



February 20, 2006

Sara Peck

Owner of LeGrande Garage



February 18, 2006 — Sara LeGrande Oatts Peck, 96, passed away Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, in Somerset. She was born in Danville, Ky., May 23, 1909. She was a graduate of Somerset High School Class of 1928, and attended Rogers School of Business. She was owner of LeGrande Garage and later

president of Pulaski Motor Company. Her businesses included Dodge, Plymouth, Oldsmobile and Cadillac dealerships. During these years she was the only woman to own a car dealership in the United States. Her businesses, LeGrande Taxi Service and LeGrande Bus Lines, were the first taxi service and only public bus transportation in Somerset. During her 50 year career in the automobile industry she received numerous awards for service recognition. She retired from the business in 1972. Business and civic affiliations included membership in National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, Somerset Business and Professional Woman's Club, Democratic Women's Club and Somerset Garden Club. She was a member of Pisgah Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church, Somerset. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Hayes Owens Oatts and Thomas Charles Oatts; a sister, Anna Russell McClure; and a brother, Charles "Bud" Hayes Oatts. In 1929, Sara married John Will Bobbitt, who passed away in 1931. They had one daughter, Sara Ann Bobbitt (Wallace "Dick") Mitchell. After being widowed for several years, Sara married Charles Farris Dills, who was employed by Southern Railway, and who passed away in 1954. They had two children, Mary Susan Dills (Carter) Ross and Farris Hayes Dills. In 1962, Sara married Thomas Nelson Peck, founder of Cumberland Corporation, later named Kingsford Charcoal, who passed away in 1976. Step-children from this marriage include, George Randolph (and Debbie) Peck, Steven Thomas Peck, Gaynia Dale Battista and Davis Nelson Peck. Sara's grandchildren are Jennie Gail Lang, Mary Margaret McLeod, John (Heyward) Charles Mitchell, Charles Richard "Chuck" (Candice) Dills, Martin Farris "Marty" Dills, Allison Kruse Ross (Kevin) Helton, and Chad Farris (Christina) Ross. Sara's great-grandchildren include, Daniel Lang, Jerry Lang, Chris Lang, Sara LeGrande McLeod, Heyward McLeod, Kelsea Saige Dills and Logan Richard Dills. Celebration of Life will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at Pisgah Presbyterian Church with Dr. Mike Gatton and the Rev. Richard Guerrant Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will be 2 p.m. Sunday, at the church. The family has requested no flowers, and that donations may be made to Pisgah Schoolhouse, P.O. Box 143, Somerset, KY 42502, Hospice of Lake Cumberland, 100 Parkway Drive, Somerset, KY, 42503, or the First Christian Church "Together We Build Fund," P.O. Box 64, Somerset, KY 42502. Somerset Undertaking Company is in charge of arrangements.

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