

# T. M. RICKMAN FATALLY HURT

Dies After Accident In  
Canton Plant  
Sunday

Thomas M. Rickman, 49, oldest son of John E. Rickman, of Franklin, was fatally injured early Sunday morning at the plant of the Champion Fibre company in Canton where he was employed. He died in an Asheville hospital 10 hours after he was injured.

Chester Ingle, Jr., employe in the same department, was critically injured at the same time. The two men operated a wood chipper, and had stopped to change knives on the machine when a fellow workman threw the wrong switch and started the chipper. Before it could be stopped both men were hurt by the revolving parts of the machine.

The switch that controls the machine on which the two men were working is about 15 feet from the chipper, and the workman who accidentally threw the switch had been sent to the control board to throw another switch.

Mr. Rickman had been employed at the Canton plant for the past 17 years. He is survived by his father, John E. Rickman, of Franklin; his widow and four sons, John C., Clarence, Carroll and Thomas Rickman, Jr.; four sisters, Mrs. Lindon Cabe, of Green Creek; Mrs. Verlin Buchanan, of Gay; Mrs. John Guffey, of Leatherman, and Mrs. Roy Gibson, of Franklin; two brothers, Sloan Rickman, of Fitzgerald, Ga., and James E. Rickman, of Washington, and one granddaughter.

Mr. Rickman was born and reared in Macon county and spent his early life here. He joined the Liberty Baptist church when a young man and later moved his membership to the West Canton Baptist church, where he remained a consistent member.

Funeral services were conducted at West Canton Baptist church at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Rev. P. C. Hicks, pastor was in charge, assisted by Rev. Frank Leatherwood, of Haywood county.

The body of Mr. Rickman was brought to Franklin for burial after the funeral service in Canton and the service at the grave was conducted by the ministers above named with prayer by Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church.