

Mrs. Penegar Died Here Dec. 24

Active in Church and Garden Club Work. Only 51 Years Old. Stricken with Heart Attack.

One year ago the community was shocked by the sudden death in the hospital at Winston of Bill Poplin. It occurred Dec. 23rd and he was buried here Christmas Eve.

And now another distressing and sudden death has occurred in the community. It is the death about 4 p. m. Christmas Eve of Mrs. Heath Penegar, whose husband operates the Penegar Olds and Pontiac agency here.

Mrs. Penegar had been bothered with a virus infection for the past two weeks, but seemed to have thrown it off. Sunday night she mentioned a pain in her arm. Monday morning her physician was called and treated her. It was decided about 3:30 that afternoon to carry her to the hospital, and an ambulance was in the yard, and a portable oxygen equipment was being brought into the house when a heart attack snuffed out her life.

The casket was carried by Raymond Marks to the First Methodist Church at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, December 26th, with the funeral at 3. The interment was in Memorial Park cemetery, a mile southeast of Rockingham. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Willis Stevens, and he was assisted by Rev. Carl Miller. Also, assisting was Rev. Lester Tilley now of Smithfield and her beloved former pastor.

The members of the Ledbetter Bible Class were the honorary escort, of which Mr. Penegar was a member. The pall-bearers were her nephews — Harold and Murray Rape, Ware Penegar Jr., Oscar Penegar Jr., Charlie Greene and Frank Howey, all of Monroe.

69 members of the Ledbetter Class formed the corridor through which the casket was borne. The large church was completely filled, with the rear-room space overflowing. And the flowers were in greater profusion and number than at any funeral here for many years. The quantity indicated the regard in which Ruby Penegar was held.

There were over fifty friends and relatives of Heath and Ruby from out of the county who came for the funeral.

Mrs. Lydia Love was at the organ and played hymns selected by the family, but with no choir. The flowers were in charge of members of her Ladies Bible Class. Mrs. Penegar was keenly interested in the Circles and other church activities, mostly preferring behind-the-scenes work to the more prominent leadership.

Mrs. Penegar was the former Ruby Gordon of Monroe. She was born December 20, 1905, daughter of the late Joseph and Minnie Delaney Gordon. She and Heath came to Rockingham Feb. 11, 1933, he as manager of the Baucom Motor Company which he bought out on July 15, 1935, and changed the name to the Penegar Motor Company and has been operating it as such most successfully over these past 21 years.

During these years as citizens of Rockingham, Mr. and Mrs. Penegar have been active in the civic life of the town, with Heath a former president of the Rotary club and his wife interested in the Garden Club and particularly in the work of the Missionary Society of her Church. She loved her home, a handsome brick structure which they built in the late 'thirties on the

Colored Woman Killed in Hamlet

Lucille Henry, Hamlet Negro woman, died last night shortly after mummbling a few words about how she received a fatal bullet wound.

Sheriff R. W. Goodman said today that the woman talked to a friend of hers who was in the room and that he could not at this time reveal what she said.

Officers are holding her husband Paul "Pete" Henry for further questioning. Goodman said he is considering taking the man to Raleigh for a lie detector test.

The young Negro woman was her home near Capitol Highway shot early Monday morning at School in the North Yard section of Hamlet. Her husband called officers to the scene.

He told them he had come to Hamlet on the train only a short time before. Going straight home, he found his wife, lying almost under her bed.

The room showed signs of a struggle and a .32 caliber pistol lay on the bed.

The woman, at first thought to be dead, was discovered to be still living and was taken to the Hamlet Hospital. Dr. W. D. James of the Hamlet Hospital determined that she had been shot a close range in the temple. The bullet passed back of one eye and out the other, he said.

She lived until 10:20 last night. An employee of the Seaboard, Henry and his wife lived alone at the house where the shooting occurred.

POLICE ARREST MEN WITH WHITE LIQUOR

Rockingham policemen arrested two Negro men after finding two cases of white whiskey in their car Monday morning.

Jesse James Hayes and Elmer Hayes of Greensboro were arrested by officers Reynolds and Burchette and jailed. Their 1951 Mercury seized for disposal at the time the two men are tried.

Hough Hardware owner Harvey Hough reports that someone celebrated Christmas with fireworks.

He found a bullet hole in one of his plate glass windows at the store this morning when he opened for business. Hough estimated the loss at \$140.

eastern edge of Rockingham; and her flowers were notable in the community.

Arriving here this past weekend for the Christmas holidays were her daughter Priscilla and husband Floyd Andrews from the University, and of course the little grandson Ricky whom Mrs. Penegar worshipped. But what a joyous Christmas this turned out not to be — the family planning for the Christmas dinner together and the home decorated and readied for the coming of Santa Claus Christmas morning.

Priscilla and Lloyd Andrews were married October 11, 1953, and their son Richard Heath (Ricky) was born December 19, 1955.

The other child of Heath and Ruby Penegar is Elbert Jason Penegar born April 22, 1930, and married Sept. 24, 1955, to Johnnie Jeanette Monroe. Elbert enlisted in the USAF Jan. 8, 1951, and was discharged July 17, 1954, as a Staff Sergeant. He is now with the Penegar Motor Company as assistant manager to his father.

And so surviving this lovely Ruby Penegar now are her husband, her son and daughter, and little grandson, and two sisters and three brothers. These sisters are Mrs. Callie Rape of Monroe and Mrs. Wallace Spittle of Mineral Springs. The three brothers are Paul Gordon and Marvin G. Gordon of Monroe and Frank Gordon of Waxhaw.

A sad Christmas 1955 for the Bill Poplin family, and now another distressing Christmas one year late — Christmas 1956 — for the Heath Penegar family. But then "so fades a summer cloud away. . . . So gently shuts the eye of day." — ISL.

LONDON'S HISTORY

Historical Matters Pertaining to Richmond County, N. C.

These articles are being written with purpose later of revising them into a History of Richmond County. If you find any errors herein, please let me know of such.

Isaac S. London — Rockingham

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First Marked Graves In The Old Graveyards of Richmond County, N. C.

GRAVEYARDS INSTALLMENT Number FOUR

The Oliver H. Dockery Graveyard 1859 Near Mangum.

There are ten marked graves in Congressman Oliver H. Dockery's family graveyard near Mangum in Steele's township; some 25 miles northwest of Rockingham. The earliest grave is that of Lillie, infant of Oliver H. and Martha Jane Dockery the baby born Sept. 2, 1858, died August 4, 1859. The baby's mother Martha Jane was born Nov. 30, 1830, and died February 13, 1860. Also buried here is the second wife of Oliver Dockery, she Sallie Dumas born July 2, 1843, died April 7, 1867; and the third wife Fannie Settle she born Nov. 10, 1836, and died March 8, 1894. But Oliver H. Dockery is not buried in this graveyard with his three wives. Instead he is buried in the Dockery graveyard on the Grassy Island road (see below). Oliver was born August 12, 1830, died March 21, 1906.

You will note from the above that Colonel Oliver H. Dockery was not buried in the Mangum cemetery with his three wives, his two baby sons and two baby daughters. Instead he was buried in the graveyard of his father, General Alfred Dockery, 500 feet north of the old Dockery Brick House. And while writing about the Dockery graveyard at Mangum, it might be well to list all the marked graves therein. They are:

- John W. Covington Jr. born Nov. 12, 1858, died Oct. 1, 1874.
- Martha Jane wife of O. H. D. b 11-30-1830, d 2-13-1860
- Sallie Dumas wife of O. H. D. b 7-2-1843, d 4-7-1867
- Fannie Settle wife of O. H. D. b 11-10-1836, d 3-8-1894
- Infant daughter of Martha Jane and Oliver H. Dockery
- Lillie infant dau. of Martha and O. H. D. b 9-2-58, d 8-4-59
- Infant son of Sallie Dumas and O. H. Dockery.
- Franklin Wall son of Sallie Dumas and O. H. D. b 3-8-63 d 5-14-63
- Wm. Stanback Dockery born April 8, 1856, died March 8, 1894
- Robert son of W. S. and J. S. Dockery b 10-5-93, d 4-26-1904

Dockery Graveyard at Dockery Brick House.

Oldest grave is that of James T. Dockery born May 13, 1825, died Sept. 28, 1826. Second oldest grave is that of "Puss" Dockery born Sept. 24, 1845, died March 16, 1850. Third oldest marked grave is that of Martha F. Dockery born Sept. 11, 1834, died January 30, 1860.

The most distinguished Dockery is buried here—General Alfred Dockery who was born December 11, 1797 and who died December 3, 1873. He was one of the earliest Trustees of Wake Forest College, and was present at Cartledge Creek Church on Nov. 3, 1833, when the Resolution was passed at the Baptist State Convention in session at Cartledge Creek church, setting up the Institute (which opened Feb. 2, 1834, under President Samuel Wait and the name changed Dec. 28, 1838, to Wake Forest College). General Alfred Dockery built the elegant two-story brick house within sight, and half a mile from Cartledge Creek church, six miles northwest of Rockingham, and which house is now occupied and owned by his great grandson J. Pickett Leak and family.

Two Dockerys were Members of Congress

While on the subject of the Dockerys, it might be well to mention that Richmond county furnished seven sons to Congress.

Duncan McFarland to the 9th Congress—March 4, 1805 to March 3, 1807. He was born at Laurel Hill, then in Richmond county but now in Scotland county, and died at Laurel Hill Sept. 7, 1816. He is buried in old Laurel Hill graveyard.

General Alfred Dockery born northwest of Rockingham Dec. 11, 1797, was elected to Congress in 1845; he declined re-nomination but was elected for a second term 1851. In 1854 he was the Whig candidate for Governor but was defeated by only 2085 votes. He died in his brick house home Dec. 3, 1873, and among his last words were "Glory to God."

One of the sons of General Alfred Dockery was Colonel Oliver H. Dockery born near Rockingham August 12, 1828. He served two terms in Congress—the 40th and 41st. The 40th Congress convened March 4, 1867 and adjourned March 3, 1869. Colonel Dockery took his seat July 13, 1868. The 41st Congress convened March 4, 1869 and adjourned March 3, 1871. The Colonel was nominated in April, 1868, to fill the unexpired term and was elected by a large majority over Thomas C. Fuller. Colonel Dockery was re-elected to the 41st Congress (as a Republican) receiving 15,314 votes to 13,353 for McKoy. The Colonel ran again in 1870 but was defeated by a Democrat Alfred Moore Waddell by a majority of only 351. Colonel Dockery ran again for Congress in 1882 and 1884 but Judge Risden Tyler Bennett of Wadesboro beat him both times. The Colonel carried his own Richmond county in 1882 by 610 majority but lost the county in 1884 by 629 majority. That vote in 1884 was Bennett 1981, Dockery 1352. In 1898 Colonel Dockery again was a candidate for Congress in that bitter Red-Shirt campaign but he was beaten by John D. Bellamy. The Colonel died in Johns Hopkins hospital March 21, 1906, and he is buried in the Alfred Dockery brick house graveyard.

(Another Richmond county man in Congress was Colonel Walter L. Steele for two terms—1878 and 1878; and he died in Baltimore Oct. 16, 1891, and is buried in Leak graveyard at Rockingham (buried first in Eastside but disinterred next day and re-buried in Leak after his Will had been read).

Another native son who went to Washington but elected from Connecticut to the US Senate was Joseph Roswell Hawley born in Stewartsville, then Richmond county, October 31, 1826. He died March 17, 1905 and is buried in Cedar Hill cemetery at Hartford, Conn.

A native son of Richmond county to be both Governor, US Senator and Congressman was our Cameron Morrison born Oct. 5, 1869, and died August 20, 1953.

Another Richmond county man serving four terms in Congress (but born in Anson County) is Charles B. Deane, from 1946 through 1956.

(To be Continued)



JUNIOR CIVITAN OFFICERS — Rockingham's Civitan Club met last week and presented a charter to the Junior Civitan Club they recently organized. Limited to boys and girls from Rockingham High School, the club's purpose is the same as that of the senior group—to build good citizenship and serve the community. Shown above are the officers. Left to right are: Jimmy Goodman, treasurer; Linda McDonald, secretary; Rebecca Wiggins, vice-president; and Olen Smith, president.



SANTA IS always ready to listen to what a youngster wants for Christmas. He was at Aleo's Christmas party for employees and their children Sunday afternoon and the scene shown above was repeated many times as the little ones told him what they wanted. Approximately 2,000 persons, including employees and their families attended the Aleo party.

Verna Calloway, Hamlet
Mrs. Wm. R. Cook, R.1.Ellerbe
Jack O. Jenkins, R.2. Hamlet
Robert A. Wilson, Jr., R.1.Rham
Johnnie Jackson, R.2. Rham
C. C. Taylor, Hamlet
L. J. Butler, Hoffman
Grady White, Ellerbe
Wm. T. Prevatt, R. 2. Hamlet
Eloise Nowell, Hamlet
Davie T. Zeigler, Hamlet
S. D. Haddock, R. 1. Hamlet
William L. Allen, Rham
Ella Ruth Edwards, Rham
Thomas H. Wilson, Rham
John Gore, Rham
Jolynne Caviness, Hamlet
Thomas C. Hollowell, Rham
L. F. Kiker, R. 3. Rham
C. H. Reid, Hamlet
James Arthur Rhyne, Ellerbe

On The Aisle
A woman went into a department store and asked: "Where may I find stockings?"
"Aisle C," replied the clerk.
The woman waited ten minutes and then repeated: "Where will I find stockings?"
"Aisle C," asked the clerk again.
"That's what you told me a while ago," snapped the woman, "and you didn't even look. I'll see for myself."

Is Now!
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GI — Of course not.
Barber — Gosh.

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ZEBULON GIBSON

Town Clerk & Tax Collector