

ESC New Record System

Manager James Acuff of the Spruce Pine Employment Security Commission February 15, 1977 received microfilm records of unemployment payments during 1976. Unemployment benefits are subject to North Carolina income taxes and the new record system will make it possible for claimants to get information on their total UI payments last year.

Containing information on more than 500,000 persons who received benefits last year, the microfilm system was devised by the State Revenue Department and the Employment Security Commission.

Acuff said the reporting system is being made available because of the large number of requests for tax information being received by the two state agencies.

"When persons file claims for unemployment benefits they're always informed that they should keep records on the amounts received because these payments are subject to N.C. income taxes," reports Acuff.

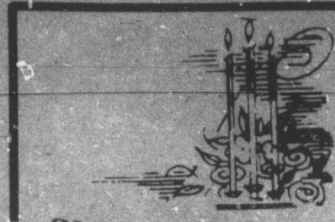
"However, we know many claimants do not keep records. For those who do, often records are lost or misplaced. "Now that we have microfilm of all payments, we can give individuals an accurate total of the benefits they received last year."

Persons who need this information can call or visit the nearest office of the Employment Security Commission. They must furnish their social security numbers because all individual payment records are maintained by these numbers.

Information contained on the microfilm will be used only to inform claimants of their total benefits, and it will not be available to persons other than claimants, according to ESC.

Note Of Thanks

The family of Burges Edwards would like to thank everyone for the love you showed us in the death of our loved one; for food and flowers and your company in our time of sorrow. We don't have enough words to express our gratitude and love for you. The Burges Edwards family



HERMAN WILSON

Herman Wilson, 29, of the Swiss Community died Monday night at his home of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was a native of Yancey County and life long resident here.

Surviving are the widow, Debbie Silver Wilson; a daughter, Miss Jennifer Wilson of the home; the parents, Horace and Gustie Crain Wilson of Burnsville; a sister, Mrs. Claude Burleson of Burnsville and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Vertie Crain of Burnsville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Rev. Howard Buchanan will officiate and burial will be in the Wilson Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

WILLIAM G. McMAHON

William Gaither McMahon, 58, of the Newdale Community of Yancey County died unexpectedly Saturday morning in a Spruce Pine hospital. A native of Madison County, he was a son of the late Dave and Renie Metcalf McMahon. A World War II veteran he had been living in Yancey County for 30 years where he was employed by Mohasco Mills of Burnsville for the past 28 years and was a deacon of the Blue Rock Baptist Church.

Surviving are the widow, Pauline Weatherman McMahon; a daughter, Mrs. John Smith of Morganton; two son, Paul McMahon of Burnsville and Johnny McMahon of Morganton; a step-son Ted Weatherman of Burnsville; four sisters, Mrs. Thelma Miller of Fullwood, California and Mrs. Grady Hensley of Mars Hill, Mrs. Lillie Proffitt of Knoxville, Tn., and Mrs. Ada McGee of Dayton, Ohio; two brothers, Ray McMahon of Washington, D.C. and Alvin McMahon of Mars Hill and 6 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Revs. Ronnie Geouge, Fred Tyler and Lawrence Westall officiated and burial was in the Newdale Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Heart Fund.

To These Farewell

DAVE WHITSON

Dave Whitson, 67, of the Red Hill section of Mitchell County died Sunday afternoon in a Burnsville hospital after a long illness. He was a native of Yancey County and the son of the late Tom and Missouri Bryant Whitson and a retired trucker.

Surviving are the wife, Nora Miller Whitson; a son, Leonard Whitson of Roanoke, Va.; two brothers, Fred Whitson of Green Mountain and Charles Whitson of Winter Grove, Florida; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Stevens and Mrs. Mary Robinson of Green Mountain, N.C. and Mrs. Ora Barnett of Elkton, Maryland; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Arthur Woody and Max Gortney officiated and burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

HENRY NORMAN

Henry Norman, 67, of Banner Elk, N.C. died unexpectedly Sunday morning in a Banner Elk hospital. He was a native of Avery County, the son of the late Arthur and Ellen Eller Norman. He was employed by Feldspar Milling Corp. at Micaville from 1940 until 1958 when he moved to East Brunswick, New Jersey and was associated with Con-Lux paint company until retirement in 1974 when he returned to Banner Elk.

Surviving are the wife, Anna Mae Carroway Norman; two sons, Allen Norman of the home and Charles Norman of Somerset, N.J.; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Cannon and Mrs. Floy Aldridge of Banner Elk, N.C., Mrs. Edna James of Elizabethton, Tenn. and Mrs. Thelma Mast of Valle Crucis, N.C.; four brothers, Willie and Richard Norman of North Wilkesboro, N.C., Claude Norman of Morganton, N.C. and Herman Norman of Clinton, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Renee, Luanne and Randy Norman.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Elk Valley Baptist Church. Revs. Harvey Pressnell and Richard Jones officiated and burial was in the Church cemetery.

A POEM

By Charlotte Barnette

God is ever beside me.
When I greet the sun,
God is ever beside me,
tho' my task be done.
Wand'ring down the
road of life tho' I
sometimes stray,
God is ever beside me,
showing me the way.

Give me the courage to
carry on. Give me the
strength I need.
Let not my footsteps
falter or lag, may I
be kind in words and
deeds.

In my heart I hear his
voice, "Share thy bread
with others." In my
heart I hear his voice,
"Call all men brothers."

God is ever beside me,
His hand doth me
sustain.

Ever brighter seems
the road thru his
glory and love di-
vine.

For God is ever beside
me. Peace now is mine.
pd

GROVER D. RAY

Grover D. Ray, 69, of the Low Gap Section of Yancey County died Tuesday night in an Asheville Veterans hospital following a brief illness. He was a native of Yancey County, a World War II veteran and a retired merchant. His wife, Marie R. Ray died in 1962.

He is survived by the stepmother, Mrs. Julia Pearl Ray and several cousins.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Jack Silver officiated and burial was in the Ray Family Cemetery at Low Gap.

Armed Force News Report

Army Specialist Four Edward D. Roberts, 19, son of Mrs. Carroll Barnes, Route 2, Burnsville, N.C. recently was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

A squad leader in Battery C, 2nd Battalion of the division's 5th Air Defense Artillery, Spec. Roberts entered the Army in June 1975.

The specialist is a 1975 graduate of North Buncombe High School.



'Junior Miss Snowflake'

Sherri Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jap Phillips of Burnsville, was crowned Junior Miss Snowflake 1977. The pageant which was sponsored by Little Miss Pageants was held at the Holiday Inn West, Asheville, on Saturday, February 5. There were twenty-six contestants competing for various titles.

Sherri, a student at East Yancey Middle School, is president of the Student Council, member of the Beta Club, and a member of the cheering squad.

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MTI Offers Photo Course

Mayland Technical Institute is offering a photo course for all who are interested in getting the best from the camera and film that they have. Participants will learn how by shooting pictures; mixing chemicals and developing film; enlarging prints; and finishing the photos.

The course will be taught at the Burnsville Learning Center by Brian Westveer. Mr. Westveer's work has appeared in

"Life," "Photography Annual," "Modern Photography," "Popular Photography," and is regularly featured in regional magazines and newspapers.

Registration for the course is March 1 at the Burnsville center. Classes will be held in the evening with field trips scheduled to meet the needs of the students. Wayne Phillips may be contacted at the Center for details.

Photo by Brian Westveer

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