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CANCER FATAL TO J. T. BRYSON

Funeral for Cullasaja Man
Is Set for This
Afternoon

John Turner Bryson, 85, died of the effects of cancer at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home in the Cullasaja section. He had been in ill health for the past year and for several weeks the family had despaired of his recovery.

The funeral, it was announced, would be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at Salem Methodist church, with the pastor, the Rev. B. W. Lefler, officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. S. Solesbee, Baptist minister, and Rev. Mr. Lindsey, Pentecostal minister.

Mn. Bryson was born July 20, 1850, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryson. He was born and reared, and spent his entire life on the farm where he died. He was married March 29, 1874, to Miss Martha J. Deal. They had eight sons and a daughter, who, with their mother, survive.

Lost Father in War

Mr. Bryson was still in his teens during the War between the States, and did not see service; but the war cost him the loss of his father, who died of measles while in the Confederate army.

A devout Methodist, Mr. Bryson had been a member of Salem church for 65 years, and for the greater part of that time served as a trustee and steward. Some years ago he was a school committeeman.

Until this year, when his health forbade it, Mr. Bryson used to visit The Franklin Press office each January to renew his subscription. He had been a subscriber of this newspaper since its establishment in 1886 and was fond of recalling his acquaintance with its various editors, especially of the late W. A. Curtis.

Leaves Large Family

The surviving children are: Will, Charlie, Sam and Elbert Bryson, of the Cullasaja section; George Bryson, of Sedro-Wooley, Wash.; Joe Bryson, of Roberts, Ore.; Bulen Bryson, of Whittier, N. C.; Newton Bryson, of Raleigh, N. C.; and Mrs. R. A. Vanhook, of Prentiss, N. C. Thirty-nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren also survive.

Transferred

Roy C. Dady to be Moved
To Florida

Roy C. Dady, chief clerk in the offices here of the Nantahala National Forest, has been notified that he will be transferred the first week in February to the headquarters of the Florida National Forest at Tallahassee. Mrs. H. T. Horsley, in the forest office personnel for some years, will be promoted to Mr. Dady's position, it was announced.

Mr. Dady is one of the oldest employees, in point of service, in the Nantahala Forest personnel. He entered the Forest Service in March, 1927, in the headquarters at Asheville of the Pisgah Forest. He came here a few years later.

Before entering the Forest Service he was connected with the army and served at one time as news editor of The Army and Navy Journal. During the war he was in the publicity branch of the war department.

Mr. and Mrs. Dady and family have been actively connected with the religious, civic and social life of Franklin. Mr. Dady has been teacher of the men's Bible class of the Methodist church and also of a Bible class for prisoners at the state prison camp near Franklin.

Dies at 108

'Aunt' Sallie Passmore
Born in 1827

"Aunt" Sallie Passmore, reputed to be 108 years old, died at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home several miles south of Franklin on highway No. 285.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Emory, with whom the old lady lived, exhibited a family Bible to testify to her age. It recorded her birth on June 5, 1827, in Burke county.

Until four years ago, when she fell and broke a hip, "Aunt" Sallie led an active life. Since then she had been bedridden.

Many years ago Mrs. Passmore and her family moved to Nantahala township, this county, from the Tusquite section of Clay county. She moved with the Emorys to the house near Franklin where she died four or five months ago.

John E. Rickman, one of Franklin's older residents, recalled today that "Aunt Sallie was an old woman when I was a boy; she must have been well over a hundred." He added that she had had one or two sons in the Civil War.

"Aunt" Sallie's only survivors were listed as two grandchildren, Her husband, Warren Passmore, died many years ago.

The funeral was scheduled for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

BURRELL BUYS AUTO COMPANY

Franklin Chevrolet Dealer-
ship To Be Operated
Independently

W. C. Burnell, well known Franklin and Clayton automobile salesman, announced Tuesday that he had completed negotiations for the purchase of the Franklin Chevrolet company from a group of Georgia business men who for several years have held the local Chevrolet dealership.

Mr. Burrell said he would change the name of the company to the Burrell Motor company and would operate in the future as an independent dealer. Hitherto the Franklin Chevrolet company has been operated in connection with the Clayton Motor company and the Cornelius Motor company. The Burrell Motor company will continue as authorized dealer of Chevrolet automobiles and parts.

Commenting on transfer of the dealership, W. C. Wood, vice president of the Clayton and Cornelius Motor companies, said he believed it would result in better service for Macon county Chevrolet owners. He expressed his appreciation for the patronage received by the company in the past and said he confidently hoped the public would continue to extend this patronage to the Burrell Motor company.

Location Unchanged

The company will remain at the same location on Palmer street which it has occupied for the past year. The building, a modern fire-proof structure especially designed for garage purposes, is owned by Mr. Burrell. Adjoining it is a second-hand car lot on one side and a gasoline service station on the other. The service station also is owned by Mr. Burrell, but has been leased to an oil company.

Mr. Burrell said there would be no changes in the operating staff of the company. Paul Kirk, formerly of Clayton, will continue as bookkeeper and parts manager, and the following will continue in the repair department: R. L. Blaine, Earl English, Lyman Frady, Duke Berry and Arthur Shavers, colored.

Armless Woman Attracts Curious Crowds to the Jail

A cell in the Macon county jail was turned into a circus side show over the week-end while scores of curious people went there to see an armless woman manipulate her feet as dexterously as normal persons use their hands.

Penniless, stiff from the cold and almost starved, the woman and her poorly clad family of four small children and a shiftless husband were stranded two miles north-east of Franklin on highway 285 Saturday night. Their dilapidated model T Ford broke down and the family was preparing to camp by the roadside. They were reported to Sheriff A. B. Slagle, who offered them free quarters in the jail.

Soon word spread around town about the armless woman, who said she had spent 21 years in a circus. Crowds flocked to the jail to see her. She willingly performed, writing with her toes and doing other feats. All day Saturday and Monday the curious swarmed to the woman's cell, marveled at her pedestrian gymnastics and shuddered at the thought of her dire poverty; but few showed their appreciation or sympathy with coins. At a county fair or circus they would have paid 10 to 25 cents to see her perform.

Uncomplaining

But the woman had no complaint to make of her lot in life and her undernourished children, clad in

cast off rags, rolled happily about the jail cell while their father lolled about indolently.

"It's sort of mysterious the way she can do things with her feet," commented the man while his wife put a gift of stockings and shoes on her younger child, a girl of 17 months. Using the first and second toes of her feet, she neatly drew the stockings onto the legs of the squirming child. Then she fitted on a shoe, laced it and tied a bow knot.

"But don't you ever help her?" asked an onlooker.

"Sometimes," replied the armless woman's husband, "but she can do most everything herself."

"Well," said the onlooker, "you get down there and put the other shoe on that child."

Sheepishly, the man obeyed.

It had been reported that the man—Charles Matthews was given as his name—had started to abandon his family on the mountainside near Glade Gap Thursday night of last week, when the thermometer sank to near zero. Tom O'Neil, returning in his car from Hayesville, found the woman and her four small children, all about frozen, frantically trying to start a fire beside the lonely highway.

With tears in her eyes the woman told him she and her husband had had words and he had

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Burned

Mrs. Grady Carpenter in
Angel Hospital

Seriously burned when her clothing caught on fire while she was warming before a fire at her home in the Cartoogechaye section on Monday of last week, Mrs. Grady Carpenter, 23, is receiving treatment at Angel Hospital. Dr. Furman Angel reported that she was in critical condition when brought to the hospital, but that she was improving and he expected her to recover.

The lining of Mrs. Carpenter's coat caught fire and a quilt she threw about her to smother the flames also became ignited. She discarded the first quilt and was using another one when she noticed her 10-months-old baby crawling toward the flaming quilt she had just thrown down. In protecting the child from the fire she almost lost her own life. Most of her clothing was burned from her body.

Says Postoffice Not For Loafers and Lovers

Loafers and lovers were warned Tuesday by Postmaster T. W. Porter to steer clear of Franklin's new federal building.

Mr. Porter cited a postal department regulation forbidding loitering in postoffices.

"The regulations plainly declare," he said, "that postoffices are places for business, not for loitering, and I intend to see that this is complied with. I don't want to find it necessary to embarrass anyone; but, if it should become necessary, I won't hesitate to ask those who make a habit of loafing in the postoffice lobby to move on."

Some young men and girls have been making a trysting place of the postoffice lobby, Mr. Porter said, adding: "This will have to stop. It is annoying to patrons and it is against the rules."

Macon County Has 26 Students at Cullowhee

CULLOWHEE, Jan. 29—Twenty-six Macon county students are attending Western Carolina Teachers college during the winter quarter, according to the latest report. It ranks as the third county in the state in this respect. Buncombe county also has twenty-six students enrolled here this quarter.

STRAY BULLET WOUNDS GIRL

Dorothy Waldrop Shot
While Going Home
From School

A stray bullet from a .22 calibre rifle, believed to have been fired by a small boy, sent Dorothy Waldrop to the hospital Monday afternoon.

The girl, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Waldrop, of Route 1, was walking home from school with a cousin, Hazel Waldrop, when she was shot. The girls were near the intersection of Palmer and Porter streets when Dorothy turned to her companion and said: "I believe somebody has hit me in the shoulder with a rock."

Taken to Hospital

The two girls, however, continued walking home. After they had gone some distance Hazel noticed blood stains on Dorothy's clothing. "You have been shot," she said. They stopped at the home of George Reece on highway No. 28 and examined the wound. Mr. Reece summoned a neighbor, Ted Gillespie, who took the girls to Angel hospital in a car.

An X-ray examination showed a lead bullet lodged in Dorothy's shoulder. Later an operation was performed to remove it. Fortunately the bullet had not shattered the bone structure of the shoulder. The girl was reported Wednesday to be recovering, but she was still in the hospital.

The bullet was found to be a short range .22 calibre missile. A long range bullet might have caused more serious injury.

The girls recalled having passed two small boys with a rifle, but they said they thought it was an air gun and they were not certain as to who the boys were.

Narrow Escape

"I don't know who was responsible," Mr. Waldrop said Wednesday, "but it looks like a stop should be put to this business of boys shooting rifles promiscuously in town. Somebody might get killed. Fortunately Dorothy was hit in the shoulder. If that bullet had struck her in the head or neck, it might easily have killed her."

SIX INJURED AS CAR OVERTURNS

Narrowly Escape Death
In Accident Near
Lower Falls

Six young people returning to Franklin from a dance in Highlands narrowly escaped death early Sunday morning when the automobile in which they were riding slid on the ice covered paving and went over a 500-foot embankment near the Lower Cullasaja Falls. A small tree part the way down the embankment halted the tumbling car, but all of the occupants received injuries necessitating hospital treatment.

The injured are:

J. B. Greene, CCC enrollee, head injuries.

Miss Thelma Gardner, of Highlands, cuts and bruises.

Miss Virginia Wilson, of Franklin, cuts and bruises.

Miss Thelma Waldrop, Franklin, lacerations about the face and head.

Gordon Puckett, CCC enrollee, cuts and bruises.

Gene Dozier, CCC enrollee, fractured ankle and head injuries.

All six occupants of the car were brought to Angel Hospital for treatment. Dr. Furman Angel reported today that the three young women had been discharged and that the three CCC boys were recovering.

Dozier was more seriously injured than any of the others. His ankle was caught under the overturned car, a sedan, and it was two hours before he was released.

Game Warden "Sews" Grain To Feed Birds

Extreme cold weather and snow bring hardships to birds as well as to human beings. Snow especially is bad for them because it prevents them from finding food.

The birds of Macon county, however, will not go hungry as a result of this week's snow. Tim Caloway, county game warden, set about today to spread grain throughout the county for feeding quail, pheasants and other feathered friends. In his car was 10 bushels of wheat supplied by Dr. Furman Angel, Franklin surgeon and sportsman.

Warning

Chief Says Promiscuous
Shooting Must Stop

C. D. Baird, Franklin police chief, warned Wednesday that in the future he would strictly enforce the town ordinance concerning the use of firearms in the corporate limits.

Aroused by the accidental wounding Monday afternoon of Dorothy Waldrop, 14, while she was walking home from school, Chief Baird said a town ordinance forbade the discharge of firearms in the business district and in other sections of town limited their use to "a distance of 100 yards from any dwelling or street."

He said his attention had been called to the promiscuous use of .22 rifles by small boys and warned that in the future he would prosecute any violators of the town ordinance and confiscate guns used by small boys who should fail to observe the law.

"This business of shooting in town is dangerous," the chief commented, "and we have got to stop it before somebody gets killed."

Fire, originating in a defective flue, caused slight damage to the second floor apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in the Porter building on West Main street Monday morning. Roy Cunningham, proprietor of a grocery and feed store occupying the first floor of the building, said he suffered no damage.