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DEATH OF MRS. H. K. NORTON

Mrs. H. K. Norton died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Rector of Marshall. She was 48 years old. She was born in the year of 1877, May 7th, and Dec. 3, 1925. She is survived by her husband and one of Black Mt. and three sisters, Mrs. R. B. Payne, of Westville, Mrs. J. J. Rector, and Josie Mull of Marshall. She had been ill for two years.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Arthur Hensley, Marshall. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Red Hill. She has always been a kind and loving mother and true to her family. Her death is a great loss to the family. Her funeral will be held at 10 o'clock on Monday, December 21st, at the North Fork Big Pine Baptist Church. The family highly appreciate the kindness of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Rector and daughter, Frances, during her last three months' illness. The family greatly mourns her loss. She was loved by all who knew her.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—We regret that the account of this death was omitted last week. It was misplaced, which was the reason why it was left out.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois

FLOTSAM

Martin, when he was a young boy, and he was one of the most likable children I have ever met, and one of the most promising. He was strong, healthy, and attractive of face, and made friends wherever he went. His father had died when Martin was ten, and the boy had had pretty much his own way with the women of the family. He could wheedle his mother or his grandmother into letting him do anything he had set his mind on doing, and since there was no especial need of economy in the family, he enjoyed a good many privileges and even luxuries.

He was seldom subjected to any discipline; he was such a lovable child that it hardly seemed necessary, and so he grew up selfish, without an idea of the meaning of sacrifice or self-control.

He could have been the best student in high school if he had had any ambition to do well. He had an alert mind, but he seldom applied it to anything, so that he slipped through with rather an indifferent and commonplace record. His good manners, his ingratiating way, the generosity with which he spent his mother's money, made him the most popular boy in school, however, and even his teachers thought little of his failure to do his best.

In college he gained some distinction in athletics, and he was clever enough to pass his work. After he graduated he went back to his home town and began the practice of law. He could have been the best lawyer in the county if he had chosen, but he loafed, he took to gambling, he fell into drunken habits, and his name became associated with the worst women in town. Gradually his business fell away from him, his friends deserted him, people were afraid to put their affairs into his hands. He drifted lower and lower; he fell into debt; he looked like a tramp, and then he disappeared—was swallowed up in the maelstrom of the underworld.

I was visiting a hospital in a great city not long ago when necessity took me to the morgue where the unrecognised dead are brought—bodies picked up in the slums, dragged from the river, found cast away upon the shores of wretchedness.

As I passed through the long lines of human wreckage a familiar face caught my eye, disfigured and swollen as it was—it was Martin.

And thus he had come to his end, when he had it in him to be anything he had wanted to be.

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IN MEMORY OF MR. J. N. BUCKNER

Marshall, N. C.
Dec. 14, 1925.

Editor News-Record:

In compliance with the request of Mrs. J. N. Buckner, Big Pine, N. C., that I write something in memory of her husband, I am submitting herewith for publication in your paper a little poem entitled "One of Us."

Having been intimately acquainted with Mr. Buckner since the time I was a little boy, I can cheerfully say for him that he was ever a Christian gentleman. He was a generally known throughout the county, and in other places as well, and had a host of friends. I feel that in his passing I have lost a real, personal friend; the remaining members of his family have lost a devoted husband and father; the North Fork Big Pine Baptist Church has lost one of its most faithful and consistent members and the county has lost one of its best citizens.

Mr. Buckner was born May 28, 1861; his death occurred October 25, 1925. He was buried in the North Fork Big Pine cemetery funeral services being conducted by Rev. B. B. Plemmons, Trust, N. C., and by Rev. R. H. Hipps, Asheville, N. C.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, Mrs. J. N. Buckner, and three sons and one daughter, as follows: Elbert, Allen and Wilson Buckner, and Mrs. Henry Worley, all of whom are residents of the Big Pine section. Three brothers and one sister also survive. They are Christopher and Jacob Buckner and Mrs. Letitia Roberts of Big Pine, and Stephen C. Buckner of Marshall, R. F. D. No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM WORLEY.

ONE OF US

(By WILLIAM WORLEY)

Friends, we are sad and lonely;
Great is the loss we bear;
But we would ask for only
Your sympathy and prayer.

A husband and a father
Has ended life's race;
And never can another
Be found to fill the place.

There are good people many;
We meet them when we roam;
But seldom find we any
As dear as folks at home.

And when one dies and leaves us,
As good as was this man,
The going greatly grieves us,
Though do the best we can.

He used to do his labors
About the home and farm,
Respected by his neighbors,
For no one did he harm.

As many friends remember,
He kept the golden rule,
Of being a good member
Of church and Sunday School.

He was at every meeting
That he could well attend;
The church will miss his greeting
And service of a friend.

His eyes could yet behold us,
His mind could act also,
When in calm tones he told us
He was prepared to go.

He suffered uncomplainingly,
Bound by a dread disease;
The while his strength was waning,
And soon death gave release.

About the bier the flowers
Were in profusion laid,
While many friends for hours
Their final tributes paid.

Earth held for him no treasure;
It was laid up in heaven;
And now in greater measure
To him it has been given.

We hope one day to meet him
Where sorrows are unknown;
It will be sweet to greet him,
And have again our own.

Santa Hears from the Kiddies



CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. H. K. Norton wish to thank her sister, Mrs. J. J. Rector and daughter, Frances, and the many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the last three months' illness, and death of Mrs. Norton. The family greatly mourn their loss. She was loved by all who knew her.

During the war a dusky son of Alabama was busily engaged in a cootie hunt. When asked by a sergeant what he was doing, he replied:
"Ise a huntin' fo' dem 'arith-metic bugs."
"Why do you call them arithmetic bugs?"
"Cause dey add to ma misery dey subtracts from my pleasure, dey divides ma attention, and dey multiply like hell."

THERE ARE STILL A FEW DAYS LEFT IN WHICH TO BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS SEALS

Golden Rule Sunday Plans Win Approval of President Coolidge

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1925.


Gentlemen:

The reports of the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday last year in fifty countries, and its far-reaching results in the training of orphans in the Near East have been of great interest to me. This expression of brotherhood inevitably has a beneficial influence upon those who give as well as those who receive.

As practical help is the best expression of friendship, I feel that the aid which we may give out of our prosperity to those impoverished by war may be of the utmost value in the promotion of International good will. The consistent observance of Golden Rule Sunday cannot but help to bring about the application of the Golden Rule itself to the misunderstandings of nations and of individuals.

I earnestly hope that the voluntary observance of this day may become increasingly prevalent in the home of America and throughout the world.

Very truly yours,
Woodrow Wilson



Near East Relief,
151 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

President Coolidge, in a letter just given out by the Near East Relief, endorses plans for the third observance of Golden Rule Sunday.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Edited by O. S. DILLARD

Miss Idell Buchan from the State Board of Health has just completed an inspection of the school children of the county. Miss Buchan started work here the latter part of September, and finished December 11th. During that time she visited every school in the county with the exception of two, and these were temporarily closed. These will be visited next summer before the opening of the clinic. In these visits she inspected and examined 3624. All of these children are under the age of twelve. In addition to this, a large number of children over twelve years old were examined, but no record was kept of this number as a child over twelve years of age is not eligible to the clinic, as the demand is so great for admission to the clinic, that the State cannot provide for all.

It is important to note that out of the 3624 children examined that 1942 of these were found to have enlarged and diseased tonsils. That is to say that more than fifty per cent of the children of the county have diseased tonsils, and are more or less retarded on account of such. Of the number examined, 2247 were found with defective teeth. 329 were found with defective vision. That is one child out of every eleven is handicapped by reason of the fact that he is unable to read as well as his classmates. Some of these children are in a pitiable condition, almost blind. Others perhaps do, but are unable to have their children fitted with glasses that will make it possible for them to see. We hope that in these cases that the teachers of the schools in which these cases are located will try to have the worst cases helped.

It is the purpose of the State Board of Health to conduct a clinic here some time next summer to remove tonsils and adenoids. We certainly hope that the parents will avail themselves of this opportunity of having the work done. There are a great many cases in the county that need this work done, but cannot afford it. This is the kind of cases that we hope to reach through this clinic. We would advise all parents who are financially able not to wait for this clinic, but to have the work done before.

Day after day we get excuses from parents for non-attendance from school on account of the sickness of a child. In a majority of these cases we find that the trouble is bad tonsils colds or bad teeth. If these conditions are remedied, it will not only enable the child to make better progress in his grade, but will also have a marked influence on the average daily attendance in school.

School attendance for the year, closing for the holidays, has been the best in the history of the county. While complete figures are not available for the county, all not having been tabulated, the records point to an average daily attendance for the first three months:

Walnut High School Avg. Daily Attendance	334.57 or 92.80 per cent.
Marshall High Avg. Daily Attendance	393.63 or 91.50 per cent.
Hot Springs H. S. Avg. Daily Attendance	205.06 or 90.40 "
Marshall H. S. Avg. Daily Attendance	430.70 or 88.00 "

These figures taken from the larger school warrant the statement made in last week's issue of the RECORD that the larger schools have a much better attendance on the percentage basis than the smaller schools.

Quite a number of violations of the compulsory attendance act have been tried, and in every case, except one there have been convictions. The one case that was lost was because of distance and poverty. These cases will have a whole-some effect on the attendance. Quite a number have plead ignorance of the law, and stated that they did not know that the law was so strict.

It is our purpose to bring before the courts every willful violation of the law. We do not de-

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