

Deaths



Charlie Coffey

Charlie Alexander Coffey, 71, of 713, Blowing Rock Rd., Lenoir, died Tuesday morning at his home. He was born in Caldwell county to Jeffie and Julia Hollifield Coffey, a retired farmer and a member of Boone's Fork Baptist Church.

Surviving are the widow, Julia Evelyn Knight Coffey; four sons, Jessie Coffey of Whitnel, Collis Coffey of Lenoir, Paul Coffey of Winston-Salem, Ralph Coffey of Fresno, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Bower Hodges (Lethie May) of Fresno, Ohio, Mrs. George Townsend and Mrs. Edgar Coffey, both of Lenoir; three brothers, Thomas L. Coffey of Blowing Rock, Harley Coffey of Granite Falls, Glenn Coffey of Taylorsville; four sisters, Mrs. Annie McRae of Linville, Mrs. Ella Smith of Morganton, Mrs. Pearl Day of Lenoir and Mrs. Reece Moody of Blowing Rock; twenty grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m. Thursday at Boone's Fork Baptist church. Officiating were the Rev. Carson Eggers and Rev. Frank Knight. Burial was in the White Springs cemetery.

Dr. Homer R. Reed

Dr. Homer Raleigh Reed, 73, of Blowing Rock, formerly of Greensboro, died Tuesday, May 10 at Blowing Rock Hospital.

He was born in Macon County, Ill., and attended the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago and practiced for 15 years in Wisconsin before coming South. He ran a private hospital in Greensboro until 1945 when he came to Blowing Rock and operated the Hemlock Motel. He retired a year ago.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Beatrice Caffey Reed; a son, Jacob D. Reed of San Francisco, Calif.; three brothers, Ralph Reed of Fargo, N.D., Mark Reed of McAllen, Texas, and Byron Reed of Decatur, Ill.; and a sister, Mrs. Raleigh Beaman of Decatur, Ill.

The funeral was held at 4 p. m. Wednesday at Forbis and Dick Funeral Chapel in Greensboro. Burial was in Greenhill Cemetery in Greensboro.

Mrs. E. B. Cannon

Mrs. Libbie Baird Cannon, 82, of Banner Elk, Rt. 2, widow of Elbert B. Cannon, died Monday, May 9 at Cannon Memorial Hospital at Banner Elk.

She was born in Watauga County to William Monroe and Sarah E. Clark Baird.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Frances W. McGinnis of Banner Elk and Mrs. Ora Lawrence of Elizabethton, Tenn.

The funeral was held at 3 p. m. Wednesday at Liberty Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A CORRECTION

In the obituary of Mr. Ira Bolick which appeared in the Democrat last week, it should have been stated that there are 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Standing on the second floor of a dormitory being constructed on campus, Wayne Cannon of Valle Crucis lends a hand by cutting pipe for the big project. He is employed by Pyramid Mechanical Corporation under the plumbing contract. He graduated from Cove Creek High School and married the former Carolyn Brown. They have five daughters: Deborah, age 7; Sandra, 6; Karen, 5; Angela, 3; and Brenda; one and a half months. Cannon has been on the construction job nine months, and formerly was employed by Blue Ridge Shoe Company.

Drowns In Florida

Wheeler L. Reese, 24, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Trade, Tenn., was drowned in Fort Lauderdale April 29.

He was a native of Johnson County, and an employee of Trailway Bus Terminal in Fort Lauderdale.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Shirley W. Reese, Fort Lauderdale; one daughter, Patricia Ann Reese, Fort Lauderdale; the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Reese, Trade; three brothers, Staff Sgt. Carl B. Reese, U. S. Army, Viet Nam, Shelton Reese, Washington, D. C., Dennis Reese, Trade; two sisters, Mrs. Janice Carlisle, Maryland, Mrs. Pollie Davis, Trade.

Funeral services were conducted from the Zionville Baptist Church with Rev. Roby Eggers officiating. Interment was in Zionville Cemetery.

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Spacecraft of future to land like a jet.

Know The Weather

BY E. H. SIMS

With summer not far away, and summer lightning storms, or thunderstorms, approaching, the facts about lightning become especially timely.

Lightning, it is true, kills a number of people each year. Dangerous places are under a big tree, in the bathtub, or around or during sizable metal objects — during a lightning storm. In the average all-metal airplane, you are safe.

Lightning is caused by up and down drafts in thunderheads, which change the electrical composition of the air, building up cloud areas of positive charge. Such a cloud area, coming near an oppositely-charged object, exchanges electrical charges with it.

If you observe that lightning is active in the west, it will probably be upon you soon, but seeing it in other directions usually means it will not molest you. The old rule for judging the distance of lightning by counting the seconds is valid.

You see the flash, count a number a second until you hear thunder. Then divide the seconds by five, because sound travels only a fifth of a mile a second. Your answer is the distance of the lightning from you — in miles.

Four REA Co-Ops Pondering Merger Of Their Operations

Four of North Carolina's 33 electric membership corporations have launched studies to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of merging their operations. The studies are being supervised and directed by a committee composed of two representatives from each of the cooperatives. The committee, for easy identification purposes, has adopted as its name, "Merger Evaluation and Study Associates" (MESA). The associated EMCs and their respective representatives on MESA are:

Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, N. C.—Bert Mast, president; C. E. Viverette, general manager; Cornelius EMC, Cornelius, N. C.—Henry C. Gabriel, board member; Donald Rice, general manager; Davie EMC, Mocksville, N. C.—E. R. Crater, president; J. C. Jones, general manager; and Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson, N. C.—Johnnie Collins, board member; R. S. Burrus, general manager.

The MESA studies have been authorized by resolutions unanimously adopted by the board of directors of the four cooperatives. The studies will determine objectively whether or not the economies and other advantages of combining the four EMCs into one system would outweigh the disadvantages.

For several years, the cost of power supply for each of the EMCs, compared with other expenses and compared with revenues, has been steadily climbing. Since EMCs are always increasing their demand for power, means must always be sought for lowering power supply cost.

EMCs this year began paying certain property and franchise taxes, and beginning next year will pay these and other taxes in full. The result will be a substantial increase in operating expenses. Also, it is reliably expected that interest charges on future REA loans will be at a considerably higher rate than in the past.

For all of the foregoing reasons—and also because the EMCs never cease looking for ways of improving their organizations and their services to members—the four associated cooperatives believe the prospect of realizing substantial economies and other benefits through merger is at least worthy of study. It should be emphasized, however, that it is not now known whether merger advantages would outweigh merger disadvantages; that is why the joint studies are being undertaken. Among several areas to be studied are rates, power supply cost, financing, revenues, system engineering, corporate and organization structure, personnel, and operating procedures and policies.

It should also be emphasized that, regardless of the merger study results:

- (1) No one's rates would be increased. On the contrary, one hoped-for result is the lowering of rates.
- (2) Consumer-members' capital credits would not be disturbed. Hopefully, capital credits would be retired even faster than they have been in the past.
- (3) No EMC employee would be displaced, nor their wages, fringe benefits or working conditions decreased or in any way impaired. In fact, in time the

combined work force of the associated EMCs would be capable of rendering even faster and more dependable services than the excellent service now furnished. Also, new employees might well be called for to render certain specialized services in addition to those now being rendered.

(4) The fundamental right of EMC members to govern their own electric system would not be impaired. Indeed, each member would have an equal voice with all other members, as is now the case, but that voice would share in the control of a much larger organization—if merger should actually materialize.

It will take several months to complete the merger studies and to evaluate the results. Unless the studies should reveal clearly that a merger would be in the decided best interests of the associated EMCs and their consumers, MESA will give no consideration whatever to merger recommendations.

In any event, an EMC's board of directors does not have the authority to effectuate a merger. A merger would require the approval of the memberships of all affected EMCs.

Should the four associated EMCs actually combine, the resulting system would serve approximately 44,000 members from some 8,300 miles of line in 19 counties, making it the largest distribution electric cooperative in the United States. Present members served, miles of line and counties served in— for each of the associated EMCs — are as follows:

Blue Ridge—20,000 members—3,700 miles of line—serving in Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Surry, Watauga and Wilkes.

Cornelius—4,200 members—750 miles of line—serving in Cabarrus, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Rowan.

Davie—10,400 members—1,

830 miles of line—serving in Alexander, Davie, Iredell, Rowan, Wilkes and Yadkin.

Surry-Yadkin — 9,400 members—1,920 miles of line—serving in Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin.

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 - 7—NEW CAREFREE LUXURY LIVING—Ideal for retirement or summer home! Imagine your own private trout pond in the front yard, also nice mountain stream, two spacious bed rooms with private bath to each, wall to wall carpet, large sun porch, fireplace, good financing. Price \$14,500. Located 2 miles out.
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- 9—COUNTRY LIVING, good 3 bedroom brick, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, 1 1/2 acres located just out of Blowing Rock city limits. Shown by appointment.
 - 10—JUST LISTED—Large 2 bedroom house, automatic heat, large level lot located two miles from Boone Golf Course. Price only \$7,500. Good financing—monthly payments only \$47.00.
 - 11—ATTENTION ALL INVESTORS: You don't have to speculate on this 20 acres of beautiful land, located between Hound Ears and Seven Devils development, ideal for private estate or development. Beautiful picturesque view of Grandfather Mountain. Don't pass up this as a solid investment. Also has a good cottage located on property. One-third down, good terms on balance.
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 - 13—17 ACRES LAND located just out of city limits on 105 Ideal for development. Streets have been graded and laid out. Good terms.
 - 14—NEW 3 BEDROOM BRICK, carport, full basement. Located on Highway 321, about 8 miles west of Boone. Immediate possession.
 - 15—37 ACRES LAND, large barn, 3/10 tobacco base. Located just off Hwy. 421 at Zionville. Good financing.
 - 16—SUMMER OR YEAR AROUND. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, large living room with fireplace, exposed beams, large sun porch. 1 acre lot with trout pond in front yard, nice mountain stream running through property with natural rocks and trees. Located two miles out.
 - 17—HIGH ON A HILL—What a view! New rustic cottage with large deck porch, fireplace, 1 1/2 bath, 1/2 acre lot. \$11,500.
 - 19—AN AUTHENTIC LOG HOUSE, 3 bedroom, large cathedral ceiling, living room with fireplace, two full baths, beautiful view, located about 2 miles out. Price \$15,000—Good terms.
 - 20—3 BEDROOM—Custom brick ranch house, located corner lot 109 Woodland Drive. Large family room with fire place, two baths, large carport. Price \$21,000. Located near shopping center, college and schools.
 - 23—RELAXING AND REFRESHING—1900 Ft. Modern House Trailer, located on 20 acre tract overlooking New River, about 8 miles out. Immediate possession.
 - 26—TWO BLOCKS from College Campus. Two bedroom brick, new furnace. Wall to wall carpet. Price \$13,000. Immediate possession.
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It now appears that I will not be able to contact as many of you and I would like to have before the Primary Election on May 28th.

To those of you whom I have not been able to see, I want to assure you that if I am nominated and elected your Representative in the General Assembly, that you will be represented in a fair and impartial way. There will not be any legislation introduced by me until it has the approval of the interested parties of the county involved.

My campaign is based on my record as a Representative in the General Assembly and no one else. My record proves that I have not been unfair to the tax-paying citizens who elected me.

I appreciate the confidence shown me by my local county. If elected to serve the 44th District, I will strive to acquire the same confidence.

Respectfully yours, Mack S. Isaacs Republican Candidate 44th Legislative District (Political Advertisement.)

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