

Dock Leak.
(Contributed)

My friend and everybody's friend, Dock Leak, has answered the summons and crossed over the great divide. He has gone to join the choir invisible of those immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence. Not only that immortality is his but that of which the Saviour spoke when he said "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you. For I was sick and needy and in prison and ye ministered unto me." If I were called upon to give in a sentence my estimate of this man it would be something like this: There was nothing good of which he was incapable, there was nothing mean or little of which he was capable. He did not move on a low or narrow plane. With every movement in community or church that meant uplift, progress or blessing he was right in front with his words or his means, his hand, his head or his pocket-book. Just how many, young and old, white and black, were in substantial ways the beneficiaries of his kindness we may never know. He did not, for he belonged to that class who let not their left hand know what their right hand did. He was one of those who said "I pray thee then write me as one who loves his fellow men." In the day of reckoning, of exact balancing, when every man shall receive according as he has done I doubt not that in this respect, as in others, his name will be a leading one. He was a leader among us while he was here and yet he never thought of himself in that way at all. How quietly he went about his business and everything with which he was connected. Even in those public works in which his was the master mind and the guiding hand, it did not so appear at all. Such was his way and the nature of the man.

Just a reference to the distressing accident that befell him. Are there not features about it that remind us of what occurred in Buffalo in September, 1901, when William McKinley, desperately wounded, almost with his last words asked that no violence be shown and no extreme measures taken against any one? Were not these alike in this? And then in same way we think of Stephen looking into heaven and saying, "Lord, lay not this to their charge." And then we can not help thinking of one more whose last words were these: "Father forgive them—they know not what they do."

May I make brief reference to my last visit to my friend. It was late in October, the year drawing to its close, the air already with some suggestion of a winter long to be remembered. Physically he was weak to that extent that loved ones were beginning to be apprehensive. Otherwise in every way he seemed himself. How delightfully he talked and how pleasantly he spoke of every one to whom any reference was made. This too was an unailing habit of his. The day wore away and the time for the visitor's departure came. "Nan," said he, "get the bible and let Brother Davis read and pray with us."

He is gone from us for a while. We shall not hear his voice again here. My last clear word from him, and it will be a part of my memory as long as I have any, was "Nan, get the Bible."
E. H. DAVIS.

Resolutions—W. C. Leak.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Richmond Insurance and Realty Company, held in their office, January 29th, 1918, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, ALMIGHTY GOD, in his infinite wisdom has

taken from us our friend and collaborator: now therefore be it resolved:

That the Richmond Insurance and Realty Company has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of W. C. Leak, its President, who was a most efficient official, wise and safe manager of its business affairs.

That the Board of Directors have lost a valuable and congenial friend and companion of wise counsel and exceptionally good business ability.

That our town, county, state and nation have lost one of their cleanest, most progressive and best citizens.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, a copy published in the Rockingham Post-Dispatch, and the original spread upon the Minutes Book of the Richmond Insurance & Realty Co.

W. N. EVERETT
A. S. MONROE
Committee.

Resolutions—W. C. Leak.

To Mrs. W. C. Leak and sons, Messrs. William C. & Thomas R.

At a meeting of the teachers and students of the colored graded school held Jan. 29th, 1918, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from our midst our late Mr. W. C. Leak, chairman of the board of trustees of the Rockingham schools, we feel that if any consolation can be afforded under so heavy an affliction as you have just experienced, it must come from a higher power than ours.

It was a melancholy pleasure to dwell upon his virtues, but the subject is too painful for us. We hope you will support your spirit and look forward to that brighter and happier world.

Whereas, the intimate relations long held by our deceased with this school and the entire community, we feel that we should place on record our appreciation for his services as chairman of the school trustees, and his merits as a man. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Leak the colored people of Richmond county lose a friend who was ever ready to succor the needy and distressed, one who was wise in council and fearless in action; an honest and upright man whose virtues endeared him not only to the members of his race but to all his fellow citizens.

Resolved, That this school tender its heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives; and that these resolutions be entered upon the records of this school and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

Era A. Covington
Nettie L. Townsend
Carrie D. Hooper

Transition.

(The passing of Mr. "Dock" Leak.)

I clasped your hand at greeting,
Saw the light within your eye—
'Twas God who thus assured me
Such a one could never die.

Mortal life, with all its trials,
Is but the transitory phase
Of the Spirit on its journey
Through this form to other ways.

Your soul from earth ascending,
In calm and peaceful flight,
But reveals to human vision,
Rays of strong and purest light.

The love you've shed around you—
Kindly friendships far and near—
Is the surest pledge of honor
That sustains your mem'ry here.

Live on, my friend, forever!
Serenest joy shall heal the pain
The parting gives your lov'd ones,
When God shall join you all again.

—ANNIE L'ARTIGUE KENNEDY,
Rockingham, N. C., Jan. 23, '18.

Ex. Gov. Patterson Speaks.

Malcolm R. Patterson, twice governor of Tennessee and a former congressman, spoke in the school auditorium here on Wednesday night of last week in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League of America. He spoke

for the Constitutional Amendment passed by Congress Dec. 17th and already ratified by three of the necessary 36 states which must vote for it in order that the country may have national prohibition. It will be necessary for nine wet states to change to the dry column in order to carry the amendment. He said the breweries consume enough coal every year to heat the nation two months, and that submarines will have to send to the bottom 20 ships loaded with grain for 51 weeks and six on last week to equal the amount of grain consumed by the breweries!

Insignia on Shoulder Loops Denotes Rank of Wearer.

The rank of commissioned officers of the United States Army is shown by insignia on the shoulder loops.

The shoulder loops of a general bear the coat of arms of the United States and two silver stars; lieutenant general, one large and two small silver stars; major general, two silver stars; brigadier general, one silver star; colonel, silver spread eagle; lieutenant colonel, silver leaf; major, gold leaf; captain, two silver bars; first lieutenant, one silver bar; second lieutenant, no loop insignia.

The shoulder loop of a chaplain bears a Latin cross.

Zion School News.

(Contributed)

"Patriotic Day" will be held at Zion school house Friday, Feb. 1st. The exercises will begin at 10:30 after which a talk on "Thrift Stamps," will be made by Mr. B. F. Reynolds, of Rockingham. In the afternoon there will be a general cleaning up. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and take part in the exercises.

There was a good crowd at the little "Tom Thumb" wedding at Zion school house last Friday night and everyone enjoyed it. After the wedding boxes were sold for the benefit of the school and the proceeds amounted to \$35.50.

Misses Fannie Covington and Helen Porter spent Friday night with Miss Hattie Ellerbe, to attend the "Tom Thumb" wedding at Zion school house.

Miss Mary Stansill and little Miss Eleanor Williams spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Nichols and relatives.

Misses Hattie Ellerbe and Bettie Covington will spend the week-end with Miss Chloe Covington on route three.

Misses Winnie Spencer and Willie Barrett, teachers of the Zion school, will spend the week-end at home this week.

Messrs. Jim and Mike Covington spend the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Boggan Ellerbe, in Rockingham.

Quite a number of children have been absent from school on account of "german measles."

Dr. J. H. Ellerbe, of Ellerbe, has been home for a few days on account of having "german measles."

DELICIOUS CORN MUFFINS.



Here's an old fashioned recipe for corn muffins that has recently been revived and used with unusual success in several of the larger New York hotels: To make three and a half dozen muffins take one quart milk, six ounces butter substitute, twelve ounces of light syrup or honey, four eggs, pinch of salt, two ounces baking powder, one and a half pounds cornmeal and one and a half pounds rye flour. The butter and syrup should be thoroughly mixed; then add the eggs gradually. Pour in the milk and add the rye flour mixed with cornmeal and baking powder.

FORD CARS FOR 1918

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES

The production record of the Ford Motor Company since its organization June 16, 1903, is one of phenomenal growth eclipsing all achievements of the industrial world. Surely such figures could only be made possible through a product so valuable and widely serviceable as to be an almost common necessity:

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| In 1903-4, to Sept. 30, there were made and sold | 1,708 Ford Cars |
| In 1905, the Company built and sold | 1,695 Ford Cars |
| In 1906, there were made and sold a total of | 1,599 Ford Cars |
| In 1907, the total of cars made and sold | 8,423 Ford Cars |
| In 1908, the production and sales reached | 6,398 Ford Cars |
| In 1909, the phenomenal growth began with | 10,607 Ford Cars |
| In 1910, the production jumped to a total of | 18,664 Ford Cars |
| In 1911, there were made and sold a total of | 34,528 Ford Cars |
| In 1912, the production more than doubled, with | 78,440 Ford Cars |
| In 1913, a new high mark was reached with | 168,220 Ford Cars |
| 1914 saw an even greater triumph achieved by | 248,307 Ford Cars |
| While 1915 crowned all records with a total of | 308,213 Ford Cars |
| In 1916 the volume of production reached | 533,921 Ford Cars |
| In 1917 the record was raised to | 785,432 Ford Cars |
| For 1918 the estimated production is for | 900,000 Ford Cars |

Of these 900,000 we are due to get 108 cars: about 9 per month. We have received 9 for January and expect to get our 108. We have quite a number of orders filed and each customer must take his turn, so place your order now.

H. A. Page, Jr.
FORD SERVICE STATION
Rockingham, N. C.

NOW!

WOULD BE A GOOD TIME to buy that raincoat you needed so badly the last few days. A good raincoat will also serve as an overcoat.

Talking of
OVERCOATS
we can save you money on one now. When you buy one from us you are buying for several seasons.

Why not buy
Standard Goods
ANYHOW?

We have just received new lot Earl & Wilson shirts, silk and wool hosiery. Twenty-five Kirschbaum blue serge suits by express.

Dockery-McNair
Clothing Co.