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KM mourns death of Dr. Adams

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain this week is mourning the death of one of its most beloved physicians.

Dr. Charles H. Adams, an associate with McGill Clinic for 35 years, died last week of lung cancer.

His memorial service was conducted by Dr. Donald Mitchell at 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Adams was a longtime member, Ruling Elder and Sunday School teacher.

Friends, co-workers, patients and friends will miss him.

"How can you improve on good?" asked Bob Maner, longtime church member and fishing partner. "What a man! What a man!"

"I spent more time having fun with him than any person in my entire life."

Maner and Adams went trout fishing at least every other week for years, and four years ago they took a trip to a dude ranch in Wyoming, about 30 miles from Yellowstone Park. They used the trip to fish and visit Dr. Adams' sister, Peg Shreve, who lives in nearby Cody, WY.

"We just had a great time," Maner said.

Dr. Adams grew up in a small town in West Virginia and attended Glenville

State College and received a Master's Degree in biology from West Virginia University. He had every intention of becoming a career teacher. But he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War and served in a MASH unit where he worked in hospitals and labs. Upon returning to the U.S., he did some more course work at Glenville State and went to medical school at the University of Virginia.

During his youth he experienced a lot of sadness, but was the type person that never held bitterness inside. He lost his parents within a year of each other, and lost a brother to a drowning accident. He was raised by his uncle, who was a doc-

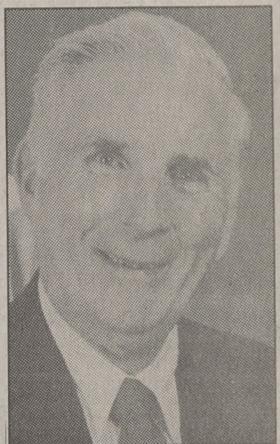
tor, and Dr. Adams always called him "Uncle Doc."

Dr. Adams did his internship at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, and became Grover's first full-time physician in 1959. He joined the staff of McGill Clinic in June 1963 when Dr. Kenneth McGill began making plans to go to the mission field.

"He was a loyal, dependable, compassionate and dedicated physician from the cradle to the grave," said Dr. John McGill, who was senior partner in the clinic until his retirement.

Dr. Frank Sincox came to work at

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DR. CHARLES ADAMS

Doctor's records seized

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Federal officials seized at least 30 boxes of records from Grover physician Dr. Joseph H. Talley's practice and pharmacy last Wednesday.

The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, the NC State Bureau of Investigation, and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant around 6:40 a.m. according to Sheriff Chief Deputy Paul Cash.

Investigators seized more than 30 boxes of records from Talley's practice and pharmacy, and was present during a portion of the seizure meeting with patients, Cash said.

A majority of the records came from the practice, according to Cash.

Approximately 35-40 patients arrived at Talley's office on Wednesday and were directed away by the sheriff's office during the all-day search.

No arrests were made. Talley was scheduled to appear before the North Carolina Medical Board last week on charges that included prescribing painkillers without performing exams to find out causes of pain and hoarding weight loss drugs.

He has also been accused of diverting the weight loss drug Fenfluramine, which is sold under the name Pondimin, by asking patients to return their supplies of the drug to him.

Fenfluramine was part of the

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Joshua Grindell unwraps a present as his parents Bob and Wendy, brother Andrew (in red shirt) and brother Tommy, left, look on.

Families that lost all in fires treated to a Merry Christmas

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

In the span of a few minutes on a Tuesday afternoon two Kings Mountain families lost everything they owned.

But on Friday afternoon at Kings Mountain City Hall, a party was held for them as city officials and community residents witnessed the two families share moments usually reserved for Christmas morning.

Last week a Christmas tree inside city hall had

presents for the two families such as scooters, blankets, and clothing.

The tree could not hold everything though as part of the council chambers was used to store a mattress, household goods, and a television.

For the party, the Christmas tree was moved inside council chambers along with the gifts, which took up most of the area on the raised portion of the floor where city council and committees usually sit.

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Photography helps King deal with his disability

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Photography was something Robin King could do to channel his feelings.

After snapping pictures at weddings, the Kings Mountain resident now shoots photos for newspapers, portfolios, and anything else that may happen.

"I've been interested in photography since I was a kid," King said. "I absolutely love it. It's always been interesting to me. It's always been fun."

Looking at his photographs, nobody could tell King is handicapped.

And that's what he likes about photography.

"I can lay my picture beside someone else's and you can't tell if there's something wrong with me or not," King said. "It's

the ultimate way of expression without knowledge of my disability."

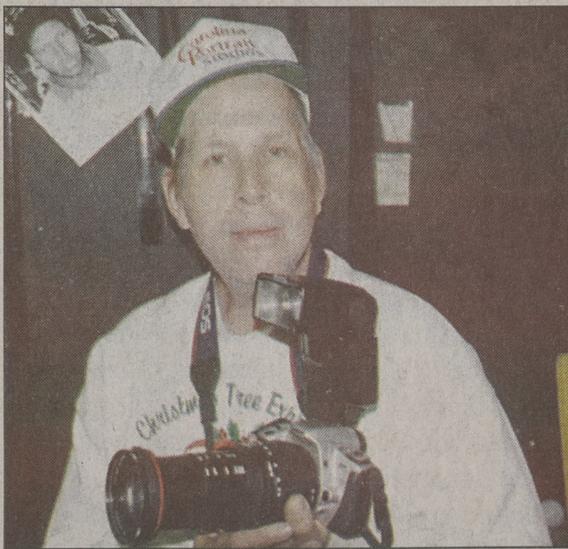
King lives with spina bifida, and was confined to a wheel chair until he was four years old. The disease paralyzes King's right side and causes him to walk with a limp. His right hand is also paralyzed.

Shooting photographs with children and Christmas themes are some of King's favorite times with a camera. King's also been in front of the camera, having played Santa Claus as well as shooting him as a photo subject.

"They're the most genuine and they're also our future," King said about children.

Taking photographs of the Kings Mountain Christmas Parade was how King met Jeff

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Robin King, who was born with spina bifida, has been a photographer since his youth and has also raised millions of dollars for charity.

CommScope to sell Kings Mountain plant

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

After previously holding off on further construction, Hickory cable maker CommScope will not open a plant in Kings Mountain.

The building now sits empty in the Potts Creek Industrial Park off Countryside Drive.

Charlotte real estate broker Binswanger is handling the transaction with an asking price of approximately \$5 million.

Company Spokesperson Betsy Lambert said there has been a decline in demand for cable products.

"We've had a severe downturn in our business, and we've had to lay off 20 percent of our employees," Lambert said.

The company was expected to bring about 150 jobs to

Cleveland County.

CommScope had originally planned to use the building for expansion of its broadband cable manufacturing

The building along with the approximate 85 acres of land is part of the inventory to be sold.

Including land improvements, Cleveland County Economic Development Commission Director Steve Nye said the building is valued at \$8,598,794.

One of the recent land improvements has been a 12-inch, 3,400 foot water line which was to supply both the CommScope and NVR buildings.

But while CommScope will not have an affect on Cleveland

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