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TRAIN WRECK OCCURS

Seaboard Air Line Freight Crashes Into Another

The wreckage of two Seaboard Air Line freight trains which collided just a few yards below Summit Tuesday morning about 11:30 a. m. had been cleared today, and traffic was moving over the road as usual. However, fog hindered the wrecking crew Tuesday night, and it was not until yesterday that the tracks were about normal.

The crash occurred when a texton or "highball" freight, plunged into the rear of a local freight going onto the siding at Summit to the other pass.

Members of the two trains miraculously escaped with their lives when they jumped, and only the man on the engine which was killed along with five freight cars was hurt. One of the cars caught fire and burned.

Robert N. Bass, Jr., of Raleigh, fireman, was brought to the hospital with a compound fracture and dislocation of the left arm, a dislocated right shoulder, bruises about the face and

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HONORED



Mrs. Mary Barnhill of Enfield was honored on her 80th birthday recently by being made a life member of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service of the Methodist Churches of Halifax County. She was presented the certificate and a beautiful pin by Mrs. Sam Peirson, Jr., in behalf of the Enfield group at a Zone Meeting held recently in Halifax.

EX-GOB IS HELD IN JAIL

James Dodd Is Arrested In Parker Case

James Dodd, 20-year-old ex-sailor, is being held today in the city jail in connection with the death of Thaddeus D. Parker of 338 Charlotte Street, whose lifeless body was found in the vicinity of the old canal, near Roanoke River, last Saturday afternoon.

Dodd was arrested yesterday by Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins on a charge of perjury before the coroner's jury at an inquest in Parker's death.

Parker, a well-known local man, had been dead about a couple of hours from a .22 calibre rifle bullet in his chest when officers arrived on the scene.

Although Dodd is being held on a charge of perjury because of discrepancies, found by Chief Dobbins after further investigation into the mystery surrounding Parker's death, in his story before the coroner's jury there is a strong indication that he might have fired the rifle causing the man's death.

The ex-sailor, who received an "undesirable" discharge from the Navy, first stated that he came upon the body between the river and the old canal just beyond the city dump while searching for a fishing hole along the river.

Chief Dobbins stated today, however, (Continued on Page 6, Sec. A)

Caught Today

Colon Todd, 32, was brought back from Norfolk, Va., today under arrest on charges of breaking into the Ever Ready Cleaners here a month ago and stealing a quantity of clothes, theft of an automobile from Butler Brown of Roanoke Rapids, and attempting to break into Johnny Mincher's place here on the night he committed the other acts.

Todd was arrested in Norfolk by Officer A. J. Brigman, who was accompanied on the trip by T. B. Glover, one of the proprietors of the cleaning plant.

Brigman stated that Todd has admitted everything but the charge of attempting to enter Mincher's place.

The prisoner led officers a merry chase since the night of the thefts here. He was almost apprehended in Bladen County, but escaped arrest.

During the time Todd has been sought, he told the local officer, he has been in South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and all over North Carolina.

PROPRIETOR



JOHN A. CARRAS, proprietor of the new Rosemary Cafe here, realized an ambition to give Roanoke Rapids one of the finest eating places in this section when the formal opening of the cafe was held here last Friday night.

AUTO TAGS

1942 North Carolina license plates for motor vehicles, and also city tags, are being rapidly sold at the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club in the Municipal Building here.

Those handling the sale of the plates are Mrs. Ruby Wood Mincher and Mrs. Dorothy Shearin, manager and assistant manager, respectively, of the office.

Mrs. Mincher stated today that all persons who do not have a 1941 "pocket card", a 1942 application card, or a title for their automobile in their own name should call at the office and make arrangements to get their license before January 1.

HALIFAX BOARD IS CHARGED

Health Officer Objects To Action

County Health Officer Robert F. Young yesterday called upon citizens of the town of Halifax to petition the city board of commissioners there to reconsider its action in granting a license for the operation of a livery stable in the heart of the Halifax County seat.

In a letter addressed to all citizens of the Town of Halifax, he stated, "I am including this open letter to you a letter which I wrote to the town board, regarding the livery stable which is located on our main street within one-half block of the only meat market in town and within one block of all our food stores and within one block of our public school."

Dr. Young said today that at a meeting of the board before the one this week at which it granted a license for operation of the livery stable he appeared before the Halifax city commissioners and talked the matter over with them. At that time, he said, all seemed to be agreed that it would not be conducive to the health of citizens there to allow the "nuisance".

He charged in his letter that "the majority of the board after being individually 'high pressured' voted to allow the livery stable to operate and thus let the citizens of Halifax get by the best way they can. In other words, these three

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At Cafe Opening

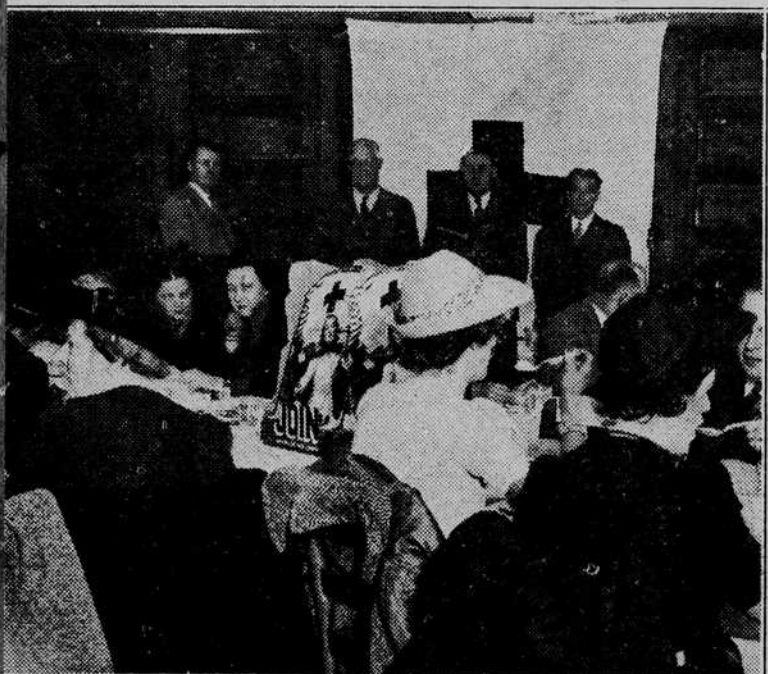


A few persons in the huge crowd which jammed the new Rosemary Cafe for its formal opening here last Friday night at 8 o'clock are shown in the picture above.

Around 1,500 people flocked to the cafe during the evening for the grand opening of the city's newest cafe, and to congratulate John A. Carras, the proprietor, on the realization of an ambition he has long had to have the best restaurant in this section to take care of his many friends and customers.

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Red Cross Meeting Here



Roll Call of the local chapter American Red Cross closed here last night, and officials of the organization here are shown above at a quiet meeting to make plans for the drive and hear reports of the chapter's activities during 1941.

The drive was very successful, and shown above (standing) left to right, E. H. Graves, who spoke at the meeting; L. S. Neal, Roll Call Chairman of the Chapter; the Rev. Gordon Price, General Secretary of the Red Cross here; and Clyde Liske, retiring secretary-treasurer.

Roll Call Chairman Neal stated today approximately \$2,781.87 was raised during the drive. The goal was \$2,000, and a complete check of funds has not been completed.