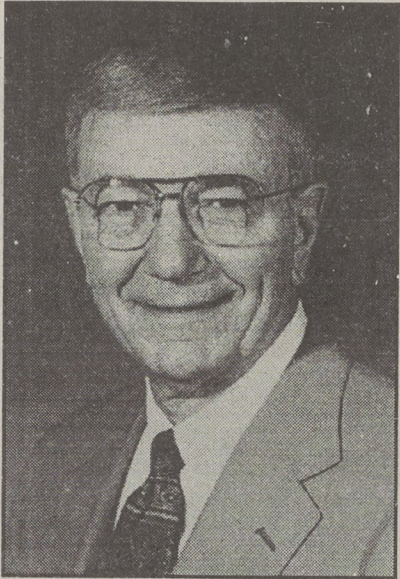
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\$240,000 cost of the extension but asked the city to file an Economic Development Grant application for a possible funding of part of the project. The agreement also stipulated that Ingles would pay for only the cost to run the line to Ingles and not for additional lines the city might need for development.

Walt Ollis, the city's Water/Wastewater superintendent, said the eight inch line would serve the area adequately.

Councilman Rick Murphrey asked Ingles realtor Charles Murdock to research the need for a driveway directly in front of the Gold Run development since several other driveways and buffers are projected, pointing out traffic and safety concerns of residents who had petitioned the board not to permit the annexation.

Planning Director Steve Killian estimated that revenues to the city from the new construction would approximate \$25,000 a year initially.



DR. BOB PATTERSON
Patterson honored for achievements

Dr. Bob Patterson, Kings Mountain native, has been named "Distinguished Professor" at Baylor University in Waco, Texas where he teaches in the Department of Religion.

This award is "in recognition of his sustained superior scholarly performance, the respect of his colleagues and his recognition beyond Baylor for his achievements."

Patterson has also published two new books in April: one is a book he has edited entitled "Theology, Philosophy and Science in the Contemporary World (Mercer Press) and the other is a work on Christology entitled "Who Is Jesus Christ?" (Smyth and Helwys Publishers). This is the 36th book on which Patterson has collaborated either as author, editor or writer of a chapter.

The Christology volume is one in a series of eight theology books and Patterson is presently writing another work in the series on the doctrine of Revelation. He is also editor of the eight volumes, a project that will take four years to complete.

Road may be named for Harris

The late Senator Ollie Harris may soon be honored with a memorial road, Ollie Harris Boulevard.

"Ollie Harris was a champion of North Carolina for decades, a proud citizen of Kings Mountain," said Mayor Scott Neisler who recommended Tuesday night City Council that it honor its distin-

guished citizen. Neisler said the renaming of York Road from East King Street to the city limits is an appropriate tribute to a man who left a legacy of caring for the community.

The Council set public hearing for May 28 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall during the regular board of commissioners meeting.

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