## ituaries

**IRENE COLLINS** 

Irene Wilson Collins, 84, a resident of Belaire Health Care Center, Gastonia, December 16, 1996.

A native of Forsyth County, she was the daughter of the late George Washington and Pearl Powers Wilson, and wife of the late Fred Collins. She was also preceded in death by her sonin-law, Larry Deaton, and three brothers, Woodrow Wilson, Carl Wilson and George Wilson Jr. She was a homemaker and a member of Liberty Baptist Church, Gastonia.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda Deaton of Gastonia, and Judy Bridges and son-inlaw Ned Bridges of Gastonia; son, Jim Wilson and daughterin-law Elizabeth Wilson of Bessemer City; sister, Edith Lovell of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Robert Ammons, David Green and John Moretz Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Pallbearers were Chris Wilson, Michael Wilson, Brett Kiser, Jack Hutchins, Harold Stewart, and Ronnie Stewart.

CHARLES H. MOSS IR.

BRADENTON, FL. - Charles Hunter Moss Jr., 71, Third Avenue N.W., formerly of Kings Mountain, died December 11, 1996 at Shores Nursing Home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Charles Hunter Moss Sr. and Mary Ledford Moss. He was the widow of Frances Lindsay Moss, was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, served in the Army Air Corp, was a graduate of N.C. State University, and was a retired textile executive for J.P. Stevens Co.

He is survived by his sons, John Lindsay Moss of Bradenton and Charles Hunter Moss III of Jacksonville, FL; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Richard Newsome Sunday at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain. Burial was in Mountain Rest Gemetery

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1188, Kings Mountain, NC

**MARY WRIGHT** 

Mary Kathleen Wright, 74, Gastonia Highway, Bessemer City, died December 14, 1996 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Florence Black Smith and the late Robert Worth Smith. She was retired from Burlington Industries, was a Professional

Seamstress and was a member of Unity Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Clyde Richard Wright of Bessemer City; daughters, Amanda K. Black of Dallas and Jenny Wright Black of Wateree, SC; brother, Charles Smith of West Worthington, Ohio; sisters, Louise Burleson of Spruce Pine, Frances Henry of Henry, Va; Naomi Froneberger of Gastonia, and Becky Gragg of Charlotte; and grandchildren, Sherry Diane Black of Hickory, Charles Jeffery Black of Kings Mountain, Lisa Lynn Almond of Bessemer City, and Jessie Gene Conner of Sharon, SC; great-grandchildren, Ashley Almond of Bessemer City, Shane Thomas of Black Mountain, Mark Storm Conner of Kings Mountain, and Lisa Michelle Conner of York, SC; and eight step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her grandchildren, Jody Lamar Conner and Lisa Michelle

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Scott Wilson Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel. Burial was at Westview will lie in state from 2:30 to 3:00 Garden.

MRS. WILLARD LEIGH Mrs. Willard Bridges Leigh, 82, 2014 Poplar Street, Gastonia,

died December 12, 1996 at her

A retired employee of the Myers Plant in Gastonia, she was a member of Myrtle United Methodist Church where she was a member of The Women's Bible Class and United Methodist Women. She was dedicated to keep the nursery during regular church services.

Mrs. Leigh was preceded in death by her daughter, Rachel Leigh; son, Wilber Leigh; and husband, Theodore J. Leigh.

She is survived by her sons, Glenn Leigh of Gastonia, Jerry Leigh of McAdenville and Bob Leigh of New Bern; daughters, Shirley Parker and Betty Cable of Gastonia; brothers, Floyd Bridges of Carolina Beach, Paul Bridges of Clinton, SC, and Ray Bridges of Gastonia; sister, Faye Anderson of Gastonia; 17 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Richard Johnson Sunday at 2 p.m. at Myrtle United Methodist Church. Burial was in Hollywood

Memorials may be made to Myrtle United Methodist Church Good Samaritan Fund, 1135 Bessemer City Road, Gastonia, NC 28052; or to Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28053; or to Crisis Assistance Ministry, P.O. Box 31636, Charlotte, NC

JEAN COLE

Jean Smith Cole, 80, of 911 Eastview Street, Shelby, died Monday, December 16, 1997 at Cleveland regional Medical

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Houston and Mary Huffstetler Smith. She was a homemaker and an active member of Westview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband Paul B. Cole of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Jan Davis Cole of Shelby; two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Captain Art Knudsen of Hampton, Va. and Cathy and Keith Kiser of Winston-Salem; two sisters, Jeannette Clark and Faye Jackson, both of Shelby; two granddaughters, Scotti Cole and Amber Smith; three grandsons, Kevin Kiser, Nick Cole, and Kyle Kiser; and one great granddaughter, Samantha Nicole Smith.

Funeral will be conducted at 3 .m. Thursday, December 19, 1966 at Westview Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Brackett officiating. The body p.m. Burial will be in Mountain Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Christopher Road Baptist Church Building Fund, 420 Christopher Road, Shelby, NC

One man charged in alleged rape

A Gastonia man was arrested this week as police seek three other suspects in the alleged rape of a 13-year-old Kings Mountain girl July 19.

Cleveland County deputies arrested William Joseph Sprouse, 19, of 5309 Sparrow Dairy Rd., Gastonia, Tuesday afternoon and charged him with statutory rape, according to Sgt. Bobby Steen of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department.

Steen said the victim said she was offered and swallowed two white pills and after taking them she became lifeless and although unconscious was aware that she was being raped.

NCDOT opens lanes for holiday season

A trip along North Carolina's highways this holiday season will remind motorists more of the film classic, "It's A Wonderful Life" than of "The

Grinch That Stole Christmas." The NCDOT will open lanes in most work zones along Interstates, U. S. and N. C. routes on heavily traveled holi-

Lanes will be open from the evening of December 20 to Thursday, January 2.

CHARLOTTE LUCY BAKER **GARTH BAKER** Bakers return home after holiday visit

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Baker and their children, Charlotte Lucy and Garth, have returned to Portland, Oregon after a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Baker is the former Virginia Herndon, daughter of William Herndon and the late Jean Herndon. Mr Baker is the son of Betty Mercier and the late Tack Mercier.

They stayed in Kings Mountain at the home of Virginia's grandmother, Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, and also visited Dr. and Mrs. Will Herndon Jr., Andrew and Alexander, in Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. William Herndon Sr. and Mrs. Betty Mercier in Kings Mountain. The childrentook tractor rides on Herndon Farm Road.

Charlotte Baker, 2 1/2, enjoyed playing in a doll house at the home of her greatgrandmother "Meme" Lynch.

Baker is an executive with Niki Company in Portland.

# **BOB HAYES**

the man with the gun was sitting on a car in the backyard, drinking a can of beer, waving the pistol and cursing.

Thinking the man would not fire at him and hoping to snatch the pistol, Hayes, six foot six, dashed 20 yards through the darkness, lunged at the suspect and slipped on the wet grass. "And bam, bam, bam he started shooting," recalled Hayes. The officer was shot three times below the neck and once in the right shoulder.

Being a police officer is a job if you plan to be good one, Hayes tells his staff on a regular

But the Chief is the first to admit that the gun and the badge don't mean the same to every-

### Kinds Mountain Weather Report (Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

Dec. 11-17 Total precip. 1.12 .78 (12th) Max. one day Year to date 48.88 31 (15th) Min. temp. 67 (11th) Max. temp. 51.5 Avg. temp.

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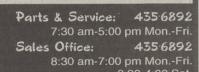
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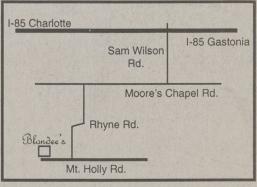
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