

**JOHN SMITH**

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E. Akers, W. E. Allsbrook, C. O. Byrd, J. W. Harrell, W. C. King, Kennie Wright, Hal Ross, Jr.

Mr. Smith was born on September 20, 1887 in Nash County, coming to Roanoke Rapids with his parents, Fenner and Olivia Smith, when he was twelve years old. He started in business, estimated today to run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, in a filling station located on the present site of Taylor's Drug Store. Since that time he has grown in the business field with rapid strides, owning valuable property throughout the city. Among his holdings are the Smith Hotel building, the Smith building, the building in which the Grizzard Service Station is located, the old Skating Rink at the Junction, and residential property on Hamilton and Jackson Streets. He is also reported to have holdings in other businesses in the city.

Mr. Smith of late years has been interested in the politics of the city, having served as Commissioner in 1935-36, ran for Mayor in 1937, and was a member of the Board of Commissioners at the time of his death, having been elected in May of this year.

**BUS ROUTE**

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past several years, maintaining three round trips daily to Richmond and Rocky Mount, comprising the city's only interstate or intra-state bus line.

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting officially at Halifax on Monday of this week, adopted a resolution approving the granting of the franchise, citing, among other things, that: the new bus permit, if granted, would "furnish to Louisburg, Warrenton and Roanoke Rapids direct, through service from Raleigh over a nearer and shorter route and would furnish bus service to communities that do not now have any such service.

**S. Rosemary Citizen Dies**

John Frank Kittrell, 62, died suddenly at his home in South Rosemary last Saturday. The remains were taken to Henderson for funeral services Monday. He was buried in the family burying ground near Henderson.

Mr. Kittrell, who came here from Vance County about ten years ago, is survived by his wife and several children.

**School Girl Dies In Hospital Tues.**

Dorothy Ann Simmons, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy D. Simmons of 726 Jefferson Street, died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital Tuesday after an illness of four weeks. Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, Rev. F. W. Haynie officiating. Interment was in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her parents; one sister, Iris Jean; and two brothers, Horace and Percy, Jr. Pallbearers were Dr. Johnnie Martin, Dr. E. E. Stephenson, V. I. Powell, and E. B. Bowman. Flower girls were nine of Dorothy Ann's classmates from Miss LeGrande Elliott's room at Central School.

**City Buys 2 New 1 1/2-Ton Trucks**

Two new 1 1/2 ton trucks have been recently purchased by the City. A Ford truck was bought last Friday and a Chevrolet on the following Saturday. These new trucks will be numbered 9 and 10, making a total of seven trucks owned by the city, the numbers running from 4 through 10.

The two oldest trucks will be turned over temporarily to the WPA for use in the cross streets paving project.

**Wreck Sends 4 Women To RR Hospital**

Four women, two from New York State and two from New Jersey, were brought to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital by ambulance today as a result of a wreck near the highway intersection at Pleasant Hill. Miss Eleanor Wilbur, of Montgomery, N. Y., was found to be the most seriously injured, suffering from a shoulder and possible neck injury.

The other occupants of the car, Mrs. Jane Nolan of Plainsfield, N. J., Miss Grace Clapsaddle, of Plainsfield, N. J., and Miss Anna Wilson, of Worcester, N. Y., received only slight bruises. Miss Clapsaddle was driving the car, which turned over after a tire blew out.

The women were on their way to Florida.

**Out-of-Town Patients At Hospital**

In the Roanoke Rapids Hospital this week the out-of-town patients include Mrs. Buckston Midyette of Jackson, Matthew Mitchell of Emporia, Miss Bernice Morris of Emporia, A. J. Pope of Weldon, Mrs. Gilmer Ricks of Conway, Mrs. Macon Salmon of Littleton, Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw of Emporia.

**Miss Marie Benn Of Vulture Buried**

Miss Marie Ann Benn of Vulture died at the home of her brother, Cyrus Benn, last Friday after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held at the grave Saturday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Sawyer of Garysburg officiating.

The deceased is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sallie Parker of Woodland, two brothers, Cyrus, of Vulture, and Jim, of Weldon.

Miss Benn was a member of the Oak Grove Church and an outstanding leader in church and civic affairs of the community.

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**COUNTY BOARD IN REGULAR MEET MONDAY**

The County Board of Commissioners met Monday, November 6, with all members present. The regular routine of county business passed before the Board, a number of bills being checked and verified.

A group of women appeared before the Commissioner in behalf of the proposed Federal project on Quankie Creek. The Board sanctioned this work and promised any aid that they might give.

Dr. Sykes, County Health Officer, made his monthly report, giving the number of clinics held and reporting various other activities. Mrs. Wheeler, County Home Demonstration Agent, gave a report of her activities during the month.

A delegation appeared before the meeting to ask for aid for underprivileged children in the county. They were referred to the Welfare agent, J. B. Holmes, who later gave a resume of the welfare work during October.

The Board adopted a resolution to push the work on the Enfield-Tillery road. It is hoped that this road will be hard-surfaced in the near future.

A resolution was adopted asking the N. C. Utilities to grant Carolina Coach Company the right to establish a bus line from Raleigh, through Louisburg to Roanoke Rapids.

**Accepts Position Virginia Hospital**

Mrs. James Simms, formerly Miss Drake, resigned at Roanoke Rapids Hospital after having been employed there since 1933. She has accepted a position at Mary Washington Hospital at Fredericksburg, Va. After November 15th, she will take up her new duties there.

**Calvary Church**

Sunday School Sunday morning at 10:00. Please come, please be on time, and bring someone with you.

**Lee Griffin Hurt In Va. Wreck Sat.**

Lee Griffin, Roanoke Rapids High School Senior and son of L. S. Griffin of South Rosemary, is critically ill in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital today as a result of an automobile accident in Virginia late last Saturday night. The injured boy suffered a head injury and later contracted meningitis.

E. R. Capps and Harry Steines, both Roanoke Rapids boys, were with Griffin when the accident occurred. Neither was injured seriously.

It is reported that the car in which the Roanoke Rapids boys were riding met another on a Virginia road head on, the lights blinding the drivers of both cars.

**BIRTHS**

The following births were announced by the Roanoke Rapids Hospital this week: to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ray, a girl, November 3; to Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Cooper, a girl, November 4; to Mr. and Mrs. Macon Salmon, a girl, November 5; to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Litchfield, a girl, November 6; to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ogletree, a boy, November 5.

**School to Observe Armistice Day**

Armistice Day will be observed by the Roanoke Rapids High School Friday at 11 o'clock. Julian Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids lawyer and former State Senator, will address the student body. Special music will be rendered by the music department.

**Firemen's Carnival**

Tickets are on sale now for the Firemen's Carnival which will be held at the Halifax Club House Friday night, November 17.

**Birth Announcement**

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bellamy, of Enfield, announce the birth of a daughter, Priscilla Ann, on Tuesday, October the 24th. The little girl has an attractive brother, Owen Holt Bellamy.

**Hoerlein - Meyer**

Mrs. Joseph Meyer, of Baltimore, formerly of Enfield, announces the marriage of her daughter, Birdye Gladys, to Mr. Henry G. Hoerlein, Jr., on Friday, October 20th, 1939, At home 16 West 24th St., Baltimore, Md.

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