

## OBITUARIES

### BILLY HOYLE

UNION MILLS - Billy Fred Hoyle, 65, 5010 Hudlow Road, died May 11, 2000 at Rutherford Hospital.

A native of Rutherfordton, he was the son of the late Belo and Florence Hoyle. He was a machine operator with Broyhill Furniture and was a member of Sandy Level Baptist Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie Hoyle of Union Mills; brothers, Bernie Hoyle of Shelby and Herman Hoyle and Robert Hoyle of Bostic; and sisters, Ruby Hutchins and Ruth Kimbrell of Morganton, Modene Landis of Forest City and Lillian Greene of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert Hensley at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sandy Level Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Crowe Funeral Home, Rutherfordton, was in charge of arrangements.

### RAY PENDLETON

SHELBY - Ray C. Pennington, 75, 2116 Joe's Lake Road, died May 10, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John Willard and Bessie Queen Pendleton. He was retired after 37 years with J.P. Stevens. He also worked with Doran Mill and Ora Mill.

He was a member of Mulla Memorial Baptist Church, and was a lifetime member of D.A.V. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his son, Phillip Bern Pendleton of Shelby; daughter, Karen Stidham of Shelby; brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Max and Virginia Pendleton of Belmont; sister, Sarah Buff of Vale; sisters-in-law, Dot Pendleton of Winston-Salem and Edna "Pete" Richards of Morganton; grandson, Greg Stidham; granddaughters, Leslie Heffner and husband, Keith, and Melissa Cook; great-granddaughters, Tia Heffner and Whitney Heffner; step grandchildren, Clay Spivey and Amber Spivey; step great-grandson, Dalton Bennett. He was preceded in death by his brother, Gene "Red" Pendleton.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ervin Price and Max Pendleton at 3 p.m. Saturday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

### DIANE S. BALL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Diane Salyers Ball, 52, 1811 Martin Road, died May 9, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Redjacket, W. Va., she was the daughter of the late Joe and Bertha Price Salyers. She was employed by Subway in Cherryville.

She is survived by her husband, William Frankie Ball of Cherryville; sons, Frankie Ball and wife, Ashlie, of Kings Mountain and Shane Ball and fiancée of Bessemer City; daughters, Mabelle Jones and husband, Roy, of Thorpe, W. Va. and Jessica Ball of Cherryville; and grandchildren, Roy Jones III, Alexa Jones, Trista Jones, Nicholas Jones, Dylan Ball and Stacey Ball.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Roy Clark at 2 p.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### GENEVA GILLIAM

GROVER - Geneva Jackson Gilliam, 79, 113 Andrew Drive, died May 11, 2000 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Worth and Frances Philbeck Jackson. She was wife of the late Alfred Gilliam. She was also preceded in death by her son, Charles Gilliam; grandson, Richard Gilliam; and three brothers, Leroy Jackson, William Jackson, and Floyd Jackson.

She was a member of Grover Church of God and was retired from Minette Mills.

She is survived by her sons, Bobby Gilliam and wife, Gaye, of Grover, Junior Gilliam of Wingate, and James Gilliam and wife, Martha, of Patterson Springs; daughters, Judy Walker and husband, Kenny, and Margaret Black and husband, Elmer, of Kings Mountain; brothers, Robert Dover of Shelby and Broadus Jackson of Kings Mountain; sister, Cleo Martin of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Cynthia Woods of Granite Falls, Roger Gilliam of Shelby, Mitchell Gilliam of Waxhaw, Lynn Bowen of Grover, Jamie York, David Black, and Carol Ann Bell of Kings Mountain, Beth Gilliam of Wingate, Michael Gilliam of Shelby, and Jeff Gilliam of Grover; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Larry Wells, Mike Chambers and Joe Heffner at 3 p.m. Saturday at Christian Freedom Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Burial was in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery, Blacksburg, SC.

Memorials may be made to Grover Church of God, 201 North Main Street, Grover, NC 28073.

Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, was in charge of arrangements.

### JACK JOLLEY

SHELBY - Jack Jolley, 95, 2125 Honey Haven Farm Road, died May 12, 2000 at Crawley Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Prier Wilkinson and Mary Elizabeth Humphries Jolley. He was the husband of the late Edna Moore Jolley.

He was a self employed farmer.

He is survived by his son William Jolley and wife Rachel of Boiling Springs; granddaughter Brenda Roper of Boiling Springs; great grandsons Justin and Tyler Roper both of Boiling Springs.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 4 p.m. at Flint Hill Baptist Church by the Rev. Keith Dixon. Burial was in Flint Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Flint Hill Baptist Church, 2207 Flint Hill Church Road, Shelby 28152.

Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

### DANNY AUTON

SHELBY - Danny Ray Auton, 27, 713 Live Oak Street, died May 12, 2000 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was employed at PPG as a glass winder.

He is survived by his father James Lee Auton of the home; mother Susan Powell Auton of the home; sister and brother in law Teresa A. Lawson and Wayne of Shelby; brother and sister in law Tim Auton and Kathy of Boiling Springs; daughter Amber of Chimney Rock; grandmother Lula Blanton Auton Andrews of Shelby.

The graveside service was conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Sunset Cemetery by the Revs. Wayne Lawson and Larry Hawkins.

## SEARCH

From 1A

Diving is also difficult because of the cold temperature of the water, he said.

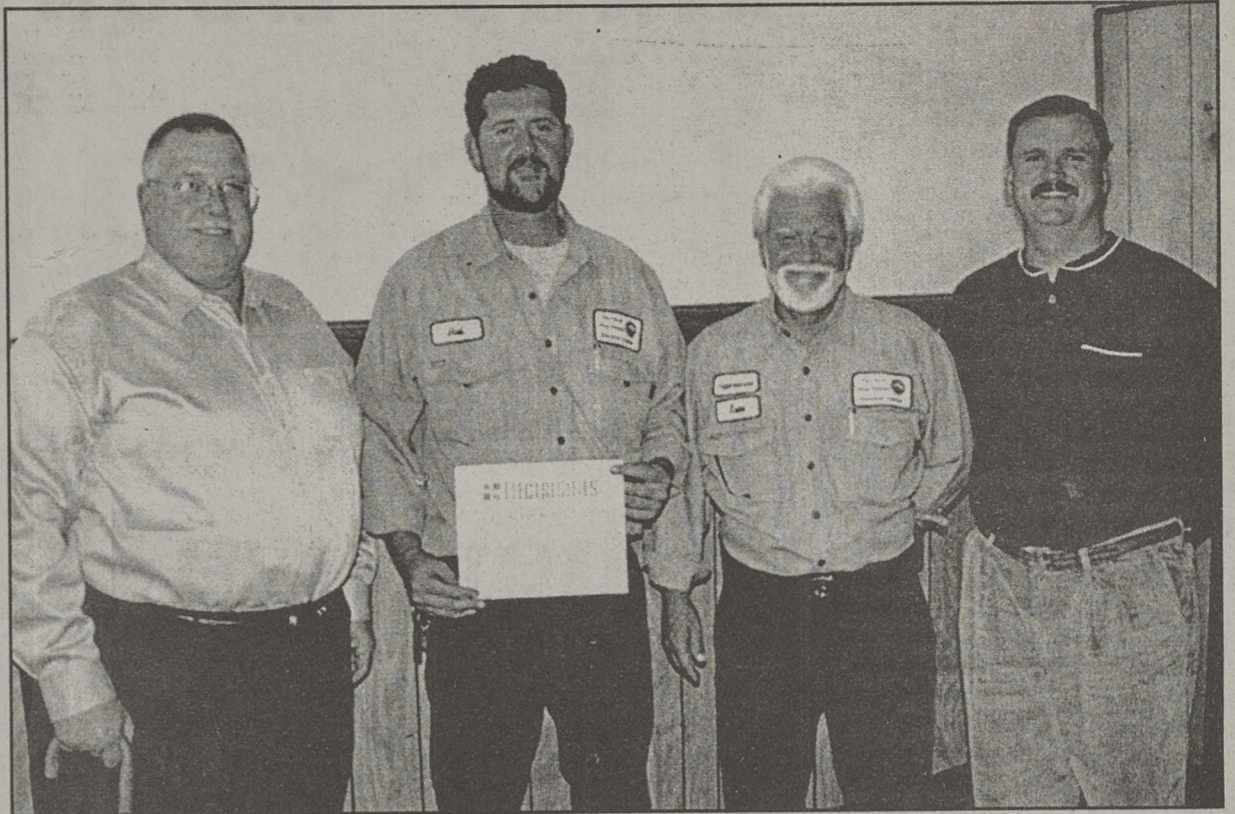
"They have to manage their time," he noted. "You're pushing your luck after 60 minutes at that depth. That lake's unbearably cold even with a wet suit on."

Proctor said high-powered infrared cameras were used to find the body of James Roy Carroll Jr. It was approximately 50 to 75 yards from the spot the men went under.

"They (rescuers) were combing through the bottom and bumped into something," Proctor noted. "They knew it felt different so they stopped and turned the camera a little bit and saw that it was an arm. They knew if they moved it they'd lose him, so they maneuvered it under his arm and lifted him very gently to the surface."

The man's body was found at the spot bloodhounds detected a scent of body oils, Proctor said.

Rescuers were confident



ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD  
Kings Mountain electric utilities department lineman Bob Boles (second from left) recently completed the advanced Lineman Career Development Program course of study. Pictured with Boles are, left to right; Ray Wilson, Tom Roddy, and Rick Hendricks.

## Boles completes course

BY ALAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

If it's got voltage, then Bob Boles of the Kings Mountain Electric Utility Department can handle it.

Taking his job as a five year veteran of the department a step above the average, Boles just recently completed the Lineman Career Development Program. Sponsored by Electricities of North Carolina, the program takes electric utilities linemen through a four step series of classes intended to increase their knowledge of the profession.

"The program uses a variety of print and video materials for study," said Kings Mountain

electric director Nick

Hendricks. "At the end of each step, the candidate must pass a written exam."

The program can take between four and six years to complete. Total classroom and on the job hours for the course can be as many as 8,000. There are 15 books to study in each of the four levels of proficiency. The course covers everything from electric substations, to line work.

"We are especially proud of

Bob and everything he has done," Hendricks said. "He is an outstanding asset to the electric department in Kings Mountain."

Boles is currently a Class A Lineman. He lives in Kings Mountain.

"I want to take everything I learned in the course and apply it as best I can to my job," Boles said. "My extra training will benefit me as well as the people of the community."

## MERGER

From 1A

with what the law requires (that a merged system be funded at the highest per pupil rate of the existing systems).

"If they got that plan to the state board and the funding issue was not correct, then they would have to come back, re-do the funding issue and go back to the state board again if the board insisted that all parts of the plan be correct," Hawkins said.

Hawkins Tuesday night urged commissioners to stop the plan because of the tax burden it will place on the people. Although commissioners continue to say they will not increase the base tax rate of 62.7 cents per \$100 property valuation, the recent revaluation of property taxes resulted in an average increase of 18 percent.

"Ever since the primary election I've had calls from people all over the county - most of them senior citizens - who are very much concerned with the tax they're going to be hit with," Hawkins said.

Hawkins contends that the plan the three school boards adopted recently would accomplish all the goals of merger, with no additional tax burden.

"The school boards' plan could save Shelby nine cents on their supplemental tax, could save Kings Mountain six cents

on their supplemental tax, and Cleveland County would only have an increase of three cents on their supplemental tax," he said. "And the tax rate could also be adjusted down based on the new property valuation, and there would be no burden on the citizens."

But, once again, Hawkins' remarks fell on deaf ears and the commissioners voted 4-1 to amend its merger plan.

Hawkins says he's confident Kings Mountain will eventually win its merger fight, but he said the key will be delaying State School Board until December. That's when the new class of county commissioners will take office, and he expects at least a "3-2 majority" board that opposes merger.

"If we win and this drags out until the new commissioners are seated, we can vote to rescind the issue," he said.

In the meantime, Hawkins said the three school boards could continue to have dialogue to put a plan in place that would address the under-utilization of Shelby City Schools.

Getting an injunction Monday is the key in Kings Mountain's battle to keep its own school system, he said.

"If we get the injunction, even if we go to court and lose we would still have an appeal," Hawkins said. "So our first hope is to get the injunction and then go to court and prove that the merger plan is flawed, that the Gaston County kids belong to us, and that we are doing everything that we can to remain Kings Mountain District Schools."

"If we don't go this direction and it goes to the State Board, all they're going to do is look at the plan and not the law part of it, and if it's do-able they will accept the plan and we will be merged."

Hawkins said if the merger plan is passed by the State Board at its June 1 meeting and merger takes effect July 1, it would put the county commissioner-appointed interim school board in a difficult position.

"They would have only six weeks to make all the major decisions necessary for the 2000-2001 school year," he said. "I would imagine they could possibly freeze the three schools systems where they're at right now - freeze all the employees and all the students - and that would probably be the smartest move they could make."

Otherwise, Hawkins said, the board would have to plan the school starting date, the entire year's calendar, grade structure, new school construction, policy matters, and other important decisions.

"And no restricting will have been done," he added. "That in itself would be a nightmare for an interim board."

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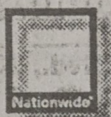
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