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2 LOCAL PEOPLE DIE

3 HURT IN CITY TONIGHT

Three cars were involved in a wreck tonight about 9:45 on the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon road about 100 yards east of the Junction. R. O. Carpenter, tax collector, Tom Taylor, and Junious Williams, colored of Seaboard, received cuts and lacerations about the head and face. None were thought to be seriously injured on examination at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where they were brought immediately after the accident.

David Hawkins, colored, driver of one of the machines, and two unidentified people were apparently uninjured. Hawkins is said to live in Roanoke Rapids.

The Hawkins car, which was headed west, is said to have side-swiped the car containing the unidentified people and then swerved into the car driven by Mr. Carpenter. The first car was turned upside down, while the Carpenter car and the Hawkins car met in a head-on collision, the latter two cars being almost completely demolished. Taylor was in the Carpenter car.

At press time tonight no arrests had been made.

DISTRICT CENSUS WORKERS CHOSEN

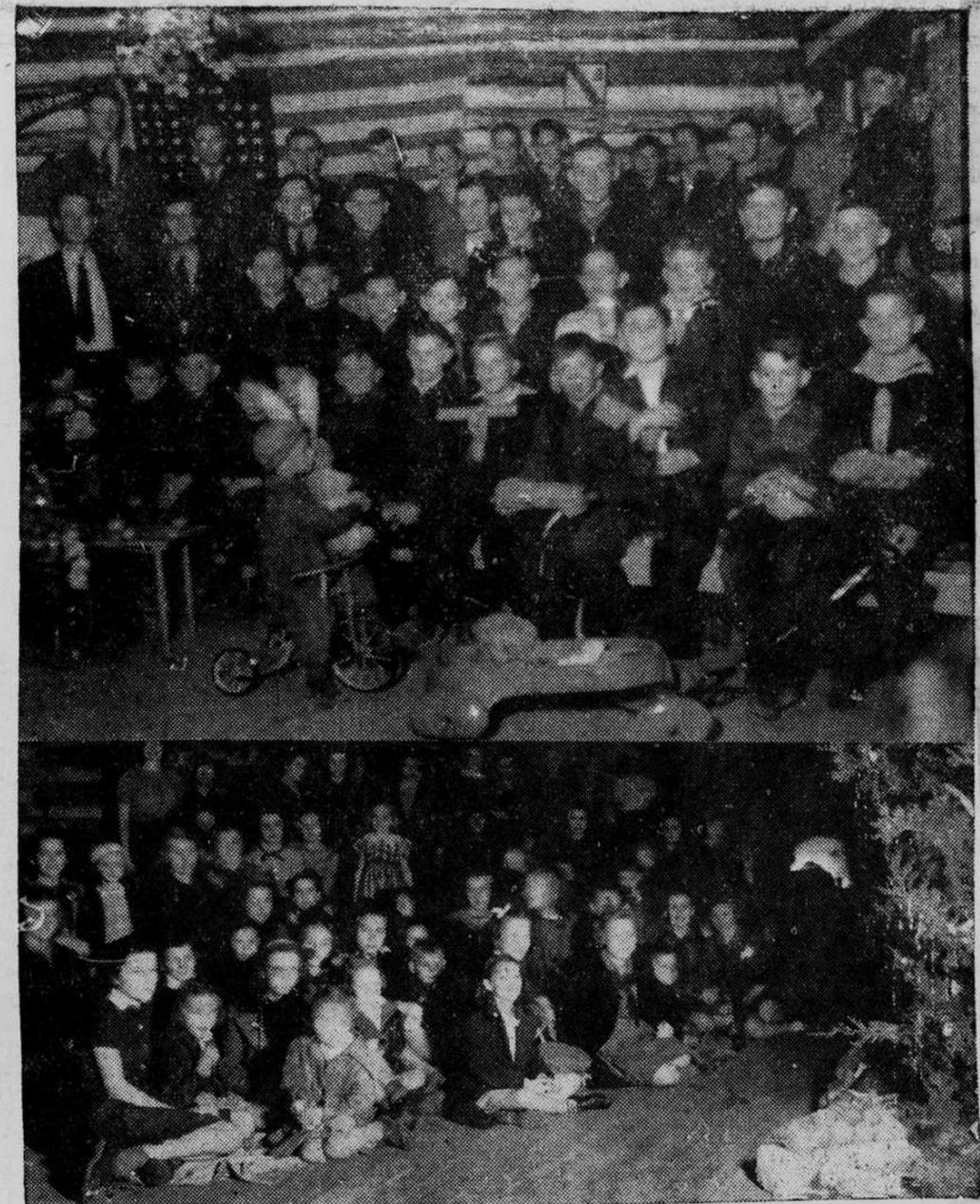
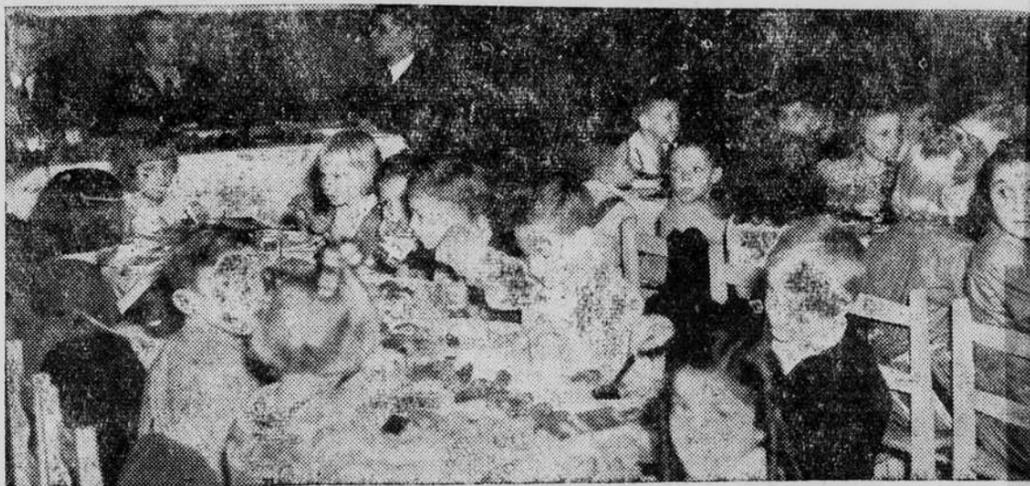
Examinations for the 1940 census enumerators for the second congressional district of North Carolina began today in the Roanoke Rapids Municipal building under the supervision of the district supervisor, A. M. Atkinson of Enfield, assisted by Charles C. Lamm of Wilson. The examinations will end Friday.

The nation wide census taking will begin January 2 for all businesses, manufacturers, quarries and mines. The population, agricultural, and housing census will be started in April, 1940.

The examinations given here are for men who will act as enumerators for the northern part of the district which includes Halifax, Northampton, Warren, Bertie, and Edgecombe counties. The men, who are taking the examinations, were recommended and appointed to take the tests. A stiff examination, dealing with census taking problems, must be passed before the men qualify for the enumerators, however.

Examinations were given to men for the southern part of the district in Wilson earlier this week. Mr. Atkinson said today that all of (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

XMAS PARTIES FOR KIDS



TOP picture shows some of the 60 underprivileged children as they feasted at the Lions supper last Thursday night. This supper is an annual affair for the Lions, staged by the boys and girls work committee. SECOND from top is a scene taken from the Boys Scout Troop 146 party at Patterson last Friday night. Each patrol had at the party two underprivileged children who were given toys that the scouts had repaired. Awards were given to the best scouts of the year at that time also. BOTTOM picture shows the girls scouts as they played hosts to 75 underprivileged boys and girls throughout the city on Friday night, December 22. The girls had a party in the afternoon and the evening. Both were held in the new Hut.

HEAD ON SMASHUP KILLS 3

J. C. Wells, 39, prominent grocery store operator of Roanoke Rapids for the past several years, died Tuesday morning in a Petersburg hospital as a result of an automobile accident about 6 miles south of Petersburg on U. S. highway 301 Sunday afternoon at 3:50 o'clock, the accident also costing the lives of a negro woman from Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Rosa Ross of Roanoke Rapids. The negro woman was killed outright while Mrs. Ross lived until Tuesday of this week.

The wreck occurred at an intersection near the Confederate Cemetery when a car, driven by a colored man, James Furgerson of Brooklyn, N. Y., pulled across the three lane road, apparently aiming to turn in at a service station. The negro car hit the Wells car head on in the right lane. Mr. Wells, whose car was headed north, is said to have been taking Mrs. Ross to meet an afternoon train in Petersburg.

The injured people were taken to a Petersburg hospital by the J. T. Morris and Son ambulance.

Virginia officials who investigated the accident issued a warrant for Furgerson, charging him with manslaughter after the two people died. Last reports are that the negro has not been located. It is reported that the police instructed the hospital, where another negro man, Edward Ethridge who was also injured in the wreck, was admitted for treatment, to inform them as to his release. This was not done, it is said, and the men escaped before the warrant could be served. Police in Petersburg and Richmond have warrants for Furgerson's arrest.

Mr. Wells' death, according to a statement by the coroner of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, was due to a dislocation of the cervical of the vertebra and a compound fracture of the lower jaw.

The deceased is survived by his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Clary; two sons, J. C., Jr., and Eddie Lee; a daughter, Louise; and his mother, Mrs. E. E. Wells of Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. Wells came to Roanoke Rapids in 1918 and has been connected with the mercantile business ever since he came to the city. He has been a member of the Lions Club for the past few years. He was married in 1919 to Miss Elizabeth Clary of Brunswick County, Virginia.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the Rosemary Methodist Church, with the Reverend C. T. Rogers officiating. Interment followed in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery. Funeral services for Mrs. Ross were held Wednesday afternoon.

Active pallbearers were Julian Allsbrook, William White, R. A. Musgrove, J. W. Crew, Jr., O. Griffin and George N. Taylor.

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