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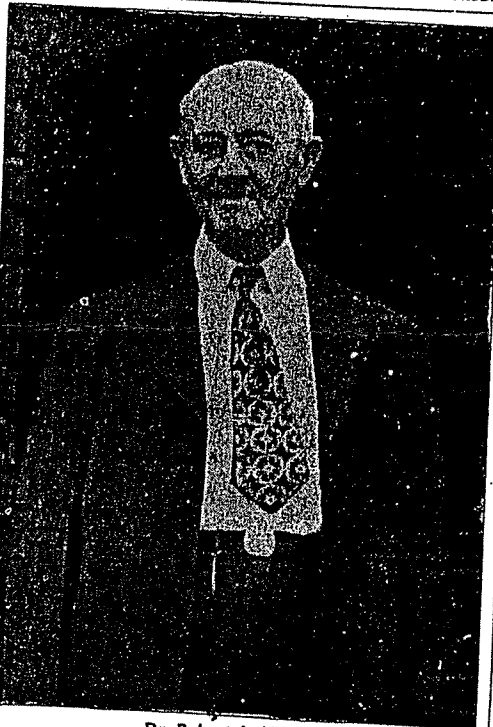
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Dr. Robert A. Martin
His Death Shocks Thousands

Dr. R. A. Martin Answers The Last Great Call

Thousands Pay Tribute As Friend
Of Half Century Is Laid To Rest

The people of Our Valley buried their beloved friend, counsellor and doctor Monday afternoon. Dr. Robert A. Martin died last Saturday morning in a New Orleans Hospital. He would have been 75 years old had he lived until July 22.

Business was at a standstill Monday afternoon during the hour of the funeral. Close to 1500 people came to pay a last tribute to him as his body lay in state at the funeral home.

Hundreds came to the Methodist church for the funeral. They followed him to his grave in a spontaneous and impulsive outburst of love and affection for this tall, handsome man who had served them not only as a doctor, but as a friend and advisor for more than half a century.

The illness that proved fatal, struck about three weeks ago. He had ups and downs, periods when he felt better than at other times during his illness, but gradually the feeling came to his thousands of friends that his days were numbered. Dr. Martin's nephew, Dr. Earl Martin, himself a noted physician and surgeon, ascribed the cause of death to coronary thrombosis.

A native of Plantersville in Dallas county, Dr. Martin came to Pell City for his life's work in January, 1903, soon after graduation from Vanderbilt University Medical School. He had previously attended Auburn.

25,000 cases in the past 10 years. In the other years here, this number could easily reach 100,000 cases he treated in his more than 51 years of practice.

From the first Dr. Martin was very much interested in the future of the city where he made his home. He took a leading and active part in all civic enterprises, was instrumental in the industrial development of this community and gave freely of his time and money in every project designed for the upbuilding and betterment of his home town.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Mrs. Mary Martin, one son John H. Martin, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ruth Kincaid. He is also survived by three grandchildren, John H. Martin Jr., and Carolyn and Nancy Kincaid, and two great-grandchildren, John H. Martin 3rd, and Mary Martin, and two brothers, Dr. U. C. Martin, Pell City, and Dr. Tom Martin, Plantersville.

He was a member of the Christian church, a life member of Ben M. Jacobs Masonic Lodge.

Funeral Held Sunday For Albert B. Davis

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Albert B. Davis, who for more than 40 years had served in an official capacity for St. Clair County.

Mr. Davis was 77 years old. He died at his home in Ashville Saturday morning. He had served continuously as chief clerk or treasurer of St. Clair county from his first appointment in 1913 until ill health forced his retirement the first of this year.

He was a native of St. Clair county and with the exception of about two years in Tuscaloosa county, lived in his native county throughout his life. He was a farmer in his early years.

The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Ashville Baptist church. Burial was in Ashville cemetery. Rev. J. E. Griffin officiated. Kilgroe was in charge.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katie Montgomery Davis, one son Ira Davis, and two daughters, Mrs. P. O. Willis, Birmingham, and Mrs. J. L. Nelson, Louisville, Ky.

The St. Clair County Chorus meets tomorrow night, that's Friday night July 16, at 7:30 at Avondale School. The Chorus under the direction of Harold Harris, will meet each Friday night during the summer.

A Lot Depends On 100 Per Cent Cooperation

Chamber Of Commerce Meeting Friday Night

Everyone Interested In The Future
Of This Section Urged To Attend

The annual business meeting of the Greater Pell Chamber of Commerce will be held at the courthouse Friday night, starting at 7:30.

Main business will be election of officers for the coming year and discussion of future plans. Date of the annual dinner meeting is also to be set at Friday's meeting.

Most Important
Members of the Chamber organization and business men of Pell City and the surrounding area believe that a well organized and functioning Chamber of Commerce is more important to this area now than ever before.

Announced plans of The Alabama Power Company to spend upwards of \$100 million dollars for construction of dams and other power generating facilities on the Coosa river make it imperative that every business and individual work together to take advantage of the opportunity the power company's plans held for this area.

At their last meeting the Board of Directors appointed a nominating committee to name six members from which three will be elected to the Board of Directors. Those nominated are Otis Perry, C. D. Dession, F. O. Whitten, Dr. Raymond Cox, Fred Atkins, and M. G. Warren.

Members of the nominating committee are A. G. Keller, D.H. Bob Hardwick, J. T. Holladay, T. L. Lovell.

Members of the Board of Directors will name the president and other officials at their first meeting.

Plans of the power company include five power dams on Coosa, from Rome, Ga., to Me. Two of these dams are tentatively located in St. Clair county, on the south end of the county other in the neighborhood of 2.

Construction of the dams bringing a definite economic upturn to this section, but even more important will be the number of industries that this new source of electric power will bring to area.

Only through close cooperation and working together can the people of this community hope to obtain a share of the new industries and the maximum benefits of great new program.

Every one interested in the future of this community are urged to attend the meeting Friday night.



MODELLING AVONDALE FABRICS... Above is a group of models showing Avondale Mills fabrics at the annual meeting of the St. Clair County Home Demonstration Clubs held at Eden. They are, from left, Mrs. Guyton, and Sue Rudy, (therine Morlan and Wanda Gillif. Wanda Gilliland, Mrs. Jeannette Summers, Fay Rooker, Jimmy Ann

Lions To Hold
Annual Barbecue
Wednesday July 21

L. T. Henninger, III
Receives Scout "God
And Country Award"

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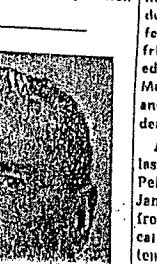
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Politics Expected To Heat Up After Committee Meet

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Wallace On 'Face Nation' Next Sunday

Former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace will appear on CBS television FACE THE NATION interview show on Sunday, January 18, 1970.

This is the second show of this nature that Governor Wallace has appeared on in recent weeks, having been a guest on the NBC program MEET THE PRESS prior to the Christmas holidays.

The panelists on the show of January 18th are scheduled to be Nelson Benton and George Herman of CBS News and their questions will be directed to the thinking of Governor Wallace with respect to recent developments in the political and economic field, including particular emphasis on the school crisis throughout the nation. Other significant recent developments on the national scene will be the subject of inquiry by the news men.

Viewers throughout Alabama should consult their local television schedule for the program time for FACE THE NATION at this time may vary from the scheduled originating hour of 10:30 A. M. central standard time, January 18th.

Politics has moved out of the spotlight this week but is expected to get hot again when the county committee holds their annual meeting, expected the first week in February.

Charlie Robinson, Pell City lawyer and chairman of the St. Clair County Democratic Executive Committee, said the committee would meet the first week after the meeting of the state committee.

The state committee is scheduled to meet in Birmingham January 30 and 31.

A number of candidates for various offices in the county are expected to make formal announcements and get into their campaign soon after the committee meeting.

Three candidates have made known their intention to seek the office of probate judge in the county since Judge Hoyt Hamilton announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself. Those who have said they would qualify at the proper time are Bill Coleman, James Ingram and James S. Satterfield. Rumors say two, possibly more, are planning to announce at a later date.

Dr. Roy Coshatt of Pell City, said this week that he would enter the political arena again after two tries. He will be a candidate for Representative in the state legislature. Ed Holladay, Pell City, lawyer, present member of the House has made no announcement as to whether he will be a candidate or not.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Clem Hoe will be a candidate for

sheriff. He will be gunning for the job now held by Sheriff Joel Wood, who has renounced the sheriff's job but plans to be a candidate for Circuit Clerk. Charlie Robinson will be making his first jump into politics when he announces for District Attorney for St. Clair and Blount counties, the place now held by L. P. Waid. A former circuit judge of the St. Clair-Blount circuit, Judge Waid is expected to be a candidate for a second term on the bench. Judge F. O. Whitten Jr., present circuit judge, expects to be the Republican nominee for the place again.

Johnny Burkett of the Moody community, is running for sheriff and will make a formal announcement at the proper time. It will be his second run for the place.

Hugh H. Williamson, county superintendent of education, has announced that he will be a candidate for a full term. He was appointed to his present term to fill the vacancy brought on by the death of O. D. Duran. Two places on the county board of education must be filled.

Tax Firm Opens Office In P C

H & R Block, Inc., America's largest tax service, announce the opening of an office in Pell City at 13 - 20th Street. The Block firm operates over 4,000 offices throughout the United States and Canada.

The manager of the new Pell City office, W. H. (Bill) Hicks is a native Alabamian from Anniston, has five years tax work experience and is a graduate of Jacksonville State University. Mr. Hicks is married and has two children.

Mr. Hicks gave as his reason for joining Block, their three Primary fundamentals: Fair charge (every return is priced

Can You Prove You Were Born

Preparation pays off and anyone planning to file a social security claim soon should be prepared to prove his age.

The correct birthdate of anyone applying for social security retirement benefits has to be established by some written evidence. The birthday affects not only the amount of his benefit, but also when the payments start.

If you were born in Alabama in 1908 or later you may be able to get a birth certificate. However, if your birth



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Private School Registers Monday

Registration at Eden Christian Private School will begin Monday, January 19th at 8:30 p. m. for the second semester, for grades 1-9.

For more information call 330-3012.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Sallie Stone

Mrs. Sallie Mae Stone, 68 of Macon, Georgia passed away Monday, Jan. 5th p. m.

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