

PROF. JAMES HENRY JOYNER

THERE aren't many residents of our area to study the progress public education has made through the years and who has escaped the name of Prof. James Henry Joyner.

His death early Friday morning at the age of 87 closed a career that touched the lives of thousands upon thousands of children within our state during a period when education was building its foundation, in many respects, for what it provides today.

Prof. Joyner completed his studies at the old Whitsett Institute, a pioneer institution of education for our area, and then completed his college work at Catawba in 1903. Then followed 23 years as a teacher at Whitsett, leading to the principalship of Gibsonville school.

After retiring from the classroom, his services to education were not ended. He was a member of the Guilford County Board of Education for 21 years, with 14 of those years as chairman. He served as president of the State School Board of Education and later became chairman of the first Regional Board of Teachers Association.

In other interests, he was an elder at Friedens Lutheran Church for many years and was teacher of the Joyner Bible Class there for 32 years.

There were many other interests and services which he performed, all of them coming together to build a career that will be remembered and admired as long as there is a history of education in our state to review.

Professor Joyner primarily was a scholar. Yet beyond his own desire to learn, there was that equally important desire to share his knowledge with others and to do his part in promoting and making workable a system that would build better education for generations to come.

He was a pioneer in the public education field, and he helped build it throughout his life. In it he has his monument.



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