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GIRL IS MISSING FROM CITY

Johnson Not Guilty

**CINDY CHANCE
LEFT HOME
4-WEEKS AGO**

CITY YOUTH EXONERATED AUTO DEATH

The manslaughter case Vs. Raymond Johnson occupied most of the time allotted for the trial of criminal cases in the current week's term of Superior Court, which started in Halifax Monday, with Judge R. Hunt Parker presiding. Court was adjourned at noon today, to re-convene Monday for the trial of civil cases.

Raymond Johnson, city railroad brakeman, faced the manslaughter charge in connection with the auto death of Dick Weaver, city textile worker. A car driven by Johnson ran over Weaver as he was crossing the street in front of an uptown theatre here on Saturday night, March 13th. Weaver died three days later in the hospital here as a result of injuries he received.

A coroner's jury had previously absolved Johnson of blame in connection with the death, ruling that: "Weaver came to his death as the result of an unavoidable accident." The inquest was held April 10th, presided over by F. N. Rowe, county coroner.

In the manslaughter case Vs. Johnson this week, the warrant further charged that the defendant operated an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, and in a careless and reckless manner, and that he did run over R. C. Weaver, inflicting serious injuries from which he died.

The trial started late Monday afternoon, and did not reach the jury until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. After staying out approximately six hours, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."

COLORED MEN ARE INDUCTED

Notification has been received from local Draft Board No. 1, Halifax County, of the acceptance at Fort Bragg for military service, of the following colored men: Roger Edwards, Harvey Baker, Zack Coyne, Elmer Seville Gray, Daniel Hicks, George Adams, Harold Lee Taylor, and Calvin Roosevelt Flemming.

WILL PAY 25c FOR NOV. 18th ISSUE HERALD

The HERALD is short of copies of our issue of November 18th, and need a few for our files. We will pay 25c each for the first six copies of the paper in good condition, brought to our office after publication of this notice.

Thanks City For Hospitality To 30th Engineers

To The Citizens of Roanoke Rapids—

In behalf of the Officers and men of the 30th Engr. Bn. who have been stationed at the local Armory for the past few months I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation, courtesy and hospitality.

The Civic Clubs, the V. F. W. the B & P. W. club, merchants and other individuals have made this tour of duty one that will long be remembered.

Our mission here is completed and was a successful one, it is our desire that the State of North Carolina, the various counties and municipalities will have occasion to use the information which will become available from this mission.

Best of luck to all of you,
Lieut. G. CROUCH, C. E.
Platoon Commander.

WILSON NEW REGISTER OF DEEDS IN CO.

Takes Oath Of Office Wednesday At The County Seat

Frank D. Wilson, who established the Roanoke Hardware Co., here some 20-years ago, and has since successfully managed his business here, took the oath of office as the new Register of Deeds for Halifax County, at Halifax on Wednesday, before Judge R. Hunt Parker. Ordinarily the oath would have been administered by the County Commissioners, but they do not meet until Monday of next week, and Wilson's appointment was for December 1st.

Wilson was appointed to the office by the County Commissioners, on Sept. 10th, to fill the unexpired term of Meade H. Mitchell, who resigned shortly previous to that date to engage in the lumber business with his brother. Mitchell held the post for some 13-years.

Mr. Wilson's term will expire the first Monday in December 1944. A native of Halifax County, Va., he came to Roanoke Rapids in 1923. Mrs. Wilson has assumed active management of the hardware store for his term of office.

TO BURY 'MYSTERY GIRL' MONDAY; HOLD INQUEST ON RECEIPT OF REPORT

Body Will Be Buried In Cemetery At Weldon

County Coroner F. N. Rowe told the Herald this afternoon that he had not yet received a full report from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, on the vital organs taken from the body of the unknown white girl who died at Roanoke Rapids Hospital on Wednesday, November 17th.

Upon receipt of this medical report an inquest into her strange death will be held. Rowe stated he was expecting the report with the arrival of every mail, and that surely it would be forthcoming within a few days.

Meanwhile, he is planning to bury the body of the girl in Weldon next Monday afternoon. Tentative plans are to conduct the rites from the Rowe Funeral Home at 3:30 p. m. Rev. E. D. Weathers will officiate, and interment will take place at Cedarwood Cemetery Weldon.

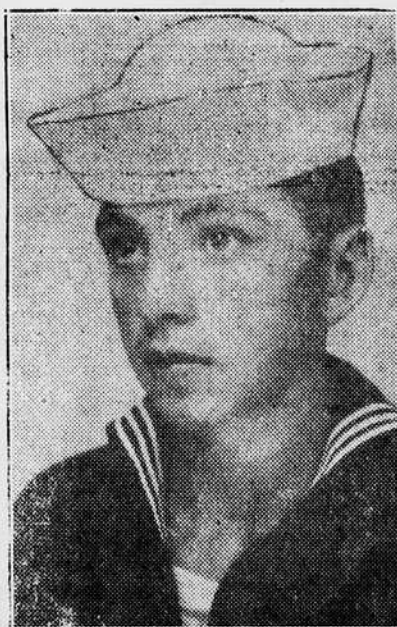
The "mystery girl" will be buried as "Cathlene Dawson," which is the nearest clue to her identity police have. She uttered this name once to police who were trying to find out who she was, and intimated she was from Hoboken, N. J. A check-up by detectives there revealed no person of her name or description missing.

It is possible the secret of her identity, together with the strange circumstances as to her presence in Roanoke Rapids, where she was arrested Sunday afternoon previous to her death on Wednesday for raising a disturbance at the bus station, may be buried with the body of the "mystery girl." Every possible effort has been made to find out who she is—where she came from—where she was going, but all to no avail at press time this afternoon.

Oyster Roast At Dr. Pepper Plant Benefit Orphans

The local Masonic Lodge is sponsoring an oyster roast at the plant of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company here tomorrow, Friday, night from 6:30 to 8:30 o'clock, for the benefit of the Oxford Orphanage. City members of the lodge are handling the sale of tickets, which may be procured for a nominal sum, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

IN HAWAII



Archie Lee Moody, shown above, is a seaman, second class, in the U. S. Navy. Word was recently received by his mother, Mrs. C. C. Moody, of 98 Madison Street, that he was serving in the Hawaiian Islands. He enlisted on May 22nd of this year.

\$37,000 SAVED IN CHRISTMAS CLUBS IN CITY

Money Will Be Ready For Distribution This Week

Members of Christmas Clubs operated by two banks in the city have saved a total of \$37,000.00 and these funds will be distributed to them by the latter part of the week, a survey revealed today.

The checks will be ready for delivery Saturday by the Rosemary branch of the Roanoke Bank & Trust Co., and the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. started distributing checks to their patrons on December 1st.

The Roanoke Bank and Trust Co. reports approximately \$30,000, and the Citizens Bank some \$7,000, in Christmas Club savings. Both banks have operated the plan for several years as a matter of service and convenience to their patrons.

Told Friends Going To Norfolk To Marry Sailor

Roanoke Rapids has had more than its share of "missing girls" to turn up in this vicinity over a period of the past three weeks, and now it appears that a young lady from the city is missing, though friends are at a loss to trace her, nor have they any special reason to believe she has met with foul play.

Cindy Chance, pretty young girl in her early twenties, who had been employed in the meat market department of a local grocery store, left her boarding place in the city three-weeks ago last Sunday, telling friends she was going to Norfolk to marry a sailor. She took only a small week-end bag with her, and was to return to her place of employment the following week.

So far as is known she has not been heard from since. She left the greater part of her clothes and personal effects at a local boarding house, consisting of several bags and cartons. It appears she was not indebted to the landlady. A few days after she left, the landlady stored the clothes and vacated her room for other occupants, holding her belongings for her.

The only forwarding address left by the girl, who also went under the name of Pauline Chance, and told various stories as to where she was originally from, was "General Delivery, Norfolk, Virginia." In an attempt to locate her the first of the week, the Herald wired that address in Norfolk. The Western Union office there in "servicing" the wire reported she did not call for it within the required 72-hours; that she had apparently left the city but did not leave a forwarding address. Further efforts to trace her since she left the city almost four weeks ago have revealed no clues as to her present whereabouts.

Her only living relative whose residence is known to Roanoke Rapids acquaintances, is her father who lives in the state of Washington. It is evident that the father has not heard from her since she left Roanoke Rapids, as he continues to write her here, and only yesterday a package from him was received for her at her city address. The package was returned to the parent. All other mail has been forwarded to the General Delivery address in Norfolk.

Miss Chance came to Roanoke Rapids in September. She had worked for a time in various restaurants in and near Weldon, before coming here. She obtained employment as a meat cutter at a local grocery store, and her services there were reported to be satisfactory by the proprietor.

Although inclined to be "talk-

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