

Veteran MSU Official Dies

Rites Set Wednesday For R. P. (Doc) Patty

STARKVILLE — Robert Powell (Doc) Patty, 63, long-time business manager of athletics at Mississippi State University died at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning at Felix Long Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Patty, a graduate of the class of 1926, joined the MSU Athletic Dept. Staff in 1932 and held various assignments in the department for the past 34 years with time out for duty in the Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Mary Swaengen, of Water Valley and Mrs. Ted Vallas, of Chicago, Ill. and a sister, Mrs. George Hairston of Crawford.

During his Navy service Patty served as athletic director at Iowa Preflight training school and was discharged with the rank of Lt. Commander.

STATE ATHLETE

A native of Macon, Patty played both football and baseball during his collegiate career at Mississippi State (then Mississippi A. and M). He was a halfback in football and was recognized as one of the top punters in the old Southern Conference.

He began his coaching career at Rolling Fork and served there until returning to his alma mater in 1932. During his long and successful tenure of service he served as assistant baseball coach, head baseball coach, a member of the school's physical education staff acting as athletic director and business manager of athletics.

Patty, coached two southeastern conference championship baseball teams 1948 and 1949



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and sent several of his players to the major leagues. His 1953 team won the western division title.

WEDNESDAY RITES

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. D. C. Aplegate at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of Memories on the M. S. U. campus. Interment will follow in Oktibeha Memorial Gardens. Martin and Welch Funeral Home is in charge.

The family has requested no flowers.