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Rich Square Murder

COLORED MAN IS SLAYER

Beaten about the head, his nose broken, and a gaping shotgun wound in his neck, H. W. Elliott, 48, barber and farmer of Rich Square, was found dead in the yard of his colored tenant, Dolly Lee Hudson, this morning about 8:00 o'clock by a party of men who had been alarmed by Mr. Elliott's wife when he failed to come home last night. Hudson, Mr. Elliott's automobile, his pocketbook, and valuables were all missing. Late today Hudson had not been located, but the Elliott car was found in Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Elliott left Rich Square Wednesday night about 7 o'clock with Hudson and another man in the car with him. The third party, who got out of the car a short distance from Rich Square, told investigating officers today that Elliott and Hudson were having some sort of argument about some money or a check when they left him at his home between town and the home of Hudson. Mrs. Elliott became alarmed when Mr. Elliott failed to come home late in the night. A searching party was formed and the slain man was discovered in the yard of the tenant, about two miles from the Elliott home.

Officers immediately sent out word over eastern Carolina and Virginia for the arrest of the colored man. The Elliott car was located in Petersburg today, but Hudson is still at large. The murder is thought to have occurred
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FIRST TRADES-DAY CROWD



View of part of crowd between First and Second on Roanoke Avenue last Saturday afternoon at the weekly Saturday afternoon program of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, now staging a seven-weeks Fall-Christmas trade extension campaign. The program this Saturday afternoon will be in the South business section. (Grant photo)

FISHER GOES TO LUMBERTON; LANE COMES TO CITY

Other Assignments In Vicinity Listed

Reverend Edgar B. Fisher, for the past four years pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church, will move his family to Lumberton next Tuesday, taking up the work in his new church, the Chestnut Street Methodist Church of Lumberton, the following Sunday. Mr.

Fisher goes to Lumberton as a result of the changes made in the Methodist Church at the recent annual conference, held this year at Fayetteville, N. C.

Mr. Fisher came to Roanoke Rapids in 1935 from Mount Gilead. Among the accomplishments of the church under him was the dedication of the church building free of debt in 1937. When Mr. Fisher came here there was an indebtedness against the church for \$8,000.
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SAFETY MEET MONDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Safety Council will be held at the Municipal Building at 7:30 Monday night to hear a report of the committee appointed recently to draw up constitution and by-laws and a plan of organization.

All those present at past meetings are urged to be present to hear this report and accept or reject same. Chairman F. M. Sherry also has other matters of importance which must be decided on Monday night in regard to a special program in December.

The local Safety Council will be affiliated with the State Highway Council, of which Ronald Hocutt is director.

LISKE IS CHOSEN TUESDAY

Several Important Items Taken Up By City Board

C. D. Liske, assistant secretary at Patterson Mills Co., was appointed Commissioner of the city of Roanoke Rapids at a regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Commissioners Tuesday of this week. Mr. Liske was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late Commissioner John C. Smith. The newly elected Commissioner will take up his duties immediately, to serve until next election.

Mr. Liske came to Roanoke Rapids in 1927 from Raleigh and has been connected with the Patterson Mill since that time. He has



CLYDE D. LISKE

been an outstanding leader in the civic work of the city during his twelve years of residence here, at the present time serving as secretary and treasurer of the local Red Cross Chapter, director of the Roanoke Rapids Building and Loan, a steward of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church, secretary of the Kiwanis Club, Chief Saginaw of the Scout Masters' Club, Troop Committeeman of Troop 148, assistant master of Troop 146, and a committeeman of the Cub Pack.

Several other important items came before the Board at the Tuesday meeting.

A resolution of respect and sympathy was introduced and passed in connection with the death of the late Commissioner John C. Smith. The resolution appears below.

A letter from Dr. M. C. Maddrey (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

Red Cross Roll Call Workers Prepare For Drive



Scene of meeting of Red Cross Roll Call workers of the Roanoke Rapids Chapter at the First Baptist Church as drive gets under way this week to end this Saturday night. Chapter chairman Gordon L. Price is giving instructions to the volunteer workers. Frank C. Williams is Roll Call chairman. First reports are very encouraging. Details of meeting inside. (NewsKuts by Brigman)