

OBITUARIES

BETTY P. LONGLEY
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty P. Longley, 71, 103 Dunes Drive, died November 27, 2002 at Brian Center, Gastonia.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Jasper Philbeck. She was also preceded in death by her son, Bobby Longley.

She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. She was a retired medical secretary at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Glenn Longley of Kings Mountain; mother, Vernie Pryor Philbeck of Kings Mountain; brothers, Maynard Philbeck and wife Myrtha, Arnold Philbeck and wife Betty, and Roger Philbeck and wife Judy, all of Kings Mountain; nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ron Caulder at 2 p.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Oak Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DWIGHT F. HURDT
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dwight F. Hurdt, 70, 622 Bell Road, died November 30, 2002 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salisbury.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late Frank and Lottie Hoyle Hurdt.

He was retired from the Army as a Chief Warrant Officer 2. He served 21 years, including the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 23 years. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, a member of Cleveland Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Whetstone Hurdt of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Pam Hurdt of Gastonia; daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Marcus Orders of Kings Mountain; brothers, Joe Hurdt of Earl, James Hurdt and Leonard Hurdt, both of Casar, Andrew Hurdt of

Shelby and Ronald Hurdt of Ellenboro; sisters, Carolyn Hurdt and Ruth H. Philbeck of Shelby, and Shirley Adams of Earl; and four grandchildren, Joshua and Jacob Hurdt and Ashton and Tanner Orders.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jim Brackett and Ron Caulder at 3 p.m. Monday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, 600 College Street, Oxford, NC 27565.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUBY HUNTSINGER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruby Mullinax Huntsinger, 80, died November 30, 2002 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Alonzo and Sallee Gardner Mullinax.

She is survived by her daughters, Phyllis Joan Lail of Gastonia and Helen Barrett Ross of Bessemer City; and sister, Lucille Owens of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Wayne Kirk and Roy Dean Clark at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City. Interment was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family. Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CLAUDIA BLACKBURN
GROVER - Claudia McCraw Blackburn, 82, 127 Blackburn Drive, died November 27, 2002 at Wendover Hospice, Shelby.

A native of Mt. Airy, she was the daughter of the late Alexander and Emily Alice Dawson McCraw and wife of the late Greer Sidney Blackburn. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church and was retired from Minette Mills.

She is survived by her son, Dennis S. Blackburn of Wilmington; daughters,

Jeanette B. McCoy and husband Quint of Kings Mountain, Hilda Anthony and husband Michael of Kings Mountain, and Judia Sanders and husband Nathan of Wilmington; sisters, Alice M. Wheeler of King and Ada Thomas of Pinnacle; six grandchildren, Sharon Reese, Dwight Chapman II, Karen Tucker, Kristen Anthony, Tara Hackney and Brooke Blackburn; and three great-grandchildren, Josh Tucker, Katie Tucker and Lane Evans.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Doug Ramsey at 3 p.m. Friday at Bethany Baptist Church. Interment was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MAXINE PRICE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Maxine Maney Price, 57, 316 Crocker Road, died November 27, 2002 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Cline William Maney and the late Lillian Stockton Maney. She was the wife of the late Gordon Birchfield Price, and was also predeceased by her sister, Joann McKinney.

She was a member of Harvest Time Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Gordon William and Wanda Price, and Thomas Allen and Audra Price, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Teresa Diane Mull of Kings Mountain; brother, Kenneth Maney of Bessemer City; and grandchildren, Carrie and Mark Mull Jr., and Jason and Halie Price.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Gene Grigg and Richard Prow at 2 p.m. Saturday at Second Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Greene Funeral Service - West Chapel, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

Maney appointed interim city manager

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain City Manager Jimmy Maney's retirement is effective December 31.

Although January 1 is a holiday, Maney officially begins duties that day under a new title: Interim City Manager.

City Council Tuesday night officially appointed Maney to the position at the same full-time salary he has been making. However, he will not have a benefits package as his insurance is included in his retirement package.

At the time he announced his resignation, Maney told Council that he would be available to help out until a new city manager is found.

Councilman Gene White Tuesday night said that could take awhile because the advertisement drafted last month by Council is not drawing qualified candidates.

So at White's suggestion, Mayor Rick Murphrey appointed a committee consisting of Maney, Human Resources Director Pat Blanton, and Councilmen White and Rick Moore to draft a new advertisement to include more detailed qualifications to run in area newspapers and statewide trade publications. They will report back to Council at its December 10 meeting.

White said the city had received 28 applications thus far, but only one of the applicants is qualified to be a city manager.

"We have one chance to get this right," White said. "If we don't the citizens are going to pay the price."

KM Council leases depot to Southern Arts Society

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

City Council voted 5-2 last week to lease the old Kings Mountain Depot to the Southern Arts Society.

Councilmen Rick Moore and Jim Guyton cast the dissenting votes. Guyton, who was out of town last month when Council approved a plan to lease the building to the group, and Moore objected because the city will foot the bill for utilities.

Moore also said he would like to see an arrangement where the building can also be used by the White Plains Shrine Club, which also wanted to lease the building.

The agreement includes a sub-lease of 1.4 acres of property which is owned by Southern Railway.

Guyton said the city "doesn't need to get into the utility business" with tenants. City Manager Jimmy Maney pointed out that the city owns two other rental properties. The city pays the utilities for the Kings Mountain History Museum. Both the Museum and Arts Society are non-profit organizations.

The city's other tenant is Coldwell Bankers Realty, which occupies the old Dr. Thombs building on King Street. The realty company pays its own utilities.

Supporters of the White Plains Shrine Club and Southern Arts Society spoke prior to the action.

"We have two good groups here that want the building," Councilman Moore said. "Somehow I would like to see them get together and work this out and share this building. As far as using taxpayer money to pay for their utilities, I cannot vote for that."

Councilman Dean Spears made the motion to lease the building to the arts group, saying Council intended to lease it to them two years ago (but city officials learned that Southern Railway actually

owned the land and the city owned the building).

"I thought we awarded this to the Arts Society two years ago, then we hit a snag with the railroad," Spears said. "Then at last month's meeting I thought we gave it to them again. Why are we considering this?" (leasing it to the Shriners).

Councilman Gene White said last month the board approved its intent to lease the building to the Arts Society after City Attorney Mickey Corry outlined the legal requirements, which included advertisement of their intent in the media before taking official action.

"Both groups made their presentations," White noted, "plus the Southern Arts Society had a petition with 400 names on it. Each side made its presentation, which were virtually identical."

Shriners John Grant and Gilbert Brazzell both said their club would pay for the utilities, interior and exterior improvements and make the building available for use by other non-profit groups. Grant asked Council to table the action.

Brazzell asked Council to "not approve" leasing the building to the Arts Society and "consider our proposal." He said the Shrine Club did not understand that last month's meeting was for official presentations by the groups.

"I don't think the people of Kings Mountain would appreciate you paying the utilities," Brazzell said. "Make it available to all citizens. This building belongs to the people of Kings Mountain and that's how we'd like it to stay."

Priscilla Mauney, who lives up the street from the Depot in the city's historical district, said she and her neighbors welcome the Arts Society and the programs it can provide citizens at the site.

"Our citizens lives will be enriched by what this group has to offer there," she said.

City prepared for bad weather

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
Staff Writer

With the prediction of an ice storm on the way, many city workers met on Tuesday morning to discuss strategies of coping with winter weather, said Nick Hendricks, director of the Kings Mountain electrical department.

Communication was the

biggest issue discussed at the meeting, said Hendricks.

"We need to make sure everybody knows where everyone's going to be," he said.

Also the city departments put together a priority list for dealing with problems related to winter weather in the city. They also discussed the number of people who would be working at one

time to clear off the roads and get the electricity running again, among other tasks.

"They need to make sure they have the right number of crew members at certain locations around the city," said Mayor Rick Murphrey. They also need to make sure they have enough people to answer the telephone during emergencies, he said.

Murphrey said that the city has been taking preventive measures in preparation for winter storms as well. For example, the city has a contract with a company that specializes in clearing tree limbs that may be close enough to the power lines to fall on them during storms.

"They do a good job," said Murphrey of the city workers and of the company that cuts the tree limbs. "They can't prevent it all, but they've worked well." Even if the predicted ice storm were to miss Kings Mountain, Hendricks said the meeting will still have been valuable.

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AMF Bowling, E. Dixon Blvd., 93.0**
Broad River Coffee Co., Boiling Springs, 97.5
Dayne's Shingle Shak, Fallston Rd., 90.
Hardee's, Boiling Springs, 95.
KFC #2, East King St., Kings Mountain, 96**
KFC/Taco Bell #22, Boiling Springs, 96**
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