# James C Blizzard



Born: 13 Oct 1910 Church Hill, TN Married: 9 Mar 1928 Lydia Ann Flanagan Died: 28 Mar 1964 Church Hill, TN Parents: James J Blizzard & Louisiana Dotson



Above picture taken May 1959

Family Bible record of birth for James C Blizzard

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### INTERESTING STORY

In 1932, a tornado hit the home of James & Lydia Blizzard. When they heard the storm coming, James wanted to take everyone down to the canning room in their basement. Lydia insisted that there wasn't enough time, so they went to their bedroom with their children.

Lydia, placed Jimmy, the youngest, on the feather bed with her and their daughter Pauline and her older brother, Donald, wrapped their arms around their father's legs, who was standing next to the bed.

After the tornado came through, Lydia and Jimmy were still on the feather bed mattress, but found themselves on the road out in front of their farmhouse. James, along with Pauline and Donald, were thrown out into the front yard. Their house had been totally destroyed, but they were ok.

They then discovered that the canning room had filled up completely with mud. If they had gone there for safety they may not have survived.

Story told by Pauline Sizemore, daughter of James and Lydia Blizzard

James Blizzard worked at the Eastman Plant during this time:

A hallmark in TEC and Kingsport history is the story of the company's contribution to the World War II effort. When the war halted natural rubber supplies from Asia, the Allies developed a commercial method for making synthetic rubber based on a process that depended on hydroquinone. As a result, TEC developed a close relationship with the War Production Board. In 1941 the National Defense Research Committee (NDRC) contacted TEC general manager James C. White and requested the initiation of a pilot plant for the manufacture of the powerful explosive RDX. H. G. "Herb" Stone (1897-1976) led the effort to develop RDX and served as works manager of the Holston Ordnance Works. Soon TEC was manufacturing RDX and Composition B in the large quantities needed to win the war in the European theatre. In early June 1942 TEC received official authorization from the U.S. Army Ordnance and NDRC to design and operate Holston Ordnance Works (HOW). Subsequently, HOW became the world's largest manufacturer of high explosives. Now known as Holston Defense and the Holston Army Ammunition Plant, the company continues to be one of the world's largest manufacturers of explosives. In 1943 TEC and HOW received the prestigious Army-Navy "E" Award for "outstanding achievement in the production of materials of war."



Eastman Plant circa 1950

On July 14, 1946, a large storm caused flooding in the Church Hill area. J C Blizzard was interviewed about what happened.

# Flash Flood Leaves Wake **Of Damage At Church Hill**

#### Crops Ruined, Homes Moved As Year's Worst Storm Strikes Kingsport Area

A terrific rain and electrical storm which struck Kingsport late Sunday night apparently was centered in Church Hill and Carter's Valley where damages estimated to run into thousands of dollars was caused when a flash flood swept houses from their foundations, destroyed erops and tore away fences.

Considerable damage also was done by lightning and strong winds.

Wheeler Tries For 5th Term Montana's Sizzling 17 **Primary Set Today** 

By Associated Press

wheoler who, it the initial days of a sizaling primary campaign, drew support in a letter from Prevident Truman and oppesition by James Rossevet, son of the late Prevident. Wheelers' context with 40-year-old Lief Erickson, former state supreme

In Arizona renomination of Sena-

kansas' primary election See WHEELER, Page 10

**American** Couple

Berlin, Tuesday - A- The Rus-sians early today released two Americans whom they had haid 13 days for entering the Soviet zone of occupation without a written per-mit

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Church Hill trees were uprooted, signs torn down with considerable wind damage being done in the Mt. Carmet area. The storm brought, with it the heaviest rainfail in the memory of M: L. West, weather observer at the filter plant, With most of the downpour concentrated within 90 minutes time. West conserve a the

minutes time. West reported a total of 3.03 inches of rain fell, the neaviest rainfall, he said, in the 15 years he has been weather observer. Montanans decide today the matter of a fifth term nomination for Democratic Senator Burton K. Wheeler who, in the final days of a

#### Service Restored

Service Activities officials said Kingsport Utilities officials said Monday night power service had been restored to normal in Kings-port while the telephone company wes sull working to reestablish complete service.

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Wall Of Water f According to several who saw the flood in Church Hill, and as it rushed through Cartor's Valley, described it as a wall of rolling, rushing water about eight feet high teneing down Cooper's Creek. Hubert Christian, who lives it Cartor's Valley about two mile-from Church Hill, said be was ou-in the storm watching after somg eattle and said he saw the wall op water which looked like an "ocean." tor McFarland, Reps. Harless and Murdock and Gov. Sidney P. Os-born, all Democrats, is expected by Mrs. Mullins said the roar of the Mrs. Multins said them and when

stream awakened them and whe, they looked out the water was sur-rounding the house and was start-ing into the kitchen. She said ap-of her furriture was saved except for a kitchen coal range. Only the See FLOOD, Page 10

#### **Good Morning**

#### **A Little Chuckle To Start The Day**

Vokanogan, Wash. - /P - Thess bride wept and fled from these house as the wedding vows wernot exchanged.

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A tear gas bomb accidentally had drapped from the pocket ofs. her groom, Deputy Sheriff Eldonye Barker. OP te,



wringer to a washing machine had been found inte Monday, she said. Across the stream from the Mul-lins' home F. R. Jones reported considerable damage to his store, corn mill and residence which occupy the same building. He said the water was 10 inches deep in the mill and estimated his damage at about \$200. The Mullins family was un-

able to estimate their damage. In Church Hill the water was estimated to have reached a depth of about 10 feet.

All who saw the flood said that within an hour the creek was back in its banks and only the debris, torn fences and washed-out bridges remained to testify to the fury of the stream.

the stream. At Johnson's Store, in Carter's Valley, an automobile belonging to Hansel Pleasant washed down-stream about 300 yards and was heavily-damaged. The Rohy Young home where Pleasant lived, was damaged by the water which rose down by the water which rose to a depth of four inches in all the rooms, Young reported. Livestnek Lost

The only livestock reported lost were five, hogs and 40 chickens owned by J. D. Byington near John-son's Store. Farmers in the valley said it is likely other livestock was lost.

I C. Blizzard, who has lived in Carter's Valley 28 years, offered an explanation of the flood. He was of the opinion that the heavy rain gaused the streams to rise in Lee School and Bradshaw School hol-School and Bradshaw School hol-lows and the waters from both reached the creck at the same time, causing the wall of water. At the farm of Floterial Represen-

tative Bert Smith, near Church Hill and in the opposite direction from Carter's Valley, lightning struck a large barn which was completely destroyed by the fire that followed.

Bolt Fells Cow

Bert Smith, Jr., reported that a cow was killed by the bolt and be-tween 800 and 3,000 bushels of orchard grass seed was lost in the blaze.

Monday afLernoon a tour of Car-ter's Valley revealed farmers basy repairing bridges, fences and re-moving debris.

In Kingsport downtown streets were flooded in several places and Charles Marsh, assistant director of public works, roported the city re-ceived about a dozen calls from residents who asked for help in drain

uents who asked for help in drain-ing their basements. He also said two trucks were out Monday hauling dirt off of pave-ments which washed down from un-paved streets.

mencs which wasned down from un-payed streets. He also said the city assisted in removing debris from lawns. The Holston River, as a result of the rain, rose from two to 6.8 feet, but is now gradually receding. G. C. Baker, county agent, re-ported some damage to corn, which was blown down, and tobacco, but said that the general damage to crops in the Sullivan County area was slight. He suld that the heavy rainfall caused some soil cresion. An unusual angle to the heavy rainfall caused some soil cresion. An unusual angle to the heavy rain was provided with the report that bundreds of birds had been drowned in the downpour. In one small West View area, 383 dead birds, chiefly aparrows, were counted Monday morning.

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or of occupation without a written per-init. Those released were Warrant Of-ina Those released were Warrant Of-ina Antonio, Tox., and his wile. Helen, in who disappeared on July 1 after estimation of the soviet zone to visit a pet shop. They were released as American autiorities in Germany appeared in be headed for a showdown in the Harrisons' case and that of two of-ficers who have been missing since Marinan Dringe Above article from the Kingsport News dated Tuesday, July 15, 1946 pgs 1 & 10 James Blizzard death notice in the Kingsport Times newspaper



Kingsport Times, Sunday, March 29, 1964

J C Blizzard's Funeral notice

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Jackson, Ohio, and Virgil Jacks, Kingsport; sister, Mrs. Ed Wil-J. C. Blizzard Budland, Ohio; and nine grand- Bans, Rogersville; brother Rev. M. K. Stubblefield Silas Brooks, Bean Stalion; 16 CHURCH HILL - Funeral Mack K. Slubblefield, 74, 1132 children.

Lowell Drive, died at 9 a.m. The funeral will be conducted grandchildren. 16 great-grand-services for James Calvin Dila-Sunday at Kings Mountain Nurs- at 2 p.n. Tuesday at the Chase oblidren and 3 great great zard, who died Saturday, will ing Home in Bristel. Funeral Home Chapel in Rut- grandchildren. He was born in Elancock Coun- land, Ohio. Rev. Carl Herring, Fumeral services will be held the Free Will Baptist Church

ty but had been a resident of pastor of the Methodist church at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Choptack in Church Hill. Sullivan County for 37 years, there, will officiate, Burial will Baptist Church, Rev. Vernon Rev. Herman Christian and He was a member of West View be in the Miles Cemetery in Fielden officiating. Burial will Rev. White will officiate. Burial Free Will Baptist Church. will be in Mount Carmel Ceme-Rulland. be in Choptack Comptery. Survivors include daughters,

a.m. Saturday.

he announced.

Survivors include daughters. The body will be taken from The body will be taken to the tary. Mrs. Raymond Quillen and Mrs. Carter-Clamor. Funeral litomo residence at 3 p.m. today from The body will be taken to the tary. Irene Phillips of Kingsport; here is Ohio this morning. Colloch-Price Funeral Home cource one hour before services Irene Phillips of Kingsport; here to Ohio this merning. eae hour before services.

Survivors include sisters, Mrs.

Church Hill, Hubert M. Slubble- Andy Dykes field, and Robert O. Stubble-

CLINCHPORT, Va. - Andy field of Kingsport; sisters, Ethel

Stubblefield of Morristown and Dykes, 81, died at Holston Val. A. B. Hughes Mrs. Lelor Dingus of Big Stone ley Community Hospital Satur-Gap, Va.; brothers, Howard and iday after a long illness. Clyde Slubblefield of Merris- He was born in Greene Coun-CHURCH HULL - A. B.

town; 17 grandchildren and 5 ty, but had been a resident of graat.grandchildren Scoll County for several years

great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at He was a relired farmer and

2 p.m. Tuesday at West View a member of the Natural Tun-Free Will Baptist Church, Rey, nel Free Will Baptist Church. His wife died about 40 years J. C. Barnette and Rev. Arthur

Luster officiating. Burial will be ago.

In Oak Hill Cemelery. The body will be taken to the residence of his son, Hubert Stubblefield, 1128 Lowell Drivet, Augsport; and brothers, Jasper at 4 p.m. today from the Carlor-Claman Functed Blotte and will be taken to like church one bourt The bady will be taken to the church one bourt The bady will be taken to the church one bourt The bady will be taken to the church one bourt The bady will be taken to the church one bourt be taken to the church one hour

The body will be laken to the before services. bome of Mrs. Willie Bishop in Clinchport at 11 a.m. Monday Funeral arrangements will be Delia Fleenor

Mrs. Katherine Webb

Mrs. Katherine Mac Webb, 76, announced by Gate City Fu-2100 Reservoir Road, died at neral Home. 2:20 a.m. Sunday at Holston

Valley Community Hospital aft-

rate a short illness. She was horn in Greene Coun-ty but ter lic past 27 years had bert Wayne Smith, Porrent View Mrs. Paul Kestner, in Kingsport, 12:15 a.m. Sunday at Holston H = istal; holt - sisters, Mrs. Jain Kestner, in Kingsport, 12:15 a.m. Sunday at Holston H = istal; holt - sisters, Mirs. Jain - di the doctors who examined Barche Laure Mir, Barling Kestner, in Kingsport, Jain - Sunday at Holston H = istal; holt - Sisters, Mirs. Jain - di the doctors who examined brolher, Prof Seaton, Davka, Lietzer, Walley Community Hospital. Mrs. Will Dunu, Jehnson Gity; Survers, besides the parents, brolher, Prof Seaton, Davka, Lietzer, Walley Community Hospital. Mrs. Paul Kestner, in Kingsport, Jain - di the doctors who examined brolher, Prof Seaton, Davka, Lietzer, Walley Community Hospital. brother, Fred Seaton, Dayton, include maternal grandpurents, and Mrs. Minute Harless, Kings- bassador's response to treat-

brother, Fred Seaton, Dayton, hick and several nicess and rephews. Funeral services will be at 2 run-russday at Carter-Churon Chapel, Rev. Roland Light of Ficiating, Buda Will sent at the funeral home. Hill Cemetery, Dewey C. Ber-The body vis at the funeral home. Hill Cemetery, Dewey C. Ber-the body will remain at Ham-home. Hill Cemetery, Dewey C. Ber-The body vis at the funeral home. Hill Cemetery, Dewey C. Ber-The body will remain at Ham-home. Hill Cemetery, Dewey C. Ber-The body will remain at Ham-home. Hill Cemetery, Dewey C. Ber-The body will remain at Ham-home. Hill Cemetery, Dewey C. Ber-The body will remain at Ham-home services

be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at and will be taken to the church from the Wilson Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today. Hughes, 71, died at the General Reischauer Hospital in Indianapolis at 8 Survivors include a daughter. Suffering

Ohio: sons, John Hughes of Modeste. Calif., Jeff Hughes of Hemorrhage of Richmond, Kenneth Hughes

of Church Hill and Olis Hughes of Indianapolis; farce sisters; a bother and 10 grandehidren. The body will be brought from the body will be brought from the body will be brought from TOKYO (UPI)-U.S. Ambas-Indianepolis to the Wilson Fu- ese youth, Sunday suffered neral Home in Church IIII Mon- a hemorrhage of the gastroin day. Funeral arrangements will lestinal tract.

Doctors at Toranunom Llospital, where Reischauer was taker aftor he was stabbed in the right thigh last Tuesday, said Della Virginia Fleenor, 38, the amhassador was given Bristol, Va., died at Bristol Me-morial Hospital Saturday morn-said the bloeding was serious but that there was "no threat

Monday, March 30, 1964

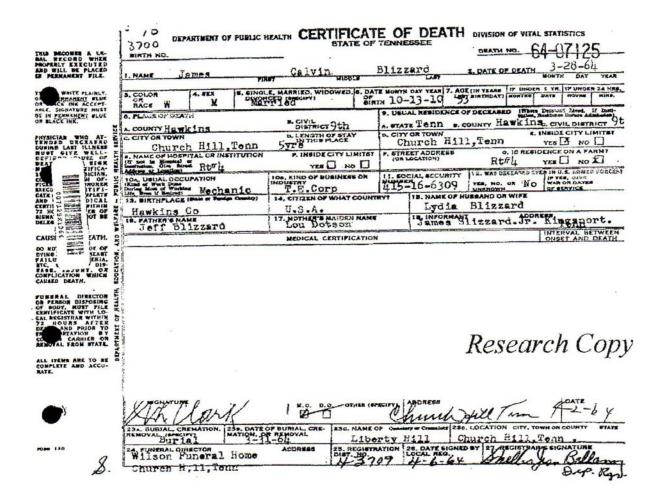
Apartment Building Under Construction Smashed; Home Next Door Undamaged

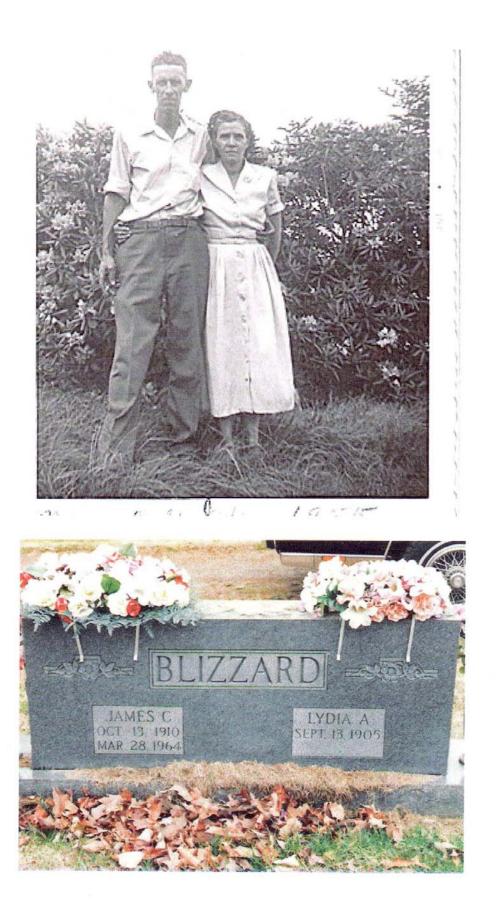


Anchorage Spends A Mournful Easter Sunday

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James and Lydia buried in Liberty Hill Cemetery, Church Hill, TN