

# JIM GURKIN DIES AT HOSPITAL TODAY

## Was Resident This Section All Of 36 Years

James Edward Gurkin, 36 years old, died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital a little after 4 o'clock this afternoon after a three weeks illness. He had been in the hospital for the past two weeks suffering from kidney trouble.

Funeral services will be held at W. C. Williams Funeral Home at 3 p.m. Saturday by the Rev. J. N. Bynum. Interment will be in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Surviving him are his widow, Nora Hobbs Gurkin, three children, Jacqueline II, Thomas A, 8, James E. Jr., 6, and one sister, Mrs. Martha Fenzer. Another sister, Mrs. Fleeta Gurkin Eury, died on the tenth of this month. An aunt, Mrs. W. C. Gale, of Richmond, Va., is the last surviving member of the Simmons family branch, while Mrs. Fenzer is the last of the Gurkin branch.

Mr. Gurkin was born near Roanoke Rapids 36 years ago, the son of Dr. Charles R. and Betty Simmons Gurkin. For a number of years he operated a service station on the Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets and for the past seven or eight years has been operating a tea room between here and Camps Store.

His parents were among the earliest settlers of Roanoke Rapids where his father was a practicing physician for several years and his parents were among the first to have the post office in the city.

# Fathers Are Very Evident At PTA Meet

Fathers turned out in large quantities to set a record for male attendance at the High School Parent-Teachers Association Tuesday night. Prize winner in attendance was Miss Mary Cannon's 8-1-A room with 19 mothers and 18 fathers present.

Another prize winner was Miss Mosely's 10-1 room with 8 mothers and 4 fathers present while Miss Henrietta Price's room had 10 mothers and 4 fathers in 6 A to lead honors in that group.

"Music" was the program topic with Mrs. W. A. Thorne speaking on Music in the Home and Miss Virginia Smith on Music in the School. Pictures of the life of the musician Brahms were shown.

# Mrs. Lottie Miles Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Lottie Miles, 34, died Monday morning at her home near Garner's Crossroad. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday with interment in the family cemetery near Gumberry. She is survived by her husband, four small children and her father, Lonnie Birdsong of Pleasant Hill.

# Mrs. Sidney Lynch Funeral Is Today

Mrs. Sidney Lynch died yesterday afternoon at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. She was a resident of South Rosemary. Surviving are her husband, mother and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held this afternoon.

Miss Anne Little Masemore of Wadesboro arrived here yesterday to spend the holidays with Mrs. W. C. Williams.

Billy Gustine of Plant City, Fla., is visiting Red Harrell in Roanoke Rapids.

# Stud'nts Hear Reports From HS Congress

High School students at assembly today heard reports from their delegates on the State Student Council Congress held at Washington, N. C. last week where Roanoke Rapids had the largest delegation of the convention. Three officials and 13 unofficial delegates with Principal Paul Reid attended from here.

Jimmie Hampton of Roanoke Rapids was elected Vice President of the State Council, after much politicking by the local delegates.

George Hayes, President of the Student Council, was placed on the committee to decide the topic for next year's Congress. His suggestion accepted by the committee was "Student Relations": 1. The point system, 2. Undemocratic social groups, 3. Wider participation by students in student affairs. The Congress meets in Kannapolis next year.

# Mrs. Pruden Hostess

Mrs. Howard Pruden entertained the Monday Night Bridge Club and several additional guests on Monday evening. Two prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the game, one to the club member winning high score and one to the other guests, Mrs. Julian Allsbrook winning club prize and Mrs. Fred Wilmer guest prize. A much enjoyed salad course was served at ten fifteen. Included among the club members and other guests



were: Mesdames Frank Hawley, Julian Allsbrook, Carroll Wilson, M. S. Benton, J. D. Cassada, W. N. Pharr, Lyle Wilson, Upshur Higginbotham, Ned Manning, Fred Wilmer, D. E. Bennett, John Dunn, William Harris, II, Miss Ruth Transou, Miss Winifred Beckwith and Miss Elizabeth Clark.

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by MAX BERNES

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It is for this reason that our Constitution is made paramount to the government itself, restricts the power which it grants to our government, distributes what powers it does grant among three branches—Congress, the Executive and the Federal Courts; makes each branch independent of the others; declares that all power not granted in the Constitution "are reserved to the States or to the people," and provides that amendments may be made not by Congress or the Executive or

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