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CHARGE NEGRO

KILLED FATHER

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Coroner Billy Williams attended court in Richmond Friday where he was qualified as an expert witness for the plaintiff when relatives of the engineer who died at the throttle near Enfield last year sued an accident policy insurance company. They claimed an accident. The coroner testified it was an ordinary death. The court threw the case out.

William Alfred Thorne and family have moved to Roanoke Rapids and will occupy the Allen Zollcoffer home. Mr. Thorne is cashier of the Rosemary Branch of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Co.

Roosevelt received the largest vote North Carolina ever gave a candidate: 498,000. And he came within less than ten thousand of what might be called an all-time majority over his opponent: 300,000.

It was impossible to print some late news received from our correspondents as The Herald went to press Wednesday night of this week instead of Thursday in order to give our employees a holiday on Thanksgiving.

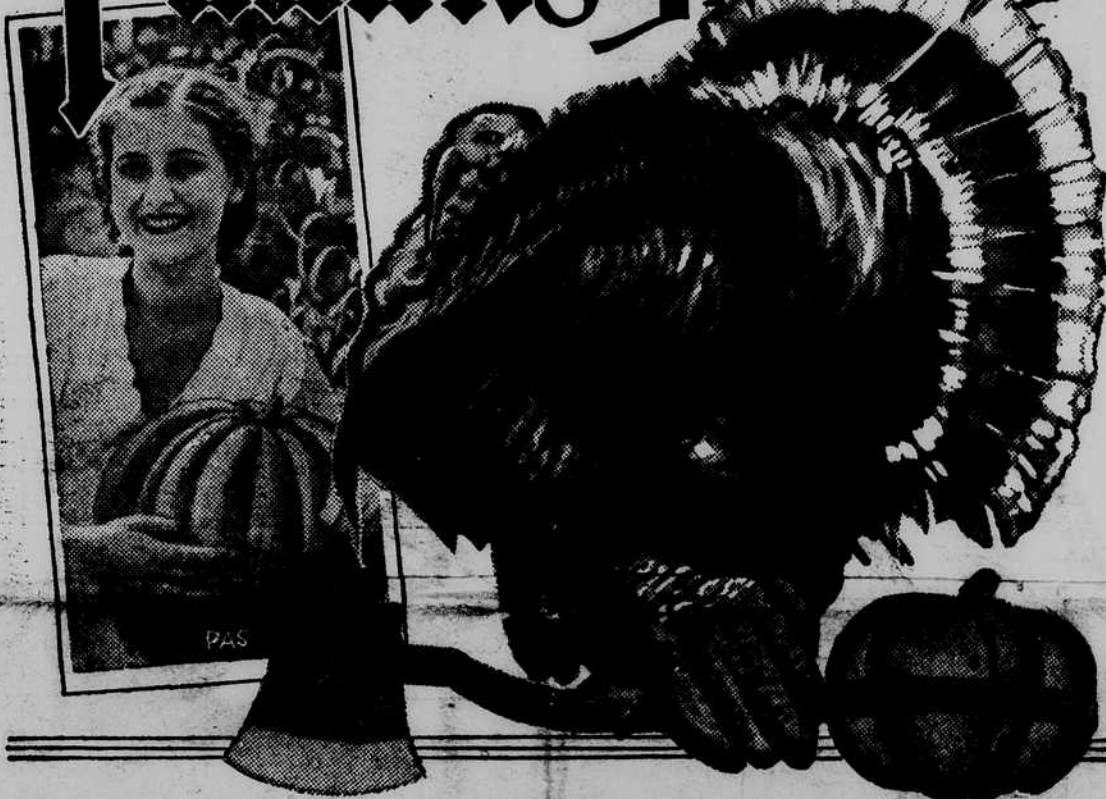
Roanoke Rapids will be "on the air" again next Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:15 p. m. over Station WRVA in Richmond, at which time the Rosemary Concert Band, under the direction of J. W. Sanders, will give a 45-minute general concert. Appearing on the same program with the local musicians will be the colored quartette from here who have previously broadcasted with them. Local radio fans are urged to tune in on Richmond at this hour and hear the local boys.

There will be no morning or evening services at the First Methodist Church next Sunday on account of the pastor, Rev. S. J. Starnes attending conference. Sunday School, however, will be held at the same time Sunday morning.

Reverend Hubbard Baucom, student of Wake Forest, who has been called to supply the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, will conduct the Thanksgiving services at the Church Thursday evening at 7:30, and regular Sunday services thereafter until a regular pastor is called.

All former N. C. members of 50th Pioneer Infantry, A. E. F.; interested in a State reunion and or-

Thanksgiving



OUT OF CONFERENCE

Mrs. Lona Harris Dies While Asleep

Mrs. Lona Harris, 50 years old, wife of Sam Harris, died here early Tuesday morning of acute dilation of the heart.

Her small son, Sam, Jr., awoke about one o'clock Tuesday morning to find his mother dead.

Surviving are the husband and two children, Mrs. James Williams and Sam, Jr. The funeral was held in Brunswick County Wednesday.

SATURDAY NIGHT CLUB

The Saturday Night Bridge Club met November 19th with Misses Evelyn Tilghman, Amanda Tilghman and Katherine Reid as joint hostesses at the Teacherage. Contract was played at four tables. Miss Ruth Dean held high score and was given a plaque as a prize. A sweet course was served at ten thirty to: Misses Virginia Gates, Marjorie Cannon, Betty Gates, Thelma Garris, Mary Cannon, Mary Hampton Keith, Virginia Forbes, Susan Womble, Ruth Dean, Mabel Regan, Sara Gurley, Martha Carson, Margaret Woodbury, Marjorie Caldwell, Aileen Cannon.

organization please communicate at once with either O. B. Shelley or Louie Hart, Monroe, N. C.

Roanoke Rapids is no longer in the Northeastern Conference of North Carolina High Schools.

We resigned from the Conference last night. As a matter of fact, we have outgrown the Conference, to hear the complaints of others who look with envy on the Roanoke Rapids record for the past three years.

Two football championships and three baseball trophies were too much for our rivals.

At a meeting in Washington, N. C. Tuesday night, P. A. Reid, who looks after the business management of the Athletic Association, with the sanction of High School authorities handed in the resignation of Roanoke Rapids.

But not until he had received the football trophy for 1932. All claims by other contesting teams were waived but the atmosphere was such that Roanoke Rapids decided to seek higher laurels. Next year, we will compete with teams in the State elimination contests. In fact it will start with the basketball team of the season which begins just as soon as the last football game is played.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church will give a Turkey Dinner at the restaurant room next door to the Peoples Theatre Wednesday evening, November 30th. Tickets are on sale now at 50c per plate.

DIES AS TRUCK IS FOULED

Cary Alston, colored, truck driver for Darden Lumber Co., of Littleton, was instantly killed near here Friday afternoon when his truck overturned on a slippery curve at Tilmans Crossroads.

Wade Gilchrist, colored, who was riding in the cab, jumped to safety as the truck left the road and was uninjured.

The truck with a trailer, was on its way to Margerettsville and traveling, according to Gilchrist, at a high rate of speed. It was raining and the highway was slick. On a slight curve near the crossroads, the trailer swung around, left the road and fouled the truck.

Alston was evidently caught behind the steering wheel altho when the cab broke up he was thrown clear of the wreck. His neck was broken, the chest crushed and the lungs punctured.

GEORGIA WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Lula Arthurs, 25, died here Sunday from bronchial pneumonia. She came here a year ago from Cedartown, Ga., where the body was shipped Monday for burial.

Henry Mitchell, Jr., 16 year old Negro, is in jail at Halifax charged with the murder of his father.

The killing took place on Highway 125 about 5 miles from Route 40. The senior Mitchell was 60 years old. His lifeless body was found Monday morning at daybreak on the side of the highway by Lewis Parker, a short distance from the Mitchell house.

Parker notified the family and several conflicting tales were told. Officers held the younger son and at preliminary hearing in Magistrate's court at Enfield Monday night young Mitchell was bound over to Superior Court.

Mitchell was killed with a heavy club. He had an ugly bruise over the left eye and was cut across the temple. The death weapon has not been found. The spot where he was clubbed down was several feet from where his body was found and in the middle of the road. His assailant had dragged him aside.

At the hearing it was difficult to get a coherent story from the family, but the trouble apparently started over who should have the bedclothes. Henry, Jr., his older brother, Norfleet, and one James Lewis were sleeping together and the two brothers got in a fight over the bed clothing.

The father came in and entered the fray, during which he held Henry, allowing Norfleet to scratch him up. From what neighbors say they fought all during the early hours of the morning. At dawn Norfleet and Lewis went to work and later the father went down the road to get wood. Henry was supposed to be following his brother, but was later seen near the place of the killing and came out of the woods after the body had been found.

Lewis Parker, who found the body, saw a man disappear in that direction just before he arrived on the scene, but a hill kept him from identifying the party.

They were all questioned by Coroner Williams who took them before the Magistrate for the preliminary hearing.

Dies At Caledonia

G. N. Langley, 76 years old, father of W. A. Langley, guard at Caledonia State farm, died at the farm last Thursday. Funeral services were held by Rev. J. N. Bynum Friday at Williams Funeral Home and interment was in Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

Mrs. David Traynham and daughter Katherine spent the weekend in Raleigh with Mrs. Claude Edgerton.

Miss Martha Craddock and Miss Hart Sheridan spent Thanksgiving at the home of Miss Craddock in Halifax, Va.