

LILLIE DUNCAN

Mrs. Lillie Shelton Duncan, 85, of Route 3, Bakersville, died early Thursday in Spruce Pine Hospital after a long illness.

She was the widow of James Duncan who died in 1930.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Buchanan and a son, Carroll Duncan, both of Route 3, Bakersville; four sisters, Mrs. Blanche Pittman and Mrs. Mabel Sparks, both of Spruce Pine and Mrs. Daisy Greene and Mrs. Nellie Stevens, both of Marion; 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Bear Creek Baptist Church, of which she was a member.

Revs. Norton Craig and Vernon and Howard Buchanan officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

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

JOSEPH COOPER

Joseph Bascomb Cooper, 81, died at 8:45 p. m. Monday, February 28, in Grace Hospital, Morganton, N. C. He had been seriously ill for two days.

Mr. Cooper, a retired rural letter carrier, was born in Burke County June 15, 1890 son of the late John Henry and Emily Baker Cooper. He was a member of the N. C. Legislator in the early 1920's. He had served for 45 years as a member and chairman of the Drexel School Board. He was one of the founders and trustees of Bethlehem United Methodist Church at Bridge-

port. He had taught school in Burke, and McDowell Counties.

Twice married, his first wife was the late Estelle Berry Cooper. His surviving wife is Ruby Bolden Hoover Cooper of Route 2, Valdese.

Other survivors are: four daughters, Mrs. Stanley Beach of Miami, Florida, Mrs. Sam H. George of Rt. 3, Lenior, Mrs. Bill Lippard of Drexel and Mrs. Clay B. Hollifield Jr. of Valdese; 5 sons, Mr. Milton R. Cooper of Route 2, Valdese, Mr. Noeland J. Cooper of Rt. 2, Valdese, Mr. Nathan J. Cooper of Morganton, Mr. Hal W. Cooper of Bumsville and Mr. Tom Cop-

er of Spruce Pine; one sister, Mrs. O. B. Powell of Drexel; 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 1, 1972 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church with the Rev. Aaron Moss. Burial was in Drexel Memorial Park.

GERTRUDE BARRUS

Mrs. Gertrude E. Barrus, 83, of Bumsville, died Thursday morning in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

A retired secretary for the YWCA in New Hampshire, Mrs. Barrus had lived in Yancey since 1957. She was a member of Brooklyn, N. Y. First

Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a son, Robert Barrus of Bumsville; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held March 19, 3:00 p. m. in Celo Friends Meeting House near Bumsville. The family requests that flowers be omitted.

Penland and Sons Funeral Home, Asheville, is in charge of arrangements.

THERESA LEDFORD

Services for Mrs. Theresa Gouge Ledford, 74, a former resident of Bakersville, who died Wednesday in Martinsburg, W. Virginia, were held at 2:00 p. m. Saturday in the Chapel of Henline-Hughes Funeral Home. Rev. Robert Seatz officiated and burial was in the Green Young Cemetery.

Mrs. Ledford was a member of Little Rock Creek Baptist Church and the widow of Daunt Ledford who died in 1970. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Geneva Friedel of Cwings Mill, Md., Mrs. Nell Davis of Windsor, Pa., and Mrs. Ruby Johnson of Spokane, Wash.; two sons, Fafe of Port Washington and Guy Ledford of Kearsneysville, W. Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Mae Sawyer of Miami, Florida, Mrs. Edith Jones of Tampa, Florida and Mrs. Lillie Edwards of Waynesville; three brothers, Earl of Knoxville, Tenn. and Geter and Lee Gouge, both of Bakersville; 23 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

LUCILLE LEDFORD

Miss Lucille Ledford, 44, of Route 2, Spruce Pine, died Saturday night in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Charley and Florence Burleson Ledford and was a member of the Spruce Pine First Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. George Huskins and Mrs. Charles Dellinger of Route 2, Spruce Pine and Mrs. Cecil Sparks of Marion; and five brothers, Edgar of Spruce Pine, Charles of Marion and Sam Lee and Ted Ledford of Flint, Mich. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday in Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Clyde Fender officiated and burial was in Pittman Cemetery.

Armed Forces Report



Army Private Dennis E. Deyton, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Deyton, Route 2, Green Mountain, N. C., recently completed nine weeks of Advanced Individual Infantry Training at Ft. Polk, La.

During the course, he received Guerrilla Training and lived under simulated Vietnam conditions for five days. Other specialized training included small unit tactics, map reading, land mine warfare, communications, and firing the M-16 rifle, M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

Pvt. Deyton entered the Army in September 1971 and completed basic training at Ft. Polk, La.

He is a 1967 graduate of Cane River High School and received his B. S. degree in 1971 from North Carolina State University, Raleigh. He is a member of Alpha Zeta Fraternity.

Army Private Christopher W. Cooper, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cooper, and wife, Glenda, live in Bumsville, N. C., recently completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

He received the training with Company C, 1st Battalion of the 1st Brigade at Ft. Jackson.

The 20-year-old soldier is a 1969 graduate of Cane River High School.

Army Private Hank S. Hensley, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gudger Hensley, Route 4, Bumsville, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

He received instruction in Drill and Ceremonies, Weapons, Map Reading, Combat Tactics, Military Courtesy, Military Justice, First Aid, and Army History and Traditions.

The soldier is a 1971 graduate of Cane River High.

Private Frank C. Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Banks of Route 3, Bumsville, N. C., recently completed eight weeks of Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

He received his training in Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade.

His wife, Shelba, also lives on Route 3, Bumsville.

Bear Creek Briefs

By Randal Willis
Mrs. Mack Sparks was admitted to the WNC Center in Black Mtn for tests this past Monday.

The Bear Creek Four by special request, sang at the Sunday night service at Bear Creek Church.

Several of Bear Creek's young people have been selling REX, a handy dandy all purpose cleaner this past week. They have been doing this to acquire money for their senior trip. They will be selling candy later on, so help us out.

There was a singing held at the Mine Creek Baptist Church this past Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Murdock Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sparks and Mrs. Mila Buchanan from Bear Creek Church were present. The True Gospel Quartet was guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Norman went to Asheville this past Sunday.

Mr. Pat Abemathy was home from Georgia this past week.

Army Private Scottie L. Burleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Burleson of Route 1, Spruce Pine, N. C., recently completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina.

He received the training with Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade at Ft. Jackson.

His wife, Becky, lives on Route 2, Spruce Pine.

Marine Second Lieutenant Donald J. Krafnick, husband of the former Miss Julia Ballou of Bumsville, N. C., has completed specialized training in electronic communications at the Communication Officer's School. Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia.

He is a 1966 graduate of D. J. O'Connell High School, Arlington, Va., and a 1970 graduate of Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C.

Army Private Doyle E. Dale, 23, son of Mrs. Georgia H. Dale of Bumsville, N. C., recently completed eight weeks of Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

He received instruction in Drill and Ceremonies, Weapons, Map Reading, Combat Tactics, Military Courtesy, Military Justice, First Aid and Army History and Traditions.

Pvt. Dale received his training with Company C, 1st Battalion of the 1st Brigade.

The soldier is a 1966 graduate of East Yancey High Sch.

News From White Oak

By Ruth Seatz
Revs. and Mrs. Bob Seatz, Lillie Ellen Seatz and John Mode were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zuyland G. McKinney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wolfe visited Mrs. Pearl Hice in Chuckey, Tennessee Saturday and Sunday.

The Irma Dellinger of Easley, South Carolina visited her mother, Mrs. Fannie Huskins over the weekend.

Lee Howell of Louisville, Ohio has been visiting his uncle, Fred Sparks and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Patterson and sons of Lawrenceville, Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garner and son and daughter of Asheville have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sparks.

Edd William Wilson, David Wilson and Sue Ellen Wilson spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wilson.

Mrs. Stokes Bailey, Angie and Tony spent the weekend in Valdese with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Tabor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey and Danny of Kingsport, Tenn. spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Lillie Bailey.

Russell Greene spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Greene.

Donald Seatz of Appalachian State University has been home for several days vacation between quarters. He returned to Boone Tuesday to begin a new quarter of college work.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seatz and sons, Junior and Robert. Eugene of Boone were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wagoner and Rev. and Mrs. Bob Seatz Sunday.

We are sorry to hear about Mr. Kelly McNeill being sick. He is a patient in Spruce Pine Community Hospital. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

WESTCO TELEPHONE COMPANY

NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. P - 78, SUB 25

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION:

Notice is hereby given that Westco Telephone Company has applied to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for authority to increase its rates and charges for telephone service in its service area within North Carolina. The present and proposed main station rates and the amount of increases are as follows:

	BUSINESS					RESIDENCE				
	1-Pty.	2-Pty.	4-Pty.	4-Pty. Multi.	Multi.	1-Pty.	2-Pty.	4-Pty.	4-Pty. Multi.	Multi.
Present	\$ 9.65	\$ 8.20	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.25
Proposed	16.05	12.90	9.90	15.15	8.50	8.25	7.75	6.50	7.80	5.75
Increase	6.40	4.70	3.25	8.65	2.00	2.75	3.00	2.25	3.55	1.50
Guntertown, Mars Hill and Marshall Exchanges										
Present	\$10.65	\$ 9.20	\$ 7.65	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 5.75	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50
Proposed	18.05	14.90	11.90	17.15	10.50	8.75	8.25	7.00	8.30	6.25
Increase	7.40	5.70	4.25	9.65	3.00	3.00	3.25	2.50	3.80	1.75
Robbinsville Exchange										
Present	\$ 9.65	\$ 8.20	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.25
Proposed	18.05	14.90	11.90	17.15	10.50	8.75	8.25	7.00	8.30	6.25
Increase	8.40	6.70	5.25	10.65	4.00	3.25	3.50	2.75	4.05	2.00
Burnsville and Micaville Exchanges										
Present	\$11.65	\$10.20	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.25	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.75
Proposed	20.05	16.90	13.90	19.15	12.50	9.25	8.75	7.50	8.80	6.75
Increase	8.40	6.70	5.25	10.65	4.00	3.25	3.50	2.75	4.05	2.00
Bakersville, Garden City, Glenwood, Hayesville, Murphy, Sevier and Suit Exchanges										
Present	\$12.65	\$11.20	\$ 9.65	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.50	\$ 6.25	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Proposed	22.05	18.90	15.90	21.15	14.50	9.75	9.25	8.00	9.30	7.25
Increase	9.40	7.70	6.25	11.65	5.00	3.50	3.75	3.00	4.30	2.25

SCHEDULE OF OTHER PROPOSED INCREASES

EXTRA EXCHANGE ZONE CHARGES

Zones	ONE PARTY LINE			TWO PARTY LINE		
	Present	Proposed	Increase	Present	Proposed	Increase
A	\$.75	\$ 1.00	\$.25	\$.50	\$.75	\$.25
B	2.00	2.50	.50	1.50	2.00	.50
C	3.25	4.00	.75	2.50	3.25	.75
D	4.50	5.50	1.00	3.50	4.50	1.00
E	5.75	7.00	1.25	4.50	5.75	1.25
F	7.00	8.50	1.50	5.50	7.00	1.50
G	8.25	10.00	1.75	6.50	8.25	1.75
H	9.50	11.50	2.00	7.50	9.50	2.00
I	10.75	13.00	2.25	8.50	10.75	2.25
J	12.00	14.50	2.50	9.50	12.00	2.50
K	13.25	16.00	2.75	10.50	13.25	2.75

EXTRA EXCHANGE LINE MILEAGE

	Present	Proposed	Increase
Four Party line mileage per quarter or fraction thereof	\$.16	\$.00	(\$.16)
NON-LISTED NUMBER	.50	1.00	.50
NON-PUBLISHED NUMBER	.50	1.00	.50
NON-RECURRING SERVICE CHARGES			
Main Station in Place	10.00	12.50	2.50
Main Station not in Place	10.00	12.50	2.50
Extensions, moves & changes restoration charge, bells and gongs	5.00	7.50	2.50

PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE TRUNKS

The Company proposes to increase the rate charged from one and one half times to two times the individual line business or residence rate.

SEMI-PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Company proposes to increase the rate charged from the individual business line rate plus one dollar to one and one half times the individual business line rate on Guaranteed Semi-Public Paystation. On Partial-Pay, the increase is from the individual business line rate to one and one half times the individual business line rate.

A copy of Westco's application is available for inspection at any of its business offices or at the North Carolina Utilities Commission, One West Morgan Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, during regular business hours.

The Commission has set application for hearing at which time the Commission will hear testimony in support of or in opposition to the granting of the requested increases at locations and dates as follows:

(a) Public Witness and Applicant's Testimony

Hearings will be held for the purpose of hearing public witness testimony of both Westco and Western Carolina Telephone Companies' subscribers as follows:

Sylva Community Service Bldg. Auditorium	9:00 a. m.	June 27, 1972
Sylva, North Carolina		June 28, 1972
Asheville Superior Court Room, Fifth Floor	9:00 a. m.	June 29, 1972
Buncombe County Court House		June 30, 1972
Asheville, North Carolina		

(b) Starting on July 11, 1972 at 10:00 A. M. in the Commission Hearing Room, One West Morgan Street, Ruffin Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, the Commission will hear the testimony of any additional public witnesses and the testimony and cross examination of remaining witnesses of Western Carolina Telephone Company and then of Westco Telephone Company and of intervenors and staff witnesses. Westco Telephone Company shall have the burden of proof to show that the proposed rate increases are just and reasonable.

Protests or petitions to intervene should be filed in accordance with Rules R1-6, R1-17, and R1-19 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the 10th day of February, 1972.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

By *Katherine M. Peele*
Katherine M. Peele, Chief Clerk

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