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TRUCKER KILLED TODAY

DEATH STRIKES TWICE

Death struck two times within 10 minutes in the same home this, Thursday, afternoon and took two of the city's oldest residents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collins, who made their home at 221 Madison street.

Mrs. Collins, who was 78 years of age, died at 12:45, and she was followed 10 minutes later by her husband, who was 80. The two had been ill in the same room and had been attended by a physician only a short time prior to their death.

Miss Marjorie Collins, a granddaughter who made her home with the aged couple, was with Mrs. Collins when she died. The granddaughter stepped from the room and was told a few minutes later that her grandfather had also died.

Mrs. Collins had been in ill health for more than two years, but more seriously ill for the past month. Mr. Collins had been in ill health since Christmas with complications of old age. The latter was said to have been unconscious at the time of his wife's death.

One of the oldest residents of the city, Collins was an employee of the Roanoke Mills Company for 40 years prior to retiring from active service about 10 years ago. The couple had been married for 45 years, all of which time had been spent in Roanoke Rapids.

Double funeral services will be held from the First Methodist church here on Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, with Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of the church, in charge of the last rites. Burial will be in adjacent graves in the Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

Immediate survivors of the couple include a son of Mr. Collins by a former marriage, Eugene Collins of this city, and the granddaughter, Miss Marjorie Collins.

One brother, Kenny Collins of near Littleton, and a sister, Mrs. Harriett Hudson of Belmont, survive Mr. Collins. A sister, Mrs. Dallas Collins, of the home, and a brother, Willis Jenkins, of near Weldon, are among immediate survivors of Mrs. Collins.

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WPA FEEDS YOUNG AMERICA



With the closing down of all WPA construction projects in Halifax county, with the lone exception of the Weldon school gymnasium, State WPA officials are already making plans for carrying on in the school lunch rooms at nine schools in the county. The WPA believes that the school lunch program is one of the most vital projects in keeping with the war effort, and further states that these will be the last WPA projects to be closed down. C. C. McGinnis, State W.P.A. Administrator, in speaking of the school lunch rooms, stated that "it took a war to make most people realize that the future strength of a nation depends greatly upon the present children receiving proper nutrition. The picture above was taken by a WPA photographer in the Roanoke Rapids school lunchroom.

LOCAL YOUTH IN AUSTRALIA

Arthur Wood Inscoc, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Inscoc of this city, is among the very first Roanoke Rapids soldiers to arrive in Australia with the fighting forces of the United States Army.

Young Inscoc, who was inducted into the service eighteen months ago as a member of Company B, 105th Medical Regiment, local National Guard unit, left Fort Jackson about 2 months ago with his destination unknown.

Early this week his parents received a cable from him stating that he had arrived in Australia at an unnamed port and that he was "well and happy".

It is understood that a number of other Roanoke Rapids youths are now in Australia.



NEGRO SITS ON HALIFAX COURT JURY

So far as can be determined, Halifax county had its first Negro to sit in the jury box of Halifax County Superior Court since 1898, this week when Jimmy Lane, Enfield Negro, was called to the box Monday for duty at the one-week term of mixed court.

The jury on which the Enfield Negro was called to sit did not see action during the entire three-day session, however, no jury being necessary in the fourteen criminal actions tried during the session.

About three years ago a Negro was called for jury duty in a special venire of fifty men, but the jury was selected before the Negro's name was called.

Jurors are drawn from what is known as the "poll box" by the Board of County Commissioners and are summoned by Sheriff's officers on orders of the Commissioners.

CONTROL CENTER NEEDS HELP

More girls and ladies are needed to carry on the work at the control center, according to an announcement made this week by W. L. Medlin, who is in charge of personnel at the station.

Medlin stated they particularly needed ladies for night and early morning shifts at this time and we would welcome any applicants. They may apply by calling him or Lyle Wilson at R-319.

BURNS TO DEATH IN WRECK

Charles C. Norris, 21-year-old Stoney Creek, Va., truck driver, died in the Roanoke Rapids hospital here this (Thursday) afternoon of burns suffered when the truck he was driving crashed into a telephone pole and caught fire near Garysburg about 12 o'clock Thursday.

The youth suffered burns of a calibre which hospital physicians said were "the worst they had ever seen on a man who lived for any period of time after being burned". Conscious when brought to the hospital, the youth lived for approximately three hours.

Highway Patrolman Earnest Guthrie, who with Northampton county sheriff J. C. Stephenson, investigated the crash, said that Norris told eyewitnesses that he went to sleep at the wheel of the truck and that he knew nothing until he crashed into the telephone pole.

Guthrie said that the gas tank of the truck apparently exploded when the truck crashed, setting the vehicle on fire. He said that Norris was pinned in the truck and that workers in a nearby field ran to the scene and extricated the man from his cab. When taken from the cab his clothes were afire and he had already been fatally burned. On being taken from the cab, the youth talked to his rescuers, and told them who the truck belonged to, and for whom he worked.

Guthrie said that the truck was badly demolished aside from being burned beyond repair.

The truck was travelling in the direction of Garysburg from Emporia when the crash occurred. The accident occurred about a mile north of Garysburg.

It was understood that the truck belonged to Schofield Bros., a logging firm with headquarters in Jefferson, Ohio. The young man had been working in lower Northampton county for sometime and was widely acquainted in that section. A native of Orwell, Ohio, the youth was said to have been driving at a high rate of speed when the crash occurred.

Will Begin Bond Pledge Drive May 4

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