

Opening Of New Mill Pool Marked By Tragedy As Branham Boy Loses Life

Body of 15-Year-Old Everett School Pupil Recovered After Dive; Efforts To Revive Him Fail

Richard Branham Killed By Truck

And Stewart Branham Is Seriously Injured At Ridgeway Saturday.

Richard Branham, 15-year-old Ridgeway high school student, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Branham of the Centerville community near Ridgeway, was killed early Saturday when the truck in which he and three other young boys were riding turned over on the highway at Ridgeway.

Stewart Branham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Branham, was seriously injured and was taken to the Columbia hospital where it was reported he had a fractured skull.

The truck was said to have gotten out of control and overturned on the highway, crushing the boys. Richard was hurried to the office of Dr. J. F. Dobson at Ridgeway and rushed on to the McCants hospital in Winnsboro, but was dead when he arrived at the hospital.

Besides his parents, Richard is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Herbert, Jr., Ferris, Vernon Odell, and Horace Lamar of the home, Harvey, U. S. army in France, Alfred, U. S. Navy at sea; Mrs. Helen Leonora Kelly, Mrs. Ruby Elmer Dove, Mrs. Ruth Peake; Miss Janie Mae Branham and Mrs. Mildred Branham of Lugoff.

Services were held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Church of the Later Day Saints at Centerville. Interment was in Smyrna cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Broom Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Mary J. Broom, 79, widow of the late D. A. Broom, of Winnsboro, died suddenly at her home about one-thirty Monday. Mrs. Broom had been as well as usual, and as usual, she had a noon nap, when she died. She had been a semi-invalid for a number of years.

Surviving are three brothers and one sister; J. A. and Albert Richardson, both of Columbia, Tom Richardson of Simpson, and Mrs. K. L. Rogers of Florence; a niece, Mrs. Bessie B. Richardson, of New York City, whom Mrs. Broom had raised and a grandniece, Mrs. R. J. White of Brownville, Texas.

Funeral services were held at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. F. Surlis, assisted by the Rev. A. M. Martin of Sion Presbyterian church, and interment was in the Methodist cemetery.

Funeral services were held Monday at Smyrna Methodist church near Centerville, conducted by the Rev. Edward N. Gunter of the Nazarene church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The opening of the new Winnsboro Mills community swimming pool, which is to be dedicated as a memorial to veterans of World War II, was marked by tragedy Monday afternoon for a 15-year-old boy.

Seven minutes after the formal opening of the pool at 2 p. m., the body of William Lee (Peck) Branham, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Branham of 1609 Winnsboro Mills, was recovered. He had dived into an area 10½ feet deep and his body was recovered almost immediately after he failed to come to the surface.

Immediate and continuous efforts to revive the boy by artificial respiration failed. A pulmotor brought from Columbia by Chief A. McC. Marsh of the Columbia Fire Department and applied within 40 minutes of the time the body was recovered, also had no effect. The pulmotor was used for nearly two hours.

Youngsters who had come to participate in the pool's opening were soon out of the water after the tragedy struck. A group directed by Dr. C. S. McCants applied artificial respiration on the body, which was laid at the side of the pool. An interested group of spectators, standing outside the wire fence surrounding the pool, viewed the efforts to revive the boy.

It could not be immediately determined whether the boy died by drowning or through an injury to the head, reported to be near the right ear. Plans for an autopsy, however, were dropped after Dr. L. E. Madden of Columbia signed a statement attributing the death to drowning. Dr. Madden expressed the opinion that an autopsy would be of no material value.

The official cause of death was expected to be pronounced at a Coroner's inquest Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A pupil at Everett schools, the boy is survived by his parents, and several aunts and uncles.

BRANHAM SERVICES

Funeral services for William Lee Branham, Jr., 15, who drowned Monday at the new community swimming pool were held at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from Stephen Green Memorial Baptist church.

Services were conducted by the Rev. J. I. McGill, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Ellenburg and the Rev. E. N. Gunter. Interment followed in Winnsboro Mills cemetery.

Mrs. Lucy Braswell Dies at Winnsboro

Mrs. Lucy Peak Braswell, 55 died at her home in Winnsboro late Saturday night. She had not been sick and succumbed to a sudden heart attack. She was born and reared near Blaney, but had lived in Winnsboro for 23 years. Her husband Burrell Braswell, died eight months ago.

Mrs. Braswell is survived by the following children: Mrs. Colie Branham, Mrs. George Belle Gunter, Mrs. Ben Dietz, Mrs. Lewis Summer, Lewis Braswell and Ezell Braswell, all of Winnsboro, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Smyrna Methodist church near Centerville, conducted by the Rev. Edward N. Gunter of the Nazarene church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. M. Boulware Dies Saturday

Winnsboro Woman, Mother of Colonel Who Is Jap Prisoner, Passes Here At Age of 85.

Mrs. Mary McMaster Boulware, 85, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Palmer A. Matthews, Saturday morning, after an extended period of ill health. She was a native of Winnsboro the widow of the late F. B. Boulware and had made her home in Fairfield for the greater part of her life.

Mrs. Boulware is survived by the following children: Mrs. Hattie Durham, Columbia; Mrs. J. M. Gettys, Camden; Mrs. P. A. Matthews, Winnsboro; Colonel Marcus B. Boulware, now in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines; Dr. John Hugh Boulware, veterans hospital, Augusta, Ga.; Dr. R. H. Boulware, Rock Hill. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, conducted by Dr. S. C. Byrd, were held from Sion Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon and interment was in the Mount Olivet cemetery, nine miles from Winnsboro.

Active pall bearers were Dick Boulware, Frank Matthews, Riley Gettys, Riley McMaster, Dr. William Durham, Jasper Gettys, T. K. McDonald, S. E. Lyles. Honorary: Dr. J. A. Huestess, Dr. J. E. Douglas, J. H. Aiken, K. R. McMaster, C. A. Stevenson.

Mrs. Bankhead, 64, Dies at Blackstock

Mrs. Jennie Malinda Curry Bankhead, 64, prominent woman of the Hopewell Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, widow of J. Ross Bankhead, died at 9 o'clock this morning at her home, following an illness of some time.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon from the Hopewell A. R. P. church, with the Rev. W. A. Kennedy, officiating assisted by the Rev. T. F. Grier, minister of the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bankhead is survived by four sons and three daughters: Moffatt Bankhead, Rock Hill; Ross Bankhead, Blackstock; Joe Bankhead, with the army stationed at Fort Meade, Md.; James Bankhead, serving on overseas duty; Mrs. Mary Lee Carter, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Dora Tennant and Miss Maude Bankhead of Blackstock.

Mrs. Bankhead was the daughter of the late S. J. Curry and the late Mrs. Carrie Boyd Curry. She was born July 5, 1880, and was active in all church activities.

C. R. Brooks, 60, Dies Wednesday

C. R. Brooks, 60, died Wednesday morning at his home in Winnsboro after a year's illness. He was formerly employed at Winnsboro Mills.

Twice married, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Hudson Brooks, 9 children, one foster son and 3 step-children. 16 grandchildren and 1 sister also survive.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. H. F. Douglas, will be held Friday afternoon at 4 P. M. from the Church of God. Interment will be at the New Hope cemetery.

Winnsboro Man Is Killed in N. Africa



Winnsboro, South Carolina, March 8, 1944.

Sgt. Furman A. Boone, 29, 17th Field Artillery, Battery F, has been killed in action in defense of his country, according to the report received by his brother, Paul Boone, from the War Department. Sgt. Boone had been reported missing since February 14, 1943, in the vicinity of Sidi Bou Zid, Tunisia. No word had been received about him until this week, when he was reported killed in action by the War Department.

Sgt. Boone has one other brother in service, Grady L. Boone, G. M. 3/c, now stationed somewhere in the Atlantic. Sgt. Boone had been in the army for six years. He received his basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was among the first American troops landing in Africa, where he served until he was killed by the enemy.

Sgt. Boone is survived by 8 brothers and 2 sisters.

Mrs. J. L. Boyleston

Williston, Jan. 1.—Mrs. J. L. Boyleston, 66, died at her home near Williston this morning following a short illness. She was a lifelong resident of this community and a faithful member of Edisto Baptist church.

Funeral services will be held at Edisto Baptist church this Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with her pastor, the Rev. Robert Ussery, in charge. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Jasper Bolen of Winnsboro and Mrs. Otis Givens of Williston; two sons, Benson Boyleston of Williston and Coy Boyleston of Williston; two sisters, Mrs. Levy Bolen of Williston and Mrs. Henry Baker of London, Ky.; ten grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews; also a brother, Robert Johnson of Williston.

Branham Infant Dies In Hospital

Allen Randolph Branham, 11 months old, died Monday night in the Columbia hospital after an illness of ten days.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Branham; a sister, Ada Dolores Branham; a brother, Edward Washington Branham; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crosland, and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Branham of Lugoff.

Funeral services were held at the Pentecostal church at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Doby. Interment was in the Winnsboro Mills Village cemetery.

Sgt. Arrowsmith Killed In France

Former Carolina Football Star, Husband of Fairfield Girl, Makes Supreme Sacrifice In European Theater.

1st Sgt. Stanley DeWitt Arrowsmith, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Arrowsmith of Erie, Pa., was killed in action in France September 30, according to a message from the War Department, received by his wife, the former Miss Margaret Ligon, who makes her home with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Ligon, in the Bethel section of Fairfield county.

Sgt. Arrowsmith was a senior at the University of South Carolina, when he was inducted at Fort Jackson in January, 1941. He was sent to Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., in February for training, and in August '43, he was transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla., as an instructor. In May, '44 he went to Fort George Meade, Md., and after 3 weeks he left for Italy, and later was sent to France, where he was in active combat only three months before he paid the supreme sacrifice.

His widow, Mrs. Margaret Ligon Arrowsmith, is a member of the faculty of the Greenbrier School.

W. R. Ashford

William R. Ashford, 76, died suddenly about eleven o'clock Sunday morning. He had seemed as well as usual, and after a late breakfast, was reading the papers.

Funeral services were held at three o'clock Monday afternoon from his residence, and interment was in the family plot in the Crooked Run Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Ashford was born and reared in the Bethel section of Fairfield county, and had spent all his life in this community. His wife, who was Miss Ada Clark, predeceased him by a number of years.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rufus Castles and Mrs. L. B. Lewis, both of the Greenbrier section; two sons, William Ralph Jr. of Bethel, Wardell Ashford of Hamlet, N. C., fifteen grand children, and one great-grand child.

Two sisters also survive, Mrs. C. A. Robinson of Winnsboro and Miss Mamie Ashford of Columbia.

Pfc. Jefferson Boulware Killed In France

News has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Boulware from the War Department telling of their death of their son in action in France. Pfc. Boulware, prior to entering the service, had been connected with the Shivar Springs Company, Shelton, where he was first an employee in the plant and worked up to one of the super salesmen. Besides his parents he is survived by several sisters and brothers, and three of these brothers are in service. His wife, the former Estelle Smith, and two small children, one of whom the father had never seen, are making their home with her parents in Charleston.