

Harbison Killed By Automobile

HIGHLANDS—A freak accident here about 6 p.m. Thursday claimed the life of Thomas Cobb Harbison, a well-known building contractor, civic leader and former town commissioner.

Working under his automobile at his home he was smothered when a jack slipped and the vehicle pinned him to the ground. He was found by his wife.

Forty-nine years old, Mr. Harbison was a former president of Highlands Rotary Club, former master of the Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge, and had served on the town Board of commissioners. Active in many community undertakings, he helped prominently in the building of the Highlands Community Hospital and had served on its board.

He was the son of the late Thomas Grant and Miss Jessie Cobb Harbison. His father was an eminent botanist at the University of North Carolina and was a co-founder of the Highlands Biological Station.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Church of the Incarnation by Dr. Herbert Kipp Baker, rector, and the Rev. John W. Tucker, pastor of St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Franklin. Mr. Harbison had been a vestryman of the church.

Gravesite rites, were conducted at the Highlands Cemetery by the Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge, with members of the lodge serving as pallbearers.

In addition to his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Rice, Mr. Harbison is survived by three daughters, Miss Anne Harbison.

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a sophomore at Western Carolina College, and Misses Tina and Jessie Lynn, of the home; and three sisters, Misses Margaret, Gertrude, and Dorothea Harbison, all of Highlands.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



T. C. Harbison

... Accident Victim