

Mrs. Taylor Killed

CROWD AT CROUCH FUNERAL

L. B. Crouch, Veteran Mill Overseer, Buried Here Yesterday Afternoon

A vast throng of sorrowing friends crowded the Rosemary Baptist Church yesterday afternoon at one of the largest funerals ever held here when Lacey B. Crouch, 52 years old, veteran overseer of Rosemary Mfg. Co., was laid to rest.

Mr. Crouch died Monday at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. He had been in ill health for several years but refused to take a vacation and last Tuesday became desperately ill.

He has been overseer of the spinning room of Rosemary Mfg. Co. since 1919 and for the past sixteen years has been an active leader in church and civic affairs of the city. He had an enviable reputation as a fighter for the things he believed right and was a man who spoke his convictions

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3 OTHERS INJURED IN WRECK

Well Known Local Woman Dies When Car Turns Over

Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, 73-year old city resident, died in a Henderson hospital Sunday, June 2nd, at 1:20 P. M., seven hours after an automobile accident in which three other city residents received only slight injuries. Her daughters, Mrs. J. L. Williams, and Miss Mattie Lee Taylor, and her grand-daughter, Miss Ruby Clements, the other occupants of the car, were enroute to Salisbury, N. C. for a short visit, and to attend the graduating exercises of Miss Mary Clements, grand-daughter of the deceased, from Nurses Training School.

The party left Roanoke Rapids at 5:20 A. M. Sunday. The acci-

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KIDNAPPERS RELEASE BOY



TACOMA, Wash. -- Above right is little George Weyerhaeuser, 9, son of the multi-millionaire lumberman, who was released by kidnapers after reported payment of \$200,000 ransom. Federal agents are on the trail. One arrest has been made. A Northwest gang is suspected. One of the ransom bank notes has been found. G Men expect more arrests soon. The little girl is George's sister, Anne, 13.

TAYLOR GROCERY ROBBED

Expert safe-crackers blew the safe of the J. W. Taylor Grocery early Wednesday morning and escaped with a drawer containing cash and checks.

The front door of the store, located at First and the Avenue, had been prized open with a large punch bar.

It was no amateur job. Evidently, nitro-glycerine had been used in a quiet and efficient manner. The combination of the safe had been broken off and the "soup" poured in. The explosive blew the combination out and the safe was open.

A heavy overcoat had muffled the sound and no one heard the explosion, which did not shake a single can off the store shelves.

The money drawer was removed from the safe and taken away but nothing else in the store was bothered. Taking the bars down on the back door, the robbers probably left that way.

The crime occurred after 3 a.m. Wednesday. At that time both front and back doors were found locked by police Massey and Dobbins on night duty while on an inspection tour.

Chief of Police Early said the job was done by experts, accustomed to fooling with high explosives.

UP AND DOWN The Avenue

WITH THE Editor

DEDICATED is this issue to the memory of a man while his memory is still so vivid; a man who was a real citizen, leading all movements which meant the best for his community; a man of indomitable spirit who refused to quit until the end, who said, "If I must die, I want to die on my feet." Finest of all, a man who was fair and just to his fellow-man, beloved by those who worked for and with him because they knew he was fair and just; to a real man whose passing is a most severe loss to this community: Lacey B. Crouch.

DRIVE slow, Father was killed here, so says little Horace, Jr., who stands at Death Curve at Halifax since a big truck knocked Horace the Cop into the Roanoke River. Just the reverse of those small towns who warn reckless motorists to Drive Slow, We Love Our Children. Little Horace was a wax model in a store window until his pappy died in line of duty.

TAX listing books for Roanoke Rapids will close this week. Those have not listed themselves and-or property must do so by the end of this week. By so doing they will avoid penalty and prosecution. The books will be open at the High School office until Saturday evening.

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Control Election July 6th

A special election in Halifax County on liquor control was set for Saturday, July 6th, by the County Board of Commissioners in session this Monday.

Voters of Halifax County will vote for or against a liquor control system as set forth in the Pasquotank Act passed by the last session of the legislature. The system is patterned after the Virginia A.B.C. system.

Rupert Allsbrook, one of the leaders of the control forces in Scotland Neck, in town today stat-

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HUX FINDS BODY OF DROWNED BOY

Robert Taylor, 18, a visitor at Halifax, was drowned in the Roanoke River there late Friday afternoon and his body was discovered a half hour later by Clerk Leonidas Hux, who with Spottswood Butts, had been searching since the accident.

Young Taylor was visiting his sister, Mrs. Coleman Best, who with her husband and two children was fishing on the bank of the river. Taylor was out in a boat alone.

A large fish was landed by one of the party and Taylor fell out of the boat. Mr. Best jumped in after him but he never came to the surface. Hux and Butts came to the river with others in response

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BONDS FOR CITY BLDG. ARE SOLD

Raleigh, June 6. - The town of Roanoke Rapids, through the Local Government Commission, Tuesday sold \$24,500 in bonds to the PWA for the purpose of erecting a municipal building. The bonds bear 4 per cent interest and are to be paid serially over a period of 30 years. The \$24,500 in bonds is exclusive of the 30 per cent grant from the PWA on the cost of the building.