

## In Memory Of 1-10-1930 Charles A. Taylor

Charles Alfred Taylor was born March 28th, 1859, at Bay City, Wisconsin, the oldest son of Freeman Calvin Taylor and Helen Phillips Taylor. He departed this life December 27th, at Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of seventy years and nine months.

Mr. Taylor spent his boyhood days at Bay City, where his father was engaged in the lumber business. He had four brothers, William, David L., Richard, and Freeman Ward, of whom only the latter survives. He lived for a time in his youth at Geneseo, Illinois, and later moved with his family to Grinnell, Iowa, where his father engaged in farming.

He attended the public schools and taught in the country schools when he reached manhood. He was a student at Grinnell College, then known as Iowa College, where he graduated with distinction, in 1895. He was always a very brilliant student and a man of great intellectual endowment, with a keen, precise mind.

That same year, at the age of twenty-six, he was married to Susan Mabel Chafee, and from this marriage there sprang the greatest and most important influence in Mr. Taylor's life, the love and devotion of his wife, who put his interests always first, who served and loved him for forty-four years with unwavering affection and loyalty, whose sagacity as a business adviser, whose tenderness as a nurse and companion in his failing health will always place her in the front rank of that august company of faithful wives.

Two years after this marriage, Mr. Taylor's daughter, Helen, was born. She was always a source of intense pride and gratification to her father, and her high-minded and beautiful character was a comfort and joy to him in his later years. While she was still a little girl, Mr. Taylor taught school in Grinnell, Wilton Junction, and Marshalltown, Iowa.

In 1891 Mr. Taylor moved to the Pacific Northwest, and located at Orting, Washington, where he was superintendent of the public schools for two years, and where his son Myles, now deceased, was born. Myles was Mr. Taylor's only son, and he followed his father in his mental gifts, being a superior student in school and college and a business man of great endowments. His untimely death, in the full power of his young manhood, was a severe blow to his father, who loved him and his family beyond measure.

Mr. Taylor's success as an educator was early recognized, and he was called to Seattle as principal in the public schools of that city, a position he held for eight years, except for a period of two years when he was engaged in the lumber business at Blaine, Washington. It was during the residence at Blaine, that their youngest child, Dorothy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. To all those who know the family, it is understood that Mr. Taylor had an especial affection and tenderness for this daughter. Her marriage, which kept her close to him in Spencer, pleased him, and her two boys were always a delight to him. He was intensely interested always in the prosperity and welfare of his three children.

Returning to the Middle West in 1901, Charles A. Taylor engaged in the advertising business in Chicago, where he was the senior partner of Taylor and Billingslea, publishers' representatives. In this work Mr. Taylor was highly successful and his energy and ability helped to make his firm one of the best in the country.

The Agricultural Epitomist, then published at Spencer, Indiana, was one of the papers represented by the firm of Taylor and Billingslea, and in 1908 Mr. Taylor, associated with Mr. Duane Beach of Spencer, acquired a controlling interest in the Epitomist and devoted himself to developing that publication. His abil-

ity as a publisher was soon recognized by the entire nation. He consolidated the Agricultural Epitomist with Farm Life, and under the latter name built up in Spencer the greatest publishing business which ever had been established in a town of that size.

Mr. Taylor moved with his family to Spencer in 1917, and identified himself with the life of the town. Here, surrounded by the families of his daughter, Dorothy, and her husband, Enoch R. Gray and their two children; his son, Myles, with his wife, Jessie Reid Taylor, and their four children; and with the love and affection of his wife, and frequent visits to and from the home of his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Springer, he lived an energetic and useful life as the

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was then living.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor first made their home at Stuart, where Mr. Taylor was pastor of the Congregational church for nine years. Their daughters, Miriam and Esther were born there. From there the family moved to Spencer where Mr. Taylor also held a pastorate and later at Emmetsburg. While they were at Emmetsburg Mr. Taylor's health failed and they moved back to Denmark for one year and in February, 1906, they came to Grinnell and settled on the farm southeast of town where their home has been ever since.

Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Drummond Club, the Searchlight Club and the Historical and Literary Club and has always maintained an active interest in everything that was cultural and helpful.

Mrs. Taylor, during the days of Mr. Taylor's activities in the pastoral field, was helpful and active in many ways, especially along missionary lines. At one time she was president of the Women's Missionary Society of the Cherokee Association.

There years ago she suffered a stroke from which she never really recovered and since last spring she has failed steadily.

She is survived by her husband and two daughters.

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## Charles Taylor rites today

Charles Taylor, 67, of 736 Nome Ave., Akron, Ohio, died Thursday morning (Feb. 20) at Akron City Hospital, following a three-year illness.

The son of Cleveland and Pauline Taylor, he was born in Woodsfield, Ohio, on Sept. 5, 1907. He was married to the former Burnise Moore of Grinnell and Des Moines.

For 20 years, Mr. Taylor was associated with Goodyear Aerospace Co. in Akron. He was a noted sportsman in the Akron area, having been a member of the Firestone Polo Team and owning a polo stable. He was also an aviator for a number of years.

Mr. Taylor also owned and

operated hotels in Akron and Florida. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Akron, the Mr. AkraLodge No. 68, and the Valley of Akron Consistory.

Survivors include his wife, Burnise; two brothers, Dr. Woodrow W. Taylor of Temple, Tex., and Dr. Donald F. Taylor of Houston, Tex.; and a sister, Mrs. Leona Aiken of Kingsport, Tenn.

Graveside services for Mr. Taylor were held at 4 p.m. today at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Rev. Hugh A. Shiveley, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating.

The Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.