

ARREST 4 LOCAL MEN

Charged In Child's Death

ROCKY MT. HOLDS 3 FROM HERE

Mark Trevathan Held Under Thousand Dollar Bond In Hit-Run Case

Four men, three of them from here, have been arrested and charged with the death of a two year old child, killed by a car near Rocky Mount Saturday.

Those arrested are Mark Trevathan, 25, alleged driver of the car, George Jenkins, 35, Rufus Brantley, 25, all of Roanoke Rapids, and Joe Edwards of Rocky Mount.

Trevathan and Jenkins live in the Hammill Building near Ledgerwood Hall and are textile workers, while Brantley lives in Belmont.

The dead child was Timken Lanier, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lanier who live in Edgecombe County, about six miles from Rocky Mount.

Edwards, the Rocky Mount man, was found in a drunken condition by Deputy Sheriff Ed Moore, and State Patrolman D. L. Lewis and was locked up in the Rocky Mount jail. There he told the whole story of the death of the child and the officers came to this city where with Police Carl Green, they arrested Trevathan and Jenkins. Both men denied any knowledge of the charge when arrested.

But Brantley, who was arrested last, told the police about the child, his story coinciding with that of the Rocky Mount man. According to the officers, Brantley and Jenkins were aware the child was struck but say Trevathan insisted they hit nothing and continued on.

Mrs. Lanier, the mother, says a number of children were crossing the road but all of the others were able to avoid the rapidly driven car except her little son. She said she turned to save the child but that he was struck down by the car before she could reach him.

The child was instantly killed. After hitting the boy, the car jumped a three foot ditch and stopped in a cotton patch. The driver backed the car out, over the ditch and continued on his way. Officers found tracks of the car in the cotton patch.

Trevathan is being held in jail at Rocky Mount under a thousand dollar bond for action of Edgecomb Superior Court. The other three men were placed under \$250 bonds.

It was understood today that Brantley had filled bond but the others were still in jail.

When Thomas Francis of Norbury, Eng., was arrested for begging he had five razors and four bottles of beer.

Oh-h-h, Here Comes Santa Again!!



UP AND DOWN

The Avenue

WITH THE EDITOR

There will be regular Sunday School and morning services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday. The 11 o'clock service will be a White Gift Service. There will be no Sunday evening service.

In reading that editorial "Is There a Santa Claus," please insert the word "No" before Virginias, so that it will read, "It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias."

Another one of those things that makes an editor's hair turn gray.

Employees of VEPCO are giving themselves a Christmas Party at the Country Club this Wednesday night at which time they will gather around a huge Christmas tree and give each other presents. The idea is that each employee draws another employee's name and proceeds to act as Santa Claus to that particular person.

Miss Virginia Blount has resigned as home economics teacher in the local schools to accept a position as Home Economist for the Virginia Electric & Power Co., in the Carolina Division, covering about 35 communities in this State. Her headquarters will be in Roanoke Rapids. She begins her new work the first of the year.

INFANT DIES

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Garris, of Philadelphia, Pa., announce the birth and death of a daughter Monday, Dec. 18, at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Mrs. Garris formerly was Miss Gertrude Bray of this city.

Daniel-Vaughn

Miss Jansey Vaughn and Rheuben Daniel were married at Emporia, Va., Saturday, December 16. The couple was accompanied to Emporia by Mr. and Mrs. "Son" Vaughn.

Law enforcement officers of the State will meet at State College December 27-28 to hear lectures by police officials and judges on problems of present day enforcement. Mayor Jenkins said today Roanoke Rapids would have a representative at the meeting.

New electric neon signs for the two theatres and the Rosemary Drug Co. arrived yesterday and are being installed at once. The drug store sign will be in use tonight, the theatres in the next day or so. These modern lighting signs will add much to the Avenue.

Many homes and yards are now being decorated all over town and they will be judged about Christmas time to sea who wins the two prizes offered. A special prize has been offered for the most attractive mill village home and yard. The contest is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

A city crew of workmen under the direction of A. T. Allen, are at work cleaning out ditches in Roanoke Rapids. This is a CWA project. Another crew is working on the school grounds here.

Roanoke Rapids officers have been asked to cooperate with State officers in checking all cars for 1934 license plates. The new plates must be bought before January first and there is no extension of time. City license tags are also on sale now, in the the North Ward at City Clerk A. L. Clark's office, and in the South Ward at J. C. Smith's Radio Shop.

Franklin Keene, field representative of Kiwanis International of Chicago, will be guest of honor at the local Kiwanis Club this Thursday night. All members and directors are urged to be present, with a short directors meeting called.

POSTPONE WAFFORD FUNERAL

To Be Held This Thursday Morning, Awaiting Arrival Of Daughter From Ill.

The funeral of T. W. Wafford was postponed from Wednesday to ten a. m. Thursday when his daughter, Mrs. Rita Harrell, of Mound City, Ill., failed to arrive here Wednesday.

Mrs. Harrell arrived in Asheville Wednesday and instead of staying on the train, thought she had to change there and missed connections. She will arrive here in time for the funeral Thursday morning.

In the meantime no news of the death of his father has reached Walter Wafford, somewhere in California, unless newspapers have reached his eye today.

Yesterday, a telegram was received from authorities in San Francisco that he was not in the city directory and had not been located but that they were broadcasting a report of the death of his father.

Jacques Vorin of Paris bit a policeman who arrested him for promenading without any clothes.

Things science discovered in 1933. A series of inventions to help mankind are discussed in The American Weekly Magazine with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN, issue of December 24. Buy your copy from your favorite newsboy or newsdealer.

TANGLES IN AUTO KILLING

Officers Arrest Three To Get One; Conflicting Tales Told By Negroes

Several tangles relating to the death of T. W. Wafford had to be unraveled Monday and Tuesday by local officers in seeking to pin the guilt on the proper parties.

The driver of the car has several names: He is known mostly as Percy Whittaker, but also goes by the name of Willie Whittaker and claims his real name is Percy Willis.

In trying to find his companion, officers found out his name was Lee. When they went to the Lee house, there were three brothers, all of them who claimed innocence. Two of the brothers, Buster and Lester, are twins. They had to lock up all three of the boys before Lester finally admitted he was with the driver of the death car.

The driver now says that he wanted to stop but Lee made him drive on. Lee, says he tried to get the driver to stop and let him out after hitting the man. There is no doubt now but that both knew they had hit a man and that, a little later in the night, they knew the car had killed Mr. Wafford.

Officers also know that other Negroes knew about the whole affair Sunday night but refused to aid officers by giving information.

Miss Jane Crews of London was given a jail sentence for whipping a Kitten.

"A SKATER NEEDS HEALTHY NERVES"



I NEVER KNEW HOW GOOD A CIGARETTE COULD TASTE UNTIL I CHANGED TO CAMELS I NOTICE THEY NEVER GET ON MY NERVES, NO MATTER HOW MANY I SMOKE.

CAMEL'S COSTLIER TOBACCOS

never get on your Nerves...Never tire your Taste