

Moore to be sworn into State office next Wednesday

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Representative-elect Tim Moore, an attorney from Kings Mountain, will be sworn into the North Carolina House of Representatives at noon January 29. Although Moore will not take office for almost a week, he already has ideas for bills he would like to see passed.

In North Carolina, no laws exist to punish repeat offenders for misdemeanor larceny, said Moore. Each time a person is convicted of misdemeanor larceny, he or she is sent to prison for a maximum of 120 days, without regard to whether he or she has been convicted of the same offense previously.

Moore cited a case in Shelby as an example of the problem. One man has been convicted of misdemeanor larceny 37 times, and he still receives only four months in prison for each offense. Immediately after the offender is released from prison each time, lawn furniture starts disappearing again, he said. Under Moore's bill, after a person's fifth or sixth offense, the crime would become a felony and carry a much more severe punishment.

"It happens over and over again," he said. "These folks often have drug habits, although not always. To punish them as a felon would put them away for a while."

While Moore will certainly introduce the bill while he is in office, his first step will be to be sworn into office. Immediately after

Moore and the other new Representatives are sworn in on January 29, the election of the Speaker of the House will take place.

Depending on who is elected Speaker of the House, Moore said he anticipates being appointed as chair of the judiciary committee, which would mean

he would be able to evaluate suggestions for law changes at the state level. He also said he may be appointed to the appropriations committee, which examines funding requests and helps write the state budget. He said he may also be appointed to the transportation and education subcommittees.

"I feel certain it'll be Leo Daughtry," he said, but it's really too early to speculate, he said. Daughtry is the nomination from the Republican Caucus, although rumors that Rep. Joe Kaiser, a Republican from Lincoln County, is also running for Speaker have been circulating, said Moore.

"It's not a stable situation," he said. "From what I'm hearing, no single person has 61 committed votes to be elected."

In the House, 61 votes are required to elect someone as Speaker. Right now, 61 Republicans and 59 Democrats are in the House. Republicans have the majority, but all 61 of them would have to agree on the Speaker in order to get one elected.

"I don't think anyone has all 61 votes as of yet," said Moore.



TIM MOORE

OBITUARIES

EUGENE McSWAIN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Spurgeon Eugene McSwain, 85, 1708 Shelby Road, died January 20, 2003 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late John Spurgeon and Margaret Eugenia Little McSwain. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church. He was retired manager of the Joy Theater, and also retired from the Kings Mountain Police Department. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Maude Dingle McSwain of Kings Mountain; sisters, Juanita Goforth and husband Ben T. Goforth of Kings Mountain, and Jeanette M. Jenson of Virginia Beach, VA; niece, Teresa Bell; and nephew, Ricky Roberts.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Blanton at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VIOLA OLIVER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Viola Blackwell Oliver, 76, 113 Fulton Street, died January 19, 2003 at her home.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late John and Molly Carroll Blackwell and wife of the late Richard W. Oliver Sr. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, William Blackwell and Abe Blackwell, sister Annie Mae Blackwell, and son-in-law Roy Chitwood.

She was a member of Second Baptist Church. She was retired from the textile industry, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Richard Oliver Jr. and wife Velma, Carlton Oliver and wife Donna, Gary Oliver and wife Kay, and Tim Oliver and wife Jeanne, all of Kings Mountain; daughters, Becky O. Chitwood of Kings Mountain, Scottie O. Ruppe and husband Curt of Kings Mountain, and Deborah O. Smith and husband Keith of Bessemer City; brothers, Jimmy Blackwell of Blacksburg, SC, Johnny Blackwell of Pacolet, SC, and Victor Blackwell of Waco; sisters, Louise Oliver and Rose Mae Potts, both of Kings Mountain; 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Land at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HELEN LOVELACE
STELLA, NC - Helen Scism Lovelace, 88, 185 White Oak Bluff Road, formerly of Kings Mountain, died January 13, 2003 at Trent Village in Pollocksville.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John William and Sarah Louise Green Scism and wife of the late William Odell Lovelace. She was a retired textile worker and member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her son, William Steven Lovelace and wife Carolyn of Stella; sisters, Marjorie Neal and Gladys Hamrick of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Penny Dowda of Kings Mountain, Jason Starnes of Gastonia, Eric Starnes of Swansboro, and Amy Jones of Stella; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tim Hendricks at 3 p.m. Friday at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association, 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DAVID GALLAGHER JR.
KINGS MOUNTAIN - David L. Gallagher Jr., 86, 410 Country Club Acres, died January 15, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Wilmington, he was the son of the late David Lane Gallagher Sr. and Almeria Munn Gallagher. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was retired from Sears.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise Stark Gallagher of Kings Mountain; daughters, Ann Gallagher Brogdon and husband Barry of Kings Mountain, and Frances Gallagher of Mt. Pleasant, SC; and two grandchildren, Patrick Gallagher Brogdon and Lora Colleen Brogdon.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Bill Jeffcoat at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES O. ALLEN
DENTON - Charles O. Allen, 62, Vernon Avenue, died January 14, 2003 at Thomasville Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Arthur Allen. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was the executive vice president of Mid-State Plastics in Seagrove until his retirement. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church and was a graduate of N.C. State University in electrical engineering. He was a certified Quality Controlled Engineer.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Susan Wilson Allen of the home; son, James Jeremy Allen of Matthews; daughter, Jennifer Susan Allen of the home; mother, Mary

Owens Allen of Kings Mountain; and brother, Arthur Allen Jr. of Charlotte.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Joe Collins and Chris Smith at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Central United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 126, Denton, NC 27239 or the American Cancer Society, 4-A Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407.

Briggs Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FLOYD W. REYNOLDS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Floyd W. "Bubbe" Reynolds, 78, 105 Cash Road, died January 14, 2003 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late C.S. and Lillie Marie Eaker Reynolds. He was also preceded in death by his son, Jerry Reynolds, and brothers Colin, Tom, Roy and Carl Reynolds. He was retired from textiles, and was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Hullender Reynolds, son Kenny Reynolds, and daughter Kathy Reynolds, all of Kings Mountain; brother, James Reynolds of Kings Mountain; and sisters, Colleen R. Tate of Kings Mountain and Moree R. Grayson of Greensboro.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by the Rev. Todd Reynolds at 3 p.m. Thursday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church, 122 El Bethel Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CHERYL BROWN
LAKE WYLIE, SC - Cheryl Harrison Brown, 55, 4650 Island Fork Road, died January 15, 2003.

She was a graduate of Hunter Huss High, Polytechnical Institute, and Gardner-Webb University where she received a BA in Nursing. She worked as a Registered Nurse at Pro Med Emergency Center, Gastonia, and Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

She is survived by her husband, Larry G. Brown of Lake Wylie, SC; sons, Trofe Pratt Campbell and Trinity Glenn Campbell of Belmont; parents, Charles A. and Betty W. Harrison of Gastonia; brother and sister-in-law, Charles A. and Dale K. Harrison II of Gastonia; brother, Rodger D. Harrison of Honduras, Central America; sister, Jennifer H. Van Wie of Gastonia; granddaughters, Bailey Tarah Campbell, Stella Brown, and Noah Brown; grandchildren to be Hunter Campbell and Trinity Shea Kathleen Campbell of Belmont; and nieces and nephews, Chris, Angela, and Ryan Harrison, Tiffany Harrison, Heather Deatherage and Justin Van Wie.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mike Johnson at 1 p.m. Saturday at Howell Funeral Home. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Howell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GENE CAMP
BLACKSBURG, SC - Eugene "Gene" Camp, 54, 142 Wendy Drive, died January 16, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Dock Newman Camp and Vera Kitchen Camp. He was also preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Dean Camp, and sister Mary Frances Camp Henson. He was owner/operator of Camp's Garage.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Huffstetler Camp of Blacksburg, SC; sons, Eugene Newman Camp Jr. and wife Erica of Kings Mountain, and Scottie Newman Camp and wife Kathy of Blacksburg, SC; daughter, Gina Denise Montgomery and husband Freddy of Kings Mountain; stepsons, Steve Hamrick and wife Kay and Ricky Hamrick and wife Beth, all of Kings Mountain; stepdaughter, Tammy Taylor and husband Chris of Thornton, CO; brothers, Robert L. Camp and wife Dot, and Charles N. Camp and wife Dorothy, all of Blacksburg, SC; sister, Lucille Williams and husband Paul of Kings Mountain; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Barry Philbeck at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery, Blacksburg, SC.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES STALEY
SPARTA - James Monroe Staley, 86, 1945 DeWitt Road, formerly of Kings Mountain, died January 17, 2003 at Alleghany Memorial Hospital.

A native of Wilkes County, he was the son of the late William Duran and Ross Porter Staley. He served in the Army during World War II, and was a retired carpenter. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Velma Louise West Staley; and stepson, Steve Robinson.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel Robinson Staley of Sparta; son, Ronnie Dean Staley of Shelby; daughters, Pat Bridges of Lake Wales, FL, Connie Barber of Kings Mountain, and Janet Yvonne Grant of Shelby; stepchildren, Brenda Kost of Medina, OH, Jean Burchette of Sparta, and Wayne Robinson of Mooresville.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roy Dean Clark at 4 p.m. Sunday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Kings Mountain. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Reception slated for grant winners

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
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The Kings Mountain Tourism Development Authority committee voted to hold a grant appreciation reception for all those who have received grants from the group so far.

"We want to publicize to the community what we're doing," said committee member Carl DeVane.

Approximately 24 organizations have received grants. See Reception, 5A

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(By Kenneth Kitzmiller)

| | January 15-21 | Year Ago |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total precipitation | .33 | 4.37 |
| Maximum one day | .20 (16th) | 1.75 (16th) |
| Month to date | .82 | 4.79 |
| Low temperature | 11 (17th) | 31 (19th, 21st) |
| Average temp. | 37.6 | 44.6 |

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