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Kings Mountain Fire Fighter Bobby Cash installs a smoke detector at Olie White's home. The installation is part of the Get Alarmed North Carolina campaign.

Local firemen installing free smoke detectors

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If area fire departments have it their way, no one will be without a smoke detector. Through the Get Alarmed North Carolina program, the Kings Mountain, Grover, Oak Grove and Bethlehem fire departments are able to install free smoke detectors in private homes.

Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns called the project "a community wide effort."

There are 300 detectors available on a first come, first serve basis. The fire departments are targeting the elderly and homes with children.

Burns credits the devices for saving lives.

"Nobody has lost a life in a house with a working smoke detector," he said.

The detectors catch fires while they are still small and smoldering. They should be installed in hallways near sleeping areas but away from the bathroom or kitchen. Due to temperature fluctuations, placement in attics is not advised.

All smoke detectors should be tested monthly. The smoke detectors that are part of the Get Alarmed project are tamper proof meaning batteries cannot be taken out without destroying the entire detector.

These detectors should last approximately 10 years but still require monthly testing.

Burns advises homes with conventional smoke detectors to change batteries twice yearly. Many people change the batteries at the same time that clocks are set either ahead or back in the spring and fall.

The fire chief stresses the importance of keeping batteries working. He remembers one fire that lives were lost. The homeowners had taken the batteries from the smoke detector for use in a television remote control. This was determined because the batteries were marked for use in a smoke detector.

Smoke detectors should be dusted regularly. Families should have fire escape plans, including two ways out of every room. Children should be taught to wave or hang a cloth from a room or turn the light on if they are trapped.

Fire fighters will upon request visit homes and advise if the smoke detector is installed properly.

For more information, call Kings Mountain Fire Department at 704-734-0555; Bethlehem, 704-739-6206; Oak Grove, 704-739-5734; or Grover, 704-937-7321.

Funding for smoke detectors is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and is administered through the state.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD PROCTOR
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Richard Price Proctor, 63, 304 Fairdel Street, died August 3, 2003 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Burgin William and Florence Grady Proctor. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Steve and Jack Proctor.

He was retired from FMC Lithium Corporation in Bessemer City after 32 years of service. He was a member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and was a member of the Seniors Sunday School class.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Green Proctor of Kings Mountain; son Ricky Proctor and wife Kim of Kings Mountain; daughter Jo Ann Proctor Green and husband Dale of Kings Mountain; sisters Pauline Ruppe, Helen Welch, Annie Ruth Connor, Pat Smith, Jody Hope, Carol Wells and Connie Wilson, all of Kings Mountain, and Gail Bollinger of Lincolnton; step-mother Lurene Elmore Proctor of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Misty Smith Broome and husband Chris of Antioch, SC, and Tasha Hambright, Joey Proctor, Isaac Proctor, Luke Proctor and Brianna Green, all of Kings Mountain; and great-grandchildren, Cody Eugene Black and Christopher Blake Broome.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mike Chambers at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Christian Freedom Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christian Freedom Baptist Church, 246 Range Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MIKE TIGNOR
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Michael Reid "Mike" Tignor, 56, 2137 Brookforest Drive, died August 1, 2003 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Dorothy "Dot" Cobb Tignor and husband of the late Beverly Hughes Tignor.

He was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and was retired from Reliance Electric. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his son, Jason Tignor of Cary; daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Edmondson and husband Brian of Kings Mountain; father, Gene Tignor of Kings Mountain; and brother, Ronnie Tignor and wife Shirley of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ken Gilligan and Doug Ramsey at 2 p.m. Monday at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County "Building Program," 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ELIZABETH W. AYSUE
HENDERSON - Elizabeth Wheeler Aysue, 89, 2084 Epsom-Rocky Ford Road, died Sunday at the home of her daughter.

A native of Vance County, she was the daughter of the late George Wheeler and Nancy Collins Wheeler Gordon, and stepfather, the late John Ernest Gordon, and was the widow of Marvin Allen Aysue. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Bessie G. Hamm and Annie Gray Aysue, and two brothers, Harvey L. Wheeler and G. Walter Wheeler.

She is retired from Vance County School System where she worked in the cafeteria at Henderson Junior High School. She was an active member of Liberty Christian Church, where she was a former Sunday School teacher and member of the Bertha Mitchell Sunday School Class. She was also a member of the Young at Heart Club at Henderson Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda A. Cordell of Henderson; son, Bobby A. Aysue and wife Helen of Kings Mountain; sister, Margaret G. Woodlief of Henderson; sister-in-law, Edna A. Newman of Henderson; grandchildren, Tammy C. Williams, Lisa C. Baker, Steve F. Cordell, Dan C. Aysue, David A. Aysue, James A. Belcher and Scott D. Belcher; great-grandchildren, dear friends, Jimmy Cordell and Kaye Odom; and her faithful caregiver, Lillie Kearney.

The funeral was conducted by Ralph Mayes, Chaplain Ann Ritter and Rev. John Yevak at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Liberty Christian Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dan Aysue, David Aysue, Scott Belcher, Jamie Belcher, Jimmy Cordell, Alton Foster, Bobby Newton and J.W. Woodlief. Honorary pallbearers were Trent Aysue, Jason Edwards, Freddie McGhee, Wayne Renn, Kermit Hoyle, Calvin Aysue, David Hughes, Mike Wheeler, and all members of the Henderson-Vance Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Christian Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Joyce Aysue, 199 Epsom-Rocky Ford Road, Henderson, NC 27537 or to Friends of Hospice, P.O. Box 2596, Henderson, NC 27536.

J.M. White Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

PAUL WALTERS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Paul David Walters, 27, 129 Rollingbrook Road, died August 3, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

He was a native of Hanover, PA.

He is survived by his wife, Crystal Stepp Walters of the home; parents, David Walters of Gaffney and Linda Warner Williams of Kings Mountain; son, Brandon Walters of the home; and brother, Ronald Berkhiser of Lawrenceville, GA.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Columns, Blacksburg, SC. A graveside service was conducted by Chaplain Shelton

Davis at Oakland Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dewey Mayfield, Jerry Scaif, John Mullinax, Chris Cody, Craig Brown and Michael Keating. White Columns, Blacksburg, Sc, was in charge of arrangements.

BETTY ALLEN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty Allen, 64, 408 Brice Street, died August 1, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital. She was a native of Cherokee County, SC. She was preceded in death by her sister, Julie Pasour; brother, Walter Dover; and daughter-in-law, Sharon James Allen.

She is survived by her father, Let Dover of Shelby; mother, Mattie Louise Martin Allen of Kings Mountain; husband of 50 years, Don Allen of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Donnie and Pat Allen Jimmie and Karla Allen, and Kenny Allen, all of Kings Mountain; daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel and Matthew Morris of Gastonia, Christina and Jeff Watkins of Kings Mountain, Teresa Allen of Kings Mountain and Kathy Allen of Gastonia; brothers, James Dover of Shelby, Thomas Dover of Kings Mountain, and Pete Dover of Gastonia; sister, Annette Cavender of Bessemer City; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Cash at 3 p.m. Monday at Greene Funeral Service West Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Greene Funeral Service West Chapel, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

ALVIN COOK
VALE - Alvin Jessie Cook, 81, 4267 Wise Road, died July 31, 2003 a Lutheran Home - Hickory West.

A native of Catawba County, he was the son of the late Odes Harrison Cooke and Vina Leila Wise Cook, and husband of the late Georgia Modell Bradshaw Cook, to whom he was married 58 years. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Grady and Roy Cook.

He was retired from North Hickory Furniture Company with 31 years service. He was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church, where he was a former deacon and trustee and member of the brotherhood.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil and Linda Cook and Ralph and Debbie Cook, all of Vale; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Phil Bryson of Kings Mountain; sisters Joan Sigmon of Burnesville, Lucille Wagner of Conover and Alta Sailors of Statesville; grandchildren Greg Cook, Scottie Cook, Paula Moss, Wesley Cook, Lee Dixon and Whitney Cook; and great-grandchildren Kaitlyn Moss, Georgia Moss and Olivia Moss.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Darrin Hughes at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Zion Hill Baptist Church Relief Fund, 7208 Old Hwy. 18, Lawndale, NC 28090. Stamey Funeral Home

was in charge of arrangements.

ARLIE LEE DUNN
LINCOLNTON - Arlie Lee Dunn, 60, 119 Starlight Dr., died July 21, 2003 at home.

He was a native of Cleveland County, born November 24, 1942, the son of the late Laddie and Nellie Mills Dunn. He was employed for 30 years in the maintenance department of Blackwelder Textiles of Cherryville. He was a member of Cornerstone Independent Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Green Dunn of the home; sons, Scott Dunn of Gastonia and Jeff Dunn of Cherryville; step-son, Billy Grigg of Charlotte; daughters, Vickie D. Brown and Nannette Cash, both of Cherryville, and Donna Bruns, Decatur, Ala., step-daughter, Doris West of Clover, S. C.; one sister, Myrtle Christenson of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Andrew Dunn and wife Joyce, of Gaffney, SC and Amos Dunn and wife, Mary, of Gastonia; 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted July 23, 2003 at Cornerstone Independent Baptist Church with Rev. Kevin Mathis officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Carper's Funeral Home of Cherryville was in charge of arrangements.

ALFORD MILLER
MOORESBORO - Alford Donald Miller, 74, 234 Devon Drive, died August 4, 2003 in Shelby.

A native of Shamokin, PA, he was the son of the late Alfred and Edna Arbogast Miller and brother of the late Joyce Larue Miller. He was fire chief for the City of Shelby from 1969-1977.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, where he was a former deacon.

He served on numerous committees and helped organize and build the Pilot Volunteer Fire Department in Thomasville, where he served as their first fire chief. He was past vice president of NC Firemen's Association, lifetime member of NC Fire Chiefs Association, was named Fireman of the Year by the NC Jaycees in 1960, was president of the Pilot Lions Club in 1957, director of the March of Dimes for Edgecombe County in 1965, and past member of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, Dee Miller of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy Miller Teague and Bill of Matthews and Karen Miller Sabet and Dan of Lake Wiley; grandchildren, Micah and David Teague and Ben Sabet; and brother and sister-in-law, Lamar Miller and Lillian of Thomasville.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Andy Oliver and Terry Cagle at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Music Department, 198 Pleasant Ridge Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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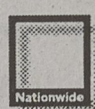
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