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Roamin' Around Town



With
Darrell Austin

(Ingredients: There will be bits of news, very little wisdom, some humor and comments, some views from other editors. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but please avoid an overdose.)

One for the money, two for the show, three to make ready and four to go. This bit of humor came from an avid Herald reader, Everette Pearson: Two women met for the first time since graduating from high school. Asked the first one, "Have you managed to live a well planned life?" "Oh, yes," said her friend. "First I married a Millionaire, then an actor, my third marriage was to a preacher and now I'm married to an undertaker." Her friend asked, "What do all those marriages have to do with a well planned life?" It was like this... "One for the money, two for the show, three to make ready and four to go." Thank's Everette.

"D"
Since The Charlotte Observer cancelled its football contest, the Herald is laying claim to paying out more prize money than any newspaper in the State of North Carolina. The Observer paid \$100 for first place and we pay \$75.00. I would call that moving on up. You'll find another contest in today's paper.

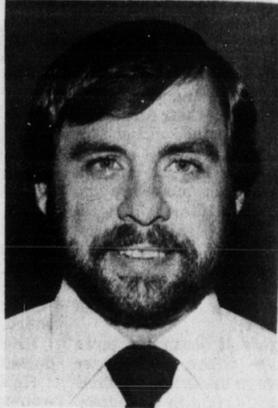
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This from Mr. James Evans and his wife from Orlando, Florida. Mr. Evans is the former principal of Bethware School and has been retired in Florida for the past three years: "We really enjoy the newspaper and commend you on the new heading which is very indicative of Kings Mountain, and appropriate. Really, the name Mirror-Herald just did not seem to be very appropriate. The renewal of the mountain picture is much more attractive and we are glad to see it." Mr. Evans also said that one of these days he would write the Herald an article on what retirement is and what it isn't. We would welcome his comments.

"D"
Toby Williams has been at the mike for 32 years: Toby has been the announcer on the public address system at Kings Mountain High School's football games for more than a quarter of a century. I had occasion to observe him in action at last Friday's game between KM and East Gaston, and his assistant, Bob Smith who has been at his side for 27 years. It's remarkable how they kept things running so smoothly, yards gained? yards to go? what down? who made the tackle? etc. Not many people have the dedication that these two gentlemen have. If I hadn't been in the press box trying to keep out of the rain, I wouldn't have known it myself. Good work fellows!

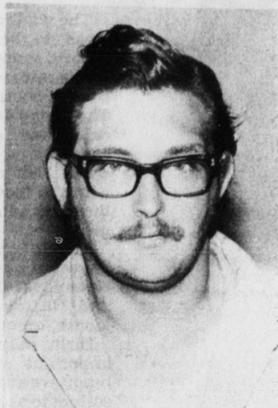


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This is it ...

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(To comment in this column, write Roamin' Around Town, P.O. Box 752, or give me a call at 739-7496.)



QUAY MOSS



GENE ATKINS

Atkins And Moss Running In Grover

Two more candidates have entered the race for the Grover board of commissioners.

Quay Moss and Gene Atkins filed last week, bringing the total number of commissioner candidates to five, the exact number of seats available in the November 6 election. Phil Harry, Juanita Pruette and Edward Philbeck filed earlier.

Mayor W.W. (Bill) McCarter, seeking his third two-year term, is thus far unopposed. None of the three commissioners have filed for re-election.

Moss, 35, is an employee of the Kings Mountain Post Office. He and his wife, Karen, have two children, Kevin and Charity. Moss is a Vietnam veteran, is active in the Grover Lions Club and Grover School PTA.

"I've spent most of the last 28 years in the Grover area," said Moss, "and I feel like I am familiar with most of our people, with our needs and our assets."

"We as citizens have some decisions to make soon on some

long-term expenditures. These include our sewer system, water system and new town hall. I believe I am qualified to help make those decisions."

Moss last year served as the President of the Lions Club and is presently a district representative of a State Medical Alert Committee. He is also serving this year as President of the Grover PTA and chairman of the Christmas Parade committee.

"I am proud of our town and want the best city government possible," he said. "I believe I can make a positive contribution to that governing body and if I am elected, I pledge to do my best to represent every citizen to the best of my ability."

Atkins, a lifelong resident of Grover and an employee of Goforth Plumbing, said he would like to "see Grover progress...not just in some parts but the whole town. I'll try to do my best to serve all the people."

Atkins and his wife, Pat, have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

T. W. Gordon Football Winner

T.W. Gordon of Kings Mountain edged out J.E. Bumgardner of Kings Mountain to win last week's "Pick the Winners" football contest.

Both hit 17 of 20 games but Gordon's guess of 22 points in the South Point-Shelby tie-breaker (won by South Point 13-7) gave him the win and the \$75 prize money. Bumgardner predicted 25 points.

Both missed the R-S Central win over Burns. Gordon's other misses were Maryland's loss to Kentucky and Appalachian's loss to The

Citadel while Bumgardner missed Georgia's loss to South Carolina and VMI's loss to East Carolina.

Winners last week included R-S over Burns, Maiden over Cherryville, Crest over Chase, Kings Mountain over East Rutherford, South Point over Shelby, East Gaston over North Gaston, Virginia over Duke, Georgia Tech over William and Mary, Kentucky over Maryland, UNC over Army, Alabama over Vanderbilt, N.C. State over Wake Forest, The Citadel

over ASU, Tennessee over Auburn, East Carolina over VMI, Bucknell over Davidson, East Tennessee over Furman, Western Carolina over Elon, South Carolina over Georgia and Florida State over VPI.

The fifth contest is on page 10 of today's paper. Remember to get your entry in by noon Friday. You may mail it to Football Contest, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, or bring it by our office at 431 N. Piedmont.

Hord Services Held

Funeral services for Dr. D.F. Hord, Jr., 56, Kings Mountain dentist for 30 years, were conducted Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

His pastor, Rev. J.C. Goare, officiated at the rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Grady Howard, W.S. Fulton, Jr., George B. Thomasson, Wilson Griffin, J.C. Bridges, Dr. N.H. Reed, Dr. John C. McGill and Dr. Robert Litton.

Honorary pallbearers were Tom Tate, John Cheshire, Dan Honeycutt, Dr. Sam Robinson, Dr. Kenneth McGill, Dr. Frank Sincox and Dr. Paul Hendricks.

Dr. Hord succumbed Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Asheville's Memorial Mission Hospital after suffering a massive heart attack on an Asheville golf course at 4:30 p.m. He was in apparently good health.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late David Fletcher Hord, Sr., Kings Mountain furniture dealer, and Mrs. Fannie Spake Hord. He was graduated from Kings Mountain High School, attended Wake Forest University, and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Emory University. He came to Kings Mountain in 1949 to open his dental practice after serving for two years in 1947-48 in the Army Dental Corps. He was married to the former



DR. D.F. HORD

Eoline Keeter of Kings Mountain and was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, where he was active in the choir, the deacon board, and taught the Men's Bible Class. He was a member and a past president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Hord was a past president of the First District of the North Carolina Dental Society and was a former chairman of the Executive Committee of the N.C. Dental Society, member of the Academy of

General Denistry, member of the N.C. Society of Denistry for Children, and in 1970 received the coveted distinguished service award from the North Carolina Society of Denistry for Children for his "untireless efforts in bettering dental health for children in North Carolina." He served as vice-chairman of the Cleveland County Health Department and was a member of the board of trustees of Kings Mountain Hospital.

Dr. Hord was also a member of the Charlotte Dental Society, the Isothermal Dental Society, the Cleveland County Dental Study Group and the general board of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

The family has designated memorials to Kings Mountain Baptist Church or Dental Foundation of North Carolina.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son, David Fletcher Hord, III, of China Grove; three daughters, Mrs. Stanley Whitley of Morganton, West Virginia, Miss Nancy Hord of Winston Salem, Mrs. W.S. Fulton, III of Kings Mountain and Miss Anne Hord of the home; and one grandson, Sage Fulton.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Goal Likely Will Be Met

UF Report Good

Kings Mountain is well on the way to topping its \$55,000 United Fund goal.

Chairman Terry Sellers reported that pledges totalling \$10,915 were reported at Friday's checkup luncheon at Kings Mountain Motor Inn. Final checkup is slated for Fri., Oct. 12, at which time UF workers expect to report another record-breaking total.

Kings Mountain has surpassed its goal for the past several years. Last year, \$66,000 was raised. The goal last year was \$50,000.

All excess money collected goes into an emergency fund, Sellers said.

"The first checkup seemed to be a little ahead of last year," Sellers said. "We certainly don't anticipate any problems in exceeding our goal. I predict we'll go over \$70,000."

Five of the nine divisions reported at last week's meeting. Of the five, the industrial division reported \$6,852, City \$2,000, Commercial \$962, Schools \$966 and Advance Gifts and Correspondence \$135.

Sellers said all but \$4,770 of the money requested will stay in Kings Mountain.

The top recipient will be Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, which will receive \$10,000 for the purchase of new radio equipment.

"The money the United Fund gives to the rescue squad is used for things that are not covered by the county budget," Sellers explained.

Other recipients include American Red Cross \$9,250, American Social Health Association \$92.55, Arthritis Foundation \$795.93, Association for Retarded Citizens \$600, Boy Scouts of America \$6,100, Children's Home Society of N.C. \$1,271.32, Cleveland County Shelter Home \$2,700, Community Organization for Drug

Abuse Prevention \$1,000, Epilepsy Association of N.C. \$305.42, Florence Crittenton Service of N.C. \$594.61, Girl Scouts of America \$6,800, International Social Services \$18.51, Kings Mountain High School band \$2,800, Kings Mountain High School chorus \$1,000, Kings Mountain Little Theatre \$1,000, Ministerial Association Helping Hand Fund \$5,000, National Council on Aging \$74.04, North Carolina United Way \$932.00, Research Fund of N.C. United \$407.22, Salvation Army \$1,200, United Health Services of N.C. \$276.91, Local Administration \$2,180 and Emergency Fund \$600.

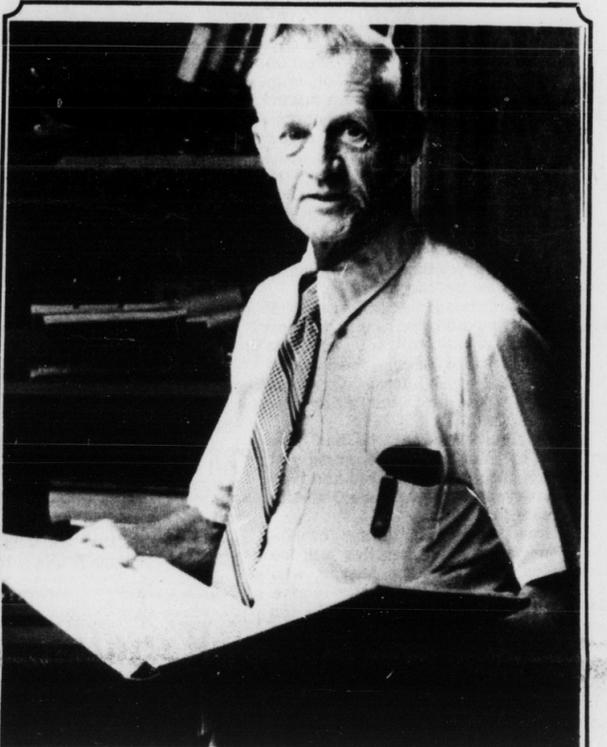


Photo by Katrena McCall

LOG REFLECTS YEARS OF SERVICE—Eight log books in the Harris Funeral Home offices reveal the 20-year tenure of John White, and assistant funeral director, who has been present for more than 3,000 funerals. White is retiring.

Still Helping Out

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Co-Editor

John Lloyd White, 66, has attended more than 3,000 funeral services and made scores of ambulance runs during the past 20 years.

And, even after hanging up his coat and tie at Harris Funeral Home, he returns every day or so "to help out" in emergencies.

Retirement for the Kings Mountain native is a new experience for John, who lived for many years in the upstairs apartment of the funeral home on S. Piedmont Ave., taking night calls and making ambulance trips to many locations until two years ago when Harris got out of the ambulance business.

John and Margaret Mabry White moved into a new home on Grover Road June 1 and John returned to school and enrolled in a course in small engine repair at Cleveland Tech. He admits to doing "lots of grasscutting" and "jawing" with his former co-workers on S. Piedmont Avenue.

"When you've been so much a part of this 'family' for so long, it's just hard to quit," says his former co-worker and friend, Bennett Masters. J. Ollie Harris, founder and president of the company, agrees.

John White, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.K. White, learned hard work at age 15 when he earned \$12.10 a week at Margrace Mill in the pre-Depression year of 1928. He spent four years and eight months in Uncle Sam's Army Corps of Engineers with a 34 month hitch in the Pacific Theatre of Operations, returning to Kings Mountain to work in the Margrace Weaving Department.

When John White joined the Harris Funeral Home staff June 1, 1957, the full-time staff was J. Ollie Harris and Bill McDaniel, the latter

now a postal employe. At that time and for many years before the formation of the Rescue Squad, Harris Funeral Home furnished all ambulance service for the Greater KM area, including Grover.

John doesn't recall ever having an accident or car trouble during the early days when he was a driver for the Harris ambulance, going on trips as far away as Baltimore, Md. and Florida, but recalled one death that occurred enroute. The lady, who had been seriously ill, was being transported to Kings Mountain from Florida and died before reaching home.

Today's staff at Harris also includes Bennett Masters, his brother, Marvin Masters, Ronnie Hawkins and part-time employes, C.D. (Red) Ware and N.M. (Stormy) Farr.

More modern equipment and expanded facilities, with the addition of a beautiful Chapel, have enhanced the Harris quarters during the intervening years, said John, but the same dignified service remains, evident from the eight thick log books in Senator Harris' study which list the funeral dates and services held for area residents.

John recalls that the first funeral service he served as an assistant director was on June 3, 1957 for the late Mrs. Lila Eloise Jolly Boheler. After her service, he was present, in an official capacity, for 3,250 other final rites, the log books show.

"We perform a service," said John.

The Whites are parents of one daughter, Susan W. Herndon. Three-month-old granddaughter, Reha, born July 8, is the family's pride and joy.

His friends at HFH rib John White about retiring to the rocking chair. But we know better.