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ASK FOR SUNDAY CLOSING CITY YOUTHS DROWNED

FUNERAL FOR LAST VICTIM HELD FRIDAY

Alfred Harp Drowned Yesterday At Slagles Lake

Two Roanoke Rapids youths have been drowned within the week. Troy Lee Dixon, 16 the first victim, was drowned in Roanoke River Sunday afternoon, and Alfred Lee Harp, 18, lost his life in a boat accident at Slagles Lake, near Emporia, Va., yesterday afternoon.

Young Harp had gone to Emporia for some work clothing he had left at the Johns-Manville plant, where he was employed up to a short time ago. While there he met with Miss Dorothy Vick, Emporia girl, and Mrs. Olin Smith, who was visiting her, and the three decided to go for a boat ride at nearby Slagles Lake.

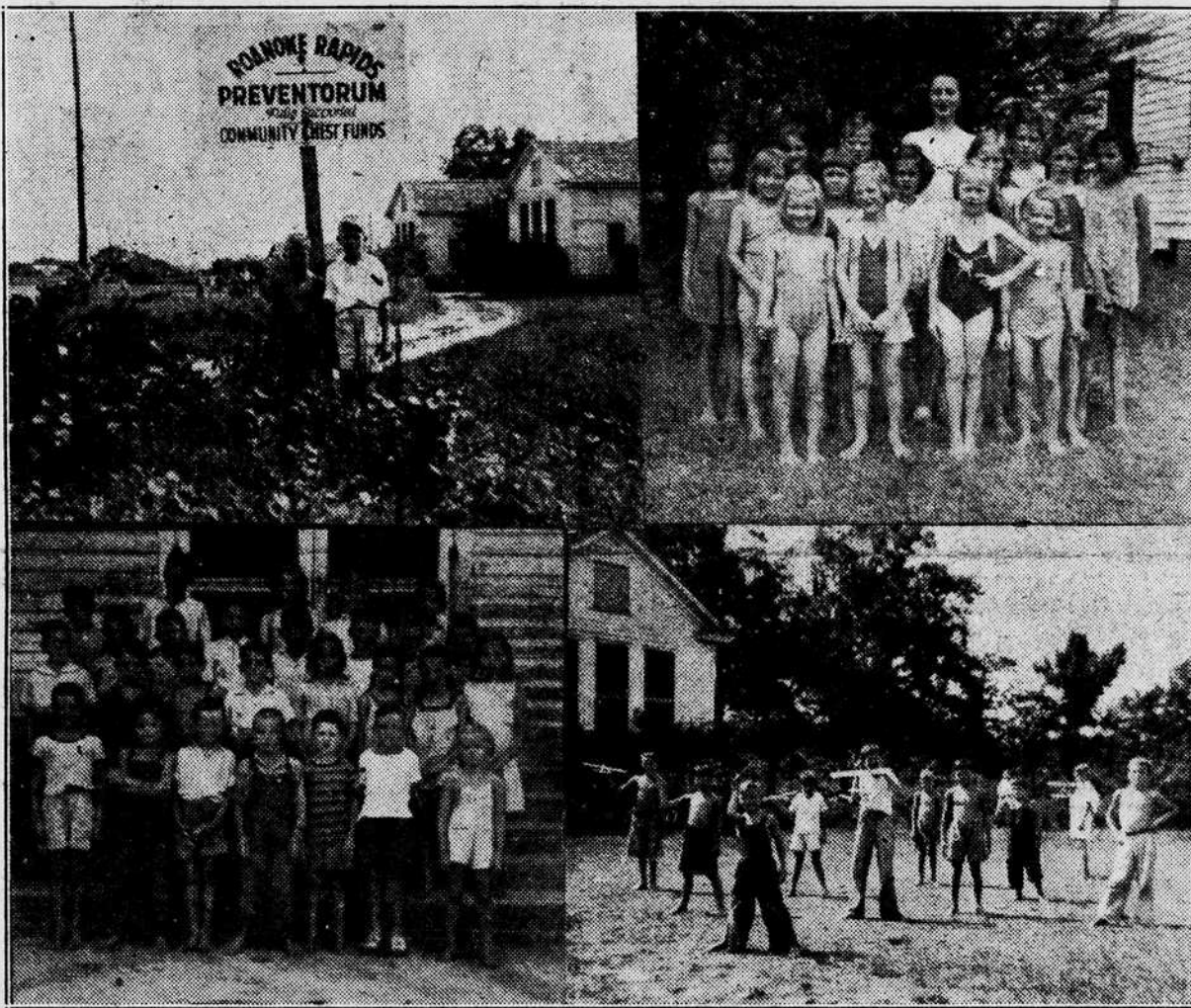
It seems that one end of the boat leaked, and young Harp was preparing to change ends when he slipped and fell from the boat into the water. He could not swim. Mrs. Smith jumped overboard in an attempt to save him, but it is said that he fought her to the extent that her efforts were to no avail. The accident occurred about 4:30 yesterday afternoon. The Emporia Fire Department was called to recover the body, which they did, bringing it to the surface about 8 o'clock last night.

Funeral services for young Harp, who would have been eighteen years old today, will be conducted from the Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Rev. Gordon L. Price officiating. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Harp, 53A Madison Street, long residents of the city, and leaves a younger brother and sister, Mason and Margie Harp, who live at home with their parents.

Troy Lee Dixon, who would have been 16 years old on the 15th of this month, was drowned in the Roanoke River Sunday afternoon and the body was not recovered until early Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, 124 Madison Street with interment in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Troy Lee, his brother, David Roy, 12 and two cousins, Billy Dixon, 17 and Buddy Dixon, 12, were swimming in the river near the old bulkhead, two miles up the river from Roanoke Rapids between three and four o'clock Sunday afternoon. The water was about 15 feet deep and the current swift at the point where the boy was drowned. He was a fairly good swimmer and his father thinks he must have developed a cramp in a leg which he had recently injured. He called out for

SCENES FROM THE PREVENTORIUM



ABOVE SCENES are from the Roanoke Rapids Preventorium, located at the old South Rosemary School building, which will close its second four-week period Saturday, having served 26 boys and girls for the second session, and some 30 children during the four-weeks previous. The project derives practically all of its support from the Community Chest. Miss Gladys Etheridge is superintendent, assisted by Miss Ruth Strickland. Dr. J. W. Martin is chairman of the committee.

TOP LEFT photo shows the front of the building, with two youngsters standing beside the sign erected there. The upper right-hand photograph shows a group of the girls with their junior counsellor, Carolyn Hudson, after one of numerous trips to the Rosemary Swimming Pool; lower left shows a group of the boys and girls attending the summer camp, and the lower right-hand picture shows the boys and girls at play with their toy airplanes.

"BLUE LAWS" WANTED BY MINISTERS

Beer-Wine Places To Close; Ask Closing Shows, Clubs, etc.

The Ministerial Association Tuesday requested that the City Board of Commissioners of Roanoke Rapids close all theatres, recreation halls, ball games, and places of business selling ale, beer and wine and all places selling merchandise which could be purchased on week days by a Sunday "blue-law" ordinance.

A delegation of local ministers appeared before the Board with Rev. Gordon L. Price as spokesman who read a letter signed by ten ministers in which it stated they were disturbed "to witness the lawlessness, vulgarity used so commonly, the drunkenness, the gambling, the destroying of property, the murdering of individuals, and the congregation in public places that produces a personal contact to vice."

After the delegation left, the City Board discussed the matter at length and first step taken was the passage of a city ordinance making it unlawful to sell wine, beer or ale in the corporate limits from 11:30 P. M. Saturday to 7 A. M. Monday. The new law takes effect August 14th and a \$50. fine is the penalty for each offense, with the possibility of selling license being revoked.

No action was taken as to Sunday closing of picture shows, recreation halls, ball games and places of business selling merchandise which could be purchased on week days. However, the Board will meet again Monday night to discuss the budget and it is thought these matters will also come up for further discussion and possible action.

The full text of the letter from the Ministerial Association follows: To the Mayor and Commissioners Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Gentlemen:

It is our desire and purpose to bring to your attention some of the conditions that exist in our City that we believe are very detrimental to the spiritual and general uplift of our community.

First it has become very disturbing to us to witness the lawlessness, vulgarity used so commonly, the drunkenness, the gambling, the destroying of property, the murdering of individuals, and the congregation in public places that produces a personal contact to vice.

Moreover, in view of the conditions stated above, we suggest that some definite action be taken by you to correct these alarming problems that are so destructive to our community.

Therefore Be It Resolved that we, the Ministerial Association of Roanoke Rapids, offer the following resolutions:

(1) We are ever to keep in mind

LIONS STAGE FESTIVAL AT BALL PARK

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club will present their seventh annual Mid-Summer Festival for six days and nights starting Monday of next week. Location for this year's show is Simmon's Ball Park, instead of the Avenue grounds where the festival has been staged previous years because victory gardens are planted there.

The Festival committee, headed by Dot Bennett, who is also president of the club, has been working overtime all week ironing out last-minute details for this year's show, which despite wartime conditions, bids fair to be the best yet staged by the local Lions. The W. C. Kaus shows have been engaged for the midway, and it is reported they have several good new rides, including a twin ferris wheel.

CITY SCHOOLS TO START ON SEPTEMBER 6

Date Of Registration For First Graders Announced Later

Announcement is made this week by C. W. Davis, city superintendent of schools, that city white schools will start their 1943-44 session on Monday, September 6th. The colored schools will start their year's session on Monday, August 30th.

Registration dates for first grade children and high school pupils are not available at this time, but will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Davis urged that parents of pupils make preparations for getting materials and supplies at the beginning of the school year, in order that school work will not be delayed in starting.

LOCATION OF CHURCH QUESTIONED

Two delegations of citizens appeared before the City Board of Commissioners Tuesday in regard to the re-location of a Church of God. One delegation was from Burton Street where the church has been located and the other was from Rapids Street where the church members wish to relocate the church building.

Property owners and residents of Rapids Street who appeared before the Board were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Baggett, Nellie Lynch, L. B. Edmonds, B. W. Portace, Alvin Robinson, Lewis Carroll. Mr. Grissom was spokesman and said the noise made by the church members and by the visitors and the late hours for ending these services would be

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