

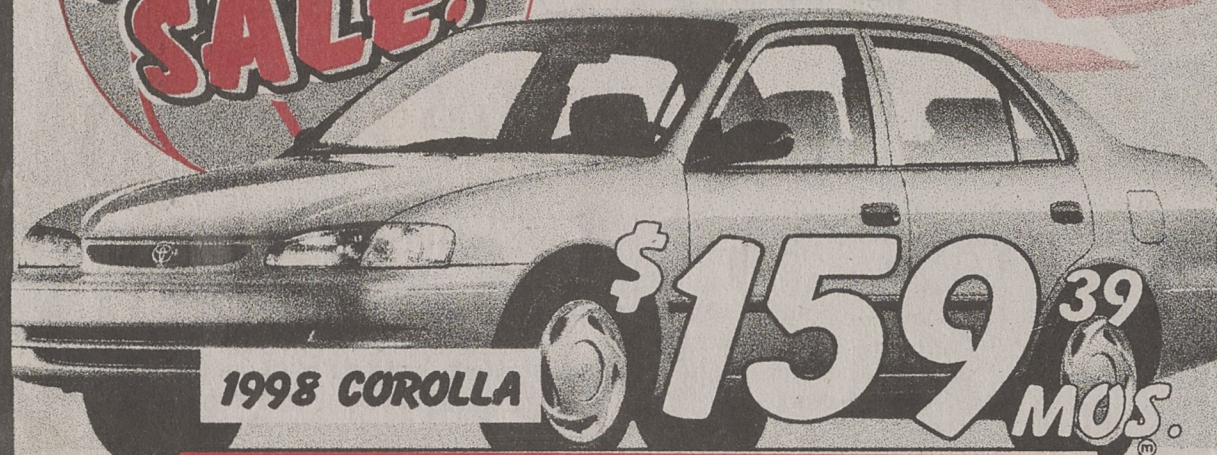
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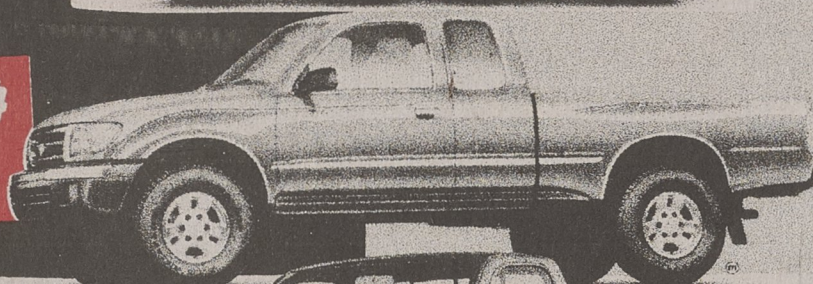
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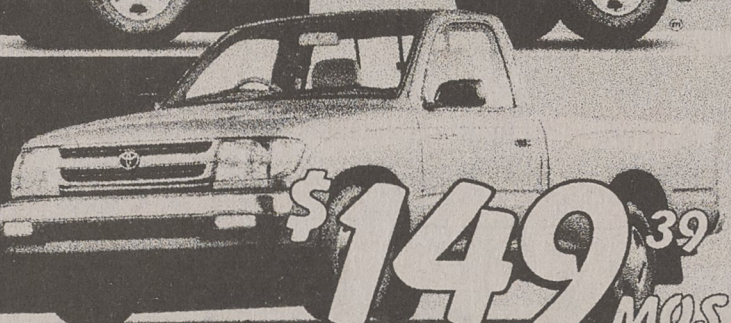
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## Obituaries

**ALEX DONALDSON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Alex Dale Donaldson, infant son of Rickey and Brandy Donaldson, died March 14, 1998 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kaylia Leanne Donaldson; paternal great-grandfather, Jesse Mayberry; paternal great-grandparents, Willie and Katherine McGinnis; and maternal great-grandparents, L.J. and Irene Perry.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Ricky Ray Perry of Kings Mountain; Solita R. Perry of Kings Mountain; paternal grandparents, Lewis and Mary Donaldson of Kings Mountain; paternal great-grandmother, Annie Mayberry of Kings Mountain; maternal grandparents, Ricky and Debra Perry of Kings Mountain and Shiela and Bobby Bare of Kings Mountain; maternal great-grandparents, Bill and Ruth Hovis of Cherryville; and maternal great-grandmother, Betty Stamey of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**BERT MARTIN**  
BLACKSBURG, SC - Bert Martin, 704 Ninety Nine Island Road, died unexpectedly March 13, 1998 at Upstate Carolina Medical Center, Gaffney, SC.

A native of Cherokee County, he was the husband of Lula Mae Parris Martin and son of the late Preston and Geneva Starnes Martin. He was retired from Burlington Industries, Cherokee Falls Plant. He attended Nazareth Baptist Church and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Allen Martin of Winston-Salem; daughters, Vivia V. Martin, Sybil R. Martin and Aileen M. Towery, all of Blacksburg, SC; Marilyn Patterson of Anderson, SC and Glenda M. Jolly of Gaffney, SC; brother, Ralph Martin of Chester, SC; sister, Minnie M. Black of Fort Lawn, SC; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. James Clark, James Patterson Sr. and Joseph Clayton at 2 p.m. Monday at Nazareth Baptist Church. Interment was in Clingman Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Jolly, James Patterson Jr., Pete Earls, Cecil Martin, Timmy Earls, Jerry Martin, Colvin Martin, Kent Gilfillan, Roger Nelms and Junior Dover.

White Columns Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

**LUTHER MATHIS**  
Marvin Luther Mathis, 73, 116 Thomas Fite St., died March 15, 1998 at his residence.

A native of Burke County, he was the son of the late Horace David and Effie Maggie Eades Mathis. He was a retired textile worker with Parkdale Mills Inc., Belmont. He was preceded in death by his sister, Irene Moore of Dallas.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Propst Mathis; stepsons, Ned L. Propst of Gastonia and Kenneth A. Davis of Kannapolis; and brothers, Kenneth E. Mathis of Dallas and Frank Mathis of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by Chaplain Billy Miller at 3 p.m. Wednesday at McLean-Bumgardner Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Mt. Holly.

McLean-Bumgardner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**DORIS GORDON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Doris Garris Gordon, 310 Walker Street, died March 14, 1998.

A native of Rochelle, Ill., she was the daughter of the late Pauline Elder. She was also preceded in death by her son, Sean Garris. She was a former employee of Eaton Corporation in Grover, and was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Reid Gordon of Gastonia; daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Allen Stowe and Lisa and D.K. Bryant of Kings Mountain; father, Lloyd Elder of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; brothers, Kemmy Elder of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Jerry Elder of Rochelle, Ill.; sister, Freida Black of Alexis; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Olin Byrum at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## ROAMIN'

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Mrs. Page was a big fan of former Carolina Coach Dean Smith, and has been equally impressed with new Coach Bill Guthridge.

"He's A Number One in my book," she said. "He's a different type coach than Coach Smith but he's a wonderful person. He's so down to earth. The thing I like about him is when he takes a player out he pats him on the back whether he's done good or bad."

Mrs. Page is also a big fan of all the Carolina players, especially junior All-Americans Antawn Jamison and Vince Carter whose status for next year is uncertain since rumors have them leaving college for the pro ranks.

"I think they might go pro," Mrs. Page said. "But I hope they don't."

Mrs. Page ate lunch with her visitor and good friend, Sarah Kate Lewis, a Duke graduate who sat silently as Mrs. Page praised her beloved Tar Heels. She didn't seem to mind all the talk about Carolina, though. And Mrs. Page refused to say anything negative about the Blue Devils and Coach Mike Krzyzewski (on the record).

Dot Goforth admitted that sometimes her loyalties are split between Carolina and Duke, but as long as the teams aren't playing each other she's comfortable pulling for both.

"I had two children graduate Carolina and one Duke," she noted, "so there was always a lot of friction around my house when they played each other. If they meet for the national championship it will be tough. I guess I'll just have to leave the room."

The game did get a little nerve-racking for Mrs. Goforth. She left the room briefly and returned with some knitting material and knitted to settle her nerves.

Boyd Canipe, a retired high

**FRANK WELLMON**  
SHELBY - Frank Earl Wellmon, 75, 1323 Barbee Road, died March 12, 1998 at McDowell Nursing Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Samuel Clint Wellmon and Lona Hoyle Wellmon. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Maynard Wellmon, Hoyle Wellmon and Tom Wellmon; and his sisters, Velle Grigg, Lala Gantt, Mildred Brooks and Louise Ballard.

He was a maintenance foreman for the Department of Transportation for 38 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service in the European Theater in World War II. He participated in battles in Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, and was a recipient of the Bronze Star.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Hamrick Wellmon of Shelby; son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Brenda Wellmon of Shelby; daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Russell Browning of Kings Mountain and Becky and Don Beam of Shelby; brothers, Ray Wellmon and Bill Wellmon of Shelby; sister, Sarah Hilton of Shelby; grandson and wife, Rodney and Stacey Honeycutt of Lawndale; grandsons, Clint Beam and Justin Beam of Shelby; and granddaughter, Kasey Beam of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Russell Fitts and Dr. Randy Bridges at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zion Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Zion Baptist Church Building Fund, 525 W. Zion Church Rd., Shelby, NC 28150.

Cleveland Funeral Services, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

school basketball coach, often found himself giving the Tar Heels some pointers. When they'd miss a foul shot or a shot from the perimeter, he pointed out that they might do better if they put more of an arch on their shot rather than shooting it straight.

Canipe is a graduate of Appalachian, but his son Jimmy attended UNC and he's always been a big Tar Heel fan. Canipe also is a big supporter of the Carolina women's team. He taught UNC Coach Sylvia Hatchell in the sixth grade at Myrtle School in Gastonia.

"I haven't kept up with basketball too much this year, but I want Carolina to win," he said. "I'm really proud of Sylvia."

Canipe coached for several years at Belwood High School in Cleveland County and at Hollis High in Rutherford County. His cousin, the late Clyde Canipe, was head football coach at Kings Mountain High School in 1946 and later coached for several years at large high schools in Florida.

Canipe had a big time shelling and eating peanuts...and coaching the Heels.

Esther Stowe sat with the crowd, but seemed to enjoy the popcorn more than the ball game; and former teacher Thelma Goforth, whose son John is the principal of Kings Mountain Middle School just across the street from the retirement facility, pulled for the Tar Heels even though her loyalty really lies with that other Carolina team in Columbia, SC.

"We all just had a great time," Leonard said. "The way the game started out sort of scared me. It was kind of shaky for awhile. We plan to continue the parties."

Hopefully, through the national championship. And, if the Tar Heels win, that big roar you hear out on Phifer Road will be coming from The Summit Place.



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