

## Hughes, Fortner Honored

Mrs. Louise Hughes and Mrs. Amelia Fortner, both teachers in the Yancey County School System, have been chosen Outstanding Secondary Educators of America for 1974. Nominated by their principals earlier this year, they were selected for this honor on the basis of their professional and civic achievements.

Outstanding Secondary Educators of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional services, achievements and leadership in the field of secondary education. Each year, the biographies of those honored are featured in the awards volume, *Outstanding Secondary Educators of America*.

These educators are now eligible to receive the Outstanding Educator of the Year award trophy. Five \$500.00 unrestricted grants will be awarded to the schools represented by America's five Outstanding Secondary Educators. Distinguished judges, along with the Board of Advisors, will select the five individual secondary teachers to be honored. In this way, the program thanks the teacher and the school for their contributions to the continuing excellence of American education.



Mrs. Lala Bailey Dies

She loved music but she did not make it her life. People were her life and around the people she loved and the students she taught, she gave her appreciation of music. And during those thirty-six years of teaching music, many pupils warmed her piano bench, many fingers played her piano keys. But, in her unassuming ways, she taught more than just music. Her words, her ideas, her ideals, she happily shared with her students, and yet, with equal enjoyment, she never tired of listening to her young friends. She was more than a gracious lady; she had a loving wisdom which made endearing her eighty-one years of life. Having taught mothers, and then their children, she became an "institution." And although the years somewhat slowed her pace, her mind continued to sparkle for she never stopped learning even though she was a teacher. In her own elegant way, Mrs. Lala Bailey mastered the beautiful art of living forever.

## To These Farewell



### MRS. LALA DIXON BAILEY

Mrs. Lala Dixon Bailey, 81, died unexpectedly in a Burnsville hospital Sunday afternoon. She was the widow of Garrett Dewese Bailey who died in 1940.

A native of Chatham County she was a graduate of Meridith College and had lived in Burnsville since 1923. She taught at Yancey Collegiate Institute and in the public schools at Mt. Airy and Burnsville and taught piano in Burnsville for 36 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Burnsville and was Sunday School pianist. She was a member of Adult Woman's Sunday School Class and was a charter member of the Burnsville P.T.A.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Ralph L. Wilson of Midland, Michigan, Mrs. Ernest Gardner, Jr. of Rockville, Md. and Mrs. Hugh Pate of Burnsville; one son, Garrett Dixon Bailey of Burnsville. 17 grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Burnsville First Baptist Church. Rev. Robert Melvin officiated and burial was in the Bailey Hill Cemetery.

### MRS. MARY HUGHES

Mrs. Mary Hughes, 52, of Burnsville Route 2 died Thursday in an Asheville hospital following a short illness.

Surviving are the husband, Glenn Hughes; two daughters, Mrs. Emile Guy of Middletown, Conn. and Miss Ruth Hughes, Gastonia, N.C.; two sons, Glenn Hughes Jr. of Burnsville and Johnnie Hughes with the U. S. Army at Ft. Bragg, N.C.; two sisters and two grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Crabtree Baptist Church. Rev. Howard Wilson and Rev. Claude Surret officiated and burial was in the Hughes Family Cemetery.

### MRS. MAE PHILLIPS

Mrs. Mae Phillips, 83, formerly of Yancey County died Saturday evening in a Western North Carolina hospital following a long illness. She was the widow of Jess Phillips who died in 1935.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Coy Williams and Mrs. Fred Chandler of Erwin, Tenn., and Mrs. Gordon Griffith of Belmont, N.C.; two sons, Francis Phillips of Asheville and George Phillips of Clinton, S.C.; three sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Wilkie and Mrs. Burton Phillips of Clinton, S.C. and Mrs. Amelia Johnson of Marion; one brother George Lewis of Route 4, Burnsville and two half brothers Jay and Stanley Lewis of Marion.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home and burial was in the Ramsey Cemetery at Bee Log.

### GEORGE WEBB

George Webb, 73, of the Clearmont Community of Yancey County, died unexpectedly Friday afternoon at his home.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Yancey County and a retired farmer.

Surviving are the wife, Jennie Peterson Webb; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Tipton of Green Mountain and Miss Judy Webb of the home; two sons, Jack E. Webb of Green Mountain and Paul Webb of Baltimore, Md.; three sisters, Mrs. Clayton Garland, Mrs. Levi Deyton and Mrs. Belle Webb all of Green Mountain; three brothers, Jake of Erwin, Tenn., Jeter of Burnsville and Luke Webb of Green Mountain and 7 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Phillip Garland officiated and burial was in the Peterson Cemetery.

### BESSIE McDOWELL BALLEW

Mrs. Bessie McDowell Bailey, 89, of South Toe River, Route 5, Burnsville, died on Thursday afternoon in an Asheville hospital following a long illness.

She was the widow of Thomas Ballew who died in 1935.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Annie Edwards and Mrs. Rhonda Westall of Burnsville, Mrs. Virgie Loftis of Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Frank Mraz of Bridgeport, Conn.; three sons, Woodrow Ballew of Burnsville, Elmer Ballew of Germantown, Md. and Lee Ballew of Clarksburg, Md.; two stepsons, Walter Ballew of Hoquiam, Washington and John Ballew of Black Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Allen of Marion and Mrs. Sallie Caldwell of Miami, Florida; one brother, James McDowell of Burnsville; 41 grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren and 37 great great grandchildren. Also survive

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the South Estatoe Baptist Church. Revs. David Goodrum and John Gates officiated and burial was in the Patton Cemetery.

### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food, flowers, words of sympathy and every deed of kindness in our bereavement. Our special thanks to Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home for their kindness and services.

The George Webb Family

The family of A. Floyd Bryson wishes to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to friends and neighbors for the many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness during the illness and passing of our loved one. These acts of kindness seemed to sweeten the sorrow that at times seemed unbearable.

--Mrs. A. F. Bryson and family.

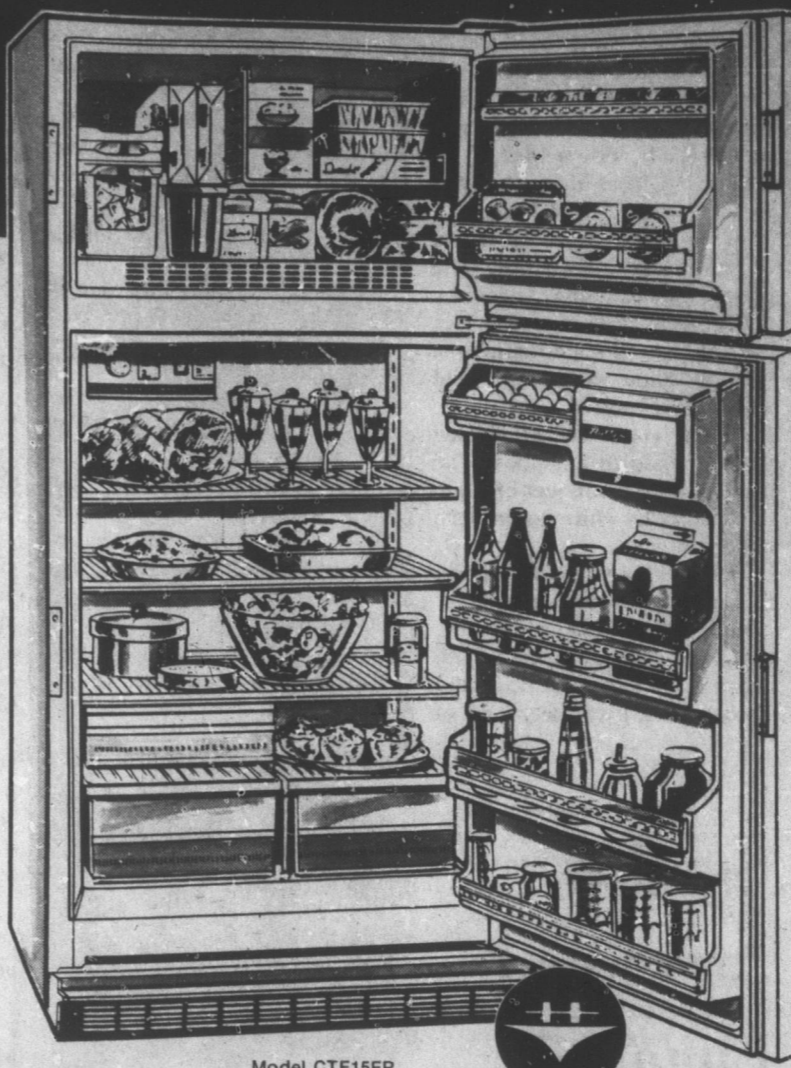
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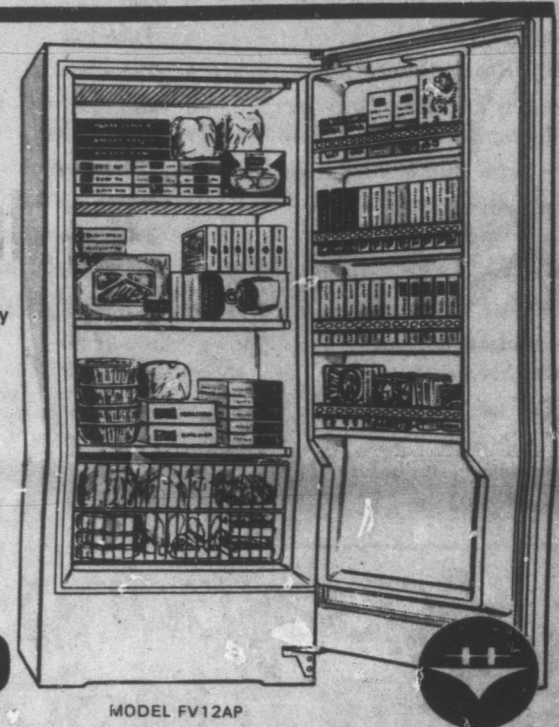
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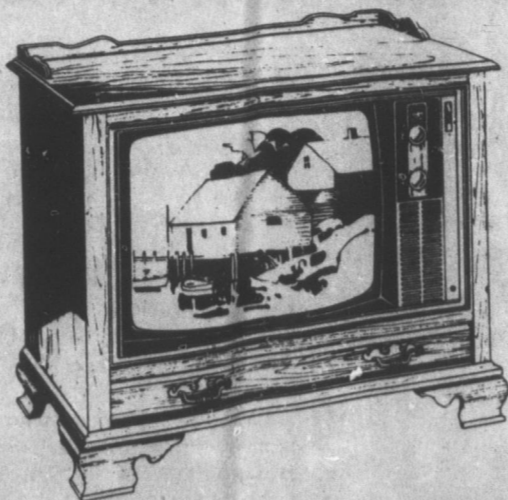


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