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BITUARIES

HUGH K. SPERLING WINSTON-SALEM - Hugh Kenneth Sperling, 68, 3825 Grayson Drive, died December 28, 2000 at Baptist Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William S. and Margaret Hannon Sperling. He was also pre-



ceded in death by his brothers, Jay Randolph Sperling and B. Edwin Sperling; and his sister, Inez Childers Swanson.

He was a member of East Baptist Church, Charlotte. He was a retired construction contractor and was a veteran of the U.S. Army with service during the Korean War.

He is survived by his sons, Chriss Sperling, Jack Sperling and Scott Sperling, all of Mooresville, and Randy Sperling of Denver; daughters, Jean Miller and Kimberly Sperling of Charlotte, Ann Sperling of Creedmoor, Lori Vreeland of Delray Beach, FL, and Stacey Monroe of Concord; brothers, Calvin Sperling of Burlington and Bill Sperling Jr. of Lincolnton; sisters, Edith Holden of Lincolnton, Emma Lankford of Mt. Holly, Pauline Wright of Cherryville, and Mary Killian of Hickory; grandchildren, Lisa, Blake, Kenny, Calista, Nicole, Delaney, Austin, Baylen, Thomas, Crystal, Steven, Brandon and Daniel; and the children's mother, Jeanelle Anthony of Mooresville.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jim Rice at 11:30 a.m. December 30 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Kings Mountain. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

LAURA L. FALLS GLEN BURNIE, MD - Laura L. Falls, 77, died December 26, 2000 at Genesis Elder Care after one month's illness from complications from a stroke.

She was a native of Kings Mountain and had lived in Glen Burnie since 1969. She was preceded in death by her daughter,

Jernigan, all of North Carolina, and Joyce Dumas of Texas; four grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert Brookman at 10 a.m. January 2 at Kirkley-Ruddick Funeral Home P.A. Interment was in Crownsville, MD Veterans Cemetery. Kirkley-Ruddick Funeral Home was in charge of arrange-

ments.

HARVEY PEARSON SHELBY - Harvey Pearson, 74, 2605 Spring Valley Terrace, died December 30, 2000 at Life Care Center of Banner Elk. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Summey Pearson and Macy Dixon Pearson. He was retired as a dryer operator with Clevemont Mills and was a member of Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, William Harvey and Madeline Pearson of Mountain Home, Idaho and Donnie and Shirley Pearson of Kings Mountain; daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Junior Duncan of Maiden; brothers, James A. Pearson and Hubert Pearson of Shelby; sister, Jean Whaley of Shelby; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Dennis Beam and Phil Bailey at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer Association of North Carolina, 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MATTIE PONDER KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mattie Shuford Ponder, 94, White Oak Manor, formerly of Grover, died Sunday, December 31, 2000 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John Jacob and Ella Bridges Shuford, and wife of the late Robert Hoyle Ponder She was retired from the textile industry and was a homemaker She was also predeceased by her daughter, Patsy Ponder Reynolds; sons-in-law, B. Hayes Ledford, Carl Reynolds, and Charles W. Mullinax; brothers, Bryan Shuford, Joe Shuford and

great-great-grandchildren. A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. David Turner at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150. Harris Funeral Home was in

charge of arrangements.

MYRTIE LOVELACE

SHELBY - Mrs. Myrtie Branch Lovelace, 83, of White Oak Manor, 401 North Morgan Street, died January 1, 2001 at **Cleveland Regional Medical** Center.

A native of McDowell County, she was the daughter of the late John Branch and Minnie Norman Branch, and wife of the late Arthur Gayvon Lovelace.

She was retired from the dietary department at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Charles Ray and Brenda Lovelace of Belmont, Edward and Christine Lovelace of Kings Mountain, and Robert Casey and Louise Lovelace of Grover; grandsons, Ronald Lovelace, Gregory Lovelace and Roger Gilliam; granddaughters, Jennifer Rippy, Cythnia Woods and Robin Lovelace; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Grigg at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARIE HOLLAND

FOREST CITY - Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Haulk Holland, 75, Forest Lake Retirement Home, died December 31, 2000 at Crawley Memorial Hospital. A native of Rutherford

County, she was the daughter of the late Grover Cleveland Haulk and Sue Johnson Haulk, and wife of the late George Thomas Holland. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Raymond Ray Haulk and J.V. Haulk.

She was retired from Artee Industries where she was a winder operator. She was a member of Landmark Baptist Church in Shelby and was active in Catawba Heights Baptist Church, Belmont.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Raymond Johns Jr., Charles Spence and Gene Ware at 2 p.m. Wednesday at **Cleveland Funeral Services** Chapel. Burial was in Round Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Union Mills. Memorials may be made to

Catawba Heights Baptist Church, 311 Belmont Road, Belmont, NC 28012. **Cleveland Funeral Services** was in charge of arrangements.

JOSEPHINE ADAMS SHELBY - Mrs. A. Josephine Allen Adams, 81, 559 Dick Spangler Road, died Thursday, December 28, 2000 as the result of a fire at her



and wife of the late John William Adams. She was also preceded in death by her sons, William David Adams and Daniel E. Adams; one brother, two sisters, and one greatgrandson.

She was a homemaker and a member of New Testament Missionary Baptist Church, Waco. She was a former member of the Cleveland County C.B. Radio Club.

She is survived by her sons, Jack Adams of Forest City, Larry Adams of Cherryville, and Wayne Adams of Shelby; daughters, Sue Campbell and Brenda Kay Barnette of Cherryville; brother, Joe P. Allen of Shelby; sisters, Dorothy Yarboro of Kings Mountain, Louise Scruggs of Patterson Springs, and Shirley Bell and Mary Lou Green of Shelby; 15

grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren. The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Dale Hullette, Andy Meade and Bill Bowen at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stamey Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Mount Calvary Baptist Church cemetery. Stamey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DAN ADAMS SHELBY - Daniel Elphus Adams, 54, 561 Dick Spangler Road died Thursday, December 28, 2000 as the result of a fire at the home of his mother at 559 Dick Spangler Road. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John William and A. Josephine Allen Adams. He was also preceded in death by his brother, William David

Adams.

He was a welder at Seal Wire Company of Shelby, and was a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. He was a member of American Poultry Association and American Poultry Bantam Association.

He is survived by two stepsons and a daughter-in-law, Dwayne Hastings of Kings Mountain and Johnny and Samantha Hastings of Stanley; daughter, Tabitha Adams of Gaffney, SC; daughter-in-law, Gianna Hastings of Kings Mountain; brothers, Wayne Adams of Shelby, Jackson Adams of Forest City, and Larry Adams of Cherryville; sisters Sue Campbell of Shelby and Kay Barnette of Shelby; grandsons, Luke Hastings and Billy Fralick Jr.; and granddaughter, Megan Hastings.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Thomas Irvin and Marie Ervin at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stamey Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Mount Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery.

MARY WEAVER **GREENSBORO** - Mary Foust Plonk Weaver died December

30, 2000. A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Elvira and John Oates Plonk. She was

the wife of the late Bill Rhodes Weaver.

She was a piano teacher and homemaker. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and was instrumental with her husband in beginning St. Barnabus Episcopal Church. She was a member of the Greensboro Euterpe and its Music Teachers Group. She was active in the Historical Book Club of North Carolina.

She was a graduate of the New England Conservatory. Prior to her marriage she taught public school music in the Raeford and Durham City Schools. After her marriage and move to Greensboro she began a long career of teaching piano and elocution.

Her dedication to preserving her family's land surrounding the pinnacle of Kings Mountain contributed to the protection of the area as a North Carolina state park two weeks ago. She is survived by her daughter, Monette Weaver Wood, M.D., of Richmond, VA and her husband, Roger Enoch Wood, D.D.S.; son, Reagan Hale Weaver of Raleigh and his wife, Ardath Goldstein Weaver; sisters, Mrs. William H. McElwee and Mrs. Robert E. Lewis of North Wilkesboro and Mrs. Maude Harper Patterson of Kings Mountain; brother, John O. Plonk Jr. and his wife, Patricia Neisler Plonk of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren, Alyssa A. Wood of Bloomington, MN, Laura W. Nightengale of Clayton, Ryan A. Wood of Austin, TX, and Jacob Haft Weaver and Janna Clare Weaver of Raleigh; and one great-grandson, Cooper Nightengale. A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. James T. Prevatt at 12 noon Wednesday at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Memorials may be made to Community Foundation of Greensboro, 100 S. Elm St., Suite 307, Greensboro, NC 27401-2638 for a scholarship in Mrs. Weaver's name to assist students who wish to pursue formal training in music.

BRIEFS

Dog tags available at Police Department

Kings Mountain dog owners are reminded that re-certification and registration of dogs is mandatory during the month of January.

Failure to comply with city ordinance of either current rabies vaccination or city dog tags will result in a \$25 citation per dog.

Dog tags may be purchased at the Police Department between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Take your current rabies vaccination information. The cost of the dog tag is \$2.50.

Animal control officers are on duty Monday through Saturday and are on call on Sundays by calling 730-2126.

Bible studies set at Christian Freedom

Christian Freedom Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will host six Bible study courses during February and March.

Orientation and registration dates are Sunday, January 14, and Sunday, January 28, at 3:30 p.m.,

The following courses are scheduled:

Beginning Steps (for new believers), Sunday, 9:45 a.m., February 4. Teacher is Eric Sellers.

Experiencing God, Tuesday, February 6, 7:30 p.m., taught by Michael Ware.

Hi First Place, Wednesday, February 7, 6 p.m., taught by Stephanie Chambers.

True Love Waits (for youth), Wednesday, February 7, 7 p.m., taught by Jairus Laughter and Greg Moore.

How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk, Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m., taught by Carrie Hardin.

Search for Significance, Thursday, February 8, 7 p.m., taught by Kim Ramey.

For more information, call the church. R D HA HA HA

Bible study slated at Grace Methodist

Phyliss E. Johnston. She was a homemaker and member of Glen Burnie Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Marion Falls of Glen Burnie; son, Gary E. Falls of Glen Burnie; brothers and sisters, John Gladden, Tim Gladden, Carl Gladden, Ozelle Dixon, Louise Fisher and Janice

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Ray Shuford; and sisters, Georgia Allen, Pearl Allen and Sally Randall.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Hugh Mauney of Shelby, Bleeka and Ralph Dee Goforth, Linda and Wayne Appling, and Treva Mullinax, all of Kings Mountain; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and five

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Ernie Dean and Denise Holland of Shelby and George Thomas and Patricia Holland of Bessemer City; grandson, Nathan Thomas Holland of Bessemer City; granddaughter, Amanda P. Mitchem of Gastonia; greatgrandsons, Nathan Stewart Holland of Kings Mountain and Christopher Lee Mitchem of Gastonia; great-granddaughter, Chelsie Lasheay Mitchem of Gastonia.

Kings Mountain Weather Report (Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

Total precip. Year to date Low temp. High temp. Avg. temp. Avg. precip Highest precip. 69.84" (1985) Max. one day

Coldest day

Hottest day

Biggest snow

0 12 (3rd) 40 (29th) 28.5 48.6 (Notes on the past 20 years) Driest year: 1981 (38.07") Lowest month: Oct. 2000 (0")

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Jeanine Fisher, former Bible teacher at Kings Mountain High School, will lead a Bible study each Tuesday night from 7-8 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Cleveland Avenue, Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Fisher has taught Bible in the school system and in area churches for 40 years.

The public is invited. Mrs. Fisher especially invites her former students.

SCHOOL From 1A

Another point of emphasis in 2001 for Kings Mountain schools will be to maintain the high end of year ABCs state testing scores that have become a tradition.

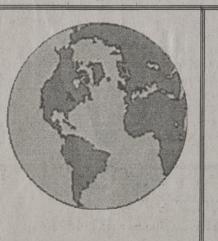
"We will continue to stress steady progress on the state testing scores," said Allen.

Board member Shearra Miller describes the coming year as "scary but exciting." One of her top goals for 2001 is to keep the school system's momentum going in the face of change.

"Finding a new or interim school superintendent will be a priority," Miller said. "As will be moving forward with the new grade 5-6 school and resolution of the merger question. During all this we still need to maintain the stability and high expectations we have in our schools."

If you see George Thomasson Friday, January 5th or Marion Thomasson Monday, January 8th; Say Нарру Birthday

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