

"Dr. Hill" Day At Pacolet Mills



Twenty seven years ago a young doctor came to fill a desperately needed place in Pacolet Mills.

This young man, through his years of training and internships and two years in private practice in Spartanburg, had led a comparatively carefree life. He had no great responsibilities of a personal nature.

True, he had a young wife that he had married not so long before and was expecting his first baby, but life had been good to him and he had a lot of fun along the way to his professional career.

He came to Pacolet Mills when most of his classmates chose to specialize and work where they could have regular hours and be able to sleep nights without the certainty of one or more visits before morning.

The medical profession was a tradition in his family. When he was a very small boy he rode around with his grandfather, Dr. Robert E. Dennis, as he made his calls about the countryside in Lee County.

It is said that he told his two sons that he would educate them if they would promise not to study medicine. He felt that a doctor could have no home life. He said if they amounted to anything they would have such a large practice they would have no home life and if they didn't they would starve to death and so would have no home life.

His memories of this doctor grandfather are very vivid. His faith in him was boundless. He tells of his mother giving him some powdered malted milk in a piece of newspaper to eat on the way while they were riding. He ate the powder and licked the paper and finally ate the paper too. Then he got worried and asked his grandfather if newspaper would kill you if you ate it. His grandfather said it surely would, so he began to feel sick and when he got home his mother put him to bed and asked what the trouble was. He told her he was going to die because he ate newspaper and grandfather said it would kill you. So they had to hunt the doctor up and he came waiving two or three sheets of newspaper and told young Dennis it would take more than that much to kill him.

He also remembers them bringing a man who had been run over by a train and that scene is vivid in his memory. A table was set

on the porch. Two people with branches kept the flies and insects away. The instruments were boiled in a kettle in the kitchen and the leg was a reputed right there.

Another time they were riding along and a mother had sent her little boy to have the doctor look at his tongue. He came flying across the fields with his tongue hanging out and by the time he got to the doctor, neither he or the doctor could tell what was wanted.

Old Dr. Dennis had a certain circuit he made every day and usually covered the route in three days of travel, so everyone knew when to lookout for the Doc.

In his first years at Pacolet Mills the young Dr. Dennis Hill still had the idea that he could lead a pretty good life. He loved to hunt and fish and above all else to go to ball games. He would leave word that he had to see a man about a dog and the nurse in charge would know just where to find him in case of a real emergency. The very hour when he would be all ready to take off for a little trip some emergency would arise and he would have to call the whole thing off.

He would turn in, thinking to get a good night's rest, because he was operating in the morning. But did he get it? Usually not, and one of the most annoying habits of people who had to go to work early was to stop by on the way to work and leave a call, when perhaps the doctor had just gotten to bed after being up all night.

Well, this is a General Practitioner's life, and it is the life he chose, and he feels that Pacolet Mills has been very good to him. He came at a time when we had no paved roads. He had a roadster that was always equipped with chains and when he went into the country he carried a mechanic with him. Sometimes he got as far as he could go in the car and would be met by a man with a mule to take him on in.

He has been "Beloved Physician" to scores of families, and has delivered babies in three generations of Pacolet Mills families. He has raised his family here. A lovely daughter, who is married and has two children; Dennis Jr., who is also married and is serving in the Air Force at this time. This makes his twenty-seven year record right impressive.

Light their life with Faith

Bring them to worship this week



When they're little is the best time to give the children the biggest gift of all . . .

Faith. Bulwark of the soul in troubled times. Source of inner peace every day. With it, your children will be ready to meet the obstacles . . . to relish the happy times fully.

And there's no better way to help them find Faith, than by making attendance at church or synagogue a family affair. Go together this week . . . and every week!



He and his family have an interest in all the affairs of the community. He is much closer to his patients than any specialist could be. He knows their problems, sympathizes in their sorrows, and is heartbroken with them when in spite of all efforts a loved one is called home.

His hand is on the pulse of Community life. He could tell you at once how our people would react on any problem, and his sympathies are ever with his people and their difficulties.

Dr. Hill has said that he has enjoyed every year of his practice here. He says we have such wonderful people, and that anything he had done for them has been so worthwhile because of the friendship they have shown him.

In 1953 Dr. Hill was named Doctor of the Year by the County Medical Society, and the whole community felt honored by this great honor which we feel is so richly deserved.

We, too, wanted to show our appreciation to the Hill family in some special way for their life of service among us, and so on March 28th the entire community

participated in a reception given in honor of Dr. Hill at the Girls Club, which is our Community Center.

Numbers of Doctor Hill's professional friends, members of his family and members of the community came to show their friendship in this celebration.

A gift of Sterling silver pitcher and goblets were engraved and presented to Dr. Hill by the people of the community to mark this milestone in a life lived largely for others.

Births HARVEY

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Harvey Jr. announce the birth of a son, James Thomas March 2 at Spartanburg General Hospital. Mrs. Harvey is the former Miss Sara Emma Trent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Trent of Pacolet Mills. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Harvey Sr., of Pacolet Mills. Mrs. M. F. Harris of Spartanburg and Mrs. Oscar Gossett of Pacolet, are great grandmothers.



MR. AND MRS. RALPH OLIVER

BURGESS, Rte 5, Gaffney, were married Dec. 24. Nellie is employed on third shift spinning, Mill No. 5. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Inman. Ralph is the son of Mrs. Emma Burgess Owens.



THE WILKINS REUNION

Bill Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkins, has been on leave after his tour of duty in Korea. Bill will receive his discharge from Fort Jackson this month.

The Wilkins family held a reunion in Bill's honor in February. In this family group is pictured four generations, in four ways. Mr. Dick Lee, the grandfather, Mrs. Wilkins and three sons, Edward (Spide), Dickie, and Terrel, and daughter Perlie Mae with their children, make the fourth generation of the family. This is a wonderful family and one that we are very proud to claim as life long residents.

Thanks

It's time for April showers, but I've had showers in February and March that were just as welcome—showers of cards and letters. Allow me to express sincere appreciation and deep gratitude for every one. I read them again and again. The cards not only brought clever messages of cheer and inspiration but also were colorful and pretty to look at. The letters were so warm and cordial. All of these made home seem not quite so far away.

Very gratefully,
—C. T. Holland.

Mrs. Grady Carter wishes to thank her many friends for their kindness during her long illness. The cards, flowers and gifts were greatly appreciated.

Mr. Roy Turner, who has had a serious illness for the first time in his life, wants us to say thanks to all of his friends who have been so thoughtful during this time. He is still ill and will have to be in for some time and the visits of his friends will be very welcome.

We wish to thank all of our friends who were so nice and generous to us when we lost our home in a fire. May God bless each one of you and — Thank you again.
—Kate and Buddy Gault
And Children.

Mrs. Kate Jett wishes to thank her many friends for all the lovely things they did for her during her stay in the hospital and now while she is at home. Friends are to be appreciated, and I love each one for the cards, flowers, gifts and visits.

Dog Pick-Up Drive Planned

The Spartanburg County Health Department today announced that an intensive dog pick-up drive will be held in Pacolet and the Pacolet Mills Area, April 5 and 6. The County Rabies Control Officer will be stationed at the service station in the flat at the mill, Monday, April 5, from 1:00 to 5:00 P. M., and at the Depot in Pacolet, Tuesday, April 6, from 1:00 to 5 P. M. The purpose is to collect all unwanted or stray dogs in both communities from persons living in that area. Anyone who has a dog that is not wanted or has a dog that is a stray is urged to bring it to the location nearest them. The dogs will be taken to the County Dog Pound.

If all the strays or unwanted

dogs are collected, then the community will be virtually free of rabies carriers, since most rabies outbreaks occur among these animals.

It is very important that every community cooperate to the fullest extent in eliminating this dread disease for which there is no cure. It is possible to give anti-rabies treatment when a person is bitten, but even then, some people suffer serious affects from the treatment itself.

Remember this, a dog worth keeping is worth vaccinating. The law requires it, your health demands it. Do your part in this pick-up drive.

Grammar School Girl Scouts On Hiking Trip

The girls in Physical Education class are playing soft ball and dancing. We have learned the square dance, the bunny flop, the polka and other dances. Mrs. Holland is our teacher. Mrs. Watson has charge of all physical Ed classes.

The music pupils that take music from Mrs. Tolbert gave their recital last week.

We had a very interesting science table this month. Garland Banks brought a garter snake; Carol Turner a cocoon, Lillie Bell Crowe brought a jar of bessie bugs. We have planted onions in our window boxes and are watching them grow.

On March 17, Saint Patrick's Day, our room honored a real "Fish Lady", Mrs. Tal Greene, by bringing her gifts in green, and playing Irish music during lunch.

Five A. has been using modeling clay from which we have made birds and animals. We keep these in a glass case made by Guy McCravy, the father of one of our members. In this case we also have miniature ships — the Mayflower and the Santa Maria and also an airplane.

Many of the girls are developing the hobby of collecting dolls of many nationalities. Our teacher, Mrs. Weeks, has over 50 dolls in her collection.

Our school is trying to get a baseball team together. Mr. Wainwright is coaching. One of our best players is Kinsey Sherbert. Our manager is James Martin. Others going for the team are: Russell Campbell, Dean Cook, Samuel Fleming, Terry Kirby, Dennis Jones, John Harris, Bobby Tossner, Mike Allen, Larry Hodges, Bobby Brown, Garland Banks, Jerry Bell, Franklin Holt, Buddy Spooner, Calvin Martin, Ronnie White, Larry McCravy, Jerry Lee, Harry Morgan, Harold Turner, Albert Gordon, Carol Turner, Ronnie Bryant, Ned McSwain and Richard Rogers.

LINDA SULLIVAN HAS BIRTHDAY

Lindy celebrated her 16th birthday at the Girls Club on March 8. Spring flowers were used to decorate the reception room.

After games and square dancing refreshments were served to about 42 guests.

Assisting with the party were Toni Thompson, Joanne Sullivan, and Ann Crawford.

"A gentleman farmer is one who has more hay in the bank than in the barn." — The Four Lads.

Troop No. 17 was the guest of Mrs. Clyde Seay near the Hammett Grove section, recently. Mrs. Seay guided the group of 21 through the wooded area where caves were gold mines. Taking them to the branch she showed the old method of panning gold, each girl getting a small share of gold. Trees, rocks, and minerals were the topics of discussion. After much exploring the girls built a fire and cooked their lunch. Transportation was furnished by Gerald Teaster via truck. The Scouts wish to thank Mrs. Seay for the invitation and will remember this as one of their nicest outings.

The Yucca Patrol, under the leadership of Myra Peterson, working on the tree and bird badge, went on a 3-hour hike. They stopped on top of a hill, on the Pacolet premises, under a large oak that many of the older residents of the community had laved under, also served as a shade for the fans who often on holidays watched the boys play ball. Taking measurement of the oak they found it to be 12 and one half feet around. A covey of Canadian Canaries, caused a lot of excitement and fun.

They also learned how to make plaster foot prints. After a hearty lunch, they had prepared themselves, they planned another hike.



ALFREDA MARTIN

This lovely young lady is the 14-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy McCravy and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Martin.

Local Items

We went by and told Mattie Kirby we wanted her to go on some visits with us. Mattie said, "All right, just as soon as I turn my apron with the clean side out," and she did, too, and that is a fine thing to do. Some folks would have spent a lot of time changing dresses, but as long as she has a clean apron she is dressed up. Then she gathered a mess of spring onions for us to bring home and we loved that.

Mrs. Alton McGraw and daughter Libby, visited Mrs. McGraw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harmon the week of March 6th. Alton came for them and after a week-end visit returned with them to their home in Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Smith and daughter, Jackie, of Cowpens, spent the weekend of Feb. 20th with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scales.

Sunday guests, March 14th of Mr. and Mrs. Faye Mathis were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henderson of Aiken. Sonny Mathis, student of Clemson College, also spent the weekend at home.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Pettus visited Mr. Pettus' mother at Ft. Mill in March. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Pettus of Inman, were also members of the homecoming party.

Mrs. G. D. Glass was hostess at a family home coming in March.



DOROTHY ANN BROWN
Daughter of James and Maggie Brown. James is office janitor.

FISHER - PUGH WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED

A belated announcement of the marriage of Betty Ruth Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fisher, of Pacolet Route 1, and James Paul Pugh, son of Mrs. Paul Pugh of Spartanburg, on January 30th at the home of the Rev. J. Allen Smith of Camp Croft.

The young couple is living in Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keim and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Brown of Rhodiss, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinette of Calhoun Falls were among the guests.

The Edward Robinette family is returning to Pacolet Mills the last of this month when he will again be connected with the Arthur store here. We will be glad to welcome this little family back.

The children of the Pacolet Mills school wanted to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a real way. They decided that Mrs. Hannah Greene, who is the guiding light of the lunch room, was the most Irish of them all, so they gave her a St. Patrick's Day party, with decorations, gifts, and everything. Hannah says it was one of the loveliest parties she ever had and wants to say thanks to the children and teachers for this thoughtfulness.



RICKEY LEWIS KNOX
Three months old son of James and Louise Knox. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt McSwain of Gaffney, and Mrs. Ellie Knox.



DEBORAH VINSON
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Vinson (5 months old).



BUDDY LEWIS TOLLISON
Ten months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Tollison; the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tollison and Mr. Alfred Dayton of Jacksonville, Fla.

NOTICE

In the near future we would like to publish an "OLDTIMERS EDITION" of The Neigh. If you have any old pictures which are of interest, please bring them to the Personnel Department and we will try to use the clearest ones in this edition.

In The Service



PVT. PAUL CAMP
Stationed in Colorado, Camp Carson. He is with the 167th Inf. Reg. He was employed on the 3rd shift, spinning department, prior to his enlistment in service.

Eugene Loving, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Loving, is out of the service and is attending Robinson's Business College in Spartanburg.

Jackie Dunaway, recently discharged from the army came by for a visit. He spent 13 months in Korea. He was in communications, and liked it so well he plans to go on with his studies.

Bobby Patrick is on his way from Japan. He has spent two years overseas. After home leave he will have 18 months to go but will be in the states. Mrs. Patrick told us she has received snapshots Bobby took of Marilyn and Joe in Japan.

Charles Dennis Loving, EM-2 Galley No. 102, U. S. N. T. C. Bainbridge, Maryland. We are putting Dennis' full address because some of the boys will be able to find him. He will be at this post for two years. Dennis and wife have a new baby named Charles Stephen, and when he finds a place for them he expects to have them with him. Dennis' wife is the former Louise McElrath of Spartanburg.

Walter Smith came by for a short visit. He has his discharge and has gone to work and is finishing a business course at Robinson's. Walter has been in Germany and later in England, at the same post as Jack Wells. He says Jack plans to marry an English girl in June.

Pfc. Odean Lipscomb is home on leave from Ft. Bragg. He has served for a time in Korea.

Conrad Guyton has also served in Korea and has his discharge and is at home now.

A 3c Billy Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Turner, has completed his basic and is now at Francis E. Warren A.F.B., Wyoming.

Joe Carter has returned to his post in Japan after an emergency leave on account of the illness of his mother.

Pfc. Donald Garner and Pfc. William Faucett have both been discharged from the army. They want to thank Pacolet Mfg. Co. and the Spartanburg Foundation for sending them the news from home.

Pvt. Reno Nation Jr. has finished his training and is now stationed in Tokyo. His address, Pvt. Reno R. Nation Jr., R.A. 14405823, F.S. 8610 A.P.O. 9, San Francisco, Calif. He wants any of our boys there to get in touch with him, and he says also that he wants to tell us how much he enjoys "The Neigh."

Doyle Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lee, is now stationed in England. We don't have his address yet.

Gerald Holmes (U.S.S. Bennington) has been home on 15-day leave. He, his wife and young son were seen at church the 21st. Gerald has just returned from six



JUDY, 7—



—FREDDIE, 10—



—HAROLD, 9

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Whiting and grandchildren of Mr. George Whiting and Mr. Sexton of Marion, N. C.

months in the Mediterranean.

Ned Holmes (Coral Sea) was home on leave. He has been stationed in Florida for four months.

Pvt. Benjamin Lewis Montgomery of Camp Gordon, with his wife and baby son, visited his mother, Mrs. Eloise Montgomery the 21st. Mrs. Lester Martin is planning to join her husband in Japan as soon as her papers and inoculations are completed.

A 3c John E. Fisher was home for a 17-day leave and has returned to his base at Ardmore, Oklahoma. He is working as cook's helper now and likes it.

We also hear that Gerald Pugh is training for cook. He is with the U.S.S. Hanson. Lucille, who has been with him in San Diego, has returned to her home.

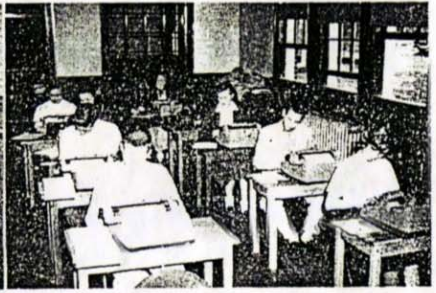
A nice letter from Robert Martin and a change of address. He is on the U.S.S. Worcester and has only about three months to go.

Pvt. Lyman E. Sprouse, son of Mrs. Myrtle Sprouse of Gaffney, Rt 4, was recently transferred to the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. Lyman entered the service in 1952.

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CLASS OF 1923 - 24 REUNION



Front row, left to right: Marie Thompson, Alowee Cook, Grace Tate, Mittie Fleming, Genell Loving, Marie Toney, Mary Loving, Allene Howell, Lavada McCravey, Almata Mabry.

Back row, l. to r.: Earl Mathis, Ernest Odell, Carrie Gregory, Frank Hunt, Reba Kirby, Miss Gladys Malone, Mrs. Samille Weeks, Oras Wells, Mrs. Lula Mae Burgess, Joseph Hamrick, Okie Mabry, Tobie Campbell, Mrs. Mary Odom, Carol Brown, and Leo Kirby.

After much preliminary preparation the Pacolet Mills Class of 1923-24, which was a 6th and 7th grades class, held their first reunion at the Girls Club at Pacolet Mills on March 7th.

Of the teachers of these classes, Miss Gladys Malone and Mrs. Mary Odom, now teaching at Lyman, were present. Mrs. Samille Weeks and Mrs. Lula Mae Burgess of Pacolet Mills, both teachers of those classes, were present. Mrs. Weeks is still teaching at Pacolet Mills and Mrs. Burgess is working in the office of Pacolet Manufacturing Co.

Out of town returning students were, Frank Hunt of Greenville; Joseph Hamrick of Shelby, N. C.; Reba Parker Kirby of Camp Croft. In the thirty-year period only three deaths were recorded in this group: Mrs. Ethel Perry Stone, Mr. Jim Rice, and Miss Lois Sutton. Of the remaining members of the class all are still residing at Pacolet Mills or in the nearby country. Many own their homes. Most of them are married and most of them have children and seven of the group report one or more grandchildren.

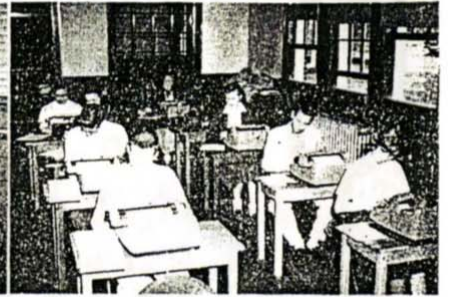
Only six of the former classmates failed to meet for the reunion. A most enjoyable afternoon of visiting, recalling old times and readings by Mrs. Okie Mabry, one of the class, and Miss Janice Kirby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kirby.

After refreshments consisting of a salad course and punch, the group voted to have another meeting in early December.

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Seated are: Mrs. Lewis Wilkins, instructor; Mrs. Arrie Lanham, ex-Secy. of R. C.; Miss Belle Fuller, Instructor; Mrs. Faye Mathis, Instructor. Standing: V. M. Epting, Supt.; H. T. Blackwell, Prin.; Kenneth Cribb, Speaker.



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