

Along The Way



By Emily Killete

Duplin has been fortunate and today we can look back into history and find dedicated men in areas of business, agriculture and medicine. These men helped build a strong foundation for our county. And, many times the only insight we have into the lives of our forefathers is what has been written in old newspaper articles, family Bibles, and church or civic club records.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Robinson of Wallace used a great many sources including oral family history and old records to compile an article about the past and present physicians of their town. The article appeared in the February 24, 1955 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES newspaper.

Along the Way continues this week with a reprint of the article written by the Robinsons.

Medical Doctors Who Have Served in Wallace

Dr. John D. Robinson

Dr. John Robinson, son of J.W.S. and Mary Jeanette Corbett Robinson, was born at Ivanhoe. He attended private school in Sampson County, then attended and graduated from Faison Military Academy. Robinson graduated from Davidson College with an A.B. degree and the University of Maryland Medical School in 1915. He was a member of Kappa Psi fraternity. He was assistant to the medical staff of University of Maryland Hospital 1914-15. He interned at James Walker Hospital in Wilmington 1915-16, then started a general and surgical practice in Wallace in 1916.

Dr. Robinson volunteered for service in the U.S. Army August 1917 and after officers training school, was commissioned 1st Lt. in the medical corps. He was promoted to Capt., then Major. He served on the front as medical officer for the 166th Aerial Squadron first day bombardment group located in the

Kenansville

Kontract Klub

Mrs. E.S. McGowan was hostess for the Kenansville Kontract Klub when it met with her as hostess in the home of Mrs. Stuart Hall Thursday. Mrs. Hazel Scott was the only additional guest. High scorer for the members was Mrs. Sheldon Swann. Mrs. Scott was also given a gift. For refreshments the players enjoyed pumpkin pie, toasted pecans and coffee.

Woodland

Korner Kupboard

Woodland United Methodist Church of Albertson (RPR 1500 near Westbrooks) will be having its "Korner Kupboard" at the church on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. through 6:30 p.m.

The Korner Kupboard will feature shops with various items for sale. The shops will be categorized as follows: Christmas Shop, Country Store (jams, jellies, collards, pecans, etc.); Bake Shop (cakes, pies, candies); Arts and Crafts (quilts, crocheted and knitted items, painted items, wooden items, wreaths); Children's Shop (toys, dolls, etc.) and the Green Thumb Shop (potted plants, shrubs).

A plate lunch and supper of baked ham with the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m. for \$3 a plate.

Whaley Reunion

The Fred Whaley and Alice Jarman Whaley reunion will be held Sunday, Nov. 11 at Potters Hill Community Building. All Whaleys or descendants of Whaleys are welcome. Bring a covered dish dinner and eat at 1 p.m.

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teered for service with the Army and was assigned the rank of Lt. Col. However, he declined for active duty as it was to be limited to the continental United States.

Dr. Robinson returned to Wallace the latter part of 1919 to resume the practice of medicine. He has been active in public life serving Tri-State Medical Society, Southern Medical Society and American Medical Association, President Duplin County Medical Society several times, President Third District Medical Society, N.C. Medical Society, having been awarded Honorary Membership after 30 years con-

tinuous membership, A.C.I. Surgeon, Lions Club, Moose Club, American Legion, Trustee Wallace Presbyterian Church, 16 years (appointed by four different North Carolina Governors) as Director of N.C. State Hospital in Goldsboro, elected four times to serve as Third District Democratic Presidential elector, Duplin County Commissioner (1932-36), and president County Commissioners Association of North Carolina 1935-36.

In 1922 he married Lewellyn Williams of Greensboro. They had two children, John D. Robinson Jr., Optometrist, who is associated with

his father, and Annette Robinson, portrait painter and teacher of art.

Dr. Homer Wysong

Dr. Homer Wysong practiced medicine in Wallace from 1931 to 1938. Before coming to Wallace he was in Sampson County.

After leaving Wallace he went to Carolina Beach and continued to practice medicine there until his death.

Dr. John F. Powers

Dr. John F. Powers was born on a farm in Pender County about three and a half miles from Wallace. He attended Mars Hill College 1915-16, 1916-17.

Dr. Powers served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in World War I from March 1918 to April 1919.

He attended Wake Forest College from 1919 to 1923, received a degree of AB in medicine, then attended medical college of Virginia at Richmond from 1923-25, receiving a degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1927 he was in the U.S. Public Health Service in Norfolk, Va. until 1933.

In 1933 he came to Wallace and entered private practice and remained there until he was appointed Duplin County Health Officer in 1953.

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