

OBITUARIES

LOTTIE ABSHER BURTON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lottie Absher Burton, 83, 612 Meadowbrook Road, died November 28, 2005 at her home. A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Julius Clyde and Carrie Stroupe Absher and wife of the late Lawrence Fred Burton. She was a lifelong member of Long Creek Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain. She is survived by her son, Lawrence M. Burton of Washington, DC; daughters Elaine Butler and husband James of Chatsworth, GA and Freida Hardin and husband David of Kings Mountain; sister Edna Absher Thompson of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Carlene Mutter and husband Jeff of Dalton, GA, Belle Anne Butler of Chatsworth, Ga, Susan Holloway and husband Jim of Charlotte, and Gail Cane and husband Jonathan of Atlanta, GA; and great-grandson Riley Mutter of Dalton, GA. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Troy Brazwell at 11 a.m. Thursday at Long Creek Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Visitation was from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday at Harris Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Long Creek Presbyterian Church, 701 Long Creek Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to the charity of the donor's choice. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

INEZ BRAFFORD

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Inez Brafford, 70, 228 Jim Patterson Road, died November 28, 2005 at her home. A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Clyde and Pearl Short Goins. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Chalmer Goins, and sisters Sadie Taylor, Thelma Bridges and Dorothy Payne. She was a homemaker and a member of Corinth Primitive Baptist, Kings Mountain. She is survived by her husband, Philip Brafford Sr. of Kings Mountain; sons Philip Brafford Jr. and wife Elaine of Grover, and Keith Brafford and Larry Brafford, both of Kings Mountain; daughters Juna Ann Moore and Carol Boyd and husband Dale of Kings Mountain, and April Elaine Camp and husband Norman of Boiling Springs; brother Roy Goins of Grover; sisters Ruth Putnam and Pernel Patterson of Kings Mountain, Bertha Goins of Shelby and Vera Davis of Shenandoah, VA; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. The funeral will be conducted by Elders Rommie Williams and F.W. Stacks at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2005 at Corinth Primitive Baptist Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Visitation was from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at Harris Funeral Home. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ANNIE LEE GOFORTH DICKSON

BLACKSBURG, SC - Annie Lee Goforth Dixon, resident of White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, formerly of Blackburg, SC, died November 27, 2005 at White Oak Manor. A native of York County, SC, she was the daughter of the late John F. Goforth and Katie Sheppard Goforth. She was wife of the late John Lawrence Dickson. She was also preceded in death by son, Larry Dean Dickson, brothers Blease Goforth, Preston Goforth and Wilbur Goforth; sisters Ione Goforth Wallace, Jessie Goforth Blackburn, Ida Mae Goforth McSwain, and Evelyn Goforth. She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church, where she served for many years as a Sunday School teacher and Training Union leader. She was a homemaker. She is survived by sons David Lawrence Dickson, John Gilbert Dickson and wife Beth, and Bobby Dickson and wife Pat, all of Blackburg, SC; daughter-in-law Linda Dickson of Gaffney, SC; brother Elmer Goforth of Gastonia; sisters Elizabeth Greenleaf of Flanders, NJ, Nan Kraft of Gastonia, and Margaret Lane of Grover; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 11 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church cemetery. Rev. Vernon Craig officiated. Memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, 839 Antioch Road, Blackburg, SC 29702. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

HOWARD EDENS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Howard Edens, 82, formerly of Kings Mountain, died November 27, 2005 at Fair Oaks Hospital, Chantilly, VA. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Harris Funeral Home, Inc., Kings Mountain.

CORINNE HAMBRIGHT STOWE

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Corinne Hambright Stowe, 95, of Kings Mountain, died November 28, 2005. A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Gilbert Dixon Hambright and Margaret Nettie Patterson Hambright. She was married to the late Logan Perry Stowe, who died in September, 1976. She was also preceded in death by son L.P. Stowe Jr., brother Claude Hambright, and sister Ann Hambright Jackson. She is survived by her daughter, Betsy Stowe Allen of Kings Mountain; sisters Sarah Hambright Rhyne of Graham and Mary Helen Hambright Patrick of Kings Mountain; daughter-in-law Vivian Mabe Stowe of Kernersville; grandchildren Belinda Lamm of Winston-Salem, Donna Stowe of Kernersville, Steven A. Allen of Barrington Hills, IL and Tina A. Morgan of Belmont; and great-grandchild Blane A. Morgan of Belmont. A graveside service was conducted by Rev. Lee Thomas at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FRANCIS

From 1A "Phil's leadership in cooperating and collaborating with partners embodies the true spirit and intent of civic engagement and management excellence. I am certain his inclusive approach will serve the Parkway well," said Regional Director Hooks. Francis commented that, "It's both a great honor and a tremendous responsibility to be

the superintendent of a park with such outstanding scenery and diverse natural and cultural resources. I'm looking forward to working with our many supporters, park neighbors and partner organizations to further public appreciation and the long-term preservation of this special place." The 469-mile Blue Ridge Parkway, sometimes called "America's Favorite Drive," is the most visited unit of America's National Park System.

LOCAL BRIEFS



Standing Evans H. Carroll Sr. Left to right, front row, Benjamin Carroll, Amberlyn Carroll, Essie "Grannie" Carroll, Ashton Carroll, Evans H. "Rocky" Carroll Jr.

November marked five generations of Carroll birthdays. The children of Misty Ann and Benjamin Evans Carroll, twins "Amberlyn" Faith and "Ashton" Blake Carroll, were one year old November 29. "Granny," Mrs. Essie Wilson Carroll, was 98 years old on November 28. The twins are the great grandchildren of Betty Jo and Evans H. Carroll Sr. and the late Johnnie and Bill Gault. They are the grandchildren of Rocky and Mary G. Carroll, Delores and Kelly Curry, all of Kings Mountain.

Several City of Kings Mountain attractions will be open on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. prior to the city's Christmas parade that starts at 3 p.m. The Art Center, at 301 N. Piedmont Avenue, will be open featuring the Members Show. The Art Center's 2006 calendar will be available. The William Andrew Mauney House, 1870s, on Battleground Avenue, will be open for tours. The Kings Mountain Historical Museum Foundation, 100 East Mountain Street, will feature the annual Trains, Trains, Trains exhibit and the 19th century Barber log house, behind the Museum, will also be open. At the Barber house there will be domestic skills and craft demonstrations by interpreters dressed in period clothing. The Log Cabin Band will perform from 11 a.m. - 12 noon and there will be story telling from 1-2 p.m. For more information call Kings Mountain Historical Museum at 704-739-1019.

The History and Arts Society of Bessemer City will sponsor a Christmas Tour of Homes Saturday, Dec. 3 from 3-8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of showing. Proceeds will be used for improvements to the museum. Refreshments will be served at First Baptist Church, 107 E. Washington Ave., courtesy of church members. The Earl Christmas parade will be held at 3 p.m. December 4. Mrs. Arrie Ellis, mayor, will be the Grand Marshal and will be honored for her 20 years of service to the town. Surplus food will be distributed by the Shelby Lions Club on Wed., Dec. 7 at 8 a.m. at the Cleveland County Fairground. Those who wish to apply will not receive a card from DSS, but some form of identification is required. Those picking up food for someone who is not able to go to the fairground must take a signed note from that person, giving their income, number in household, and current residence. Commodities are asparagus, carrots, frozen chickens, flour, milk, peaches, potatoes, pudding cups, rice, sweet potatoes and vegetable oil. For more information call J.D. Baldrre at 487-7466. Grover Police Department is sponsoring Project Santa which will provide food and toys for needy families. Donations of new toys and non-perishable items may be delivered to Grover Town Hall during regular business hours. These are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Containers for monetary donations are at local businesses. All contributions should be made by Dec. 20. The Grover Women's Club will meet December 1 at 7 p.m. at Grover Town Hall. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month. The Twenty Black Achievement Award Banquet will be held December 3 at Erwin Center at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12. For tickets or more information call 864-5850. Macedonia Baptist Church Brotherhood is selling spiral hams for \$30 for Christmas. Pick-up is December 24 from 8-11 a.m. Delivery is available for orders of five or more. Order hams by calling 739-6811 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or see a man of the church. The Adult Choir of Eastside Baptist Church, 308 York Rd., Kings Mountain, will present the Christmas musical "The Heart of Christmas" Dec. 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Ragan Wesleyan Church Music Ministries, 535 Oates Road, Gastonia, will present "The Spirit of Christmas" Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. To guarantee seats for your group call 629-2915 or 678-1683 for free tickets. Bethlehem United Methodist Church, four miles east of Fallston on Highway 182, will sponsor a concert by Bart Fortenberry of the Walk by Faith Band, Betty Jean Spangler, and The Flowers Family Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. A love offering will be received. A poor man's supper will be held from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds benefit the BUMC building fund. For more information call 704-445-4040. Cherokee Street Baptist Church, 423 Cherokee St., Kings Mountain, will host "The Melody Trio" in concert Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the service. The public is invited. Vestibule AME Zion Church, Kings Mountain, will host "A Night of Fashion" December 3 at 6 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium at Kings Mountain High School. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For tickets or more information call Mary Lowery at 865-3279 or Nerissa Ijames at 739-4926. Gardner-Webb University's annual December Gardner-Webb/Cleveland County Orchestra Concert will be held Monday, December 5, at 8 p.m. at the Dover Theatre, located inside the Lutz Yelton Convocation Center on the GWU campus. Admission is \$5 for all ages. Tickets in advance can be obtained at 704-406-4453 or will be available at the door. This program will feature traditional Christmas favorites and classical masterpieces.

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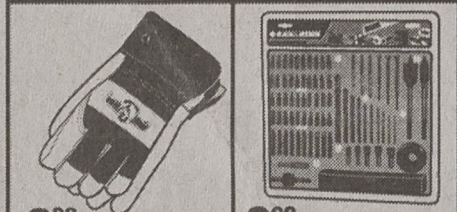
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