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to which, of course, all are invited.

DUKE'S FATHER IS DEAD IN NEW YORK

Body Returned To Washington, D. C., for Burial— Entire Orchestra At Rites In Harlem.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4—James Edward Ellington, father of Duke Ellington, world-famous musician and composer, died here Thursday night in Medical Centre. He was 58 years old.

Born in Lincolnton, N. C., in the year 1879; Mr. Ellington left the South when yet a youth, and took up residence in Washington, where as a kid, he went to school and tried his hands at various jobs. Leaving school at the age of manhood, he worked in various branches of the government, and later married. From this union, Duke Ellington and later Ruth Ellington his only children were born.

For quite some time after, the Ellington family remained in Washington. Then Duke, who had come to New York to seek his youthful fortune, found the end of his rainbow. After much persuasion, he moved the entire family to New York. For many years the senior Ellington traveled with his son as secretary, finally giving up the job due to ill health.

His illness, which kept him under constant care of a physician, was believed added to by the death of his wife several years ago. In an endeavor to win out over it, Mr. Ellington made frequent trips to mountain resorts, staying seasons at a time.

About ten days ago, he came to the crisis of his condition, and was taken to the Medical Centre here, where it is reported he underwent an operation from which he never recovered. Reported on the verge of death since last week, the father of the world's foremost musician in his field, who himself could just barely play the piano, lost his battle of over two years at 11:18 o'clock Thursday night.

Funeral services were held here Saturday at 3 o'clock, at Dades Funeral Parlors, prior to the shipment of his body for interment in Washington, D. C. The last rites for the famous father were attended by those who knew him in all walks of life, including the entire orchestra of his son. At the time of his father's death, Duke Ellington's orchestra was scheduled to play several dance and theatre engagements. Bereaved by his loss, the engagements were either cancelled or played without Duke, who remained at the bedside of his last parent until the end. The senior Ellington was buried in Washington Monday last.

Metropolitan Choir To Sing At Chicago U.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 4—The Metropolitan prize-winning and radio choir, under the direction of J. Wesley Jones, assisted by Magnolia Lewis-Butts, C. Wilbur Hardison with Lowell Evans at the organ and William Lillard pianist, will present a public musical festival in the chapel of the University of Chicago, Sunday, November 14, at 4:30 p.m.

BASIE AND HIS 'GANG' TO HARLEM

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 4 — Rounding out a most successful engagement at the Meadowbrook Club in Cedar Grove, N. J., Count Basie, of the fascinating and unusual swing music, will move into New York Friday as headline attraction at the Apollo Theatre.

Cutting short his scheduled stay in the Mosquito State, the Count and his orchestra come to Harlem the first time this season, bubbling over with rhythm that has stood the country on its toes. With the famous pianologist will be the charming Billie Halliday and the talented James Rushing, who have augmented many revues of which the Count was headline attraction.

While playing in Jersey, the music of Basie feeding the country via the C.B.S. radio chain, was found to be far finer than ever before, putting him definitely in the class of coming bands.

After a week at the Apollo, he