

# LOWER SANITARY DISTRICT RATES EFFECTIVE SOON

## Tax Rate Cut To 15 Cents; Water Cheaper, Too

The Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District tax rate, water rates for the 1941-42 fiscal year have been cut, it was announced today.

M. C. Newsom, secretary-treasurer of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District, stated that the new rates will become effective July 1. The district tax rate has been cut from twenty cents to fifteen cents, and a corresponding slash in the water rates has been made in accordance with the amount used.

The lower rates will mean a savings of hundreds of dollars to citizens in the sanitary district during the year in question.

Secretary Newsom stated that while the minimum charge for water remains \$1 per month for the first 3,000 gallons or less, lower rates will go into effect on July 1 for amounts up to 43,000 gallons.

\$1 will be charged for the first 3,000 gallons or less; the next 5,000 gallons will be charged for at the rate of 30 cents per 1000 gallons, which amounts to 10 cents reduction in the rate; next 15,000 gallons will be 25 cents per 1000 gallons, a five cent cut in the rate; next 20,000 gallons will be charged for at 20 cents per 1000 gallons, or five cents less than citizens are now paying for the same amount. All water used over 43,000 gallons will be charged for at the rate of 15 cents per 1000 gallons, the same rate now in effect.

M. H. Hedgepeth is chairman of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District, R. E. Cleaton is the third member of the district committee, and Kelly Jenkins is attorney.

## Second Tragedy In Three Days

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in the neighborhood.

The bicycle, which belonged to Ray Kinnin, was taken without his knowledge or permission, he said, from the side of the Jones' residence where he is a frequent visitor. He said the boys had used it before.

Chief of Police Dobbins testified that he and Policeman W. M. Erwin investigated the accident and that the bodies had been moved off the highway when they arrived on the scene. He said the right front fender and bumper of Haynie's car was damaged when it struck the bicycle, but the bike was not torn up as bad as he expected it to be.

Watkins, another witness, said he was passing the spot and was "flagged down" by someone on the highway who told him there had been an accident. He said he went to a phone and called an ambulance.

The driver of the car stated he removed the bodies from the highway after the accident, and examined them to see how badly they were injured. He was traveling toward Weldon, and it is presumed that the bicyclists were going in that direction when they started to turn around on the highway and head back toward home.

Members of the coroner's jury were: E. B. Moseley, Tom White, V. C. Morgan, W. H. Proctor, Allie Wood, and E. B. Bowman.

### Double Funeral

Double funeral services for the two boys will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the Rosemary Baptist Church. The Rev. Paul H. Fields, pastor of the Rosemary Methodist Church, will officiate. The victims of the tragedy will be buried in the same grave in Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

The Jones family moved here about ten years ago from Elam, and surviving the boys are: the parents, and three sisters, Louise, Frances, and Shirley Ann Jones, all of Roanoke Rapids.

## Dallas Rook Killed As Truck Upsets

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stopped at C. E. Medlin's store on Jefferson Street here and Dallas Rook took the wheel. A few minutes later the truck overturned, killing the driver.

Both Conwell and Walter Rook told officers that the dead man was driving the car, but first arrivals at the scene of the accident said doors of the truck had to be opened to let them out while Dallas Rook was lying several yards away where he had evidently been thrown when the vehicle overturned.

Due to the nature of the evidence local police decided to hold both men, and charges were preferred against Walter Rook as the alleged driver of the car. However, he was cleared of the allegations at the coroner's inquest, and the charges as to reckless driving, causing the death of Dallas Rook and fleeing the scene of the accident dropped. Following the inquest, Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins charged him with drunken driving on evidence brought out at the inquest, and he was being held in the local jail yesterday in default of \$100 bond to await trial on the charge.

Charges against Conwell were public drunkenness, and he was absolved of any other connection with the fatality.

Witnesses testifying at the inquest were Johnnie Summerall, E. L. Byrd, C. E. Medlin, G. A. Weeks, J. W. Walker, Policeman W. M. Erwin and Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins.

The accident was investigated by Policemen Erwin and J. A. Brigman, and Highway Patrolman H. W. Rothrock. Chief Dobbins led the investigation after the wreck to determine the driver of the car. The three men were employed in one of the local textile mills.

Funeral services for Rook, who had been married only about a month, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of his parents at Garysburg, route 1. The Rev. Mr. Wagner of near Lawrenceville, Va., pastor of the Ebenezer Methodist Church, officiated. Interment was in the family cemetery, near the home.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Agnes Jones Rook; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rook; seven sisters, and two brothers, all of Garysburg, route 1.

## Brown Is Taken By Law Here

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the man hunt was joined by I. D. Hinton, supervisor of the Caledonia Prison Farm; Guards Charlie Branch, C. Harlow and G. C. Horton of Caledonia; and Guard Roy Langley of the Halifax Prison Camp.

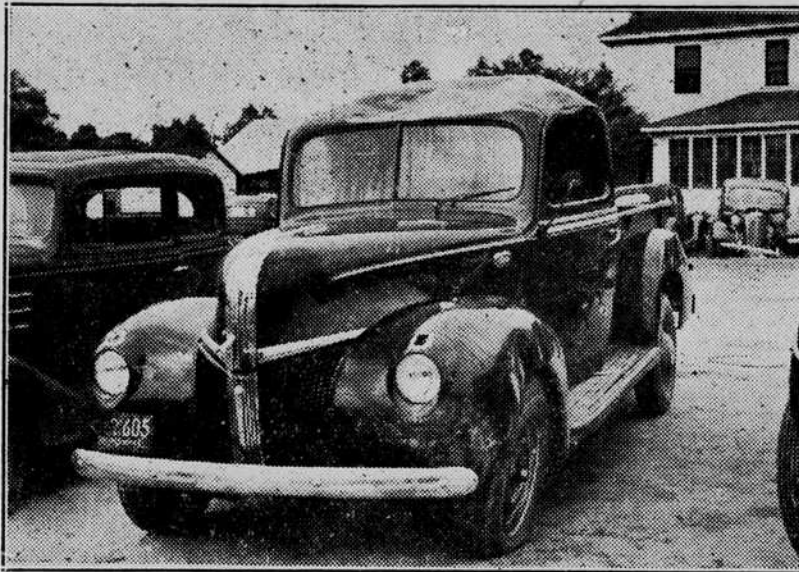
## TIME TO RENEW PERMITS FOR CHAUFFEURS

S. F. Burgin, State Driver's License Examiner stationed in this territory, has announced that he is now accepting applications for renewal of 1940-41 chauffeur's licenses.

Chauffeur's licenses, which are renewable annually, expire June 30. Such licenses are required of all persons employed for the principal purpose of driving passenger-carrying motor vehicles, and of every person who drives a motor vehicle as a public or common carrier of the property of others.

The minimum age for chauffeurs driving property-carrying vehicles is 18 years, and that for drivers of passenger-carrying vehicles is 21 years.

## One Killed In This Wreck



The pickup truck which Dallas Rook was driving Monday night before it overturned here causing his death suffered very little damage as can be seen from the above photo taken after the accident. Rook was thrown from the truck and killed, but two companions escaped injury.

## GIRL SCOUTS OFF TO CAMP ON JUNE 14

Girl Scouts of Troop 2 will leave here Saturday, June 14th, for a week's camp at Balance Rock, near Henderson. For several years, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of the city have made several trips to this camping spot and have found it an attractive place to camp.

Counselors for the troop camp this year will be Mrs. W. A. Thorne, Mrs. L. G. Shell, Mrs. Zeb Denny, Miss Irene Gordon, Mrs. Mort White, nurse, and Miss Frances Newsom, Camp Director. Flo Ellen Denny will be the camp "mascot".

Miss Louise Brown, who is leader of Troop 3 will attend the camp in preparation for the camp period of her troop, which will take place the following week, June 21st to 28th.

Members of Troop 2 will meet at the Girl Scout Hut with their baggage at 1:15 p.m., on June 14. The baggage truck will leave about 1:30 o'clock and the girls and

counselors will follow at 2 o'clock.

For several weeks the girls have been planning menus, buying provisions, working on the camp program, etc. During the period badges will be worked on, such as First Aid, Photography, Games, Outdoor cooking, and Swimming.

Visitors will be welcomed to the camp on Wednesday afternoon, June 18. Those who will attend camp from Troop 2 are: Ann McNeil, Katherine Wood, Elizabeth Fahey, Helen Hasty, Virginia Lee Thorne, Elizabeth Beckwith, Gladys Lee, Margaret Martin, Lois Churchill, Ruth Lee, Margaret Taylor, Jane West, Jean Knight, Helen Knight, Sylvia Higgins, Violet Jeffers, Rae Martin, Maryanne Broun, Dorothy Braswell, Ruby Lee Williams, Sara Elizabeth Pope, Jane Burgess. American Red Cross Life Guards will be on duty at all swimming periods.

## BABY DIES

Alice Clair Vick, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Vick of Pendleton, died in the Roanoke Rapids hospital last Saturday morning about 9 o'clock.

Details of the funeral were not available here.

## OUT-OF-TOWN PATIENTS AT HOSPITAL

Among the patients in the hospital here today were: Baby Velma Ferrell of Weldon, Mrs. Minnie Jones of Winton, M. C. Martin of Conway, Miss Jean Parker of Weldon, Mrs. M. A. Saunders of Emporia, Va., and Mrs. R. P. Thorne of Littleton.

## Hospital Babies

Babies born at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital since last Thursday include the following: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wise of Williamston, a son, June 6; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Love, 759 Charlotte Street, Roanoke Rapids, a son, June 8; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Saunders, Emporia, Va., a son, June 9; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Martin, Conway, a son, June 9; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Collins, Roanoke Rapids, a son, June 9; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Thorne, Littleton, a girl, June 12; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnes, Roanoke Rapids, a son, June 10; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ogburn, Roanoke Rapids, a boy, June 11.

## Woodmen Unveil Monuments Here At 3 On Sunday

The Woodmen of the World will unveil monuments here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Cedarwood Cemetery to Emmet W. Wright and Mrs. Mattie Williams.

Burchwood Camp 55 will have charge of the ceremonies, and the Rosemary Ladies' Circle will assist in the unveiling. Consul Commander W. A. Merritt and Secretary O. L. Smith of the W. O. W., and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Bryley are slated for parts on the program.

All Woodmen and Circle members are requested to attend the exercises in honor of Mr. Wright and Mrs. Williams, and the public is cordially invited.

Misses Violet Dean Corbitt and Jean Tillery are attending a house party for the G. A.'s at Meredith College in Raleigh this week.

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