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## T. M. RICKMAN FATALLY HURT

### Dies After Accident In Canton Plant Sunday

Thomas M. Rickman, 49, oldest son of John E. Rickman, of Franklin, was fatally injured early Sunday morning at the plant of the Champion Fibre company in Canton where he was employed. He died in an Asheville hospital 10 hours after he was injured.

Chester Ingle, 30, employe in the same department, was critically injured at the same time. The two men operated a wood chipper, and had stopped to change knives on the machine when a fellow workman threw the wrong switch and started the chipper. Before it could be stopped both men were hurt by the revolving parts of the machine.

The switch that controls the machine on which the two men were working is about 15 feet from the chipper, and the workman who accidentally threw the switch had been sent to the control board to throw another switch.

Mr. Rickman had been employed at the Canton plant for the past 17 years. He is survived by his father, John E. Rickman, of Franklin; his widow and four sons, John C., Clarence, Carroll and Thomas Rickman, Jr.; four sisters, Mrs. Lindon Cabe, of Green Creek; Mrs. Verlin Buchanan, of Gay; Mrs. John Guffey, of Leatherman, and Mrs. Roy Gibson, of Franklin; two brothers, Sloan Rickman, of Fitzgerald, Ga., and James E. Rickman, of Washington, and one granddaughter.

Mr. Rickman was born and reared in Macon county and spent his early life here. He joined the Liberty Baptist church when a young man and later moved his membership to the West Canton Baptist church, where he remained a consistent member.

Funeral services were conducted at West Canton Baptist church at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Rev. P. C. Hicks, pastor was in charge, assisted by Rev. Frank Leatherwood, of Haywood county.

The body of Mr. Rickman was brought to Franklin for burial after the funeral service in Canton and the service at the grave was conducted by the ministers above named with prayer by Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church.

## Girl Scouts Met Friday Afternoon

Troop No. 1 of the Franklin Girl Scouts held their Court of Honor on Friday afternoon at 4:30 in the basement of the Methodist church, Miss Pauline Powers, troop captain, invested six tenderfoot scouts including: Mary Frances Page, Betty Horsley, Inez Crawford, Emogene Landrum, Sallie Lou Moore, Barbara Stockton.

Merit badges were awarded to four scouts of second class rank—Sara Conley, Lane Porter, Dorothy Sloan and Virginia Tessier. Following the business session the guests were served refreshments by members of the troop.

## Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)  
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.  
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 12c  
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . . 9c  
Fryers, heavy, lb. . . . . . 16c  
Fryers, light, lb. . . . . . 14c  
Eggs, doz. . . . . . 25c  
Corn . . . . . \$1.00  
Wheat . . . . . . . . . . 90  
Rye . . . . . \$1.00  
New Potatoes, No. 1, bu. . . 60c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery  
Butterfat, lb. . . . . . 31c

## Loyalty Day Will Be Observed Sunday At M. E. Church

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday before the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist church meets in Asheville, and the Franklin Methodist church will observe Loyalty Day. This observance of Loyalty Day will be the climax to a special emphasis which this church has made for the past few weeks, in an effort to complete the work of the closing year and lay plans for the new church year which begins November 1.

Sunday morning the pastor, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., will preach. Sunday afternoon, between the hours of two and five, the members of the board of stewards will be at the church. All the members of the church are urged to come to the church during this time and make their pledges to the budget for the new conference year. At five o'clock in the afternoon there will be held a brief vesper service, which will be the final church service of this conference year. At this service Mr. Herbert will use for his subject, "The Unification of Methodism."

## TRAVEL PARTY HERE TUESDAY

### Executives and Writers Welcomed During Short Stay

Travel executives and writers from all parts of the United States stopped in Franklin for a short time Tuesday morning and were welcomed by Mayor George B. Patton in a short talk at Kelly's Tea Room, where they gathered to inspect a display of forest, mineral and other products of Macon county.

Illustrated folders describing Franklin and booklets giving information concerning the Nantahala national forest were distributed among the tourists. These folders and booklets were enclosed in large envelopes which were stamped and ready for mailing, so that the tourists could send them to their home addresses and would not be burdened with them on the trip. Orangeade bottled by the Nantahala creamery was served to the entire party through the courtesy of Sheriff A. B. Slagle, owner of the creamery.

The party went from Franklin to Highlands and on to High Hampton Inn for lunch. They then proceeded to Brevard and on to Hendersonville where they spent Tuesday night.

Five days in all were spent by the travel executives in Western North Carolina, and they are now touring the eastern part of the state.

## Howard Mashburn, 7, Dies In Hospital

Howard Edgar Mashburn, 7 years old, died in Angel hospital Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock from an infection of the bone in his right leg.

Howard was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mashburn, of the Ellijay township, and had been in school up to his sudden sickness five weeks ago.

Funeral services were held at the Ellijay Baptist church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, was in charge of the funeral.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mashburn; two brothers, David and Furman, and three sisters, Mildred, Nina and Rosalee.

Mrs. M. D. Lee, of Indianapolis, Ind., arrived here Saturday for a two weeks' visit with her son, M. B. Lee, at the home of Mrs. T. J. Johnston, on Harrison avenue.

## THE RED CEDAR OF DIXIE HALL

### Interesting Story Told At U. D. C. Meeting Monday

The Macon county chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lester S. Conley, on Harrison avenue for their regular monthly business and social meeting. There were 13 members and invited guests present.

The business session of the meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Carl S. Slagle. Plans were made for the members to hold their annual picnic at Arrowood Glade on Wednesday, October 20.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Carl S. Slagle; vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Slagle; recording secretary, Miss Lily Rankin; treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Slagle; registrar, Mrs. Lester S. Conley; historian, Mrs. Sam L. Rogers; chaplain, Mrs. T. J. Johnston; reporter, Mrs. Lester S. Conley.

A very interesting program was given by Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, who gave a review of the book from "Christ in the Camps," by J. W. Jones, a Confederate chaplain. Miss Lily Rankin read a most interesting paper on the "Origin of Dixie."

A paper was read by Mrs. A. L. McLean, which was contributed by Jule S. Robinson on the red cedar that stands in the yard of Dixie Hall, the Robinson's old home place and which Mr. Robinson now occupies.

There stands today at the southeast corner of "Dixie Hall" (known for several decades as the Robinson home on Main street) a red cedar, which came from the field where the second battle of Manassas was fought in 1862.

Captain Julius T. Siler, who built Dixie Hall and finished it in 1860, answered his Southland's call to her sons in the early 60's and was among the first to leave Macon county for the scene of action. Mr. Siler was wounded in the second battle of Manassas and after a sojourn in the field hospital, was ready to start for his home in the Carolina hills. As he was riding across the battlefield one of his men said, "Captain Siler, here is one of the prettiest red cedars I've ever seen, let me tie it to the back of your saddle and take it home with you." Mr. Siler said, "No, I'm going home and have no use to bother with it, and besides it wouldn't live." The man replied, "Well Captain Siler, it won't hurt anything to try it, and if it should live, your wife and children will always prize it, both from an historical and sentimental standpoint." Captain Siler smiled at the young man's earnestness and said, "Well, tie it to my saddle, but it will die before I get home."

The tree didn't die, but Captain Siler did in the next few years, after the famous second battle of Manassas.

Three quarters of a century have passed since the little red cedar was taken from the blood-stained soil of Old Virginia and brought to its new home, in the Western Carolina hills.

Today it stands on guard, a silent sentinel at the corner of Dixie Hall, at the corner which was Captain and Mrs. Siler's bedroom.

Kissed by the snow and frosts of many a winter, it stands boldly and proudly, on guard, day and night, that no harm shall come to its beloved Dixie Hall.

The visitors present for the meeting were Miss Maggie Moore, of Sylva, a member of the W. A. Enloe chapter; Mrs. H. E. Church, Mrs. Frank Higdon and Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Carl S. Slagle, on the second Monday in November.

## Mrs. Swafford Passes At Her Home On Iotla Tuesday

Mrs. W. M. Swafford, 57, died at her home on Iotla Tuesday night about 7 o'clock following a month's illness. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, of Watauga, and was a member of the Iotla Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at the Iotla Baptist church Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. F. Mayberry. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Swafford is survived by her husband, one son, Arvil; one granddaughter, of Iotla; her parents, one sister, Mrs. Jim Swafford, and two brothers, Harley and Lester Crawford, of Burningtown.

## DEATH CLAIMS

### A. J. NEWMAN, 72

#### Prominent Citizen Dies At Norton Saturday; Funeral Sunday

A. J. Newman, 72, died at his home at Norton last Saturday afternoon, October 9, at 1:20 after an illness of about three weeks. He had been very active, even working in the fields, until he suffered a heart attack which caused his death.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Newman Chapel on Mulberry and burial was in the cemetery there. The Rev. J. A. Brendle, a former pastor, conducted the services. John Holt had charge of the music and songs that were used during the service, and special songs were sung by Ruth Newman and Jack Tidwell, grandchildren of Mr. Newman.

The pallbearers were Marvin Howard, John Howard, Carl Howard, Warren Castle, Harley Carpenter and Mr. Pitts.

Mr. Newman was born near Hendersonville, and spent his early life there. He later moved to Greenville, S. C., where he lived for seven years, but in 1914 he returned to North Carolina and opened a store at Norton, which he conducted until 1930.

Mr. Newman was a very active church member in his community and when a Baptist church was proposed, he gave the land for the new building. Upon the completion of the new church, the congregation named it Newman Chapel as a token of their love and respect for him. His last request was that he be buried in the cemetery near the church.

Surviving Mr. Newman are his widow, the former Lena Wagner, of Hendersonville; six daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Turner, of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Louise Tidwell, of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. Estelle Padgett, of Lowell, Mrs. Inez Buntton, of Shelby; Mrs. Clara Henson, of Charleston, S. C., and Miss Montee Newman, of Chicago, Ill.; five sons, Lola, of Charleston, S. C.; Don, of Chicago, Ill.; Roy, of Anderson, S. C.; Paul, of the U. S. N., stationed now in New York City, and Perry, of Sarasota, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Susan Bagwell, of Hendersonville, and several grandchildren.

## Macon-Swain Singing Convention October 24

The Macon-Swain county semi-annual singing convention will meet with the Oak Grove Baptist church, near highway No. 286, on October 24 (the fourth Sunday), it has been announced by Theron Slagle and J. B. Smiley, county chairmen.

All singing classes, quartets, duets and soloists of Macon, Swain and adjoining counties are invited to attend and bring basket lunch. The singing will begin at 10 a. m., and dinner will be served on the ground.

## CHURCH HONORS OLD MEMBERS

### Impressive Services Held Sunday Evening At M. E. Church

A most impressive service was held at the Franklin Methodist church last Sunday evening in honor of those who have been members of that church for 50 years and more. The records show that there are 15 such members living, and of these 15 there were 13 present for the service.

The hymns used in the service were favorites of these 50-year members. Mrs. W. N. Allman, who has been a member of this church for 70 years, named as her favorite hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Dr. and Mrs. Frank T. Smith, each of whom has been a member of the Franklin church for more than 50 years, named "A Charge to Keep I Have" as their favorite. Three sisters, Mrs. George Jones, Mrs. Lee Crawford, and Mrs. E. R. Kennebrew, each of whom has been a member for more than a half-century, named as their favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." A favorite number, "O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go," was sung as a vocal solo by Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., was in charge of the service. The Rev. O. E. Croy, pastor of the Macon circuit, led the prayer. Dr. W. E. Furr, superintendent of the church school, was introduced, and in most impressive words he presented to each of the 50-year members a Certificate of Honor, appropriately worded as a token of affection and esteem on the part of the membership, and signed by the officials of the church.

At Dr. Furr's direction a red rose was pinned on each of the honored members by the members of the choir. Relatives of the two 50-year members who were unable to be present received the certificates and the roses on their behalf.

J. S. Conley made a brief but eloquent address of appreciation to the honored members in which he emphasized the help and blessing which their lives render to the younger members of the church. An opportunity was given for the 50-year members to speak. Mrs. George A. Jones and John O. Harrison, in fitting words, expressed their appreciation for the honor conferred upon them, and the joy and strength which the Christian life has meant to them.

Mr. Herbert used as the basis for his sermon St. Paul's letter to Philemon. He pointed out that the honor members shared with the great apostle who called himself "Paul the Aged" three attitudes: Paul found, in spite of the hardships and tribulations of his life, his help and strength in Christ; though an aged man and a prisoner, Paul took advantage of the opportunity to be of service to a younger man who needed his help; Paul faced the future with hope and confidence. The preacher paid tribute to the honored members and expressed to them the love and honor and gratitude in which the membership holds them.

Of the 15 members of the Franklin Methodist church who have been members of that church for 50 years and more, the following 13 were present at the service: Mrs. W. N. Allman, Dr. Frank T. Smith, Mrs. Frank T. Smith, Mrs. George A. Jones, Mrs. E. R. Kennebrew, Mrs. Lee Crawford, Mrs. Myra Allman, Mrs. J. J. Conley, Mrs. Mamie A. Rogers, Mr. John O. Harrison, Mrs. Mary Lyle Waldroop, Mrs. S. H. Lyle, and J. S. Robinson. The two who could not be present were represented—Mrs. J. T. Moore by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. T. Moore, and Mrs. Ilena Myers by her daughter, Mrs. Ella Myers Conley.