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## People

YOU KNOW  
In Alleghany

By Staff Writer

### D. W. GRAHAM

As familiar to the people of Alleghany county as the Dodges and Plymouths which many of them drive is D. W. Graham, a resident of Todd, in Ashe county, but who conducts his prosperous automobile business here, commuting daily between his home and the D. W. Motor company in Sparta. Mr. Graham is a man of varied abilities and has made a success in other fields of endeavor besides business. He is a former school teacher, and for 11 years taught schools in Ashe, Wilkes and Buncombe counties.

Before coming here and setting up his present business, he had carried on a successful lumber



business in Ashe. About two years ago he established his present Dodge-Plymouth agency, with Deway Huff as salesman, and began servicing automobiles. George Reeves had sold Dodges and Plymouths here for a short while, but he had not serviced cars.

**Business Good**  
Mr. Graham's business got off to a good start in the very beginning. Last year the company sold a total of 130 automobiles. But the business thus far this year has doubled that for the same period in 1940.

**Born in the Todd community** in 1898 to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Graham, young Graham first attended school in his native community, receiving both his elementary and high school education there. Later on he attended school at ASTC in Boone and at Duke university.

**In 1920 he was married to Miss Ethel Stanberry, of Todd.** Mr. and Mrs. Graham have six children, three boys and three girls. The girls are Jewel, Violet and Ila; and the boys, L. D., John and James. Violet is in her second year at college, and L. D. and John are both in high school.

**Owns Big Farm**  
Mr. Graham is a brother to James (Continued on Page Four)

## Order Cotton For Mattress Project

Mattress-making here is at a temporary standstill, pending the arrival of another load of cotton, according to an announcement yesterday from the office of the county agent.

More cotton has been ordered, however, it was learned, and the work will get underway again as soon as it has arrived, which should be within the next few days.

To date farm families of this county have made 451 mattresses. Applications are on file for several hundred more. No applications were accepted after April 30.

## 2 MORE CORRESPONDENTS FOR THE NEWS APPOINTED

During the rest of this spring and summer, Mrs. Mack Parsons will serve as The News correspondent at Piney Creek and Miss Ruth Pugh at Laurel Springs.

The News has openings for correspondents in a few of the smaller communities in the county and those who are interested in becoming correspondents and thereby rendering a real service to their communities, are requested to get in touch with the editor.

The News has a most attractive proposition for its correspondents.

## Aussies 'Picket' Malayan Rubber Supply



A squad of Australian troops, some of the thousands that have been pouring into Singapore and other strongholds in Malaya since Japan began making threatening gestures, is shown here at bayonet practice among the rubber trees, "Somewhere in Malaya." Malaya's rubber plantations are the largest in the world, one reason Japan would like that area in Asia's "New Order."

## School Teachers For Piney Creek, Sparta Disclosed

### Rash Won Sheep Shearing Contest

Howard Hendrix, R. L. Austin and M. E. Reeves Also Won Nice Awards.

Edging out his opponents with a score of 87%, Delmer Rash, of Smethport, succeeded last Friday in grabbing first prize in the tri-county sheep shearing contest held on the Doughton farm at Laurel Springs.

Before the contest got underway, a demonstration was conducted by E. S. Bartlett, of the Chicago Flexible Shaft company, who has had many years of experience in sheep shearing. Also on hand for the demonstration and contest were L. I. Case, Paul Fletcher and Sam Williams, of the agriculture extension division in Raleigh.

Numbers of shearers and sheep owners in Ashe and Alleghany counties attended the demonstration, but only four were entered in the contest. Each contestant was required to shear two sheep. Rash's time was 11.45 and 12.40.

Winner of the second prize was Howard Hendrix, of Laurel Springs, with a score of 82%; the third prize went to R. L. Austin, of Laurel Springs, with a score of 73%; and the fourth prize was awarded to M. E. Reeves, of Laurel Springs, who had a score of 72%.

First prize was a new wide throw Australian E-B shear, valued at \$15; second prize, a dozen special cutters and a \$5 check; third prize, a check for \$3 and fourth prize, a check for \$2. Half of the money awarded was contributed by Belk's Department store and Farmers' Hardware and Implement company, of Sparta; the remainder was contributed by West Jefferson firms.

The 4-H Club enrollment for 1940 in the United States was the largest in the history of the organization with a total of 1,420,297 boys and girls listed as members.

## Baptist WMU Groups To Have Annual Meeting At New Hope

Scheduled to get underway next Tuesday morning at 10:30, the annual associational meeting of the Woman's Missionary unions in the county will be held at the New Hope Baptist church.

Churches in the Alleghany Baptist association are urgently requested to be represented at the meeting. The theme of the program, as announced yesterday, is "Our Continuing Task—Making His Way Known."

Highlighting the program will be an address by Mrs. W. D. Briggs, executive secretary of the state WMU. The remainder of the morning program will be as follows:

**Complete Program**  
Hymn, "Jesus Saves"; devotionals, Rev. W. H. Caldwell, Ps. 67:2;

### Committeemen Announce Faculties for 2 Schools for 1941-42 Term.

#### ONLY FOUR CHANGES

School committeemen in Sparta and Piney Creek announced yesterday complete slates of teachers who will serve in the schools of the two communities during the 1941-42 term.

All teachers in the Piney Creek schools were retained. Four changes were made in the faculty of the Sparta schools, three of which were in the elementary grades.

Miss Minnie Lou Edwards was given the place of Mrs. Burton McCann, English teacher in the high school. Miss Ella Edwards succeeds Miss Sue McMillan as teacher of the third grade; Miss Josephine Inskip succeeds Mrs. Robert Fender as teacher of the sixth grade; and Mrs. W. C. Thompson changed places with Mrs. Hazel Tompkins, of the Cherry Lane school. Mrs. Thompson taught the second and part of the third grade here.

Charles R. Roe was re-elected as principal of the Sparta schools, and next fall will enter upon his eleventh year in that capacity. Other teachers to be re-elected included Harold Higgins, Tom Haigwood, Byron Stuart, Burton McCann, Miss Nina Grey Liles, Mrs. Dalton Warren, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Mrs. George A. Reeves, Mrs. A. V. Choate, Miss Anne Truitt, Miss Izabelle Taylor, Mrs. A. C. McMillan and Mrs. Haswell Rector.

Committeemen for this district are Walter Osborne, Dewey Sturdivant and George Crouse. The Piney Creek committeemen are Carlisle Hash, Frank Busic and W. F. Parsons.

In the new Rich Hill school, the faculty will consist of Fred Hart, principal, Miss Ruby Joines and Mrs. Mallie Handy.

Other teachers, in other county schools, will be announced within the next few weeks, according to the superintendent's office.

## Hundreds Attend Final Rites For Mrs. Carson Sun.

Sparta Native Is Victim of Automobile Accident Near Boonville Friday.

### OTHERS INJURED

Hundreds of persons from throughout this section of the state paid final tribute last Sunday to Mrs. Zollie Edwards Carson, 60, widow of the late A. S. (Dock) Carson and native of Sparta, who died early last Saturday morning in Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital at Elkin from skull fracture and other injuries suffered in an automobile collision on highway 67, east of Boonville, Friday evening about 7 o'clock.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church here. Gov. R. A. Doughton read a personally prepared obituary and Rev. L. F. Strader, pastor of the church, preached the sermon.

Interment was in the Sparta cemetery, where scores of beautiful floral creations decorated the grave. One of the largest crowds ever to attend a funeral in Sparta filled the Methodist church to capacity. Mrs. Carson lay in state in the church from 1 until 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

**Miss Osborne Hurt**  
The car in which Mrs. Carson and Miss Ila Osborne were driving from Raleigh, en route to their home in Sparta for a week end visit, was struck by a car operated by Delos Underwood, 36, of Jonesville, as the latter vehicle came out of a side road.

Miss Osborne suffered a broken leg and a minor skull fracture; Underwood, several fractured ribs and severe head lacerations; and Hugh Glenn Underwood, a skull fracture and a brain concussion. All are in the hospital at Elkin, and yesterday were reported to be resting comfortably.

Both automobiles were practically demolished by the impact. Mrs. Carson and Miss Osborne held positions with the state department of internal revenue at Raleigh and were taking advantage of the Memorial Day holiday for a visit to Sparta. Both are members of prominent Alleghany families.

Although she lived in Raleigh, Mrs. Carson maintained a home in Sparta. Her husband was formerly with the internal revenue department in Winston-Salem. He died about 10 years ago, shortly after being transferred from the twin city to Raleigh. For a number of years, before going to Winston-Salem, Mr. Carson edited and published The Alleghany Star, a weekly newspaper in Sparta.

Serving as pall bearers at the funeral were Floyd Crouse, Amos Wagoner, Dr. C. A. Thompson, Dr. T. R. Burgess, Ross Hawthorne, Sam Brown, Hugh Choate and Edwin Duncan. Flower girls used came from the congregation. Mrs. Carson is survived by a son, Paul Carson, employed by the Wachovia Bank and Trust company in Raleigh; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Carson Lamb, of Raleigh; a sister, Mrs. W. R. Gentry, of Edwards Crossroads; and a brother, Eldridge Edwards, of Sparta.

## Last Rites Held For Mrs. Edwards

Sparta Woman Died of Cancer Last Friday; Buried in Higgins Cemetery.

Final rites were held Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Rosa Higgins Edwards, 63, of near Sparta, who died here early last Friday of cancer.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Shade Caudill and Coy Walker at the home of Bay Higgins. Burial was in the Higgins cemetery at Little Pine.

Mrs. Edwards had been in declining health for some time. She had many friends and relatives in Sparta and the surrounding country.

Surviving her are her husband, Young Edwards, of Sparta; three children, Homer and Bessie Edwards, of Sparta, and Claude Edwards, of Dobson; two brothers, John Higgins, of Sparta, and Clark Higgins, of Ennice.

Mrs. C. A. Reeves, who stepped on a nail Monday and suffered serious injury to her foot, was taken to the Wilkes hospital for treatment. She was reported yesterday to be resting comfortably, but will not be able to walk for some three weeks.

## Here Are Five Generations!



Shown at the left is Mrs. Evelyn Miller, 97, who lives with her son, William Lee Miller, 74, shown above, near Laurel Springs. The other three in the above picture are Richard Bert Miller, 50, of Rexburg, Idaho; Mrs. Eula McGrady, 24, of Transou and Mr. Richard Miller is holding Franklin McGrady, 8 months old baby of Mrs. McGrady. Mrs. Miller is said to be the oldest person in this county. She is still enjoying fairly good health. Her husband died 6 years ago. They had 7 children, all of whom are still living. They are: Mrs. Nellie Gentry, Mrs. Etta Kenner, Mrs. Emma Miller, F. C. Miller, Edwin Miller and William Miller. Mrs. Miller was born and reared in this county.



## REA Co-op To Buy Northwest Carolina Utilities Property

### Many Have Bought Fishing Licenses

Game Warden Has Arrested Few Unlicensed Fishermen This Season.

County Game Warden Dick Gentry must have thrown a scare into unlicensed fishermen last season!

Or maybe sportsmen are more law-abiding than they used to be.

Anyway, the sale of fishing licenses to date this season has already doubled the number for the same period last year. Furthermore, the game warden declares he can count on the fingers of one hand the people he has arrested for fishing without licenses—so far.

Revenue from the sale of fishing licenses is expected to more than double that of last year. With half the money from combination hunting and fishing licenses thrown in, the total figure should be about \$375, it is estimated.

Arrangements have been completed for the resumption of tobacco exports to England under provisions of the Lease-Lend bill to bolster the dwindling supply of flue-cured leaf.

### Purchase Will Include Franchise and Property in Sparta, Alleghany.

#### TO IMPROVE SYSTEM

The Blue Ridge Electric Membership corporation last Friday signed a purchase contract to buy all of the power lines and one generating plant in Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell, Surry and Wilkes counties, from the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc.

According to the sales agreement, the REA co-op agrees to pay a minimum sum of \$170,000 for this property and franchises. Supt. G. F. Messick announced that the purchase will be made when funds are appropriated for this purpose and estimated that the Blue Ridge will take over the Northwest lines in July.

This purchase, when terminated, will mean that the REA co-op will serve the towns of Sparta, Roaring Gap, West Jefferson, Jefferson, Warrensville, Lansing, Blowing Rock, Sugar Grove, and Vilas, which have a total of around 1,300 customers.

Supt. Messick said the proposed purchase also makes it possible for the co-op to serve 1,000 additional farms in Avery county which heretofore have had no electric service.

The Blue Ridge Electric is now serving 3,200 farm homes in five (Continued on Page Eight)

## Sparta To Play Independence Tomorrow Afternoon At 3:30

Scheduled to play Ivanhoe Wednesday, but unable to make the trip due to an insufficient number of players, Sparta's semi-pro baseball club will officially open the New River league season here tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 when the team meets Independence on the local high school diamond.

A large crowd is expected to be on hand tomorrow when the home team takes the field in the season-opener. It will mark the second successive year Sparta has been entered in the New River league.

Bert Edwards, acting manager, told The News yesterday that players from throughout Alleghany county are planning to come here and participate in the game tomorrow, and that "there will be plenty of substitutes."

Mitchell and Hammer are expected to pitch for the locals. Edwards will play on first. A complete line-up will be worked out today, it was stated.

Other players on the team are John Mac Edwards, Claude Moxley, Dan Tompkins, John Pugh, Robert Billings, Paul Richardson, Durwood Rector, Page Bare, C. T. Edwards, Smith, Carpenter, and others.

Next Wednesday Galax is scheduled to play at Sparta.

### REVIVAL STARTS SUNDAY

Rev. W. H. Caldwell, of Sparta, will begin a revival meeting at the Mt. Zion Methodist church on Sunday evening, June 1. It was announced yesterday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## New Draft Board Member Sworn In By Crutchfield

Dewey Sturdivant Succeeds Mr. Cheek; First Negro Trainees Leave.

### NO CURRENT QUOTA

Dewey Sturdivant, who operates the Reins-Sturdivant funeral home here, was sworn in Wednesday morning as a member of the county draft board by G. P. Crutchfield, chairman. As successor to George W. Cheek, now a resident of Boulder, Colo., Mr. Sturdivant will also serve as secretary to the board.

Early the same morning the first Negro trainees to be inducted into the army through the operation of the selective service military program in this county assembled here, received final instructions from draft officials, and boarded the bus for Fort Bragg.

Draft questionnaires were sent out to 100 more county registrars Wednesday, leaving approximately 350 forms still to be mailed before July 1. Around 100 men were classified by the draft board at its meeting.

### To Classify All

Officials here have been asked to proceed to "the prompt classification" of all men who registered for military service last October but have not yet been rated as to their availability. Previously the board has followed the policy of classifying only a sufficient number of men to provide a small margin beyond the number actually called up for military service.

Of the three trainees required in the quota which left here Wednesday, two were volunteers and the third a draftee. Volunteers were John Solomon Choate, of Sparta, and Colbert Maxwell, of (Continued on Page Eight)

## Still Destroyed On Tues. Night

A large 50-gallon still, containing between 400 and 500 gallons of beer, was destroyed on the south side of Bull Head mountain last Tuesday night by federal officers.

Ownership of the whisky-making outfit could not be established, it was stated. Walter Irwin and Roy Reece, of Wilkesboro, were among the officers who discovered the still and destroyed it.

## Re-surfacing On Parkway Started Monday Morning

WEST JEFFERSON, May 15.—Re-surfacing on the Blue Ridge Parkway in the vicinity of the Laurel Springs community was started last Monday morning and this work is now going forward at a good rate of speed.

The mix, which is a highly refined mixture of asphalt and gravel, is being made here in the large portable plant of the Barrett company and a fleet of 15 trucks is doing the hauling. Traffic on the Parkway will be maintained while this work is being done.

E. O. Thomas is in charge of the mixing plant and there are 13 persons employed to carry on its operation. H. D. Jones, of Graham, who is representative of the Barrett company and who is also a district Rotary governor, was in town yesterday and said he was pleased with the progress that is being made.

**JOE GISH**  
GAS  
READ A NEWS ITEM ONCE NOT CLAIMED THESE NONE ACTOR FEELERS LINE IN A DREAM WORLD... NEEDS THEY ON JURY... THAT.