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# SEEK HOUSE-BREAKER

## BACK IS BROKEN IN WRECK

### Negro Preachers Escape Injury As Woman Is Hurt

A colored woman suffered severe spinal injuries when a car in which she was riding turned over three times Wednesday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, on Hiway No. 301, near the intersection of Hiway 125, 3 1/2 miles South of Halifax. The driver and two other occupants of the car escaped uninjured, in spite of the fact that one other man, riding in the back seat with the woman, was thrown through the top of the automobile, a large sedan.

Etta Jefferson, wife of Thomas Jefferson, farmer land-owner, of near Jarrett, Virginia, is the injured woman. She was brought by ambulance to Roanoke Rapids Hospital, where after an examination showed she suffered severe spinal injuries, apparently being paralyzed from the edge of the shoulder blade down, it was decided to take her to Richmond. She was admitted to St. Phillips Hospital, the colored branch of Memorial Hospital there, where her injuries are considered critical.

The accident occurred on a straight stretch of road, and is said to have been caused by a blowout. E. J. Perkins, colored minister of Asheville, was the driver of the car. With Perkins was O. T. Jones, Bishop of the Church of God and Christ, of Philadelphia, and Mack Neil Askew, of Stamford, Connecticut. The four were enroute to Richmond, after attending a State Convention of the Church in Rocky Mount. They were driving a large sedan of an early model, bearing Ohio license plates. Perkins explained he purchased the car while "up North."

The injured woman had been to Rocky Mount with her husband the previous day to sell a load of tobacco. Upon learning that a convention of her church was in session there, she stayed over to attend while her husband returned to Jarrett, Virginia, where he is employed part-time in an industrial plant.

She was riding in the back seat of the car when it overturned, and was thrown full-force, head and shoulders against the top of the car. Her body was thrown through the roof and clear of the wreckage, as was a second occupant of the back seat, though he escaped uninjured. The colored woman was rather large of stature, which probably accounts for the seriousness of her injuries.

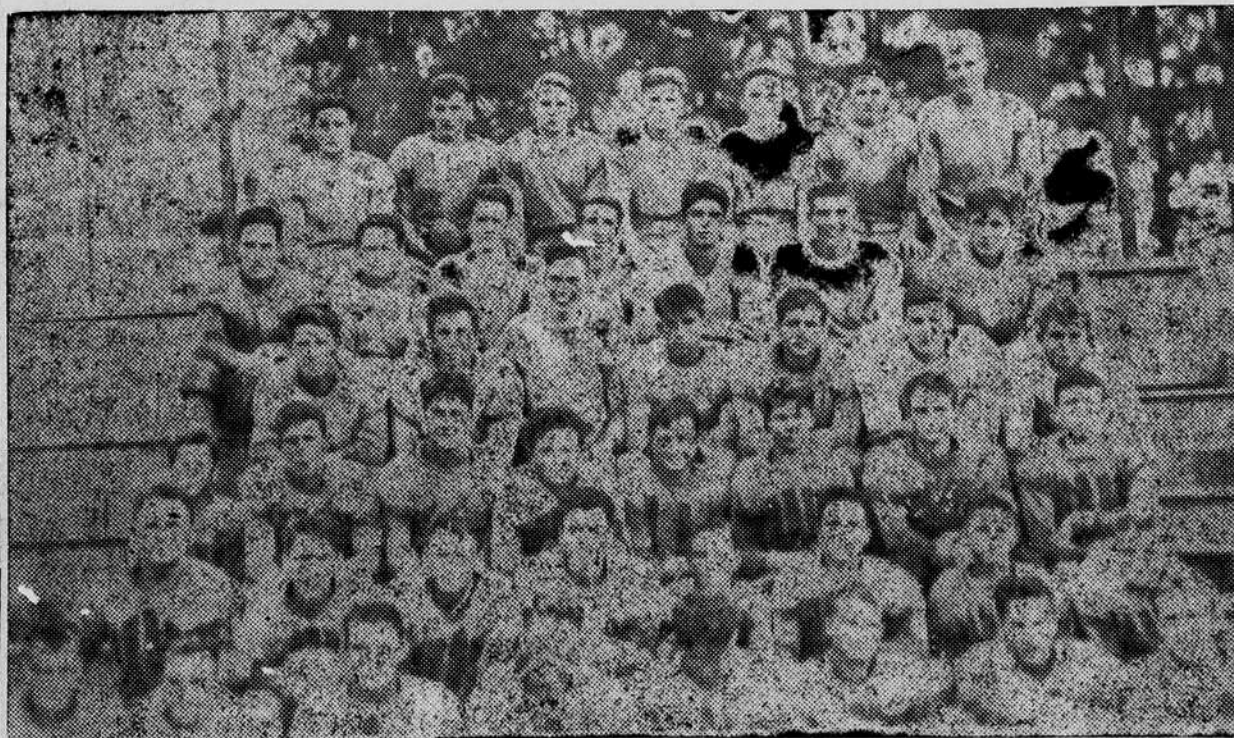
Although witnesses say the large sedan turned over three-times, it landed on the side, and after repairing the tire, the visiting church men were able to resume their trip to Richmond.

## Scene Of 13th And 14th County Deaths



**HIGHWAY DEATHS** No. 13 and No. 14 for Halifax County since the first of the year took place at the scene above when Mrs. Sarah Cullom and Mrs. Alice Dickens, well known county women, were killed last Friday week. In the foreground is the pick-up truck in which the two women were riding. In the rear is the truck and trailer which their car hit after the log trailer had swung across the road in front of them. (See Highway Story inside, Page 5, Section A). (Herald NewsKut by Crumpler).

## Jackets Ready For 2nd Game Friday



**FOOTBALL SQUAD** of the Roanoke Rapids High School team which plays its second game of the season here at Simmons Field this Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock against Washington High. The Jackets won their opening game here last Friday defeat ing Williamston.

Story on page 1, Sec. B. Herald NewsKut by Crumpler.

## STUDENTS WANT BAND UNIFORMS

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## MAN IN BEDROOM AT 2 AM

### Bloodhounds Fail In Attempt To Trail Miscreant On Jefferson St.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Thorne awakened at 2 o'clock this morning to find a man standing in the bedroom of their residence at 419 Jefferson Street. When Mrs. Thorne screamed and Mr. Thorne raised up in bed, the man fled from the room and escaped thru a kitchen window.

City police were immediately notified and arrived on the scene a few minutes after the house-breaker had disappeared. Bloodhounds brought from Halifax picked up the trail outside the kitchen window but could not trail for any distance. They did pick up what was probably a back-trail which led to the front porch of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maxie B. Welch, a few doors up the street at 429 Jefferson St.

The housebreaker had made his entrance into the Thorne residence thru a kitchen window in the back of the house. The screen had been removed and while the window was down, it was not locked, making it an easy matter for the man to open the window and climb into the house. There were no hooks on the window's screen, said police.

Mr. Thorne's watch and bill-fold were on a table in the bedroom but nothing was discovered missing. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thorne got a glimpse of the man but the room was so dark they could not tell whether he was white or colored. Both told police he was of small build.

Mr. Thorne is an office employee of Roanoke Mills No. 2 and Mrs. Thorne, the former Lillian Bell Jenkins, is Secretary of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association.

Police are at loss to know the motive of the house-breaker as nothing was disturbed, altho they believe Mrs. Thorne may have discovered his presence before he had an opportunity to steal anything. They report there are several prowlers in the city and warn all citizens to see that doors, windows and screens are properly locked or latched.

They are very anxious to catch one of these law-breakers to set an example. The penalty in North Carolina for breaking into a house where persons are asleep is death. It is thought the same man tried to enter the front door of the Welch house a few minutes before his entry into the Thorne home. Mrs. Welch told officers that the baby crying awakened her about ten minutes before two and she turned on a light. After the bloodhounds followed a trail to the front porch of the Welch house an examination showed the front screen door had been tampered with.