Bruce A. Norris is the nephew of <u>Mrs. Corrie Fernandez</u>, Dr. Hill's longtime nurse. The information and photos in this article belonged to Corrie and have been given to us for use on this website by Mr. Norris. Mrs. Fernandez was an institution in Pacolet. This information shows how much Dr. Hill meant to Pacolet.

Dr. R. D. Hill

PACOLET — Dr. Robert Dennis Hill, 65, who practiced medicine in this Spartanburg County town 37 years, died at his home at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday after a brief illness.

A 1918 graduate of Wofford College, he served in World War I. Dr. Hill then was graduated from the Medical College of South Carolina in 1923. He was a native of Bishopville.

In 1953, he was voted doctor of the year by the Spartanburg

County Medical Society.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Dolan Hill; a daughter, Mrs. George Walters of Cheraw; a son, R. Dennis Hill Jr. of Spartanburg; two brothers, J. B. and E. B. Hill of Columbia; two sisters, Mrs. G. R. Brush of Columbia and Mrs. H. G. Jennings of Bishopville.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Pacolet Mills Baptist Church by Rev. Brice Herbert, Rev. C. M. Smith, Rev. Robert Ivey, Rev. H. C. Cash, Rev. Luther Gunter and Rev. Eugene Hancock. Burial will be Thursday at 4 p.m. in Presbyterian Cemetery at Bishopville.

Obituary from the Spartanburg Herald in March, 1964.

Born
September 8 1898
Passed Away
March 17 1964
Services

Wednesday 4 30 P M Pacolet Mills Baptist Chur

Conducted By
Dr Bryce Herbert
Rev Robert Ivey
Rev C M Smith
Rev H C Cash

Rev Luther Gunter Rev Eugene Hancock

Interment
Presbyterian Cemetery
Bishopville S C

Pallbearers

Dr Robert Dennis Hill Sr

Memorial Record

for the

Friends and Relatives

of

Bobby Key
Wayne Coleman
Johnny Gibson
Bobby Bryant
Kenneth Wells
Jimmy McGinn
Tommy Hodge
Larry Lemmons
Honorary

Members of Spartanburg County Medical Society Members of Pacolet High School Athletic Teams





The Promise

of Dawn

The sun goes down
in its glory,
And darkness descends
on the land,
But down comes quickly
to cheer us,
For Time is a
swift-running sand.
Why, then, should man
in his wisdom

Forget in his moments of gloom That night gives birth

to the morning; That dawn will be coming --and soon?

-- Reynolds Reyburn

You can be of great help in getting the Funeral Procession to the Cemetery in an unbroken line if you will kindly burn your bright lights and follow closely the car in front of you.

THANK YOU.

THE J. F. FLOYD MORTUARY

National Selected Marticians

Dr. Hill Served With Devotion

Sometimes the presence of one human personality will influence the character of a whole community.

When that person passes, the void seems forever unfilled.

Such a man was Dr. Robert D. Hill, who has ministered to the sick of his beloved Pacolet Mills for 37 years. He has served them with gentle dedication through an era of depression, war and prosperity — with his own devotion unaltered by the exigencies of these years.

Sympathies are extended to his family and to his community.

Articles from the Spartanburg Newspaper about Dr. Hill

1,000 Pay Their Final Call To Pacolet's Good Dr. Hill

By MELVIN LONG Herald Staff Writer

PACOLET MILLS — A solemn community paid its final tribute here Wednesday to a man who gave his life and strength to many of its citizens.

More than 1,000 persons filled Pacolet Mills Baptist Church and the church yard to attend funeral services of Dr. Robert Dennis Hill, 65, who died Tuesday after a brief illness.

A speaker was set up in the church yard for the more than

500 persons who lined the street and sidewalk to pay last respects to the area's only physician. Dr. Hill had practiced medicine here for the past 37 years.

A cousin, the Rev. Bryce Herbert, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Florence said in his eulogy that Dr. Hill "was a man who believed in life and gave himself to life.

"He started his ministry to pain as a youth, and where there was hurt he administered to hurt. Let us be grateful that in every community there will be men like Dr. Hill who can be better than he feels," The Rev. Mr. Herbert extolled.

"Let your tribute be not in weeping, but in the joyous living he fought to preserve. The memory of him will forever be in the hearts of us all."

Dr. Hill spent much of his spare time promoting Pacolet High athletics. Six members of the Pacolet football team were pallbearers and other athletes, in addition to members of the Spartanburg County Medical So-

ciety formed the honorary es-

Dr. Hill was team physican for the football squad and had been presented numerous trophies and citations for his service.

A page in the Pacolet High annual "Tomahawk" will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Hill.

An elderly lady who wiped tears from her cheek as she entered the church remarked "Dr. Hill did something for old people. We just got better every time he came to see us."



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JIM FOSTER

Herald Sports Editor

Doc Hill-A Friend Of People

I never knew "Doc" Hill. Because of that I feel I have lost some precious moments of life. Those who knew Dr. Robert Dennis Hill, for year's Pacolet's only doctor, tell those of us who didn't what we missed.

He was not only a doctor to hundreds of Pacolet and Spartanburg people. He was a friend.

The magnetic personality of this man is now being preserved by Pacolet High School in various forms. On Monday the student body presented the school with an engraved plaque honoring his memory. It said: "In loving memory of Dr. Robert Dennis Hill (1899-1964) presented by the student body of Pacolet High School in deep appreciation for his personal interest and contribution to our school."

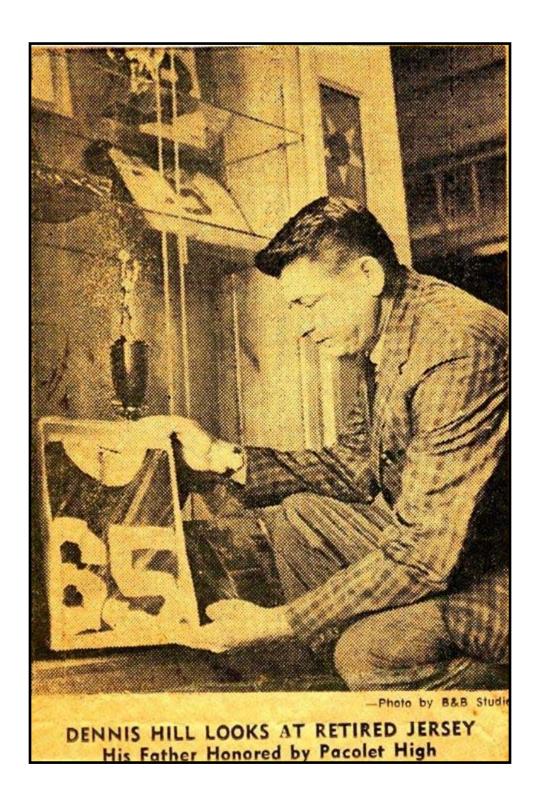
At the same time the athletic department held its

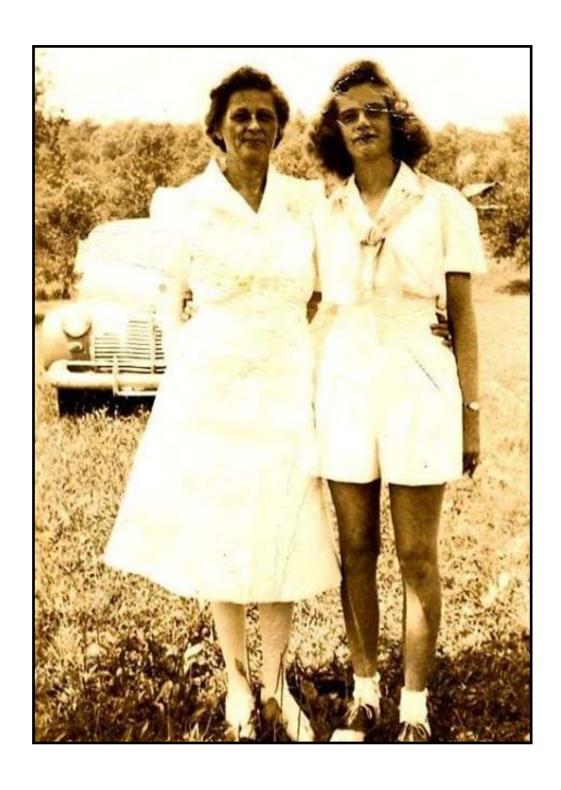
own ceremony. A portion of a special trophy case has been donated to the school to hold momentoes of Dr.

Hill. These include autographed footballs and baseballs, trophies and letters that were awarded him by various teams. A football jersey, bearing No. 65 (his age at death), has been retired in his memory.

Doc Hill never played football at Pacolet. But as long as most folks can remember he's been the team physician for the Indians in all sports. He brought most of the modern - day Pacolet athletes into the world and served as their physician through the growing - up years.

Joe Littlejohn is among hundreds who weep at the mention of his name. He and others have the cherished memories of knowing such a man. I was not so fortunate. But like the Pacolet High students of the future who will come to know him through the encased momentoes and the beautiful plaque I am happy there was a Doc Hill. His life will inspire others.





From left - Dr. Hill's wife, Beatrice Dolan Hill and his daughter, Mary Emma Hill-Walters