

DEATH ANGEL. 1908

Blanche Jacobs, only daughter of Elias and Etta Jacobs, was born Nov. 20, 1892, died March 7, 1908. Blanche had been in failing health some two years, being a victim of consumption, but she grew worse about two weeks ago and her decline was rapid. Her mother died four years ago last November, and since that time Blanche had spent most of her time with relatives, who loved and cared for her. At the time of her recent sickness, she was at the home of Arthur Botkins, Mrs. Botkins being an aunt, and it is said their kindness could not be surpassed, and was the comment of all intimate with the home. During her last days her father was at her bedside continuously and the home was thronged with relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted from the M. E. Church, South, the High School, of which she was a member, attending in a body. The sermon by Rev. J. W. Kimbrell was an inspiration to all.

In humble submission we bowed our heads when it spread over our city Sunday morning that one we loved so well, Mrs. Blanche Jacobs, had passed from this life. In Sunday School, where she was awarded a Bible for attendance when five years old, her loss was keenly felt, and her sweet, modest life was used as a text, urging others to a noble and more useful life. In her class she was kind, attentive, and her instruction was not in vain, for she heeded her Master's call. It was in the Sunday School, when the pastor extended the invitation that all who wanted to follow Jesus, come forward, Blanche answered the call, and with others gave the pastor her hand, and in her last days her testimony was in sweet accord with her life. When she knew her life was closing, she said: "I am ready."

Ever kind, courteous, modest and lady like, she lived among us, loved by all, and her young life was one sweet benediction to all. Why called a way? An answer from whence, I cannot tell, upon my ear in softest accents tell: "All is of God. He doeth all things well!"

In humble submission, to her Father, Grandparents and all her loved ones, our heart goes out in tenderest sympathy and may we push onward and upward, remembering she cannot come to us, but we may go to her. May God

Obituary 1918

Rufus Neal Cooper, the only son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Cooper, was born near Clarence, Mo. Nov. 5th, 1890; died at New Orleans, La. Oct. 19th, 1918; age 27 years, 11 months and 14 days.

He was married to Miss Geneva Barton of St. Louis, Dec. 12, 1912. To them one child was born, Ruth Neal, a sweet little girl of 7 months. For nine years Neal has lived and worked in St. Louis. Just six weeks ago he resigned his position and went to accept a more promising one at New Orleans. Before the wife could follow him to the new home the dread influenza came and Neal was stricken. Monday, Oct. 14, a message came to his wife in Clarence to come at once. She was ill at the time but went. A sad tragedy followed. Her husband died and the young wife was too ill to accompany the body home. This is sad, indeed. This touches all our hearts.

Neal Cooper was a fine, christian young man. He became a christian when 17 years of age and united with the Clarence Christian Church under the ministry of Bro. Lochart. He was a fine business man. In his new position he was assistant manager and was promised further promotion soon. Although living in the busy city, Neal found time to attend Sunday School and church and seldom missed the mid-week prayer meeting. He was devoted to his wife and babe and to all his loved ones and friends. His parents say of him, "He never caused us a headache."

Such a man is a blessing in his living and a glory in his dying. Neal Cooper has made much of the few years that were his. He is a character and won the respect and love of all who knew him. What more is life? He has lived well. He has died well. All is well with Neal. May our confidence and trust continue in

Mrs. B. B. Asbury.

Florence M. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones was born in Shelby Co., Mo., Nov. 5, 1872. She was married to Dr. B. B. Asbury March 15 1898 and died at their home in Clarence, Oct. 4, 1901. The funeral was conducted by Eld. C. M. Lewellen of the Christian church, and she was buried in the A. O. U. W. cemetery.

Her only sister, Bernice, to whom she was very devoted preceded her to the grave four years, but she leaves behind father, mother, brother husband and two year old son. Before her marriage she taught several years in the public schools of the county and is tenderly remembered by pupils and friends. For several years she had been in poor health and had tried different climates in hopes of being benefited but in vain. Her body was too frail for the spirit to stay longer and she passed away leaving much which made life beautiful to her and many to mourn over her premature departure. She had been a christian for many years and we cannot reckon the influence of a sweet pure life such as her's has been almost at the first stage of life's journey. She had made peace with God and this will sustain and soothe her dear ones and we hope bring them to a higher plane of righteous life and a closer walk with God.

BURIAL AT CLARENCE FOR MRS. E. DEHNER 1903

The burial of Mrs. Gable Riggsby Dehner, a native of Clarence who died at her home in Jacksonsville, Ill., Wednesday, was held here in the Clarence cemetery at 2:30 Friday afternoon where Rev. Wm. Rutherford of the Methodist church gave a short service.

She leaves five living sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Lizzie Sanders, of Oklahoma; Mrs. Lucy Delaney, of Woodtown; Mrs. Emma Tracy, of Illinois; Maude Bockins, of Monroe City; and Mrs. Bessie Riggsby of Casper, Wyo., Walter Riggsby of Anabel, and Cyl, of Cushman, Okla. One sister deceased, Willa Etta, wife of E. J. Jacobs, died on Nov. 28, 1903.

She was born in Monroe county in 1891, moved to Clarence with her parents, John G. and Mary Riggsby, in 1894, where she grew to womanhood. She died at the age of 45.

OBITUARY.

Lena Mitchell, daughter of J. S. and Sarah Mitchell was born in Macon, Mo., September 25, 1866. She was married to Dr. J. W. Megee April 29, 1896, and died at her home in Clarence, early Tuesday morning July 17, 1900. Besides a devoted husband, she leaves to mourn their loss an aged father and mother, one sister and three brothers, and also a little step son. Her only child, a dear little babe of three months died two years ago, and her tender mother heart never ceased to yearn and grieve for it.

She joined the Christian church when nineteen years of age, and ever since has been a faithful worker in all branches of the church work. She was frail of body, but a conscientious, earnest, true woman with the Christian spirit perceptible in her every action. She taught in the public schools here and in Macon, Co., for a number of years. Her constant aim in her school work always being to prepare her pupils for a life of usefulness.

It is impossible to estimate the influence of a pure, sweet life such as hers has been, but it is enough to know that every one with whom her life came in contact loved and respected her and grieve that she no longer moves among them. We hope that her example will be the means of raising us all to a higher plane of righteous life and a closer walk with God. E. C. R.

Mrs. Walter

Swetman Dies 1919

Etta Mae Swetman passed away at her home five miles north of Clarence Saturday, November 21 at 3:30 p. m. Her death followed several months of critical illness. Mrs. Swetman was born in Macon county near Bethlehem church January 17, 1875, the daughter of Granville and Mary Lister. In 1897 she was married to the late Charles David McAnally. To this union two sons were born, one, Charles, preceding her in death in 1927.

February 5, 1922 she was married to Walter Swetman, who survives. Also surviving are one son, David R. McAnally of Jefferson City, and three brothers, Charles and Lige, of Macon, and Roy, of Springfield.

Mrs. Swetman was a member of the Clarence Methodist church. Funeral services were held at the Million-Barkeley Funeral Home at Clarence Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Isbell, pastor of the local M. E. church, officiated. Interment was in the Hopper cemetery.

Death of John C. Skinner.

John C. Skinner was born in Kentucky, March 22, 1823, and died Macon, Mo., April 23, 1903. When boy he came to Missouri and settled in Randolph county; later on he moved into the neighborhood of Bevier, where most of his life was spent. In 1848 he was married to Miss Nancy Frasier. This union was born four children, two daughters and two sons. Both of the daughters have passed away, one in infancy and the other, Mrs. Chas. Nisbeth, died about 20 years ago. Of her family there remains J. W. Nisbeth of Bevier and Mrs. Nettie Rodgers of La. both, Kan.

The loved wife and mother of his children died Aug. 6, 1901. The two sons, Rev. W. R. Skinner of Macon and E. G. Skinner of Clarence are yet living. There are 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The deceased while young made a profession of the Christian religion and united with the C. P. church. Later in life he united with a Baptist church and was a deacon for more than 30 years in the Second Baptist church at Bevier. In October, 1902, he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Brock of Cairo, Mo., who survives him. The funeral was preached by W. P. Clark at Bevier, where his body was laid to rest Friday.