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"I SHOT HER BECAUSE I LOVED HER" SAYS HUSBAND

UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Laura Tillery, colored, is in the local hospital with a broken leg. Many people get legs broken but few, like Laura, can blame it on a cow. At Tillery this week, a cow dragged Laura all over the lot, broke her leg.

Guthrie Waldon, Rosemary Mfg. Co. employee, had his hand severely mashed while at his work Tuesday night. Every effort is being made to save the mangled member.

J. W. Myrick of Littleton may lose a finger. It was nearly bitten off several days ago by a man whom Mr. Myrick was trying to pull out of his truck and who, drunk, was resisting him. The flesh was torn from the finger in the scuffle and severe infection has set in.

Legion members from Roanoke Rapids attended the Armistice Day services at the Weldon Methodist Church Sunday night and the day celebration of five county posts at Rich Square Monday, where General Manus McCloskey, commanding officer at Fort Bragg, was the principal speaker. Local vets got a big kick out of kidding one of the boys, who, introduced to the General, saluted and said, "Glad to meet you, Colonel."

The Cotton census report this week shows 15,065 bales of cotton ginned in Halifax County from the 1934 crop prior to Nov. 1, 1934 as compared with 22,175 bales ginned to Nov. 1, 1933.

The ladies of the First Baptist Church will serve a turkey dinner at the church on Tuesday November 27th, two days before Thanksgiving. All are urged to come, bring family and friends.

Incomplete returns from the Associated Charities today show a total of \$565.00 subscribed so far with Roanoke Mill No. 2 and other teams still to be heard from. Rev. J. N. Bynum, president Associated Charities, is delighted with the response to date.

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MRS BROWN FUNERAL IN CANADA

Community Mourns Loss Of Mrs. Fred Brown Last Week

Mrs. Fred M. Brown, wife of F. M. Brown, President Halifax Paper Company, was buried at Granville, near Montreal, Canada, Saturday afternoon.

Her death last Thursday noon after a lingering illness came as a shock to the many friends of the family. The body was shipped to Montreal Friday morning. Two sisters of the deceased, Mrs. A. L. Cayford and Mrs. B. M. Ritchie, were here at the end and, with Mr. Brown, accompanied the remains back to Canada, birthplace of Mrs. Brown. Major Brown returned yesterday.

The Browns moved to Roanoke Rapids a dozen years ago, during which time Mrs. Brown was very active in club and religious activities.

She was president of the local Womans Club for several years an officer in the State Federation of Womans Clubs. She sponsored a Better Homes program a few years ago and won for Roanoke Rapids a \$200 prize for the best program put on in any town under ten thousand population in the United States.

During the World War, Mrs. Brown served as a volunteer nurse under the Australian Division and was stationed at a London hospital.

DOCTOR'S MOTHER DIES HERE

Mrs. G. B. Royster, 73 years old, mother of Dr. T. H. Royster, died early Sunday morning at the home of her son and Mrs. Royster on Hamilton Street.

Funeral services and interment were at her old home in Oxford on Monday afternoon. She had made her home here with her son for several months.

Dr. Royster is the only surviving member of the family. His brother died in Richmond a short time ago.

Wings Across Pacific



LOS ANGELES . . . "Sorry I'm early," was the smiling welcome of Kingford Smith, noted Australian airman, as he set his plane down here, completing a flying hour trip, Australia to Los Angeles in 54 hours, 49 minutes for a total of 7,365 miles.

Bill Allsbrook From Richmond To Play Dance Here

Bill Allsbrook and his Tantilla Garden orchestra will play for a dance here Thursday night, Nov. 22, at Chockoyotte Country Club, another of those popular dances sponsored by the Boy Scouts.

Bill and his orchestra have made a name for themselves in Richmond, playing to 2,000 dancers at the Gardens last Saturday night.

This week-end they play for the Homecoming of William and Mary College and start a tour of the nation soon after the Roanoke Rapids dance. Admission to the dance here will be by card only, cards being sent to dancers in all sections of the nearby State and Virginia.

A mixup in dates made it impossible for this orchestra to appear in Roanoke Rapids recently but a contract has been made far enough in advance to insure no repetition of this trouble and Bill is anxious to bring his enlarged orchestra to his home town. A 12 piece orchestra, with an entertainer, gives plenty of entertainment.

DRIVER IS HELD

Willie King, 20 year old Littleton boy, was bound over to Superior Court this week by Magistrate Charley House on a charge of manslaughter.

Young King was driver of the truck which hit and killed Whit Anthony, Negro convict, near Air-lie last week. King says he did not know he had hit anyone. Witnesses say the side of the truck knocked Anthony from the side of the road into the ditch. The truck was passing a car at the point where the road crew was working.

TWO BOYS INJURED BY CARS

Two boys are in the hospital here with injuries from auto accidents.

Mason Long Harp, 7 was hit about 6 p. m. Tuesday on Jackson Street by a car driven by C. M. Fleming.

The boy has a broken leg and bad scalp injury. The skull, however, is not fractured. His reported fair with a good chance to recover.

Fleming, who drove on, says he did not know he had hit anyone. He is under a \$500 appearance bond.

Carl Finch, age 7, has a skull injury sustained when he ran into the side of a small truck of Rosemary Mfg. Co. last Thursday. His condition at the hospital is not serious.

A playmate says Carl ran from the side of the road headlong into the truck.

TWO HURT IN SMASH AT TRAIN

Charles Davis and his son, Willie, were brought to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from injuries sustained when their car smashed into a train at the crossing near Potecasi.

The son has a broken leg and the father a broken nose and head lacerations. They live at Conway.

Mr. Davis is the brother of J. E. Davis of Roanoke Rapids, well known trucker.

WOUNDED WIFE DIES THIS A. M.

Bride Of One Year Killed By Husband After Hectic Year

Mrs. Pearl Crowder Brown, 18 year old bride of one year, died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital this morning from fatal wounds at the hand of her estranged husband who told arresting officers he shot his wife because he loved her.

Johnnie Brown, 25, employee of Roanoke Mills Co., is in jail at Halifax and Saturday a brother of the dead woman will swear out a warrant of murder in the first degree just as soon as the funeral is over.

Brown shot his wife as five eye witnesses looked on, two of them brothers and one a sister of the girl. He emptied a load of buckshot into her leg in front of their homes in South Weldon, almost tearing the limb from the body.

The wounded wife was rushed to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital soon after the shooting Sunday afternoon. Surgeons amputated the leg Monday but loss of blood and infection which set in were fatal and she died at 9:00 o'clock this morning.

It was just one year ago to the day that Pearl Crowder and Johnnie Brown were married.

After a hectic year, the couple separated two months ago. They had been living with Brown's mother. The wife went to live with her three brothers across the St. Two doors up from Brown lived Mrs. Claud Smith, a sister of the dead girl. It was to the Smith house she was going when her husband jumped from his own porch and shot her.

Mrs. Smith heard a shot and looked out the window. It was just in time to see Brown fire the second shot which took effect. The first shot was fired as he jumped from his porch, hitting the ground at the rear of the girl, who did not run, because she probably thought her husband was just trying to frighten her. They had an argument the same morning when Johnnie had

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