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# CONSOLIDATION POSSIBLE

## TWO HELD FOR DEATH NEAR HERE

**James Nowell Killed By Car One Mile From Here On Road To Weldon**

### CORONER'S JURY

**Fixes Faults On Both Drivers But Recommends No Criminal Blame For Either**

James Nowell, age 31, of Weldon, was instantly killed Sunday night when struck by a car driven by C. L. Harmon of Warrenton, raising the total of fatal accidents in the county to five in two weeks.

The tragedy took place just a mile from Roanoke Junction on the highway between the Twin Cities and Weldon. The time was between 9:30 and 10:00 p. m.

Grady Harper, taxi driver of Weldon, who had parked his car on the left side of the highway to pick up Nowell, was held under a \$1,000 bond and Harmon was placed under a \$1,500 bond for appearance at the coroner's inquest at Rosemary Monday night.

There were no outside eyewitnesses to the accident, the testimony at the inquest being given by the occupants of the two cars, and by Chief Dobbins.

In the Warrenton car were Harmon, Dan Hudgins, A. E. Wilson, W. C. Wilson, and Vance Neal, all of Warrenton. In Harper's car were Mrs. Harper, Mrs. E. M. Shearin, mother-in-law of the deceased, and her three daughters, Mrs. Lena Carlisle and Misses Dona and Nita Shearin.

Nowell had been to visit his wife who was ill in the Roanoke Rapids hospital. The rest of his family asked Mr. Harper to drive them over from Weldon after Nowell. It was a friendly act on the part of Harper, who was acting without pay. They passed Nowell a short distance out from Roanoke Junction. He was walking on the left hand shoulder of the highway, toward Weldon. They called but he did not recognize them, so Harper turned the car around near the Wyche residence and went back after him. He drew up some distance ahead of the walking man and stopped just off the highway. They waited a short space for Nowell to reach the car, but just before arriving there, the car driven by Harmon was on them.

Harmon says he thought the other car was on the highway and he sought to go to the right of it. When he was a few feet away he realized his mistake and cut sharp to the right crashing into the left side of Harper's car. The Harmon car tilted into the small ditch, struck Nowell, and swung back into the road. They never knew when they hit the man.

The right side of the Harmon car struck Nowell's right side. The fatal blow was in his right side where the right hand light of the car hit him. His right leg was crushed and the right side of his face battered. There was also a deep gash on the left forehead. He was dead when the ambulance arrived a few minutes later.

Coroner Billy Wilson summoned a jury consisting of Messrs. Norris Hannan, J. E. Dobbins, Frank Wilson, J. C. Bisette, M. C. Mills and J. C. Odell. The inquest started at 7:00 Monday night and the jury returned a verdict at midnight. Allen C. Zollicoffer represented Harper and Harmon was represented by Judge Carr and Judge A. L. Clark.

The witnesses failed to agree on the position of the Harper taxi. Those in the taxi said the car was on the left hand side of the road but was parked from one to two feet from the concrete at an angle, with the front wheels farther away than the back wheels. Those in Harmon's car stated the taxi was parked with full lights on and in such a position that they were blinded by the lights for some time before they reached the scene of the accident.

Measurements and examination of trails of the cars by Chief Dobbins and Coroner Williams showed that the taxi was parked parallel with the concrete and just off the concrete. That the Harmon car left the road 19 yards from the other car and the

## TEST WORK AT NEW DAM SITE

**Mr. Chase States Influences are Working Against Beginning of Actual Work on Dam**

Mr. J. T. Chase, manager of the Carolina Division of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, stated today that "a crew of men had been put to work making test drills along the proposed new dam site."

This work is necessary to determine the character of the rock foundation and is being started at this time to take advantage of the low stage of water in the Roanoke River.

Mr. Chase stated further that "no definite date had been set for the actual construction work on the dam to start; that it seemed to him that one event and another continued to prevent the work starting at an early date."

"Efficient steam plant operation, the possibility of buying power from other Power companies and several other influences seem to be retarding the start of this work," he said.

Due to the extra work necessary the size of The Herald was cut slightly this week. The catalogue is the largest ever printed for the Halifax County Fair.

## FAIR CATALOGUE

The Herald force has been busy day and night this week printing, folding and binding the 50 page Halifax County Fair catalogue, which will be ready for distribution next week. A copy will be placed in every rural home in this section of the State.

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## Falls From Boat Drowns at Halifax

Charity Pierce, 48, negro woman, was drowned in the river near Halifax Monday and the body was discovered yesterday afternoon. She was out in a boat fishing at the time of the accident. With her, was a 7 year old son. Late Monday afternoon, the boy returned saying his mother had fallen from the boat. Attempts to recover the body at the point he showed proved futile. The woman was subject to epileptic fits and it is thought she fell from the boat during an attack.

## Locals Finish Third

The Triple R baseball team finished in third place in the Carolina-Va. Semi-Pro league which closed last week. They ended the season in good shape by trouncing Weldon in two straight games. Emporia and Enfield are playing a series to decide the championship, the first team winning five to be declared winner. The play-off started Tuesday at Emporia. Troy Goodman, local star, is now playing with Emporia.

The body of the dead man was 13 yards back of the parked car.

One point which puzzled jury and listeners was that no direct statement was made in the State Statutes regarding parking on the left side of the road. In driving, the law was specific that cars must keep to the right. But the article on parking stated distances, etc, saying nothing of the right or left sides.

The jury finally returned the following verdict: "That James Nowell came to his death by being struck by an automobile driven by C. L. Harmon, who was blinded by the lights of an automobile driven by Grady Harper, the drivers of both cars in fault: Harper for parking his car on the wrong side of the road with bright lights on, Harmon for not having his car under control so he could have stopped. But we recommend that neither Harper nor Harmon is enough in fault to be held for criminal responsibility for the accident."

## MILL GIVES PRIZES FOR BEST HOMES

**Mrs. B. A. Powell Gets First Prize for Most Attractive Yard in Rosemary Village**

### W. S. WOOLARD

**Has Best Garden in Village; Several Get Honorable Mention**

Each year the Rosemary Manufacturing Company awards cash prizes for the best kept yards and the best gardens in the mill village. Last week, every home in the Rosemary Mill Co. village was visited by two committees and the winners were chosen.

First prize of twenty dollars was awarded to Mrs. B. A. Powell, House 216, for the most attractive and best kept yard. First prize of twenty dollars for the best garden was awarded to W. S. Woolard, House 164.

Second prize of ten dollars in the yard contest went to Mrs. O. P. Johnson, House 225, and in the garden contest to R. W. George, House 173. Third prize of six dollars to Mrs. R. L. Edwards, House 603, and to S. J. Cobb, House 187. Fourth prize of four dollars to Mrs. H. L. Webb, House 611, and to A. D. Edmond, House 144-A.

Special mention was given to the following yards: house 510, Mrs. B. F. Brown, house 512, Mrs. Lotion Jordan, house 516, Mrs. Geo. Smith, house 538, Mrs. E. W. Maddox, house 645, Mrs. Hill Middleton, house 323, Mrs. J. B. Patton, house 229, Mrs. W. O. Thompson, house 601, Mrs. J. M. Horne, house 603, Mrs. R. L. Edwards, house 605, Mrs. E. C. Baggett, house 607, Mrs. G. C. Ricks, house 609, Mrs. W. A. Kidd, house 613, Mrs. Will Fields, house 293, Mrs. Frank Stewart, house 303, Mrs. F. A. Kidd, house 403, Mrs. W. I. Johnson. Honorable mention by the judges was given to the following gardens: No. 175, A. L. Grooms, 177, B. J. Jones, No. 144, Geo. Story, 153, J. H. Allen, No. 191, L. E. Davenport, No. 196, Rufus Thompson, No. 142, G. C. Revelle, No. 67, Silas Hale, No. 190, R. J. Jordan, No. 174, Walter Baughman.

The committee which judged the yards consisted of Mesdames George I. Hayes, Jr., W. S. Dean and D. L. Wheeler. The garden judges were Messrs. T. M. Jenkins, Norris Hannan, and J. L. Cobb.

## STORE SAFE IS ROBBED

**Thieves Blow N&H Store Safe And Escape With Over \$300 Early Saturday Morning**

The first safe robbery in the Twin Cities for some time was successfully manipulated here Friday night when the safe of the N&H Store was blown and more than \$300 stolen.

The store is located just this side of the railroad tracks which service the Roanoke Mills Company, the Halifax Paper Corporation and the Roanoke Fibre Board Co.

The robbery took place sometime between ten p. m. Friday night and early Saturday morning. Roanoke Mills Co. and the paper mill were running full blast all night and the sound of the explosion was not heard.

The thieves cut a hole in a back window and one of them worked on the safe while the other was lookout man on the outside, according to traces and footprints.

A clever job of safe blowing was accomplished. Not too much explosive was used. The charge blew off the combination without breaking a window or jarring a thing from the shelves.

The thieves took the money drawer with them. Besides \$312 in cash, there was a number of checks, notes and other legal papers in the drawer. The theft was not discovered until Mr. L. O. Anderson, owner of the store, opened up Saturday morning.

Friday was pay day at the mills and Mr. Anderson kept open later than usual and did a good business. Evidently, the job was carefully planned by persons knowing about it being pay day when there is always more cash in the safe. The police are working on the case and while clues are few and far between, they expect a development in a few days.

## HERE'S ANOTHER



We claim Bill did a good job on this one and it will not be difficult to decide who it is. He is very popular in the Twin Cities, especially with the kids. And he swings a mean golf-club.

Remember, save all these sketches, clip them out, fix them up any way you want to and turn them in with the correct answers before September 19. The last sketch will appear in the issue of August 29. The most correct, newest and most original set of answers will receive five dollars from the Herald.

## DOLL DAY AT PARKS

**Croquet and Horseshoe Contests For Boys; Watermelon Feast Coming**

The Twin Cities playground observed "doll day" last week and had more of the older folks been there they would have thought they had at last found "the land of dolls." Their were big dolls and little ones, mama and papa dolls, white and black ones, and ugly and sleepy ones. The prize winners at the Rosemary playground were: smallest, Dorothy Johnson; Cutest, Doris Harris, and most life-like, Alice Myrick. The names of the winners at Roanoke Rapids are not available.

The boys protested when it came to having a "doll day" for them. No instead of torturing them with dolls, a contest between the two playgrounds was arranged for Wednesday afternoon. The Rosemary boys went down to Central school to show their ability. And this they clearly did, but not without a fight. The boys from the Rapids just kept on fighting. The Rosemary boys won the croquet match 43-20.

In the horseshoe contest the Rosemary boys had a much easier time bringing home the bacon. They lost only one match and that was by a very close score. The return engagements will be held at Rosemary in the near future.

And there is more fun for all yet. On Mondays and Thursdays the "Kid-die Kooler" has its days. The fire hose is turned on all, little and big, who come prepared. About 75 enjoyed the water at each playground the first day it was turned on. We have plenty of water and plenty of space, so all you have to do is put on your bathing suit and come on.

The warm weather is whetting young appetites, so a big watermelon feast is being planned for those who attend the playgrounds regularly. If there is any one who can eat watermelon he is wanted at the playgrounds each day between now and the feast.

## Baptists to Move Into New Church

The members of the Roanoke Rapids Baptist church decided on Sunday August 4th to vacate the old church building on the third Sunday in this month and occupy the Sunday school department of the new church building. The official opening will not be held until after the furniture for the main auditorium has arrived. Preaching services will be held in the basement of the new building for the present.

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## TWO SHOT IN HOLD UP AT THELMA

**Operator of Filling Station Shot By Negro Bandit Who Also Robs Till**

### ARREST SEABOARD

**Where Bandit Shoots Self Resisting Arrest; Two Others Also Captured**

Three negroes held up the Information filling station near Thelma Friday night, made off with the contents of the cash register and were captured a few hours later as they were alighting from a train at Seaboard.

Ernest and Jesse Shaw, operators of the filling station, attempted to prevent the holdup, Ernest being shot in the side. One of the Negroes was shot in the leg in resisting arrest.

The Negroes denied having any money on them and continued denials until searched at Halifax. There money was found secreted in the sweater band of a hat, in the lining of another's vest and in the third's shoe. The amount about equalled that which was stolen.

One Negro's big toe was the clue which led to final identification. Tracks around the filling station show where two of the robbers had good soles, while the third left the imprint of the big toe and part of the second toe. Examinations of their shoes proved the fact that one had shoes which permitted the big toe to escape.

The operators of the station were checking up the money. The three Negroes walked in and demanded the cash. Ernest Shaw refused to turn the money over to them and entered into a scuffle, during which the Negro shot him. Then they turned to Jesse Shaw, who had secured a pistol, and as he turned around, the same Negro stuck a pistol in his face and demanded that he drop his gun, which he did. Then they demanded his cash, which demand was complied with.

William Jackson, who was passing about this time, took the wounded man to Littleton and put out the alarm. In a short while there were more than 100 men on the scene. Mr. Allen from Enfield, came over with his dogs but they were unable to get a start. Officers and men went out on the various roads of Halifax and Northampton counties and clues were traced down. Officers Massey and Keeter from Roanoke Rapids, were detailed to watch the trains at Roanoke Junction, and the men were spied on No. 16 by Mr. Massey as the train was leaving the depot. Mr. Massey immediately phoned to Seaboard and the men were arrested and held until Mr. Shaw and Mr. Wood, who saw the men at the filling station were carried over to identify them.

The Negroes gave their names as J. D. Dixon, George Boseman, and Junius Joyner. Dixon identified himself as the man who had shot Ernest Shaw. He was, also, the man who was shot in being arrested.

Dixon was placed on Coroner Williams' car accompanied by John Shaw Bill Wood and G. F. Gray. Joyner was placed on Bill Jackson's car, accompanied by H. E. Dobbins, and Dallas Allen. And George Boseman was placed on Harry House's car, accompanied by Ed. Keeter, Clifton Massey and Jesses Shaw. The party sped away to Halifax, where the highway-men were placed in jail. A portion of the stolen money was recovered.

## New Department At B. Marks Store

B. Marks in this week's issue of The Herald announces the opening of a cut-rate toilet goods department. This is in keeping with their announced policy of opening new departments and giving the people of this section a real metropolitan shopping center. Very careful and complete assortments of all standard brands of tooth pastes, powders, and other toilet goods will be stocked and a cut rate policy of selling will be maintained enabling the public of this section to make their purchases at prices as low as they could find in Richmond, Norfolk or any other big city.

## BARBECUE FOR FARMERS AUG. 21

**Local Business Men and Farmers to Get Together for Afternoon of Entertainment**

The farmers of Halifax and Northampton counties will be the guests of the local Kiwanis Club at a barbecue and Brunswick stew to be given at Aurelian Springs on Wednesday afternoon, August 21.

It was first planned to have a basket picnic, but finally decided that everyone would enjoy the barbecue better. There will be plenty of slaw and other relishes added to the menu.

Kiwanians and their families will begin leaving here about 2:30 on the afternoon of the 21st to reach Aurelian Springs school house about three o'clock. Festivities will last until about six or seven.

Kiwanian Frank Wilson is the chairman of the committee on arrangements. He promises to have the band and other interesting things on the program. A committee of the Aurelian Springs farmers are also working to give their share of the program.

Farmers and their families from this county and Northampton are invited.

## 60 ATTEND CAMP AT COLERAIN

**Young People of Community Enjoy Outdoor Life at Colerain Beach**

### CAMP RULES EASY

**Messrs. Hall and Mustian In Charge; Religious Study; Sports Daily**

Approximately sixty young people of the Twin Cities are having the times of their lives at the camp at Colerain Beach this week, with Rev. A. F. Mustian and Rev. Leon M. Hall in charge.

The camp began Monday morning and from 7 a. m. until 10 p. m. each day, there has been plenty doing. All were enjoying themselves immensely, according to visitors from where.

The rules of the camp are few and easy to follow. Everyone is expected to follow the Golden Rule in conduct; to register before going in and coming out of the water; to get permission from Mr. Hall and register on leaving and returning to camp; and to memorize a verse of Scripture each day to say before eating breakfast.

The camp officials are, camp directors, Rev. A. P. Mustian, and Rev. Leon M. Hall; chaperones, Mesdames Lynch, Moody, Collier, Hall and Miss Williams; life savers, Miss Catherine Jackson and Sherrod Crumpler; athletic director, Edwin Akers; group leaders, Misses Akers, and Jackson, and Womble and Williams; group instructors, Mrs. Hall, Rev. A. P. Mustian and Rev. L. M. Hall; in charge of the mail, Clarence Coburn; inspectors of quarters and grounds, Mrs. Lynch and Miss Williams; in charge of boats, Mr. M. D. Collier; in charge of campfire, Graham Lynch; camp nurse, Mrs. Loftin Moody; in charge of the Vesper services, Miss Catherine Kidd; in charge of swimming register, Miss Liss Akers; in charge of camp cook, Dave Morriss; assigning of kitchen duties, Mr. Hall; granting of permission to leave camp, Mr. Hall.

First call 7 a. m.; morning dip, (compulsory unless excused by Mrs. Moody); breakfast, 8; inspection of quarters and grounds, 9; Bible course "Training for Church Members," by Mr. Mustian, 9-9:30; group singing and discussion period led by Mrs. Hall, 9:30-10; recess, 10-10:15; Bible course, "Life of Christ," by Mr. Hall, 10:15-10:45; swimming 10:50-11:45; (optional); dinner 12; competitive athletics, 2-4; do-as-you-please period 4-6:45; supper 7; camp fire and story hour, 8:30; Vesper service 9; bed time 10:00; lights out and quietness, 10:15.

Those attending camp are Thomas Burton, Murrel Hudson, Elmer Merritt, Haywood Williams, Rufus Woodruff, Harry Woodruff, Marvin Chambliss, Ophelia Chambliss, Viola Collier, Marion Collier, Clarence Coburn

## BELIEVED MILLS WILL BE WILLING

**To Accept Combine Plan of Rosemary Merchants' Association and Town Board**

### NOTHING OFFICIAL

**Mr. Simmons Visits Here: Plan Addition to Rosemary Mill to Relieve Congestion**

Mr. Z. G. Simmons, Sr., president of the Simmons Bed Company was a visitor in the Twin Cities this week. With him were his two sons, Z. G. Simmons, Jr., and Grant Simmons.

They made a tour of inspection through the mills of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company and the Roanoke Mills Company, both companies now controlled by the Simmons Bed Company.

While here Mr. Simmons gave final approval to plans for the erection of an addition to the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, the work to start at an early date. Bids have been received and the contractor will be announced this week.

The new addition is 150 feet by 300 feet. It will be constructed of brick and will be attached to the building of weave room No. 3.

No new equipment will be bought right away for the addition, its purpose being to relieve congestion in other departments. The mill is now doing almost 50 per cent more work than in the past and it is necessary to have more room for efficient operation. Equipment from other departments will be moved into the addition.

While here this time Mr. Simmons seemed very much interested in the further development of the Twin Cities.

While there is nothing official, The Herald feels safe in saying that chances are brighter than ever before for a consolidation of the two towns, along the lines outlined by the Rosemary Merchant's Association and the Town Board of Roanoke Rapids.

The plan would extend the present city limits of Roanoke Rapids to the right of way of the Seaboard Air Line. The mills, themselves, would be excluded from the city limits, but the mill villages would be included.

It is also thought that a majority of the mills would be in favor of including the mills proper, also, so far as water and sewerage is concerned.

On anything of importance to the new city, the mills would be found ready to do their share.

If this plan can be worked out, there will be one big city here extending from the canal to the railroad. The entire city can have water and sewers under a sub-organization or sanitary district which would include all the mill property, mills as well as houses, thus lessening the tax rate on the smaller property owners.

With a city organization which would include the mill villages the combined town can afford facilities and improvements now impossible.

With the completion of sewer and water installation, it will be only a matter of weeks before a hotel and apartment house could be started.

Fire protection, police protection, streets, sidewalks, protection for legitimate business, could be made as complete as any city in the State.

The Rosemary Merchant's Association and the Town Board of Roanoke Rapids can bring this all about, we believe. The mill officials are about sold on the idea.

The Herald is of the opinion that with proper cooperation and good feeling with the citizens doing their share and the mills doing likewise, the consolidation plan may be completed and we can start on a new era of prosperity, well being, healthfulness and happiness.