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18 HIGHWAY DEATHS

COUNTY SHOWS 25 PERCENT DROP IN 1939 FATALITIES

A total of 18 highway fatalities for Halifax County during the year 1939 was reported this week by Patrolman H. W. Rothrock, four of deaths coming from wrecks in the vicinity of Roanoke Rapids.

Total fatalities for the county show a 25 percent decrease from those of 1938, according to figures given by Patrolman Rothrock. He said there were last year accidents from which 24 deaths resulted in the county, saying at the same time that fatal accidents rose 67 percent in 1938 over 1937.

The area around Scotland Neck in the eastern part of the county led in deaths with six. Roanoke Rapids came next with four, Littleton had three, Halifax three and Enfield had two. Ten of the fatalities were white people; eight were colored.

The four deaths in the vicinity of Roanoke Rapids were Otwa Lakey who was killed while riding on the running board of a car driven by Robert Clay, the accident occurring on Roanoke Avenue as the car and a truck sideswiped near the old canal; Joe Suiter who was killed as his automobile turned over near Deep Creek; the Twisdale child who was hit by the Clarence Ricks car in the West Rosemary section; and Ella Lynch, colored woman who burned to death after an accident at the Junction.

Those dying in accidents near Littleton were Surry Keeter and Frances Warren, young boy and girl who were riding the running board of a car as they returned from a Sunday School picnic, the car sideswiping a truck; and Thomas Perry, colored man who was killed on highway 158 a few miles east of Littleton as his car turned over.

Three were killed on highway 301 during the year. Those were Bud Allen, Mrs. Clara Jane Scott of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Eva Brand of Freehold, New Jersey.

Four Negroes, a woman, two men, and a boy, a white woman and an aged white man were all fatally injured in accidents in the Scotland Neck vicinity.

Two Negro men were killed on the highways in the vicinity of Enfield during the year.

Williams Child Is Buried Monday; Diphtheria Victim

Funeral services for Jennie Marie Williams, 5, daughter of Horace Williams who lives on the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon road, were held at the Rowe Funeral Home in Weldon Monday afternoon at 2:30. The Reverend C. T. Thrift of Halifax officiated. Burial followed in the Dickens burying ground between Roanoke Rapids and Weldon.

The child, who suffered from diphtheria, was admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital on December 28 and died December 31.

C. J. Simmons spent Saturday in Emporia, Va., on business.

The deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Williams, and a younger sister.

A. F. Ford Is Buried Sat. In Richmond

Alex (Mike) F. Ford, 31, died Thursday, December 28, in Grace Hospital, Richmond, Va. Funeral services were held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the Joseph W. Bliley Funeral Home in Richmond with the Reverends Emmet Robertson and Edgar G. Hill officiating. Burial was in the Riverview Cemetery.

Mr. Ford, who has recently made his home in Roanoke Rapids and was connected with the Halifax Paper Company, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Estelle Johnson Ford; a son, Alton F. Ford; a daughter, Nancy Mae Ford; four brothers, Ashley Ford of Roanoke Rapids, Maurey, Harden, and Clyde Ford, all of Richmond; two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Burns and Mrs. W. L. Nance of Richmond.

Attending the funeral from Roanoke Rapids were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Langston, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Massingale, Mrs. Henry Fitts, Miss Eva Gibson, Miss Evelyn Phelps, and H. J. Deitz.

Credit Associat'n To Hold Meeting At Jackson Jan. 23

Stockholders of the Weldon Production Credit Association will hold their annual meeting in Jackson at the court house on Tuesday morning, January 23rd, at 10 o'clock, according to an announcement by W. E. Smith, president of the association.

At this meeting, complete and detailed reports will be made by the officers of the association on its operations for the past year, directors will be elected and other important business transacted.

In announcing the date of the annual meeting, Mr. Smith said that it was hoped to make the attendance of stockholders at this year's meeting the largest in the history of the association. He said that the annual meetings of the association afford the stockholders an opportunity to learn every detail of the operations of their organization.

The Weldon Production Credit Association, which makes short-term loans to finance all types of farm and livestock operations, serves Northampton and Halifax counties and in 1939 made loans totaling \$385,000.00 to its 717 members.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rook and daughter, Margaret Anne, of Suffolk, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Ida Rook.

Mrs. Everett To Speak To Gaston Parents, Teachers

Mrs. Ruth Vick Everette, Field Representative of the N.C.E.A., will address the parents and teachers of Gaston School at their next meeting, which will be held on Friday, January 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Everette, widely known throughout this section of the state, is a speaker of unusual ability. Those who are privileged to hear Mrs. Vick at the coming meeting will hear one of the most interest-

ing and instructive addresses of the school year, according to reports.

Prizes will be awarded to the elementary and high school grades that have the largest number of representatives present according to reports.

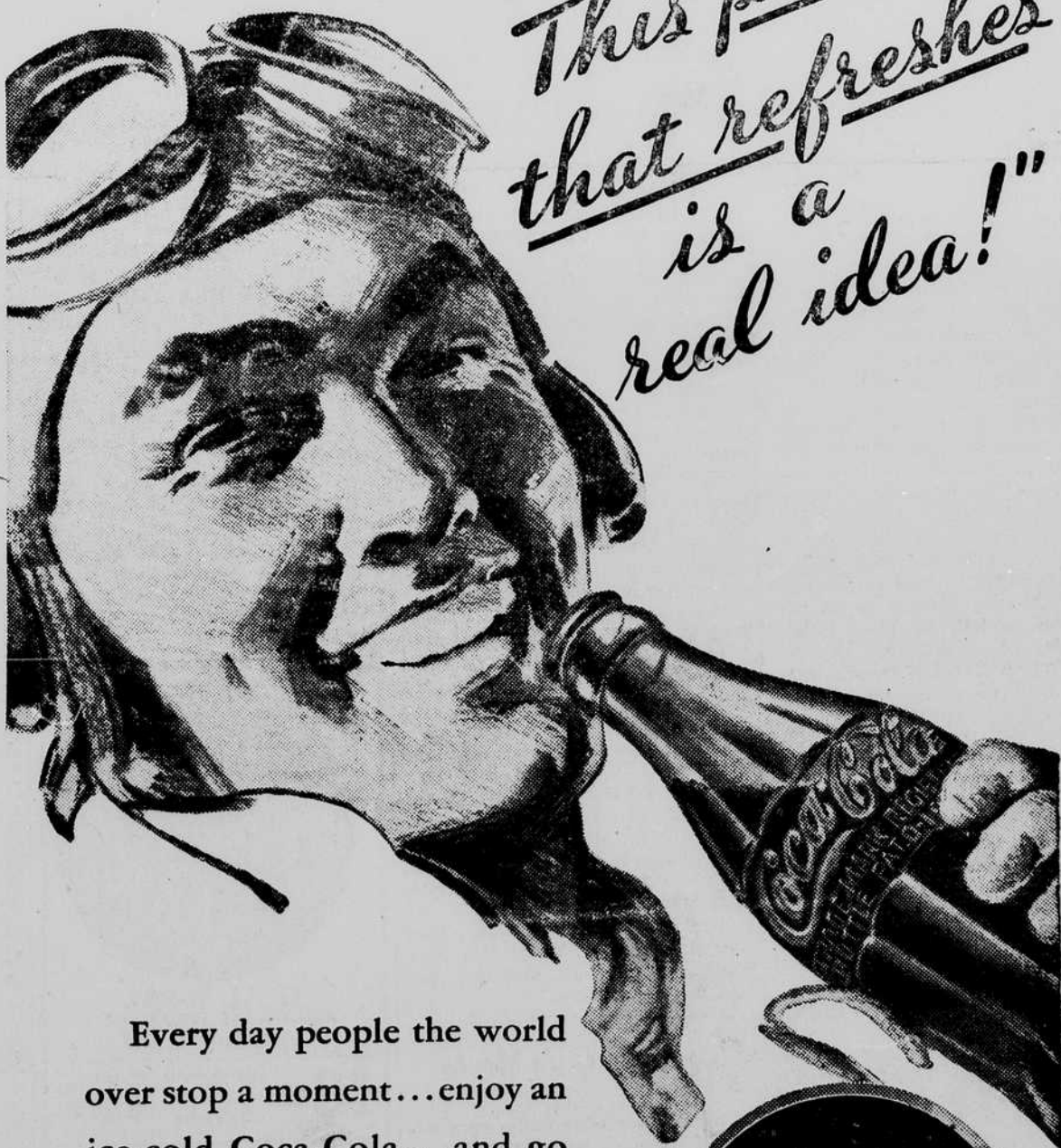
Prizes will be awarded to the elementary and high school grades that have the largest number of representatives present according to the present enrollment.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Yelverton, of Wilmington, announce the birth of a son, Harold Jr., on Sunday, December 24th. Mrs. Yelverton is the former Miss Marjorie Whitaker, of Enfield.

Enfield Party

The Junior Contract Club was entertained by Mrs. Henry Cuthrell Friday evening. Mrs. Collins Cuthrell won the high score prize, and Mrs. R. W. Baugham the second high. Mrs. James Harris captured the traveling honor prize.

At ten-thirty Mrs. Cuthrell served a delicious salad course to the following guests: Mrs. D. B. Banes, Mrs. Otto Meyer, Mrs. Collins Cuthrell, Mrs. Harold Burrows, Mrs. James Harris, Miss Mabel Powell, Mrs. H. C. Futrell, Mrs. Jack Whitehead, Mrs. Max Meyer, Mrs. Robert Ivy, Mrs. Bennie Bobbitt, and Mrs. R. W. Baugham.



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