

ings of the specialists in his field. He was referred to by the nurses at St. Jude's Hospital as the slickest surgeon practicing there.

Dr. W. D. Pettus is a much liked and respected medic, skilled in his profession. Many have left here in the last decade to cast their lot elsewhere. Among them are Drs. Floyd Ross, R. E. Tisdale, Titus White and one dentist, Dr. A. W. West, Jr.

Of those here and practicing now but are considered late comers are: Dr. Moses W. Jones, a very popular and skilled physician and surgeon; Dr. Jefferson Underwood, a native of Montgomery and well liked and very proficient in the field of internal medicine. Dr. Hagalyn S. Wilson, the only Negro woman physician here in Montgomery, is very highly thought of by her patients.

The field of dentistry is now crowded and there is a fine group of men practicing in the dental profession. Among them are Dr. Willis Wood, a long time practitioner here and those whom he serves have nothing but the highest praise for him.

Dr. Emmet Smiley, a native of the county is a very good dentist. He has his brother, Richmond, as an associate Dental Technician.

Dr. L. C. Thomas, a native of Alabama but not of Montgomery whose whole professional career has been in this town.

ELI MADISON

In December 1880, Eli Madison and three other families came to Madison Park and bought the May's Plantation. In addition to Eli Madison were: Killis Marshall and wife, Gadson Draw and wife and Frank Felder.

In 1883 Eli Madison gave one acre of land on which Union Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church was built. He also permitted a school to be taught in his home in 1897.

In 1889, he gave a spot of ground to build a hall for a community society and the school was then taught in this building. Later, in 1913, he gave two acres to build the second Roosevelt school in Alabama. The present school building stands on the same spot. The school has grown from a one teacher school to one with eight teachers and a principal.

Eli Madison had 12 children. One became a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion. Others preachers, a lawyer, a teacher, farmers and laborers.

There was on this plantation, a gin house, grist mill, a saw mill, shingle mill, a park and a store.

Eli Madison was born in 1848 and died at the age of 67 in 1915.

The population of the Madison Park community in 1949 reveals 139 male adults, 122 females, 210 boys, 215 girls and a total of 136 families. The total acreage is 2,718.52 acres of land with an assessed valuation \$5,5000