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New owner of Rick's Ole Country Store Barry Patel (left) and former owner Rick Moore share a laugh behind the checkout counter. After more than 20 years in business, Moore recently sold the convenience store and grill in the Ebenezer community to Patel.

Rick's Ole Country Store sold to Bob and Barry Patel

Rick's Ole Country Store on Cherryville Highway is under new ownership.

Bob and Barry Patel of Monroe bought the business from Rick and Jean Moore July 23.

The Moores have owned the business for 20 years, expanding it from a Citgo service station and convenience store to a grill and 48-unit mini warehouse and storage facility on the three acre lot.

"It was with mixed emotions that we decided to get out of the convenience store operation but I wanted to devote full time to the operation of Timms Furniture and Appliances on S. Battleground Avenue," said

Rick Moore, owner.

The Patels say they plan to continue the good customer service initiated by Moore.

"I really want to thank my customers for their patronage over the years," said Moore.

Kings Mountain natives and longtime residents, Rick and his wife, Jean Moore, bought the popular Kings Mountain business, Timms Furniture, from Gene Timms October 5, 1998.

Larry Dunn, formerly with Timms for a number of years, continues as business manager. Moore's daughter, Karla Moore Drennan, is assistant sales manager. Richard Barnette, formerly with Cooper's Inc. for many years, works in a part time posi-

tion in sales.

Other members of the Moore family include their son and daughter-in-law, Shelby attorney Tim Moore and his wife, Julie and son-in-law, Randy Drennan, all of Kings Mountain.

Selling isn't new to Rick Moore. Before he started adding food on the grill to Rick's Ole Country Store, he sold cars for Smith Chevrolet and now is specializing in offering complete home furnishings for every member of the family as well as fine appliances. Jean Moore is a registered nurse.

Turner joins First Charter as auditor

First Charter has announced the appointment of William O. Turner to the position of Vice President and Chief Auditor.

Turner brings over twenty one years internal audit experience to First Charter. Prior to

joining the organization, Turner was with Main Street Financial Corporation in Martinsville, Virginia, now acquired by BB&T.

Turner earned his BS in Business and Finance from

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He also earned designations as a Certified Financial Services Auditor, and a Certified Fraud Examiner.

OBITUARIES

GLADYS HAMRICK
SHELBY- Gladys Frazier Hamrick, 90, formerly of Beaver Dam Community, Shelby, died August 3, 1999 at Courtland Terrace, Gastonia.

A native of Mecklenburg County. She was the daughter of the late William T. Frazier and Cora Severs Frazier. She was also preceded in death by her husband S.C. Hamrick. She was a floral designer in the shop she and her husband owned. She was a member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son Carelton Hamrick, Jr. of Mint Hill, N.C.; daughters Elaine Aaron of Gastonia and Carole Johnson of Charlotte; grandchildren Carelton Hamrick III and Casey Hamrick of Mint Hill, Mark Aaron and Emily Aaron of Gastonia, Kevin Johnson and Keith Johnson of Charlotte, Lisa Calhoun of Charlotte; great grandchildren Tiffanie, Joshua, and Jeremy Calhoun of Charlotte.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 3 pm at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel by the Rev. Kenneth Pruitt and Dr. Paul Sorrells. Burial was in Beaver Dam Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 123 Beaver Dam Church Road, Shelby 28152.

C.D. PATTERSON
LEXINGTON - C.D. Patterson, 74, resident of the Brian Center, died Tuesday, August 10, 1999 in the Brian Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Oscar Patterson and Vivian Gertrude Burgin Patterson. He had been a resident of the Lexington area for the greater part of his life. He was a retired truck driver with the Masonite Corporation and was a member of Burton Street Missionary Baptist Church. He was married to the late Nancy Allison Patterson.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Steve Davis of Thomasville; five sisters, Mrs. Marie Griggs of Gastonia, Mrs. Virginia May of Gastonia, Mrs. Ella Faye Rushing of Shelby, Mrs. Faye Dixon of South Carolina, and Mrs. Mazelle Shumpert of West Columbia SC; four brothers, Odell Patterson and Buddy Patterson of Kings Mountain, Johnny Patterson of Gastonia and Marshal Patterson of Laurinburg; sister-in-law, Mrs. Georgia Allison, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Lula Allison.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery.

J.C. Green & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Arthur Pearson would like to thank Dr. Count and the nurses in the Emergency Room and Cleveland Regional in Shelby for all of their great care. Also, the nurses at White Oak Manor in Shelby for their care. We want to thank Rev. Roger Woodard for all his prayers, visits and understanding; the food group at Family Worship for their hospitality and such good food. God bless all of you.

Love,
Roy and Elvia Pearson

ERNEST DAVIS
BLACKSBURG, SC - Ernest Davis, 82, 277 Tribal Road, died August 7, 1999 at Mary Black Hospital.

A native of Cleveland county, NC, he was the son of the late Plato Davis and the late Docie Parker Davis. He was a member of St. John United Methodist Church. He was a retired textile employee and farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Ovie Mae McFarland Davis of the home; son, Ernest Sebastian Davis of Duncan; daughter, Margaret Ann Boone of Las Gatos, CA; four grandchildren; and sisters, Eveleen Keeter of Bessemer City and Thelma Deaton of Lowell.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Marneese Hampton and Dr. Bruce Davis at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Gordon Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in Clingman Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Eddie Mullinax, Bobby Davis, Randy Davis, Pete McFarland, Wayne McFarland, and Faron Dale Sisk.

Gordon Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA SNEED
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Virginia Myers Sneed, 68, 1245 Lewis Farm Road, died Sunday, August 8, 1999 at her residence.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Fred William and Mary Sue Sanders Myers, and wife of the late Walter Leneer Sneed. She was a retired textile employee.

She is survived by her son, Walter Leneer Sneed Jr. of Boca Raton, FL; daughter, Janet Sneed and husband, Alberto Beani of Kings Mountain and Elizabeth Sneed Delk and husband, Blake, of Charlotte; grandchildren, Tiffany Anne Delk and Garrett William Delk of Charlotte; and brothers, Leo Myers of Kings Mountain and Fred W. Myers Jr. of Lancaster, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Charles Fite at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gaston Hospice, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BILLY COSTNER
SHELBY- Billy Dwight Costner, 66, 715 Walker Drive, died August 9, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Robert Webb and Elizabeth Lail Costner. He was also preceded in death by brothers Robert Flay Costner and Howard Lee Costner, and sister Helen Costner Grant. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a painter with Garland Ridings Painting Co.

He is survived by his brother Leonard Costner of Shelby; special niece and nephew Jeff and Carolyn Grant and children Christie, Casey, and Emily; nieces Cherry Clark, Sandy Byrum, and Gina Justice; nephews Scott Costner, Robbie Costner, and Donald Costner.

A graveside service was conducted Wednesday at 1 pm at Cleveland Memorial Park by the Rev. Len Byers.

VIRGIL HAMRICK
SPENCER MOUNTAIN - Virgil "Spud" Hamrick, 60, 153 Pharr Blvd., died August 7, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cherryville and former resident of Kings Mountain, he had been a resident of Spencer Mountain and Gaston County for over 38 years. He was employed with United Spinning and was previously employed with Acme Spinning for over 25 years. He served in Germany while in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by a brother, William "Rick" Hamrick.

He is survived by his parents, Wilburn and Mary Jane Cook Hamrick of Kings Mountain; wife, Mary Neal Wellman Hamrick; son, Tracy Allen Hamrick of Spencer Mountain; daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca Hamrick and Jason Beach of Grover; daughters, Shelia Amanda Hamrick and Jennifer Renee Hamrick of Spencer Mountain; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gilbert and Shirley Hamrick of Kings Mountain, Kenneth and Brenda Hamrick of Kings Mountain; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mona and Jack Scism of Kings Mountain and Linda and Frank Abernathy of Lowell; grandchildren, Aaron Hamrick, Stephen Hamrick, Taylor Beach, Madison Heath and Ariana Husky; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Heath at 3 p.m. Tuesday in The Broad Oaks Chapel of McLean and Son Funeral Home in Gastonia. Pallbearers were Richard Abernathy, Stephen Heath, Tim Husky, Jason Beach, Michael Hamrick, Neal Scism, Scotty Hamrick and Rick Hamrick.

Memorials may be made to The American Diabetes Association, 1660 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314.

ARTHUR WALKER
KINGS MOUNTAIN- William Arthur Walker, 86, resident of Magnolia Drive, Morganton, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Saturday, August 7, 1999 at Brithaven Nursing Center, Morganton.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Joseph Allen and Julia Harsoe Walker and husband of the late Lela Clark Walker. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Paul Walker and Horace Walker. He was retired from the textile industry and was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his sister Martha DeVenney of Cherryville and a number of nieces and nephews.

The graveside service was conducted Monday at 11 am by the Rev. Harrison Hinson at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

LEE BAKER, JR.
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Lee Baker, Jr., 69, Rt. 3 Kings Mountain, died August 8, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Floyd "Buster" and Maggie Leonhardt Baker, and the husband of the late Anna Frances Baker. He was self employed and a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his son Joey Lee Baker of Kings Mountain; daughter Jeannie Boyles and husband Steve of Cherryville; grandchildren Michael Shane Peeler and LeAna Boyles both of Cherryville; sister Phoebe Devine of Cherryville.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 11 am at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. The Revs. Mitchell Pruitt and Jeff Glenn officiated. Burial was in Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.





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