

CAR DRIVER HELD MANSLAUGHTER

W. H. Daughtry, driver of the car which killed two boys on Roanoke Avenue the night of Dec. 5th, was bound over to Superior Court by Mayor Kelly Jenkins Monday night on a charge of manslaughter.

Those who testified before the Coroner's jury, which freed Daughtry, were not called back but new witnesses of the State were Wiley Coker, Jim Adams, Jake Jenkins and Tom Hargrove.

After exoneration by the Coroner's jury on Dec. 8th, a warrant charging manslaughter was sworn out by Henry Williams, father of the two boys, Raymond 8, and Walter 13.

Daughtry's bond of \$1,000 was allowed to stand. Superior Court convenes the fourth Monday in January.

AUTO HITS MAN ON AV. BREAKS LEG

John Horne, colored, received a broken leg when struck by a truck on Roanoke Avenue Saturday night. T. M. Allsbrook, radio salesman for Bounds Motor Co., of Weldon, was driving and said it was impossible to see the man who had started across the Avenue.

The accident took place just below old Patterson Store building, very foggy that night. Horne says he never saw the car which was traveling slowly.

Mrs. Virginia Shelton and Miss Jeane Shelton will arrive Wednesday night to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Shelton's mother, Mrs. Charlena Hart.

Rob'ed Jailmate Now the Charge

Van Nethery, white man, was bound over to Recorder's Court by Mayor Jenkins, accused of robbing Coleman Johnson, colored, while the two were in jail here. The two had been arrested Saturday charged with being drunk.

When time came to pay off the Mayor, Coleman, who says he had over twenty dollars when he was locked up, was broke, while the white man, who had been broke, was flush with coin and paid off his fine.

UP AND DOWN WITH THE The Avenue Editor

● ● Not to be confused with Christmas lights on the Avenue is the new amber-colored flicker light which was erected today in front of the Hospital. This is a Caution light for traffic. It means "Slow Down"; altho we watched traffic for a few minutes this afternoon and to some people it seemed to mean, "Speed Up" or "Keep On Going Fast." This is a dangerous intersection with the Hospital, Postoffice and Municipal Building there and a street leading to the High School. Unless this caution light does the work in slowing down traffic in that section, the only thing for the city to do is to put up a Stop light there—and we certainly don't want that if it can be avoided. So when you see the light, Slow Down, take it easy. You'll get to where you are going in plenty of time and without an accident.

● ● The Post Office will close Friday for Christmas, but will open Saturday morning and stay open until noon, in order to take care of late Christmas package arrivals. It will be open Christmas Eve until 6 p.m. Extra help has been put on but the rush goes on just the same and this is probably the busiest place in the city right now.

● ● Mrs. Thomas Shearin is among the smaller prize winners in the recent Amos 'n' Andy Baby-Naming Contest. According to the letter received here there were several hundred thousand entries, all trying to name Amos' baby. So far as we know, Mrs. Shearin is the only Roanoke Rapids person to win a prize. Know of any others here or in the county?

● ● Hubert White lost his car by fire at the dam site Saturday. His son, Randall, was in the woods to get a Christmas tree and when he returned the car was in flames. Fire had evidently started inside the car where it was badly burned.

● ● It would be impossible to pick out all the beautiful homes and yards with Christmas lights and decorations this year, but there are more in Roanoke Rapids than ever before. We can be impartial, tho, by selecting as the object of our fancy the lighting effects at the Hospital and the Nurses Home.

● ● J. M. Jackson continues very ill at his home suffering from a stroke of paralysis. A specialist from Richmond examined him the latter part of last week. Today he was a little better and took more nourishment but hopes for his complete recovery are slim.

● ● Not a word has been heard of the missing men who were last seen on Roanoke River Dec. 8th when Robert Smith says Peter Smith and Ralph Merritt left him to go up the river. He says soon after he heard six shots fired, altho the pair had only two shells. He waited until dark and they did not return and there has been no trace of them since.

● ● County Commissioners of four counties are said to have signed a petition asking Governor Hoey to appoint John Skinner of Warren County on the State Highway Commission for this district. Mr. Skinner, for 20 years a county commissioner in Warren, has lately been secretary of the State Association of County Commissioners. All members of the Halifax County Board signed the petition.

EVERYBODY INVITED TO JOIN IN CHRISTMAS SING HERE THURS. AFTERNOON

The regular annual Community Sing of Christmas songs will be held this year at the Community Tree in front of the Hospital at 5:30 Christmas Eve afternoon.

This tree and program is an annual event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and the whole town is invited and urged to attend the open-air service for a half hour of singing. Each year the number of those attending has grown.

Police will rope off that portion of the Avenue in front of the Post Office and detour traffic down 7th

Street for the half hour. The Rosemary Concert Band under J. Sanders' direction will furnish the music. Local pastors of churches will take part. All members of church choirs, school glee clubs and Sunday Schools are asked to gather nearest the tree where R. L. Towe will direct the singing. Everybody is urged to sing.

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