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TEXTILE MAN IS SUICIDE

67 Members 1937 High School Class End Tonight



Above is the class of 1937 of Roanoke Rapids High School which graduated tonight in impressive ceremonies with Dr. Frank Graham, President of the University of North Carolina, delivering the Commencement address . . . Last night saw graduating exercises for the Grammar Grades with 253 receiving Grammar Grade certificates . . . School officially ended here tonight with the graduation of the above class.

(Photo By Brasington)

WATERS' VERDICT SUICIDE

Al Stanley Waters, 28 years old, died immediately at his home in Weldon Saturday afternoon from a bullet wound in the temple which a Coroner's jury decided was self-inflicted. Waters was an employee of Roanoke Mills No. 2 where he was twisting hand.

Waters was found sitting in a chair at his home dead when officers arrived. His wife, the former Miss Pearl Harrison, told the Coroner's jury that she was sitting in the back yard watching their child playing when she heard a shot fired. She says she rushed in the house to find her husband sitting in the chair, the pistol on the floor. He had a wound in his right temple and his face was powdered.

Mrs. Waters says, in her excitement, she picked up the gun and put it back in its usual place and then ran out screaming. A Negro woman who heard her went into the room and says she tried to bring back life by "bathing his pulse".

There was some talk about the position in which the dead man was found, particularly with folded hands, but the Negro woman's story satisfied the Coroner's jury. The question of the gun being put away was explained by the wife's testimony.

No motive for the shooting has been discovered. Neighbors report a happy home and Waters was seen by several persons during the day and just a short time prior to his death. He was apparently in good spirits then and was planning a fishing trip with some friends.

Waters was a native of Jacksonville, Onslow County. He had worked in the Roanoke Rapids Mills some years ago and came back again on this job in February of last year. Funeral services and interment were held Monday. His wife and a daughter, Violet, 5 years old, survive.

New Officers Installed By Lions Club

About 90 Lions and Lionesses met at Chockoyotte Gold Club tonight to celebrate the installation of new officers for the coming year. Bob Melton's famous barbecue was served.

New officers installed were M. Scott Benton, President, Bill Allgood, first Vice President, Roddy Meikle, 2nd Vice President, Sherrod Crumpler, 3rd Vice President, William Duke, Tail Twister, Clayton Gurley, Lion Tamer, Directors Jack Cassada and Roland Johnson.

Paul Heydenrich and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sheppard were guests

John Porch Gets Arm In Mill Machine

John Porch, Roanoke Mills No. 1 employee, suffered a severe accident Monday morning at the mill when he caught his arm in a lapper machine.

For 15 minutes, his arm was held in the machine before it could be released. J. P. McNeil, a fellow worker, with quick presence of mind shut off the machine just as it had dragged Porch's arm in up to the shoulder.

Sherrod Crumpler and others finally extricated the arm, which was badly cut and mangled. They applied a tourniquet which stemmed the flow of blood and rushed him to the hospital. At first it appeared the arm must be amputated near the shoulder, but yesterday Porch was much improved and it is reported the arm will be saved unless infection sets in.

Ramblin Hobos Kiwanis Club

The Rambling Hobos, local aggregation of radio stars from Roanoke and Patterson Mills, provided real entertainment for the Kiwanis Club at the regular weekly meeting tonight.

With "Head" Ennis as announcer, the Hobos put on a 20 minute program of song and dance which went over big with the entire club, which contributed to a man to help send the boys to Petersburg Saturday where they will be heard over station WPHR at 10:15 a.m.

Red Matthews, Billie Morgan, Dewey Bailey and Herbert Dorma

PROPOSED GIRL SCOUT CABIN



Above is a reproduction of the colored drawing by R. G. Knight with plans and specifications for the proposed Log Cabin for the Girl Scouts of Roanoke Rapids. There are now about 100 Girl Scouts in the city and as many more clamoring to get in the organization; but their great need is a regular meeting place they can call their own. There is also a dire

need for more scout leaders and young ladies of this community who can qualify for leadership are urged to volunteer for this valuable community service.

A building committee of parents of Girls Scouts and others interested in this work among the young girls are hopeful that the Girl Scout building will soon be a reality

and that a place will then be possible where all the girls who wish to join may be taken into membership. The City School Board has given permission for the building to be erected on the Northwest corner of Hamilton and 8th Streets, if and when proper arrangements can be made for funds with which to build.