

## DEATH OF MR. J. B. CALLAHAN

Another one of the few remaining Civil War veterans has answered the last call of Taps. J. B. Callahan, formerly of Madison County, died at the home of his son, E. O. Callahan, near Greensboro on Saturday morning, July 11th, at the ripe old age of 93 years and three months. His health has been unusually good until during the last few months.

Mr. Callahan, with three brothers, entered the Confederate Army at the beginning of the Civil War, and two of the brothers were killed in action. His discharge shows that he fought in several of the fiercest battles waged during the war, two of which were the Seven Days Battle near Richmond and the Battle of the Wilderness. About a year before Lee's surrender Mr. Callahan was taken captive by the Union soldiers and imprisoned at Long Island, N. Y., where he remained until the close of the war. It was while imprisoned that he came near losing his eyesight, which caused him more trouble, perhaps, than all his sickness combined.

During the last forty years of his life Mr. Callahan has been a consistent reader and student of the Bible, having read it through many times. He continued to read much until about his ninetieth year. Another interesting feature of his life of almost a century was the fact that he has always been a total abstainer from the use of alcoholic drinks in any form, or the use of tobacco in any form, and he prided himself in the fact that he did not know the taste of whiskey.

He is survived by the following children: Mrs. A. F. Sprinkle, Jefferson City, Tenn., the only daughter; while three sons survive him—Mr. E. M. Callahan, Mars Hill, N. C. E. O. and J. W. Callahan, Stokesdale, N. C. He leaves a number of grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. U.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the French

### CAROLINA

(BY O. D. BUCKNER)

Carolina, Carolina,  
In thy name's a melody  
That is full of sweetest music;  
That is beautiful to me.  
How it thrills me!  
How it fills me  
With the happy thoughts of thee!

O'er thy hills the morning sunshine  
Softly pours its golden beams  
Through the gently swaying tree tops  
On the calm and peaceful streams;  
Neath their glowing  
Winds are blowing  
Dancing waves beneath the gleams.

Who could watch thy lofty mountains  
Lean their heads against the sky  
And recline in peaceful slumber  
As the lazy clouds float by  
Without feeling  
Teardrops stealing,  
Though unbidden, to his eye!

Who could listen to the murmur  
And the gurgle of thy brooks  
And not close his eyes and dream of  
Fairy lands and story books;  
Leave forgetting,  
Not regretting,  
All the glory of thy nooks?

When the spring adorns thy meadows  
With a multitude of flowers  
And imbues them with their fragrance  
Through the sunshine and the showers;  
Then go flying,  
Living, dying,  
O'er me days that seem as hours.

Nowhere sing the birds more sweetly  
Than among thy blooming trees,  
As the leaves dance to the music  
In the balmy, blithesome breeze—  
Then God's giving  
Joy with living;  
Then my mind is at its ease.

How I love thee, Carolina!  
Thou hast all that beauty gave.  
Carolina, Carolina,  
Hold for me a lonely grave;  
When I'm dying  
Leave me lying  
Neath thy pine trees' mournful wave.

Broad Association will be held with the Laurel Branch Church on Friday July 24. The following program will be given:

Watch Word for the year; Mark 16: 15, "Go ye into all the world." Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be my witnesses."

9:30 Devotional.....Rev. E. P. White, Pastor.

9:45 Welcome.....Miss Nell Roberts

Response.....Mrs. W. H. Morrow

9:50 Roll Call of Societies, each giving its idea of the needs of the Association and how to meet them

10:30 Society Methods.....Officers, Committees, (Duties).....Miss Dorothy Kellam

Programs, Enlistment, Personal Service.....Mrs. A. C. Hamby

Church Finances and Reports.....Mrs. George Fortner

Prayer Meetings and Special Prayer Seasons.....Mrs. C. J. Biggers

Young People and Fostering Other Societies.....Mrs. E. C. Coates

Stewardship and Mission Study.....Miss Della Huggins

Our Periodicals

Royal Service.....Mrs. H. L. Story

Home and Foreign Field.....Mrs. W. B. Metcalf

World Comrades.....Miss Della Huggins

Biblical Recorder.....Mrs. N. B. McDevitt

Subscriptions taken by Mrs. E. R. Elmore

Financial Report

Standard of Excellence Report

Appointment of Committees

Announcements

Song

Prayer

### NOON

Devotional.....Mrs. Luther Howell

Reaching our Standard of Excellence.....Mrs. Dorsey Kellam

W. M. U. Responsibility to the Young People

Demonstration.....Y. W. A. Enon Church

Our Training Schools.....Mrs. Horace Smith

Christian Education.....Mrs. Bessie Stapleton

Report of Committees

Collection for Association Expense, or Minute Fund

Stewardship and the Unified Program.....Rev. Horace Smith



J. J. REDMON

prominent citizen of Marshall, who died Sunday, July 12, 1925, at one o'clock P. M.

## J. J. REDMON, PROMINENT CITIZEN OF MARSHALL, DIES AT HIS HOME

Mr. Redmon Was One of the Most Prominent Business Men of Marshall; Will be Greatly Missed By All

J. J. Redmon was born July 23rd, 1855. He died at one o'clock Sunday July 12th. The end was peaceful. He seemed to quietly fall asleep. His remains rest under the shade of two spreading oaks in the Marshall cemetery on the hill above his home. He had specially marked this as the spot where he desired to be buried.

The career of this man was indeed remarkable. He was born of parents who were of the good, common people. In spirit and association he lived and moved among them to the day of his death. J. J. Redmon loved the plain people.

His parents were poor. His mother was left a widow by the cruel vicissitudes of the Civil War. She possessed two things, however, which were too precious for money to buy. She was endowed with unusual common sense and a deeply religious nature. Both traits were transmitted to her son. The influence of his Christian mother was great in the life of her son.

At the tender age of eighteen, J. J. Redmon made his first venture in the business world. He and his brother jointly purchased a farm in the Sandy Mush section. In closing the trade each made his mark to the promissory notes executed in purchasing the property. The kind hearted magistrate who drew the papers, being impressed by the pluck of the two youths volunteered this advice: "work hard, pay for the land, and then go to school." Good fortune smiled upon the trade. The first years income from the farm and profits made in trading practically paid for the place. Then acting upon the advice, the boys attended school for a few months. This was practically all of the schooling J. J. Redmon ever had. But he learned quickly and well in the school of life.

To accurately measure a man's achievements, we must look to the start and weigh the obstacles overcome. Judged by this standard J. J. Redmon's success was marvelous. A born trader, he naturally invested his savings in those things, which gave promise of the greatest returns. In his early career he and a friend invested their savings in some cattle for sale on the South Carolina Market. The move was a failure. He lost practically all of his money. But he was not discouraged. He remarked: "I'll get there yet." He probably tried his hand at a greater variety of businesses than any other successful business man that Western North Carolina ever produced. At different times he was interested in merchandising (both retail and wholesale), in milling, in manufacturing shoes, in canning, in lending money, in mining, in stock raising, in buying and selling real estate, in farming, wholesale and retail lumber business, tobacco warehouse business and various other business enterprises. For fifty years he was actively identified with practically every business enterprise conducted in Madison County. From the state of a penniless orphan without inheritance he became a prominent citizen.

He was a deep student of the Bible, and a devoted Christian. Many of the business realm by which he was envied. Fortune smiled upon his undertakings. From the owner of the half interest in the little mountain farm at Sandy Mush he became a financier, whose business integrity and sound financial judgment was respected and admired by all. The late Judge Pritchard, who was the lifelong friend, and for years the attorney and business associate of J. J. Redmon in the milling business, said, that he was "the greatest financier he ever knew." As an evidence of J. J. Redmon's wonderful foresight he believed that a Banking institution located in Madison County would pay and be a good thing for the people. He expressed this conviction to the late J. M. Gudger, Jr. fifteen years before his dream of a bank was realized. Subsequent events confirmed the wisdom of his judgement. The County is now supporting four banks. The Bank of French Broad established in 1903, being the first to open in Madison County. J. J. Redmon was President of the Bank from its organization until his death. At the time of his death J. J. Redmon was President of the Bank of French Broad, President of the Madison Light and Power Company, Vice President of the Capita Manufacturing Company, and interested in various other Corporations. Besides he had large real estate holdings in Buncombe and Madison Counties and in the State of Tennessee, and was interested in various other business enterprises.

The business career of this man as such as to excite the wonder of his friends and those who knew the tremendous handicaps under which he started and labored. In the field of finance J. J. Redmon was in his natural element. In this field he achieved greatness.

One of his strong traits of character was composure in trying circumstances. When the town of Marshall was flooded in 1916, and while merchandise of his were being flooded and ruined and washed away by the turbulent waters of the angry French Broad, he appeared to be the calmest man in town. He was a good loser at all times.

While his business talent was respected and admired by all, yet as a citizen of his community and friend of the people he held a warm place in the hearts of the people. This was shown by the large number of people in all walks of life who anxiously inquired about his condition during his sickness, and attended his funeral and mourned the loss after his death.

By nature he was of a friendly and genial disposition. He passionately loved little children, and always had a kind word for them, many of whom though not related, affectionately called him Grandpa. They all seemed to recognize a true friend in Mr. Redmon. He was plain and unaffected in manner and habit. Nightfall always found him at home with his family. Daylight always found him feeding his hogs and chickens. He talked and joked with the humblest citizens and enjoyed their society. He was at ease in the presence of the influential.

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## MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

The Angel of Death has again entered the ranks of French Broad Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 292, and called from our fraternity one of our oldest members, Bro. J. J. Redmon, who died Sunday, July 12th, 1925. Bro. Redmon had been confined to his home with sickness for about two weeks when the Unseen Visitor quietly and gently took him by the hand and welcomed to the gathering at the river where only angels feet tread. He was ready, willing and satisfied to go.

Bro. Redmon was one of our most faithful and loyal members, and seemed to enjoy most an opportunity to aid a distressed or fallen brother. We shall meet and we shall miss him, and our reference would have been to have him with us still, but are content in feeling the assurance of his being "at rest" in a "land that is fairer than day."

The worn Bible in his office, his devotion to his church and Sunday school for the past years is the square by which we are pleased to gauge his idea of life. In his passing we reminded that we, too, are mortal; soon shall we follow him.

"Alas our brother." We cherish his memory here. We commend his spirit to the God who gave it. We commit his body to the tomb.

We can only deeply and sincerely, and most affectionately sympathize with his immediate family and friends in their bereavement and remind them that God will fold the arms of His love and protection around those who put their trust in Him.

We humbly submit to His will. Therefore, be it resolved: That we extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends who mourn his loss; that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of our lodge; a copy furnished his family, and a copy of same be sent to the News-Record, and also to The Oxford Orphanage for publication.

J. C. RAMSEY,  
Wm. V. FARMER,  
S. B. ROBERTS,  
Committee.

## MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOTS SELF

Mr. E. F. Rector, who has charge of the jail in Marshall, accidentally shot himself Wednesday at 7 P. M. The accident occurred in the prisoner's ward on the second floor of the building, the bullet from a 38 Special entering his left leg above the ankle. He was taken to the French Broad hospital in Asheville, and as we go to press his condition is not known.

An important business conference has had to await his reading the Scriptures from his large Bible, which he always kept in his office at the bank and from which read passages practically every day. With him belief in and love of Christ was a deep conviction that nothing could shake. He was actively identified with the Free Will Baptist Church for a number of years and was always present at Sunday School, Church services and Revival meetings. He was appointed Chairman of the Madison County Singing Convention and was never happier than when attending these conventions. Although in feeble health he sat through both morning and evening sessions of the last singing convention recently held in Marshall, which was one of the largest public gatherings ever held in Madison County. He always believed that Divine Providence shaped the lives of men.

Many a person in financial distress was befriended by J. J. Redmon. He was strictly honest in all of his dealings and expected this of others. A worthy person could always count upon his financial assistance. After his death a well known and successful business man was heard to remark, "Jim Redmon was a good and useful man. He helped many a person in trouble and will be sorely missed by the people." He lived a life of service and preparation for a better life, which possibly better than anything else showed his real common sense and sound judgment. The best evidence of his real success in life, and words that will always remain as great consolation to his family and friends were those spoken by Mr. Redmon to his pastor, Rev. Jake Martin, during the last days of his sickness, when he said, "There is nothing between me and God."

## DEATH OF LITTLE EMMETT WEST, JR.

The entire community is deeply grieved over the death of little Emmett West, Jr., on Friday, July 10. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett West, of Marshall, Route 2. His stay with us was short, being only two years, four and one-half months, but everyone that knew him loved him.

The funeral services were held at Enon Baptist Church Saturday, conducted by Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of Marshall Baptist Church. He was assisted by Rev. Mr. Pipes, of Asheville.

While it is our great loss, and while his presence to complete the happiness of his home, will be so greatly missed, and while the empty space can never be filled, we realize that God has gained a precious jewel, and that Junior is happy and does not wish to be back, for he is helping to make Heaven more beautiful and is "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

His sweet disposition was very appealing to all who knew him. This was proved by the large crowd that followed to the church with tear-stained eyes, and especially by the beautiful floral offering.

The bereaved ones are the father and mother, little brothers, Fred and Oliver, one sister, little Virginia Kathryn.

### IF ANYONE HAS—

- Killed a pig,
- Shot his wife,
- Got married,
- Borrowed a stamp,
- Made a speech,
- Joined the army,
- Robbed a bank,
- Bought a lot,
- Lost a grade,
- Gone fishing,
- Broke his neck,
- Bought a house,
- Committed suicide.
- Been away,
- Come back home,
- Been in a fight,
- Gotten licked,
- Been arrested,
- Put in jail,
- And fined,
- Got a divorce,
- Gotten drowned,
- Or anything,
- It's news. Send it to the editor at once.—Selected.

## SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN MR. RICE

On Sunday, July 12, Uncle Jobe Rice, who all delight to call Uncle, was given a grand surprise in the way of a birthday dinner, which was served in picnic style at his home which is located on the Walnut Creek road about three miles northeast of Marshall. On Sunday morning while Uncle Jobe was attending church and Sunday School at Enon Church, which is his regular custom, the table was placed in the yard in the shade of large cedar trees and the bounteous spread of good eats was placed thereon, and when Uncle Jobe returned from church and gazed upon the long table laden with good food it was not hard to see that he was gladly surprised and greatly affected.

There were present seventy-eight who enjoyed the spread consisting in the most part of children, grand and great grandchildren.

Uncle Joe was born near what is now known as Walnut on July 12, 1844, so the purpose of the surprise party was to celebrate his 81st birthday.

A very pleasant time was had by all. Those enjoying the repast and general good time were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. West and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sprinkle and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Chandler, Mrs. R. J. Rice and children, R. J., Jr. and Emma Kate, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rice and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ramsey and family, Mrs. Morgan Ramsey and daughter, Edna Rice; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett West and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Runyon and family; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bryan and family; Mr. and Mrs. Auburn Sprinkle and children; Mr. and Mrs. Orion Rice and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Runyon and children, all of whom were relatives and the following close friends of Uncle Jobe: Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Chandler; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bryan; Miss Nell Harden, of Tryon, N. C.; Miss Nora West and Miss Thelma Runyon and Esq. and Mrs. E. H. Morgan.