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Deaths & Funerals

ELDRIDGE THOMAS
 Eldridge H. Thomas, 53, of Chester, S.C., died Wednesday, March 17, 1976 in a Chester hospital.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mae Lee McManus Thomas; two daughters and a son; three brothers, Hugh and Otis Thomas of Asheville, N.C., and Lester Thomas of Marshall, N.C.; and four sisters, Miss Laura Thomas, Mrs. Rosie Chandler, Mrs. Maggie Chandler and Mrs. Zelfia Landers of Marshall.

Services were held at Union Hills Baptist Church in Pageland. Burial was in Five Fork Cemetery.

MISS LILLIE MAE DOCKERY
 Miss Lillie Mae Dockery, 86, of Route 6, Marshall, died Sunday, March 21, 1976, in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home. The Rev. Kinsey Ball, and Rev. Horace Honeycutt will officiate and burial will be in Bowman - Rector Cemetery. Friends will serve as pallbearers.

Survivors include one niece, Mrs. Carrie Lee Zanata, of Florida; two nephews, Eddie Dockery, Route 2, Weaverville; and Floyd Dockery, of Asheville.

She was a native of Madison County but had lived most of her life in Buncombe County.

MRS. NOLA BELLE RAMSEY
 Mrs. Nola Belle Ramsey, 71, of Maryville, Tenn., formerly of Hot Springs, died Monday, March 23, 1976, in a Maryville hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday in the Hot Springs Baptist

Church, of which she was a member. The Rev. Fred Hembree officiated and burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Friends served as pallbearers.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Floyd Gregory, Maryville, Tenn., Mrs. Jack Ebbs, Hot Springs, Mrs. Earl Waldroup, Newport News, Va., Mrs. Frank L. Roberts, Jr., Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs. James Woody, New Carlisle, Ohio; four sons, Horace, of Clarksville, Va.; Bill, of Greenville, Tenn.; John, of Panama Canal Zone; and David, of Pine Grove, Pa.; two half-brothers, Leroy Johnson and Jack Johnson, both of Hot Springs; three half-sisters, Mrs. Henry Howell, Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. Vincent Parker, Gastonia, N.C.; Mrs. Leonard Dockery, Hot Springs; 32 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ramsey was a native of Hot Springs, widow of Frank Ramsey who died in 1970.

CLYDE J. BALL

Clyde James Ball, 53, of 4304 Ryegate Drive, Raleigh, died Wednesday, March 24, 1976 in a Raleigh hospital after a short illness.

A native of Madison County and formerly of Morganton, he was a member of St. James United Methodist Church in Raleigh and a son of the late R. P. and Grace Fisher Ball. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a graduate of the University of Indiana receiving his Master's in engineering. He was a North Carolina Resident Engineer in the Morganton area for 10 years and at the time of his death was working in the Engineer Design Department of the Department of Transportation.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Ruth Seider Ball; three daughters, Misses Bethany, Marina and Kristeen Ball of the home; a foster brother, Conley McKennish of Brevard; and two sisters, Mrs. John Hancy of Marion and Mrs. Norman Blome of Des Moines, Iowa.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Colonial Chapel of Sosoman Funeral Home. The Rev. Lester Jackson officiated. Burial was in Snider family cemetery. Pallbearers were employees of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

MRS. CLOYD NORTON
 Mrs. Ruby Curtis Norton, 52, of Rt. 4 Marshall, died Thursday, March 25, 1976 at her home unexpectedly.

She was born in Tennessee and had lived in Madison County most of her life.

Surviving are the husband, Cloyd Norton; a son, George Norton of Greenville, Tenn.; three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Moore of Marshall, Mrs. Mary Miller of Morganton and Miss Marie Norton of the home; a brother, Garland Curtis of Marshall; three sisters, Mrs. Nell Boles of Marshall, Mrs. Pearl Tino of Sandwich, Ill., and Mrs. Waverly Gray of Greenville; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stillcorn Church of God. The Revs. Olin Shelton and Lennie Metcalf officiated. Burial was in Norton Cemetery. Friends were pallbearers.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.

MRS. CARL WALLIN
 Services for Mrs. Minnie E. Wallin, 70, of Rt. 4 Marshall, who died Saturday, March 27, 1976 at her home following an extended illness were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hopewell Baptist Church.

The Revs. Everett Hanie and Jimmy Buckner officiated. Burial was in Wallin family cemetery at Revere. Pallbearers were Wayne Adams, Dennis Stines, Arthur Norton, Oakley Stanton, Charlie and Eldridge Leake.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, she was a

daughter of the late Jess and Saida Chandler Wallin.

Surviving are the husband, Carl Wallin; a son, J.C. Wallin of Hot Springs; a daughter, Mrs. Jess Lee Buckner of Marshall; two sisters, Mrs. Cora Stines of Leicester and Mrs. Phlenia Reagan of Asheville; and four grandchildren.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.

ELMER BISHOP

Services for Elmer Bishop, 58, of Rt. 3 Mars Hill, who died Saturday, March 27, 1976 were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Big Laurel Baptist Church.

The Revs. Orville Bullman and Olin Shelton officiated. Burial was in Lewis Cemetery. Friends were pallbearers.

A native of Madison County, he had lived in Cleveland, Ohio where he had been employed by Ford Motor Co. for 20 years. He returned to Madison County October, 1975. He was the son of the late Daniel and Matilda Wallin Bishop.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Gertie Lee Davis Bishop; a son, D.J. Bishop of Cleveland; two sisters, Mrs. Horace Rice and Mrs. Mack Rice of Marshall; and two grandchildren.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.

W.F. HIPPS

W.F. (Jack) Hipps, 79, of Starnes Cove Road, Rt. 8 Asheville, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 25, 1976 at his home.

A native of Madison County, he was a Navy veteran of World War I and a retired farmer. He was a son of the late Judson and Bertha Melton Hipps.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Ina Blaylock of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Helen Hyatt of Waynesville and Mrs. Ann Sale of Asheville; a son, Jack Douglas Hipps of Asheville; a sister, Mrs. Maggie Wright of Waynesville; three brothers, Roy Hipps of Candler, Bill Hipps of Tryon and Jay Hipps of Norfolk, Va.; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home. The

Rev. Albert Wellons officiated. Burial was in Oak Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers.

ALFRED FRISBEE
 Alfred Beagan Frisbee, 88, of Grunby Road, Rt. 1 Asheville, died Wednesday, March 24, 1976 in an Asheville hospital after a short illness.

Born in Madison County and a Buncombe County resident for 40 years, he was a retired farmer and a son of the late Alfred and Rachel Prater Frisbee.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lois Lunsford of Asheville and Mrs. Edna Chauncy with whom he made his home; two sons, Fred Frisbee of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Willard Frisbee of Marshall; six brothers, George and Jim Frisbee of Asheville, Frank Frisbee of Marshall, John, Bob and Sam Frisbee of Leicester; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Little Sandy United Methodist Church. The Rev. E.O. Queen officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Ronnie Robertson, Joe Gentry, Richard, Glenn Max, Hillard and Glenn Frisbee.

MRS. ROBERT CRAIN

Services for Mrs. Becky Wilburn Crain, 90, of Chandler Branch Road, Weaverville, who died Wednesday, March 24, 1976 in an Asheville nursing home were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Locust Grove Baptist Church.

The Revs. Clell Fisher, Orlando Hawkins and Horace Honeycutt officiated. Burial was in Sprinkle Creek Cemetery in Madison County. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Rocky Bluff To Open Friday

District Ranger Bobby Brady announced today that the Rocky Bluff Recreation Area would be opened on April 2, 1976 and would remain open until after Labor Day.

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