

Lawrence M. Blair, Retired Business Man, Dies at Home

Funeral Services Friday For Prominent Fairfield Citizen.

Blairs, S. C., August 31 1949. (Special)—Lawrence M. Blair, 80, prominent retired business man, died at his home near Blairs Wednesday morning at 9:20 o'clock, after an illness of several months.

He was born and reared in the Blair community of Fairfield county, and was the son of the late William and Nancy McGill Blair. Until his retirement several years ago he owned and operated one of the largest general stores in the county, and also his farming activities were on a large scale. As a boy, age 16, he undertook his first business venture, a mercantile establishment at Strother, S. C. After operating this business for two or more years he sold it and entered the University of Kentucky where he graduated in Business Administration. Upon completing his course at the University he returned to his home at Blairs and again entered into the mercantile business and here began his long and successful business career.

His keen foresight as to financial trends won for him the confidence of the business world. The people of Newberry and Fairfield counties admired and respected his astute ability, his honesty and fairness in dealing with his fellow man, and often sought his advice pertaining to their financial and personal affairs. He always took the lead in those things which in his opinion would in any way contribute to the advancement of his community and state. In 1932, with the late John J. McMahan he sponsored the development of hydro-electric power on the Tiger, Enoree, and Broad Rivers, and it was through their efforts that in 1934 the General Assembly of South Carolina passed an act creating the Lyles Ford Tri-County Power Authority. Since 1934 he had served as a commissioner and secretary of the Authority.

He was a member of the Salem Presbyterian Church and for the past 35 years served as an Elder. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 A.M. Friday, September 2nd, from the Salem Presbyterian Church, Salem Cross Roads, Fairfield County, by his pastor, the Rev. W. R. Parvin, assisted by the Rev. John C. Blackburn, Columbia, and Rev. E. B. Wilkerson of Sumter, and interment will follow in the family plot of the church cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Blair, four sons, Lawrence A., William E., Ray M., and Frazier T. Blair; three daughters, Mrs. Valeria B. McWhirter, Mrs. Jessie B. Baldwin, and Miss Hallie Blair; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers will be A. F. Blair, J. B. Frazier, Jr., Ernest P. Blair, Olin Blair, Reed F. Long, J. Andy Jones and Hugh Mann.

Honorary pallbearers: Dr. E. H. Moore, A. E. Reese, L. G. Young, David W. Robinson, W. Davis Douglas, J. Morris Lyles, Kitt R. McMaster, Jim Aiken, W. K. Turner, W. W. Turner, T. E. Wilkes, W. H. Long, C. H. Ragsdale, Sr., Dan Duncan, Edgar Cromer, N. C. James, W. E. DeHihns, Frank F. Suber, and the Elders and Deacons of the Salem Presbyterian Church.

Dr. James Beaty Dies in Charlotte

Dr. James Stewart Beaty, 67, retired Rock Hill physician, died in Memorial hospital in Charlotte Saturday morning, following an illness of several weeks. He was born and reared in Winnsboro, a son of the late William C. Beaty and Elizabeth Stewart Beaty, and before moving to Rock Hill about 30 years ago, he practiced medicine here. Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Anna Cherry; one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Beaty, and five sons, James S., Jr., Mowbray, William, Cherry and Kitt Beaty, all of Rock Hill.

Great Falls Man Dies in Columbia

Edward Bishop, Sr., 55, of Great Falls, died last Thursday morning in the Veterans hospital in Columbia. 8/19/49

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Reptha Riding; a daughter, Carroll; two sons, Edward, Jr., and Earl Bishop; a grandson, five sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the First Baptist church of Great Falls by the former pastor, the Rev. C. H. Hamby. Burial was in the Great Falls cemetery.

Fred A. Boone Drowns at Lake Murray Sept. 24

Funeral Services Held At Stephen Greene Church.

Funeral services for Alexander Boone, who was drowned early Saturday morning, September 24, at Lake Murray, were conducted at 4:30 p.m. Monday from Stephen Greene Memorial Baptist church, Winnsboro, by the Reverend J. I. McGill, assisted by the Reverend P. H. McSwain. Interment was in the Mill cemetery.

Mr. Boone was born and reared in Chesterfield county and had only been living at Langley for the past six weeks. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 11 of Winnsboro and was also a member of Stephen Greene Memorial Baptist church of Winnsboro.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Nora Mincey Boone; three children, Joyce Boone, Spencer Boone and Montiene Boone, all of Langley; two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Taylor of Kannapolis, N. C., and Volina Melton of Ruby; seven brothers: R. A. Boone of Mebane, N. C., Paul Boone, Baxter Boone of Winnsboro, Gary Boone of Gastonia, N. C., S. N. and Clarence Boone of Warrenville, and Gardy Boone of New Orleans, La.

Vince H. Branham Centerville Man, Dies at Great Falls

Vince Harmey Branham, 63, died suddenly last Thursday of a heart attack, while at work in Great Falls. A carpenter by trade, he was born and reared in the Centerville section of Fairfield county. 1949

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Maggie Peake Branham; three daughters, Mrs. Ernestine Branham and Miss Nellie Branham, both of Ridgeway, and Mrs. Pearlina Belk of Winnsboro; six sons, Burl, Grover, James, Melvin, Calvin and Roosevelt Branham, all of Ridgeway; two sisters, Mrs. M. Rabon of Lugoff and Mrs. Mamie Watts of Ridgeway.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the Saunder's Creek Baptist church, with the Rev. J. D. Atkinson officiating, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Fairfield Native Dies in Charlotte

Chester, Nov. 9. — Rites for Holmes Hall Scott, 65, former principal of the Lewisville high school, who died at noon yesterday at the Memorial hospital in Charlotte after an illness of ten days, were to be conducted at 2 p. m. today at the Union ARP church in Richburg by the Rev. R. A. Lummus and the Rev. R. E. Larsen. Interment was to follow in the Evergreen cemetery here.

Mr. Scott was born at Mitford in Fairfield county, son of the late Dr. John Austin Scott and the late Arabel Holmes Scott. He was graduated from the University of South Carolina. He was superintendent of the Aiken city schools, Timmons ville city schools, Lancaster city schools, Mullin city schools, Huntersville (N. C.) city schools, Cornelius (N. C.) city schools, Bain academy, near Charlotte; Oakley Hall high school and principal of Lewisville high school before retiring recently.

He was a member of Union A. R. P. church in Richburg.

Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Jessie Thomas of Sylva, N. C.; one daughter, Mrs. William Hester Woods Baker, Jr., and one granddaughter, Angie Baker, both of Chester; three sisters, Mrs. W. T. Buice of Charlotte, Mrs. Edward McDowell of Leesburg, Fla., and Mrs. F. J. McMeekin of Monticello.

Mrs. Baker Dies Great Falls Home

Mrs. Lillie M. Baker, 53, died at her home at Great Falls late Saturday evening. Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Great Falls Pentecostal Holiness church by the Rev. Madden, assisted by the Rev. Knight. Burial was in the Great Falls cemetery. 8/19/49

Survivors include her husband, R. S. Baker, one daughter, Mrs. Sophie Roberts of Great Falls, one son, Willie W. Till of Winnsboro, one step-son, Dave Baker of Great Falls, one step-daughter, Mrs. Coleman Stagner of Charlotte. Seven grandchildren and four step-grandchildren also survive.

Military Rites Conducted For Leslie T. Banks

Chester, Feb. 13.—Special—Full military funeral services were conducted from Evergreen cemetery this afternoon for Leslie T. Banks, 25, of the U. S. Marine Corps, son of Mrs. Belle Grant Banks, formerly of Chester and the late Samuel Douglas Banks, of Rion, who was killed in action at Ryukus on Okinawa, June 10, 1945.

The services were in charge of the James Hemphill American Legion Post, No. 27., with Dr. Fritz C. Beach, pastor of Bethel Methodist church officiating. The firing squad and the bugler were members of Chester company, National Guard.

All flags in the city were flown today at half mast in young Banks' honor.

He was in service for six years and was in many of the major battles of the Pacific war theater.

He is survived by his widow, now Mrs. Lester Ipack, and daughter, Linda, of Kinston, N. C., his mother, Mrs. S. D. Banks of Rion the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Osborne Williamson, Orangeburg, Mrs. S. L. Howell, Columbia, Mrs. W. E. Cooper, Albany, Ga., S. D. Banks, Jr., Columbia and Larry Banks of Rion. Also five nieces and two nephews.

A Tribute To Mrs. D. V. Walker and A Sketch Of Momentous Events During Her Long Life

(By G. F. Patton) 1948

All Winnsboro was saddened by the death of Mrs. D. V. Walker on Thursday, March 11. Another link with the past is broken. She was of the olden time, the gracious days when there were gentlewomen and gentlemen to the manner born. When she was young the machine age had not arrived. There was time to live. She was not disturbed by the honking of automobile horns, the blare of juke boxes, the scream of mill whistles, and the other thousand and one things that distract the present age. She had time to love flowers and music and books. One often thought of these things in Mrs. Walker's presence particularly in her latter years—the frail, dainty, little lady, who loved "Dixie" and moonlight and magnolias and lavender and old lace.

Mrs. Walker was born on June 20, 1856 — James Buchanan was elected president of the United States that year. A lawyer named Lincoln was telling doubtful stories and rising into prominence in Springfield, Illinois. Alfred Rhett in Charleston, South Carolina, was pleading violently for the South to secede. Charles Sumner was making a pompous fool of himself in Massachusetts. A vile old man in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, named Thad Stevens, was nursing his hate and thoughts of vengeance on all the people south of the Potomac river. The voice of Andrew Johnson of Tennessee was being heard in the land. William Lloyd Garrison was piling up the grapes of wrath with his Abolition societies and calling the Constitution a "league with hell and a covenant with death," after the manner of intemperate social reformers of all ages. Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was either about to write, or had already written her awkward and untrue "Uncle Tom's Cabin" while her brother, Henry Ward Beecher, was preaching high thoughts and living low morals. A man named U. S. Grant was selling cord wood and drinking hard whiskey to excess in Galena, Illinois. Winfield Scott was commander-in-chief of the United States army, and Robert Lee, according to Scott, was the most promising colonel in the army. J. E. B. Stewart was a lieutenant of cavalry. Dred Scott was about to become famous by reason of the great "Dred Scott decision" of the Supreme Court. Old Ossawatimie John Brown of Kansas had almost finished his murderous career in that state and was dreaming of his expedition to free the slaves in Virginia. Surely little Alice Buchanan arrived and spent her babyhood days in a stirring time. She was the daughter of Dr. Robert Augustus Buchanan and his wife, Rebecca Woodward. She was about five years of age when the War Between the States came, and was a little girl of nine when General Lee surrendered at Appomattox.

Then came the hard years. Somehow or other, despite of the wreckage of Southern civilization, her parents managed to send her to Columbia college, where she graduated. She was married to David deVere deVerille Walker who had come to Winnsboro from Kentucky. All her life was spent in Winnsboro — nearly ninety-two years. How many changes she saw! And how bravely she faced them. In her ninety-first year she attended U. D. C. meetings and with dainty head held high played "Dixie" for the assembled daughters.

She was unashamedly proud of the great part her family had played in the history of Fairfield county and the great state of South Carolina. She had not, during all her ninety-two years, become so modern as to think it unbecoming to take pride in honorable forbears. Some of us who knew and loved her learned from her that "nobless oblige" was and ought to be a living principle!

The writer of these lines knew and loved Mrs. Walker — and was honored by her love and confidence in return. He learned much from her — intangible things, treasures that neither "moth nor rust doth corrupt nor thieves break through nor steal." She was gentle and brave and compassionate and loyal. She . . . Never turned her back but marched breast forward, Never doubted clouds would break, Never dreamed though right were worsted, Wrong would triumph, Held we fall to rise, Are baffled to fight better, Sleep to wake."

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3-Year-Old Child Killed by Truck

Mary Catherine Trimnal Fatally Injured Monday At Winnsboro Mills.

Mary Catherine Trimnal, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis N. Trimnal, U. S. Rubber company employees, was fatally injured Monday afternoon around 6 o'clock when she dashed out in front of a truck at the Baptist church intersection in Winnsboro Mills. Reports indicate the child unexpectedly darted out in the path of the truck from behind a parked car and the driver of the vehicle Bobby K. Hogan of Morganton, N. C.; was unable to stop before hitting the child. The small girl was rushed to the office of a local doctor and then taken to the Camden hospital where she died about midnight from internal injuries.

Coroner Laurence Brice investigated the accident and reported an inquest will be held at a later date. The driver of the truck has not been held.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning.

Mary Catherine is survived by her father, Lewis N. Trimnal and her mother, Zola Trimnal and two small brothers, Franklin and Robert.

Two Winnsboro children have been struck by automobiles in the last five days. The other child "Bucky" Ellison, small son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ellison, Jr., escaped with minor abrasions and bruises.

Services Are Held For Walker Infant

Graveside services were held at the Winnsboro Mills cemetery on Tuesday at twelve o'clock for Iva Lee Walker, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Walker of Charleston, who died Monday night at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Cooper in Winnsboro.

Besides the parents and grandparents, she is survived by four brothers of Charleston, and a number of aunts and uncles of Winnsboro.