

# THREE KILLED ON CROSSING NEAR SUMMIT SUNDAY

## Total Deaths In County Four For The Year 1941

Three Negroes were killed in a car-train collision near Summit Sunday afternoon. They were McKinley Harris, Jasper Harrison, and Jesse Jones.

The collision occurred when the old model car in which the men were riding was struck by the locomotive of a southbound Seaboard passenger train, which was due at Summit about 12:30 p.m. The car was picked up by the engine and carried down the track several hundred feet, mangleing the bodies of some of the men horribly, investigating officials say.

Little light has been shed on the cause for the accident, as the tracks are visible both ways there for several hundred yards. A theory has been advanced by some that the men were racing the train to the crossing where they were hit.

The three deaths at Summit Sunday brought the total fatalities in the county in 1941 to four, a white man having been killed in an automobile accident near Weldon Saturday night. The four deaths, occurring during the first five days of the new year, total almost 50 per cent of the county's total for the entire year of 1940, nine deaths having been recorded in the county last year.

The accident Sunday was the second in this area within the past 30 days involving a passenger car and a train. The other accident happened near the city on Bowling road, when a car driven by Mrs. D. C. Barrow hit the side of a fast freight. There were no serious injuries in that accident.

# ARRESTED FOR AUTO STEALING

James Thomas Gray was arrested on the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon road last Friday evening about 6:30 on a charge of stealing an automobile from a parking lot in Durham earlier in the day. Young Gray was picked up by Patrolman H. W. Rothrock and Policeman W. M. Irwin after the officers had received word that the man in the stolen automobile had headed in this direction.

Gray is said to have admitted stealing two other cars, both from this city earlier last week. One was taken from the Young Motor Company and one from near the No. 1 plant of Roanoke Mills Company. Both were recovered, the first one in a ditch by the highway near Littleton and the latter one in the vicinity of Garysburg.

Another machine was stolen from the Young Motor Company Tuesday night, but was found abandoned near the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery today. No clues as to the identity of the thief have been released.

## SPONSORS

Miss Doris Hedgepeth of Westhampton College with Milton Moore of this city, Miss Ann Campbell Taylor of W.C.U.N.C. with Edgar Gibson of State College, and Miss Gwendolyn Coblurn of this city with W. J. Boseman of Carolina were the sponsors and their escorts to represent Roanoke Rapids at the Inaugural Ball in Raleigh this (Thursday) evening.

## GRADUATES



Information was received here this week that John Everette Wood, (above), son of Mrs. Lela S. Wood of 42 Madison Street, graduated from an air corp school at Lowry Field at Denver, Colorado, on Dec. 20 and is now stationed at Langley Field, Va., in the Quartermasters Corps. He finished at Lowry Field in the clerical department. He was a visitor of his mother during the past week.

## Northington Is Manager Of A&P

Rudolph Northington, city youth, has been named manager of A&P's north ward store to succeed A. L. Gilliam, who is confined to Roanoke Rapids Hospital on account of serious illness.

Young Northington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Northington, pioneer city residents, and is a native of Roanoke Rapids. He worked with A&P several years here prior to his recent promotion and transfer to the management of the Belhaven store. He was transferred to the local store upon the illness of Gilliam.

Gilliam, veteran manager of A&P's north-ward store, suffered a breakdown on December 28th, and remains a patient at Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Soon after his entry his 8-year-old son was operated on there for appendicitis. Both Gilliams are reported to be getting along nicely tonight.

## Buried Jan. 8

Charlie T. Vann, 82, of near Conway was buried at the Ashley Grove Church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Vann, a native of the lower end of Northampton County, died Tuesday at his home.

## NOTICE RESULT OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

At a special bond election held January 7, 1941, 5,141 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

636 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing not exceeding \$12,500 bonds of the City of Roanoke Rapids for paying all or a part of the cost of constructing a jail in or adjoining the Municipal Building, and a tax for said bonds, and 113 votes were cast against said ordinance, and said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

This statement is given by order of the Board of Commissioners, this 8th day of January, 1941.

- W. B. ALLSBROOK, Mayor
  - J. B. GURLEY,
  - W. P. TAYLOR,
  - R. I. STARKE,
  - M. D. COLLIER,
  - V. E. McDOWELL,
  - F. C. WILLIAMS,
- Commissioners.

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## WILL CALL TEN NEGRO SELECTEES

Ten Negro selectees will be called from Halifax County for training at Fort Bragg before the end of January, according to an announcement from State Selective Service headquarters this week.

The local board will be called upon to send three men on January 27 while the board located at Enfield will send seven on January 28. A total of 366 will be called in the state.

In all, the ten Negro selectees will complete a total of 36 men to be called from Halifax County. Of that total 23 will be white, while only 13 will be colored.

No explanation has been given for the present ratio between the white and colored selectees called from this county. It is believed that fewer Negroes are being taken at the present because of the fact that the reception center has no facilities for taking care of the colored at this time.

## SIX VOLUNTEERS BOARD BUS FOR BRAGG YESTERDAY

They Were Jones, Thomas, Joyner, Powell, Cooper and Wood

Six volunteers for Selective Service boarded a special bus here Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg where they were to be inducted into military training for at least a year. They made up the entire quota for the second call from Halifax County Draft Board No. 1.

They were: S. L. Jones, Cary Richard Thomas, Johnnie Wilson Cooper, Solomon Powell, W. T. Cooper, and Sanford Wood.

Solomon Powell was designated by the local draft board as the leader of the contingent of men until it arrived at Fort Bragg. He was given the directions and the authority to buy tickets and one meal for the entire group. They

\*expected to reach the fort by about 3 p.m.

The bus that was to pick up the local volunteers was practically filled with boys already. They were from Gates, Hertford and Northampton counties. About half of the bus load was made up of volunteers, some of the boys in the bus estimated.

Other busses were expected to be added for the trip before reaching Fort Bragg, it was reported. Approximately 6,000 young men from all over the state were expected to answer this call.

## WOMEN TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Christian Service at the Rosemary Methodist Church Monday night, Jan. 13, at 7:30. All members are urged to attend.

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