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# Local couple plan autumn nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Sankey Gaither III of Harmony announce the engagement of their daughter Celeste Gaither to John Garrett Ball.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Emmanuel College with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies and Clemson University with a Masters of Education in Counselor Education and Student Affairs.

Her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Newton Sankey Gaither Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clellan Nutt.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ronald Ball of Lenoir. His grandparents are Mrs. John Oates Plonk Jr., the late John Oates Plonk Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Jerome Ball.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in Journalism and Mass Communication and North Carolina State University with a Master of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management.

The couple plan a Sept. 10 wedding.



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**BRIEFS**

## 4-H club organizing

A new 4-H group for children and youth ages five to 18 is starting. An introductory meeting will be June 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Parents are encouraged to attend also. There is no registration fee.

There will be a fundraising yard sale for the club June 25 at the Armory from 7 a.m. to approximately noon. Clothing, household goods and other items from the Woman's Club yard sale will be available.

For more information, call Lori Sutherland at 704-739-2292. Linda Carpenter is the co-leader.

## Open house at YMCA

The Gaston County YMCA will host its first open house at the new Karyae Park Outdoor Family Center Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The park is located on South Linwood Road. For more information, call 704-865-8551.

## Railroad repair slated

Norfolk-Southern Railway plans to do maintenance on the following crossings some time between June 27 and July 5.

Crossings include Linwood Road, Baker Street, Piedmont Avenue, Mountain Street, Gold Street, Oak Street, Hawthorn Road, Margrace Road, Bethlehem Road, Dixon Dairy Road, Longbranch Road and in Grover Buren Drive and Carolina Avenue.

**ANNIVERSARY**

# 50 years celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Beatty of Seneca, SC, formerly of Kings Mountain, were honored on June 11, 2005 for their 50th wedding anniversary by their children, Cynthia Beatty Klaine and Gordon Britt Beatty. The actual anniversary was on June 9.

After a celebratory luncheon, the family and guests enjoyed cake, drinks, hors d'oeuvres and reminiscing at the home of the couple. Attending family members were the children, and their respective spouses, Steve Klaine and Anita Burkett Beatty of Seneca; grandchildren Jessica Beatty, Brandon Beatty and Hannah Beatty; Betty Clemmer of



Kings Mountain, sister of Mr. Beatty, and her children Ray Clemmer and Lara Clemmer. Also in attendance were cousins of Mrs. Beatty: Mr. and Mrs. Don Helsabeck

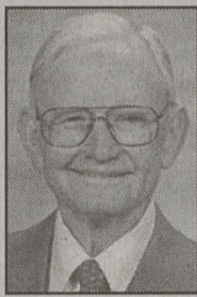
of Morehead City, and Pat Hurley of Asheboro. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Verner Burkett of Oakway and Lola Black of Seneca.

**OBITUARIES**

**MARION B. FLOWERS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Marion B. Flowers, 77, 210 Cleveland Avenue, died June 20, 2005 at White Oak Manor.

He was born in Cleveland County to the late Thomas Henry Flowers and Stella Lee Baity Flowers.

He was also preceded in



death by his sons Marion Bethel Flowers Jr. and Michael Douglas Flowers, his first wife Betty Morgan Flowers and brothers Arthur A. Flowers and Lawrence Flowers.

He was a member of First Wesleyan Church of Kings Mountain where he served as Sunday school superintendent for 32 years. He formerly served as Sunday school teacher, song leader, member of the building committee for the new church building, coach for girls softball team and was a member of the men's softball team. He participated in the Seniors Olympics. He was retired from the Eaton Corporation.

Survivors include his wife Peggy Ross Flowers, a daughter, Betty Ann Flowers Yates and husband Rev. Gene Yates of Dublin, GA; a sister, Clara Flowers Ross of Kings Mountain; a brother, Don Flowers of Gastonia and a granddaughter,

Elizabeth Suzanne Yates Fletcher and husband Erik Harrison Fletcher of Augusta, GA.

Funeral services are today at 2 p.m. at First Wesleyan Church. Revs. Don Williams and Gene Yates are officiating. Visitation is immediately prior to the service from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Interment is in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Wesleyan Church, 505 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**C. YATES HARBISON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Clarence Yates Harbison, 82, 802 Woodside Drive, died Saturday, June 18, 2005 at his residence. He was born in Morganton to the late William Moran Harbison and Mullie Lucinda Harbison.

He was a retired grocer and a member of First

Baptist Church, Kings Mountain where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and choir member. He served in the Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Harbison; a daughter, Ann P. Harbison of Kings Mountain; a son, David



A. Harbison and wife II Soon of Columbia; a brother, William Harbison of Morganton; three sisters, Musette Houser and Susan Noggle of Morganton and Dean Kirkpatrick or Cary; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church with Dr. John Sloan officiating. Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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