

Merkley Rites Held Tuesday

Edward Purcell Merkley, age 78, of 213 Dorchester Ave., West Asheville, died Sunday afternoon in a Buncombe county hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Merkley was a native of California and had lived in Buncombe for a number of years. He was a painting contractor by profession.

Survivors are: the wife, Mrs. Mae Merkley, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Dixon Lyday, of Pisgah Forest; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Chapel of Moore Funeral Home. The Rev. Edward J. Sheridan officiated and burial was in Pisgah Gardens.

Pallbearers were Bill Hagen, Garland Duncan, Perry Allison, Bob Boyd, Jack Klages and Bill Lyday.

The body remained at Moore Funeral Home, Brevard, until the service hour.

Blantyre News Is Reported

By - Mrs. Ada Reed (Too Late Last Week) BLANTYRE — Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee Simpson visited his mother, Mrs. Eva Arldredge, of the Pisgah View Rest home recently.

Miss Rachel Clark, of Quebec, is visiting her cousin, Miss Carolyn Smith, at Blantyre.

Lawrence Beck, of Cocoa, Florida, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Simpson at Blantyre recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reed and daughter, Belle, visited Miss Susie and Fannie Reed at Flat Rock last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Rector have been visiting Rev. Danny Smith in Ohio recently.

Mrs. C. E. Cochran and Mrs. Mary Lou Allison are on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery.

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12,709,155 Travelled Blue Ridge Parkway During 1971

Last year's travel count on the Blue Ridge Parkway reached 12,709,155, a 6% decrease (80,000 visitors) as compared with travel in 1970.

Parkway Superintendent



"John I found this letter in your coat pocket this morning. I gave it to you a month ago to mail."

Mr. Smith: "My wife asked me for a check for \$50 for a new dress and I gave her a check for kisses . . . 1000 kisses. Well, what are you laughing at?"



A white-haired gentleman arose from a barber's chair in a shop off New York's Times Square, looked at himself in the mirror and remarked, "You certainly give good haircuts in this country."



A Russian and an American were discussing democracy and communism, and the American said, "In America we have such freedom, a man can go right up to the steps of the Capitol and call the President a stinker."

Granville B. Liles attributes this slight decrease primarily to inclement weather during the year, including many days of rain and fog during the past summer and fall, as well as several severe snow and ice storms during the early part of the year.

For example, the entire Parkway was closed to traffic approximately 20 days in January and 22 days in February, plus several times for shorter periods during March and April.

Another factor which contributed to the decrease in visitation was the closing of the section from U. S. Route 220, south of Roanoke, Virginia, to Adney Gap (approximately 17 miles) from October 24 till December 24 to permit repairs to a large washout at Mile 131.8 which resulted from heavy rains.

Total camping on the Parkway totaled 229,065 for the year, which is an increase of 1,836 over the previous year. Tent camping decreased slightly but trailer camping increased. Mr. Liles also reports an increase in overnight use of the concession accommodations along the Parkway.

Construction continues on the 7-mile section of the Parkway around Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina; however, funds still have not been appropriated for completion of this project. This is the last unfinished segment of the 469-mile Blue Ridge Parkway.

Mr. Liles advises that the entire Parkway is presently open for travel and will remain so unless adverse weather conditions force closing all or sections of the roadway. Limited camping accommodations are available in four campgrounds—Otter Creek and Roanoke Mountain Campgrounds in Virginia and Price Park and Linville Falls Campgrounds in North Carolina.

Will Is Best

When a person dies without making a valid will, he is considered to have died intestate. The property owned by him is distributed to his spouse and heirs according to the rigid specifications of state law. Says Management Economist R. C. Wells, North Carolina State University, "In almost all cases, a properly prepared will and testament will more effectively distribute property than the statutory laws."

NOTICE

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The code of the City of Brevard requires that all resident automobiles display a City license sticker on the lower right hand corner of windshield on and after February 16th.

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