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Dr. H. R. Slaton Died Saturday At Home Here

LEADING DRUGGIST AND BUSINESS LEADER HAD BEEN IN DECLINING HEALTH HEALTH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

Dr. Henry Ralph Slaton, 62 years of age, widely known druggist and president of the Butts County Chamber of Commerce and actively identified with the business affairs of Jackson, died early Saturday afternoon at his home on Third street after an illness of several months.

Until his last illness Dr. Slaton had been actively identified with Jackson and Butts county business and civic affairs for almost forty years. A native of Washington, Wilkes county, the son of Franklin P. and Mrs. Victoria Armstrong Slaton, he came to Jackson soon after the turn of the century and worked for a time as pharmacist for the Harris Drug Company. He then returned home but later returned to Jackson and acquired the Jamerson Drug Company and the name was changed to Slaton Drug Company. This business was built into one of the leading drug firms in this section.

Noted for strict application to duty, Dr. Slaton found time for farming interests and for several years had served as president of the Butts County Chamber of Commerce and was an active force in working for community development. He was a former member of the Kiwanis club and of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the Methodist Church at the time of his death. He had a wide circle of friends throughout the county.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Eloise Pound of Jackson; a daughter, Mrs. Leon Wilson, and a granddaughter, Danielle Wilson, Atlanta; a sister, Miss Eloise Slaton of Atlanta, and a brother, Col. W. A. Slaton, Washington, Ga.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. E. M. Wise, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Mr. Wise paid a high tribute to the character and worth of this business leader. A quartet composed of Mrs. D. P. Settle, Miss Olga Hammond, Miss Elizabeth Finley and Mrs. Avon Gaston, sang two hymns, with Mrs. J. W. ONeal as pianist.

Friends, relatives and organizations showed their affection by the lovely floral offerings.

The active pall bearers were W. B. Thompson, C. M. Compton M. O. McCord, R. P. Newton, Franklin Bohannon and J. D. Jones. The honorary pallbearers were Dr. R. A. Franklin, Hughie McCord, R. J. Carmichael, Bert Carmichael, J. G. McDonald, Marlin Spencer, Elwood Robison, James Buchanan, D. P. Settle, W. H. Wilson, E. A. Godsey and W. M. Redman.

Burial was in the family lot in Jackson cemetery, with Thornton Funeral Homes in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. H. R. Slaton Dies on Tuesday At Jackson Home

Mrs. Eloise Pound Slaton, 84, one of Jackson's most prominent matrons and widow of the late Dr. H. R. Slaton, Jackson druggist, died at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home on East Third Street. She had been in poor health for several years and seriously ill since Thanksgiving, on which date she was admitted to Piedmont Hospital, returning home only last week.

The last member of a family long prominent in Jackson and Butts county affairs, she was born August 20th, 1878 at Indian Springs, the daughter of Eli E. Pound and Mrs. Sara Leverette Pound. Following education in the local schools, Mrs. Slaton taught for many years in schools in South Georgia and in Butts county before her marriage to Dr. Slaton. To this union were born two children, Henry Slaton and Mrs. Sara Slaton Wilson, both deceased. Her son, a graduate of Emory at Oxford and the University of Georgia was attending Tulane University Medical School when he was stricken with cancer. Her daughter, Mrs. Wilson, died six years ago from a heart attack.

Mrs. Slaton was a devoted member of the Jackson Methodist Church, giving unstintingly of her time, talents and resources to its every cause. She was a loyal former member of the William McIntosh Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the Larkin D. Watson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Funeral services will be held from the Jackson Methodist Church Thursday afternoon, January 4th, at two o'clock with the Rev. William L. Cawthon, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in the Jackson City Cemetery with Maisten Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. The body will lie in state at the church thirty minutes prior to funeral time.

Survivors include a son-in-law, H. Leon Wilson Jr., Atlanta; two granddaughters, Mrs. William Allen of Dallas, Texas; Miss Sallie Wilson of Atlanta, a student at SMU, Dallas, Texas; one grandson, Henry Wilson, Atlanta; one great granddaughter, Dale Allen of Dallas, Texas; one sister-in-law, Miss Eloise Slaton of Atlanta; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Mike Allen, Marlin Spencer, Herman Castlaw, Hampton Daughtry, Dr. Roy Goff, and Doyle Jones Jr.

Mr. H. R. Slaton, Jr. Claimed by Death

While the death of Mr. Henry Ralph Slaton, Jr., which occurred at noon Monday, brought sorrow to scores of friends throughout Georgia, it brought to a close a long period of intense suffering which this well-known and popular young man had undergone. That "death loves a shining mark" was truly carried out in the passing of this splendid and promising boy.

Young Mr. Slaton was the only son of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Slaton, and had he lived until Sunday next he would have been twenty-three years old. He possessed many lovable traits of character and during his primary and high school years was popular and a conscientious student. After finishing Jackson High School he entered Emory at Oxford, where he finished in 1932. In the fall of that year he enrolled as a junior at the University of Georgia and was graduated from that college in 1934. For a year he was a graduate assistant in the chemistry department of the University. In September 1935 he entered the medical school of Tulane with every promise of a successful course ahead of him. He came home for the Easter holidays, and although not well, he returned to his work after several days with his family here. Later he became seriously ill and had to give up his studies and enter a hospital. In June Mrs. Slaton went for him, and since that time he has steadily grown worse.

At times he was buoyed with hopes that he might recover and again resume his studies at Tulane. But when hopes were abandoned by family and physicians he met his fate like the soldier he was, as bravely as he had withstood the suffering of the past six months. His was a triumphant death as he called the members of his family to his bedside and told them that death held no horror for him, and expressed the hope that in the Eternal City the family circle might be complete.

To his young friends his death may seem irreconcilable but to older minds there is a comforting thought that he went home before the evening shadows began to fall, and the faculties were dimmed by age and cares.

At the University of Georgia Mr. Slaton was a member of the A. T. O. social fraternity, and at Tulane a member of the A. E. K. medical fraternity. He was well-liked and popular in all campus activities at both universities.

Funeral services were held from the Jackson Methodist church, of which he was a member, Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock with the pastor, Rev. R. P. Etheridge, in charge, assisted by Rev. Eugene Daniel of the Presbyterian church. Beautiful flowers concealed the casket and filled the chancel to overflowing. These were sent by sorrowing friends in a last tribute of love to this fine young man. Interment was in the family lot in the Jackson cemetery.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Robert Franklin, Sam Compton, Robert Brooks, Woodrow Wilson, Osborn Quillian, Dameron Black.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Slaton is survived by one sister, Miss Sara Slaton, of Atlanta; four aunts, Miss Eloise Slaton, of Atlanta, Mrs. E. J. Williams, Mrs. J. M. Currie, of Jackson and Mrs. J. T. Harris, of Marianna, Fla.; three uncles, Mr. Lamar Pound, Nashville, Tenn., Mr. O. A. Pound of Jackson and Mr. W. A. Slaton, of Washington, Ga.

HENRY SLATON JR.
JACKSON, Ga., Nov. 23.—Henry Ralph Slaton Jr., 23, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Slaton, died at his home here this afternoon after a long illness.

A graduate of the Jackson High school, he attended Emory at Oxford and later the University of Georgia, where he was graduated two years ago. He was assistant in the chemistry department at the university for a year following graduation and in the fall of 1935 he entered the medical school at Tulane University. Ill health forced him to give up his studies the past spring.

He was a member of the Jackson Methodist church and at the University of Georgia of the A. T. O. fraternity and at Tulane of the A. E. K. medical fraternity.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Miss Sara Slaton, of Atlanta.

Funeral services will be held at the Jackson Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with interment in the Jackson cemetery.