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## THOMAS C. MCCOY DIES FOLLOWING SHORT SICKNESS

### Funeral Services Will Be Held At Chapel Hill Today

Thomas Calhoun McCoy, 64; former chairman of the Buncombe County Republican Executive committee and for 15 years or more deputy collector of internal revenue, died Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the home of his brother, James H. McCoy, at 38 Victoria Place, following an illness of three weeks. Death was due to heart trouble, Mr. McCoy having suffered from this for several years.

Funeral service will be held at the Noland-Brown Chapel at 283 Biltmore avenue this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with burial at Riverside cemetery. Rev. Dr. Leland Cook, pastor of the First Christian Church, will officiate. The service at the cemetery will be in charge of Mt. Hermon Masonic Lodge, the members of which have been asked to meet at the Masonic Temple at 1 o'clock this afternoon, from where they will attend the service in a body.

### Pallbearers Are Masons

Active pallbearers will be members of the following lodges:

E. Rankin, D. Hiden Ramsey, Clyde Reed, Dan Hill, Thomas Harkins, Brownlow Jackson, H. H. Howell, R. I. Robinson, C. C. Millard, F. A. Fanning, H. M. Brown and J. Y. Jordan, Sr.

Mr. McCoy was born at Franklin, in Macon County, N. C., March 1, 1863. In 1897 he entered the service in this position until 1912 when he resigned. He was associated in the Revenue service with J. J. Britt, Gus and Dolph Patterson and a number of other well known Western North Carolina men and he had the reputation of being one of the most fearless of officers.

### Named Committee Head

In 1914 Mr. McCoy was elected chairman of the Buncombe County Republican Executive committee and was in charge of the campaign in this county when James J. Britt, Republican, was elected Congressman from the Tenth North Carolina District. At the end of his first term as chairman, Mr. McCoy retired, being succeeded in that office by Dan Hill, now postmaster here. Mr. McCoy was always interested in politics, and took an active part in the campaigns in this section. He was one of the original advocates of the Commission form of Government for Asheville, and he aided in the formation of a fusion ticket which was successful in the election. During the past several years Mr. McCoy has been engaged in the mica mining business in Macon county. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner and belonged to the old Asheville Club and the old Elks Club No. 608.

Mr. McCoy's wife, who was before her marriage Miss Sallie Hallyburton, died in 1917. Surviving are five children, four sons and one daughter, as follows: Ed P. McCoy, of Pisgah Forest, N. C.; Dr. Hallyburton McCoy, of Crozet, Va.; Thomas A. McCoy, of Asheville; William McCoy, of Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. L. W. Cherry, of Asheville.

He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: James H. McCoy, of Asheville; A. L. McCoy, of Abbeville, S. C.; Charles McCoy, of Middlesboro, Ky.; and Mrs. W. V. Tennant, of Middlesboro.—Asheville Citizen, Jan. 30.

## Chief Henry's Invitations Unpopular

Neither Chief Henry nor the mayor gets any cost out of cases tried in the mayor's court. In reference to speeding the chief states that he has only made a start toward putting a stop to speeding and that he intends to continue issuing invitations to meet the mayor, though such invitations are not at all popular.

### Cattle Sale

The auction sale of Guernseys Wednesday of last week was not confirmed as few animals brought the purchase price and expenses of getting them here. It is understood that the heifers will be sold at private sales. In fact quite a few of them have been so sold already.

## FATE, ONCE HIS FRIEND, DESERTS JERRY DALTON, PLEADING FOR CLEMENCY

### GAME WARDEN HERE ON VISIT

#### Mease and Party Visit Wayah Refuge on Wild Cat Hunt — Mighty Nimrod, Zeb Shope, There With Hounds—Goats S. O. L.

C. N. Mease, deputy state game and fish commissioner, Bob Pressley, Howard Melton and R. Stafford, all of Black Mountain, and W. K. Beichley, district forester with headquarters in Asheville, arrived here last Friday with a number of cat hounds and, with a few local Nimrods, proceeded to Wilson Lick near the top of Wayah Bald to take part in a hunt for wild cats on the Wayah Bald State Game refuge. Jesse and Fred Slagle, Zeb Shope and Z. B. Byrd were the local people who made the trip. On Friday afternoon these hunters killed two or three goats. It is stated that deer will not use the range where goats feed. Consequently, it is the intention to rid the refuge of all which have been running wild on the range for many years.

Late in the afternoon snow began to fall. Soon the ground was covered with several inches of snow. The snow which was to have been con-

abandoned. No wild cats were killed.

## Local H. S. Girls Have Chance to Win Scholarship

Knowledge of cookery, food values, selection as to quality, or other phases of the subject of meat, may bring local high school girls within reach of a university scholarship or cash award if—thyl can transfer this knowledge to paper.

High school home economics teachers have just received formal announcement of the Fifth National Meat Story contest. The contest is held annually in high schools of the United States under the sponsorship of the National Live Stock and Meat board. It has the indorsement of college home economics heads and other leaders in the field who look upon it as a valuable educational project.

Interest in the contest has increased each year, it is said. Last year approximately 14,000 girls from high schools in every state of the union competed and the board expects that even a larger number will be enrolled in the present contest. As in the past, the distribution of prizes is arranged so that girls in every state will be among the winners. Miss Rose Gertrude Schmidt, of Moorestown, N. J., won the national championship last year.

The present contest will close on March 15, according to the announcement. Judging of the stories will be in the hands of a committee which is to be selected from college directors of home economics and other authorities on the subject.

It is explained that the purpose of the contest is to stimulate more interest in the study of home economics. The scholarships offered are for home economics courses. These and the cash prizes furnish an incentive for the future housewife to take part in the event which, it is hoped, will better fit her to assume the responsibilities of home manager.

### Snow Falls

Something unusual in the way of a snow fall occurred here last Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. With no preliminaries at all a heavy snow began to fall suddenly. The snow came from the west on the order of an April shower. For quite a distance the storm could be seen approaching and appeared as a dark band several feet in height advancing over the surface of the earth. The storm continued until about two inches had fallen. During the night the weather cleared and the thermometer stood at 10 above Saturday morning when the mountains and valleys presented "one vast panorama of dazzling whiteness."

### Baptist Services

Rev. John Brendle, of Copper Hill, Tenn., will preach at the local Baptist church Sunday morning and Sunday night. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

## Gov. McLean Turns Deaf Ear When Famous Prisoner Asks Parole—Application Had Been Filed Quietly By Attorneys.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 27.—Governor McLean today turned a deaf ear to an appeal for the parole of Jerry Dalton, young Macon county mountaineer, who was seeking his release from a sentence that now runs from 20 to 30 years in prison but which once carried the death penalty.

He was one of the nine state and county prisoners appealing for paroles to which clemency was today denied.

Back in 1918, Dalton, then a boy of 20, was convicted of first degree murder for slaying his sweetheart and his rival for her hand. Removed from Macon county to the Asheville jail, to be held pending an appeal to the Supreme Court, Dalton made his escape, went West and was a fugitive from justice for four years.

Then, in 1922, the woman with whom he boarded in a Pacific Coast city learned of his identity and gave him over to the authorities. He was brought back here and given a cell on death row, an appeal to the Supreme Court was refused him, and early in 1923 he was face to face with the electric chair.

Recently in connection with his fight for the attracted attention of Governor Morrison was besought by literally thousands of prominent people to spare him. After an extensive investigation, the executive commuted his sentence to life imprisonment, the commutation order going out a day or two before the date set for his execution.

Jerry started out with a life term ahead of him but luck soon served him again, for in December, 1923, the Governor put into effect in all state and county convict systems the indeterminate sentence, and that had the result of cutting Jerry's sentence from life to a minimum of twenty years and a maximum of 30.

The other day Jerry, through attorneys, quietly filed an application with Pardon Commissioner Edwin Bridges in a move that sought to cut even shorter his prison stay. But Mr. Bridges, investigating, found that the fates had served Jerry pretty well considering what a terrible dose there was nothing to do but hold the 20 to 30 year sentence as it stood.—Asheville Citizen.

### Tellico Locals

The sick folks in this section are all improving.

Dr. Horsley, Dr. Fouts, and Dr. Williams have been visiting our community often on the account of so much sickness.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsey, on January 22, a fine boy, Robert Junior.

Little Samuel Ramsey, Jr., is up again after a serious spell of pneumonia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham on January 16, a boy.

Mr. Charley Anderson made a business trip to Bryson City Monday.

Messrs. Dock Hall and Ed McCoy, of Oak Grove, were through this section and Briartown buying cattle recently.

Miss Lillie Smith, who has been attending school at Sylva, S. C., has come home on account of ill health. Mr. Erwin Smith is planning on moving on Hadley Ramsey's land when the moon gets right.

Hurrah! for Mr. "A Subscriber" and Mr. John Ferguson. We would like to hear from them again and others, on the tax question.

### Dogs Howl for Food

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday Doc Barnard stated that when he carried around a petition to be signed opposing the building of a jail, all the men and women signed, the children cried because they were not permitted to do so, and even the dogs howled when he left a home. Doc evidently understood the language of the canine population, because he claimed that the dogs were howling for lower taxes in order to get more to eat.

### Black Friday

Last Friday was Black Friday to Fred Higdon. The mayor said "Five Dollars For Speeding," and Fred was not driving a new Ford at that.

## COMMISSIONERS REVOKE ORDER

### Decide Not to Build New Jail—Some Discussion As to Repair of Old Jail

At its meeting Monday morning the board of county commissioners revoked its recent order to issue \$70,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a new jail for Macon county. Quite a few of the tax payers were present at the meeting and expressed an unanimous sentiment against a new jail for this county. Petitions were also presented to the commissioners bearing the names of more than 1,200 tax payers as opposed to the proposition. Attorney Wint Horn represented the petitioners and his idea seemed to be to repair the present jail to which those present seemed to agree. This caused quite a bit of discussion. The present jail was condemned by the state authorities some time ago and, it was stated, that the representative of the state who condemned the jail expressed the opinion that the present structure could not be repaired to meet state requirements. It was the general consensus of opinion that the commissioners should take the matter up with the state authorities with a view to getting their approval on the jail after certain repairs are made. If this approval can not be obtained, then the commissioners will not doubt refuse to make any repairs.

Commissioner Chas. H. McClure made the motion to revoke the recent order of the commissioners.

## Cullowhee Expects Big Enrollment

Cullowhee, January 26.—The office force of Cullowhee State Normal school is keeping busy these days, taking care of the heavy correspondence concerning the spring and summer quarters. President Hunter says if one can judge by the volume of the present mail and the number of advance reservations, the spring and summer quarters should exceed in attendance that of any previous year, by from fifty to one hundred students.

Something like 250 are definitely anticipated for the spring quarter. And these are all normal students, since the high school department has been entirely eliminated. Plans are being made to accommodate young women in the Davies Hall as well as in Moore Dormitory. This means that the young men who now occupy Davies Hall will find accommodation in the community for the spring and summer quarters.

It had been the expectation of the authorities that a new dormitory would have been ready for the summer, making it possible to have a hundred more boarding students than we had last year and year before last. But the State Advisory Budget commission requested that the erection of the proposed dormitory be deferred for a while. However, if present plans are carried out, Cullowhee will undertake to take care of the anticipated increased summer attendance, even if it becomes necessary to secure accommodations in Sylva, eight miles, and provide for transportation. Assurances have been given that Sylva would co-operate in making possible a large attendance at Cullowhee.

## DEATH OF MRS. JOE GIBSON

Mrs. Mary Alva Gibson, 70; died at her home on Cowee January 28. She was married fifty years ago to Joe C. Gibson. The deceased was a devout member of the Snow Hill Methodist church, having united with the church when a girl. Mrs. Gibson was well and favorably known throughout the county and was devotedly loved by a host of friends in Western North Carolina.

The remains were interred at Snow Hill cemetery, Rev. J. H. Strickland and Rev. Mr. Bradley conducting the funeral services.

Besides her husband the deceased is survived by the following named children: Mrs. Frank I. Murray, Franklin; Walter Gibson, Mrs. Ada Dalton, Mrs. Egan Holbrooks, Weaver Gibson, Sam Gibson, Mrs. Robert Bryson, Carroll Gibson and Mrs. Mamie Reynolds, all of Iota.

### P. T. A. Meeting

The P. T. A. will meet Friday at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. Tom Johnston. A special program has been arranged and the teachers in particular are invited to attend. All members are also urged to be present.

## LOCAL FORESTRY OFFICIALS GO TO ASHEVILLE

### Wood, Byrd and Nicholson Meeting With Officials From Washington at Asheville.

National Forest officials of Washington, D. C., and the supervisors and rangers of the Pisgah, Nantahala, Unaka and Alabama National forests will convene this morning at 10 o'clock at the Asheville-Biltmore hotel for a five-day convention school for rangers and supervisors and to plan the financial expenditures of the four large forests for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The officials of the four large forests, representing a total area of approximately 900,000 acres, will present their itemized needs for the running of the forests for the next year. In business sessions with the Washington officials the allocations will be made. The development and use of plans of work for the various forests will be studied by the members of the staffs during the week.

O. H. Stabler, assistant district forester in charge of operation; L. King, assistant district forester in charge

district fiscal agent, are the Washington office officials who will attend the meeting here. Mr. Stabler will have charge of the financial plans at the meeting; Mr. King will assist Mr. Stabler and Mr. Scott will conduct the discussions on the work plans of the forests. M. A. Mattoon, supervisor of Pisgah National forest, has charge of the arrangements for the meetings here and the entertainment of the visiting officials, approximately 30 in number. There will be two sessions daily at the hotel headquarters.

### Other Delegates

In addition to the Washington officials the following members of the service in the four National forests will attend: Nantahala forest: A. A. Wood, of Franklin, supervisor; Z. B. Byrd, of Franklin, and R. C. Nicholson, Clayton, Ga., rangers; Unaka forest: S. R. Boardbent, of Bristol, supervisor, and Rangers, W. G. Thompson, of Damascus, Va.; W. R. Paddock, of Damascus, Va.; G. W. Cole, Watauga Valley, Tenn.; E. M. Manchester, Erwin, Tenn.; and C. S. Jackson, of Ivanhoe, Va.; Alabama forest: H. N. Cope, Columbus, Ga., supervisor; and Rangers F. L. Grimes, of Columbia, S. C.; Pisgah forest: M. A. Mattoon, supervisor; J. W. McNair, assistant supervisor; R. C. Dady, clerk, of Asheville; C. S. Dunn, ranger of Pisgah Forest; Monroe Coffey, ranger of Edgemont; L. Jared, ranger of Hot Springs; and Rangers R. J. Riebold and V. H. Cahalan, both of Marion.—Asheville Citizen.

### Scaly News

Mrs. Mamie Dryman was called to Cornelia, Ga., last Thursday on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Betty McConnell.

Miss Velma Vinson has returned to her home here after an absence of several months in Florida.

Mrs. Maggie Justus is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Crain at this writing.

Mrs. John Watkins is recovering from a case of measles.

Mr. Claude McConnell, who has been away for past several months, is visiting home folks this week.

We are glad to report that Mr. Arthur Bryson, who was in the auto wreck with Chas. Wright, is able to be out again.

Mrs. A. A. Burnette, who suffered a stroke of paralysis in November, is gradually improving.

Mr. Jesse Miller and Mr. Arthur Chastain are getting ready for farming. They have been ditching and plowing for the past two weeks.

### Judge Bryson Here

During the examination week at Dike University, Judge T. D. Bryson, now professor of law there, got through with his work early and spent some days last week at his former home in Bryson City, visiting his sons and daughter and friends. The judge was also shaking hands with his hundreds of friends here last Friday.