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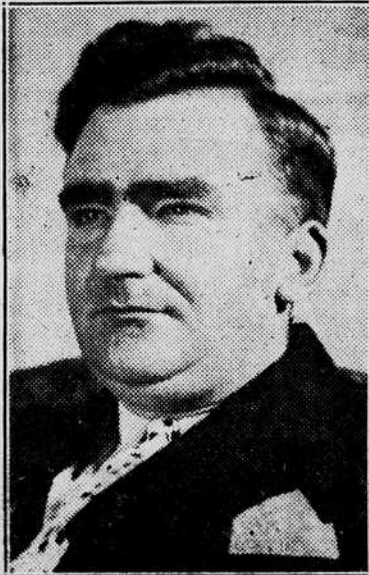
ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.

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STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

LOCAL OFFICIALS NEW A&P STORE



J. C. LEATH
Store Manager



B. A. ALDRIDGE
Meat Mkt. Mgr.



VERNON H. BRINDELL,
Fruit & Produce Mgr.

IKEY JOHNSON IS EMPLOYED BY CITY ON POLICE FORCE

Ikey Johnson, local man who has made good on the N. C. State Highway Patrol, was employed as a regular member of the Roanoke Rapids Police Department at the monthly meeting of the City Board of Commissioners Tuesday. Officer Johnson is working his notice with the Highway Patrol and will report for duty here the first of August.

The young officer passed his Patrol examinations with flying colors and has been on active high-way duty for the past two years. He returns to his home town with the best wishes of all citizens.

The Board reappointed F. C. Williams as a member of the Finance Committee and appointed the new Commissioner, W. B. Allsbrook, to serve on that committee; E. B. Manning and M. D. Collier were reappointed as the Street Committee; G. N. Taylor and R. I. Starke to the Fire Dept. Committee.

Clerk Ruby Wood was ordered to burn cancelled town bonds Nos. 1 to 20, issued July 1, 1915, since refunded. She was authorized to purchase 1,500 city auto license tags for next year.

The Lions Club Exposition, to be held here week of Aug. 2, was exempted from privilege license on the basis it was for a charitable purpose, providing the club furnished the necessary police protection at no cost to the city.

Mayor Jenkins was authorized to purchase necessary equipment for the tax office with the approval of the school committee.

Marvin Frazier, 14, was struck by a car driven by Leroy Campbell of Thelma at the corner of 10th and the Avenue late Friday afternoon. The boy was bruised but not seriously hurt.

Frazier was bound over to Recorders Court where sentence was suspended upon payment of costs.

POLICE SEEK 15 YEAR GIRL

Local police are searching for Naomi Hudson Barnes, 15 year old bride of only a few months, who disappeared from Roanoke Rapids last Saturday, July 3rd, and has not been seen by anyone here since.

She was last seen at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon as she left the home of her uncle, a Mr. Baggett, at Roanoke Junction, on her way to her mother's home. She is the daughter of Mrs. Robert Hudson, in the 1000 block, Madison St.

Her husband, 18 year old employee of Rosemary Mfg. Co., to whom she was married a few months ago, knows nothing about her whereabouts and went to Portsmouth Monday in search of her when it was reported she was seen on the train to Portsmouth. However, local police say that nobody on the train saw the girl, nor did friends in Portsmouth know where she was.

The police have broadcast her disappearance over the radio and are working with police in other cities. No clues have been discovered yet which led to any definite information.

The following description has been broadcast: Naomi Hudson Barnes, age 15, weight 112 pounds, height 5 feet, 3 inches, blonde hair, grayish brown eyes, hair has slightly natural wave, was wearing dark blue flowered dress, white shoes. She had no extra clothes or baggage with her.

JOHNSON FUNERAL

James Johnson, 88 years old, former merchant of Roanoke Rapids, died at his home here on July 4th. Funeral services were held at the residence at 3 p.m. Monday by the Rev. J. J. Boone with interment in Capron, Va.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Clara Vaughan Johnson, and the following children: Mrs. H. L. Taylor, Mrs. G. R. Pulley, Mrs. Selma Davis, of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Annie Miles of Capron, Va., C. L. Johnson of Boykins, Va., and Joe Johnson of Roanoke Rapids, and a sister, Mrs. Martha Copeland of Roanoke Rapids.

BASIL COOPER IS FOUND DEAD AFTER STORM HERE SUN.

While 500 persons huddled together in the grandstand at Simmons Park during the electric storm here late Sunday afternoon, Basil Cooper, 32 year old textile worker, was killed by lightning in a small shed one hundred yards away.

None in the grandstand knew that the lightning had struck so close and it was several minutes later when the body was discovered by W. J. Chambliss, who reported it to ball players, Russell Birdsong and Wade Hardison. They rushed to the place and identified the body at once. The lightning had struck Cooper at the back of the head and passed thru his body. There were a few slight burns on the back of the body but no disfiguration.

Coroner Cooper was called and the verdict was accidental death caused by being struck by lightning.

It is now thought that Cooper was caught in the shed between storms. Others who had been in there were caught in a heavy downpour as they raced back to the grandstand. Some of them remember seeing Cooper in there or just arriving before the heavy storm. The lightning did no great damage to the structure. A board seemed torn off and it appeared the bolt hit a hinge on the door, against which Cooper might have been leaning.

The deceased was employed in the Weave Room of Roanoke Mill No.

2 and was a member of the championship softball team of that department.

He had been an employee for several years and was thought most highly of by employers and fellow-employees. A very quiet man, he was known as a hard worker and a good family man. Surviving are his father, William Cooper, his wife, the former Arlene Cook, two children, Adrienne and Patricia, two brothers, Grady and Braxton Cooper, and two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Lee and Miss Juanita Cooper.

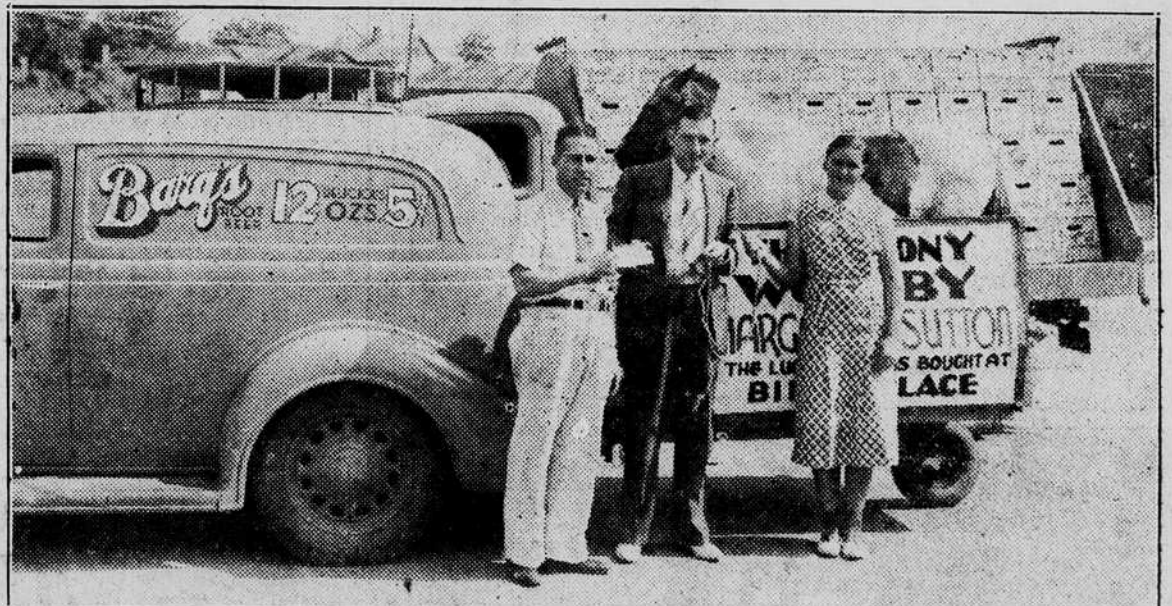
Basil was born in Beaufort County, the son of William and DeElla Swain Cooper. His father moved here many years ago and is a valued employee of Roanoke Mills Co. A few years ago, a brother was killed in a mill accident. His mother died over a year ago.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Cooper's father at 425 Madison St. by the Rev. J. L. Willis with interment in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery. Pallbearers were Frank Kemp, Joe Bryant, Wade Hardison, Ralph Marlowe, Lefty Davis, T. E. Browning, Russell Birdsong.

Robert Ray

Robert Edward Ray, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Ray of near Roanoke Rapids, died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital July 4th. Interment was in the Ray family cemetery Monday afternoon.

Margaret Sutton Wins Barq's Pony



Left to right: Bill Haislip, proprietor of Bill's Place in Roanoke Rapids, George Bledsoe, head of Barq's Root Beer Co. of North Carolina, Miss Margaret Sutton of Roanoke Rapids, winner of the pony given by Mr. Bledsoe's company to the buyer of the bottle of Barq's Root Beer with the missing letter in the cap. Miss Sutton is shown holding her pony while Mr. Bledsoe hands Bill a bonus check for having sold the lucky bottle of Barq's to Miss Sutton.