

# OBITUARIES

**MRS. W.K. DURHAM**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Lorena Cloninger Durham, 1974 South Carolina Mother of the Year and retired Landrum, S.C. postmaster and mother of Dr. Thomas G. Durham of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Landrum United Methodist Church by Rev. Phil Lavender, interment following in Landrum Cemetery.

Mrs. Durham, widow of Wood Krider Durham, died Monday afternoon in Kings Mountain Hospital after a brief illness.

She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Minnie Sigmon Cloninger of Claremont and was educated at Startown Academy and Lenoir Rhyne College. Before her marriage she taught school in Claremont.

After her marriage and moving to Landrum, Mrs. Durham was involved in the development and management of the family orchards. At her husband's death, she was appointed postmaster of Landrum and later served as head teller in the Landrum Branch of the First National Bank of South Carolina, retiring from that position in 1969.

Mrs. Durham was active in the Landrum United Methodist Church, having been an appointed ex officio member of the Administrative Board for more than 40 years, the chairman of various commissions, a Sunday School teacher and several times a delegate to the South Carolina Conference.

Her religious convictions inspired Mrs. Durham to improve the condition of the helpless and infirm. She was a fundraiser for Children Unlimited, Inc., Friends of Children, the Heart Fund, the United Way, and St. Luke's Hospital in Tryon, North Carolina. She also served as a member of the Board of Direc-

tors of the St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary and the Spartanburg County Council on Aging. She further served as an officer in the Landrum Civic League and the Weeders Garden Club.

Up-grading educational opportunities in the community was another goal achieved by Mrs. Durham. She was a founding member of the Friends of the Landrum Library and served for ten years on the executive board and as treasurer of that organization. In addition, she worked with the South Carolina Arts Commission to bring a series of programs to the local schools which provided a greater awareness of arts and crafts.

Mrs. Durham was also an active historic preservationist. After purchasing "Ingleside," the 19th century home of Dr. J.B.O. Landrum, physician and author, she worked to restore this important structure. In 1973 she was Secretary of the Interior entered her residence on the National Register of Historic Places.

When Mrs. Durham was selected as Mother of the Year, the South Carolina General Assembly passed a Joint Resolution citing her exemplary life and her achievements in civic, cultural, educational, and humanitarian causes.

Mrs. Durham is survived by two daughters, Julia Carolyn Durham Miller of Landrum and Martha Wood Durham Stewart of Savannah, Georgia; two sons, Thomas Garrison Durham, M.D., of Kings Mountain, North Carolina and Dixon Krider Durham of Columbia, South Carolina; and twelve grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Brice Phifer and Mrs. Lane Miller, and one brother, Randolph Cloninger, all of Claremont.

Active pallbearers were grandsons Garrison Casey Durham of Kings Mountain, James

Franklin Miller Jr., Mark Durham Miller, Frazier Jackson, Mike Greku and Jim Hockman.

Memorials may be made to the Landrum United Methodist Church Refugee Fund or to a favorite charity.

## ALEX CROCKETT

Funeral services for Alex Crockett, 61, of 1158 Grady St., Salisbury, native of Kings Mountain, will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. from Mitchell Funeral Home by Rev. Robert McDowell of Shelby, interment following in Salisbury Gardens.

Mr. Crockett died Monday at 3:25 a.m. in Rowan Memorial Hospital at Salisbury after illness of one month. He attended the Kings Mountain public schools and was employed as a mechanic. He was son of Glenn Crockett of Salisbury and the late Mrs. Mary Crockett.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are his daughter, Mrs. Maxine Adams of Cherryville; two brothers, Carl Crockett of Kings Mountain and Herman Crockett of Salisbury; three grandchildren, Ms. Clydenia Charisse Adams of Charlotte, Mrs. L'Tanya Vanessa Pharr of Matthews and Mrs. Madeline Watkins of Kings Mountain; and two great-grandchildren, Scott Pharr of Matthews and Shermetta Watkins of Kings Mountain.

Mitchell and Fair Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

## CLYDE DURHAM BLANTON

**Cherryville** - Clyde Durham Blanton, age 67, of 203 South Depot Street, died Tuesday in Lincolnton Hospital. He was a native of Cleveland County, a retired merchant, and a veteran of the US Navy, World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Huffstetler Blanton of the home; his father, Paul D. Blanton of Kings Mountain; three sons, Michael Blanton of Cherryville, Danny Blanton of Kings Mountain, Clyde Blanton Jr. of New York; three daughters, Mrs. Sarah Weaver, Mrs. Gail Graham, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Clydene Cannady of Portage, Wisconsin; two brothers, Charlie Blanton, Burrell Blanton, both of Baltimore, Maryland; five sisters, Mrs. W.A. Wells Jr., Mrs. Frank Peele, Mrs. Lucille Bullard, Mrs. J.A. Lutz, all of Bessemer City, and Mrs. Clarence Bobbitt of Statesville; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Shady Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. Dan Silver and the Rev. Clarence Bobbitt officiating. The body will lie in state at the church from 2:30 til 3 p.m. Burial will be at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Kings Mountain. The family will receive friends Thursday night from 7 till 9 p.m. at Carpenter's Funeral Home.



**HONORED FOR SERVICE** - Pictured is David Chapman (right), employee of Spectrum Fibers, Inc. in the Package Dye Department, receiving his Five Year Service Award during the month of September. Presenting the award is Harold Butler - Package Dye Supervisor.

## DAR Held October Meeting At Hardin Home

The October meeting of the Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter DAR met at the home of Miss Vera Hardin. The hostess served delicious refreshments to the 13 members and one guest upon arrival.

Mrs. H.A. Goforth, Regent, presided, Following the Ritual, she read the President General's message.

Mrs. Eugene Roberts presented Andrew M. Loveless, Superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park. He told the members of the plans for the Battleground Celebration. Miss Vera Hardin gave an interesting report on "A Visit To Our Ancestor's Home," including material on relatives who were signers of the Declaration of Independence, a framer of the Constitution of the United

trustees of the Supreme Court appointed by General Washington. This was used as National Defense News.

Mrs. C.L. Lindsay read the minutes of the last meeting. Resolutions adopted by the 89th Continental Congress NSDAR were read during the business session. Reports were given by officers of the different committees. Seven members attended the district meeting in Boiling Springs. Discussion about ordering materials from Lincoln House for a money making project was approved. Catalogs were distributed and members were asked to return orders in November.

A report on the involvement of all DAR members in the Celebration program was given.

Mrs. C.D. Blanton, treasurer, asked for dues to be paid before

## Flower Garden Praised By Visitor

Lillian (Mrs. John) Mitchem has always had a "green thumb" and nowhere is this fact more evident than in her always growing flower gardens on King Street, across from the overhead bridge as you come into Kings Mountain.

Visitors to Kings Mountain stop occasionally to admire Lillian's flowers, in bloom at all seasons of the year. On a recent Sunday a passerby pinned a thank you note to her front door.

"To whom it may concern: I am a traveler from the East to Asheville. You don't know me and I don't know you. But when I passed your flower garden this Sunday morning it was so beautiful it meant so much to me and my travels I just had to stop and tell you thank you. "Thank you" for taking the time to grow such beautiful flowers for all of us to see and enjoy, particularly those of us who never seem to have the time to smell them, let alone grow them. You are very appreciated. I know this note is rather weird but I just had to tell you. So many times we don't say the things we mean to." The note was signed, "A Friend."

## KIWANIS CLUB

Andrew Milewski, owner of Milova Knits, will be the speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's Club.

## 34,000 Register To Vote

A total of 34,000 citizens, a record number, are registered to vote in the Nov. 4 general election in Cleveland County.

Although Democrats maintain the major share of voters, Republicans and Independents made gains during the registration period since the primary.

There were 67 persons standing in line to register as Registrar Gay Champion started to close her office Oct. 6. Mrs. Champion said the persons in line were allowed to register.

Mrs. Champion reported that

registration has been brisk, noting that new registrations totaled 1,782 and there were 400 transfers.

During the general election in 1976 about 31,000 persons were registered to vote in Cleveland County, said Mrs. Champion.

Local interest attends the county commission race, where three candidates sponsored by the Association of Cleveland County Taxpayers, are write-in candidates seeking to unseat the three incumbents. Duran Johnson, Bobby Crawford and John Caveny, Jr. are endorsed by the association and are asking voters to write their names on the ballots opposing Jack Palmer, Jr., Coleman Goforth and Hugh Dover. A "Meet the Candidate" forum was held in Shelby Monday night and the Taxpayer protest group was asking citizens to attend and talk with their candidates.

### CAR WASH AND HOT DOG SALE

There will be a car wash and hot dog sale on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church off Cherryville Highway. For call in orders for hot dogs, call 739-5551.

## VOTE DEMOCRATIC



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