

GRAHAM, N. C., JAN. 17, 1946.

Local News

—Alamance county underspent its budget for the six months period from July 1 to December 31, according to figures released by the board of county commissioners.

—According to figures on births and deaths in the county for 1945, there was an increase in the population of the county of 904. The figures show 1219 births against 315 deaths.

—Alamance County has been asked to contribute 60,000 pieces of old clothing to the Victory Clothing drive before the end of the month. The clothing will be sent to war-torn Europe.

—Walter D. Barrett, former solicitor of Alamance county, has received his discharge from the U. S. Navy and is setting up his law practice here. Mr. Barrett, who served as a senior grade lieutenant, saw foreign service in the Azores Islands where he was head of the foreign claims commission.

—A special town committee to discuss the relationship of Graham in the Alamance County Community Chest set-up was appointed last Thursday night in a meeting of local citizens held at the high school auditorium. The committee named were Morris T. Burke, chairman, H. G. McElroy, J. Harvey White, Needham G. Bryan and Hal Farrell.

Rationing News

SUGAR
Sugar Stamp No. 39 became valid for five pounds of sugar January 1, expires April 30.

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Listening Stick Bows To Progress

Today the "listening stick," like the bustle, the mustache cup and the rubber collar, is only a museum piece, but there are many old-time telegraphers who recall pleasantly the days when it was the magic wand, the mahogany baton that marked their trade.



The gentle tick of a pocket watch, when conducted to the ear through a listening stick, can be heard even in a noisy room. This ability to single out sound made the listening stick an important tool to old-time telegraph attendants.

The listening stick was an ingenious but simple device designed by Bell System engineers and made by Western Electric early in the 1900's to aid the telegraph room attendant of the day. And that harried guy needed help. Often hundreds of telegraph instruments, spread on tables in one small room, clattered away simultaneously. Attendants shouted orders back and forth above the din. In this babel of electrical and human voices, even an expert technician had difficulty reaching across a table to pick out one electrical voice from the many. The listening stick did the trick.

Made of finest mahogany, the listening stick is about two feet long and five eighths of an inch thick. It operated much like a doctor's stethoscope. The telegrapher would place one end of the stick containing a hollow wooden earpiece to his ear and the other end against the frame of the instrument. The sound, moving by conduction through the closely knit fibres of the mahogany, focused at his ear. As a doctor judges the regularity of heart beats, the telegraph man determined the clarity of dots and dashes coming through. He could detect any flaws in the adjustment of the instrument and concentrate on one circuit at a time.

Today, thanks to modern switchboards, toll-cable networks, vacuum tube amplification and other improvements, Bell System telegraph repeater rooms are about as quiet as an ordinary living room and the listening stick is just a pleasant memory to old-time "brass pounders."

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE GLEANER

Mrs. Frank J. Ross, Jr., and son, Joe, of Riverdale-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Nicholson.

Miss Mary Livingston has returned to her home in St. Louis, Mo., after spending several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. McBride Rich on Clinax street.

Mrs. M. A. Tyson and daughter, Miriam, and Mrs. Burt Powell and daughter, Claire, of Spartanburg, Va., were recent guests of Mrs. Tyson's and Mrs. Powell's aunt, Mrs. B. F. DeLoach.

Mrs. Floyd Flint who is a member of the Sedgfield school faculty, spent several days here the latter part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Nicholson; her school was closed due to bad roads.

Cpl. Jack Holt, son of Mrs. Ben Holt, South Main street, has returned from overseas where he saw 31 months service in Africa, Italy, France and England. He expects to enter State College at the beginning of the next semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Evans, Jr., have returned from visiting Chief Gunner and Mrs. Oscar Basden at North Beach, Md. Mrs. Basden and daughters, Millicent and Carolyn, recently joined her husband, who is stationed at the Naval Research Laboratory.

Captain D. J. Walker, Jr., on furlough leave, is with his wife, the former Sarah Nicholson, on Long avenue. Captain Walker of the 7th Armored Division, has been in service four years, with two years spent overseas in the European theater of operations.

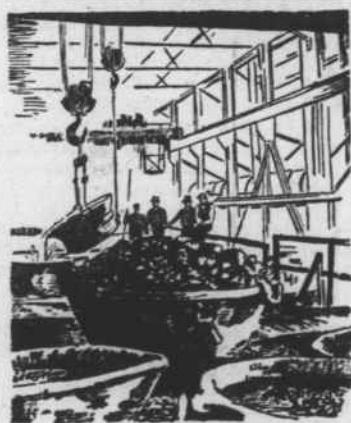
Captain and Mrs. E. C. Turner of Clemson College, S. C., visited his mother, Mrs. E. C. Turner in Hawfields and Mrs. Turner's sister, Miss Mary Cooper last week. Captain Turner has been on a 45-day leave and will report to Fort Bragg to be reassigned, expecting to go to Weisbaden, Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholson and sons, Larry and Phillip, from Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Nicholson, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hutchinson in the Eli Whitney community. Mr. Nicholson has recently received his discharge from the Navy.

Petty Officer 2-c William A. (Billy) Rich has returned to his ship, the SS Charra, at Seattle, Wash., after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McBride Rich. PO Rich has served the past 17 months in the South Pacific, taking part in the invasion of Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Most recently he has been stationed in Japan.

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Moser-Billingham Marriage

Monday evening, December 24, at 7:30 o'clock in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Stephens, Miss Lora Lee Moser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Moser of here, was married to Novel Dillingham, son of Mrs. Elma Dillingham of Burlington. Rev. Stephens, pastor of the groom, officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Alexander Wilson high school. The groom, graduate of Burlington high school, attended Elon College and is now employed at Sidney Knitting Mills.

The couple are making their home with the groom's mother.

Local Youth Shoots Self

James Fred Foushee, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Foushee of Poplar street, died Wednesday afternoon of last week, of self-inflicted injuries. The youth was found dying in a room at his home after other members of the family heard a shot and sought the origin. The fatal shot was fired, Dr. Smith, County coroner, said from a shotgun held against the chest.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon with burial in Pine Hill cemetery. Envoy Robert Tritton of the Salvation Army in Burlington and Rev. Everett Whisnart of Asheville conducted the rites.

Surviving are his parents, one sister and two brothers.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the Kiwanis club was held Monday night in the Scout hut. President Talton M. Johnson presided.

The invocation was given by Rev. Guy S. Cain after which a new member, William T. Stokes, Jr., was initiated into the club.

The speaker for the evening was Douglas Kelly, Alamance County Scout executive, who has recently been discharged from the Navy and transferred here from Kingston where he served as Scout executive.

Kelly urged that the club make every effort to cooperate with the Scoutmaster of the Graham troop by giving what he termed "visual aid" to the youth of the community.

After the regular session was adjourned, a board of directors meeting was held at which Mrs. Julian Thompson and Miss Jean Rader were named co-sponsors of the Graham Kiwanis club.

CHURCH BULLETIN

GRAHAM FRIENDS MEETING
Rev. Robert O. Crow, Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School. Daniel Allen, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship.
6:15 p. m.: Young Friends meeting.
7:00 p. m.: Evening Worship.
7:00 p. m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting.

GRAHAM METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. J. J. Boone, Pastor.
9:45 a. m.: Church School. W. E. Thompson, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.
6:00 p. m.: Young People's Meeting. Dorothy Foust, Leader.
7:00 p. m.: Evening Worship. Sermon by the pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Guy S. Cain, Pastor.
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School. Morris Burke, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.
7:00 p. m.: Baptist Training Union. Miss Gena Church, director.
8:00 p. m.: Evening Worship.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting.

BAPTIST ANDREW MEMORIAL CHURCH
Corner Market and Mill Sts.
Rev. Eugene Hancock, Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School. J. W. Gray, superintendent. F. B. Pegg, associate.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.
7:30 p. m.: Evangelistic service. Sermon by the pastor.

CHRISTIAN PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL
Rev. Bernard Munger, Pastor
10:00 a. m.: Sunday School. J. A. Ingram, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.: Preaching. Come and worship with us.

GRAHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Edwin N. Caldwell, D. D. Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School. H. D. Jones, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.: Morning Worship. Sermon by pastor.
7:30 p. m.: Evening Worship.
7:30 p. m.: Wednesday. Prayer Meeting.

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. W. R. Buhler, Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School. L. N. Glenn, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.: Morning Worship.
7:00 p. m.: Young People's Vesper Service.
7:30 p. m.: Wednesday. Prayer Meeting.

William A. Mitchell Passes at Troy

William A. Mitchell, 69, a native of Graham, died in a Richmond, Va., hospital about 6 o'clock a. m. December 28th, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Mitchell was a son of the late P. A. and Annie Albright Mitchell of here. He began his career as a printer with The Gleaner. He went to Washington, D. C. in 1902, where he became a compositor in the Government Printing Office, there he was employed until his retirement in 1940 due to ill health.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon, December 30th at Trinity Methodist church in Troy.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jessie Matlock Mitchell of Troy; one son, James M. Mitchell of Chicago, Ill.; three sisters, Mrs. M. A. Nicholson of Troy, Mrs. W. J. Squires of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. J. G. Shannon of Raleigh; one brother, Howard L. Mitchell of Washington; and two grandchildren.

Rotary Meeting

The Rotary club held its regular weekly meeting last Thursday evening at the Green Gables club. President Leo Grutsch presided over the meeting, which featured a quiz program conducted by Dr. E. S. Lupton.

The invocation was given by Dr. E. N. Caldwell, followed by the introduction of Charles Lipski and Jack Roney and William Burke of Burlington, who were special guests of the evening.

Charles E. Owen, was initiated as a new member of the club and members said farewell to Paul Shamhart, who is leaving Graham to make his home in New York City.

DEATHS

Joel A. Moser, 79, of Alamance died last Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charlie Moore, following two weeks of critical illness.

A native of this county, he was married first to the former Miss Lela Shepherd, and after her death to the former Mrs. Dorca Williams.

Funeral services were held at Rich and Thompson Chapel last Friday afternoon by Rev. C. Lee Shipton.

Surviving are two daughters, three sons, three sisters, one brother, 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Sarah Gurton Foust, 92, one of Alamance county's oldest residents, died last Wednesday night at the home of a son, Jacob Foust, Route 5, Burlington.

Funeral services were conducted at Cooper-McElroy Funeral home Friday afternoon by Rev. Ralph Wilson. Burial was in Pine Hill cemetery.

Surviving are three sons, one daughter, 21 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Lettie Patterson Johnson, 84, died in a local hospital last Friday night after an illness of one week. She was a resident of the Friendship community and a native of this county.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Friendship church, of which she was a member. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Among the survivors are one brother, John S. L. Patterson, and several nieces and nephews.

Samuel Alvin Thompson, 73, was claimed by death last Friday afternoon at his home in Burlington. He was a native of this

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county.

Funeral rites were conducted at Phillips Chapel Sunday afternoon with burial in the church cemetery.

Among the survivors is one sister, Miss Annie Thompson.

L. Newton Freshwater, 80, prominent farmer and blacksmith of Route 1, Haw River, died at his home Monday morning, last week, after a critical illness of ten days. Mr. Freshwater a member of the Hawfields Presbyterian church for over 50 years, was very well known in this section.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon of last week from the Hawfields Presbyterian

church with burial in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Winifred Bradley Long, 31, of Route 1, died at Duke hospital Sunday morning of last week. He had been in declining health for the last six months.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon of last week from the Bethany Presbyterian church. Burial was in Linwood cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Roberta Clapp Long; two daughters and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blair Long.

Mrs. Mattie A. Brown, 58, of Burlington, died at her home Saturday afternoon, January 5, following critical illness of two days. Mrs. Brown, a native of Chatham county, was the wife of Percy H. Brown.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon of last week from Front Street Methodist church in Burlington. Burial was in Pine Hill cemetery. Rev. L. C. Larkins officiated.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters, a brother, and one grandchild.

C. Herbert Morrow, 69, of Burlington, died last Friday night with a sudden heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. Chester Alexander. Burial was in Pine Hill cemetery.

Survivors include one sister, and one brother.

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