



R.B. PATE

R.B. (Sam) Pate, 51, of the Schronce Creek Community of Yancey County was killed Thursday afternoon, July 14, in the Double Islands section of Yancey County when he came in contact with a high voltage electrical line while relocating the line. A native of Yancey County, he was a son of Fannie Wilson Pate of Greensboro and the late Frank Pate, and was employed by M.B. Haynes Electrical Contractors of Asheville.

Surviving in addition to the mother are three sons, Ricky and Jody Pate of Burlington, N.C. and Richard B. Pate of Greensboro, N.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Frost of Asheville and Mrs. Catherine Bush of Weaver-ville; four brothers, Molt Pate of Burnsville and Alvin, Dewey and Lloyd Pate of Greensboro.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Rev. Howard Buchanan officiated and burial was in the Church cemetery.

RICHARD LEE BAKER

Richard Lee Baker, 29, of Shelby died Friday at his home. He was a native of Burnsville and had been living in Shelby for the past four years. A 1966 graduate of Cane River High School and a Vietnam War Veteran, he was the son of Lee and Ivory Anglin Baker.

In addition to the parents he is survived by the wife, Linda Riddle Baker; a daughter, Melissa Baker; two sisters, Mrs. Willie Jobe and Mrs. Howard Laws of Burnsville; a brother, Randy Baker of Burnsville; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Anglin and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Julia Baker of Burnsville.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Bakers Creek Baptist Church. Revs. Niram Phillips and Perry Norton officiated and burial was in the Baker Cemetery on Bakers Creek.

JOHNNY CAPELL

Johnny Capell, 59, of Route 2, Ridgewood Hgts., Duncan, South Carolina, a retired veteran of the U.S. Army and former employee of

BOOK REVIEW

By

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THE THORN BIRDS

by Colleen McCullough. Pp. 560. 1977. Harper and Row, Publishers, N.Y.

The Thorn Birds, by Colleen McCullough, is a bittersweet saga of a close-knit Australian family, and their trials and tribulations, loves and joys, during the early part of this century. For three generations the story unfolds around all the characters who must each fulfill his own destiny, even at the cost of death to his ambitions, love and life.

The central figures are Meggie Cleary, the only daughter in the Cleary family of eight boys, and the handsome, ambitious priest, Ralph de Bricassart. Although they both were far apart in distance, education, temperament and social background, there was a strange sort of fate that drew them together. It was almost as if the gods were looking down and laughing at the poor lovers caught up in a web of emotions, circumstances and false ambitions. Like the old Celtic legend of the bird with the thorn in its breast, singing its heart out while it was dying, because it had to-it was driven to do it, so the lovers created their own problems (thorns), and never stopped to count the cost. In the end, all they could do was to suffer the pain, and tell themselves it was worth it.

In reality, *The Thorn Birds* is a story of retribution, as the characters pay dearly for their misdeeds. Fate takes its toll in full. "Although the mills of the gods grind slowly, they grind exceedingly fine."

Greek poet

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To These Farewell

Davis Electrical Company died Thursday, July 14, at 6:45 a.m. at the Allen Bennett Hospital after a long illness. A native of Greenville County, son of the late Robert and Essie Christopher Capell, he was a member of the Lyman United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Louise Blake Bennett Capell (formerly of Yancey County); a step-daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett Turner of Jakarta, Indonesia; three half-brothers. Norman

Waters of Simpsonville, Arthur and Alex Bolter of Greer; a sister, Mrs. Pauline Antley of Duncan; three half-sisters, Mrs. Minnie Hawkins of Travelers Rest, Mrs. Sara Knight and Mrs. Ethel Hudson of Simpsonville and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 17, at 4 o'clock at the Wood Mortuary by the Rev. Gorge Wilson and the Rev. Ray Dowis. Burial was in Wood Memorial Park.

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