

# OBITUARIES

## MRS. GANTT

Funeral services for Mrs. Eva Peterson Gantt, 62, of Route 1, Kings Mountain, will be conducted Friday at 4 p.m. at Penley's Chapel Church by the Rev. Leonard Huffstetler and the Rev. Mitchell Pruett. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Gantt died Wednesday

morning at Kings Mountain Hospital after several years illness.

She was the daughter of the late Joe and Effie Millen Peterson. She was a retired nurses assistant at Kings Mountain Hospital and a member of Penley's Chapel Church.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard Gantt, of the

home; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Martha) Cash and Mrs. Faye Gantt of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Wiles (Rosale) Bishop of Shelby and Mrs. Grady (Mary) Wells of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 until 9 p.m. tonight at Harris Funeral Home.

## MRS. IRENE G. MELTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Irene Gossett Melton, 81, who died Monday morning, were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home by Rev. Kelly Dixon, Rev. Allen Jolley, Rev. Scott Carpenter and Rev. Joe Bailey. Interment was in Oakland Cemetery at Gaffney.

Mrs. Melton, a resident of Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, was daughter of the late Edward L. and Bertie Cooper Gossett. She was a member of Limestone Street United Methodist Church of Gaffney, S.C. and active in the arts and crafts program at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, in the KMCC Glee Club, on the newspaper staff and a member of the resident council.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Henry (Doris) Fite of Lattimore, two sons, Edwin L. Melton of Hickory and Joel B. Melton of Spartanburg, S.C., 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## JAMES STOLL

Funeral services for James Meldeau Stoll, Jr., 54, of 1015 Sherwood Lane, who died Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Kings Mountain Hospital after several month's illness, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Kings Mountain Baptist Church of which he was a member and deacon.

His pastor, Rev. J. Clifford Goare, officiated at the rites, assisted by Rev. Miller Freeman. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

He was a native of Lancaster, S.C., son of the late James M. Stoll and Jenelle Wilson Stoll. He was a former teacher at Kings Mountain Senior High School and former Gaston County Purchasing Agent. At his death he was a teacher at Chase High School in Rutherford County. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Daphne (Billie) Lamb Stoll; four sons, Jimmy Stoll of Kings Mountain and Doug Stoll of the home, and Ken Stoll and Rodger Stoll, both of Ocala, Fla., one daughter, Melissa Stoll of the home, one brother, Carl Stoll of Newberry, S.C., two sisters, Mrs. William H. Hunter of Greensboro and Mrs. Harry Hallman of Fort Mill, S.C. and three grandchildren.

Masters Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## 100 And Still Going

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Married at the home of "Mr. Mac's" sister in South Carolina, the newlyweds took the train to Wilmington and his first pastorate there. They loved North Carolina and spent the remainder of their married lives here.

"We left Wilmington in 1921 and went to Gibsonville for 10 years and came to Christiana in Granite Quarry in 1931 and then went to Bessemer City in 1940 and stayed there 10 years", said Mrs. Mac.

visits back to North Carolina until four years ago when one of her two sisters became ill and died a year later. The next year

Though she loved all the places she lived and made lasting friends at all of them, Christiana was probably their favorite spot because they returned there after Mr. Mack's retirement to live in a house close to the church. When he died only two years later, she went to the Lutheran Orphanage in Salem, Va. as a housemother to 32 little girls and after that returned to her home in Texas.

But summers always brought

the other sister was sick. After both sisters died, one at 95 and the other at 96, her niece insisted that "Aunt D" spend the winters near her in a little cottage she had fixed up for her mother. But summers and autumns she goes back to the family homeplace in Farmersville, near Dallas, where she's neither afraid or lonely.

"Mrs. Mac" doesn't like television. She watches the news and weather reports but had never heard of "Dallas". She certainly would not be interested in watching it. She's too busy reading, writing, and visiting the neighbors.

"I've never been scared", she declares, does her own shopping and cooks fried chicken, beef or pot pies and simple menus. She used to do a lot of cooking in the parsonage.

Does she drink coffee? One cup in the morning- and no tea, iced or hot. She doesn't drink soft drinks, either and never has had a weight problem.

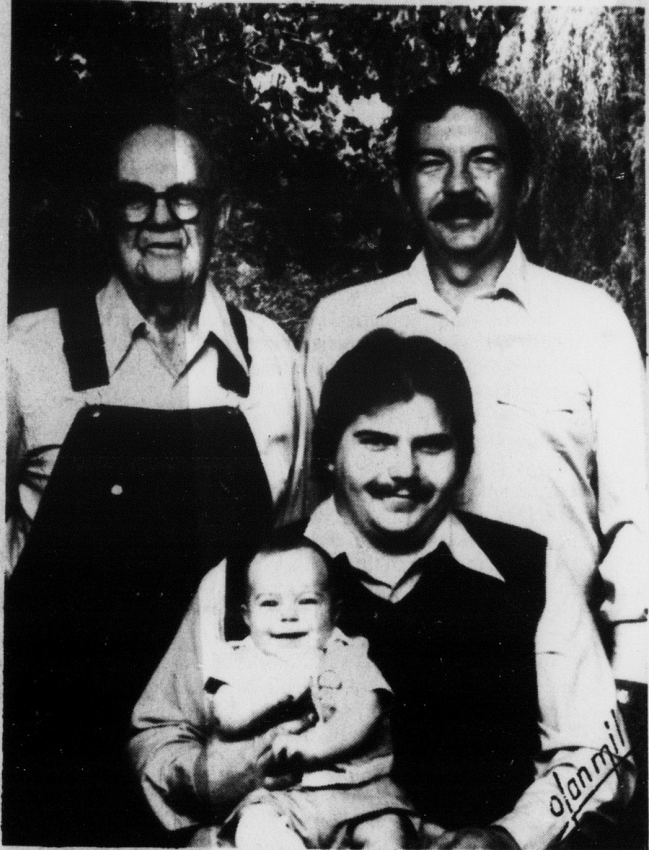
Although she says she probably could drive a car, she doesn't have her license now. She prefers to walk in her own neighborhood and when she goes visiting she takes a plane. "My ears gave me a little bit of a problem on my recent flight here," she said.

According to Mrs. McClanahan life is just better lived if you take it as it comes.

A highlight of her visit in this area was the day she spent last week with friends at the North Carolina Lutheran Home in Salisbury. And Katherine Mauney has accompanied her on numerous other visits in Bessemer City and Greensboro.

Mrs. Mac doesn't mind living out of a suitcase for a while. She isn't ready to head back to Texas yet.

She hasn't missed a thing. Nothing bothers a woman who's been traveling for most of her 100 years and enjoying every minute of it.



**FOUR GENERATIONS**-Pictured above are four generations of the Wayne Wells family of Route 2, Kings Mountain. Standing, left to right, are Wayne Wells, and his son, Richard Carveth Wells. Seated is Richard Well's son, Richard Scott Wells, and his son Richard Wayne Wells.

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