

OBITUARIES

EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR DR. CARL SMITH HERMAN
MEBANE - Dr. Carl Smith Herman, 61, 7020 Yarbrough Road, died March 3, 2006 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, after a one week illness.

A native of Dallas, he was husband of Mrs. Norma Spearman Herman and son of the late Judson Henry Herman and the late Frances Smith Herman. He was an educator and in testing research and development.

A memorial service was conducted by the Revs. Ken Hall Jr. and Frank Herman at 3 p.m. Sunday at Mebane United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Norma Spearman Herman of the home; daughter and husband Carla and Jeremy Soule of Havelock; son and wife Josh and Dana Herman of Mebane; grandchildren Hannah and Savannah and Noah Soule and Natalie Herman; brothers Rev. Frank Herman and wife Betty of Bessemer City and Tom Herman and wife Susan of Rutherford County; sisters Kay Eyster and husband Ed of Winston Salem; numerous nieces and nephews, and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Judson Henry Herman and Mrs. Frances Smith Herman, and by a brother, Bill Herman.

Carl spent his entire life and career as an educator in North Carolina. He taught at every grade level and has held various educational administrative positions. He capped his career in education with two years as an assistant professor of history. For the last five years he worked in testing research and development as a social studies content specialist for Measurements Incorporated.

He spent many years writing, and in 2004 he published his first novel "Rachel's Dream," which received much praise. He was an active member of Mebane United Methodist Church where over the years he served on various committees, taught Sunday school and was a Lay Speaker.

Though he loved education, writing and his church, no one has ever loved his family more than Carl. "Papa" especially loved telling stories to his nephews and grandchildren. Sometimes they were stories of his childhood, while others were from his active imagination. They and all other members of his family will miss him greatly.

Memorials may be made to UNC Children's Hospital, c/o Carolyn Viall, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 or Mebane United Methodist Church, 200 South Fourth Street, Mebane, NC 27302.

McClure Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES HUNTSINGER JR.

CORNELIUS - James Thomas "Jimmy" Huntsinger Jr., 53, 11350 Heritage Green Drive, died February 28, 2006 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

He was born in Waco, TX. He was the son of the late James Thomas Huntsinger Sr. He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Robert Huntsinger.

He was a member of Mulls Memorial Baptist Church, Shelby. He graduated from Crest High School in 1970 and attended Cleveland Community College and Gardner-Webb University. He was a sales representative for Mooresville Ice Cream Co., Mooresville.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Susan Bumgardner Huntsinger of Cornelius; mother Betty Padgett Huntsinger of Shelby; grandmother Zita Holbert Huntsinger Bridges of Boiling Springs; sons Carroll Eugene Huntsinger of Sharon, NC and Anthony Dale Huntsinger and wife Amanda of Troutman; daughters Carolyn Huntsinger Wacaster and husband Randy of Ft. Mill, SC, Kimberlyn Huntsinger Neal and husband Kenneth Farley Neal of McLeansville, Judy Huntsinger Daniels and husband Paul of Statesville, and Ginger Margaret Huntsinger of Raleigh; and grandchildren Daniel Mayes, Candice Mayes, Kaitlynn Huntsinger, Jacob Wacaster, Kelsie Wacaster, Mikey Neal, Christy Neal and Bryson Huntsinger.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Ervin Price and Rev. Wade Dellinger at 4 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2006 at Mulls Memorial Baptist Church. Interment was in Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville.

Memorials may be made to Mulls Memorial Baptist Church, 3299 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

YOUR RIGHT TO SAY IT

Why are police picking up trash?

To the editor:

I would like to know what our City Manager and city leaders are thinking.

On Friday, March 3, 2006 I was on Cleveland Avenue in Kings Mountain and noticed that there were several people picking up trash along the highway. Upon recognizing a few of the people, I noticed it was our city police officers.

It is bad enough that these officers have to risk their lives for the amount of money they earn, but to take them off of patrolling our streets to protect the citizens is a shame and disgrace to them. With the crime rate going up in the city and county why would our city manager and city leaders direct our police force to do this?

Do they not know that this hurts the morale of the officers? This to me looks like they are putting the officers on the same level as the people they send to prison who are suppose to be the ones who are picking up trash along the highways.

We also have organizations called "adopt a highway program." I thought our city was in such great financial shape but they must not be since they have to take officers off patrol to do this. Can they not hire a crew of people to do this job?

Another project I do not understand is why the city police officers have to deliver mail to our city council members on a daily basis to their homes? The city council people get a monthly salary and benefits to represent the citizens of Kings Mountain.

If they get a monthly salary for being a council person they should at least go by city hall and pick up their mail instead of taking up the police officers' time to do this.

This I guess is just another way our city manager and city leaders waste our tax dollars.

I would also like to say thank you to our city police force who do a great job for the community. I feel like the majority of citizens of Kings Mountain feel the same way as I do and hope they will also let the city officials know that our police officers need to do police work, not pick up trash and deliver mail to our city council members.

Our city manager just got a \$3,000 yearly raise for doing a good job. Why not give our officers a raise also and let them know what a great job they are doing.

Sincerely,
Eddie Payne
Kings Mountain

Thanks for helping family whose home was destroyed

To the editor:

On February 24, my sister's house was burned past repair. With the help of people in the community, Firestone, the Red Cross, Second Baptist, Baptist Association, KM Middle and East Elementary, she and her children are getting back on their feet.

This is just a small way to let you know how greatly appreciated your help and support have been the past two weeks. Thank you for keeping our family in your hearts and prayers in our desperate time of need.

April Morrison
Kings Mountain

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KM students 'Read Across America' in celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday

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Two Kings Mountain schools were visited last week by local community leaders who read Dr. Suess to the children, kicking off the "Read Across America" campaign.

Rep. Tim Moore visited North Elementary last Wednesday to promote the literacy program. During his visit he read "The Cat in the Hat" to Mrs. Lovingood's and Mrs. Sellers' 4th grade students.

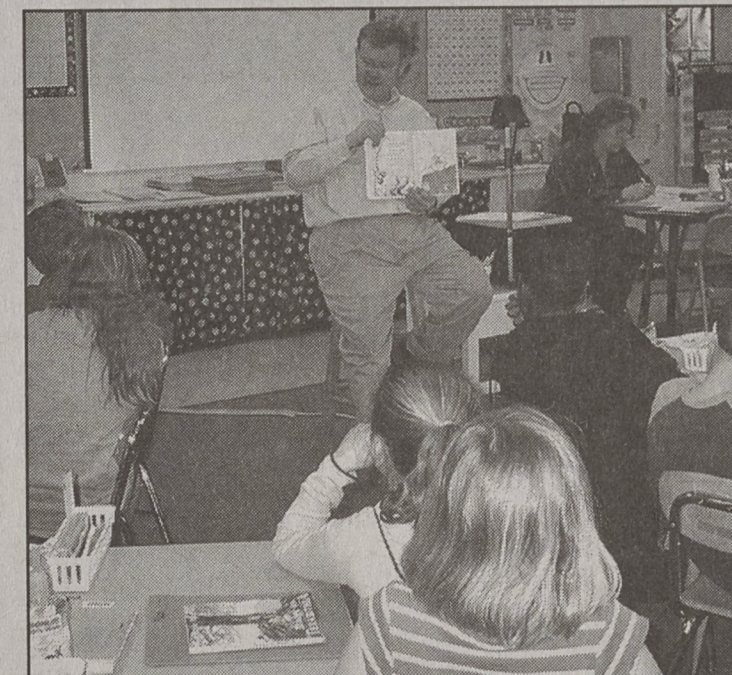
Later that same day Mayor Rick Murphrey visited Kings Mountain Intermediate school and read to Mrs. Skinner's 6th grade students. The mayor read "Scrambled Eggs," another work by Suess,

which was picked by the class.

March 2 was "Read Across America Day," sponsored by the NEA. Schools nationwide were visited by congressmen, fire fighters and even NFL stars such as T.J. Duckett of the Atlanta Falcons.

Read Across America celebrates not only child literacy, but also the birthday of Dr. Theadore Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Suess). Geisel, made famous by his rhyme-schematic children's books, won three Academy Awards as well as the Pulitzer Prize before his death in September of 1991.

"Reading is essential for the success of our students and I am proud to participate in this worthwhile project aimed at promoting literacy," said Rep. Moore.



DYLAN LLOYD / HERALD
Rep. Tim Moore reads to students at North Elementary School in Kings Mountain.

Vickie Fitch resigns Chamber position

Vickie Fitch has resigned as Vice-President of Membership for the Cleveland Chamber to accept the position of Area Manager for StaffMasters, USA.

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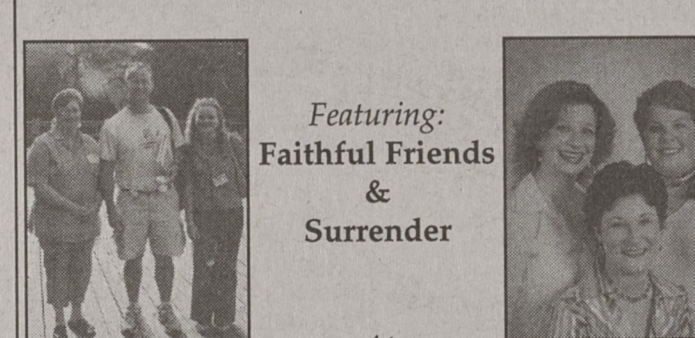
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