

**LIBERTY SCHOOL**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dalton the past week end.  
Miss Selma Henson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Henson, Sunday.  
Miss Mary Elmore spent the past week end with home folks at West's Mill.  
Mrs. L. C. Leatherman of West's Mill was visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rickman, Sunday.  
Miss Alice Rickman and her friend, Miss Kate Shepherd, were visiting Miss Rickman's grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Rickman, Sunday.  
The grammar grades of our school accompanied by our teacher, Miss

Henson, went on a hike and picnic to the "Big Laurel" in Swain county the past Saturday. Mrs. E. O. Rickman and Mrs. W. H. Dalton went with us also.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Elmore were in Franklin shopping Wednesday.

**LEAVES**

(By Cecil Gibson)

The leaves are falling down,  
They are red and golden brown.  
The leaves of red will make a bed,  
In the leaves I like to play,  
In the fall that's where I stay  
The birds sing sweet.  
The apples we eat.  
We see the leaves all falling down,  
As we go riding into town.

**NORTH SKEENAH**

Mr. C. B. Stockton was in this section on business Saturday.  
Mr. Freeman Hastings was visiting his father, Mr. J. W. Hastings, Sunday.  
Rev. G. A. Cloer filled his regular appointment at Pleasant Hill, Sunday.  
Mr. G. A. Stockton spent the week-end with home folks. He returned to his work Sunday afternoon.  
Miss Minnie Sanders spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sanders. Mr. George Moffitt and his son, Fred, passed through this section Wednesday. Fred has been in Washington for some time.

Miss Verlin Ledford was dinner guest of Miss Pearl Stockton, Sunday.  
Miss Helen DeHart spent Saturday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hastings.

**CHAMPION WOOD SPLITTER**

Mr. Lee Leach is responsible for this statement when it comes to splitting wood. He purchased five cord of stove wood and employed N. A. Gibson to split it up for him. Mr. Leach says before the sun went down Mr. Gibson had his five cords of wood split. Believe it or not.  
Mrs. W. R. Ingram who teaches in Marion county is recuperating from a severe case of flu.

**Experiences of Buckner As A Revenue Officer**

**Forced To Carry Grub As Public Sympathized With Law-Breakers**

The Asheville Citizen of September 21 carried a feature story by N. Buckner in which story one Israel Kentucky Buckner is interviewed regarding experiences in Western North Carolina as a revenue officer back in the early nineties. Having been born near Franklin some fifty-odd years ago, and having cast my first ballot as a citizen for Mr. Buckner's side partner in these raids he tells about, and having been in close touch with the people of Macon county all my life, I ask the privilege of commenting on some of Mr. Buckner's observations.

Uncle Isreal's imagination has not been injured and by the years he has lived. Had he been educated earlier he would have made a success as a modern evolutionist. What isn't there he easily manufactures.

In dealing with Macon county he confines himself largely to one family and one township—the Panther brothers of Cowee. Uncle Kentucky's picture of these men and their home community is so far from the real truth that no man in the county could possibly recognize either the men or the place. It was the privilege of your scribe to be personally acquainted with the Panther boys. There were four of them: Bill, Sam, Bob and Alf.

It might be interesting for your readers to know what became of these outlaws and desperadoes. From Uncle Isreal Kentucky's story one would suppose that they all died in their boots or with a rope around their necks.

**Lives As Honored Citizen**

But the record does not chalk up that way. Sam moved across the county line into Jackson county years ago where he lived as an honored citizen, respected by his neighbors, honored by his church and finally dying in the confidence of all who knew him. Bill, still lives in Jackson county and is an upright, on-going citizen. Alf spent the last forty years of his life in Cherokee county where he fell on sleep a little while ago amid a shower of tears. Bob, the only other member of this quartett of ambushers and outlaws married Miss Laura Tippett of this county, moved to the State of Washington where he still lives enjoying the luxuries of a well spent life.

Uncle Buckner's memory conjures with history. It is not reliable. And Jeter Prichard is dead. Nobody ever caught Prichard going off half-cocked in an interview. Pritchard's imagination wouldn't work over time.

As an illustration of Uncle Isreal's reliability we quote these words from the interview: "I have been shot at a thousand times." And was still having his picture taken at seventy-two. On one particular raid Mr. Buckner lay flat on the ground while the whizzing bullets knocked dirt into his eyes but didn't get a scratch. He says he was small and thin, and  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a Mortgage Deed executed by J. R. Ray and wife, Jennie Ray, to W. J. Jenkins, on the 9th day of January, 1922, which Mortgage Deed is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, in Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 26, page 369, default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned executrix of the last will and testament of W. J. Jenkins, deceased, will on Monday, the 17th day of November, 1936, at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house door in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following described lot or parcel of land conveyed by said Mortgage Deed, to wit:

In Macon County, North Carolina, on waters of Tennessee river, adjoining the lands of W. J. Jenkins, W. H. Morrison, the West lands and others, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a Persimmon on a ridge, W. J. Jenkins' corner, and runs N 68 W 26 poles and 8 feet to a stake, W. J. Jenkins' corner in the Old Base Line, South 4 1-2 W 3 poles from the Old Spanish oak corner; then with said line south 41 2 W 29 1-2 poles to a stake; then north 85 E 14 poles to a stake; then S 42 E 16 poles to a stake in road; then with road N 61 E 17 poles to a white oak, corner of the school property; then N 18 3-4 W 33 poles and 2 feet to the beginning. Containing 5 acres, more or less.

This 17th day of October, 1936.  
LILLIAN HURST, Executrix.  
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