

To These Farewell

Benjamin Biggerstaff

Benjamin E. Biggerstaff, 90, of Spruce Pine died Wednesday in Spruce Pine Community Hospital after an extended illness.

He was a retired farmer and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dock Biggerstaff.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Thomas Biggerstaff; seven sons, Ralph Biggerstaff of Pasadena, Tex., Lewis, Ray, Jimmy and Benny Biggerstaff of Spruce Pine, Paul and Jack Biggerstaff of Burnsville; a daughter, Ann Gurley of Spruce Pine; two stepdaughters, Betty Smith of Thomasville and Edith Page of High Point; two stepsons, Frank Carpenter of Spruce Pine and Junior Carpenter of Thomasville; and 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday in Mount Carmel Baptist Church of which he was a member. Revs. Frank Ellis, R.M. Cassity and Jim Mizell officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Garfield W. Hensley

Garfield W. Hensley, 86, of 18 Winding Road, Asheville, died unexpectedly Wednesday in a Henderson County hospital.

A native of Yancey County and a resident of Asheville for 44 years, he was a retired farmer. He was a son of the late Robert and Sarah Phillips Hensley.

Surviving are four sons, Paul, Hall J., and Harley J. Hensley of Asheville and Waymon Hensley of Pontiac, Mich.; a daughter, Inez Deyton of Asheville; a brother, Mack Hensley of Bee Log; 11 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Grassy Branch Baptist Church. Revs. Kenneth Ridings, G.A. McCurry and Allison Robinson officiated and burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Tom Roland

Tom T. Roland, 68, of Reservoir Road, Marion, died Monday at his home after a short illness. A native of McDowell County, he was a son of the late Lee and Julie McCormick Roland and was a retired employee of Drexel Enterprises. He was a member of Cross Memorial Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Kay Simmons of Burnsville and Rena Bradshaw of Marion; three brothers, Arnold, Albert and Paul Roland of Marion; a sister, Millie Staton of Black Mountain and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Garden Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Don Guffey officiated and burial was in Pleasant Gardens Cemetery.

Susie Ledbetter

Funeral services for Susie Towe Ledbetter, formerly of Fairview Road, Asheville, who died Sunday, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Williams Funeral Chapel. The Rev. G.A. McCurry officiated and burial was in Green Hills Cemetery.

A native of Yancey County and a Buncombe county resident most of her life, Mrs. Ledbetter was a retired practical nurse. She was the wife of William C. Ledbetter who died in 1963 and was a member of Blitmore Chapter No. 38, Order of the Eastern Star.

There are no known immediate survivors.

Nathan Garland

Nathan Garland, 93, of Unicoi, Tennessee, formerly of Yancey and Mitchell Counties died Wednesday in a Johnson City, Tenn. hospital after an extended illness.

A native of Carter County, Tenn., he was a son of the late Dave and Jane Lewis Garland and was a member of Union Memorial Church in Unicoi. He was a retired farmer and was the husband of Mercy Griffith who died in 1961.

Surviving are seven daughters, Myrtle Hollifield and Eula Johnson of Bakersville, Lola Gage of Spruce Pine, Gertha Gage of Unicoi, Monnie Love of Erwin, Tenn., Marie Parkey of Harrimon, Tenn. and Wanda Riddle of Burnsville; four sons, Earl Garland of Green Mountain, Burl Garland of Bakersville, Ross Garland of Charleston, S.C. and Lloyd Garland of Unicoi; 20 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Henline-Hughes Funeral Home. Rev. Lee Pitman officiated and burial was in Griffith Cemetery.

Allie Smith

Allie Smith, 89, of 821 Sunset Hill, Marion, died Wednesday in a Marion hospital after an extended illness.

A former resident of Blue Rock Community of Yancey County, she was the wife of the late Charles Smith. She was a daughter of the late Sam and Julia Edge Robinson.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Hall of Weaverville and Mrs. Glenn Stewart of Elizabethton, Tenn.; two sons, Sam Smith of Marion and Bill Smith of Newport News, Va.; three sisters, Ollie Boone and Mrs. Troy Hilliard of Micaville and Mrs. Lawson Branch of Spruce Pine; 12 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Blue Rock Baptist Church in Yancey County of which she was a member. Revs. Ronnie Gouge and Billy Bryant officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Douschka Reynolds

Douschka "Dock" Reynolds, 82, of Marion died Tuesday in a Marion Hospital. A native of Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Captain William B. and Mary Elizabeth Allison Moore. She was the wife of the late Jack Lee Reynolds, Sr.

Surviving are a son, Jack Lee Reynolds, Jr. of Nebo; two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Warner of West Asheville and Mrs. Henry Willis of Marion; a grandson and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday in Westmoreland-Hawkins Funeral Chapel with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Russell Brinkley

Russell L. Brinkley, 73, of 92 Michigan Avenue, Asheville died Friday in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness.

A native of Yancey County, he had been a resident of Buncombe county since 1928. He was a son of the late James and Sallie Honeycutt Brinkley and he attended First Alliance Church. He retired in 1970 as a driver for Continental Trailways where he had been employed for 27 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Sams Brinkley; a son, Donald Brinkley, a student at M.I.T. at Boston, Mass.; a brother, Ted Brinkley of Candler; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home. Revs. Robert Short, Douglas Peterson and Ralph Easterly officiated and burial was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Norman Franklin

Funeral services for Norman Franklin, 60, of Sandhurst Drive, Asheville, were held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home.

A native of Yancey County and a resident of Buncombe County since 1946, he was the son of the late Hiram and Lizzie Hensley Franklin. He was a retired salesman from Pierce-Young-Angel Co. where he had worked for 28 years. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II and was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian Henderson Franklin; four sons, Homer, Tommy and Larry Franklin of Asheville, Mickey Franklin of Cherry Point; two sisters, Arphine Harris of Spartanburg, S.C. and Cora Cutshaw of Marshall; two brothers, Ray Franklin of Asheville and Junior Franklin of Spartanburg and six grandchildren.

Rev. John A. Petty officiated at the services and burial was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Carolyn Washlefske

Carolyn J. Pierce Washlefske, 36, of Detroit, Michigan, died unexpectedly Thursday in a Detroit hospital of an apparent heart attack.

A native of Yancey County and a resident of Detroit for the past 20 years, she was the daughter of Margaret Rice.

Surviving in addition to her mother is her husband, Orvil Washlefske; a daughter, Sandra Rene Pierce of the home; a stepson, Billy Washlefske of the home; a half sister Anita Murphy of Burnsville; and the grandmother, Stella Rice of Burnsville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Charles Willis officiated and burial was in the Carroway Cemetery.

Health Dept.

Feb. 8, Thurs., Women's Health-Dr. McGahey	8:00-11:00
Feb. 9, Fri., Child Health-Dr. Pope	8:00-2:00
Feb. 12, Mon., Immunization	8:30-12:00
Feb. 12, Mon., Nurse Screening-Bev Hill	8:00-11:00 1:00-3:00
Feb. 13, Tues., Child Health-Dr. Cort	8:00-12:00
Feb. 14, Wed., Nurse Screening-Bev Hill	9:00-11:00 1:00-3:00
Feb. 14, Wed., Women's Health	8:00-11:00
Feb. 15, Thurs., Young Adult Clinic	3:00-5:00
Feb. 16, Fri., Eye Clinic (by app't. only)	8:00-11:00

Salesman

Is Honored

John Dale, Route 2, Burnsville, was recently honored by Knapp-King-Size Corporation of Brockton, Mass.

Knapp is celebrating its 58th year as a manufacturer and distributor of footwear selling directly to wearers through local, independent salespersons. In such a capacity, Mr. Dale satisfactorily served his customers in this area and in appreciation for his ability, cooperation, loyalty and friendship, he received a Lapel Pin signifying his membership in the 10 Years of Knapp Service Club.

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Thank you for the food, cards, flowers and prayers and especially for the sympathy expressed during the loss of our mother.

The Ethel Adkins Family

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ABOUT 80 driver education representatives and supervisors from the transportation department's Division of Motor Vehicles examined a bus equipped with new features last week in Raleigh while attending seminar. State Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw, far left, is shown with school bus trainers from western North Carolina: first row, from left, Adam Bartlett, Joe Bennes, Wilbur Woodall, Don Bridges; second row, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Elbert

Peters, Jr.; Field Supervisor C.E. Jones; Charles Thornburg; John Fisher, whose territory assignment includes Yancey, Madison and Mitchell Counties, with a total of 161 school buses; Lester Wright; Don Hiatt and Worth McDonald, Director of Traffic Safety Education; third row, Thurman Whitaker, Assistant Director of Traffic Safety Education; Bryan Cooke, Scott Bunting, Norris Gornto; Joe Ware; David Pruett; Joe Bost and C.G. Billings.

School Bus Trainers Review New Safety Devices

North Carolina Department of Transportation personnel currently are developing training procedures for school bus drivers in the use of new safety devices on the vehicles.

The North Carolina Board of Education has approved installation of four new mirrors on all of the state's 12,000 public school buses. In addition, walking control arms are to be added to buses transporting kindergarten and first grade pupils (approximately 8,000 buses).

About 80 driver education representatives and supervisors from the DOT's Division of Motor Vehicles examined a bus equipped with the new mirrors and control arm in Raleigh last week while at an employee development seminar.

State Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw urged the drivers education representatives, who conduct driver improvement clinics and teach defensive driving courses as well as train school bus drivers, to be prepared to implement the new procedures as soon as the equipment is installed on the vehicles. He also praised the "spirit of cooperation" between the motor vehicles division and education officials throughout the state.

"And I know each of you will continue your outstanding efforts in training safe and competent drivers for the largest school bus fleet in the nation," Bradshaw told the group.

Elbert L. Peters, Jr., Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said the agency "is working closely with education officials to implement use of these new safety devices to achieve our mutual goal of transporting pupils safely to and from school."

Peters noted that the driver education representatives last year developed an

audio/visual presentation on pupil transportation. The program is called "Willie the Turtle" and is designed for kindergarten through fourth grade pupils. They regularly hold school bus driver safety meetings, discuss safety with pupils and teachers and consult with school administrators.

Worth McDonald, Director of Traffic Safety Education

for the motor vehicles agency, heads the driver education program.

"Our job now is going to be to determine which is the best procedure in training a driver to use these mirrors," McDonald said. "This includes deciding upon the order in which the mirrors will be used, the stage in the passenger stop when the drivers will look at them and

how many times the mirrors should be monitored."

He noted that the walking control arm will be extended when the driver opens the door, "so this aspect of the new features would not require additional training."

McDonald said the new mirrors eliminate "virtually all of the blind areas around the bus and should greatly increase a driver's visibility."

Eagle Scouts Honored

Ray Dean, President of the Daniel Boone Council, announced that the sixty Eagle Scouts of 1978 will be honored at the Council Recognition Banquet to be held at the Inn On The Plaza on Friday, February 23. The 1978 Class of Eagles will be named in honor of W.C. Hennessee of Sylva who has devoted many years to Scouting and youth in the Daniel Boone Council.

A past President of the Council, Mr. Hennessee is a member of the Advisory Council. He is a member and past Chairman of the Board of C.S. Harris Community Hospital, member of the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb College, member of the Board of Trustees of Bowman Gray Baptist Memorial Hospital in Winston Salem. He is chairman of the board of W.C. Hennessee Lumber Company in Sylva.

The Council Banquet program will include the introduction of 1979 Board and Officers of the Council, a nationally known speaker. One of the highlights of the evenings will be the presentation of the 1978 Eagle Class. A special Council Neckerchief will be presented to each Eagle.

Among Scouts earning the Eagle Award in 1978 are 5 Scouts from the Toe River District: George Magdanz of Banner Elk; Arthur Edge, Jerry Layell, and Charles McLawhon of Burnsville.



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