

To These Farewell...

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me.
—23rd Psalm

JOHN B. BANKS

John Burdett Banks, 72, prominent Yancey County tobacco farmer and live-stock dealer, died unexpectedly in downtown Burnsville Tuesday afternoon, February 1st. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

JOHNNIE WHITSON

S/Sgt. Johnnie Whitson, 27, of the Little Creek section of Yancey County, died in South Korea January 31st.

Sgt. Whitson had been in the U.S. Army since 1964 and had been stationed in Korea for the past 8 months.

Surviving are the parents Arnold and Janie Tallent Whitson of Burnsville Rt. 4; two sisters, Mrs. Maurice Penland of Rt. 3, Burnsville and Mrs. Edd Fisher of Gloucester, New Jersey; two brothers, Ray Whitson of San Francisco, California and Richard Myrvin Whitson of Burnsville Route 4; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Whitson of Erwin, Tennessee.

The body will be returned to Burnsville for funeral and burial. Funeral arrangements to be announced by Holcombe Brothers.

MACK G. HENSLEY

Mack G. Hensley, 58, of Burnsville died unexpectedly Monday morning at the home of a son, Dan Hensley of Route 6, Burnsville. He was a plumber and a World War II veteran.

Surviving in addition to the son is a daughter, Mrs. Ben Burleson of Asheville; three sisters, Mrs. W. E. Ballard of Anderson, Indiana, Mrs. M. S. Misenheimer of Asheville and Miss Dawn Hensley of Burnsville; two brothers, Austin of Asheville and Zeke Hensley of Burnsville and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Harold McDonald officiated and burial was in a Yancey cemetery.

WILL J. DODD

Will J. Dodd, 84, died in an Asheville nursing home Sunday evening after a long illness.

He was a retired State

Highway heavy equipment operator.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gay Bailey of Detroit, Michigan and Mrs. J. C. Peterson of Weaver-ville; one son, Henry Dodd of Asheville; a sister, Mrs. Phena Metcalf of Mars Hill; one brother, Charlie Dodd of Mars Hill; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, February 2 at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Charlie Miller officiated and burial was in the McCracken Cemetery.

PLESS BURLESON

Pless Burleson, 59, of Rt. 4, Bakersville, died Wednesday morning, January 26, in a Spruce Pine hospital after a short illness.

He was a lifelong resident of Mitchell County, a son of the late Stokes and Naomi Green Burleson, a veteran of World War II and a sawmill worker.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Eula Ledford Burleson; two daughters, Misses Faye and Emma Burleson of the home; five sons, Darrell, Ray, Frank and Joe, all of Route 4, Bakersville and Darman Burleson of Conover; 9 sisters, Mrs. Lona Nelson and Mrs. Mae Pruitt, both of Newton, Mrs. Susie Betty, Mrs. Lena Moffitt and Mrs. Desie Frye, all of Hickory, Mrs. Myrl Regan of Drexel, Mrs. Betty Lou Hildebran of Hildebran and Mrs. Mattie Smithson and Mrs. Corina Stout, both of Greensboro; two brothers, Jack and Avery Burleson, both of Hickory; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Cane Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Astor Buchanan and Howard Honeycutt officiated and burial was in Cane Creek Cemetery.

PRESTON BUCHANAN

Preston Buchanan, 69, of Rt. 1, Spruce Pine, died unexpectedly Monday afternoon in a Spruce Pine hospital.

He was a retired truck driver, a member of Liberty Hill Baptist Church, where he taught the Young Adult Men's Sunday school class and was choir director.

Surviving are the widow,

Mrs. Verdie Woody Buchanan; two daughters, Mrs. Alma Thomas and Mrs. Inez Hughes both of Spruce Pine; six brothers, Spurgeon Winston, Tyson and Morgan, all of Spruce Pine; Charles of Fullerton, Calif. and Carl Buchanan of Valdese; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Liberty Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Richard Hollifield and Rev. Tyler Leroy officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

JAMES A. AUTREY

James Albert Autrey, 99, of Oxford and formerly of Spruce Pine, N.C., died on Tuesday in Oxford.

Mr. Autrey had lived in Spruce Pine until 14 years ago when he went to Oxford to live with a niece, Mrs. Maude McFall.

Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Webb Funeral Home. Revs. C. A. Autrey and Richard Hollifield officiated and burial was in the Tolley Cemetery.



Mrs. Willard Crowder And Mrs. Buck Phillips, Yancey County 4-H Leaders

Yancey 4-H Leaders To Attend Forum

Two Yancey County 4-H Leaders, Mrs. Willard Crowder, leader of the Newdale 4-H Club and Mrs. Buck Phillips, leader of the Bee Log 4-H Club will attend the National 4-H Leader Forum at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. March 20 through 25.

Both Mrs. Crowder and Mrs. Phillips have participated in local leadership training and Mrs. Phillips serves on the 4-H and Youth Committee of the Extension Advisory Board.

The 4-H Center property, formerly Chevy Chase Junior College, was purchased in 1951. The purpose of the Center is to provide facilities for training 4-H members and leaders in citizenship and leadership.

The 4-H Leader Forum is five days of hard work, new experiences and fun. It is an opportunity to stretch the mind with new ideas, to deepen one's commitment to serve youth in our democratic society and to make friends with other 4-H leaders from across the country.

Lawhern Named Manager

Luther H. Lawhern of Burnsville, N.C., has been named a sales manager with the Combined Insurance Co. of America.

Charles Lewis, regional manager for North Carolina, said that Lawhern will supervise a team of representatives in the sale of accident and health policies in his assigned area.

Lawhern assumes his new position with an impressive sales record. As a member of a team which introduced Combined's new life policy in 1967, he was the first in his region to write a million dollars of whole life insurance in a single quarter. For this accomplishment, he was among 18 life representatives with equal distinction whose pictures appeared in the Wall Street Journal last year when Combined achieved a total of \$1 billion whole life insurance in force in less than five years.

A native of Burnsville, he graduated from Bald Creek High School. He served in the European theatre with the United States Navy and was honorably discharged after four years.

Married to the former Belean Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bis Ray of Mica-ville, the couple has a daughter and a son.

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The 1972 Western Carolina Craft Workshop will be held April 11 and 12 at Montreat Assembly Inn in Montreat, North Carolina. Presently 16 craft classes are planned.

The main purposes of the workshops (1) to train leaders to teach crafts in the county, and (2) to promote a quality craft program in the county. The two day workshop offers an opportunity for leaders to receive some training in a particular craft.

Each leader that attends will have to be pre-registered in a specific class by the 31st of March.

Tentative classes scheduled are beadcraft, block printing, chair bottoming, chair caning, creative needlepoint (beginners), decoupage, drawn work, jewelry, metal chasing and embossing, pressed dry flora (oshibana), pine cones and native materials, quilting, rug hooking, tatting, weaving on the inkle loom, and woodcarving.

If anyone is interested they should call the County Extension Office, Bakersville 688-4811 or 688-2172. Residents of Yancey or Avery County should get in contact with the Extension Office in their respective counties.



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