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## 'I KILLED HER BECAUSE I LOVED HER' OVER THE TOP STRANGE LOVER IS CAUGHT -- ADMITS KILLING HIS GIRL

### PROPERTY OWNERS OK STREET PAVING

The street paving project for Roanoke Rapids took another decided step toward completion when today saw the signing of a sufficient number of property owners on the affected streets to guarantee the payment of the extra assessments against these owners for the paving of Jackson and Hamilton Streets and the widening of Roanoke Avenue from curb to curb.

194 property owners out of 282 have signed the petitions, according to A. E. Akers and S. J. Bounds who have been circulating them, representing 20,549 front footage out of a total of 34,800 feet. This is about 75 per cent of the owners and 60 per cent of the property in footage.

Others have not yet been seen who will sign, while still others have said they would sign later and had not been seen again by today. A sufficient number has signed to make the next step in the project possible at the next meeting of the City Board of Commissioners next Tuesday.

Added to the list of signers printed last week are the following: Roanoke Mills Co., Rosemary Manufacturing Co., All Saints Episcopal Church, Weathers & McGee, Mrs. E. S. Webb, J. R. Burton, Mrs. R. E. Cleaton Jr., Mrs. Ella Love, Mrs. W. C. Allsbrook, Mrs. A. L. Robertson, Mrs. Mary F. Marks, Mrs. R. Hunt Parker, R. Hunt Parker, A. W. Lynch, Curtis King, Mrs. Gertrude Williams, Mrs. J. M. Grizzard, J. K. Dickens, G. R. Jones, Bounds Motor Co., Mrs. Mary L. Vincent, W. C. Williams, Mrs. Closs Peace Harris, C. H. Morris, J. F. Welch, William F. China, D. C. Clark, Mrs. Thelma Daughtry, Mrs. N. M. Hockaday, N. M. Hockaday, Mrs. Rose Greenberg, Estate Mrs. C. L. Shell, Mrs. D. L. Balmer, J. G. Humphreys, C. N. Wheeler, W. G. Bunch, W. C. Allsbrook, Mrs. C. H. Byrd, Mrs. J. H. Matkins, Mrs. J. L. Cobb, Jas. G. McDaniels, C. L. Mosely, Levi J. Jones, R. M. Pope, W. L. Merritt, Marcella Marks, E. G. Stainback, Mrs. Bertie W. Tillery, Isaac Spire, Mrs. C. T. Kidd, O. L. Smith, T. J. Saint Sing, W. L. Kee, Annie R. Wrenn, T. W. M. Long, E. W. Eubank.

### Is Burned

Word was received here last week by Mrs. D. F. Cutler, of this city, that the home of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Patterson had burned to the ground, and that a three-year-old son lost his life in the flames. The Pattersons lived near Burgaw, N.C.

Mrs. Cutler, aunt of the child who died in the fire, has lived here since last August. Her husband operates the City Lunch, in the 900-block of Roanoke Avenue.

### SPEAKER HERE



HENRY R. DWIRE

### Visits Merchants



WILLARD DOWELL

### BUILDING BOOM IS ON AGAIN IN CITY

Purchase and building of homes in Roanoke Rapids goes forward unabated. Negotiations are under way by Gordon Berkstresser, now connected with the local textile mills, for the purchase of the former W. L. Long home on Hamilton between 3rd and 4th.

Mrs. Wade Marks, who has been renting this place, is negotiating with W. F. Joyner for the rental of his property on the corner of Hamilton and 3rd.

### Rev. Bynum Forced To Cease Work



The Reverend J. N. Bynum, rector of the All Saints Episcopal Church for the past nine years and President of Associated Charities for several years, announced from his pulpit last Sunday that, due to ill health and on advice of his physician, he would be compelled to cease his work for several months.

He will remain here for several weeks but is not seeing many visitors on advice of his physician. Later he will go away for a few months.

The church will continue regular services with lay leaders until Mr. Bynum regains his health.

This announcement was also a great blow to Associated Charities and for the present activities of that organization will be carried on by a committee and the office hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. W. C. Williams has agreed to furnish office space in his building temporarily.

George Lampley has purchased the former Sam Cook property on Hamilton between 2nd and 3rd and is remodeling the house before moving in.

Dr. W. E. Murphrey is building two stores in a brick building on 10th Street between the Avenue and Hamilton, next door to his office building. The building will be 40 x 60. The approximate cost is \$4,000.

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### 1938 PRESIDENT



FRANK D. WILSON  
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### Steal From Doctors' Parked Cars

W. N. Pharr, 423 Washington Street, reports that his car was robbed between 8:30 and 10 o'clock tonight while parked in front of the Fred Wilmer residence on Hamilton Street. From the compartment in the dash of the car, was taken a case of keys and a bill folder with Mr. Pharr's driver's license and his insurance identification card. He offers a reward to anyone returning these articles to him, either at his home or at his office in Roanoke Mills Co.

Dr. John W. Martin has reported to police the loss of his otoscope, an instrument for ear examination, which was stolen from his parked car.

Altho the lock box was unlocked, the thief cut the bottom out of the box anyway. Dr. Martin is offering a reward for the return of the otoscope, which while valuable to doctors, cannot be worth much to anyone else.

Dr. Taylor has also been victimized by car thieves in the past two weeks, on two occasions, it is reported losing flashlights and other valuables from his parked car.

Mrs. Loftin Moody reports that she discovered somebody slipping out of her car one night this week. She was parked on Washington St. Papers were stolen from the car when she investigated.

There have been other complaints made lately that parked cars are being searched and a sharper lookout is being demanded.

"I killed her because I loved her" says Claud Bowser, 22 year old Negro, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Lizzie Bowser, 20.

He told this to his father and later to Sheriff Joe Riddick after bloodhounds had tracked him to his father's cottage back of Hannibal Shearin's Filling Station on the Roanoke Rapids-Littleton Highway at Tuesday midnight.

Two hours earlier, an entertainment at London Colored School had broken up. Lizzie Bowser and Claud had some trouble and she did not want to go home with him. He insisted and another couple walked on ahead.

Claud very coolly tells a story of how he told Lizzie he was going to kill her. He says she told him to kiss her first. Then he says that, with her head on his shoulder, he took his knife and slashed her throat twice. He even showed others at Halifax jail just where he sliced her neck.

It must have been a very sharp knife for the two slashes, one on each side, practically severed the head from the body. Undertaker J. R. Wrenn, whose place was mobbed yesterday by curious colored sightseers, buried the victim this afternoon.

The couple who went on ahead told a Coroners jury early Wednesday morning that they heard the woman scream and then Bowser rushed by them with a bloody knife and told them he had killed Lizzie. Deputy sheriff G. F. Gray was notified and sent for bloodhounds. Two hours after the murder the hounds ended their hunt at the door of Bowser's house. He gave up without a struggle.

Bowser had formerly worked for the City of Roanoke Rapids on the street crew and had also done some work for the Sanitary District.

The girl was killed only a few hundred yards from the main highway, on a path which leads from the highway to a point back of Shearin's station. Either knife thrust would have produced death instantly.

Bowser, who appears no different since the horrible crime, and who talks freely with any who will talk with him, is in jail without bond pending a hearing at Halifax Tuesday.

Sentiment among the colored people seems to be almost unanimously against him, according to reports of those who have heard

### ONE KILLED

R. Jack Lassiter of Kelford was instantly killed at 11 o'clock Tuesday night when his car collided with a fish truck at Boones Mill, just this side of Jackson.

Horace Vick, 24, of Roxobel, was injured and brought to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. He left there but was returned last night to the hospital when his condition became worse.