

**WITAKER**

It is more important to know you are. But if you are passing through this world of years will leave footprints in the sands of time or a mark on the enduring tablets of memory. Don't forget it. Such marks are made with certainty only by carving your initials on some historical milestone. Otherwise a hundred years from now you will have a two-word biography "Oh, him."

Your authority for this is one which has tried to dig back some time times past—me. The best the most of us can do for a personal posterity is place our bet on the religion that suits us and relax. I have found that when you dig past the limits of living memory most times you will fall off our flat little world into a vacuum of timeless space. As a matter of fact this searching out of someone's forefathers has often made me afraid to ask some people what their father's name was.

It doesn't seem quite right that men and women—the little people, if you please—who contributed their lives to putting us where we are, should be forgotten except, rarely, as a vague limb on somebody's family tree. Too many times I have had the answer, "We should have written that down when Uncle Zeke could have told us."

But Uncle Zeke died some

time ago. And the warm human memory of his life is in the permanent cold storage of his personal eternity. Some time take a walk in a cemetery that has a marching line of tombstones with names strange to you. Then stop and think about Joe Jones lying over there, big stone or little, and wonder how he must have felt about things when he was standing in YOUR place. It gives you sort of a temporary feeling.

The other week, by necessity, I had to make up some history. I was trying to find out when an old house was built. The family told me they did not know, but had heard grandma say she heard one of the builders bet five dollars he could jump from the second floor on the top of a head of cabbage without injury, when she was a little girl. I asked how long grandma had been dead . . . how old when she died. It added to 125 years . . . a little girl is five years old . . . That house is now 120 years old.

But I reckon some of our forefathers and their times are better forgotten. Some of us might find some of them hanging from the limbs of the family trees by ropes, rather than perched there with dignity. I have in mind a buffalo. A buffalo was a scoundrel who deserted the Armies of the Confederacy and gave service to its enemies 85 years ago.

This particular buffalo, the forefather of a family now prominent in this state, left his post, hid in the swamps and guided

Federal troops in an attack against his neighbors. His grave is not known today. The legend is that he was taken, hanged, drawn and quartered, and buried in an unmarked grave by his outraged neighbors. Only this year one of his descendants was asked quietly, but viciously, "By the way, where is your grandfather buried?"

Most of us, though, don't have buffaloes for ancestors, monkeys maybe, but that was long enough ago so we don't run into them in careful climbs up family trees. A lady, who doesn't like to get her name in the papers, said to me just the other day that she ought to write down what she knew about her family for her children. I agreed. The history of the white man in this section doesn't go back much over 250 years. It is a new country, but most men who lived here have been sometime creatures . . . and forgotten.

I have thought some about my posterity. If the rules and regulations of eternity allow me to pass time around my tombstone it might be amusing to have the old sundial legend inscribed upon it . . . "It's Later Than You Think." Just imagine the shocked expressions on the faces of strolling citizens a hundred years from now.

**LEE'S CHAPEL NEWS**

By Iva Lee Riggs  
Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Wethington of Pelletier spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Alton Arthur.

Henry Watson and Cliff Arthur spent Friday in Swansboro on business.

Mrs. Charlie Cherry and daughter, Bettie, of Washington, spent the week-end with relatives at Lee's Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bogus and daughter, Pearl, shopped in New Bern Friday.

Mrs. Milton Arthur has returned to her home after spending a few days with her sister,

Mrs. Tim Holland of Norfolk.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughter, Peggie, of Swansboro, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton Arthur.

Ernest Riggs was a business visitor in New Bern Thursday. Alton Arthur spent Tuesday in New Bern on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Eubanks and family of New Bern visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Eubanks Sunday.

Mrs. Alton Arthur and son, Thomas, were shoppers in New Bern Friday.

Ernest Riggs went to Jacksonville Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Riggs and daughters, Sally and Christine, spent Sunday with relatives at Maysville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riggs and children, Nash, Dennis, and Della Sue, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis of New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs and Mrs. W. J. Riggs visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riggs of Dover Sunday.

Mrs. Ivey Riggs and daughters and Miss Iva Riggs spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Jarman, of Pollocksville.

Among the shoppers in New Bern Thursday were: Mr. and

Mrs. Ivey Riggs, Mrs. W. J. Riggs, Miss Guelda Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Cooke and son, Nerwood, E. N. Riggs and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harker.

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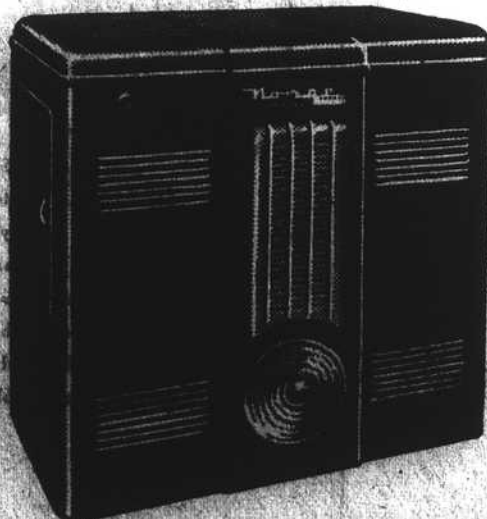
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