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## BLAME ELIXIR FOR DEATH OF LOCAL MAN

J. T. Tanner Succumbs In Local Hospital After Illness Of Week

James Thomas Tanner, 60-year-old local resident, died in a local hospital after receiving treatment for elixir of sulfanilamide poisoning for the past week.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 514 Beal street, and interment at Battleboro followed.

His death, was the first in North Carolina attributed to the new elixir, which has been blamed for about 60 deaths throughout the nation since its recent appearance on the market.

All the drug has been recovered in Rocky Mount, which happened to be the center of the area of earliest and most concentrated distribution of the elixir in North Carolina, Pure Food and Drug Administration investigators reported.

Tanner's death followed a sharp relapse at the end of the week, physicians said. Admitted to the hospital Monday, he was believed by physicians to be in a critical condition but indications of improvement gave rise to hope later in the week that he might recover.

Tanner had told physicians he had taken doses of the elixir over a period of 10 days from a four-ounce bottle given him by a rural physician in rural Nash county.

Though physicians believed Tanner's death was caused by the elixir, they awaited verification from tests and comparisons made by physicians in other parts of the nation where the elixir is credited with fatalities.

## Services Held For E. L. Griffin

Well Known Resident Of City Is Buried Sunday; Rites From Baptist Church

Funeral services for Ernest Linwood Griffin, who died here Saturday after an illness of about a year, were conducted Sunday from the First Baptist church, of which he was a member, with Dr. J. W. Kincheloe officiating.

Mr. Griffin, who was 34, had been suffering from a brain tumor since September of last year. He died early Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. Fannie C. Davis, his wife's mother.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mabel Blackwell; a daughter, Ann, 7, who is in school at Pineland; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Griffin of this city.

Mr. Griffin, known to a large number of friends here as "Sleepy" Griffin, was born in Rocky Mount in 1903 and had lived here all his life.

He was employed by the First National Bank, which later became the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company, now defunct. He was later in the real estate business.

Elder A. B. Denson, pastor of the parents of Mr. Griffin, ended the funeral services at Pineview cemetery here.

Funeral services were T. A. Avera, M. R. Robbins, Chester Spears, Ben Jenkins, L. Turner Lesson and J. F. Childers.

A large number of friends and relatives, many of them from out of town, attended the funeral.

## Trio Convicted In Enfield Case

Filling Station Bandits Get Long Terms; Fourth Held In Wilson

Wilson, Oct. 28.—Sheriff J. C. Fulghum announced here today that he was holding Frank Faulk, Rocky Mount man, under \$500 bond on the charge of holding up Pinkie's service station on the Wilson-Rocky Mount highway several months ago. The Rocky Mount man was acquitted yesterday in Halifax Superior Court of the charge of holding up an Enfield service station at about the same time.

Three others alleged to have been with Faulk at the time of the robbery here were convicted of the Enfield robbery and sentenced to long prison terms by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in Halifax.

Of the three, all of whom were from Rocky Mount, Fritz Brinkley and Anton Proctor were given between 17 and 23 years in State Prison and Walter Wells was sentenced to serve between 20 and 23 years in prison.

All three men are also charged with the robbery of the filling station here and are said to have admitted the robbery to officers.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Carter and Sheriff Fulghum said here that although the three convicted men had said that Faulk was not with them in the robbery of Pinkie's place, they were holding them in Rocky Mount pending a hearing.

B. G. Crompton of Person County baled 200 bales of loperdeza, red clover and oat hay from 12 acres of land. Two other tons of loose hay from the same area has given him a total yield of approximately a ton to the acre this year.

## IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY  
*Post R. Reynolds*  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Editor's note—Senator Reynolds' column for this week, is written as he is en route to Washington from a visit to Western states, and deals with some of the impressions he has gained.

Any swing through the country will quickly convince an individual that North Carolina selected the psychological time to spread its program for recreation development and attracting new industries. The state is much in the eye of people throughout the country. The progressive way in which it came through the depression has attracted national attention. It explains why the state is already reaping benefits from its new development program.

Perhaps the thing that impressed me most, when numerous invitations were pressed upon me to make addresses, was that those interested wanted to hear about North Carolina. What are labor conditions? How are the roads? Do the Great Smokies compare with the Western National Parks? These and many other questions were asked on every hand.

There are, of course, many reasons for this interest. Great numbers of Tar Heels have migrated westward over a long period of years and retain an interest in their home state and tell others about it. Equally as important, as one of the first states to adequately develop a highway system, North Carolina won attention that has not been overlooked with the passing years.

Moreover, the word has spread that through diversified agriculture, commerce and industry, North Carolina has not felt the effects of the depression as keenly as some other states. This view has been enhanced by the fact that Tar Heels, as a rule, spread confidence wherever they go and implant a desire on the part of others to see the state.

The result will be that the program to attract visitors and new residents to the state is destined to prove the greatest step forward North Carolina has taken in recent years. I believed this when I left Washington for a survey of conditions and a combined vacation. I am more than ever convinced of it as I head toward Washington for the special session of Congress.

There is no doubt that people generally realize that important national adjustments in the economic field must continue. However, they want the confidence of business to be kept up through assurances to the business man as to what he may expect in the way of regulation and taxes. To delay this assurance will undoubtedly be more harmful than to give it as quickly as possible.

Farmers are conscious that surpluses are controlled by weather as much as by what the farmer does, and only want reasonable help from their Government. But like the business man, that want to know what is going to be done. Again early action will be more helpful than delayed action.

As a result of such thoughts reflected by hundreds in conversations, and in the faces of thousands in "public forums" on important questions, the legislators who have attempted to reach the people and obtain their views during the time since adjournment of Congress, are best prepared to meet the demands of the day.

## Prison Population Is On Increase

North Carolina's prison population increased 2303 during September to a total of 9,393 on October 1. Oscar Pitts, superintendent of prisons, released figures Thursday showing the average daily population last month was 8,977 and that 10,943 prisoners were handled.

Courts sent 1,822 prisoners to the penal division during September, the report said, including 667 sentenced to 30-day terms. There were 1,483 releases of prisoners upon expiration of sentences.

There were 33 escapes and 43 prisoners were retaken. Bill Payne, the most notorious prisoner in the lot to escape, at last accounts was still at large, although according to reports, he was seen in at least a dozen different places in the state within the month and been surrounded dozens of times but always works his "lucky charm" on the officers and makes a getaway.

Three Surry County farmers have purchased 24 head of Hereford calves this fall as foundation stock for beef herds.

Three fine mules died of lockjaw in Pamlico County in recent months, reports County Agent A. T. Jackson.

## R. C. BRAKE, JR. KILLED WED. IN MOTOR CRASH

R. C. Brake, Jr., Henderson Business Man, Dies As Car Overturns

R. C. Brake, Jr., 35, son of Alderman R. C. Brake of this city and manager of the Southern Ice Cream Company of Henderson, was killed instantly in an automobile accident near Henderson.

Mr. Brake's car overturned about four miles west of Henderson on the Oxford highway, apparently because of a tire blow-out, according to an Associated Press dispatch received here.

Officers reported Mr. Brake was thrown clear of the car but was crushed about the chest.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Kate Preddy of here, a week-old son and a 10-year-old daughter, Barbara.

Other relatives are his father who lives here; three brothers, Douglas and Clyde Brake of Rocky Mount and Jesse Brake of Fort Bragg; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruark Anderson and Mrs. Don Roney of here.

Mr. Brake had lived in Henderson two years. He was vice-president of the Henderson Lions club and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

When the accident occurred he was returning to Henderson from Durham, where he had taken his wife's mother who had been visiting them in Henderson, it was reported here. Mrs. C. R. Preddy, Mrs. Brake's mother, lives in Durham but formerly lived in Rocky Mount.

Funeral services for Mr. Brake were conducted at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church of Henderson, of which he was a member.

Rev. James A. Jones, pastor of the church officiated. Interment followed in the Elmwood cemetery in Henderson.

Mr. Brake's son, R. C. Brake III, was born last Sunday.

## FIRST TERM COURT IN NEW HOME

Early Residents Of City Reminisce As Mayor Robinson Halls New Building

Entirely incidental was the docket in the new courtroom of the Rocky Mount recorder's court Wednesday. No sooner had Judge Ben H. Thomas convened court than former Lieutenant-Gov. R. T. Fountain precipitated a round of speeches, paying tribute to the new courtroom and city hall and recalling old days in Rocky Mount.

Mr. Fountain, who became Rocky Mount's first recorder about 1910, traced the history of the old Opera House which was rebuilt as the new municipal hall, jesting with Judge Thomas, "With the exception of yourself, I was the most distinguished jurist that has presided in this court."

Mayor J. Q. Robinson also reviewed the history of the building, recalling that before renovation it bore the date of 1904, when it was rebuilt after being destroyed by fire. Expressing pride at being the first mayor to officiate in the new building, he visualized its usefulness for coming generations and called its dedication a historic event in Rocky Mount.

Prominent among the speakers was "Senator" T. T. Thorne, Rocky Mount's only mayor of two communities (mayor of Battleboro and later mayor four times of Rocky Mount).

"Senator" Thomas recalled the days when C. H. "Uncle Bud" Harris, venerable recorder's court clerk, was editor of a newspaper ("The Weekly Reporter" in the early 1880's), which the "Senator" described as "bright, sparkling and informative."

He recalled also when Rocky Mount had a population of 834 and the board of aldermen used to meet in Dr. Thorpe's drug store.

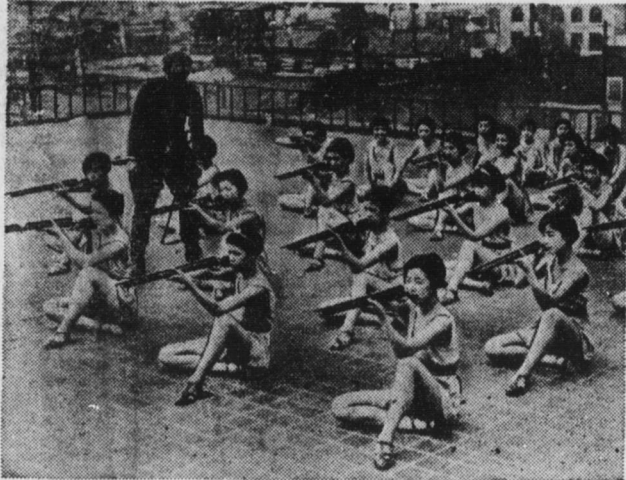
Alderman J. R. Bobbitt and a number of Rocky Mount's prominent attorneys were present for the first session in the new courtroom.

## State Revenues Are Increasing

The State Revenue Department collected 26,06 more taxes for the general fund this month than a year ago, Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell reported yesterday. October collections were \$2,903,443.69, compared with \$2,803,264.36 a year ago. Receipts for the fiscal year reached \$12,240,094.53, less than the \$14,691,722.46 collected during the same period last year when non-recurring inheritance, payments boosted collections. Franchise collections rose from \$926,479.72 last year to \$1,450,543.04 this month; sales tax rose from \$922,694.27 to \$922,245.28; beverage tax went up from \$93,280.01 to \$144,506.09.

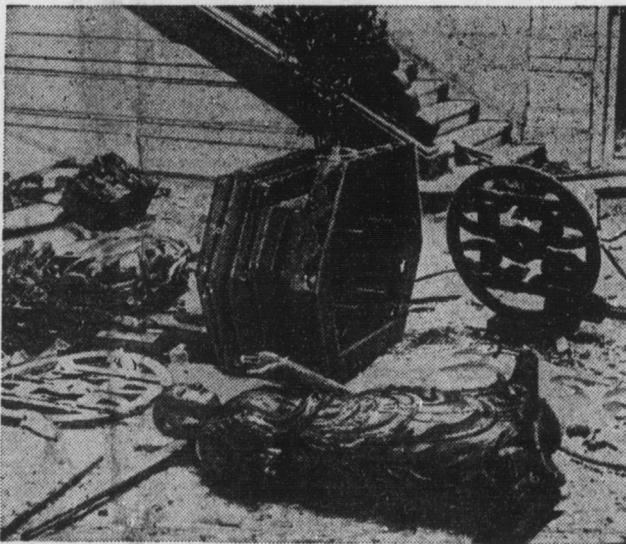
October collections in the motor vehicle division for October were \$2,254,707.14, bring the fiscal year collections to \$9,088,502.67.

## As War Fever Rises in Japan



Toy guns, used in a stage revue in Osaka, are held by these chorines on the roof of the theater as they get instruction from a Japanese officer. Press agent stunt? Perhaps, but it indicates to what extent the war fever has permeated every avenue of Japanese life. Other women auxiliaries, with real guns, have their instructions on what to do, should enemy planes fly over the highly centralized industrial city.

## Result of Japanese Savagery



Shanghai's museum, located in the shell-shattered civic center, contains many art treasures dating back to the Ming dynasty, preserves costumes and customs of an age-old civilization, houses statues of idols, strange gods, warrior heroes. Here the figure of Kwan Yin is humbled in the dust by an airplane bomb.

## "Sauce for the Gander—"

If the lawyers wish to retain their influence with the people they must be consistent.

During the last legislature there was introduced a bill to take away from the people the right to nominate judges. The contention of the lawyers was that a judge ought not to have to drag his dignified office before the people in order to become a judge but the legislature became afraid of the people and turned this bill down.

Now the president of the bar association comes forward with a proposition that Justices of Peace should not be appointed by the governor but does not say how they should be elected.

We have always believed that all responsible offices should be filled by the people rather than by appointment. Judge Clark, the late Chief Justice, contended that judges should all be elected and none appointed for life.

What is sauce for the gander ought to be sauce for the goose.

There is only one member of the Supreme Court in N. C. that was elected by the people when first placed on the Supreme Court. All the Superior Court Justices counting special judges, 24 in number all receive their first work on the bench by appointment except 5.

There are 3 in the east that have been elected—Judge Frizzell, Judge Grady, and Judge Harris—and the same thing exists in the west.

Why not let the people elect all Judicial Officers from high to low. Be consistent.

## CAPTAIN J. D. MELTON PASSES

In the passing of Captain J. D. Melton, Rocky Mount lost probably its oldest white citizen, his death having occurred on his 93rd birthday. He was born in 1844, in Nash County, at Castalia, and in accordance with his desire, his body was taken back to this Castalia community, so much beloved by him. A great part of his life was spent in the Dortches section where he was an active farmer until, in the language of the great Justice Holmes of Supreme Court of United States, he was compelled to bow to the inevitable, by reason of his advanced years, he gave up active life on the farm and for the past several years had been a resident of Rocky Mount in the home of his son D. Melton, near the famous Meltons Springs, owned and operated by another son Captain Bob Melton.

During the war between the states, when Rocky Mount was nothing more or less than a railroad crossing and a stage coach stop, Mr. Melton carried the mail regularly between Rocky Mount and Castalia. When the war broke out he was too young to enlist in the army so he began carrying the mail and did this all through the war. While removed from active participation in the social life of the community by reason of his advanced years yet he maintained keen interest in what was going on particularly up to the very last. At the funeral services there was a large gathering of friends and neighbors practically the whole community from Dortches, old neighbors and friends were present, giving evidence of their admiration, love and affection.

A life full of years and field of good works.

## PULP PLANT OPERATION IS STARTED THIS WEEK

### NASH COUNTY MAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Odie Joyner Of Rocky Mount Route One Is Killed In Nash Accident

A roadster overturned on a Nash dirt road late Monday night and fatally injured Odie Joyner, about 21, whose death was Nash county's eighth highway fatality in the past six weeks.

Roger William Batts, 21, who was reported driving, was suffering from shock at a local hospital but was not believed seriously injured, said physicians, who were continuing their examination today.

Joyner was thrown through the top of the roadster as the car turned over apparently five times after striking a soft spot in the road. Highway Patrolman T. R. Burdette stated.

His neck broken, Joyner was dead when brought to a hospital here by a Coopers township man near whose home the accident occurred, it was reported at the hospital.

The young men were going toward the Wilson-Nashville highway on a dirt road in Coopers township about eight miles from here, the patrolman reported.

Patrolman Burdette said the accident apparently resulted from the driver's losing control when the car, traveling fast, hit a soft spot in the road.

Batts admitted to the patrolman that he had drunk a bottle of beer. The address of both youths was given as Rocky Mount, route one.

Funeral services for the 21 year old youth, William Odie Joyner, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Joyner of Nash county were conducted by Rev. J. A. Satterfield, Presbyterian minister, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the home.

Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Joyner is survived by two brothers, Otha and Floyd Joyner, and four sisters, Bertha and Corinne Joyner, and Mrs. Geneva Joyner and Mrs. Ethel Vick, all of Nash County.

## Veterans Are Paid Huge Sum In Year

Former service men and their dependents cost the government \$566,843,868 for the fiscal year which ended June 30, according to report issued the past week at Washington.

About 380,000 world war veterans accounted for more than one-fourth the total disbursement, receiving \$183,315,298 for service or non-service—connected disability and retirement pay. Their dependents received \$36,158,508.

Two dependents of war of 1812 veterans still were drawing pensions on June 30. Mrs. Carolina King, of Creekstown, N. Y., drew \$600 during the year, and Mrs. Esther Morgan, of Independence, Ore., received \$240.

Spanish-American war veterans ranked second to those of the world war when 175,361 veterans drew \$96,618,465. Dependents' pension totaled \$18,305,669.

Only 7,031 union veterans of the War Between the States were drawing pensions in June, but families of their 76,131 dead comrades received \$37,628,439.

Other disbursements during the year were: Mexican war dependents \$132,776; Indian wars, 3,119 living veterans \$1,811,537; dependents \$1,681,906; veterans of peace-time service \$8,947,027; dependents \$2,467,077; insurance policy payments \$88,051,778; adjusted service and dependent pay, \$1,546,168; maintenance of offices and hospitals, \$84,741,197; construction costs, \$8,963,725.

Disbursements by states, for 1936 and 1937 fiscal years respectively included:

Alabama	\$9,217,921	and	\$8,985,743
Arkansas	\$9,309,633	and	\$9,571,493
Delaware	\$759,266	and	\$699,477
Florida	\$8,682,890	and	\$8,946,568
Georgia	\$10,955,173	and	\$10,343,789
Kentucky	\$14,207,377	and	\$13,594,131
Louisiana	\$7,739,575	and	\$7,473,276
Maryland	\$6,441,029	and	\$6,273,717
Mississippi	\$9,156,559	and	\$8,523,065
North Carolina	\$9,837,619	and	\$9,268,252
South Carolina	\$5,872,383	and	\$5,832,600
Tennessee	\$13,611,672	and	\$12,875,839
Virginia	\$10,470,720	and	\$10,144,982
West Virginia	\$6,103,676	and	\$5,468,836

Initial Shipments Of Pulp Will Start Moving Next Week. Will Turn Out About 250 Tons Of Pulp A Day At Full Time Operation

Plymouth, Nov. 4.—The new pulp plant of the North Carolina Pulp Co., in the lower part of this county began operating Wednesday night, following nearly two weeks of tuning up and adjustment. The first cars loaded with pulp are expected to start on their way north to the Kieckhefer's finishing plant at Belair, N. J., early next week.

Some pulp was produced last Monday and Tuesday, but much of it was torn and mangled as it came off the rollers of the machine supposed to strain out the water and form it into sheets.

Most of this was turned back into the vats to be softened and rolled out again after the machinery had been adjusted as required. Some, however, was salvaged and this was enough to make about half a box car full.

When the mill is operating at full capacity it will turn out about 250 tons of pulp a day, according to L. J. Meunier, vice president of the company. He figures on 40 tons of pulp to each box car, so it is estimated that about six cars a day will be loaded at the mill as soon as everything is operating smoothly.

Company officials expect that it will take a while to train the necessary crews of from 250 to 300 workers in the operation of the complicated machinery of the mill. The crew of experienced men who have come from other mills to form a nucleus for the new organization has been working almost day and night for weeks in getting things started. And Vice President Meunier as the man who designed the mill and is responsible for its successful operation, has hardly left the plant for more than a few minutes at a time during the tuning-up process.

Because of the nature of the chemical process involved once the wood chips are started through the long series of tanks, ovens and digesters, they must be kept going. For this reason the mill will operate on a 24-hour a day schedule, and for the same reason, once the tuning-up process began, it had to be completed as rapidly as possible to prevent loss of pulp.

The last machines used in the process are the ones which convert the liquid pulp into half-finished paper, and it is these that have been causing trouble. They were imported from Norway, and for a time it was thought that the company might have to get someone from Norway to come here and run them. However, Vice President Meunier declared this was unnecessary, and after some adjustments eliminated the trouble.

## PWA Money Due North Carolina

More than \$5,000,000 in public works administration commitments for North Carolina projects remained undisbursed as of September 30.

This was disclosed in an exhibit made public in connection with the annual budget estimate. The largest North Carolina PWA commitment so far undisbursed is the \$2,595,000 for a proposed municipal power plant at High Point.

Further activity on PWA power projects is awaiting Supreme court action on a number of power cases brought before the tribunal.

Some of the undisbursed money represents surpluses left after projects in process of building and some to projects on which work has not been started.

A recent White House statement said commitments which the PWA is not called upon to meet must be written off the books. The money, under this ruling, could not be diverted to other projects.

## Elimination Of County Homes Is Considered

Raleigh, Nov. 3.—The State Department of Public Welfare considered today the ultimate elimination of county homes by the substitution of social security benefits and district institutional care.

Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner, said, "there will be no spectacular sweeping out of county homes but we hope through old age assistance and consolidation into district homes to reduce the number of county homes in the state and possibly to eliminate them."

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