

KM WEATHER REPORT

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

Year Ago	Jan. 22-28	
Total precipitation	.49	2.05
Maximum 1 day	.48 (22nd)	.94 (22nd)
Month to date	1.31	5.33
Low temperature	6 (23rd)	29 (25th)
High temperature	52 (28th)	71 (28th)
Average temperature	34.3	49.6

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the health department, hospital employees, police officers, and firefighters on a volunteer basis. Since those members of the community would be the first on the scene if an emergency occurred, it is imperative that they be protected so that they can continue to do their jobs.

The third stage, which involves vaccinating as many members of the public as possible, would not occur unless a smallpox case had been discovered in the United States, said Melton. The discovery of one case of smallpox in the United States would constitute a public health emergency. Smallpox has not occurred in the United States since 1949, and the last known case was found in Somalia in 1977. Currently, the United States has enough vaccines to vaccinate everyone in the United States if necessary, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (www.cdc.gov).

Melton said she received training in giving the vaccination in December, even though she gave the vaccination years ago when she first came into public health. The process is still basically the same.

Vaccinations given to people when they were children may offer them slight immunity, said Melton. However, that immunity would not be enough. Everyone would need to be vaccinated, regardless of whether they had had the vaccination before, she said. Nonetheless, the second vaccination would not bring such acute side effects as the first, she said.

Some Cleveland County hospital workers have been offered vaccinations in the first stage of the process; however, they have all opted to wait until stage two. As a result, a few vaccines may be left over at the health department, said Melton. Those vaccines will not be offered to the public at this time, though.

The younger generations have never had the opportunity to be vaccinated, since the United States quit vacci-

nating children in 1972.

The vaccine will be brought in from Charlotte, where the first vaccinations in the area will be given. Each county will receive a certain amount of doses of the vaccination to use in their health departments and hospitals. Although the vaccination process was to begin in Charlotte on Monday, Charlotte hospitals are delaying the process while some final questions are answered. The five hospitals in Mecklenburg County will not take part in the first stage of the process.

While vaccinations are voluntary for most people, the military is required to have them, since they will also have to respond if the United States becomes a victim of a bioterrorist attack. Other health and safety workers have the option of declining the vaccine. Vaccines will not be given to those who are pregnant, breastfeeding, allergic to any of the ingredients in the vaccine, or who have weak immune systems or severe skin conditions like shingles.

Since the smallpox vaccine is made from a live virus, recently vaccinated people may expose others to the disease. Those who are vaccinated will need to make sure that they keep their vaccinated area well protected for a few weeks after they receive the vaccination.

According to the CDC, smallpox is a very serious and deadly disease. The first symptoms of the disease are high fever, headache, and vomiting, followed by a rash of small red spots on the tongue and in the mouth. The bumps will spread to the body and will form depressions that look like bellybuttons. Scabs will form over the bumps for a few days before the bumps become pustules that feel like BBs embedded in the skin. Scabs will again form and will eventually leave scars on the skin. The disease lasts several weeks, and the person is contagious until the last scar falls off.

The vaccination is effective if it is given within four days of exposure to smallpox. The vaccinia virus used in the vaccination can spread without proper care. The vaccinia virus, like smallpox, spreads through contact with the infected area. The vaccine does not contain the smallpox virus.

One out of three people receiving the vaccination will experience flu-like symptoms which are bad enough to cause them to miss work. Approximately 1,000 out of every million people vaccinated will experience a serious, but not life-threatening, vaccinia rash or sores. Approximately 14-52 people out of every million will experience life-threatening illnesses, like postvaccinal encephalitis. Approximately 1-2 of those

OBITUARIES

HELEN SCRUGGS

GASTONIA - Helen Lanier Scruggs, 71, 600 Ole Lamp Lane, died January 28, 2003 at her home.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Frank and Ethel Ruth Parks Lanier and wife of the late L.D. Scruggs. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Margaret L. Wells, and brother Buford Lanier.

She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and retired from Ivey's/Dillard's Department Store.

She is survived by her sons, Lewis Dean Scruggs and wife Teresa of Monticello, GA and David Lee Scruggs and wife Christy of Kings Mountain; daughters, Sheila S. Pritchett and husband Randy of Gastonia and Lori Delmar and husband Peter Dittmer of San Francisco, CA; brothers, Bobby D. Lanier and H.A. Lanier of Gaffney, SC; sister, Betty Jean L. McDaniel and special friend and companion of 18 years, Lamar Elrod of Blacksburg, SC; and five grandchildren, Travis Pritchett, Coty Scruggs, Leah Scruggs, Philip Harbin, and Melissa Parker.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. David Turner, Dickie Spargo and Dale Lawing at 2 p.m. Thursday at Macedonia Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 539 N. New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC 28054; Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 S. Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; or Gaston Hospice, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

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

GARY WILLIS

GROVER - Gary Wayne Willis, 62, 116 Kentbury Road, died January 23, 2003 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James Willis and Janelle Bright and husband of the late Helen Faye Morrison.

He served in the U.S. Army, where he worked in communications and retired in 1997. He served two tours in Vietnam. He attended Cleveland Tech, where he obtained a two-year degree in Criminal Justice.

He is survived by his daughters, Terrie Alexander of Texas, Sharon Senecal of New York and Linda D. Willis of Oregon; sons, Chad Willis and Neal Willis, both of North Carolina; brothers, Rodney Willis, Joe Billey Willis and Keith Willis; sisters, Aree McKee and Lorraine Baker; and three granddaughters.

The funeral was held Sunday at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home in Shelby.

Rev. Crawford to preach at Dixon

Rev. Graham Crawford of Gastonia Sunday will begin a two-month temporary supply relationship with Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain.

TOMMY WEASE
LAWNDALE - Thomas Wright "Tommy" Wease, 73, 156 Ball Park Road, died January 23, 2003 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Ezra Gold Wease and the late Myrtle Mae Ledwell Wease. He was also preceded in death by brothers Ezra, Ben, Howard and Edward Wease, and sisters Lois Waters and Shirley Brown.

He was self-employed in business for 46 years. He was owner of Lawndale Dry Cleaners and for the past 16 years was owner of Lawndale Paint and Supply.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lawndale, where he was a charter member of the Methodist Men. He attended Piedmont High School and Howard Business College. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and was stationed in Bussac, France.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mattie Sue Garver Wease of Lawndale; son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Kim Wease of Kings Mountain; sisters, Mary Sue Champion and Adell Eaker of Lawndale; mother-in-law, Vada Garver of Lawndale; and two grandsons, Brett and Brady Wease.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. David Reep and Zeno Wright at 3 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church of Lawndale. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lawndale, P.O. Box 548, Lawndale, NC 28090; or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Stamey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

EUNICE SMITH

FOREST CITY - Eunice Carpenter Smith, 88, 163 Hedgeland Drive, formerly of Kings Mountain, died January 27, 2003 at Rutherford Hospital, Rutherfordton.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Fannie Richardson Carpenter and wife of the late Paul T. Smith. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Jane Lovelace. She attended Abundant Life Church of God, Shelby, and was a member of the Senior Program in Forest City.

She is survived by her daughter, Frances Smith McDaniel and husband Franklin of Forest City; son-in-law, Gene Lovelace of Kings Mountain; brother, Billy Carpenter of Kings Mountain; and sister, Dot Clark of Cherryville.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bobby Callahan at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Kings Mountain. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VERA TAYLOR
SHELBY - Vera Audrey Taylor Taylor, 78, 1306 Hunt Street, died January 24, 2003 at Hospice of Wendover.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Lewis Avery Taylor and Vennie Audrey McDaniel, and wife of the late John W. Taylor Sr. She was also predeceased by her sister, Blanche Taylor Daves, and brothers Newton C. Taylor and Max Taylor.

She was a volunteer for the local Hospice and hospital. She worked in Spartanburg, SC as a secretary, and after moving to Shelby she worked in the Shelby Mill office and in the accounting office at FASCO.

She was a charter member of Westview Baptist Church, a member of Esther Bible Class and Primetimers, and member of the Bible Study group and WMU.

She is survived by her sons, John W. Taylor Jr. of Earl and Jeff Taylor and wife Linda of Kings Mountain; brothers, Cecil Taylor and wife Barbara of Charlotte and Carroll Taylor of Prescott, MI; sisters, Katherine Barnett and husband Dean of Spartanburg, Kaye Bramlett and husband Deb of Valdese, and Becky Scruggs and husband Julian of Gaffney, SC; sister-in-law, Mary Pettit Taylor of Gaffney, SC; grandchildren, Weston Taylor and Lindsay Taylor; nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Reese Linnell at 1 p.m. Monday at Westview Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or Westview Baptist Church Bus Fund, 500 Melody Lane, Shelby, NC 28152.

DIANA DELLINGER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Diana Long Dellinger, 64, 404 Hawthorne Road, died January 26, 2003 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Edwin Keith and Ruth Quinn Long Sr.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Joy Sunday School Class. She was a member of PEO Chapter AP, Kings Mountain. She served as a volunteer with Holy Angels of Belmont, Hospice of Cleveland County, and the American Red Cross of Cleveland County.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis Dellinger of Kings Mountain; son, Lew Dellinger and wife Linda of Kings Mountain; daughter, Holly Robinson and husband Greg of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Mason and Lauren Dellinger and Morgan and Miles Robinson; and brothers, Edwin Keith Long Jr. and wife Renna of Cherryville, and Rev. Joel Morgan Long and wife Susan of Eden.

A memorial service was conducted by Dr. John Sloan and Rev. Joel Long at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby, NC 28150; Children's Home Society, P.O. Box 14608, Greensboro, NC 27415-4608; and Holy Angels, 6600 Wilkinson Blvd., Belmont, NC 28012.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DAN GORDON
BADIN - Dan Reid Gordon, 58, 93-A Valley Drive, died January 25, 2003 at his home.

A native of Forest City, he was the son of the late Willie Myrtle Bridges Gordon and Clyde Columbus Gordon. He was also predeceased by his brother Datus Gordon, and sister Myrtle Owens.

He was a member of Badin United Methodist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force with service in Vietnam. He had 30 years of service with Branch Bank and Trust of Denver, retiring as branch manager. He was a member of Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 388, Boiling Springs, and was a member of the Stanly County Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Jean Huffstetter Gordon of Badin; sons, William "Ed" Gordon of March Air Force Base, CA, William Eric Gordon and wife Daphne of Belmont, and Robert Appling and wife Sheila of Medina, OH; daughter, Mrs. Deborah Brannan and husband Bob of Concord; brothers, Ed Gordon, Dean Gordon and James T. Gordon, all of Forest City; sisters, Mrs. Ola Shgtle and Mrs. Hazel Rogers of Forest City, Mrs. Rose Johnson of Nashville, TN, and Mrs. Myrlie Barrier of Alaska; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert E. Romanello, his son Robert Appling, and his brother-in-law Frank Hawkins at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Badin United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Stanly County, 960 North First Street, Albemarle, NC 28001 or Badin United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 337, Badin, NC 28009-0337.

Hartsell Funeral Home, Albemarle, was in charge of arrangements.

BOB BRADLEY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Robert L. "Bob" Bradley, 68, 111 Chadwick Dr., died suddenly Tuesday in Gaston Memorial Hospital.

He was a retired Kings Mountain and Gastonia attorney and a member of Central United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Yvonne Bradley of the home; two daughters, Elizabeth Hodgkins and her husband, David Hodgkins of Morrisville and Jennifer Bradley of Kings Mountain; two sons, Robert Bradley and wife, Cindy, and David Bradley, all of Raleigh; and two grandsons, Drew and Will Hodgkins.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

KMHS Class of 1993 begins reunion plans

Members of the Kings Mountain High School Class of 1993 are currently making plans for a 10-year reunion to be held in September.

The reunion committee, co-chaired by Todd Hagans and Tonya Hall Crawford, is working to locate classmates.

Anyone with contact information for a classmate should call Karla Moore Drennan at (704) 739-0166 or Kelly Seawright Peppers at (704) 937-7650.

THANK YOU

The family of Floyd "Bubby" Reynolds would like to express their thanks to all their friends & family for the food, flowers, memorials, cards, calls, prayers, love and support shown to them during this difficult time.
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