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SIX WOMEN INJURED 2 HURT PLANE CRASH

Widow Wins Cash Prize

6 WOMEN ARE HURT WHEN CARS CRASH AT WELDON BRIDGE

Six women were injured, two of them seriously, when two cars wrecked at the hill near the Weldon bridge last Sunday. Miss Laura Jett, school teacher of Reedville, Va., was removed from the Roanoke Rapids Hospital Sunday night and taken to Richmond for special treatment for severe head injuries. Mrs. W. E. Maddrey of Roanoke Rapids is in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital with a broken leg. Others injured were Dr. Ruth J. Brown, Heathsville, Va., Mrs. Flora Crantz, Reedville, Va., Miss Elsie Haney, Reedville, and Miss Edna Edwards, Edwardville, Va. Dr. Brown and Mrs. Crantz are still in the Roanoke Rapids Hospi-

tal while Miss Harvey and Miss Edwards were discharged from the hospital Tuesday. The five women from Virginia, three of them teachers in the Reedville public school, were on their way to Florida for the holidays. Coming down the hill to go on the Weldon bridge, Dr. Brown, who was driving, says her wheels slipped off the concrete shoulder and when she steered the car back on the concrete it swerved into the other car. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maddrey of Roanoke Rapids were the only occupants. Mrs. Maddrey suffered a broken leg but Mr. Maddrey was unhurt.

HALIFAX COUNTY MAN IS KILLED AT SKIPPERS, VA.

Walter Carter, 56 years old, a native of Halifax County, was almost instantly killed in Virginia Monday night when struck by a car driven by Wick Cagle of Roanoke Rapids. Young Cagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cagle, with R. G. Floyd, was returning to Roanoke Rapids when the car hit Carter near the series of filling stations at Skippers, Va. Nobody in that section knew who the dead man was and the body was taken to Emporia. After hearing the facts in the case, the Sheriff of Greenville County released the Roanoke Rapids boy without bond. Filling station attendants said that Carter had been hanging around the filling stations for several days, and that he appeared to be in an unnatural state. Pills of various kinds were found on his person and relatives said he had a habit of leaving home for several days without any apparent reason. From reports, officers gathered that the man had walked or stumbled into the path of the car. Vir-

ginia authorities will inquire further into the case at Emporia on January 10th. Relatives of the dead man say he left his home near Darlington several days before his death and they did not know where he was. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in the family cemetery at Aurelian Springs. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Carter, and three brothers, Andrew, James and Adolphus Carter. The Cagle car was damaged in the crash but the driver is said to have been able to stop the car before passing the body of the fallen man. The following announcements have been issued: Mrs. Hattie C. Conner announces the marriage of her daughter, Mary Lucille, to Mr. Plummer Nicholson Clark on Sunday, the twenty-sixth of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven at Rich Square Methodist Church, Rich Square, North Carolina.

PRIZES FOR FIRST BABY IN 1938

Who will be the first white baby born in Halifax County in 1938? Several Roanoke Rapids business firms are anxious to know for there are free gifts awaiting that youngster.

A double page spread in this issue gives all the facts of the contest and the simple rules covering same. Parents have until noon Tuesday, January 4th, to bring birth certificates to this newspaper office.

Business firms co-operating in this unique way of welcoming in the new year are Lynch's Jewelry Store, Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., Shell Furniture Co., Brasington Studio, Hodges Jewelry Store, R. I. Starke Grocery, City Barber Shop, Land Brothers Jewelry Store, F. M. Coburn Shoe Store, Rosemary Drug Co., Leggetts Department Store and W. C. Williams.

Read each message carefully. You will find some interesting ways of saying Happy New Year on that double page.

DIES IN WRECK DEC. 25th

Claud Kitchin Suits, 24, fatally injured in an automobile wreck Christmas Day near here, died before reaching the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Suits and a brother-in-law were riding together with the former driving, when their car left the road and hit a stump. Suits was a resident of Norfolk from which point he drove a conveyance truck for a motor transport company. His father lives in Emporia. Funeral services were held Sunday with interment at Mt. Vernon Church in Brunswick County, Va.

MRS. A. W. WILLIAMS WINNER \$150 CASH PRIZE OF MERCHANTS

All three cash prizes in the limits of Roanoke Rapids Township had been claimed and paid over by the Merchants Association tonight, according to Miss Lillian Bell Jenkins, secretary. However, none of the three cash prizes, totaling \$300, to those living outside the Township, had been claimed today. Shoppers living out of town are urged to come in and visit any participating stores where they can get all necessary information. First city prize of \$150 in cash was won by Mrs. A. W. Williams, 216 Madison Street. Mrs. Wil-

liams, a widow, was overjoyed at the announcement she had won. Her son, Horace Williams, has been out of work for several months and the money was needed badly. Mrs. Herman Vincent is a daughter of the winner. Mrs. Williams thought she had looked at all her coupons and had given up. Another was later found around the house. It was the one. Second prize of \$100 in cash was won by Mrs. G. L. Tickel of Franklin Street and third prize of \$50 in cash was won by Mrs. J. L. Langston Jr., 225 Washington St.

LITTLETON BOYS ARE HURT AS PLANE FALLS AT AURELIAN SPRINGS

Willis Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Perkins Taylor of Littleton, was slightly injured and Clarence Browning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Browning, was seriously injured Saturday evening about 3:30 when the plane, in which they were occupants, crashed at Aurelian Springs. They were both taken to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital after the accident, from which Browning was discharged Wednesday. Willis was able to be back at work at The Alston Grocery Co. on Wednesday morning. The plane, according to several witnesses, handled in fine shape when it first took to the air Saturday afternoon. The cause of the crash is thought to have been caused by an aileron becoming jammed on the right side of the plane and causing the pilot to lose all control. At the time of the crash he was trying to land in the Aurelian Springs school yard and his speed was so great that he overshot it and landed in a field between a store and house. His speed was estimated at between 90 and 100

miles per hour. The plane struck a power pole and broke all power lines on it. The top wing struck the pole and sheared it back over the cockpit, pinning Taylor in the plane. Browning was knocked unconscious by the impact. The parts of the plane are scattered over a large area of ground and had not been removed yesterday. The crash was heard for some distance around and a large crowd quickly assembled. Mrs. Willis Lyles of Louisburg was the first to reach the plane after the crash. There were several others in the store nearby who helped extricate the men. It was said that as soon as the wing was lifted from around Taylor, he helped himself out, but that Browning had to be pulled from the plane. They were very fortunate in escaping with only cuts and bruises. The motor dug a furrow in the ground for 100 yards. The plane was of the Travel-Aire make (X-5) and was several years old. It is a total loss.