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## To These Farewell...

*You, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for  
Thou art with me.*

-23rd Psalm

### EDD WHITSON

Edd Whitson, 56, of the Big Creek Community, died unexpectedly Saturday morning after an apparent heart attack.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Bertie Cooper of Green Mountain; three brothers, Nick of North East, Maryland, Jack of West Chester, Pennsylvania and Gaff, also of West Chester.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

Reverend Cecil Higgins officiated and burial was in the Hughes Cemetery in Relief.

### PEARL McINTOSH

Mrs. Pearl McIntosh, 72, of the Bee Log Community, wife of Grover C. McIntosh, died unexpectedly Thursday afternoon while visiting at the home of Monroe McIntosh, Burnsville, Route 3.

Surviving in addition to the husband are a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Banner of Southport; two sons, Bruce of Burnsville, Rt. 4 and Burnice McIntosh of Unicoi, Tennessee; a sister, Mrs. Mae Flynn of Caldwell, W. Va.; a brother, Carmon Phillips of Mars Hill; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Bee Log Baptist Church of which she was a member. Reverend Niram Phillips and Bruce Tomberlin officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

### ROSA HUSKINS

Miss Rosa Huskins, 76, of Burnsville, died unexpectedly Thursday morning in Yancey Hospital.

Surviving are a brother, Sam A. Huskins of Burnsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

Reverend Troy McCurry officiated and burial was in the Huskins family cemetery in Green Mountain.

### ROBERT BUCHANAN

Robert Lee Buchanan, 83, of the Newdale Community, died Thursday in Yancey Hospital after a long illness.

A native of Yancey County, Mr. Buchanan was a retired miner and farmer. He was a member of Concord Union Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Ralph Lewis of Candler, Mrs. Frank Hall and Mrs. Irene Beckwith of Asheville and Mrs. Charlie Hall of Burnsville, Rt. 2, with whom he made his home; two sons, T. A. of Burnsville and Paul Buchanan of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Queenie Shehan Bailey of Burnsville and Mrs. Lee Wyatt of Spruce Pine; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in Newdale Presbyterian Church. The Revs. Eldon Wells and Bert Styles officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I write this letter with the sincere hope that you will publish its contents for if published, what I write will be read for the first time by the incumbent city council members, their opposing candidates and by the citizens of Burnsville.

As I am the daughter of a city councilman, those who read this letter undoubtedly will ask what can I write that is not prejudiced in content. That is a normal reaction but before such an accusation can justifiably be made, I ask that first my letter be read in its entirety.

During the years which my father has served as a city councilman, I have had the opportunity to hear many a city council conversation. That the welfare of our town has remained continuously the sole objective of such conversations is a fact which firmly stands on the grounds of their accomplishments as a city council. Accomplishments...? The construction of the town's new

sewage system, additions to the town's fire department equipment, an upgrading of the town's law enforcement, and through their years in office, a steady decrease in the town's debts which they inherited as a city council. These, combined with the present water system project begun by the present city council, are only a few of their accomplishments as a dedicated city council team.

Yet, there are those who claim that this city council has and still seeks personal gains. How, I ask, is this statement justified when their accomplishments, combined with their present salaries -- \$30 per month to the mayor and \$20 per month to each town alderman -- clarify the falseness of such an accusation. To these contenders, it would do them well to note that these salaries have remained the same throughout the city councilmen's years of service, and contrary

to some opinions, this city council, if re-elected, does not plan to increase their present salaries from \$900 a year to \$1,800 a year for the mayor, and from \$600 a year to \$1,200 a year for each town alderman. They are required by the nature of their legal contract as elected city councilmen to receive a salary. The increase of their present salaries has never been a point of business at their city council meetings, and obviously, is "out of order" as a campaign issue in this election.

It should be brought to the attention of the Burnsville citizens that the opposing candidates of the incumbent city council have stated to the voter their guarantee of "responsible government consistent with good business practices" if they are elected. When a removal of the town's parking meters is endorsed by the opposition, and, when one of these candidates has requested from the present city council free water for himself, and a staunch supporter of these candidates also has made the same request to the present city council (both requests have been denied), I question the opposing candidates' interpretation of "responsible government consistent with good business practices."

Also, it should be noted, never has this present city council "closed" its regular town board meetings to any citizen, interested or uninterested, and that "an opportunity for all citizens to discuss any matter that pertains to their welfare and town as a whole" is a right that the present city council has yet to abuse or to deny. To those who staunchly support the present city council's opposition with the slogan, "Let's clean up town hall," May I recommend that these supporters first clean up their own halls before attempting to clean up a town's!

If the opposition, by so opposing the present city council, is attempting to give to the voter a choice in this election by pledging "equal representation of all the people, implementation of other beneficial projects as feasible, a continuation of the water project," etc., etc., then, I compliment the opposition on the quality of their platform statements for, without question, their platform is a clear endorsement and approval of the present town board's actions. If a choice is what the opposition advocates, then please, a choice, not an echo.

I write this letter as a "young" interested citizen, as an informed voter, as a proud supporter of a hard-working non-political city council, and last but not least, I write this letter as the daughter of a city councilman who can proudly say that my father is a member of this dedicated city council team!

Sincerely,  
Theresa Coletta

## May Medicaid To Be Paid

Randall Peacock, Director Yancey County Department of Social Services, mailed a form letter to "Providers of Medical Services" in Yancey on April 26. The letter, on the subject of Medicaid, stated the following, approved by O. W. Deyton, Chairman of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners:

"The State Department of Social Services' answer to my letter re: Yancey County's lack of medical funds for May and June prompted this reply.

"We have expended ALL budgeted funds for Medicaid; however, we are being required to transfer funds from our public assistance budget to meet the May and June Medicaid expenses. Understanding the financial problems in raising county money, our agency was successful during this year in helping save \$5000- \$6000 in county money within the public assistance budget. This was accomplished by helping recipients secure other benefits from Social Security, Veterans, etc., and in locating jobs.

## Drug Program

On Saturday, May 1, a drug program sponsored by the youth of the First Baptist Church, Higgins Memorial Methodist, and the First Presbyterian Church will be given at the Burnsville Community Building. Guest speaker will be Dr. W. O. Brazil from Asheville. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the interesting program.



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"We were hoping that the State would act upon Dr. Karl Killian's bill and let the State assume the Medicaid expenses for May and June. Then our \$5000-\$6000 savings could be used by the commissioners in other crucial county areas; however, this is not possible.

"The Medicaid expenses for May will be paid. We feel that there will be sufficient money for June; and unless notified, we will complete this fiscal year without overspending our planned budget."

## 'Lost Cove' Is Featured Story

"Lost Cove" in Yancey County is a featured story in the March 15 issue of "The State" magazine, written and illustrated with line drawings by Everett Kivette, who with his partner, John Byrns operates the "Painting in the Mountains" art school in Burnsville each summer. Entitled "Epitaph for Lost Cove", the story gives some of the past history of Lost Cove as well as its decay at the present time. The author goes into considerable detail of the efforts and sacrifices of Sinclair Conley who was the last teacher at the Cove.

Residents who might be interested in the article and who do not subscribe to "The State" may check out this issue or a copy of the article from the Yancey County Public Library.

## NOTICE

The Cane River Booster Club will meet Monday, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The few members of the Booster Club would like to see more parents at the meetings. "Let's make a better place for our children to attend school."

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