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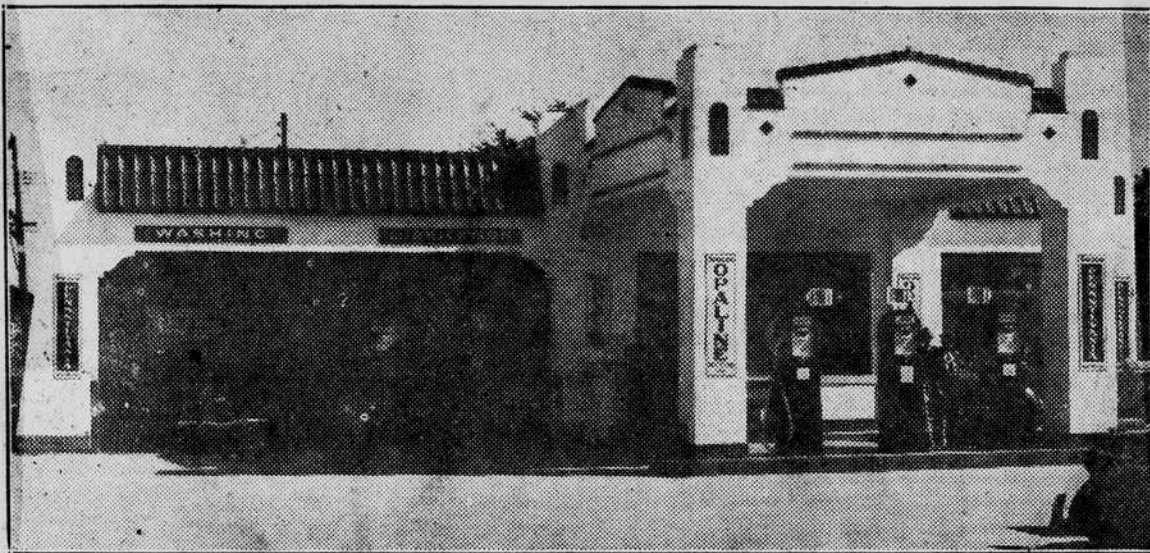
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# CLAIM DEAD BOY'S BODY

## NEW SINCLAIR STATION HERE



Largest Sinclair station from Raleigh to the coast is the newly opened Hudson's Service Station in Roanoke Rapids. Local dealer is B. Frank Hudson, who has been connected with the automobile industry here for the past 18 years. The new super-station is located in the 900 block on Roanoke Avenue, across the street from The Royal Theatre. (See Pages 2, 3, 4 and 5, Section B).

## HEADS STATE'S WOMEN



**MRS. HOWARD ETHERIDGE**—President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, who will attend the 14th District meeting at Weldon, October 21st. (See Page 3, this section)



**MRS. J. N. BRITT**  
Vice President of the State Federation, who is one of the speakers on the program at the meeting of October 21st at Weldon.

## FOOTBALL SCHED'LE

The football schedule of the Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets for this season has been completed and is as follows:

- October 15—Greenville at Roanoke Rapids.
  - October 22—Tarboro at Roanoke Rapids.
  - October 29—Edenton at Roanoke Rapids.
  - November 5—Goldsboro at Roanoke Rapids.
  - November 12—Open.
  - November 19—Morehead City at Roanoke Rapids.
- Three games have been played so far this season with the following results: Roanoke Rapids 32, Rich Square 6; Roanoke Rapids 0, Elizabeth City 21; Roanoke Rapids 0, New Bern 0.

## N. Y. BOY'S BODY TO BE SHIPPED 2 WEEKS AFTER

**Chamberlin's Parents Decide to Claim Body Themselves After Sending Sister Down Here From Pa.**

### PRESIDENT



**MRS. W. A. THORNE**  
President of the 14th District of the North Carolina Federation of Womens' Clubs, who will have charge of the district meeting at Weldon October 21st.

## Mrs. Batton Funeral Is Here Sunday

Mrs. Ina Johnson Batton, 63 years old, died Saturday after a long illness at her home on Jackson Street. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church at 3:30 Sunday afternoon by the Rev. L. I. Stell. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery near her husband, W. S. Batton Sr., who passed away in February of this year. They had resided in Roanoke Rapids for more than 25 years.

Palbearers were Roland Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Elvin Kinker, J. B. Batton Jr., Clyde Brigman, Claud Leonard.

She is survived by one son, W. S. Batton, Jr., the following stepdaughters and step-sons: Mrs. R. I. Riggan, Mrs. Bob Gay, Mrs. O. P. Johnson, Messrs. J. B. Batton Sr., George Batton and H. T. Batton; five sisters, Mrs. Ebb Williams of this city and Mrs. Boykins, Mrs. Fryer, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Griffith of Tarboro; three brothers, O. P. Johnson, Mac Johnson of this city and S. S. Johnson of Suffolk.

The body of Leonard Chamberlin, electrocuted at the Fairgrounds Friday night, October 1st, will be shipped from Roanoke Rapids at 1:30 a.m. tomorrow to Oneonta, N. Y.

It was not until today that official orders were received to ship the remains, almost two weeks after the boy's sudden death. In the meantime many strange things happened.

A boy, with the carnival, who claimed to be a brother of the dead man, left here the day after the accident to notify the parents and make funeral arrangements. Nothing more was heard of him and a week later W. C. Williams wired the parents.

On Tuesday of this week, Mrs. Joe Rodgers, a sister of Chamberlin, her husband and two children, arrived in Roanoke Rapids to claim the body. The Rodgers live at 219 Anderson St., Pittsburgh, Pa., where Rodgers is a steel worker. The sister had a telegram from her parents in New York telling her to go to Roanoke Rapids if she could.

The Rodgers explained that the parents were both mutes and were on the relief rolls of their county in New York.

It was explained to them that they must have more authority from the parents before the body could be released and they wired New York for instructions to act in the matter. The reply came back that the matter was being handled from New York, advising the sister to do nothing. So the Rodgers departed Wednesday, after borrowing funds to get back home on.

Before leaving they stated that the boy who had been with Chamberlin here posing as his brother was no brother at all. They did not know who he was.

Rodgers says the dead boy was only 16 years old and had been mistreated at home and later sent to a New York Reform school. He says the boy was later paroled to him and left a few months ago to join a carnival. He also was quite positive that the carnival should have been held here after the death of the two boys and asked questions about Workmens Compensation in this State.

## Saws Out

Willie Edwards, arrested Saturday night on a charge of reckless driving, sawed his way to freedom from the Weldon jail about two hours after his arrest.

No trace of his whereabouts has been discovered by police.