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DR. J. H. ELLINGTON DIED FRIDAY

Prominent Sandy Ridge Physician Succumbs To Sudden Illness—Well Known Throughout This Part Of State.

Dr. J. H. Ellington, one of Stokes county oldest practicing physicians, died almost suddenly Friday morning about 2:30 o'clock at his home at Sandy Ridge. He had apparently been in his usual health until Thursday night about 10:30 when he was taken ill, living only a few hours.

The deceased had been practicing medicine in this county for the past fifty years or more, being in his 78th year, and was well known throughout the State, being well loved by a host of people, as was attested by the throng in attendance at the funeral.

The funeral was held at the home Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. J. A. Joyce and Rev. G. W. Williams. Attorney J. D. Humphreys, of Danbury, a life-long friend of the family, also made some remarks at the service.

Burial was in the Scales graveyard, near the home of the deceased.

Dr. Ellington is survived by his wife and one son, Edgar Ellington, of Sandy Ridge, and one daughter, Miss Laura Ellington, who lived with her parents.

He will be greatly missed by the people of his community, being a great friend and counselor to all those with whom he came in contact.

MADISON MAY GET NEW WAREHOUSE

Walnut Cove Motor Co. Has Leased Webster's Warehouse For Ford Place.

The Walnut Cove Motor Co. has leased Webster's warehouse in Madison and will convert it into a modern salesroom and garage for handling Ford automobiles.

The new Madison firm will be known as the Chilton Motor Co. and Ralph Chilton of Walnut Cove, will be manager.

In reporting this change the Madison Messenger says there is already a move on foot there to erect a new tobacco warehouse to replace Webster's, as only one house is left now and it would be impossible to get tobacco buyers to go to Madison unless there is more than one warehouse. A mass meeting of citizens was held last week and committees were appointed to confer with the big companies in regard to securing buyers, etc., while many citizens signified their willingness to take stock in a new house.

Misses Ethel and Anne Bouchelle, of Deland, Fla. are visiting Miss Luna Taylor.

SOMETHING RICH COMING SOON

Negro Minstrel With Stokes Officials Playing Leading Roles—To Be Given Here In Two Weeks.

Rehearsals were started here this week for a negro minstrel to be given in the school auditorium in about two weeks, the exact date to be announced next week.

Playing leading roles in the minstrel will be Sheriff John Taylor, Register of Deeds Robah Browder, Justice James B. Joyce, Lon Sisk and others. Quite a number of young ladies will have parts and there will be several choruses.

Miss Mary Taylor will have charge of the music and assist in directing the minstrel and those who attend are assured an evening of pleasure.

PIEDMONT HOTEL OPENS JUNE 15

Swimming Pool And Other Attractions To Be Added—Season Promises To Be Good One.

The hotel at Piedmont Springs will open for guests on Saturday, June 15th, and the season this year promises to be another good one, according to inquiries already being received from persons who contemplate spending some time there during the summer months.

J. John Taylor, of Danbury, will have the management of the hotel, while Harry Dalton, of Winston-Salem, will be assistant manager.

Among the added attractions at the hotel this season will be a swimming pool right near the hotel, constructed of concrete. The water for the pool will come from one of the cool creeks coming down from the mountain.

An orchestra with six or more pieces has been employed and dancing will again be one of the principal amusements at the popular resort.

Posey Mabe Is Seriously Injured

Posey Mabe, cafe operator and popular young man at Walnut Cove, was seriously injured Tuesday night of this week when his car turned over and pinned him underneath it. The accident occurred on Main St. in Walnut Cove when Mr. Mabe's car struck another which was parked on the street there. He was rendered unconscious by the impact and was carried to a Winston-Salem hospital for examination. It was learned today that he was resting very well and that he will recover unless his injuries are more serious than appearances at present indicate. Just how the accident occurred or why has not been given out. Both cars were damaged considerably.

HARD SURFACE TO STUART SOON

Patrick Citizens Have Assurance From Virginia Authorities That Road To Stokes Line Will Be Paved At Early Date.

Information coming from Stuart, Va., is to the effect that the Virginia authorities have definitely decided to surface the newly-graded road between Stuart and the Stokes line, touching this state near Campbell.

Attorney W. L. Joyce, one of Patrick county's good road enthusiasts and progressive citizens, recently returned from a visit to the office of the state highway commission in Richmond, and Mr. Joyce is confident the road will be hard-surfaced either this year or next.

This road is thirty feet wide, and is almost straight. When surfaced it will be a very fine highway.

Mrs. Della Joyce Commits Suicide

Madison Messenger.

Mrs. Della Joyce, wife of Hunter Joyce, who lived a few miles northwest of town, suicided on Tuesday afternoon of last week by shooting herself through the body with a shot gun. It seems that Mrs. Joyce had been in bad health for quite a long while and had reached the point where she could not sleep. This preyed on her mind until it became unbearable. Tuesday afternoon, when the other members of the family went to the field to do some work, she told them that she would follow later. She did not go to the field and about two hours later was found at home cold in death. She had placed the muzzle of shot gun against her body and apparently, had fired it by pushing the trigger with a shovel. She was 39 years old the day she ended her life. Besides the husband and six children, she is survived by three brothers, Lee, James and Ben Martin, and four sisters, Mrs. J. L. Hawkins of Galax, Va., Mrs. J. A. Wall, Mrs. H. C. Kallam, and Mrs. J. J. Moore. The funeral services were conducted from Mt. Herman Church Thursday by Rev. J. A. Joyce and the remains were laid to rest in the church cemetery, a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends being present to pay tribute to her memory.

Building Private Lake For Fish

Paul Taylor is this week starting the construction of a private lake for fish on one of the small streams on his 500-acre farm just west of Danbury. Mr. Taylor expects to stock the lake with npuntain trout as soon as it can be completed and filled with water.

STOKES GIRLS GRADUATE NURSES

Exercises Held At Martin Memorial Hospital In Mt. Airy—Nine Pupils In Graduating Class.

Several Stokes county ladies were among the graduating class of the Martin Memorial Hospital at Mt. Airy recently when a class of nine finished their work.

The graduating exercises included a sermon by Rev. I. T. Jacobs, D. D., of the Mt. Airy First Baptist church, on "The Ministry of Healing." Special music consisting of quartetts, solos, etc., were also a part of the exercises, as well as talks by several physicians of the city, while Dr. Moir S. Martin, of the hospital, presented the diplomas.

The graduating class was composed of the following nine young ladies:

Annie Clark, of Lawsonville; Viola Cromer, of King; Inez Forest, of Francisco; Opal Ingram, of Tobaccoville; Clara Anderson, of Chula, Va.; Delia Shelton and Bertha Wright, of Stuart, Va.; Louise Poplin, of Ronda; Edna Wagner, of Whitehead.

Three of the nine graduates have already taken the examination before the State Board of Examiners for license to practice nursing. They are Misses Annie Clark, Bertha Wright and Delia Shelton.

WESTFIELD WILL BE ON THE MAP

Hardsurface Road About Completed and Electric Power And New Modern School Building In Prospect.

A hard-surfaced highway has just about been completed between Mt. Airy and Westfield and right on the heels of this good news comes the announcement by the Duke Power company that they expect to have their electric power lines bringing juice into Westfield within the next ninety days. Work has already been started on a line from Pilot Mt., a distance of only 7 or 8 miles.

A new school building is in prospect and Westfield is destined to be one of this section's foremost and most progressive communities.

Cutting Wheat Starts In This County

It is rather unusual for farmers this section to begin cutting wheat in May, but reports from more than one section indicate that the harvest is on. Among those who cut some wheat in Stokes last week was Billy Browder, prominent farmer at Germanton, and others. The crop is early this year and is apparently a good crop. The wheat crop always proves of great help to the farmers financially, as well as otherwise.

PHONE GROWS IN POPULARITY

Increase In Number Four Times Increase In The Population.

Washington, May 26.—

Growth of telephone service and use during the five year period ending December 31, 1927, was nearly four times the estimated increase of the country's population during the same period.

The Department of Commerce announcing the results of its quinquennial telephone census, figured that the 18,522,767 telephone in use at the end of 1927 represented an increase of 29.1 per cent. over 1922, while the population increase for the period was placed at 7.5 per cent.

In 1927, the department said, 31,614,172,621 calls were made—an increase of 28.3 per cent. over 1922. The wire mileage of 63,836,182 was 71.3 per cent. greater than the 1922 mileage, and the number of employees had increased from 312,015 to 375,272.

Every State in the Union showed an increase in number of telephones in use, led by Florida with a 103.7 per cent. gain. Three States, California, Indiana and New Jersey, had increases exceeding 50 per cent. Only Indiana, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana showed gains of less than 10 per cent.

The survey covered all public telephone systems in the territorial United States but did not include railroad, industrial and governmental private lines.

Stokes Couples Get License In Patrick

Recently the following named couples in Stokes have been granted license to marry by Clerk of the Court John Taylor at Stuart, Va.:

F. A. Mitchell of Walnut Cove and Eunice Hawkins of Sandy Ridge, N. C.

S. F. Fulk and Mary McDaniel of Pinnacle, N. C.

L. A. Steele and Reva Smith of Sandy Ridge, N. C.

Sam Goin and Lou Reynolds of Brim, N. C.

S. J. Manning and Nannie Goin of Lawsonville, N. C.

Wheat Is Under Dollar a Bushel

Chicago, May 28.—Hurried by a fast increasing flood of selling, the wheat market went headlong below \$1.00 a bushel today, and never stopped tumbling until trading ended. Canadian rains that dispelled doubts of another big crop of wheat in Canada, and that pointed to a continuance of record-breaking supplies the world over, were largely responsible. Not only wheat, but corn, oats and rye reached new low-price levels. May wheat the bottommost since October 1915.

BUILDING HOME OF STOKES STONE

James G. Hanes, Winston-Salem Ex-Mayor, Likes Quality Of Rock Found Near Danbury.

Four hundred tons of loose stone, taken from the south side of the Sauratown mountain, just east of Danbury, is now being hauled by trucks to Winston-Salem to go into a magnificent home for ex-mayor James G. Hanes at Winston-Salem.

After examining the stone in various parts of the country Mr. Hanes selected the variety which is to be found in abundance at the foothills of the Sauratown mountain in this section. It is grey in color and is hard as granite, and, of course, will make a most beautiful as well as a time-defying structure.

The residence to be constructed by Mr. Hanes will be located in the western section of the Twin City, out on one of the elevated spots near the Reynolds high school building.

TRIP TO LOVERS' LEAP IN PATRICK

Danbury People Find Pretty Scenery Up On The Blue Ridge 12 Miles Above Stuart.

On Sunday afternoon a party of Danbury people had the pleasure of visiting Lovers' Leap, 12 miles northwest of Stuart, Va., and they were delighted with the scenery of this picturesque spot high up on the Blue Ridge.

Lovers' Leap, according to a legend, got its name many years since when a couple of fair lovers, being forbidden by their parents to wed, jumped from the precipice clasped in each others arms and were dashed to death on the rugged mountain side hundreds of feet below.

This historic place is located on the newly constructed road between Stuart and Hillsville, Va. While the road has not been surfaced it is a wide smooth thoroughfare which rises 1200 feet in going from Stuart to the top of the mountain. From the top of Lovers' Leap the scene is grand to say the least. One looks down on country to north as if looking from an airplane and the territory of several Virginia counties can be seen by the naked eye. Hundreds of cars were seen going and coming and crowds are always found on the summit each Sunday afternoon when the weather is good, it was learned. Indeed, it is easily worth the price of the trip to see Lovers' Leap.

The latest 4-H club to be organized in the State is the Black Walnut Club. Each member is required to plant 25 hills or seedlings.