

# OBITUARIES */funerals, memorial services*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1999

THE CHOWAN HERALD, 6-A

## SHEBA M. BEAMAN

GREENVILLE, NC - Miss Ruth Ann "Sheba" Mizelle Beaman, 43, of Greenville, died Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Survivors include: her father, James Kermit Mizelle of Chadbourne; son, Shannon Laneau Beaman of Greenville; sister, Judy K. Riggs of Greenville; and brother, David Joe Mizelle of Greenville.

A committal service was held Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m., at Pinewood Memorial Park in Greenville. Visitation was held Saturday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Powers Funeral Service, Greenville, NC, was in charge of arrangements.

## SAMUEL A. BRITTON

Samuel Arthur Britton, 95, of Jackson St., Edenton, died Monday, Oct. 11, at Britthaven of the Outer Banks.

Mr. Britton was born in Martin County, NC. The son of the late Benjamin and Mrs. Emma Britton, he was retired from Norfolk-Southern Railroad and was a member of the Cape Colony Church of Christ. He

was the husband of the late Buena Wright Britton.

Surviving are two daughters, Hilda B. Phillips and Dorothy B. Quain, both of DuBois, PA; a son, Earl Britton of Edenton; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his other daughter, Lorraine B. Burns.

A graveside service was held Thursday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. in Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton, with the Rev. Thomas Biggs and the Rev. Ben Gregory officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cape Colony Church of Christ, Rt. 4, Edenton, NC 27932.

Miller Funeral Home in Gatesville was in charge of arrangements.

## HELEN P. JACKSON

Helen Perry Jackson, 79, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Britthaven of Edenton.

Mrs. Jackson was the daughter of the late Etta Hughes and Zola Perry, and the wife of Tommy Jackson.

Besides her husband, survivors include: two sisters, Edna Perry Taylor of Merry Hill, NC and Virginia Perry Earley of Chesapeake, VA.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Oct. 16, at 11 a.m. in the Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton, with the Rev. Ashby Browder officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, 208 W. Hicks St., Edenton, NC 27932.

Evans Funeral Home in Edenton served the Jackson family.

## MARK PITTMAN, JR.

Mark Pittman, Jr., 69, of Yeopim Rd., Edenton, died Oct. 9 at Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, NC.

A native of Washington County, NC, he was a son of the late Mary Smallwood Pittman and the late Mark Pittman, Sr. He was the husband of Ella L. Pittman of Williamston, NC.

Mr. Pittman was a member of the Second Zion Grove Baptist Church in Plymouth, NC.

Survivors include: brothers, James E. Pittman and Anderson Pittman, both of Plymouth, NC; Nelson Pittman of Chesapeake, VA and John H. Pittman of New Jersey; two sisters, Ella Jones of New York and Mary Eubanks of Patterson, NJ.

A funeral service was held at the Second Zion Grove Baptist

Church at 1 p.m. on Oct. 13, with the Rev. William Pritchett officiating. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Rowsom Funeral Home in Edenton was in charge of arrangements.

## W.E. SPRUILL

William Edward Spruill, fondly known as "Buster," went home to be with the Lord on Thursday morning, Oct. 7. He was going about his "regular" morning routine. He had been sitting in his favorite chair. He was 91 years old.

He was a longtime resident of Camarillo, CA since 1962. He was born in Edenton. He joined the Navy in 1925 and served actively in the Navy for 30 years. He was an active member of Camarillo Community Church.

Spruill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anne, in 1977 and his son, William E. Spruill II in 1991.

He is survived by two sisters, Virginia Arnett and Ethel Vann; a brother, Gus Spruill; a daughter, Barbara McCurdy; a daughter-in-law, Rebecca Spruill Brightman; and grandchildren, W. Daniel Spruill, Corrie Spruill, David Scott and Alan Scott; and three great-grandchildren.

Spruill loved his country and was proud to have served it

during World War II. He spent many hours sharing the adventures he experienced aboard mine-sweepers in the Pacific arena.

He was known for his faithful church attendance. He was affectionately called "Grandpa" by many young people and he loved it.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the Camarillo Community Church Awana Scholarship Camp.

## EVELYN E. WHITE

COLERAIN, NC - Mrs. Evelyn Evans White, 77, of 2140 NC 45 North, died Friday, Oct. 15, in Chowan Hospital, Edenton.

She was a native of Bertie County and the daughter of the late Ernest W. and Leah Parrish White.

Mrs. White was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Besides her husband, Everett Sutton White, of Colerain, survivors include: a son, Richard Sutton White of Pulaski, VA; two brothers, Ervin Evans of Suffolk, VA and Joe P. Evans of Trap, NC; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Bethany Baptist Church with the Rev. Tommy Tripp and the Rev. Cecil Harkey officiating. Burial followed in Highland Memorial Gardens.

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Memorial donations may be made to the Bethany Baptist Church, 736 Bethany Church Rd., Colerain, NC 27924 or to the Colerain Rescue Squad, PO Box 397, Colerain, NC 27924.

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employment are, therefore, senseless and futile. Since large-scale federal agriculture subsidies began in the 1930s, the farming population has fallen from 30 million to less than five million.

And contrary to some alarmists' cries, urban growth is not responsible for this dramatic drop. North Carolina, for example, has traditionally been a very rural state. Of the 10 largest states by population, it has, by far, the lowest percentage of its population (50.4 percent) living in "urban" areas. Only 10.5 percent — just over one acre in ten — of North Carolina is categorized by the U.S. government as developed land.

Nationally, urban expansion has been claiming just over a million acres a year — a number that has held steady since the 1960s. While this may seem like a large amount of land, in a country as vast as the United States it is a drop in the bucket. One million acres is about one-twenty-fifth of one percent of the land.

Total urban development accounts for less than three percent of the country's land area. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service noted in a 1997 report that "losing farmland to urban uses does not threaten total cropland or the level of agricultural production which should remain sufficient to meet food and fiber demand into the next century."

In the last century, William Jennings Bryan and others called for sweeping changes in agricultural policy. Now, 100 years later, very similar calls are being heard. Yet all the political positioning cannot change the underlying economics of farming. The reality is that greater productivity means America needs fewer farms and farmers. And that is a good, not a bad, change.

(Lowrey is director of economic policy at the John Locke Foundation, a non-partisan, non-profit research institute located in Raleigh, NC.)

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Jimmy Parrish, President

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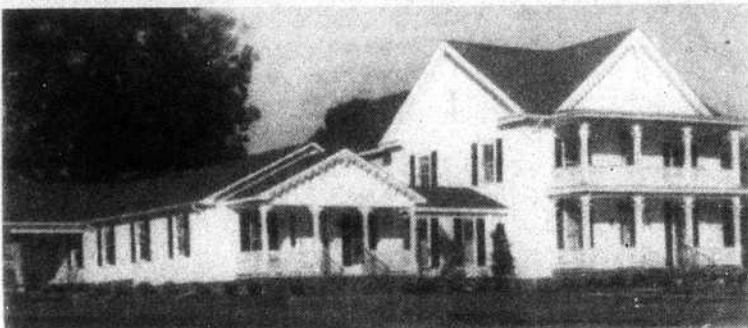
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