Obituaries

Belle Dodd

Belle Ruth Dodd, 87, of 156 Michigan Ave., Asheville, died Sunday in a Yancey County hospital.

A Madison County native, she was a daughter of the late Tom and Sallie Kate Proffitt Crain and the wife of the late Maxwell Dodd Sr. She attended West Asheville Assembly of God.

Surviving are a sen, Topsy Hollifield of Erwin, Tenn.; a sister, Dora Byrd of Burnsville; a half brother, Floyd Davis of Swannanoa; and, two step-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday in Green Hills Cemtery. The Rev. J. Michael Brown officiated.

Church News

Benefit At Middle Laurel

beginning at 7 p.m.

for Manassa Gunter Saturday beginning at 7 p.m.

Alexander Baptist Plans Singing

Walnut Methodist Homecoming Set

Walnut Methodist Church will hold homecoming services

Middle Laurel Church of God will sponsor a benefit singing

Alexander Baptist Church will hold singing services Sunday

Carmen Church of God will hold a joint Walk/Bike-A-Thon

Christ United Methodist Church in Weaverville will sponsor

a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a film series at 6 p.m.

Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the church. Participants will

ride/walk to Laurel School. Proceeds will benefit the youth

program. For more information call 656-2372.

Methodists To Hold Dinner

Church

Carmen Church Schedules Benefit

Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. followed by a covered dish din-

Floyd V. Harrison

Floyd Vern Harrison, 65, of 115 Allens Creek Road, Waynesville, died Sunday at his residence.

A native of Madison County, he was a son of the late Floyd and Mildred Gorenflo Harrison. He retired from Dayco Southern. He served in the Army during World War II and was the recipient of the Bronze Star. He was a member of Madison County Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Mary "Pat" Gardner Harrison; a daughter, Joy Shuler of Hazelwood; a son, Frank K. Harrison of Southport; a stepson, Richard Anthony of Fletcher; and, a brother, Weaver Harrison of Asheville.

Services were held Wednesday in Grandview Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Rev. Virgil Holloway officiated. Entombment was in Garrett-Hillcrest Mausoleum.

Estoy Rogers

Estoy Baird Rogers, 86, of Asheville, formerly of Weaverville, died July 28 in an Asheville nursing

A native of Madison County, she had lived in Buncombe County for most of her life. She was a member of Weaverville First Presbyterian Church. She was a daughter of the late John and Lorena Burnette Baird and the wife of Vernon Pete Rogers, who died in 1974.

Surviving are two daughters, Lois Herman of Arden and June Aiken of Asheville; a son, Waldron B. Rogers of Brevard; two sisters, Zarilda Metcalf and Eugenia Stewart of Mars Hill; and, a grandchild.

Graveside services were held last Thursday in West Memorial Park. The Rev. C.A. Zabriskie officiated.

Cordelia Payne

Cordelia Graham Payne, 90, of 327 Sandy Mush Road, died July 28 at her residence.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Alvira Freeman Graham and the wife of Hobert Payne, who died in 1984. She was a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Lloyd Payne of Marshall; a daughter, Maythorne McElreath of Leicester; a brother, A.T. Graham of Marshall; four grandchildren; and, four greatgrandchildren.

Services were held Friday in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home. The Rev. Carroll Ingle officiated. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Mary Bryan

Mary Eula Wallin Bryan, 73, of Thomasville, died July 27 in Winston-Salem.

A native of Madison County, she had lived in Thomasville since 1951. She was a daughter of Ell and Mary Cody Wallin and the wife of Jeter Bryan, who died in 1983. She was a

member of Maj like Table and P Will Baptist Charge and retired in Mills Home.

Surviving are two daughters, Jeanette Hutchens of Thomasville and Genelle Grainger of the home; a sister, Erna Wallin of Marshall; three brothers, Grayon and Troy Wallin of Marshall and John Wallin of Asheville; three grandchildren; and, two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday in Wayside Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church. The Revs. Claude Garrett and Bobby Parker officiated. Burial was in Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ada Payne

Ada Buckner Payne, 84, of 490 Bend of Ivy Road, Marshall, died July 28 in an Asheville hospital.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, she was the daughter of the late Christopher and Tinie Smith Buckner and the wife of Jim Bob Payne, who died in 1953. She attended Sexton Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Harry and Barnett Payne of Marshall; a daughter, Ruth Henderson of Marshall; nine grandchildren; and, nine great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home. The Revs. Spivey Penland and Sammie Moore officiated. BUrial was in Kirk Payne Cemetery.

Jesse Branch

Jesse James Branch, 90, of Black Mountain, died July 28 in an Asheville nursing home.

A native of Swain County, he had lived in Buncombe County for most of his life. He retired from Beacon Manufacturing Co. and was formerly an employee of Hickory Frye Furniture Co. He was a son of the late Wiley and Carolina Branch.

Surviving are his wife, Rosie Branch; six sons, James and Sam Branch of Black Mountain, Bill, Henry, Lawrence and Robert Branch, all of Hickory; two daughters, Josephine Henson of Black Mountain and Lorraine Price of Marshall; a brother, Walter Branch of Gastonia; a sister, Mary Tessiner of Asheville; 28 grand-children; 35 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchild.

Services were held Thursday in the Black Mountain chapel of Forest Dougling Melton officialed Sur was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Edith Ward

Edith Rice Ward, 56, of Route 2 Bee Tree Road, Marshall, died July 29 in a Morganton hospital.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, she was a daughter of the late Woodard and Bonnie Arrington Rice and the wife of Grady Ward, who died in 1970. She was a member of East Fork Church of God.

Surviving are two sons, Allen Payne of Weaverville and Joseph Ward of the home; two brothers, Cecil Rice of Orlando, Fla., and the Rev. Joe Rice of Weaverville; and, a sister, Johnnie Coates of Marshall.

Services were held Sunday in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home. The Revs. Anderson Coffey and Carl Robinson officiated. Burial was in Rice Family Cemetery.

Keith Bartlett Rebec

Keith Edward Bartlett, 23, of 326 Reger Ave., Sherwood Forest, Swannanoa, died last Thursday in an Asheville hospital.

A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, he was a son of Clarence E. and Helen Wyatt Bartlett of Swannanoa. He was a graduate of Owen High School and a member of Sunnyside Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his

parents, are a brother, Brian Barlett of the home; and the maternal grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wyatt of Marshall.

Services were held Sunday in the chapel of Williams Funeral Home. The Revs. Neil Adams and Bill Nelson officiated. Burial was in Skyview Memorial Park.

Roland A. Barnes

Roland Albert Barnes, 59, of Newfound Road, Route 1 Leicester, died Friday in an Asheville hospital. Barnes, a lifelong resident of Buncombe County, retired from the Army after 22 years of service. He served in World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War. He was employed by Brendle's. He was a son of the late Theodore Roosevelt and Julia Ids Brown Barnes.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Ann Drake Barnes; two stepdaughters, Susan Taylor of Arden and Barbara Doster of Asheville; three stepsons, Michael Eugene and David Lee McMurry of Asheville and Thomas F. McMurry of High Point; three sisters, Myrtle H. Williams of Leicester, Gladys B. Dunn of Asheville and Alice B. Corn of Arden; a brother, Donald E. Barnes of Asheville; and, six stepgrandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday in the chapel of Anders-Rice Funeral Home. Capt. Thomas R. McElhaney officiated. Burial was in Green Hills Cemetery with military rites.

Rebecca Swan

Rebecca Coates Swann, 88, of Black Mountain, died Saturday at her daughter's residence.

A native of Marshall, she had lived most of her life in Black Mountain. She was the wife of the late Tommy Swann and the daughter of the late Garrett and Sophronia Coates.

Surviving are three sons, Claude Swann of Acworth, Ga., the Rev. Vaughn Swann of Black Mountain and Grady Swann of Enka; three daughters, Iva Padgett of Marion, Eva Ashworth of Arden and Marie Mills of Old Fort; 12 grandchildren; and, nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday in Kerlee Baptist Church in Black Mountain, of which she was a member. The Revs. Charles Duyck and Leo Kuykendall officiated. Burial was in Madison Seminary Baptist Church cemetery.

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