

Deaths And Funerals

JIMMY S. PENNY

Jimmy S. Penny, 48, of Wilmington, died Jan. 21 in Pinnacle Care Center after an extended illness.

The funeral was held Jan. 25 in the Coble Ward-Smith Oleander Chapel, with Rev. Richard Phillips officiating. Burial was in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

Penny was born in Columbus County on Jan. 2, 1940, the son of James Frankie Penny of Whiteville and the late Gladys Sellars Penny. He was a member of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church. Penny was formerly employed with Durham Life Insurance Company as an agency manager and most recently was a salesman with Neuwirth Motors.

Survivors in addition to his father are his wife, Mrs. Edith Kennedy Penny of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Roger (Melanie) McLean of Leland and Mrs. Bruce (Laura) Courtney of Wilmington; two brothers, John F. Penny of High Point and Billy F. Penny of Wilmington; and two grandsons.

TERRI BEST ODOM

Terri Best Odom, 30, of Route 3, Leland, died Jan. 22 at her residence.

The funeral was held Jan. 25 in Andrews Mortuary Market Street Chapel by Rev. Thomas Noe. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Born in Wilmington on Sept. 28, 1957, she was the daughter of Annette Johnson Holloman of Castle Hayne and Herbert Best.

In addition to her mother and stepfather, James Holloman, survivors include her husband, Talmadge Eugene Odom of the home; a daughter, Katrina Best Odom of the home; a sister, Donna Hewlett of Wilmington; two brothers, Richard Edward Holloman and Jimmy C. Holloman, both of Castle Hayne; and her maternal grandfather, A.C. Johnson of Wilmington.

DEAN A. PEARSON

Dean A. Pearson of Long Beach died Jan. 21.

A memorial service was held Jan. 23 in Oak Island Presbyterian Church with Dr. Brian Weger officiating.

Pearson was coordinator of the Southport Annex for Brunswick Community College.

Survivors include four sons, three daughters and several grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

WILLIE (BILL) G. GAUSE

Willie (Bill) G. Gause, 78, of Route 1, Hallsboro, died Jan. 17 in New Hanover Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

The funeral was held Jan. 19 in

New Britton Baptist Church, Ash, by Rev. Anson Smith and Rev. Eugene Evans, with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Layton Gause of Whiteville; two daughters, Mrs. Reba Tyson of Whiteville and Mrs. Diane Stubbs of Hallsboro; two brothers, Earl Faulk of Chadbourn and Jim Ward of Southport; a sister, Mrs. Annie S. Frank of Chadbourn; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

BEULAH IRENE MALONE

Beulah Irene Malone, 74, of Southport, died Jan. 23 in Doshier Memorial Hospital.

The funeral was to be held Jan. 27 at Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Oakland, Md., with burial in Garrett County Memorial Gardens.

EMILY BATTEN MALPASS

Emily Batten Malpass, 70, of Wilmington, died Jan. 25 in New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

The funeral was to be held Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Coble Ward-Smith Oleander Chapel, Wilmington, by Dr. Lamar Brooks and Rev. Michael Macon. Burial was to be in the Lake Waccamaw Cemetery.

Born in Columbus County on Oct. 26, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Samuel J. and Agnes Summerlin Batten. Mrs. Malpass was an active member of Winter Park Baptist Church and was formerly a claims investigator with Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

Survivors include her husband, Harris E. Malpass of the home; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Judy M. Ozment of Greensboro, Mrs. Sara M. Gilliland of Asheboro and Mrs. Jane M. Norris of Columbia, S.C.; a brother, Gordon Lee Batten of Shallotte; and a sister, Mrs. Annie Mae Hooks of Whiteville.

LUCY BENTON PURVIS

Lucy Benton Purvis, 78, of Winabow, died Jan. 24 in Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport.

The funeral was to be held 11 a.m. Jan. 27 in New Hope Presbyterian Church, of which she was a member, with Rev. Jan Smook officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born in Brunswick County, Mrs. Purvis was the daughter of the late James and Rachel Jane Benton.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Edythe Smith of Southport and Miss Ethel Purvis of the home; a son, Dr. Albert Columbus Purvis of Tifton, Ga.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Meta Turner of Effingham, S.C., and Mrs. Rhetta Mae Turner of Florence, S.C.; two stepsons, Edward Layton Purvis of Florence, S.C., and Franklin Eugene Purvis of Sumter, S.C.; four grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; and a close companion, Miss Dora Mae Rabon of the home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Hope Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund.



Kingsway Trio Slated

The Kingsway Trio of Shallotte will appear at a gospel sing Sunday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. at Peace Memorial Baptist Church in Winnabow. Members are (from the left) Todd Amerson, Dot Worth and Randy Worth.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

District Superintendent Speaks

Dr. Sam McMillan of Wilmington will lead revival/renewal services at Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte Sunday through Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. each day.



A former Wilmington resident, McMillan has returned to the area as superintendent of the Wilmington District. The public is invited to participate

in these spiritual renewal services. Camp United Methodist Church is located on U.S. 17 in Shallotte. Rev. Dr. Stan Smith is the minister.

To Hold Dinner

New Britton Baptist Church in Ash, the Kingtown community, will serve pork barbecue dinners Saturday, Feb. 6, from 11 a.m. through the supper hour.

Plates will cost \$3.50 each and will include pork barbecue, coleslaw, candied yams and hushpuppies, said spokesman Olive King.

Bring Back Emphasis On Ethics

According to a recent Newsweek article, the excessive greed and avarice which so characterized the decade of the 1980s is over.

Gone are the young money changers whose inside trading made fortunes overnight. Gone are the days of the oil boom making Texas a center of population, power and influence. Gone are the TV preachers with their gold-plated bathroom fixtures and air-conditioned dog house. Gone is the "you can have it all" philosophy of the yuppies.

Newsweek's article seemed to suggest that greed has suddenly gone out of vogue Hurray!

What an epitaph for a decade! Our greed caught up with us. How could our society have gotten so off-base? Greed suggests having more than one needs or can possibly use. Why wasn't there a challenge to this ethical mongrel? When Ivan Boesky wrote in 1985, "Greed is not a bad thing."

Surely, we who are Christians know better. Greed and avarice are one of the classical seven deadly sins. Yet, for what remains a mystery, we have watched the gap widen between the wealthy and the poor in America. The Church has not screamed bloody murder, and there has been no public outcry from the Christian community as the yuppie philosophy swept the country. This sophisticated, more grown-up philosophy of the "me" generation's creed should have been vigorously challenged years ago.

From its birth, this generation has believed "I deserve it all." This coincide with the decline of the ethics and value system which produced the Peace Corps and VISTA. In a word play on the popular phrase from the Kennedy inauguration speech, as children the yuppie began asking not "What can I do for my country?" but rather "What can my parents, teachers and country do for me?"

After college, during job interviews, they asked, "What can your company do for me if I go to work for it?" Fast money and excessive luxury became the brass ring for the young professional. It is not surprising that in such an atmosphere anything approximating Christian ethics collapsed.

The Church needs to take the offensive in matters of ethics. Surely the teachings of Christ call into question any notion of avarice and greed, no matter how carefully packaged. The story of the rich man who built extra barns—on the day of his eternal accountability—is just an example. The



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lack of caring for the poor and needy simply will not wash in any Christian creed. All lack of concern for issues of justice will never square with the Judeo-Christian tradition, the one espoused by our country's founders. How has such a plight come about? Has the church become so intimidated by the culture and so enamored by its glitzy ways that it refuses to challenge such sinful notions as greed? It would seem so.

That's why the church of the '90s needs to assume its responsibility to teach and promote true Christian ethics and hopefully prevent any recurrence of the ethical disaster of the '80s.

(Rev. Stan Smith is the minister of Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte.)

CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS

First Men's Union Is Saturday

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT

The first Ocean View Association Men's Union of the 1988 fiscal year will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Longwood, where Rev. M.C. Herring is pastor. The event is open to the men of the association's 15 churches and their families.

Rev. Thomas Nelson or alternate J.D. Green will give the devotional message on "The Value of Christian Education in Our Churches," which will be explained by Deacon J.R. Frink or William Flythe. W.J. Smith or alternate R.D. Frink will give an introductory sermon, followed by a discussion of the church covenant by Deacon James Marlowe or alternate Deacon Malachi Stanley. The closing temperance sermon will be preached by Herman Hill or alternate M.A. Fullwood.

Singing Scheduled

A fifth-Sunday singspiration program will be held 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church of Grissetown, with the senior department in charge.

Rev. James Smith is pastor of the host church.

During the mission offering, the Little Dynamics will present several musical numbers, accompanied by pianist Crystal Stanley.

The officers, moderator and Youth Supervisor Arvella Marlowe challenge you to come out and see positive proof that a peaceful, progressive and inspirational generation of youth is emerging in our midst.

For sale will be the youths' book,

"Our Day at Camp Applying His Word."

Planning Begins

Planning has begun for an April 16 one-day session at First Baptist Church in Whiteville for District 6, Group 2, Brunswick, Columbus and New Hanover counties. The event will be hosted by the Columbus County churches, who will provide lunch and hospitality.

Annie R. Bryant, Ethel Johnson of Columbus County and I led a recent planning meeting.

A special feature of the session will be the presentation of a skit by the 300 active youths in the group. It will be coordinated by Arvella Marlowe, Supervisor, and her assistant, Dorothy Lee Frink. Rehearsal dates will be announced for the program of songs, verse and dramatic expression.

Laura Baker of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, secretary, attended the meeting, accompanied by Martha and Cora Johnson. She will be sending programs to associational churches.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Rev. Merv John, Shanetta Hewett, Charles Johnson, Adrean Johnson, Sandra Nyers, S.D. Bernard Jr., Ellis Bryant, and belatedly, Doretha Johnson.

Tune In

Tune in to WVCB Radio Station (1410 AM) in Shallotte on Thursday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10:15 a.m. for the Cedar Grove Area News.

On Sunday, listen at 3:30 p.m. for the Moments of Inspiration gospel music program.

Weekly Scripture

The scripture for the week comes from Psalm 68:4, "Sing praises to the Lord! Raise your voice in song to him who rides upon the clouds! Jehovah is his name—Oh, rejoice in his presence!"

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Do You Think Planning Your Own Funeral Is Being Pessimistic?



Many people would answer yes. However, many of those same people have insurance for their health, life, home, car, along with wills, trust funds, etc. In our society we're accustomed to preparing ourselves, financially, for the future. But, we often fail to prepare in other ways by overlooking our emotional needs.

Our booklet, *A Guide To Planning Ahead*, is designed to help families openly discuss their feelings about death and their individual preferences in regard to funeral services, burial or cremation. It may sound

pessimistic at first, but the many families who have used this booklet tell us it helped them become closer. They tell us it helped them make important decisions, together, in a calm and rational way, resulting in peace of mind regarding the future.

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