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CHARLES UNGER Devin Donald, and Lauren "CHARLIE" DONALD T. Wrather (Kyle); by seven Charles Unger "Charlie" great-grandchildren; by an extended family of nieces. Donald, 89, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2020, nephews and cousins; and by after a gradual decline in his many lifelong friends health. Visitation was held Charlie was a Christian and Sunday, January 12 from

loved the Goodman United Methodist Church, where he was an active, lifelong member. He liked to tell that, as a boy, he went next door to the church early on Sunday mornings and built a coal fire in the basement so the warm air could travel up the pipe and heat the sanctuary for church. He continued to support his church in many other ways, including serving on the Board of Trustees death by his parents; by his and teaching Sunday School classes for over 30 years. In addition to his stead-

COUNTY

HERALD

and David Herbert Donald; fast devotion to his family, by his two sisters, Maxine Charlie was known for his Donald Graves and Ruth tireless service to the com-Belford Donald Ellis; by munity. He served on boards two children, Rebecca Helm of several churches, schools, Donald Parker and Timothy hospitals, and other organi-Belford Donald; and by one zations, including Holmes grandson Nicholas O'Keefe Community College, District II Community Hospital, Hol-After serving overseas in mes County Farm Bureau. Tri-County Coop, Central turned home to Goodman to Holmes Academy, and Lexington High School. Charlie will be remembered for his the love of his life, Virginia, many acts of kindness and generosity.

Southern Funeral Home in Charlie was a wonderful Lexington, MS was in charge and devoted husband, fa- of arrangements. Memorial ther, grandfather, and great- contributions may be made grandfather, affectionately to the Goodman United

FRANCES REID **MELTON**

passed away on Tuesday Jan. 7, 2020 at her residence in "Danny" (Joy) of Good- Morton, MS. She had lived man, and Kelly Donald Pat- in the Emory and the West terson (Mike) of Sallis; by Community before moving

ald, Eric Tipton (Bethany), odist Cemetery near West.

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JANUARY

The Parable of the Sandwich Sign

I am the voice of the one drivers can see these signs calling out in the desert: until I can get someone out "Make the road straight there to fix the bridge." for the Lord." John 1:23

THURSDAY,

men were solemn as the mayor informed them of the catastrophe. "The rains have washed away the bridge. During the night many cars drove over the

"What can we do?" asked

edge and into the river."

"You must stand on the second, so the drivers will side of the road and warn the drivers not to make the left turn. Tell them to take the one-lane road that follows the side of the river."

"But they drive so fast! How can we warn them?"

"By wearing these sandwich signs," the mayor explained, producing three double-signs, wooden hinged together to hang one's shoulders. from

And so the men hurried

out to the dangerous curve The faces of the three and put the signs over their shoulders. "The drivers should see

> me first," spoke one. The others agreed. His sign warned, "Bridge Out!" He walked several hundred yards before the turn and took his post. "Perhaps I should be

slow down," spoke the one whose sign declared, "Reduce Speed." "Good idea," agreed the third. "I'll stand here at the curve so people will get

off the wide road and onto the narrow." His sign read simply "Take Right Road" and had a finger pointing toward the safe route. And so the three men

stood with their three signs "Stand at the crossroads so ready to warn the travelers

As the cars approached, could read was the word the first man would stand "Reduce." Most thought he up straight so the drivers was advertising a diet plan. could read, "Bridge Out."

ture to his sign, telling the consumed like the second cars to "Reduce Speed."

complied, they would then sign. "Right Road Only," see the third sign, "Right it read. Road Only." And though the road was narrow, the message was so narrow, cars complied and were so safe. Hundreds of lives should be given a choice were saved by the three in the matter. Who am I sign holders. Because they to tell them which is the did their job, many people right road and which is the were kept from peril.

But after a few hours

"I'll sit where people can "Only" and changed it to read my sign as I sleep," he decided. So he took his sign off his shoulders and "that's still too strident. propped it up against a One is best not to moralize boulder. He leaned against So he marked out the word it and fell asleep. As he slept his arm slid over the "Suggested." sign, blocking one of the two words. So rather than right, "Might offend peoread "Bridge Out," his sign ple if they think I'm sugsimply stated "Bridge."

The second didn't grow they don't." tired, but he did grow conceited. The longer he stood and finally marked through warning the people the the word "Suggested" and more important he felt. A replaced it with a more few even pulled off to the neutral phrase. side of the road to thank him for the job well done. to himself as he backed off

you not told us to slow down," they applauded.

thought to himself. "How were it not for me?"

think that he was just as another plunged into the important as his sign. So river. he took it off, set it up on the ground, and stood beside it. As he did, he was son, 1995) Max Lucado. unaware that he, too, was Listen to UpWords with blocking one word of his Max Lucado at OnePlace. warning. He was stand- com and find resources at ing in front of the word MaxLucado.com. Used by

of the washed-out bridge. "Speed." All the drivers

The third man was not Then the next would ges- tired like the first, nor self-But he was concerned And as the motorists about the message of his

It troubled him that his dogmatic. wrong road?" So he decided to alter

they grew lax in their task. the wording of the sign. The first man got sleepy. He marked out the word "Preferred." "Hmm," he thought,

> and "Preferred" That still didn't seem

> gesting I know something So he thought and thought

"Ahh, just right," he said

"We might have died had and read the words:

"Right Road-One of Two Equally Valid Alter-"You're so right," he natives."

And so as the first man many people would be lost slept and the second stood and the third altered the Presently he came to message, one car after

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ST. JOSEPH C.O.G.I.C. County Chamber of Com-

St. Joseph C.O.G.I.C. in West will host the Forrest's Family and Friends Day program on Sunday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m. with Sunday school at 11:30 a.m.

PRAYER LUNCHEON

Epworth U.M. Church in Lexington will host its first planned annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Luncheon on Monday, January 20 at 1 p.m. at the church.

LUNCH AND LEARN

A "Lunch and Learn" event will be hosted by The Part-

merce will be held at Lex-

ington City Hall on Monday,

January 27, at noon. Topic:

Dangers of Vaping and To-

bacco Use. Reservations are

required for lunch. Call 601-

497-9884 or 662-417-0167

to reserve your spot.

The town of Pickens will host the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on Monday, January 20. Parade lineup will be at Greater Fairview M.B. Church before or at 11 a.m. The parade starts at the MLK Center with the MLK Memorial Service and Luncheon. For more information call 662-468-3282 or

nership for a Healthy Mississippi, Mississippi Tobacco 601-672-0910. Free Coalition, the city of Lexington and the Holmes Kosciusko Monument Company 225 HWY 12 W. • 662.792.4139 "The Best Prices In Town."

passes bill to cover gap in PICKENS MLKJ PARADE

teacher raise

MS House

Associated Press

The Mississippi House voted Thursday to pay the full cost for this year's teacher pay raise.

The at 11 a.m. and will conclude raise was approved during Lexington, Mississippi. the 2019 session. But, officials later discovered a bureaucratic error that resulted in too few teachers being counted as the state budget was written. The error meant that too little money was initially set aside for the budget year that started July 1.

> House Bill 1 will cover the shortfall of more than \$18 million. It moves to the Senate and is expected Matthew Breazeale.. Editor to pass there, too. It would Julie Ellison......Manager then go to the governor.

House leaders say teachers have not missed any MISSISSIPPI PRESS ASSOCIATION

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Obituaries (1964)

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Southern Funeral Home in Lexington and Monday, January 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Goodman United Methodist Church. Services followed at 2:00 p.m. Charlie was born at Holm-

es Co. Community Hospital in Lexington, MS, on October 14, 1930, to Ira Unger Donald and Sue Ella Belford Donald of Goodman, MS. He was preceded in three brothers, Leroy Donald, Frederick Lane Donald,

the U.S. Navy, Charlie remanage the family farm; but, more importantly, to marry whom he lovingly called

known to his grandchildren Methodist Church. and great-grandchildren as "Charlie." He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Virginia Helm Donald; by three children, David (Nora) of Ridgeland, Charles Daniel five grandchildren, Mon- to Morton. ica H. Hawthorne (Mike),

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