

# DEATH'S CROSSING CLAIMS CHILD VICTIM

## WARNING AGAINST PELLAGRA

### Dangers of the Restricted Diet Stressed By Health Officer

During the periods of financial depression such as we are now experiencing—there are certain, more or less inherent, dangers due to the restricted diets of so many of our people. Therefore the County Health officer deems it altogether worthwhile that a simple word of warning on this subject be given out.

Special attention is directed to those community organizations that are striving so nobly to provide food to many of the unemployed. It is not enough to satisfy the appetite—appease the pangs of hunger. A diet consisting of fat pork, corn meal or flour, molasses and coffee will satisfy ones hunger, and it will also produce pellagra in those who attempt to subsist very long on that sort of diet. Moreover, this meat, meal and molasses ration, if not supplemented with other foods, such as greens, peas, beans, tomatoes, milk and the like will undermine ones resistance to such an extent that one becomes an easy prey to tuberculosis, anemia and many other serious diseases as well as that ill defined condition known as poor health.

Since pellagra shows such a remarkable tendency to be worse during the spring and summer it is highly important that special attention be given the matter of diet just now in order to fortify the system against the development of the disease during the spring and summer months. A recent survey over the county revealed the existence of eighty-eight (88) active or definite cases of pellagra. Undoubtedly there are many more cases that are not known about. This shows that the disease is on a marked increase. Hence it behooves every one to exert every ounce of influence one may have to prevent the development of this disease by eating and encouraging the eating of a diet which contains some of the following: milk greens, root vegetables, potatoes, tomatoes, dried beans and peas, some lean meat and other protein foods.

Dried brewer's yeast is a very wonderful agent both as a preventive as well as a cure of the disease, and I am pleased to announce that the American National Red Cross is furnishing yeast free to any and all cases that are unable to buy from local sources. The Health officer is distributing this yeast.

## LEGION TO MEET SAT. NITE

### Ex-Service Men of State To Meet in Special Session March 17

Saturday night, March 17, promptly at 7:15 the local post of the American Legion will meet in the Brick building in rear of Patterson's Store. All former service men in the community are urged to attend this meeting and, if possible, to join now.

This post will join with all other posts in the State in simultaneously observing the Aerial Roundup which takes place March 9th to 20th inclusive.

During this time members of the Legion will endeavor to contact every veteran of the World War in this community and inform him of the benefits that have accrued from his service through successive legislature enactments and the program of the Legion.

"The Legion is a sound patriotic organization. It is interested in national defense and the pushing to a successful conclusion of universal service legislation which will be a big step not only to prevent wars but also to insure peace. The Legion has a child welfare program that has attracted national attention and benefitted all needy children. The 10,000 posts of the Legion are engaged in many worthwhile activities. The Legion has been instrumental in obtaining passage of almost all legislation of benefit to the disabled veteran.

"The strength of the Legion's program of service depends upon the membership. This year the Legion has set about signing up this membership early. The gains this year have been great. I wish to appeal to each and every ex-serviceman to attend the big meeting planned as a part of 'Round-Up' Week. The Legion has much that will challenge the attention of every veteran. He will gain much from attending this meeting and participating in the Legion program. Every veteran owes it to himself to come out and learn of the benefits to which he is now entitled."

## Change in Policy Of Bargain Days At Peoples Theatre

Next Friday and Saturday, March 20th and 21st, the Peoples Theatre will inaugurate a new policy on the change of program for those days, which have long been "bargain days" at the popular Roanoke Rapids playhouse, according to manager Lyle Wilson, who took charge of the theater the first of this week.

Instead of running the same bill on both Friday and Saturday, there will be a complete change of feature picture, short subjects and all. Mr. Wilson announced his intention of endeavoring to procure a lively, late release for the Friday bill, while a "hoot 'em up" Western will be the feature for Saturday.

"This is because the Saturday crowds demand the thrillers, while our Friday patrons usually bring the girl friend, and therefore do not care for anything so drastic," explained Wilson. "And the Peoples Theatre will always try to give them exactly what they want." This change of policy will not affect the admission price for the last two days of the week.

## ORPHANS WILL SING

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will give a concert at the Roanoke Rapids High School Auditorium on next Tuesday night, March 17th, at eight o'clock.

J. H. Cook of Petersburg, manager of Metropolitan Insurance Co., was a business visitor here today.

## Work Speeds Along On River Banks at Bridge, New Plant

(By The Editor)

There is work being done along the Roanoke here and a visit will convince the most skeptical that this city is moving forward fast. Yesterday, in company with Doc Bahson Weathers, Alfred Martin and Tommy Jenkins, we made a tour of inspection.

We saw five steel spans already in on the new bridge, with two more spans ready to lift into place. With the approaches to each side that is going to be the longest bridge in the State, East of the coast bridges, unless we are badly fooled. It will be twice as long as the old bridge and twice as substantial as a look at the piers and steel will prove. While it won't have the pretty concrete approaches of the Weldon bridge it will be just as substantial.

There will be no more worry about high water when the new road is completed and the bad corkscrew curves are gone.

We were amazed at the progress on the new mill filter plant. The big reservoir has been dug and they are pouring concrete on the settling basins. The plant will overlook the new highway.

And up the river the Power Company is busy working on the new transmission line.

Every little bit helps in this March of progress. Go down and see for yourself. It will do you good to see things building in our community.

## PREVENTS DARING ROBBERY

### Thief Works Under a Light in Wade Store Tuesday Night

An epidemic of store robberies has broken out again and officers are on their guard every night. Three breaks culminated in the robbery of the J. J. Wade Store Tuesday night, a daring entry which was frustrated by the opportune appearance of L. G. Shell.

Mr. Wade was working on his income tax reports until 10:30 Tuesday night. As he left the store, Mr. Shell was just leaving his store. About a half hour later Mr. Shell returned down the street and saw Mr. Wade again working in the store.

He went over and shook the front door and "Mr. Wade" beat a hasty retreat to the back of the store. Mr. Shell then realized the man inside was not Mr. Wade and went for a policeman, returning with officer Carl Green.

They went to the rear of the store and found their man gone. But he had left his loot, piled neatly in the back alley. He had shown good judgment and had made a nice selection for a months provisions. There were four hams, flour, sugar, coffee, canned goods, and even cigarettes to finish up after the meal.

He had robbed the cash register of about eight dollars in change and this is all he got away with. Entrance had been effected by breaking out the glass in a back window and prizing off the bars which protected the window. Officers are searching for the man and are keeping their clues to themselves.

Saturday night, thieves broke in the filling station of H. L. Bell on the Bolling Road and took merchandise and a radio. The radio was found hidden in the woods Monday morning but the merchandise was not recovered.

Last week, thieves broken in the store of Max Frank in South Rosemary and escaped with some clothing. It is reported.

## ENFIELD MAN HIT BY FLYER

### J. B. Rives Is Instantly Killed At Enfield On Monday By Train

J. B. Rives, well known citizen of Enfield was instantly killed there on Monday morning about 9:30 o'clock when hit by the Florida Special, a Coast Line through train.

The train came to a full stop about 100 yards from where it struck Mr. Rives. According to Ernest Bellamy and other witnesses to the accident Mr. Rives was standing on the south-bound track waiting for a local freight to pass and evidently failed to see the approaching flyer. His body was thrown for about 50 feet by the impact which broke both legs in several places and crushed the right side of his head.

Coroner W. C. Williams, who was called immediately after the accident, deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Mr. Rives was about 40 years old. He is survived by his wife and eight young children, his mother, Mrs. Lucy Rives, three brothers, Ralph, Exum and Jimmy, all of Enfield and three sisters, Mrs. O. W. Ransome of Enfield; Mrs. J. H. Melton of Emporia, Va., and Mrs. Roy Green of Fredericksburg, Va. Funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## KIWANIS MINSTREL

With a splendid orchestra playing, the spotlight darting, and in a blaze of floodlights, the second annual Kiwanis Minstrel came to town last Friday night and a big house sat enthralled and amused through two hours of cleverly staged, smooth-clicking performance as was ever seen here.

It would be unfair to try to pick the high spots in that show—even to man, every girl, every child—even to those unseen boys way up in the loft—did their parts perfectly.

Down in the orchestra pit, Director and Mrs. Lyle Wilson, watched every move and there was a smile of satisfaction on their faces, which told every performer that the work was well done. The audience was responsive beyond words. Financially, the show was a success and the Kiwanis Club will be able to do much for the underprivileged children during the coming year.

This newspaper has been authorized to give public thanks to the following: the public who bought tickets, the advertisers, those who loaned properties, the Rosemary Band, the spot light men, the backstage and curtain men, those outside the Kiwanis Club who were in the show, the beautiful young ladies, the little tots, the orchestra—everyone who in any way contributed to the wonderful success of the production.

Kiwanis says "To you all, thanks, we'll see you again next year."

## Sponsor Extravagance

The E. C. T. C. Club of this city, composed of former students of the Teachers College, will sponsor the picture "Extravagance," at the Peoples Theatre on next Wednesday and Thursday. The Club will sell tickets Thursday. The picture features June Collyer and Lloyd Hughes. The Club will sell tickets for both days.

## Look For Your Name Each Week in the Ads And Get a Free Ticket

Each week in the larger display ads in The Herald, there will be the names of two lucky subscribers of this paper.

Read through the ads and see if your name is there. If it is, then come to The Herald office at once and you will receive a fifty cent adult ticket to the Peoples Theatre, good the Monday or Tuesday following the issue of The Herald in which your name appears.

Each week, there will be two different names and they will appear in different ads each week. This free offer has been made possible through an arrangement between the management of the Peoples Theatre and The Herald.

Read The Herald display ads every week. It will pay in more ways than one.

## FORMER CITIZEN IS DEAD

### Mrs. E. J. Coltrane Dies Suddenly at Salisbury Saturday Night

The city was shocked Sunday morning, when pastors at the various churches read copies of a telegram sent to C. W. Davis announcing the sudden death of Mrs. E. J. Coltrane at Salisbury on the previous night.

Mr. and Mrs. Coltrane had resided here for ten years where Prof. Coltrane was city superintendent of schools. They left eighteen months ago for Salisbury where he occupies a similar position.

Death came very suddenly following only a few hours of critical illness. Mrs. Coltrane had been sick with influenza for several days but was not considered seriously ill until Saturday afternoon. The turn for the worse came at four o'clock and she died at nine.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from the First Methodist Church of Salisbury and interment was at Deep River Friends Church near Jamestown in Guilford County. The following attended the funeral from here: Misses Clara Hearne, Martha Craddock, Mary Lowder, Annie Cherry, Mary Traynham Wyche, Messers C. W. Davis and A. E. Akers.

Before her marriage Mrs. Coltrane was Miss Annie Lois Henley of Snow Camp, Alamance County. She attended Guilford College and graduated with Mr. Coltrane in the class of 1907. They were married in 1910. Two daughters survive with the husband, four brothers and one sister surviving are T. L. Henley, of Laurinburg; W. P. Henley, of Pilot Mountain; J. T. Henley of Snow Camp. Both before and after her marriage, Mrs. Coltrane taught school, her last position being in Jamestown High School. She was an active worker in church and civic circles and had made many friends since going to Salisbury.

While a resident in this city, Mrs. Coltrane was active in the civic and social life of the community. At different times she was president of the Womens Club, the Parent Teachers Association, the Study Club, the Presbyterian Auxiliary, and secretary and treasurer of the Roanoke Rapids chapter of the American Red Cross.

She was a natural leader with a sunny disposition and a world of friendliness to those about her. A woman of the highest Christian character, she will be deeply mourned by all here who knew her and they will join with this newspaper in extending the bereaved father and daughters the sympathy of this entire community.

## ROSEMARY CONCERT BAND ON AIR AGAIN SATURDAY

Tune in on WPTF Raleigh at four o'clock Saturday afternoon and hear the Rosemary band under the direction of R. L. Martin.

The local bandsters will resume the air on that date for an hour of concert music. Hear the most popular band in North Carolina perform. We are proud of their success. If you have any favorite selections, better see Mr. Martin early.

## NOON TRAIN KILLS CHILD AT CROSSING

### Hours Before Body Is Identified After Weldon Tragedy

A southbound Florida express claimed another victim at Death's Crossing in South Weldon at noon today, when a fifteen year old school girl was instantly killed and horribly mutilated.

Death's Crossing is at Holloman's Crossing, a foot path where several have been killed in the past few years.

Elizabeth Moore, 15, was going home from school at noon Thursday. In front of her were two other children. The noon Florida express train passed and the two children in front of her continued home. They probably wondered where Elizabeth was but soon forgot about her.

Coroner Billy Williams advances the theory that the speed of the express sucked her clothing in and the body was crushed for 100 feet before being released.

For a half hour or more, the body lay by the side of the tracks, unnoticed. It was discovered about one o'clock by a colored boy. No one could identify the child. Both legs and one arm were severed from the body.

Not until late this afternoon did the frantic parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, decide that the dead child was their own.

And the tragedy had taken place not 100 yards from their home. They are grief stricken tonight and all of Weldon and people of this city are doing what they can to help them in their hour of need. It is reported the father has been out of work for some time.

It seems that there is quite a settlement South of Weldon and it is necessary to cross the A. C. L. tracks to reach it. Several persons have been killed in almost this identical spot in the past few years. The Moore family lived only a few hundred yards on the other side of the crossing. Empty freight cars are parked on the siding to make passing more difficult at this point.

## RECORDER COURT

After two days session of heavy work the Recorders Court still has a few more cases on the remanded docket. Judge Daniel and Solicitor Dickens expect to be able to take care of the cases in this court's jurisdiction in one days session a week.

The following cases were disposed of this week:

Henry Branch plead not guilty to manufacturing whiskey and having in his possession utensils for manufacturing, verdict not guilty.

Charlie Johnson plead not guilty and a verdict of not guilty was rendered to carrying a concealed weapon.

Cyrus Burgess of Littleton plead not guilty to assault. Verdict not guilty.

P. M. Bragg pleads guilty to an unlawful possession of liquor. Judgment suspended on payment of cost. L. H. Shearin plead not guilty to unlawful possession of liquor, verdict not guilty. Nol Pros as to Mamie Hamill as defendant is now in the State prison. All white people from Roanoke Rapids.

William Drummond plead not guilty to an assault on female. Sentenced to three months on road.

Roger Mills entered a plea of not guilty to assault. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

B. Y. Dowtin plead not guilty to unlawfully and willfully abetting in possession and transportation of liquor for purpose of sale. A verdict of not guilty was rendered.

Jim Daniel charged with letting his hog run loose and damaging a potato patch, plead not guilty. Prayer for judgment on payment of cost, to be paid by Sept. and to pay pif. \$5 for damages.

David Katz, white man of Roanoke Rapids entered a plea of not guilty to driving a car while drunk. A verdict of guilty was rendered. Fined \$50 and cost of this action, driving license revoked for three months. Given to second Tuesday in May to pay cost.

William Ingram of Roanoke Rapids plead not guilty to larceny of coal from railroad car. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Roger Ingram, from Roanoke Rapids plead not guilty to trespass and transporting liquor. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

W. D. Johnson, white man of Roanoke Rapids plead not guilty to driving a car while drunk. Prayer for judgment continued.

Sandy Baker of near Littleton, entered a plea of guilty to driving a car under the influence of whiskey. He was fined \$50 and costs and his licenses were revoked for 4 months, the costs to be paid within 6 months.

Beth Jarrell, plead not guilty to stealing two hogs, verdict not guilty.

Ben Pair, white man of Virginia, charged with driving a car under the influence of whiskey, plead guilty, sentenced to pay fine of \$75 and cost, revoked licenses for 6 months. Judge Daniels states that he has been as light as possible on these charges, but the people seem to take advantage of this fact, so he raises the fine and if this doesn't work he will probably try the road sentences.

Nelson Staton, Pleasant Staton, Nol Pros with leave, Nelson Staton, continued as to Pleasant Staton.

Haywood Wade plead not guilty to selling liquor. Sentenced to be confined to jail for five months to work roads.

O'neil Stanley white man of Roanoke Rapids, entered a plea of not guilty to larceny. Several little boys testified that they had been told by the defendant to steal but as the verdict was not guilty, it seemed

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## CIVIL COURT MARCH 16

Civil Court will convene in Halifax Monday, March 16, for a two weeks session of trial of civil cases. Judge E. H. Cramer of Southport, N. C., presiding and Mrs. N. G. Kearney of Henderson will act as court reporter.

Monday, March 16, 1931. Roanoke Rapids Hospital vs Gurkin. Harvell vs Horne.

Tuesday, March 17, 1931. Foreman Mach. Co. vs Glover. Jenkins vs Wood.

Wednesday, March 18, 1931. Scott vs Bobbitt, Exec. Hawkins vs Mountcastle. Davis Vs S. A. L. R. Co. Carroll vs Sauls.

Thursday, March 19, 1931. Lassiter vs Dowell et al. Lewis vs Anderson.

Friday, March 20, 1931. Moseley vs Cushman.

Monday, March 23, 1931. Va.-Carolina Power Co. vs Camp Mfg. Co. Bowser vs Neville et al.

Tuesday, March 24, 1931. Green vs A. C. L. R. Co. Lovegrove vs Josey. Wiggins vs Coca Cola Bottling Works.

Wednesday, March 25, 1931. Weinstein Bros. vs Southern Junk Co. Haynes vs Cotton et als. McWilliams vs Coppedge.

Thursday, March 26, 1931. Inland Oil Co. vs McGowan & Thompson. Motion Docket. Shearin vs Hudson. Jones vs Turner. Summerell vs Edwards. Tri-R-Grocery Co. vs Johnson. Hamilton vs Glover. Shell vs Shell Co. Ivey vs Eastern Cotton Oil Co.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds during the period from March 2 to March 7:

Miles Clary of Anklam, Va., to Nellie Lynch of Garysburg, Va.

Colored. Setrling Johnson to Gracie Wilkins, both of Weldon. Harvey Bristow to Irene Evans, both of Scotland Neck. Ned Evans to Retha Shields, both of Scotland Neck.

## MARVIN ANDERTON IS DISTRICT WINNER IN LEGION CONTEST

### Local High School Boy Takes Third Win To Enter State Finals At Raleigh

Marvin Anderton, local High School student, won out in the district oration contest at Rocky Mount last week and will represent this district at the finals at Raleigh on March 20th when the American Legion chooses the State champion for the year.

The subject this year is "The American Legion." Last year it was "Our Flag." Young Anderton won first place in the elimination contest here several weeks ago and then went to Halifax where he was again successful, defeating several county orators. Thus the Rocky Mount victory was his third in a row.

Should he be fortunate enough to win the State championship, besides other prizes, he will also compete for the national honors. Anderton will give his winning speech to the Kiwanis Club here on the Thursday night before he goes to Raleigh.

## TWO FIRE ALARMS

Two fire scares in the past two weeks have kept the Fire Department in practice. Last Saturday, children playing in a tree on the W. F. Joyner estate, set fire to a box playhouse and burnt the top of a magnolia tree. The week before, a smoke scare caused an alarm to be turned in for the residence of W. L. Long, when flames shot out of the chimney.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS METHODIST CHURCH

J. W. Harrell, Minister. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., W. J. Lynch, superintendent. Morning worship, theme "The Glory of the Church." Anthem, "God is a Spirit." Bennett. Evening services at 7:30 p. m. subject, "Builders." You are heart cordially invited to attend these services.