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FOUND DEAD UNDER BRIDGE

NRA NETS 75 JOBS

Man Thrown Over Bridge After Hit By Mystery Auto

Hundreds of persons passed over the big bridge here Sunday little realizing the presence of a mysterious corpse lying hidden in the bushes below the bridge.

Even after the mutilated body had been discovered and identified, there remained many unanswered questions which as yet leave all details of the killing in the dark.

Mystery One: Who was driving the death car?

Two: Where was the man struck and killed?

Three: What time did the killing take place?

Four: Why? If an accident, why was the body thrown over the bridge and no report made of the accident?

Five: If not an accident, what was the motive?

On their way to Thomas Lake about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon Earl London and Whitford Waters, textile workers for Rosemary Mfg. Co., crossing the bridge over the Roanoke River, saw a white object in the bushes of the small island between the two little rivers on the Northampton side.

Looking closer they decided it was the body of a man. They climbed down from the bridge, parted the undergrowth and looked upon the body of a negro who had been dead for many hours. The two boys rushed to town and notified officers of their gruesome discovery.

It was identified as that of Hart Clements, 45, colored employee of the Halifax Paper Corporation. He had been struck by a car and the body was badly mutilated. The left leg had been broken in three places, once below the knee and twice above. The left arm was broken between the wrist and elbow and was practically torn from the socket. The right hand was mangled and there was a cut, as from glass, under the chin. A big bruise across the abdomen was as if from the headlight of a car.

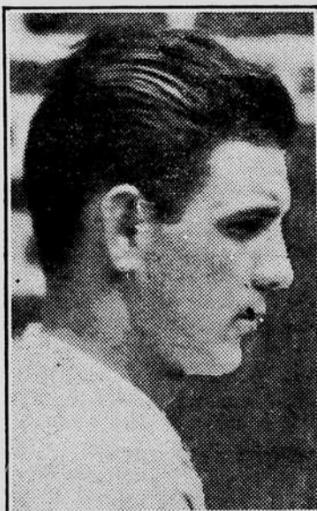
The time of death was placed at sometime between 2 a. m. and daybreak Sunday. Clement was last seen at 2 a. m. between the Eagle Filling Station on the Weldon road and Roanoke Rapids. He was seen at the filling station about midnight. When last seen he was walking toward Roanoke Rapids.

He was living near Camps Store and might have been hit by the death car either on the Weldon road or on the other side of the river.

Altho there was some glass on the bridge, it was not enough to convince officers he had been struck there. No blood could be found on the bridge. The theory

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ONE OF THEM CONFESSES



LESTER TRIPPE



LEE McINTOSH

McIntosh and Trippe, escaped Georgia convicts who are held in jail at Nashville. McIntosh has confessed that he took part in the robbery of the Planters Bank at Battleboro on July 20 but says that Trippe had no part in the bank robbery. McIntosh, however, says that Trippe was in on the kidnaping of John C. Lyle, a Georgia mail carrier, who was released near Wake Forest. He says that he, Trippe, and a Negro, who has not been captured, participated in other crimes.

(Photo Courtesy NEWS and OBSERVER)

APPEALS SUPPORT VERDICT

Cullom Guilty of Non-Support In Case Arousing Much Interest Here

APPEALS

L. H. (Dooley) Cullom was found guilty of non-support of his child by a jury in County Recorder's Court Tuesday in one of the hardest fought cases in that court since it was founded.

The charges were brought by his divorced wife, Mrs. Nellie C. Cullom, for support of their 6 year old boy.

The jury rendered a verdict of guilty and Cullom was ordered to pay \$5.00 per week for support of the child. He appealed the case to the Superior Court.

The case aroused much interest here and the court room was filled with Roanoke Rapids citizens, many of them witnesses for one side or the other. Much of the defense testimony was ruled out of order or irrelevant to the case by the Recorder.

Misses Elmyra Jenkins and Fannie Harris have returned from their trip to the Century of Progress.

MAN IS STRICKEN IN BED

Negro Farmer Dies Suddenly At Home In Hawkins Chapel Community

ENROUTE HERE

Waverly Hines, colored farmer, age 40, was coming to Roanoke Rapids yesterday to sell vegetables. He never got here.

He had worked late on his Hawkins Chapel farm gathering vegetables for the trip and planned to leave at 2 a. m., to get here by daybreak in his slow wagon. Lee Fleming came by and called him. Hines answered and Lee waited for a long time.

When Hines did not appear he called again and got no answer. Hines' wife then called him. Still no answer.

For Waverly Hines, getting up to come to Roanoke Rapids, had died making the attempt. They found him on his knees by his bed. Death had come suddenly from acute indigestion.

Imprisoned in the county jail at St. Joseph, Mo., Gus Pusateri, alleged liquor vender, had the bars painted silver and his cell done over in red and white lavquer.

82 Merchants Sign NRA Code In City; Flying Blue Eagle

Over 75 Roanoke Rapids people have gone back to work in city stores and business houses since merchants have signed President Roosevelt's NRA code it was learned this week in an extensive survey by the Herald.

Thirty-one men and women have been given full-time employment and well over forty are working extra and part time in city business institutions as a result of Roanoke Rapids business men signing the code. Thirteen city stores reported they are "working out plans" and will add to their staffs on or before September 1st, and thirty-one stores have increased wages.

At noon, Thursday, eighty-two local concerns had signed the code and were flying "Blue Eagles," with several more saying they would sign up as soon as their trade associations had submitted codes they were sure would be accepted by General Johnson, and his National Recovery Administration.

Roanoke Rapids merchants seem to have entered into the spirit of the NRA, and are striving to work out their plans in a way that will enable them to give the maximum of service to their customers, shorter hours and more pay to their employees, and yet not work "greater and unavoidable" hardships on themselves.

Practically every merchant interviewed by the Herald was enthusiastic over the new code and the working conditions it has brought about. All have voiced perfect confidence in the administration, and have seemed to share in the belief that the NRA stands for a shortcut to better living conditions.

A FINAL PLEA MADE BY DAVIS

On the eve of the School election Tuesday, C. W. Davis, City Superintendent of Schools makes the following statement:

"Children are first in the face of disaster or danger. We would strike down any one on a sinking ship or burning building who would try to save himself at the expense of a child. Children come first not only on sinking ships and burning buildings but in our

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UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Two North Carolina towns have already voted on the teachers' supplement question and in both cases the supplement was carried by a very substantial majority. Durham, the first town to decide this important issue, held an election Tuesday. In yesterday's election at Southern Pines the supplement was adopted by a safe majority.

School taxes on real estate will be reduced 20 per cent; poll taxes and taxes on personal property remain the same as last year. Why vote to seriously cripple the schools? It has taken years to build them.—T. W. Mullen, Chairman Roanoke Rapids School Board.

"Our children should come first not only when being saved from sinking ships and burning buildings, but in our hearts, homes, churches and schools. I shall vote to give the children in Roanoke Rapids advantage of more and better schools."—J. F. May.

Upon investigation we find the taxes on real estate for schools are to be reduced 20 per cent through the re-valuation of property and that poll taxes and taxes on personal property are not to be increased.—Junior Order United American Mechanics of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

It is good to know that children are in school rather than on the streets. I shall vote for more and better schools.—Mrs. P. E. Allsbrook.

Children deserve a place in the New Deal. I shall vote to give them a good nine months school.—Mrs. H. G. Perkinson.

I am not able to send my children away to school. I shall vote to have more and better schools in Roanoke Rapids.—Mrs. L. E. Davenport.

A vote against our schools is a vote against the childhood of this community.—M. D. Collier.

My boys had the opportunity of a good nine months

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