

## OBITUARIES

**HAROLD O'SHIELDS**  
CHARLOTTE - Harold Wilson O'Shields, 82, formerly of Charlotte, died Friday, July 7, 2000 at Carolinas Medical Center after suffering a stroke on June 26.

A native of Union, SC, he was the son of the late Luther Franklin O'Shields and Laura Willard O'Shields. A longtime resident of Charlotte, he was twice widowed by Doris Joyner O'Shields in 1976 and Vivian Cox O'Shields in 1997.

He was a former active member of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church and later moved his membership to Cathedral of the Cross in Charlotte. He moved to Fort Mill, SC in the early 1980s.

He served in the Marine Corps and was a member of the Marine Corps Band. He loved music and was formerly a member of the Charlotte Symphony and the Shrine Band. He was a member of the Long Creek Masonic Lodge #205, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Oasis Shrine Temple in Charlotte. He served on the Mecklenburg County Police Department and later retired from Exxon Corporation. After retirement, he received his Able Minister Diploma from the Institute of Ministry in Bradenton, FL. He held his private pilot's license, and enjoyed fishing, golf and traveling around the world.

He is survived by his son, Ken O'Shields of Fort Mill, SC; daughters, Corinne "Beth" O. Tittle and her husband, David, of Gastonia and Laureia O. Piedallu of Concord; brother, Dogan "Buck" O'Shields and his wife, Doris, of Greenville, SC; sisters, Doris Jean O'Shields Hodge and her husband, Charles, of Union, SC, Judy O'Shields Ralph and her husband, Earl, of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, and Gladys O'Shields Sprouse and her husband, Ernest, of Rock Hill, SC; three grandchildren, Amber Tittle, Heather Tittle, and Timothy Caudle; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Philippe Andre Piedallu.

A memorial service was held July 15 at 2 p.m. in the mausoleum chapel at Sharon Memorial Park. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to The Pulmonary Fibrosis Association, P.O. Box 75004, Seattle, WA 98125-0004.

Wolfe Funeral Home of Fort Mill, SC, was in charge of arrangements.

**ELDRIDGE JENNINGS**  
SHELBY - Mrs. Eldridge "Eggie" Jennings, 85, 1523 Kings Road, died July 16, 2000 at Century Care.

A native of Museville, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Robert Eldridge and Nannie Herndon Elliot. She was the wife of the late Millard Lee Jennings and was also preceded in death by her sister Levenia Shelton. She was a retired alterations seamstress with Triangle Cleaners.

She is survived by her sister Virginia Pribble of Shelby; nieces Betty Owen of Gainesville, Florida and Janet Owens of Shelby.

Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery, Danville, Virginia. Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

### PEGGY WHITE

**CHARLOTTE** - Margaret Ashcraft "Peggy" White, 87, died Thursday, July 13, 2000 at Integrated Health Services.

A native of Charlotte, she was the daughter of the late Simeon Eugene Ashcraft and Estelle Biggers Ashcraft, and wife of the late Harvey W. White Sr. She was a graduate of Central High School where she was editor of "The Rambler" and was a graduate of Queens College. She taught English and French in the Mecklenburg County high schools. She was a member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by a son, Harvey W. White Jr. and wife, Carol, of Raleigh; sister, Hazel A. Jackson of Kings Mountain; two grandsons, Harvey W. White III of Baton Rouge, LA and Alexander L. White of Cary; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Raymond D. Scott at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Entombment was in Sharon Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215.

Harry and Bryant Company was in charge of arrangements.

### MARY YARBORO

**SHELBY** - Mary Calloway Yarboro, 70, Century Care, 1101 N. Morgan Street, died July 13, 2000 at Century Care.

The graveside service was conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery. Cleveland Funeral Services served the family.

**GENE STONE**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Gene Stone, 65, 907 Blalock Drive, died Thursday, July 13, 2000 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Jack and Viola Putnam Stone. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Bill Stone.

He was a member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church and was retired Plant Manager at Kings Mountain Brick after 30 years employment. He served in the United States Marines.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Stone of Kings Mountain; daughters, Gina Stone Bell and husband, Tim, of Kings Mountain and Lindy Stone Haynes and husband, Harlan, of Bessemer City; sister, Mary Valentine and husband, Mearl, of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren, Gia S. Bell, Dustin Stone, Timmy Bell, Josh Bell and Nicholas Bell.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mike Chambers at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 16 at Christian Freedom Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 500 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### WILLIAM PARR

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - William H. "Pops" Parr, 57, 106 Morris Street, died July 17, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Peterson, New Jersey, he was the son of the late John and Clara Saunders Parr. He was a former member of Victory Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his brothers John Parr of Wayne, New Jersey and Joseph Parr of Vernon, New Jersey; sisters Joyce Rutkowski of Paterson, New Jersey, Shirley Sees of Lawndale, N.C., Millicent Hope of Vernon, New Jersey, and Marge Sigismondi of Paterson; also a number of nieces and nephews; also God Children Vinnie Marie Rutkowski, Nichole Sees Hernandez, and Mateo Sees.

The funeral will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by the Revs. Calvin Morrison and Thomas Sees. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**BETTY RAMSEY**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty Jo Ramsey, 65, 200 Spruce Street, Apt. 8D, died July 17, 2000 at her home.



A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Harvey and Carrie Louise Pruett Ramsey. She was also preceded in death by brothers Melvin Ramsey and Fred Ramsey.

She was a member of the former Piedmont Baptist Church, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter Anne Fortenberry of Kings Mountain; brothers Robert Ramsey and Harold Ramsey both of Kings Mountain; sister Aileen Metcalf of Shelby; close friend Ray Hunter Guin of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Samantha Welch Lane and Susan Kiser Bradley and her husband Dennis all of Gastonia; great grandchildren Cayla Lane, Madeline Bradley and Megan Bradley.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at 4 p.m. by the Rev. Bob Hope. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, 260 E. Garrison Blvd. Gastonia, 28052.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

## FAIR

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Mayes, farm and machinery; Ruby McKinney and Betty White, women's department; Debbie Sizemore and Brenda Cook, canned fruits and vegetables, etc.; Louise Wright and Betty White, pantry and dairy supplies; Louise McSwain and Sarah Queen, household arts; Vernell Jones, arts, crafts and hobbies; and Kathy Smith and Donna Parnell, flowers.

Members of the community are invited to enter exhibits of agriculture products, antiques, breads, cakes, candy, fruits, vegetables, ceramics, children's wear, cookies, crafts, stichery, decoupage, etc. Entries will be exhibited in the Bethware gymnasium, which has been air-conditioned and will be more comfortable for persons setting up booths and exhibits. For more information and rules, contact Glenn Hicks at 739-7005.

Entries will be accepted July 24 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and July 25 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Entries will be released Saturday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

All entries will be judged on Wednesday, July 26.

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# Video poker zoning coming before Council

By GARY STEWART  
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain City Council will hold a public hearing and act on a recommended amendment to its ordinance covering video arcades at Tuesday's meeting at City Hall.

The Planning and Zoning Board, meeting Tuesday afternoon at City Hall, unanimously recommended an ordinance which would require video arcades to be at least 200 feet from other arcades, residential zoned areas and churches, and 300 feet from schools.

The proposal also limits the number of machines at any one location to three, as required by the new state law passed last week by the General Assembly.

City Planning Director Steve Killian told the P&Z Board that the City Council "is looking forward to this coming to them."

Lynn Heath, wife of Mike Heath who owns businesses in the city that have amusement games, and who was the owner of one of the video poker establishments that had to close following the recent South Carolina ban on video poker, said the city is "trying to run us out of business."

"It is wrong that you can have three machines in a building," she said. "The city could charge a license fee for each machine. It's wrong that you take someone's business away from them."

Heath also opposed the recommendation that arcades be more than 200 feet away from homes, since that is not required of other businesses.

All arcades in the city would fall under "conditional use" zoning if the new ordinance is adopted, Killian said. That means, they would have to reapply for permits 90 days prior to their expiration.

The ordinance would also require that window areas of buildings be at least 10 percent of the square footage of the building, with game machines

in full view from the outside. For example, he said, a 10 x 12 room with three machines would require a 12-square foot window.

Game room owners would also have to post on each machine the names of owners, locations, etc.

Existing arcades would fall under "non-conforming use" in the zoning ordinance and must come into full compliance of codes by January 31, 2001, Killian said. If they cannot comply, they will have to cease business.

Killian praised the P&Z Board for "a comprehensive job on defining and placing video game arcades. Once you make your recommendation, it's Council's and you're done with it."

"It's fair to say that the leadership of the city is looking forward to this coming to them," he added. "You've done what the Council and mayor have asked of you."

In another matter Monday, the P&Z Board unanimously elected former city commissioner Jim Childers as its chairman, and Steve Killian as secretary. The selection of vice-chairman was postponed until a future meeting.

The Board also delayed action on a rezoning request by Glenn Carroll, who wants to rezone a home on North Piedmont (Highway 216) at Walker Street to General Business. The Board requested more information. Carroll said he is remodeling the home and plans to live in it, but at some point in the future he may consider selling it for business use.

Carroll pointed out that much of the area on 216 between Public Works and the city is zoned for General Business, and Parkdale Mill is Light Industry. "216 is an exit that needs to be developed in the future if you expect to draw people to Kings Mountain," he said.

Meanwhile, Killian says his office door is open.

"I've had several calls from residents of the ETJ area concerned about their taxes and whether they are going to be annexed into the city," Killian said. "I've emphasized that the ETJ is a matter of planning and that their taxes won't change. Everyone who has called me has been very nice. If anyone wants to discuss the matter, they can call anytime."

Killian's number at Kings Mountain City Hall is 734-4599. The area in question includes not only the Highway 29 Industrial Corridor that stretches from about 2,000 feet east of Dixon School Road down to Wendell's Barbecue, but also a chunk of land in the Oak Grove community.

Despite assurances from Kings Mountain, some residents of Oak Grove are still not pleased with the idea of being included in the ETJ. Over a dozen showed up at last week's county commission public hearing to express their fear of being annexed into the Kings Mountain city limits. Over a week after the ETJ was approved, some folks in Oak Grove were still dubious about the whole affair.

"If Kings Mountain sends us police, sewer and water, and garbage collection, they can annex us," said Bobby Meyers of Elmarg Road. "If we have to pay city taxes and don't get anything back, they can forget it."

Roger Cozart, owner of the Country Store at 663 Oak Grove Road, says he has had plenty of customers commenting about the ETJ situation.

"I haven't heard a single positive word about it," Cozart said. "Most folks think it is about like the school merger issue where the politicians do as they please and don't listen to what the people want."

Land Development Plan and an ordinance creating the two-mile ETJ. On September 26, there will be another public hearing to amend the zoning ordinance to create zoning within the ETJ.

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