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(December 31, 1987)

ALLEN, WILLIAM EGBERT--Services for William Egbert Allen, 79, Norwood, were at 11 AM, Saturday, December 26, in Mountain Grove. Burial was in Oak Forest Cemetery near Norwood. Mr. Allen, a retired minister, died at 2:45 PM, Wednesday in his home. Survivors include his wife Pearl and one brother, Lawrence, Pineville.

(October 8, 1987)

BALDWIN, CLAYTON LEE--Clayton Lee Baldwin, 5, Niangua, died Thursday evening from injuries received in a gunshot wound. Surviving are his parents David and Bess Baldwin; a brother Pete, of the home; his grandmothers Joyce Lowery, Grovespring and Florence Baldwin, Davenport, Iowa. Services were at 1 PM, Monday in Marshfield with Rev. Roger Hicks officiating. Burial in O'Dell Cemetery, Grovespring.

(October 8, 1987)

BUCK, JOHNNY J--Services for Johnny J Buck, 82, Hartville, were at 1:30 PM, Tuesday, in Wood Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Little Creek Cemetery, near Hartville. Mr. Buck died Friday in his home after a short illness. Survivors are a daughter Arilla Buck, Springfield; four sisters Opal Claxton and Ada Kelley, Kidder; Ida Beeney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Goldie Burkett, LaPuente, California.

(March 26, 1987)

CALHOUN, ROBERT--Robert R Calhoun, 56, Mansfield, died at 9:10 AM, Tuesday, March 17, in St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, after a long illness. Mr. Calhoun was employed by AMPI for many years. Survivors include his wife, Betty; three sons Terry, Davenport, Florida, Rick, Seymour and David Reberry, Emporia, Kansas; two daughters Janie Reynolds, Orlando, Florida and Karen Olive, Mansfield; his mother Martha Calhoun, Mansfield; two brothers Bill, Mansfield and Carl, Ava; and nine grandchildren. Services were at 2 PM, Friday in Bergman-Miller Funeral Home with the Rev. R E Helsley officiating. Burial was in Mansfield Cemetery.

(December 31, 1987)

CARTER, ROBERT A--Services for Robert A Carter, 65, Hartville, were at 1 PM,

Monday December 28, in Wood Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Shaddy Cemetery. Mr. Carter died Wednesday in Poplar Bluff Veterans Administration Hospital. Survivors include his wife Glendora; stepdaughter Millie Shepley, Hartville; two brothers Raymer, Hartville and Ralph, Redmond, California; seven step grandchildren; 3 sisters Rhuie Hickman, Bakersfield, California, Ruth Banes, Nevada and Ruby McEachern, Loomis, California.

(October 22, 1987)

CRAWFORD, VERA MAY [NICHOLS]--Verna May (Nichols) Crawford, daughter of George Washington Nichols and Liza Belle (Todd) Nichols, was born August 12, 1909 and departed this life October 3, 1987 at the age of 78 years, 1 month and 20 days. She was united in marriage to Clarence Dail Crawford, August 8, 1931. To this union were born three children. She was preceded in death by two infant sons and her husband Dail on October 11, 1964. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law Bonnie and Louis Page of Marshfield; two grandsons Brennan Page of Springfield and Louis Page Jr of Elder; a granddaughter and husband Maraca and Rainy Trainer of Springfield; a brother Milliard Nicholas of Grovespring; nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends. Services were Tuesday, October 6, in Barber-Edwards-Arthur Chapel with Troy Risley officiating. Burial was in Shaddy Cemetery, Grovespring.

(December 10, 1987)

DAVIS, KING H--Services for King H Davis, 71, Hartville, were at 1 PM, Monday, December 7 in Wood Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Thompkins Cemetery, near Hartville. Mr. Davis, a farmer, died at 12:45 PM, Friday in his home after a long illness.

(November 19, 1987)

GROCE, MAX OTTO--Max Otto Groce, son of Willis Otto and Cora Belle Hildreth Groce, was born December 23, 1915 at Byrdstown, Tennessee and departed from this life November 4, 1987 at St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, at the age of 71 years, 10 months and 11 days. Max received his education at Byrdstown and Tennessee Tech at Cookeville, Tennessee, where he graduated with a Teachers Certificate. He taught elementary education in the rural schools in Tennessee. In March of 1939 he moved to Texas to engage in farming. June 1, 1940 he was united in marriage to Winona Womack at Petersburg, Texas, they started their family of two daughters and two sons. During the drought of 1951 they moved to Missouri to continue farming. Upon their arrival in October of that year, they discovered the drought had followed them to Missouri. Max continued farming, but sought outside work. He worked at Jerry Broyles Milling Co, Murl Moody Service Station and later Roy Pedersen Service Station, retiring from Hartville Schools as custodian at retirement age, but continued part-time employment as custodian at Laclede Electric a few years. Max was very aware of his neighbors and fellowman. He served many years on the Hartville School Board, worked with the Chamber of Commerce and helped develop the Hartville Horse Show. The Horse Show continues to use his field for parking each year. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 226, Hartville. Twelve years ago Max suffered a serious heart ailment. He curtailed his many activities

somewhat. Instead of paddling the boat fishing, he was waiting on the bank ready to cook fish. Instead of barbecuing standing at the old-fashioned pit following his friends' hunting trips, he now would sit on a stool at a modern grill. Instead of feeding the cattle while Winona drove the pickup, now he drove while Winona attempted to stay in the pickup and pitch feed to his loved white-face cattle. And now--after his last bout with physical ailments he has curtailed his activities once again to the FINAL REWARDS of a life lived freely for his family and fellowman. He will be missed by his family and many friends, but each will be able to recall a vivid, happy, humorous, memory of Max Otto Groce. His physical presence is absent, but his spiritual presence will always be a comfort. He is survived by his wife, Winona; two daughter Mrs. Maxona Lawler, Hartville and Mrs. Joyce Lindsey, Austin, Texas; two sons Charles Richard Groce, Bovey, Minnesota and Arnold Otto "Butch" Groce, Lebanon; two sisters Mrs. Sally Robertson, Petersburg, Texas and Mrs. Vera Maw Mullins, Byrdstown, Tennessee; a brother Rae Groce of Petersburg, Texas; four grandchildren, Anthony and Rachell Lindsey, Austin, Texas and Ronda and Richard Groce, Lebanon; and sever nieces and nephews.

(December 3, 1987)

HAKE, GERTIE ETHEL--Services for Gertie Ethel Hake, 92, Rockford Illinois, formerly of Wright County, were at 10:30 AM, Saturday, November 28, in Wood Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Little Creek Cemetery, near Hartville. Mrs. Hake, a homemaker, died at midnight Thursday in Swedish American Hospital, Rockford, after a two-week illness.

(December 31, 1987)

HENSLEE, CHESTER--Services for Chester Henslee, 80, Hartville, were at 1 PM, Thursday, December 24, in Wood Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Little Creek Cemetery, near Hartville. Mr. Henslee died at 12:30 PM, Tuesday in his home after a short illness. Survivors include his wife Gladys; three sons, Darrel, Springfield, Jack, St. Louis and Carl, Marshfield; a brother Lester, Marshfield; a sister Marie Carlisle, Springfield; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

(October 8, 1987)

HINTZE, MARJORIE "BRIGG"--Marjorie "Brigg" Hintze, 61, Hartville, died at 3:40 AM, Friday in St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband Robert; a daughter Velvet Fackeldey, Hartville; two grandchildren; a great grandchild; two sisters Ann Moore, Hartville and Ruth Strohbahn, Davenport, Iowa. Services were at 1 PM, Monday in Wood Funeral Chapel with Rev. Don Sylvester officiating. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

(March 26, 1987)

HUBBARD, LUCILLE--Graveside service for Lucille Hubbard, 69, of Lindsay, California were held at 2 PM, Wednesday, March 11, in Olive Cemetery in Lindsay. She died Saturday, March 7, in a Lindsay hospital. A resident of Mansfield, Hubbard moved to Lindsay in 1936. She was a homemaker and a member of Sequoia Gateway China Painters. She is survived by her husband Harold; two sons Greg of Lindsay, California and Bob of Exeter, California; a brother Fred Odle of Bakersfield, California; a sister Virginia Stacy of Mentone; and a grandson. The Rev. Rod Layman of the First Baptist

Church of Lindsay officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Webb-Sanders Funeral Service. She was the daughter of Silas T. and Laura (Freeman) Odle of Mansfield and Cedar Gap.

(October 22, 1987)

HUNTER, ADA--Ada Elizabeth Hunter, 94, Hartville, died at 6 PM, Sunday, October 18, in St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield. Survivors include four daughters Bernice Coday, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June Speight, Branson, Joyce Coday, Columbia and Wilda Cogdill, Hartville; two sons Darrell, Hartville and Lavern, Aurora; a sister Hettie Claxton, Hartville; 17 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. Services were at 2 PM, Wednesday in Hartville Methodist Church with the Revs. Marc Magana and Jonathan Cooney officiating. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

(March 26, 1987)

HUTSON, TROY R--Funeral services for Troy R. Hutson were held Friday, March 20 at 2 PM, in the Craig-Hurtt-Bradley Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Edwin Cline officiating. Interment was in the Broyles Cemetery under direction of the funeral home. Troy R Hutson passed away March 17 in the Texas County Memorial Hospital in Houston, following an extended illness at the age of 55. Survivors include his father Roy; his wife Iva; three sons John, Stamford, Nebraska, James, Cedar Gap and Troy Jr, Mabank, Texas; two daughters Joyce Adamson, Mansfield and Jenniffer Chappell, Garland, Texas; two brothers LeRoy, Mountain Grove and Donald, Elkland; five sister Goldie Baer, Anchorage, Alaska, Sylvia Pyle, Mansfield, Nellie Aldreidge, Imperial, Maxine Holt, Mountain Grove and Betty Johnson, Maryville, California; nine grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

(October 8, 1987)

JINKS, MITCHEL E--Services for Mitchel E Jinks, 74, Grovespring, were held at 2 PM, Thursday, October 8, in Little Vine Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in Little Vine Cemetery. Mr. Jinks died at 7:15 AM, Monday, October 5, in St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield.

(October 8, 1987)

JULIAN, LEAVON E--Services for Leavon E Julian, 73, Mountain Grove, were at 2 PM, Monday, October 5, in Friendship Baptist Church, near Mountain Grove. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery under the direction of Craig Hurtt Bradley Funeral Home. Julian died at 10:45 PM, Friday, October 2 in his residence after a long illness. Survivors include his wife Opal; two sons Jerry, Ozark and Larry, Nixa; a daughter Ramona Claspill, Springfield; a brother Farris, Springfield; three sisters Ethel Lawler, Strafford, Lucille Fogerson, Mountain Grove and Lola Musser, Pineville, Louisiana; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

(October 10, 1987)

McCLANAHAN, JEWELL N--Services for Jewell N McClanahan, 83, Grovespring, were Tuesday, December 8 at 1PM, in Colonial Chapel, Lebanon. Burial was in Shaddy

Cemetery, near Grovespring. Mrs. McClanahan died at 7:42 PM, Sunday in the home of her son in Lebanon.

(December 31, 1987)

MARTIN, KENNETH--Graveside services for Kenneth Martin, 74, Mansfield, were at 1 PM, Monday, December 28 in Lone Star Cemetery, south of Mountain Grove. Burial was under the direction of Bergman-Miller Funeral Home. Mr. Martin, a retired truck driver, died Friday afternoon in his home after a short illness.

(October 10, 1987)

RUSHING, ROY--Services for Roy Rushing, 74, Gallatin, who passed away at Sumner Memorial Hospital on November 20, were held at 3 PM, Sunday, November 22 at Alexander Funeral Home with Dr. Phil Cooley officiating. Burial followed at Crestview Memorial Park. Born in Hartville, he was the son of Leeman Jefferson and Tennessee Peters Rushing. A retired production manager for Kraft Foods, he was a member and a deacon of First Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife June (Hunsaker) Rushing; two sons Basil L. Dixon and Larry, Charlotte, North Carolina; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

(December 3, 1987)

SALADIN, WILLIE W--Services for Willie W Saladin, 94, Hartville, were at 2 PM, Wednesday, December 2, in Mountain Grove. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery in rural Wright County. Mr. Saladin died early Monday in Northside Nursing Home, Springfield.

(OCTOBER 1, 1987)

SHUMATE, ELMER AARON--Services for Elmer Aaron Shumate, 84, Hartville were held at 11 AM, Saturday, September 26 in Wood Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Little Creek Cemetery near Hartville. Mr. Shumate, a retired civil service employee, died Tuesday September 22, in his home.

(April 23, 1987)

STIGALL, LEOTA HELEN--Leota Helen Stigall, 79, Mountain Grove, died at 10:52 PM, Sunday in Regency Healthcare Center. She was a former longtime resident of Hartville. Survivors include two daughters Charlene Murrell, Mountain Grove and Pauline Looney, Hartville; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three sisters Mabus Weaver and Edna Stigall, both of Hartville and Dorothy Claxton, Warrensburg; three brothers Roge Garner, Mountain Grove, Monroe Garner, Hartville and Ervil Garner, Mountain Home, Idaho. Services were at 2 PM, Wednesday, April 22 in Wood Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Edwin Cline officiating. Burial was in Coon Creek Cemetery near Hartville.

(December 31, 1987)

SULLIVAN, VINCENT--Vincent T Sullivan, 63, Sedalia, died Tuesday, December 22, in his home. He was born on December 8, 1924, in Sedalia, the son of Harry and Minta Ervin Sullivan. He was retired from the Sedalia Fire Department. Survivors include three sisters Virginia Sullivan, Springfield, Evelyn Bohrn, Jefferson City and Percy Miller,

Mansfield. Services were at 1 PM, Friday, December 24 in Ewing Funeral Home with the Rev. Ted Marre officiating. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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