

FUNERAL RITES HELD SUNDAY FOR M. C. CURTIS

Morris C. Curtis, 64, employe of the Duke Power Company died suddenly of a heart attack while at work Friday evening.

Funeral services were held in the Clear Creek Baptist church Sunday at 2 p. m., by the Rev. Adam Mills, assisted by the Rev. Carson Brittain. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Curtis was employed in the construction of the Lake Tahoma power plant.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Maggie Harris Curtis; four sons and six daughters, Woodrow, Thomas and Raymond Curtis, Mrs. David Mills, Mrs. Richard Loftis, Mrs. Omie Rettig, Mrs. Jones Poteat and Miss Bertha Curtis, all of Marion; Howard Curtis and Mrs. Alexander Abernathy of Baltimore, Md.; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Forest Fires Burn 117 Acres In This District

During December 16 forest fires handled by the personnel in the eight Districts One counties in Western North Carolina burned approximately 117 acres of privately owned forest land, M. U. Marlowe, county forest warden, said this week. Nine of these 16 fires were caused by hunters; 4 by railroad engines; 2 by debris burning; and 1 by smoker. The fires occurred in the following counties: Buncombe, 3; Henderson, 1; Madison, 3; McDowell, 4; Mitchell, 1; Polk, 0; Rutherford, 3; Yancey, 1.

The public is urged to be careful with fires while hunting or passing through woodland areas, to extinguish matches and cigarettes and thoroughly put out camp fires and warming fires, Marlowe said. Also brush burners and pasture burners are cautioned not to burn during the dry periods and when the wind is high. Late in the afternoon is the safest period for this kind of burning. Permits to burn are required by law in areas within 500 feet of forest land.

As a result of these four forest fires in McDowell county, approximately 12 1/4 acres burned.

The first fire of the season was a hunters' fire on land of J. L. Haney 1 1/2 miles north of Glenwood. This fire was spotted early and reported immediately. Only about 1 1/4 acres burned. This fire was caused by a careless squirrel hunter.

On November 18, hunters also left another fire burning in Goose Creek section which burned about 4 acres on W. H. Pace's lands. This fire was caused by careless fox hunters.

November 23, a forest fire burned about 3 acres of the C. C. & O. Railroad company's land near Gillespie Gap. This fire escaped from right-of-way burning being done by section crews.

On November 24 about 4 acres of forest land burned near Linville Caverns on J. P. Ollis' land. This fire burned because someone failed to out a cigarette while working in the forests, Marlowe said. He added "all these fires were man caused and from man's carelessness."

Hensley Rites Held Sunday

The body of Amos Hensley, 66, was found on the floor of his home on route 3, Marion, Thursday. After an investigation Coroner S. J. Westmoreland and Sheriff C. M. Pool said he died from natural causes. Death was said to have occurred sometime during the night. He was a bachelor and lived alone.

Funeral services were held at one o'clock Sunday afternoon to be followed by graveside rites in Green Mountain cemetery, McDowell county. Dr. C. W. McMurray officiated.

He is survived by one brother, Robert Hensley, of Marion; one sister, Mrs. Nettie Hollifield, Johnson city, Tenn.

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ROBERT S. STREETMAN

Streetman Named Representative For Blue Cross

Robert S. Streetman, of Marion, has been named full-time representative of the Hospital Care Association in the Marion area, E. M. Herndon, executive vice president, announced today.

Streetman, who lives at 319 South Garden street, has already assumed his new duties with the Durham Blue Cross Plan.

As chief representative of the Hospital Care Association in this district, Streetman will have charge of Blue Cross group and individual enrollment in McDowell and surrounding counties.

Well known in Marion, Streetman is a graduate of Marion schools and received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He is a veteran of World War II.

Nebo School News

The Nebo Men's Club sponsored a variety show on last Friday evening in the school auditorium. The entire proceeds, amounting to \$57.00, were given to the New Hospital Fund. C. C. Elledge, principal of Marion Schools, gave two humorous readings, Rev. M. O. Owens of First Baptist church in Marion sang, and Banks Chilton of Salisbury sang. Besides those visitors, there were many numbers given by local citizens and by pupils of Nebo School.

The Nebo basketball teams journeyed to Oak Hill to play the Oak Hill teams on December 5. Nebo won both games. The girls score was 39 to 14, boys 38 to 25.

Nebo teams met Glenwood on Tuesday, December 13. The next game scheduled is with Pleasant Gardens on next Monday, December 19.

During the past week Miss Lewis' third grade pupils saved their money they had to buy candy and donated a sum of \$3.00 to the New Hospital Fund.

The English classes of High School handed in for "Book Week" a scene representing the title of a book. Many attractive scenes have been on display in the library. The winners were Lucille Davis, Harold Jenkins, Genell Davis, Kit Hicks, Betty Stacy, Douglas Jarrett, and Tim Dobson. Pictures were taken of the most attractive scenes.

At a regular meeting of the Nebo Key Club on last Thursday afternoon the following new members were taken in to the club; Raymond Evans, Xan Hicks, Douglas Jarrett, and Roy Simmons. Bill Wright, Kiwanian, was present for the meeting.

The Nebo P. T. A. meets on Thursday night of this week at 7:30. This is the last meeting of the year 1949 and attendance by all parents is urged. The Dramatics Club under the direction of Mrs. Chadwick and Miss Plant, will present "Why The Chimes Rang," a Christmas play. This is the first production of the Dramatics Club, so come out, encourage the club and get the Christmas spirit from their presentation.

Turkish Tobacco Meeting Held Here

Thirty local farmers attended a Turkish tobacco meeting in the court house last Thursday. Roy Crouse, extension agronomist in Turkish tobacco, led the discussion and John Wilkerson, who represented southeastern Turkish tobacco growers, gave the history of the plant in this county.

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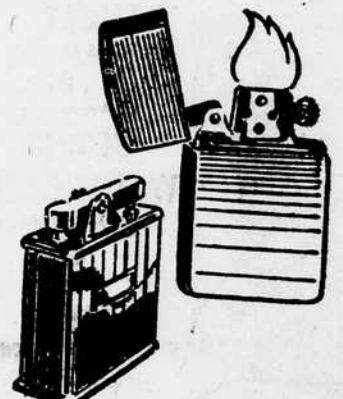


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