

## Obituaries

### SEIMORE BIDDIX

William Seimore Biddix, 74, 104 Owens Street, Kings Mountain, died May 30, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Roscoe and Frances Hullender Biddix. He was an insurance salesman for 25 years and a former City Commissioner. He was a member of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church where he was former Sunday School Superintendent, Board member and member of the Building Committee. He was a Mason and an Air Force veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Howe Biddix of Kings Mountain; five daughters, Gail Burton of Auburndale, Fla., and Janice Ledford, Frankie Carpenter, Wanda Howze and Teresa "Recie" Canipe, all of Kings Mountain; four brothers, Clearance "Fuzz" Biddix, J.W. "Nub" Biddix, J.D. "Jay" Biddix, and Earl Biddix, all of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Pauline Short, Helen Biddix and Betty Hughes, all of Kings Mountain; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Harold Bumby and George Simmons Sunday at 3 p.m. at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church. Burial with full Masonic rites was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to East Gold Street Wesleyan Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 875, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

### HELEN J. HUFFSTETLER

Helen J. Huffstetler, 77, 416 Rolling Brook Road, Kings Mountain, died June 2, 1996 at her home.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Monte V. and Ida Nanny Jackson. She was a retired textile worker and a member of Penleys Chapel.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. W.L. Huffstetler of Kings Mountain; a son, Larry Greenway of Hendersonville; a stepson, Dr. Boyce Huffstetler of Charlotte; a daughter, Judy Tanis of Mooresville; three sisters, Marie Freeman of Forest City, and Jesse Jorjee and Nell Kiser of Spindale; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Doug Allen and Dr. Boyce Huffstetler Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Penleys Chapel. A graveside service was held at 4 p.m. at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte.

### BARNEY BLACK

ANDERSON, SC - Barney McMahan, 94, of 323 Ponce de Leon Drive, died May 29, 1996 at Mariner Health Care Center in Seneca.

She was a secretary with Abney Mills, Southside Plant, before she retired and was a member of Toxaway United Methodist Church.

She was the last member of her immediate family.

McMahan was a sister of Mrs. Dora Black of Kings Mountain. She stayed with her for several years after the death of her husband and had many friends in Kings Mountain and was active in Boyce Memorial ARP Church and led a Sunday School class.

The graveside service was conducted May 31, 1996 at 11:30 a.m. in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Black of Kings Mountain attended the service.

Memorials may be made to Toxaway United Methodist Church, 1212 E. Whitner St., Anderson, SC 29624.

### J.V. MOORE

J.V. Moore, 74, 304 Edel Street, Kings Mountain, died May 29, 1996 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Samuel and Rhoda McDaniel Moore. He was a retired textile worker.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie Bullock Moore of Kings Mountain, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. James Allen and Joe Heafner Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Church of God Family Worship Center. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

### RUSSELL F. TUCKER

Russell F. Tucker, 80, 890 Second Street, Kings Mountain, died May 30, 1996 at his home.

A native of Franklin County, KY, he was the son of the late George and Nora Hemmingway Tucker. He was retired from the City of Frankfurt, KY after 42 years service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of Midview Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Campbell "Kathy" Tucker of Kings Mountain; stepson, Ronald Conner and wife Jean of Gastonia; stepdaughter, Vickie Hagans and husband Jerry of Clover, SC; and three grandchildren, Buzzy Conner, Heather Conner and Jeris Lynn Hagans.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bob Hope and Glenn Newland Saturday at 2 p.m. at Midview Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

### ROY LADD NORMAN

Roy Ladd Norman, 90, a resident of White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, died June 3, 1996 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Hymera, Ind., he was the son of the late Marion Dock and Ida Belle Wall Norman, and husband of the late Lucille Wallace Norman. He was retired co-owner of Norman and Love's Fish Box and was a member of Norman's Grove Baptist Church in Belwood.

He is survived by his son, Harold Norman of Boger City; three daughters, Nellie Weaver and Lorena Walker of Shelby and Mary Love of Blacksburg, SC; a brother, Gault Norman of Lilburn, Ga.; a sister, Greak Bantoft of Lenoir; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Dale Thornburg, Richard Pendergrast and Cecil Buff Thursday at 2 p.m. at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

### BILLY JUNIOR MILLER

Billy Junior Miller, 66, 310 Buckles Avenue, Shelby, died June 2, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late William and Ruth England Miller. He was employed by Carlon Mills in Gastonia and was a member of Harvest Time Ministries.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Cox Miller; sons, Billy E. Miller of Shelby, Michael Miller of Kings Mountain, and Timothy Clay Miller of the home; daughters, Tammy Jones of Grover and Nikki Miller of the home; and grandchildren, Joshua and Lucas Miller of Shelby, Jesse Miller and Micheal Clark of Kings Mountain, Jackie Miller of Virginia, and Patrick Jones and Bradley Jones of Grover.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Gene Grigg and Ralph Carpenter Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Harvest Time Ministries. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Pallbearers were John Johnson, Gordon Lutz, Kenneth Jones, Michael Clack, W.T. Gregory and Richard Laws.

### Pro wrestling slated at KM National Guard

Professional wrestling returns to the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$7 and are available at Allen's Florist and the Armory. Tickets will be \$8 at the door.

## SIMS

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ambulances and a crash truck. Jonie Blanton is Captain and Keith Dixon is First Lieutenant.

The Squad's first home built in 1961 with community donations is bursting at the seams. Kings Mountain Rescue Squad is beginning a fund drive for \$300,000 to build a brand new home on Shelby Road in the former Masters Funeral Home location.

Sims is naturally giving the Squad his support in the big fund drive and encourages pledges and donations forwarded to PO Box 362, Kings Mountain, 28086.

Sims returned to Kings Mountain in 1974 when his father Marine Captain Jack Sims retired after 22 1/2 years in the military. He and his mother, the late Virginia Sims, and his three brothers, Vincent, Greg and Mike Sims had traveled with Captain Sims all over the country during his military duty.

Young Sims worked at Anvil Knitwear as a dye lab technician and more recently changed careers and started selling insurance for Combined Insurance. He is active in Family Worship Center Church of God.

Sims is proud of his religious faith. He gives God the credit for experiences in life he has enjoyed through service with other caring people in the Rescue Squad.

## PETITION

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again June 20th at 7 p.m. The City Council returned the matter to the Zoning Board after Sarah Rhea, representing East Ridge Street property owners, said homeowners want to offer a compromise proposal to Brown. But Brown said at the Council meeting he wasn't taking the offer. He says he will build comparable housing in the neighborhood but wants his original proposal to stand.

Rhea said she will present the formal petition to Killian Thursday. Under law, any adjoining property owners may petition the board for an amendment to the current zoning ordinances. City Council will take action on the amendment at the June 25 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall.

## ATTORNEY

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fied by the LGC that the interest rates on the council-approved contract were too high and the city should seek a lower rate.

Council members say they only learned of the LGC action at last Tuesday's meeting when Parsons presented a different contract at a lower rate which Hicks said was appropriate because all high dollar projects must first be approved by the N. C. Local Government Commission.

The new management policy approved by Hicks would mean that Corry would be responsible for reviewing all bid practices.

Corry, Hicks and Parsons met Monday to review the initial contracts and Hicks said Tuesday that the bid process would have to start all over again and each item, engineering, equipment, construction and design, etc. would have to be bid separately and excluded from the bid to financial institutions for financing the project.

"I know this was frowned upon and our previous actions are invalid but if anyone wants to put any blame they can put it on the city manager," said Hicks.

"All this is very confusing," said Mayor Scott Neisler, who said after the Sunday meeting that the

specifications for the proposal may change also. First bids for the estimated \$2 million project were taken for financing, equipment and construction all in one package which the LGC turned down and the financing term was five years.

Neisler is proposing dividing the package, which the attorney says must be done and begun from scratch. But Neisler is also seeking a 10-year pay back plan, instead of a five year pay back plan, which he says will free up money the city can use to buy a firetruck and other capital outlay items and start funds for a new police department.

Hicks said the city has signed no formal contracts with contractors for the proposed project which he says will be delayed until the city takes bids again and the Local Government Commission approves the financing of the project.

Both Hicks and Parsons told Council Sunday that the Local Government Commission has the final say about financing the project and Parsons said she talked to Bob High of the Local Government Commission Sunday morning. Parsons said she has been informed on several occasions by the LGC that if the City Council moved ahead with the project without the LGC's approval on finances that the signatures of Council on an agreement would, in fact, mean each would be responsible for the costs.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Kings Mountain is in a **State of Turmoil.**

### WHY?

Lack of Political and Administrative Leadership.

I hereby withdraw my support of and all previous public endorsements of Mr. Gary Hicks, the Interim City Manager. I apologize for those endorsements.

Who knows what the specific problem is?

### ANSWER

1. Many Citizens
2. City Attorney
3. Interim City Manager
4. Mayor
5. Council
6. City Employees

### RESULTS

1. Mayor and Council have no credibility.
2. Fundamental services are not delivered effectively.
3. Favoritism to special interests continues.
4. Every single day this situation continues makes it that much more difficult for the next City Manager to function.

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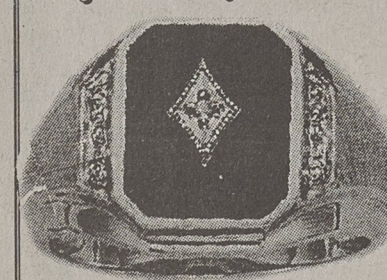


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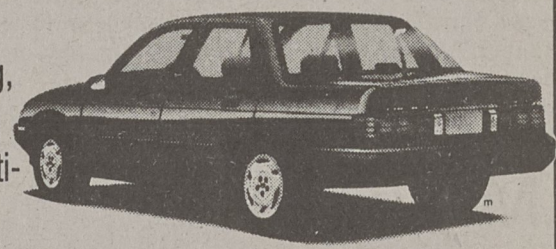
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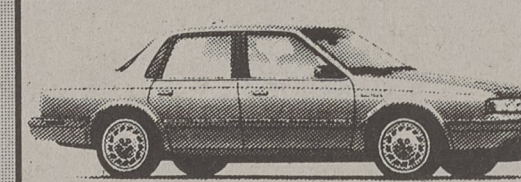
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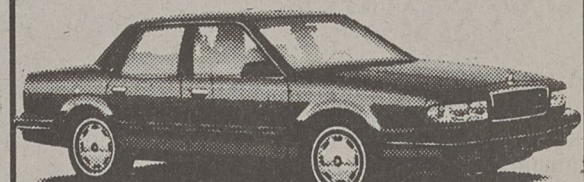
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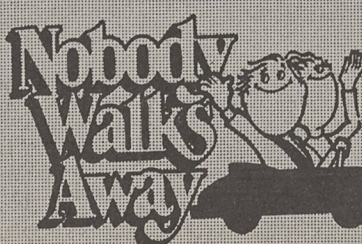
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