

OBITUARIES

JESSE B. YELTON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jesse B. Yelton, 79, 107 S. Oakwood Drive, died December 12, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William McKinley and Sallie Ellison Yelton. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Marvin Yelton.

He was retired from Dover Yarn Mill and was a member of Eastside Baptist Church, Shelby.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Fowler Yelton of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Keith Richards of Belmont; brothers, Lloyd Yelton of Boiling Springs, Frank Yelton of Savannah, GA, Bill Yelton of Belmont, Glenn Yelton of Millers Creek, and Ralph Yelton of Virginia Beach, VA; sister, Virginia Toney of Ellenboro; grandchildren, Melissa and Jeff Kale, Tammy and Ross Hoffman; and great-grandchildren, Brandon, Cameron and Emily Kale, and Lexie Hoffman.

the funeral as conducted by Dr. Harold Fite and Rev. Troy Harris at 2 p.m. Friday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kidney Association of Cleveland County, 1017 N. Washington St., Shelby, NC 28150.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MYRTLE HAWKINS

GASTONIA - Myrtle Lee Smith Hawkins, 67, 308 A West Westview Street, died December 13, 2001 at the home of Lyda Edwards.

A native of McDowell County, she was the daughter of the late James and Violet Shaw Smith. She was also preceded in death by her brother, George Smith.

She was a construction worker for Hawkins & Sons Construction. She was a member of Olney Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Barbara and Robert Sparks of Shelby, Bud and Angie Hawkins of Kings Mountain, Ricky and Sarah and Debbie and Dickie George, all of Gastonia; brother, Johnny Smith of Gastonia; former husband, Ervin Hawkins of Gastonia; 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; and special friend, Lyda Edwards.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Saturday at King James Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were John Evans Jr., Bud Hawkins, Chad Hawkins, Sammy Hawkins, Chris Sparks, Roger Sparks, Kenny Carpenter and Dwight Hawkins.

Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

DWIGHT WHITWORTH

SHELBY - Dwight William Whitworth, 83, 815 Parkwood Drive, died December 15, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late W.C. and Prue Harrelson Whitworth. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Beamon Whitworth; brothers, Boyd, Max and Otis Whitworth; and sisters, Blanche Bess, Melba Eades, Neva Jenkins, Mildred Bost, and Nell Whitworth.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force with service during World War II. He was a retired supervisor with PPG Industries. He was a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church and Elks Lodge #1709.

He is survived by his son, Ted Whitworth and fiancée Anna Nance of Shelby; daughters, Twyla Robinson and husband Ray of Kings Mountain; brother-in-law, James and Sarah Beamon of Greensboro; sister-in-law, Margaret Everhart of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Adam Whitworth, Jordan Whitworth, Trey Robinson and Rai Robinson.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Terry Jordan at 11 a.m. Monday at Capernaum Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH, or Elizabeth Baptist Church, 301 N. Post Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DOLLY WALTON

SHELBY - Mrs. Dolly Jeannette Walton, 59, 106 Locust Street, died December 15 in Vale.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Samuel David and Sally Wilson Walton and wife of the late David Kirby Herndon. She was also preceded in death by her son, Donald Kirby Herndon.

She was a member of Patterson Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Alan Kirby Herndon and wife Jeannette of Gastonia; daughter, Teresa Ann Herndon Thomas and husband Gary of Vale; brothers, Samuel "Dean" Walton and wife Faye, and Joe Walton Jr. and wife Jackie of Shelby; sisters, Mary C. Butler and Frances Cunningham of Shelby; and grandchildren, Dustin and Terrance Smith of Gastonia, Katie Thomas of Vale, Kristie Thomas of Hickory, and Nathan Johnson of Charlotte.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Steve Waters at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in El Bethel United Methodist Church cemetery, Kings Mountain.

memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUBY CRESWELL

SHELBY - Mrs. Ruby Jenkins Creswell, 68, 213 Carmel Drive, died December 15, 2001 at

Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Zeb "Doc" and Bernice Blanton. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Conway Jenkins, and sister, Macie Eaker.

She was a member of Putnam Memorial Baptist Church. She was a private duty nurse, chartered for a private bus service, and retired from Fiber Industries. She also ran Miss Ruby, a private day care center for children.

She is survived by her husband, John Keith Creswell of the home; sons, Randy L. Creswell and wife Theresia of Kings Mountain and Brian K. Creswell and wife Kim of Casar; daughter, Cindy Joy C. Anderson and husband Tim of Granite Falls; sisters, Elizabeth Nanney and Margaret Ledford of Shelby; grandchildren, Natalie, Rodney and Dan Creswell; Amy Stambaugh; Kristen Webb; Colby and Haley Creswell; and Anson Drew Anderson; and great-grandchildren, Brittany Stambaugh and Kaytlin Webb.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bryan Glisson and Mark Canipe at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Putnam Memorial Baptist Church. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Timothy Project, Putnam Memorial Baptist Church, 1046 County Home Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KARL SAWYER

CHARLOTTE - Karl Summey Sawyer Sr., 85, died December 16, 2001 at Presbyterian Wesley Care Center.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Professor George Lippard Sawyer and Mrs. Eula Summey Sawyer. He served 39 1/2 years in education as a teacher, coach and administrator in schools in Union County and Kings Mountain, the Blue Ridge School for Boys in Hendersonville, and the old Central and Garinger high schools in Charlotte. He retired in 1979 as Chairman of the math Department at Garinger High School.

he was a World War II U.S. Army Air Force veteran, serving 13 months stateside and 27 months in the European Theater of Operations as a weather observer and an upper air specialist. He received four battle stars and various campaign ribbons.

he was a graduate of Boone High School. He graduated Appalachian State Teachers College, now Appalachian State University, in 1937 with a BS cum laude. He received his MA in Mathematics from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1951. While an undergraduate at ASTC he played four years on the varsity tennis team. He belonged to various civic and veterans organizations, and before his death was a member of American

Legion Post 1981 in Raleigh. He is survived by his sons, Karl S. Sawyer Jr. and wife Pam, and g. Pierce Sawyer and wife Faith, all of Charlotte; daughters, Mrs. Kay Cowan and her husband Ben of Mint Hill, and Mrs. Jeanne Matlock and her husband Albert of Weddington; eight grandsons and five granddaughters.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Wilson Chapel of Hankins & Whittington Funeral Service. Officiating was Dr. I.A. Harbinson of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice at Charlotte, 1420 East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204 or to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1001 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

Hankins & Whittington Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES R. BOHELER

SUGARLAND, TX - James Richard Boheler, 64, 14215 Clearforest, died December 1 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Harry and Lila Boheler. He was a U.S. Navy veteran with service during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; son, Jamie; daughters, Teresa, Mitzi, Donna, Vicky and Lila Ann; sons-in-law Roy, Allen and Gus; 13 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; sisters, Edith and Juanita of Kings Mountain; brothers, L.S. Boheler of Little Rock, AR, Joe Boheler of Grover, and Bobby Boheler of Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Jim Palmer on December 4 at New Life Community Church in Houston, TX.

LYNN CALDWELL

GASTONIA - Charles Lynn Caldwell, 30, died December 15, 2001 at his home.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of Mary Williamson Caldwell of Kings Mountain and the late Donald Richard Caldwell Sr. He was a 1989 graduate of Bessemer City High School and was formerly employed by Wix Corporation and Cookson Co.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Donna Caldwell Moore.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his son, Dalton Caldwell of the home; daughter, Ashley Caldwell of the home; brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Susie Caldwell of Gastonia; and sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Reggie Hicks of Gastonia.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bessemer City. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City, was in charge of arrangements.



GARY STEWART / THE HERALD
7-year-old Mandy Lockridge whispers requests into Santa's ear Saturday morning at the Kings Mountain History Museum.

Attorney's report lists pros and cons of district representation

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Raleigh attorney Michael Crowell issued two reports on October 15 that discussed election issues in Cleveland County.

One report was on election districts and the other was on section five of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

While Cleveland County Commissioners are scheduled to talk about district representation in a January work session, the board has also discussed getting out from section five of the Voting Rights Act.

According to Crowell's report, counties subject to section five may not make changes affecting elections until it has been precleared by the United States Department of Justice or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

When Kings Mountain redrew its ward lines it had to submit the proposed changes to the Justice Department for the preclearance.

Crowell said about 25 counties in North Carolina elect some commissioners by districts where the voting is limited to people in that specific area.

About another group of 25 counties elect commissioners from residency districts where the candidates live in a specific area but are voted on county-wide.

Roughly 50 counties in North Carolina elect all commissioners at large.

Crowell said in his report that the counties that went to a form of district elections did so for fear of litigation.

"Many of the counties that use districts for electing commissioners went to this method of election in the last dozen years because of lawsuits or threatened lawsuits under the federal Voting Rights Act," Crowell said.

As with any issue, district

elections would have its advantages and disadvantages.

Advantages Crowell cited in his report would be an opportunity for greater minority representation, voters would have a specific commissioner to contact, less expensive campaigns for candidates, and candidates would have a greater sense of responsibility to the concerns of voters in their area.

But a commissioner's potential interest for only a particular geographic area or issue may foster conflict among the rest of the commissioners, Crowell said.

Just having districts, which have to be withdrawn after each census, for county elections could also be a disadvantage.

"Considering the number of districts used for different kinds of elections, many voters may not know which district they are in for commissioner elections," Crowell said.

First Charter exceeds UW goal

First Charter announced pledges totaling \$176,700 to the United Way campaign, exceeding the goal set for 2001 by over 25 percent.

The money raised will directly benefit local United Way agencies in Lincoln, McDowell, Cleveland, Guilford, Stokes, Rutherford, Gaston and Ashe counties.

Santa to visit KM First Charter

Santa Claus will be at First Charter Bank in Kings Mountain Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m to meet with children.

Children are invited to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their Christmas wishes.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

Total precip.	Dec. 12-18	Year Ago
Max. 1 day	1.43	1.88
Year to date	1.15 (17)	.89 (16)
Low temp.	39.81	47.01
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	62 (15th)	60 (16th)

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Brady Norman Celebrates 9th Birthday

Brady Keith Norman, son of Keith and Patti Norman of Earl, was nine years old on October 7, 2001. Brady celebrated with a party on Saturday, October 20th. Dragonball Z was the theme for the party held at Kings Mountain High School swimming pool. The Dragonball Z theme was carried out in decorations including table cover and place markers. Each child took home a favor bag full of candy and prizes. Guests enjoyed a Dragonball Z birthday cake served with drinks. Friends and family members enjoyed swimming and volleyball.

Special guests included Jamie Hutchins, Michael, April and Tony Burns, Cynthia Carpenter and Marie Hodges. Brady is in the fourth grade at Number Three Elementary School. He and his family are members of Patterson Springs Baptist Church.

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