

Area Deaths And Funerals

Roy Cantrell

Funeral services were held Saturday for Roy Lee Cantrell of Walnut who died May 5 in the Asheville VA Medical Center at the age of 71.

Services were held in the Walnut Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Buckner officiating. Burial was conducted in the Walnut Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was the son of the late William and Nola Wallin Cantrell. Mr. Cantrell was a retired farmer and lumberman. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and a member of the American Legion Post in Marshall.

Mr. Cantrell is survived by his wife, Lucille Sawyer Cantrell; a son, Ray Cantrell of Marshall; a daughter, Ruth Ann Peek of Weaverville; three brothers, Carl Cantrell of Walnut, Geter Cantrell of Alexander and Howard Cantrell of Lincoln Park, Mich.; four sisters, Nora Sawyer and Rose Green of Alexander, Frances Ramsey of Taylor, Mich. and Edith Latrell of Ohio; and two grandchildren.

W. Burnis Buckner

Funeral services were held Friday for W. Burnis Buckner of Weaverville who died April 2 at the age of 59.

Services were held in the Weaverville Baptist Church, of which he was a former

deacon, with the Rev. Leroy Denton officiating.

A native of Buncombe County, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He was the son of the late William R. and Atlas Brigman Buckner. He was retired from Conrad Industries and was a carpenter and farmer.

Mr. Buckner is survived by his wife, Kathleen Roberts Buckner; a daughter, Dianne B. Ottwell of Stone Mountain, Ga.; a son, David Buckner of Covington, Ga.; three sisters, Alma Sexton and Lucille Keys of Asheville and Lois Jean Carden of Waynesville; and a brother, Stanley Buckner of Weaverville.

Dock Bryant

Funeral services were held Friday for Dock Bryant of Reems Creek Rd. who died May 1 in an Asheville hospital at the age of 70.

Services were held in the chapel of the Williams Funeral Service with the Revs. Fate Kirsten and James Lee officiating. Burial was conducted in the Laurel Springs Baptist Church.

A native of Buncombe County, he was the son of the late Johnny and Magie Shope Bryant. He was a retired employee of Drexel Furniture Co.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Lynn Bryant; B daughter, Mary Jane Flores of the home; four sons, Dock Bryant, Jr. of Chicago, Leroy Bryant of Asheville, Clay

Bryant of Black Mountain and Frank Bryant of Weaverville; two sisters, Lena Fender of Asheville and Zella Bryant of Baltimore; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Clinton Fender

Funeral services were held Sunday for Clinton Fender of Marion who died May 5 in the Mountain Home VA Medical Center at the age of 78.

Services were held in the chapel of the McCall-Kirksey Funeral Home with Earl Wood and the Rev. Doug Worley officiating. Burial was conducted in the McDowell Memorial Park with the American Legion Post N. 56 and the Arrowood VFW Post No. 4208 conducting military graveside rites.

A native of Madison County, he was the son of the late W.A. and Elzie Cuthbertson Fender. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and was retired from the East Martion Manufacturing Co.

He is survived by two brothers, Kermit Fender of Marion and J.D. Fender of Dysartsville; a sister, Mrs. Floyd Bruner of Marion; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Ethel Biggs

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Ethel Stines Biggs of Weaverville who died Sunday at the age of 62.

Services were held in the chapel of the West Funeral Home in Weaverville with the Rev. Lonnie Crawford officiating. Burial was conducted in the Penland Cemetery.

A native of Madison County, she was the daughter of the late Hilliard and Essie Cody Stines.

She is survived by her husband, James Biggs; two sons, Clarence and Larry Biggs of the home; and four brothers, Gilbert Stines of Greenville, S.C., Verlon Stines of Detroit, Eugene Stines of Black Mountain and Howard Stines of Barnardsville.

Jackie Laws

Funeral services were held Monday for Jackie Lynn Laws of Marshall who died Saturday morning from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Mr. Laws was 37 years old.

Services were held in the chapel of the Bowman Funeral Home in Marshall with the Revs. G.A. McCurry and Ralph Sexton officiating. Burial was conducted in the Madison Seminary Cemetery.

A native of Buncombe County, he was a resident of Madison County for the past seven years. Mr. Laws was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Vietnam War. He was employed as a truckdriver for Reco Transportation in Asheville.

He is survived by his wife, Frances McLean Laws; a son, Timothy Lynn Laws of the home; and his mother, Hazel Rogers Moore of Asheville.

Sedimentation Pollution Control Is Necessary

North Carolina is losing approximately 80 million tons of soil through erosion each year and much of this soil is finding its way into our creeks and streams, causing our water quality to decline. According to Penn Dameron, chairman of the Western North Carolina Tomorrow committee on natural resources, the mountain region is twice cursed by erosion and sedimentation, "Not only must we watch our soil vanish into our creeks and rivers, we must also watch as these very creeks and rivers, which we cherish, gradually become overburdened with mud."

Speaking at a conference on water quality and growth held April 25 at Lake Junaluska, Dameron added, "They lose their clarity; they lose their ability to support certain forms of life; they lose their value as sources of clean water; and eventually, as they become silted in, they lose their capacity to carry away flood waters and the ponds and lakes which they supply lose their value as recreational areas."

The meeting, which was attended by local and state leaders, members of county and town planning boards, county officials, and regional and state agencies, provided a forum for the discussion of recommendations drawn up by a special WNCT task force

on sedimentation and approved at the April meeting of the 17-county regional leadership council.

Dameron said that the task force identified the primary threat to the region's water quality as "poorly designed and sited subdivision development."

During 1983, the state issued 69 citations to offenders causing damage on other peoples' property in western North Carolina. Of these, 47 had not submitted an erosion control plan. Such a plan is required by law. Dameron stated, "These offenders are only those who were caught . . . they represent only a fraction of those who are despoiling our waters. This is a serious indictment of so-called 'voluntary compliance' with our existing Sedimentation Pollution Control Act."

Those attending the conference seemed to approve the recommendations from the WNCT task force which included changing the Sedimentation Control Act to require approval of erosion plans. As things stand now, the state cannot act to prevent damage, but must wait until the damage has been done and then step in to try to get it corrected.

Another problem is inadequate personnel to enforce the law. Recommendations included strengthening the N.C.

Department of Natural Resource and Community Development.

The current Sedimentation Control Act requires that three standards be set for developments disturbing more than one acre of land:

— an erosion plan must be filed.

— a buffer zone must be maintained to prevent silt from washing onto nearby land.

— for a cut and filled slopes, a permanent ground cover or some other means to prevent water run-off must be in place within 30 days after the completion of the construction.

Task force recommendations include requiring a performance bond for large-scale developers. Chris Windham explained that an out-of-state firm can buy land, put in a poorly designed and constructed road, sell off a certain percentage of the lots, all the while funneling funds into another company. When confronted by a court order to rectify damages to surrounding land and to water courses, the firm may simply point to a lack of remaining funds and threaten to declare bankruptcy. Posting a bond would ensure that at least some funds would be held in escrow until the project is completed, and if excessive damage occurs, these funds can be tapped to correct the situation.

Dan Robinson of Cullowhee, a member of the N. C. Wildlife Commission and chairman of the WNCT committee on recreation, emphasize the effect of sedimentation, especially in trout streams, on recreation in the area.

David Huskins, county manager for Mitchell County and chairman of the WNCT subcommittee on environmental protection, stated that uncontrolled siltation can be devastating in the long run to a county's tax base, as property values are debased. He also explained that enforcing regulations costs money which some of the smaller counties do not have.

The smaller, low population counties are going to be hit hardest by poor development practices he told the group. Low population counties have more land in large holdings. Large scale developers are not interested in 20 to 50 acre size tracts; they wish to purchase much larger acreages. This makes low population counties very attractive; yet these are the counties lacking the resources to develop and enforce subdivision regulations and erosion control programs.

Alan Lang of the Asheville Office of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and Bill Eaker of the Land-of-Sky

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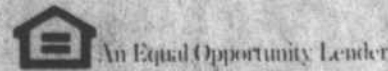
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