

TWO DIE IN FATAL AUTO CRASH

LOCAL COUPLE IS INSTANTLY KILLED

Ruth Clary and Buddy Thompson Meet Horrible Death

Two South Rosemary youths were fatally injured in an automobile accident that occurred near Vulture, in Northampton County, about nine miles from Roanoke Rapids, last Saturday night, at about 10 o'clock, when a Pontiac sedan driven by Buddy Thompson crashed into a Ford truck operated by Lorenda Bonner, colored. The sedan was completely demolished, while the truck, owned by John Shaw, of Northampton County, was only slightly damaged.

The dead are Buddy Thompson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Thompson, and Miss Ruth Clary, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Clary. Miss Clary's twin sister, Ruby, was seriously injured and was rushed to the Roanoke Rapids hospital immediately after the accident. She was unconscious upon her arrival at the local hospital, but later regained consciousness. All reports that Ruby Clary had her leg amputated, or had died as a result of the accident have proved false. Hospital officials hold hopes of her recovery.

William Thompson and John Ellis, other occupants of the machine, escaped uninjured.

According to information obtained by this newspaper, the Pontiac was traveling on a side road this side of Vulture when the accident happened. The truck, it was learned, had stopped on its right side of the road to wait for the approaching machine to pass in order to turn up a driveway that leads to the home of John Shaw. The car driven by young Thompson, it was said, was swaying from one side of the road to the other, and when it came to where the truck was standing, crashed into it. A police official stated there is no truth in the report that the truck had only one front light. The theory has been advanced that the occupants of the sedan had been drinking and some or all of them were under the influence of intoxicating liquor at the time of the wreck.

An empty bottle thought to have contained whiskey was found in a side pocket of the car. Later a half gallon jar containing liquor was found some distance from the scene of the accident. This jar, it is claimed, was removed from the wreck by one of the young men involved in the accident. Bonner stated he saw the boy run away from the car with a jar.

The three boys and two girls had been to Brunswick County, Va., where it was learned they visited Young Ellis' father, who is estranged from his wife. Police say that young Ellis visited his father to discuss family affairs and especially the estrangement of his parents.

There were two boys and one girl on the front seat of the sedan and one boy and one girl on the rear seat of the car when the wreck occurred, according to information. On the front seat with young Thompson were Ruby Clary and William Thompson, while Ruth Clary and John Ellis occupied the rear seat. It is thought that Ruth Clary and young Thompson were sitting on the same side of the car when their machine hit the truck.

When persons arrived at the scene of the accident the motionless bodies of the dead boy and girl were lying on the ground. The Clary girl's head was resting in a pool of blood and her brains were scattered about the ground. Near her feet lay a pool of blood and brains. It is thought that the dead girl's body had been moved or that she had moved her body herself before she died. Her twin sister was immediately taken to the local hospital after it was found out she was still alive.

Thompson received several deep lacerations to his face and head. It is believed the cuts sustained in the region of his temple and forehead and the impact caused by the collision were the cause of his death. His left arm was broken at the elbow. Miss Clary's head and face were crushed. It was learned she was identified by a ring. Her sister's injuries consist

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EPIDEMIC OF AUTO ACCIDENTS

Luke Harris Is Charged With Hitting Man and Crashing Car

Luke Harris of Seaboard was bound over to Halifax Superior Court by a Weldon magistrate after he was arrested, charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, striking down a man with his car and later smashing into another car.

Harris is charged with running recklessly in South Weldon. John Nixon of Rosemary was fixing a tire near the side of the road and was struck by the speeding car. Harris is said to have continued on his way and was not arrested until he wrecked his car in a collision with another car. He is already under a suspended sentence of two years.

D. Katz was bound over to Halifax Superior Court by Magistrate Thompson last week on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

It is charged that Katz struck the automobile of Lynn Barnett on the highway near South Rosemary. Katz was pardoned several months ago by Governor Gardner after he had been found guilty of a charge of entering the bank of Macon.

The pardon was granted because of the total lack of anything but circumstantial evidence presented to a Warren County jury.

Summer Bell, colored, was tried in Northampton County yesterday in a civil suit and made to pay the damages and costs of the case after it was shown he was at fault in a motor accident near Jackson Sunday.

A. R. Daughtry of this city was driving near Jackson and was behind the Bell car which pulled out of the road and backed suddenly into Mr. Daughtry's car. Both cars were badly damaged altho nobody was hurt.

William H. Joyner, nephew of W. F. Joyner, died last Friday from injuries sustained the night before while driving from Oxford to his home at Henderson. Mr. Joyner sought to avoid hitting some people walking on the highway and lost control of the car.

He was 19 years old and was business manager of the Henderson Daily Dispatch. Two weeks ago, he visited Mr. and Mrs. Joyner here.

Va. Woman Dies Here

Mrs. Gertrude Delbridge, 30 years of age, of Brink, Va., died at the Roanoke Rapids hospital October 4. She had been in failing health for over a year. Funeral services were conducted from the Forest Hill Church, near Emporia, Va., Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Finch, of Emporia. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Correction

The names of the Newsome Oil Company, of Rosemary, and Smith's Service Stations, Inc., of Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids, were unintentionally omitted in a Shell Gasoline advertisement that appeared in a recent issue of The Herald. The Newsome Oil Company is the wholesaler for this product and Smith's Service Stations are the retailers.

INFANT DIES

Thomas Y. Ezelle, 10-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ezelle, of Roanoke Rapids, died in the Roanoke Rapids hospital October 1. Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon by Rev. C. T. Thrift of the Rosemary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and interment was made in the Cedarwood cemetery.

Mrs. Frank Nash, Mrs. David Traynham, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Claude Edgerton and Mrs. Sidney Bounds spent Saturday in Richmond.

ANOTHER PIONEER IS DEAD

Charles Edward Beard Dies Suddenly After Stroke Sunday

Charles Edward Beard, 55 years of age, well known resident of this community died suddenly at his home in Belmont, last Sunday morning, at about 4 o'clock, as the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered Saturday morning shortly before the noon hour.

Funeral services for the deceased were conducted from his late residence, Monday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock. Interment was made in Cedarwood cemetery. The services were in charge of the following ministers: Rev. Leon Hall, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Rev. J. E. Kirk, pastor of the Rosemary Baptist Church; Rev. A. P. Mustian, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church, and Rev. J. N. Bynum, pastor of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Beard was employed by the Virginia Electric and Power Company and was stationed at the old bulk head here.

He is survived by his widow, who, before her marriage was Miss Hattie Whitlock, six sons, Edward, Hubert, Willie, John, Jessie and Reginald, one daughter, Ida, eight brothers, J. R. Richard, Vance, Sidney, Bennie, Joe, Lewis, Wilson and Robert, and three sisters, Mrs. Ida Taylor, Mrs. Eva Ingram and Miss Ruth Beard.

The deceased was another of the pioneer citizens of this community, to die in the past year. His death follows closely that of W. E. Britt. These two men had much to do with the early building of the Twin Cities and are identified closely with the progress and improvements of the past several years.

PASSION PLAY IS SUBJECT

Of Lecture To Be Given At Methodist Church Sunday Night

Professor Thomas L. Martin, a teacher in the local High School, will make a talk next Sunday night at the First Methodist Church on the "Passion Play." Mr. Martin sailed for Europe last summer immediately after school commencement and while he was touring Europe he was privileged to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany.

The history and background of this play is internationally known. The play is given only once each ten years to which thousands of visitors flock. It is a dramatic presentation of the suffering of Christ and not a survival of a medieval mystery or miracle play. It took its rise from a vow made by the inhabitants of Oberammergau in 1633 with the hope of staying off the plague then raging. The original texts and arrangements were probably made by the monks of Ettal, a monastery a little higher up the valley, but may have been remodeled by the parish priests at the beginning of the present century. The music for the play was composed by Rochus Dedle in 1814.

The performances of this play take place on the Sundays of summer in a large open air theatre holding 6,000 persons, and each performance lasts about nine hours, with a short intermission at noon. About 700 actors are required, all belonging to the village. The proceeds are devoted to the good of the community, after defrayal of the costs and payment of a small remuneration to the actors. The actors are chosen with regards to moral character as well as dramatic ability.

It is only a small number of Americans who are privileged to see this play, and the people of our Twin Cities should consider it a privilege to hear the lecture given by one of our own High School teachers. The services will start immediately at 7:30 p. m.

Woman Thrown From Car Charged With Stealing \$400

Local police were notified last week that an unknown woman was lying unconscious on Roanoke Avenue near Fifth Street. She was taken to the hospital where it was found that she was suffering from a severe attack of liquoritis. When revived she told a wild tale about being thrown bodily from a speeding automobile.

Later in the evening two men from Emporia told the police they were looking for the woman, one of them claiming she had stolen \$400 from him. When the police sought to bring the parties together, all disappeared and no further complaints have been heard from either side.

CO-OP TO CONTINUE ADVANCE

Eight and Seven Cents May Be Drawn Now On Cotton

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association will continue to advance approximately ninety percent of the value of cotton on the present market," announced Vice President and general manager U. B. Rhilock this week.

"On account of the increasing percentage of lower grades and some gin cuts we find it necessary to allow the members to draw only 8 cents per pound on seasonable pool cotton and 7 cents per pound on optional pool in order to avoid overdrafts from some of our members. As soon as the cotton is classed additional checks will be mailed out on seasonal pool cotton to bring it up to approximately ninety percent of the average price being paid on local markets.

"We fully realize that the producer needs all the money he can command right now and it will be our purpose to mail out checks once a week covering these additional advances and will only be prevented in doing so on account of the exceedingly heavy receipts just at this time. In making up these checks, the average values for the week covering these deliveries will be used.

"These checks will also carry the amount due on each bale for grades and staple better than middling 7-8. As an illustration, this means that if the ninety per cent average market value for the week entitles the member to it he will be given his additional one cent per pound; and if his bale should grade strict middling, one inch staple, he will be entitled to draw 25 points for grade better than middling and 70 points more on account of the extra staple, making a total advance he would be entitled to of 9.95 on strict middling inch cotton.

"On September 1 we announced to the cotton producers that we were advancing 9 cents per pound but that our advance for this season would be on a percentage basis, and therefore subject to the rise and fall of the market.

"Any further advances on optional pool cotton will depend upon the value of the cotton after it is classed and the stability of the market. In order to avoid calling for margins on declines we must start off with sufficient margin.

"It has always been our policy to even up those who have drawn on a lower advance with those of a higher advance in making our first distribution from sales. This is the only fair and equitable way to do it and this will continue to be our policy.

"Regardless of the few days delay in getting the full 90 per cent, our deliveries are continuing to grow day by day and Monday recorded by far our heaviest deliveries for the season. We are increasing our classing staff as well as our office forces to take care of the situation. Quite a number of our warehouses are filling up but arrangements have been made for storing any overflow in Charlotte, Wilmington and Norfolk.

Mrs. A. E. Akers, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, Miss Olivia Rook and Rev. L. M. Hall attended a State meeting of the American Red Cross at Chapel Hill, representing the local chapter.

HEART FAILS CITIZEN AS TOWNBURNS

G. P. Burgwyn Dies Of Heart Failure Starting To Jackson Fire

A double tragedy struck the neighboring county seat of Northampton County Sunday morning when George Pollock Burgwyn, prominent citizen of Jackson, died suddenly from a heart attack as he arose to go to a fire which swept the business section of Jackson and caused a loss of \$20,000.

Mr. Burgwyn was a brother of Mrs. T. W. M. Long of this city and a member of one of the oldest families in the State. He was the son of the late George P. Burgwyn and Emma Ridley Burgwyn.

He was married in 1904 to Miss Emily Roper of Petersburg, Va., and is survived by her and five children, Emily Roper, George Pollock, Bartlett Roper, Nathaniel Ridley and Coleman Pierpont Edwards.

Two brothers also survive, Henry K. Burgwyn of Rappahannock, Va., W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland, and one sister, Mrs. Long. Funeral services were held Monday at the Episcopal Church.

It is thought the excitement surrounding the discovery of the blazing town was too much for his weakened heart.

The fire swept one side of the business section of Jackson, starting in a vacant store building of R. A. Shahan. It spread rapidly to the store of Mrs. Ehrhardt, who lost building and stock. Then in rapid succession the flames licked up the buildings housing the Five and Ten Cent Store, Bradley Livery Stable and Hawkins Dressing Club.

The building of the Stegman Stores was destroyed but the stock was saved. The county jail was burned down but all the inmates had been safely removed sometime before the fire reached that portion of the town.

All of the buildings destroyed were of frame construction and the total damage is estimated between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars.

HALIFAX ROAD DEBT \$858,000

State Figures Show 780 Miles in County Highway System

The State Highway Commission, at its meeting at Raleigh today will consider the recommendations of State Engineer John D. Waldrop for the distribution of the \$500,000 highway equalizing fund and the roads on which this fund is to be used, all of which roads are subject to Federal Aid. The result will be that these highways, construction work on which will amount to about a million dollars, will be included in a letting this fall.

The commission will also act upon the low bids of \$642,027.70 submitted last week on 10 highway projects. Three of which are for widening 16-foot highways to 20 feet. All of the 10 projects except one are Federal Aid jobs, the commission seeking to utilize all available Federal Aid funds with the money it has on hand to match this aid.

One hundred or more miles is expected to be added to the State Highway system at this week's meeting, carrying the systems mileage above the 9,000 mark. The system now embraces 8,991.3 miles.

The county road systems of 96 of the 100 counties, Brunswick, Catawba, Columbus and Gaston being absent, embrace a total of 62,202 miles, chairman R. A. Doughton of the State Commission, has found from a survey, coming as a result of a movement to have the State take over all the county systems.

While the State's outstanding bonded indebtedness for highways is now \$107,399,600, plus the \$3,250,000 in bond anticipation notes, the 96 counties have a total bonded highway indebtedness of \$86,612,290, or a total highway indebtedness of State and counties of \$200,000,000, assuming (Continued on back page)

Andy Comes Down With 1584 Hours Officially Timed

Andy Gump is down. The local tree sitter, tired of his job and beginning to shake from the chilly fall breezes, came down Monday after nine weeks and three days in the air with an official tree sitting total of 1,584 hours.

Andy went up on the afternoon of August first and has been officially watched and checked for over two months. So far as is known here, he has set a world's record for tree sitting but this cannot be verified until official reports are had from over the country.

BIG FAIR WILL SHOW NEXT WEEK

All Ready To Open The Gates Next Tuesday A.M. For Event

The Halifax County Fair, the largest in this section of the state, will swing open the gates Tuesday morning, October 14, for five days and nights next week.

The Fair Association has spared no expense to make this the best fair on record. The big fair grounds on the highway between the Twin Cities and Weldon are spick and span and in readiness to handle the daily crowds and exhibits.

Several thousand dollars, the largest amount in the history of the fair, will be given away in premiums and prizes and the exhibition halls are crowded with hundreds of interesting exhibits of every nature. There are more community exhibits than ever before, showing added interest on the part of the various communities of the two counties.

A new midway will present itself this year. The Wm. Glick Greater Shows, Inc., with ten rides, 16 shows and 50 concessions, is a company which hits only the larger towns and fairs and the local fair is fortunate to secure them this year.

The free acts in front of the grandstand afternoons and evenings are even better than the exceptional acts of last year which are well remembered. There will also be the grand display of fireworks each night.

The horse races will be to perfection, many horse owners binging trotters and runners from the larger fairs. There will also be a saddle horse show on the 16th, 17th and 18th.

Two games of football will enliven the afternoons with Weldon playing Scotland Neck on next Wednesday afternoon and Roanoke Rapids playing Greenville on next Friday afternoon. Horseshoe pitching contests will be held on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons.

Victor's 18 piece band will occupy the grandstand with two soloists and the amplifying system is installed so that all music and announcements may be heard in every part of the stands.

N.C.C.W. Alumnae Meeting Held Here

It is customary for the daughters of the North Carolina college for Women to meet in annual gathering during the Founders Day period, in connection with the Founders Day celebration on the campus. In commemoration of this occasion, the Roanoke Rapids-Rosemary chapter held a Live-at-Home meeting in the home of Mrs. R. L. Towe with Miss Annie Cherry as hostess.

After a short business meeting, the group featured in their "Live-at-Home" program the work of N. C. W. Alumnae themselves. Poems written by the alumnae were read and the music also represented alumnae effort.

It is of local interest to note that among the poems presented were several written by Misses Marjorie Craig, Lucy Crisp and Jean Hewitt. Misses Craig and Crisp will be remembered as former members of our school faculty, who served this community efficiently and well for a number of years. The contribution made by Miss Hewitt was taken from a collection of poems which won for her the Co-

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NEW VOTERS URGED TO REGISTER

Democrats Of Halifax Urged To Go To Polls In Nov. For Bailey

No local candidates have opposition in the coming November election, but Josiah W. Bailey, Democratic nominee for U. S. Senator, faces opposition from nominee Pritchard, Republican, for whom a strong fight is being waged in Republican strongholds.

Republican strategy now relies on a light vote in the strong Democratic counties where there is no local opposition. Their leaders are planning to poll a hundred per cent vote in Republican strongholds and in close counties.

President Hoover's visit to North Carolina this week was the signal for great enthusiasm on the part of Pritchard followers. They even prevailed on the President to stop over at several large North Carolina cities which had not been included in his itinerary and speak a word to the crowds assembled there out of curiosity.

Halifax County Democratic leaders will endeavor to impress on the voters of this county the necessity of voting full strength in November. They point not only to the Bailey candidacy but also to several important constitutional amendments to be voted books are open for those who have not.

Meanwhile the local registration previously registered and who will be entitled to vote in the November election. This includes all those who have become twenty-one years of age since the last election or newcomers who have lived a year in the State, 6 months in the county and 3 months in the precinct.

J. F. Welch, registrar for Roanoke Rapids precinct No. 1, will have the registration books at the band hall in Roanoke Rapids every Saturday morning from nine until noon. Monroe Jenkins, registrar for Roanoke Rapids No. 2, will have his books at the Triple R Grocery Co., Rosemary, for the benefit of those who desire to register.

Persons who have registered in the past are not required to register again in order to vote.

30 NURSES AT MEETING

Eighth District Association Is Held Here This Week—At Kinston Next Month

The monthly meeting of the Eighth District Association of Graduate Nurses of North Carolina was held in the Kiwanis Club rooms, here, Tuesday. Thirty graduate nurses from Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary and other sections of the state, were in attendance. Kinston was selected for the November meeting.

The business session of the meeting was conducted by Miss Ziola Cobb, president of the association. The members were addressed by Rev. Leon Hall, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Dr. J. W. Martin, a member of the medical staff of the Roanoke Rapids hospital. Rev. Hall used as his subject, "The Healing Quality of Life." Dr. Martin spoke on the surplus supply of graduate nurses in the private field and explained a method by which the situation could be remedied.

Miss Nellie McCowan read a paper on the decline of tuberculosis among nurses. Those in attendance were entertained with a piano solo by Miss Gladys Cox.

The Kiwanis Club rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion with a color scheme of yellow, green and white being carried out.

The members of the association were served a four course dinner by the Alumnae association of the Roanoke Rapids hospital. The members found their places at the table by beautifully hand painted placards. Music during the dinner hour was furnished by Miss Gladys Cox.

Nurses attending the meeting were: Miss Virgie Barnes, Miss Henrietta Reed, Mrs. J. B. Dickens, Miss Davis Dickens, Mrs. Herman Poole, Mrs. F. M. Rowe, Miss Irene Clark, Miss Mar-

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