

then establishing himself in practice at Lenoir, his home town, where he has been engaged ever since. Although in subsequent years Doctor Kent branched out in business and industrial enterprises, he was enabled to do this only from the fruits of his labors as a physician, that profession being his life work and the foundation of his success, and he has never ceased from his active practice thereof. It is a fine tribute to his ability as a physician and a somewhat remarkable example of what one may accomplish through wise and persistent effort that, although his outside business activities and the services he has rendered the people as a public official, have taken up a great deal of his time, he has still been honored by his profession by having bestowed upon him every position from the lowest to the highest in the North Carolina Medical Society. He served as president of the state organization in 1912 and has been district counselor for his district, president of the state board of counselors of the society, served six years on the state board of medical examiners, was president of that board for two years, and was a member of the state board of health for two years. So it will be seen that Doctor Kent is essentially and primarily a physician.

Doctor Kent began life with habits of thrift and rigid economy, and, beginning with small investments in real estate, he made it his settled policy to invest only in property that had a future, and in commercial or industrial enterprises only that were of a sound and permanent character, avoiding always speculative schemes and enterprises. He was practically the founder of the furniture manufacturing industry at Lenoir, for, although a small plant had been in operation before he went into this industry, it was not until he had established the Kent Furniture Company that the town got a good start along this line and encouragement was offered other concerns to locate at Lenoir and to make it a furniture manufacturing center. Doctor Kent's spirit of progress and enterprise furnished the means for bringing other furniture and woodworking plants to Lenoir, and the industry grew and expanded until now this community is second only to High Point as the furniture manufacturing center of North Carolina. This industry, in fact, has been the making of Lenoir, changing it from a small and unimportant county seat town to a live and growing municipality where a great deal of money is paid to mechanics and other working people, and to a city of many beautiful and expensive homes and substantial business blocks. Doctor Kent subsequently sold the plant of the Kent Furniture Company and organized the Kent-Coffey Manufacturing Company, of which he is still a member, and which is an extensive manufacturing plant for a general line of furniture.

Doctor Kent is president of the First National Bank of Lenoir, and is the owner of Kent's Drug Store, he being a registered pharmacist as well as physician. He has built three of the best brick store buildings in Lenoir, of which he is the owner, and also erected a number of residence structures, including his own home, "Kentwood," a beautiful place situated on a commanding elevation near Davenport College. A part of this fine estate is a farm of 100 acres, extending toward the Lower Creek Valley—a property of very great value. He also has substantial and profitable investments in Oklahoma, particularly at Oklahoma City, Tulsa,

and in valuable coal lands east of McAlester along the Rock Island Railroad.

In 1910 Doctor Kent was elected a member of the North Carolina Legislature, serving in the session of 1911, and was reelected in 1914, serving in the session of 1915. He took a prominent part in the activities of the lawmaking body, and of especial local interest was his having enacted a measure which permitted the organization and financing of a drainage district for the lands in Lower Creek Valley in Caldwell County, lying to the east, south and southwest of Lenoir. This legislation was the means of reclaiming hundreds of acres of rich land that had been impracticable of cultivation and transforming it into splendid farms, making this valley now one of the richest sections of Caldwell County.

The most notable of Doctor Kent's activities in the Legislature, and those which were of the most state-wide importance, were found in his leadership in having established, under state auspices, the Caswell Training School at Kinston, an institution for the feeble-minded and one that was very badly needed—a fact that had been particularly impressed upon Doctor Kent during his many years of practice as a physician. It is conceded that the founding of this most beneficent institution was due to Doctor Kent's tireless activities in its behalf, the tact and diplomacy he had to use in overcoming prejudice, ignorance and objection, and the sledge-hammer efforts and methods he had to put forth in order to get the necessary financial appropriation, the speeches he made both before the house and the committees and all the varied details he personally attended to. It seems quite certain that had it not been for his able leadership the project would have failed. And after the institution was built he did not relinquish his effort in it, but continued his activities in its behalf until he was satisfied that the institution was placed under eminently proper and competent management and superintendence.

Doctor Kent married Miss Annie Wright, daughter of Squire John W. Wright, of Coharie, Sampson County, and to this union there have been born five children, namely: J. Archie, Olivia, Alfred A., Jr., William Walter and Benjamin H.

JOHN RAINES WOLTZ, M. D. For upwards of forty years one of the leading physicians of Dobson, Dr. John Raines Woltz during his years of active service in Surry County built up a large and lucrative practice and established for himself a fine reputation for professional skill and ability. A son of Dr. Lewis Fernando Woltz, he was born September 21, 1841, in Newbern, Pulaski County, Virginia, of German ancestry.

The doctor's paternal grandfather, William Woltz, a native of Germany, was the only member of his father's family, so far as is known, to come to America. Locating first in Maryland, he followed his trade of a cabinet maker in Hagerstown for awhile, subsequently continuing his work at Newbern, Pulaski County, Virginia. During the War of 1812 he enlisted as a soldier, and was unfortunate enough while in the army to be deprived of his hearing, the roar of the cannon causing permanent deafness. Late in life he moved to Blue Spring, Tennessee, and there died, at the venerable age of ninety-one years, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Feagles. He reared three children, as follows: Samuel; Lewis Fernando; and Mary Jane, wife of John L. Feagles.

Dr. Lewis Fernando Woltz was born and reared in Hagerstown, Maryland, and there acquired his elementary and academic education. He subsequently entered the New York Medical College, in New York City, and after his graduation from that institution began his professional career at Floyd Courthouse, Virginia. Moving from there to Midway, Greene County, Tennessee, he continued in practice in that vicinity until the breaking out of the Civil war when he refugeeed back to Carroll County, Virginia, where he continued in active practice until his death, at Hillsville, at the age of four score and four years.

The maiden name of the wife of Dr. Lewis F. Woltz was Mary Jane Early. She was born in Pulaski County, Virginia, a daughter of Jerre Early, who came from Ireland, his native country, to America, and with his brothers John, William, Samuel and James, and his sisters Elizabeth and Rhoda, settled in Pulaski County. His brother, William, was the father of Jubal A. Early, a general in the Confederate Army. Jerre Early was a farmer and a cabinet maker, and after his marriage, in Giles County, Virginia, to Jane Cecil, migrated to Pulaski County, Virginia, following a narrow bridle path the entire distance. The bride rode on horseback and carried a feather bed and cooking utensils, while the groom walked beside her armed with a gun. They began house-keeping in a log cabin with a puncheon floor, and as it was located on a road leading from north to the south there were many passersby, and although the happy couple entertained many travelers they never charged a cent, nor asked a person's name or business. It is said that Aaron Burr was once a guest in their cabin home, and as both were ardent Methodists in religion they were glad to have as frequent guests both Elder Cartwright and Lorenzo Dow. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jerre Early lived to more than ninety years of age. Their daughter, Nancy Jane, wife of Dr. L. F. Woltz, died when but forty-nine years old, leaving eight children, namely: William J., John R., Georgianna Etta, Charles L., Claude L., India B., Sidney J., and Cora.

Completing the course of study in the public schools of Floyd County, Virginia, and at Tusculum College, in Greene County, Tennessee, John R. Woltz began the study of medicine under his father's tutelage, in 1857. At the breaking out of the Civil war he was attending lectures at the Nashville Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Giving up his studies in May, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-ninth Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers, and took an active part with his command in all of its battles up to and including the engagement at Shiloh, where he was severely wounded. After spending three months in the hospital, he joined his regiment, and under command of General Bragg went to Kentucky and there took part in the battle of Perryville. Soon after, not having recovered from the effects of his former wounds, Mr. Woltz was discharged from the service on account of disability, and returned to Virginia, where he subsequently became a member of the Dublin Home Guard, and issuing commissary under General Jones. Giving up that position in May, 1863, he joined the Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, known as Lowey's Battery, with which he remained until the close of the conflict.

Returning home, Mr. Woltz resumed the study of medicine at the Virginia Medical College, in Rich-

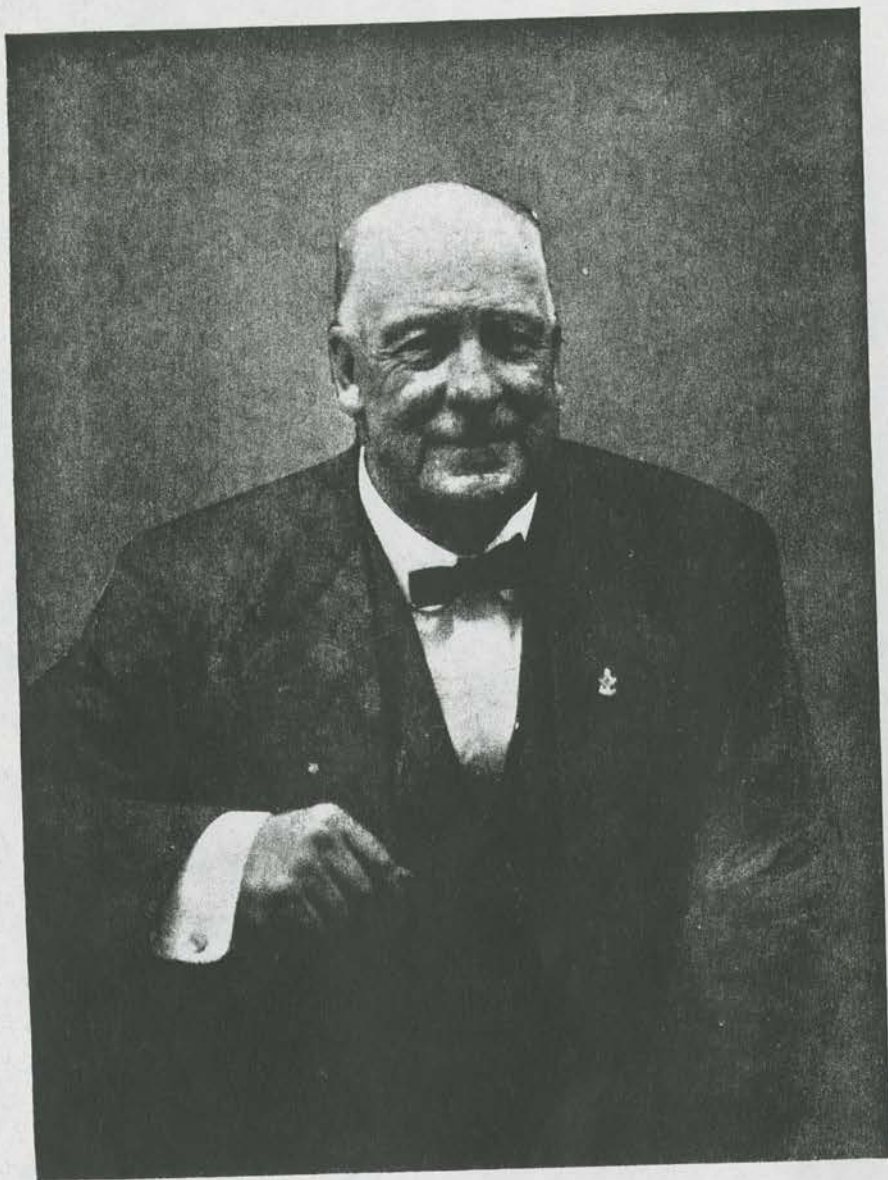
mond, where he was graduated with the class of 1868. Beginning the practice of his profession in his native state, Doctor Woltz spent a year in Lambsburg, afterward being located at Hillsville until 1871. Coming from there to Surry County, the doctor settled in Dobson where he continued in active practice for a period of forty-five years, winning in the meantime the well deserved reputation of being one of the most skilful and faithful physicians of this part of the county. His records as a physician are interesting, and show an attendance at 1,684 births.

On December 27, 1870, Doctor Woltz was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Kingsbury, who was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, a daughter of John B. and Eliza Kingsbury. She died April 28, 1892. Five children have been born of the union of Doctor and Mrs. Woltz, namely: John L., of Mt. Airy, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Albert E.; Fannie M.; Mattie Irene; and Claude Benard. Albert E. Woltz, now engaged in the practice of law at Gastonia, North Carolina, was graduated from the University of North Carolina, and while a student in the institution served as its bursar. He married Daisy Mackey, and they are the parents of four children. Fannie M., wife of George W. Key, a farmer at Stewarts Creek, Surry County, has five children. Mattie Irene married William S. Comer, a contractor and builder of Dobson, and they have nine children. Claude was graduated with honor from the University of North Carolina, and is now a teacher in the Maxim High School. Doctor Woltz married for his second wife September 21, 1899, Angie J. Isaacs, a native of Surry. There are no children by this marriage. Doctor Woltz was for thirty years health officer for Surry County, his long record of service in that position being proof of his efficiency in that capacity. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

JAMES G. FLYNT is president and founder of the J. G. Flynt Tobacco Company at Winston-Salem. As a young man he learned the tobacco business in all its details, and his business initiative prompted him to set up in business for himself. During the past ten years Mr. Flynt has developed one of the more successful of the tobacco factories in this famous Piedmont tobacco growing district, and is one of the citizens to whom Winston-Salem looks for leadership and for part of its prosperity.

Mr. Flynt was born in Batavia, Solano County California, during the temporary residence of his parents in that state. The name has been identified with Western North Carolina since pioneer times. The name was formerly spelled Flint. In the enumeration of heads of families as found in the records of the United States census of 1790 those of the name mentioned as living in Stokes, which then included Forsyth, were John, Leonard, Richard, Roderick and Thomas Flynt. One of these was undoubtedly the ancestor of James G. Flynt, probably the great-grandfather.

Mr. Flynt's grandfather was Stephen Flynt, and was probably also born in Stokes County. He bought a farm in Kernersville Township of Forsyth County, but about 1850 he went to Mississippi and never returned. He married Nancy Hilton, who spent her last days in Kernersville Township. She reared three children: Aulena, John William and Laura.



John R Wolz

Mrs. Mary Patricia "Pat" Gwyn Woltz

September 14, 1925 - September 14, 2011

Mary Patricia "Pat" Gwyn Woltz died unexpectedly and peacefully at her home on Wednesday, September 14, on her birthday. Pat was born in Waynesville, North Carolina and attended the Waynesville City Schools, St. Mary's Episcopal College in Raleigh, and graduated from Randolph-Macon in Lynchburg, Virginia with a degree in economics. Shortly after graduation she married John Elliott Woltz, Sr. and moved to Mount Airy where they raised their family. Pat Woltz quickly became involved in many church and community activities giving generously and freely of her time and many talents. Pat Gwyn Woltz was a civic leader, a well-known artist, and a generous and often anonymous philanthropist. Pat was an active member of Central United Methodist Church serving for almost forty years as beloved teacher of the Pacesetters Class, having taught this class just this past Sunday. She has served on the Board of Trustees, Administrative Board, and up until her death she served as Church Treasurer, and Co-Chairman of the Anne Clark Circle of the United Methodist Women serving in this capacity for the past twelve years. In the year 2000 Pat was awarded the Laity Service Award, presented annually in recognition of "humble service in response to the call of Jesus Christ". She served in many areas of the life of the church, including the Bereavement Committee, planning meals and serving families in any way she could. Pat was a Board Member of the Mount Airy Museum of History, American Red Cross, and had assisted her husband in raising funds for the Museum as well as the construction of the Red Cross building. Pat was a strong supporter of the Boy Scout Troop 596 of Central United Church. She had been a member of the Entre Nous Book Club since coming to Mount Airy 1947 and more recently the Community Book Club. Pat served twenty-three years on Crossroads, the Surry County Board of Mental Health. She was a supporter of the Simple Living project. She also helped initiate the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center and was a member of the Surry Community College Foundation Board Emeritus. She was on the Board of Trustees of The Children's Home in Winston-Salem and served on the United Fund Board. In 1992 she was awarded the Governor's Award for Volunteer Community Service and in 2003 she was awarded the 2002 Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.

In 1983, as a result of many requests, she started an art business selling original watercolor paintings, note cards and Limited Edition Prints of her work in gift shops and at arts and crafts shows. Her artwork reflected her love of the mountains, family life and all of nature. A tiny bunny rabbit can be found in each piece of her artwork. A successful gardener, many people will miss the vegetables and fruits she generously shared with others. Her gifts of homemade bread were legendary as was the custard she made for anybody she learned was not feeling well. She loved to can and freeze food so she could continue to share her homegrown produce out of season. Daughter of the late Hilda Way and Thomas Lenoir Gwyn, Pat is survived by four sons and a daughter, John Elliott Woltz, Jr. of Winston-Salem, NC, James Lenoir Woltz of Roanoke, VA, Howell Way Woltz of Advance, NC, Thomas Lenoir Woltz of Charlottesville, VA and Mary Gwyn Woltz of New York, NY., nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The members of her Sunday School class will serve as ushers and honorary pall bearers. A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held at Central United Methodist Church, North Main Street, Mount Airy at 3:00 PM Saturday, September 17th. The family invites all of Pat's friends

Howard Osler Woltz, Jr.

April 02, 1925 - January 02, 2011

Mr. Howard Osler Woltz, Jr. died Sunday, January 2, 2011. He was born April 2, 1925, in Mount Airy, North Carolina, to Louise Elliott and Howard Osler Woltz, Sr.

He graduated from Mount Airy High School in 1942 and received his degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1948. While at the University of Virginia, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Delta Phi. He served as President of the Inter-fraternity Council, President of the Student Council and was a Member of the Honor Committee.

He practiced law in Mount Airy from 1948 until 1954.

In 1953, Mr. Woltz entered the concrete block business which was the predecessor of Insteel Industries, Inc. Under his stewardship Insteel achieved national prominence as a supplier of reinforcing materials for the construction industry. He held numerous industry leadership positions and his accomplishments were recognized by his peers on a national level. In Woltz's words, he believed "in making a better world, in addition to making a living." Over the course of his life he consistently contributed to his community and took genuine interest in the welfare of other people.

Mr. Woltz was an organizer and former chairman of the Board of Trustees of Surry Community College, former chairman of the Mount Airy/Surry County Airport Authority, and a founder and former president of the Greater Mount Airy United Fund. In addition, he was instrumental in the development of Raven Knob Boy Scout Reservation, an organizer of hospice services in Surry County and a founder of The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. Mr. Woltz was a longtime member of Central United Methodist Church, having served in numerous leadership capacities over the last 60 years. His contribution to the community was acknowledged in 1991 when he was named Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Mount Airy.

When asked recently by his granddaughter, Bessie Rose, to name his greatest accomplishment, Woltz stated he was especially proud of the loving relationship shared by his children and their children.

Woltz was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Moore Woltz, and his brother, John Elliott Woltz, Sr. He is survived by four children: Louise Woltz of Wilmington, Joanie Robins and her husband, Randy, of Richmond, VA, H Woltz and his wife, Agnes, of Mount Airy, and Ed Woltz and his wife, Ellen, of Mount Airy. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren, Rand Robins of Washington, DC, Spotty Robins and Berkeley Robins of Richmond, VA, Louise Woltz Smith of Richmond, VA, Parker Woltz of Atlanta, GA, Charlotte Woltz of New York City, and Reddin Woltz of Mount Airy, Moore, Osler, Bessie Rose Woltz, of Mount Airy, Jay Hull of Beijing, China, Will Hull of Charleston, SC and Teddy Hull of Mount Airy. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Pat Woltz of Mount Airy; and a brother-in-law, Jack Moore and his wife, Julie, of Mount Airy.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at Central United Methodist Church in Mount Airy, with family visitation at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

The family would like to thank his caregivers, Jackie Page and Glenda Kolbe, and the staff of Lower Cape Fear Hospice for their compassion and loyalty.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made to Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, Central United Methodist Church, or The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History.



John Woltz

John E. Woltz Dies This Morning

From Staff Reports

John Elliott Woltz Sr., a retired industrialist and community and church leader, died today at 4:25 a.m. at his home, 815 Greenhill Road, Mount Airy.

Woltz was 71 and had battled a rare form of cancer, multiple myeloma, for more than two years.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Central United Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Philip Cole, the church pastor, and the Rev. Richard Crowder, who served as an interim pastor of the church before the arrival of Cole.

The family will receive friends before the

memorial service, from 10 until 11 a.m., in the church parlor.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, Boy Scouts or Central United Methodist Church.

Woltz was the retired president and chief executive officer of Quality Mills, which was merged with Russell Corp. during the 1980s and is now Cross Creek Apparel.

He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. It was announced over the weekend that the museum's board of directors will name a projected tower and courtyard at the museum in their honor.

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City Mourns Civic Leader

By R.J. BERRIER
Staff Writer

4-8-98

John Elliott Woltz Sr. was one of Mount Airy's most prominent, industrial, community and church leaders.

He was 71 when he died at 4:25 a.m. Tuesday at his home at 815 Greenhill Road, Mount Airy. Woltz valiantly had fought a rare form of cancer, multiple myeloma, for about two years, since it was discovered during the Christmas season in 1996.

With his prominence in local undertakings, Woltz was following in the footsteps of a family known for its involvement and leadership in church, community and industrial activities.

His mother, Louise, a teacher in the Mount Airy schools, had been one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Surry County chapter of the American Red Cross back when the century was young.

His father, H.O. Woltz Sr., was one of the area's most-prominent attorneys and political statesmen. He and a group of business associates bought the bankrupt Duke Knitting Co. in 1935, a victim of the Great Depression. Woltz eventually was the sole owner of what became Quality Mills.

His brother, Howard O. Woltz Jr., is the chairman of the board and former president and chief executive officer of Insteel Corp. Back in the 1950s, when he was elected to the state House of Representatives, he was the youngest person to serve as a member of the N.C. General Assembly.

ber of Commerce. He was a past president of the Greater Mount Airy United Fund as well.

The Mount Airy Jaycees presented him with its Distinguished Service Award, tapping him as "Young Man of the Year" in 1960. He was also a recipient of the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" Award.

He held several offices in the American Apparel Manufacturers Association, the nation's largest and most-active trade association serving the apparel industry, including that of chairman, while also serving on its board of directors. He further had been a member of the International Apparel Federation.

Quality Mills was merged into Russell Corp. in the 1980s and became Cross Creek Apparel.

Soon after Woltz's retirement, he was instrumental in raising funds for a new building for the Red Cross.

He became one of the prime movers in efforts to found Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, serving as chairman of the museum board. He and his wife Pat have served on the board of directors since its inception.

John Woltz graduated from Mount Airy High School, attended Davidson College and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1947, receiving his degree in economics.

His dedication to service became apparent at the University of Virginia. At the university, he was the president of the College of Arts and Sciences and chairman of the Honor Committee, Tilka, IMP, ATO, 13 Society, ODK and received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for service to the school.

It was after graduating from the University of Virginia that Woltz began his full-time employment with Quality Mills by selling the firm's products on the road and becoming its merchandise manager.

He easily maneuvered up the corporate ladder, becoming vice president of Quality Mills in 1950, executive vice president in 1953 and president of the industry in 1957. In 1975, Woltz was named chairman of the board, succeeding his father, while continuing to serve as president and chief executive officer.

When he retired in 1989 from Quality Mills, he ended a career in textiles that spanned 42 years.

He had been a member of the board of directors of Insteel Industries since 1957.

Woltz was a charter member and past president of the Mount Airy Rotary Club as well as a Paul Harris Fellow, and a past president of the Mount Airy Cham-

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Last weekend, it was announced that a projected tower and courtyard included in a museum expansion plan will be named Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott Woltz Sr. in their honor.

It was in December 1988 that serious talks began about establishing a museum here. In 1993, a group of community and business leaders bought the W.E. Merritt Co. building at Main and East Oak streets and donated it to the museum.

Among that group was John E. Woltz. He led initial fund-raising efforts to replace the roof of the building and its 100-plus windows, as well as the heating and air-conditioning system.

John and Howard O. Woltz Jr. also enlisted the support of two friends and former Mount Airy residents, brothers Charles and Ed Shelton of Charlotte, who made a \$50,000 challenge gift.

A lifetime member of Central United Methodist Church, Woltz was a lay speaker, Sunday school teacher, chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Administrative Board, Finance Committee and Pastor-Parish Relations.

He was a founder of Cross Creek Country Club, serving as a

director since it was formed.

Woltz was one of the founders of Scope, a group composed of leaders representing some of the largest textile industries in the country.

Of the many honors he received, he was extremely proud of his Eagle Scout award. He said he believed the Boy Scout laws were a lifetime guide.

He and his wife, the former Mary Patricia Gwyn, had been married for 50 years. She survives, along with four sons, one daughter, six grandchildren and his brother.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Central United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Phillip Cole, pastor, and Dr. Richard Crowder officiating.

The family will receive friends in the church parlor between 10 and 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Boy Scouts of America, Old Hickory Council, for Camp Raven Knob; to Central United Methodist Church; or to Mount Airy Museum of Regional History.

Moody Funeral Home of Mount Airy is in charge of the arrangements.



John Elliott Woltz Sr.

'Quality' Emphasized In Woltz Eulogy

By R.J. BERRIER
Staff Writer

During a memorial service Thursday for John Elliott Woltz Sr., Dr. Richard Crowder of High Point focused on quality.

The minister remembered the retired industrialist, community and church leader and driving force behind the establishment of Mount Airy Museum of Regional History for his quality living, quality suffering and quality dying.

The Rev. Phillip B. Cole, the pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Mount Airy, spoke of Woltz's faith and declared: "In death, we all feel resurrection."

Woltz died early Tuesday morning after a lengthy battle with a rare form of cancer,

His 42-year career in textiles saw him as the president, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Quality Mills... 4-10-98

multiple myeloma.

Central United Methodist Church, site of the memorial service, was filled almost to overflowing with Woltz's family, friends, neighbors, business associates, fellow employees at Quality Mills and past and present political and governmental leaders.

In fact, the service, scheduled to get under way at 11 a.m., began a few minutes late because of the lengthy lines of people waiting to enter the building for the tribute to the widely known community leader. The mourners numbered in the several hundreds, almost filling the spacious sanctuary. Estimates ranged from 750 to 850.

In his meditation for the service, "A Quality Life," Dr. Crowder mentioned the suffering of Apostle Paul, "as John did."

Picking up on the adjective, "quality," at least in part because of Woltz's long association with Quality Mills Inc. - now Cross Creek Apparel - the former interim pastor of

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the local Methodist church repeatedly stressed that word when discussing Woltz.

Woltz was 71 when he died Tuesday at his home, 915 Greenhill Road, Mount Airy. He had been a lifelong member of Central United Methodist Church, filling various capacities.

His 42-year career in textiles saw him as the president, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Quality Mills, as well as serving a term chairing the American Apparel Manufacturers Association. Woltz was also a member of the international Apparel Federation.

Dr. Crowder served six months as interim pastor of Central United Methodist Church, from January to June 1997, before the Rev. Cole assumed the post.

"There are not enough superlatives to describe John Woltz," Crowder asserted, calling him "a quality citizen."

Crowder mentioned that Woltz was the valedictorian and president of his class at Mount Airy High School.

He was an Eagle Scout, living up to all 12 laws, Crowder said.

Woltz, he continued, was the president body at the University of Virginia. He received a distinguished honor, the Algernon S. Livan Award, for service to the university.

He was a quality employer, the speaker said, making Quality Mills workers believe they were all the successes of the industry where they were.

Crowder spoke of Woltz's quality of suffering never gave up," he said.

Also during the service, Charles Vaughn, church's director of program ministries, sang "An Evening Prayer," while Kate Woltz sang, "Angel's Wings."



John Elliott Woltz Sr.

WOLTZ

John Elliott Woltz Sr., 71, of 815 Green Hill Road, Mount Airy, passed away April 7, 1998, at home, following a long illness. Born October 15, 1926, he was the son of Howard Osler and Louise Elliott Woltz. He retired in 1989 from Quality Mills Inc., now Cross Creek Apparel, subsidiary of Russell Corp., ending a 42-year textile career. At Quality Mills he had served as President, Chairman of the Board and CEO. He had been a member of the Board of Directors of Insteel Industries since 1958. Mr. Woltz was a lifetime member of Central United Methodist Church. He served there through the years in many capacities, having been a lay speaker, Sunday School teacher, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Administrative Board, Finance Committee and Pastor-Parish Relations. After graduating from Mount Airy High School, he attended Davidson College, served in WWII in the U.S. Army Air Force, and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1947. At the University he was President of the College of Arts and Sciences and Chairman of the Honor Committee, Tilka, IMP, ATO, 13 Society, ODK, and recipient of the Algeron Sydney Sullivan Award for service to the University. He graduated with a B.A. in Economics. During his textile career he was Chairman of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association and Member of the International Apparel Federation. As part of his many local volunteer public services, he served as

Chairman of the United Fund, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Charter Member and President of the Rotary Club, as well as being a Paul Harris Fellow. In 1960 he was chosen for the "Young Man of the Year" award by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and later "Citizen of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce. Soon after his retirement, he was instrumental in raising funds as part of a joint effort for a new building for the Red Cross, and served as chairman of the board of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. Of his many honors, none meant more to him than his Eagle Scout award and he felt the Boy Scout laws were a lifetime guide. John was a founder of Cross Creek Country Club and served as a Director since founding. John was one of the founders of Scope, a group composed of leaders representing some of the largest textile industries in the country. Surviving are his wife of 50 years of marriage, Mary Patricia Gwyn Woltz; four sons, John Elliott Woltz Jr. of Winston-Salem, James Lenoir Woltz of Roanoke, Va., Howell Way Woltz of Advance and Thomas Lenoir Woltz of Charlottesville, Va.; one daughter, Mary Gwyn Woltz of Raleigh and Mount Airy; six grandchildren; and one brother, Howard Osler Woltz Jr. of Mount Airy. Memorials may be made to Boy Scouts of America, Old Hickory Council, for Camp Raven Knob; to Central United Methodist Church; or to Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. A memorial service will be held at his church on April 9th at 11 a.m., with Rev. Phillip Cole and Dr. Richard Crowder officiating. The family will receive friends in the church parlor between 10 and 11 a.m. Moody Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Local industry leader dies

By WENDY BYERLY
WOOD

Staff Writer

MOUNT AIRY — The founder and chairman of Perry Manufacturing Company, headquartered in Mount Airy, died Friday evening.

William Kingsbury "Bill" Woltz, 88, of 232 South Park Avenue, died at Northern Hospital of Surry County after an accidental drowning at about 8 p.m. at his son's home on Grandview Drive.

Members of Four Way Volunteer Fire and First Response, the Mount Airy Rescue Squad and Surry County EMS assisted on the scene.

In September of 1983, Woltz, who was also founder and president of LaBelle Manufacturing Company and Page's Place, Inc., both of which were merged into Kellwood Company, was honored with a recognition dinner in his honor in Atlanta, Ga., by the American Apparel Education Foundation for Woltz's 48 years of service in the apparel industry at that time.

An editorial in *The Mount Airy News* on Sept. 15, 1983, congratulating him on his honor read, "Bill's outspoken, enthusiastic manner has won him the affection and respect of not only his friends in the community where he lives, but from his comrades in business."

The dinner was in its 10th



Bill Woltz

year in '83 and proceeds were "used to support specialized college-level curricula in apparel manufacturing technology and management and to encourage young people to train for careers in the industry."

"It is a fitting tribute for Woltz," read the editorial, "who is now serving an eight-year term as a member of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina."

Woltz, who was born in Gastonia, graduated from Belmont Abbey College, but also attended Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

From 1969-70, he was chairman of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association

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(AAMA). In 1981, Woltz was elected by the General Assembly for the eight-year term on the Board of Governors for UNC, a board that is composed of the 16 public senior institutions in the state.

Locally, Woltz was treasurer at Trinity Episcopal Church and past senior warden and past chairman of the finance committee of the vestry. He is also a member of the Mount Airy Country Club and Cross Creek Country Club.

In addition, he was a member of The Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst, the St. Andrews Society of North Carolina and the Union League Club of New York City.

Woltz had been chairman of the State Small Business Advisory Council for North Carolina, a member of the U.S. Regional Export Expansion Council, a member of the National Defense Executive Reserve and a director of the North Carolina Trade Association. He is a past director of The Planters Corporation and its subsidiary, The Planters National Bank and Trust Company of Rocky Mount.

His wife is the former Elizabeth (Betty) Winborne of Raleigh. The two have four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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WOLTZ

MOUNT AIRY — Mr. William Kingsbury Woltz Sr., 88, of 232 South Park Avenue, Mount Airy, husband of Elizabeth Winborne Woltz, passed away Friday, June 18, 2004, at Northern Hospital of Surry County. Mr. Woltz was born in Gaston County on Dec. 23, 1915, to the late Albert Edgar and Daisy Mackie Woltz. He graduated from Belmont Abbey College and attended Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Woltz was founder and chairman of Perry Manufacturing Company. He served as chairman of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association (AAMA) for the term of 1969 to 1970, and, on Sept. 19, 1983, Mr. Woltz was honored by the American Apparel Manufacturers

Association at its 10th Annual American Apparel Education Foundation Recognition Dinner in Atlanta, Ga. His organizational activities include chairman of the State Small Business Advisory Council for North Carolina; member of the United States Regional Export Expansion Council; member of the National Defense Executive Reserve; and a director of North Carolina World Trade Association. Mr. Woltz was founder and president of LaBelle Manufacturing Company and Page's Place, Inc., both of which were merged into Kellwood Company. He is a past director of The Planters Corporation and its subsidiary, The Planters National Bank and Trust Company of Rocky Mount. Mr. Woltz served as treasurer of Trinity Episcopal Church, past senior warden and past chairman of the finance committee of the vestry. He was a member of the Mount Airy Country Club, Cross Creek Country Club, The Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst, the Saint Andrews Society of North Carolina and the Union League Club of New York City. In the field of education, Mr. Woltz was elected in 1981 by the North Carolina General Assembly to an eight-year term as a member of the Board of

Governors of the University of North Carolina, composed of the 16 public senior institutions in North Carolina. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Winborne Woltz of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Frances Woltz Fennebresque and John Clark Fennebresque of Charlotte and Elizabeth Winborne Woltz of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, William Kingsbury Woltz Jr. and Page Murrell Woltz of Mount Airy and Frederick Early Woltz and Leslie Eckard Woltz of Charlotte; two granddaughters; five grandsons; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Woltz Alford Carr of Lexington, Ky.; and a brother, Dr. John Henry Early Woltz of Greensboro. In addition to his parents, Mr. Woltz was preceded in death by two sisters, Katherine Woltz Farinholt and Elizabeth Woltz Currie. The funeral service will be held Monday, June 21, 2004, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. The service will be conducted by Father Ray Hanna, with burial in the Oakdale Cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home of Mount Airy. The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 472 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

Woltz to be featured artist at SCC program April 14

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DOBSON — Pat Gwyn Woltz will be the featured artist during the Surry Community College "Meet the Artist" program from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 15 in the Learning Resources Center on the main campus in Dobson.

Pat Gwyn Woltz, a visual artist, was born in Asheville, and grew up in neighboring Waynesville. Yet, Surry and Yadkin counties were familiar to her since the Gwyn side of her family had a long heritage of community involvement in this area.

Pat graduated from Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, with a bachelor's degree in economics. She met her future husband, John Woltz of Mount Airy, the week he returned to the University of Virginia after having

served in World War II.

Pat and John were married and moved to Mount Airy where they reared their five children and built a life of active involvement in the community. John was President and CEO of Quality Mills which he later sold to Russell Corporation.

Pat used her artistic talents to entertain her children, particularly on rainy days. On a winter day in 1966, she painted a snow scene which caught John's eye, and he decided to use it for a Christmas card to send to employees, customers, and suppliers of Quality Mills. She continued to design a card each Christmas until 1979.

In 1983, after having received numerous requests for her works, Pat began selling her paintings, note cards, and Lim-

ited Edition prints at art shows and in various shops. Since she had never had an art lesson, her success as an artist and as a businesswoman came as a surprise to her. She credits her success to local people who have been supportive of her efforts from the early days through today.

Pat continues to be actively involved in Central United Methodist Church and in various community betterment activities. Presently, one of her most enjoyable activities is serving on the Surry Community College Foundation Board. In that capacity, she enjoys helping organize the Surry Community College Foundation Golf Tournament, a major fundraiser which is held each spring.