

Water leak battles city, Lublanezki

Downtown property owner George Lublanezki appealed to Kings Mountain City Council to help him with a water problem at Tuesday night's meeting at City Hall.

Lublanezki said for 11 months water has been leaking through the side of his building on Battleground Avenue, and it's his belief that it's coming from adjoining property "up the hill."

"It should have already been taken care of," he told the Council. He said he has called city staff about the problem on numerous occasions and they have come out to inspect it, but have done nothing.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said the city has made numerous attempts to find the source of the leak, but has been unsuccessful. He said there are a number of old water lines and abandoned underground gas tanks in the area and that the city will probably have to call in an outside consultant to determine where the water is coming from.

"The more we dig we find more tanks and lines," Maney said. "The more we dig the more we run the risk of hitting an old underground tank and either causing an explosion or an environmental problem."

In another matter, Council heard an update from Mayor Rick Murphrey on the city's spring clean-up campaign. He said large trash containers will be placed at City Hall, the National Guard Armory, Public Works, and the Fire Museum on April 14-15 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and city staff will be on hand to accept garbage items from citizens. A schedule will be included in citizens' utility bills and an advertisement in The Herald on April 7 will list items that cannot be accepted.

Murphrey said the city is also working this week to beautify all entrances to the city. He said the city is setting up a special fund so organizations, businesses and individuals can support the effort. He also acknowledged a \$100 gift from businessman Jim Zeurick, who challenged other businesses to match it.

Murphrey also noted that city representatives will meet with Gastonia Mayor Jennie Schultz, who is affiliated with the Keep America Beautiful Campaign. He said the city is considering joining the organization, and eventually hopes to work toward All-American City status.

In cooperation with a statewide program, Council approved April 7-20 as Litter Sweep in Kings Mountain and urged all citizens to participate in keeping roadsides clean and to reduce solid waste. Public Works Director Jackie Barnette said the State DOT makes available trash bags, vests and gloves and invites the community to call the DOT at 480-5402 for more information on how they can help the effort.

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH DALTON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Elizabeth Moss "Lib" Dalton, 86, White Oak Manor, died Saturday, March 25, 2000 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Manuel A. and Amanda Oates Moss. She was wife of the late Roy Eugene Payne and the late Thomas Ralley Dalton. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Shirley Payne Hughes; sister, Margaret J. Johnson; and granddaughter, Beverly Hughes Tignor.

She was a member of Second Baptist Church, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth R. Dalton and wife, Lillian, of Kings Mountain; daughter, Patsy Cooke and husband, Espy of Kings Mountain; brother, John Henry Moss and wife, Elaine, of Kings Mountain; eight grandchildren, Cindy Meeks and husband, Ken, of Smyre, SC, Gary Cooke and wife, Christy, Wayne Cooke and wife, Sherry, Scott Cooke and wife, Linda, and Toney Cook and wife, Paige, all of Kings Mountain; 18 great-grandchildren, three nieces and three nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mike Dixon and Eugene Land at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Second Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

COLON ELLIS

SHELBY - Colon William Ellis, 82, 209 Westside Lane, Mooresboro, died March 23, 2000.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Play Oscar and Affie Belle Ledford. He was also preceded in death by son Gary Dean Ellis, brothers F.V. Ellis, Hubert Ellis, Clayton Ellis, and sisters Mary Thomas, Betty Saey, Lois Brendle, Lecie Austin. He was a retired farmer and custodian of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, where he was also a member.

He is survived by his wife Reba Inez Davis Ellis of the home; son and daughter in law Charles William and Mary Anne Ellis of Mooresboro; sister Dessie Hullender of Shelby; grandson Kevin Scott Ellis of Mooresboro.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church by the Revs. Terry Cagle, Robert Toney, and Andy Oliver. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 198 Pleasant Ridge Church Road, Shelby 28152.

EULA MAE COBB
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Eula Mae Oliver Cobb, 78, 336 El Bethel Road, died Thursday, March 23, 2000 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Jackson County, GA, she was the daughter of the late Coonrod and Lula Mae Tucker Oliver. She was the wife of the late Charlie Cobb.

She was a member of First Wesleyan Church, and was retired from the textile industry.

She is survived by her sons, Buddy Ronald Cobb, Mitchell David Cobb and wife, Judy, Douglas Edward Cobb and wife, Brenda, and Michael Steven Cobb and wife, Rita, all of Kings Mountain; daughters, Helen C. Sisk and husband, Dick, and Freida Cobb, all of Kings Mountain; brothers, W.T. Oliver of Rock Hill, SC, Donald Oliver of Walterboro, SC, and Charles Oliver, Elbert Oliver and Haywood Oliver, all of Kings Mountain; sisters, Pat Caison of Launburg and Peggy Jackson of Kings Mountain; 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Don Williams at 3 p.m. Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIE MAE LAHRMER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Willie Mae Lahrmer, 63, 1309 Phifer Road, died Friday, March 24, 2000 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Willie Edward and Grace Beatrice Henderson Teseniar. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Darrel R. Lahrmer of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Danny Keith and Sunni Lahrmer of Smyrna, SC; daughters and sons-in-law, Janice L. and Frank Martin and Beverly and Kenny Corn of Kings Mountain; granddaughter and her husband, Amanda and Eric Nalley of Smyrna, SC; grandson, Brandon Huffman of Kings Mountain; great-grandsons, Kaleb and Hunter Nalley of Smyrna, SC; sisters and brothers-in-law, Etrulia and Bobby Creighton of Bessemer City and Opal and Stan Pinkus of Cary; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Raymond and Shirley Teseniar of High Shoals, James Edward and Kathy Teseniar of Lincolnton, Boyce and Jan Teseniar and Sam and Dot Teseniar of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mitchell Pruett and Russell Pitts at 2 p.m. Monday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

KATHLEEN WREN
GASTONIA - Mrs. Kathleen Wren, 81, 3615 Bryantcole Way, died March 27, 2000 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late D.P. and Lola Guyton Randall. She was the wife of the late James Robert Wren Sr.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, James Robert Wren Jr. of Gastonia and John Ansley Wren of Charlotte; daughter, Julia Wren Reid of Rosemont, PA; sisters, Ruth Randall Pruett of Kings Mountain, Eloise Moore of Siclerville, NJ, and Sue Edens of Gainesville, FL; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted by Dr. David C. Stoker and Dr. A. Douglas Aldrich at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church parlor.

Memorials may be made to The Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, 6500 South New Hope Road, Belmont, NC 28012.

Woodlawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JOE B. BELL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Joe B. Bell, 70, died March 23, 2000 at Vencor Hospital, Greensboro.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Thomas Edgar and Mamie Dixon Bell. He was retired from Firestone Industries, Gastonia, and was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Lib" Bell of Kings Mountain; daughter, Rhonda Bell of Houston, TX; brother, Carl Bell and wife, Martha, of Kings Mountain; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mabel and Rev. Ray Price of Wilmington, Cloe and Cramer McDaniel of Gastonia, and Wanda Bell of Kings Mountain; and one grandchild, William Stuart.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ray Price at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JOHN GREENE JR.

SHELBY - John Everette Greene Jr., 73, 612 Woodlawn Avenue, died March 25, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John Everette and Helen Grass Greene. He was retired from United Cab Co. and Doran Textiles.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Mauney Greene of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Linda Greene and Mark and Gayla Greene of Shelby; daughters, Carolyn Greene and Teresa Greene of Shelby; brother, Donald Raye Greene of Shelby; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Sarah and Jack Horne of Lattimore and Maxine and Clyde Nance of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rita Mae Greene.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Ernest Arnold at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Cemetery.

VIVIAN MOORE WIGGINS
LILESVILLE - Vivian Moore Wiggins, 54, died Monday, March 27, 2000 at her home.

A native of Anson County, she was the daughter of Addison and Irene Brock Moore.

She was a 1964 graduate of Wadesboro High School, a member of Wade United Methodist Church and was retired from the North Carolina Department of Corrections, having worked at Anson Correctional Center.

She was preceded in death by her son, Addison Moore Bates; and her father, Addison Moore.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert W. Wiggins Jr. of the home; children, Alvin Bates Jr. of Polkton, Mrs. Sandra Teal and husband, Michael of Wadesboro, Michael Carpenter of Wingate, and Mrs. Deana Fralin and husband, Charlie of Wadesboro; grandchildren, Maddison B. and Kaytlin F. Teal of Wadesboro, Taylor A. Bates of Polkton, and Trysten M. and Autumn M. Fralin of Wadesboro; mother, Mrs. Irene Brock Moore of Wadesboro; brothers and sisters-in-law, Addison Moore Jr. and Libby and Ted Moore and Mary, all of Wadesboro; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Hicks and Dennis of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Lynda Goodwin and Tommy of Matthews; sister-in-law, Mrs. Virgie Moore of Wadesboro; 13 nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Mrs. Irma Poplin of Wadesboro; sister-in-law, Mrs. Judy Swedersky of Michigan City, IN; special friends, Candace Lamonds and Mellissia Taylor of Polkton, Stephanie Wilhoit of Ansonville, Tommy Long of Monroe, Harold Carpenter and Terrie McCuiston, Edmund and Bonnie Carpenter, and Beverly Gatewood, all of Lilesville.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bill Smith at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Wade United Methodist Church. Burial was in Anson Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Harris Hospice Unit, Presbyterian Hospital, P.O. Box 33549, Charlotte, NC 28233 or to Moss Bone Marrow Unit, Presbyterian Hospital, P.O. Box 33549, Charlotte, NC 28233.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES KEENER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - James "JC" Keener, 79, died March 22, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Clifford Clarence and Annie Lou King Keener. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Ann Beaver.

He was retired from Reeves Brothers in Bessemer City, and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shelby.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Sprouse Keener of Kings Mountain; son, Jackie C. Keener and wife, Joanne, of Knightdale; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Bishop Will Lawson at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARILYN HARMON
KILLEEN, TX - Marilyn Green "Lyn" Harmon died March 20, 2000 in Temple, TX.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was a graduate of Bethware High School and was married to Paul Dale Harmon in 1957. She moved to Harker Heights, TX in 1971.

After 21 years she retired from the K.I.S.D. Transportation Department as a school bus driver.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Vacation Bible School helper, choir member, and prior church treasurer. She coached the Harker Heights City League softball team, was a Girl Scout Troop Leader, chaparrone for the Fort Hood Dolphin swim team and assistant to the Killeen High swim team.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Dale Harmon of Harker Heights; daughters, Carol Jean Harmon of Harker Heights and Sandra Harmon Descheneaux of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; brother, Emmett O. Greene of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Thomas and Lois Lovelace Green; and two brothers, Carl and Charles Green.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Baptist Church, Harker Heights.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Association and designated for breast cancer research.

Harper Talasek Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

EMMA WILLIAMS

CLOVER, SC - Emma Lee Avery Hoffman Williams, 79, 2697 Smith Road, died March 23, 2000 at her residence.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Luther Avery and Nancy Payne. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Theodore Roosevelt Hoffman, and her sister, Winnie Mae Wilson.

She was retired from Dover Textiles and was an avid gardener. She was a member of Clover Christian Fellowship and was a former member of Lutheran Chapel Church, Gastonia, and a former resident of Charlotte.

She is survived by her second husband, James Fred Williams; daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Charles Fleming Jr. of Dallas and Martha Hoffman and Ernest Terry of Gastonia; son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Patricia Hoffman of Clover, SC; brothers, Carl and Lamar Avery of Dallas and Clyde Avery of Lenoir; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tony Caruson at 11 a.m. Saturday at Clover Christian Fellowship Church. Burial was in Lutheran Chapel Church Cemetery, Gastonia.

Pallbearers were Jerry and Jeff Hoffman, Charles Fleming III, Mark Fleming, Thomas Hughes, Gary Hamby, Jerome Terry and Derek Parker.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of York County, 67 North Congress St., York, SC 29745 or Clover Christian Fellowship Church Blessing Fund, 1521 N. Jim Carter Rd., Clover, SC 29710.

Ward Funeral Home, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

	March 22-28	Year Ago
Total precip.	.29	.02
Max. 1 day	.29 (27th)	.02 (25th)
Year to date	13.03	7.81
Min. temp.	38 (28th)	36 (27th)
Max. temp.	78 (25th)	74 (24th)
Avg. temp.	59.9	50.0

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