



THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD
 CAROLINA'S FIRST
 TABloid NEWSpaper



VOLUME XXIX

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. THURSDAY, DEC. 30, 1943

NUMBER 22

CREEK HOLDS MISSING MAN

CITY RATION BOARD OFFICE IS RANSACKED

The local war price and rationing board located in the armory, was "ransacked completely" during the Christmas holiday but not a single ration coupon was lost, board officials advised district OPA officials here early this week, following the discovery of the attempted robbery.

Theodore S. Johnson, district director, immediately issued a note of commendation to board officials for "foiling the attempt to take ration coupons" and the alertness of board officials in having all ration stamps, coupons, and books locked safely in a local bank vault when the board was closed.

"We have advised boards many times to keep all coupons, stamps, books under lock and key. The Roanoke Rapids board has netted a good return from good management. Many boards have lost thousands of gasoline coupons due to robberies in Eastern Carolina during the past year—but this is the first time that a deliberate attempt to steal coupons has been an utter failure," Johnson said.

Board officials reported that a window was removed from the office and entrance was made. Files, desks, storage space and the complete office was ransacked.

ENSIGN



Ensign Eugene C. Shell of Roanoke Rapids, who recently completed a Naval Training Course at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., is shown above. He was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve in August. Ensign Shell, son of Postmaster and Mrs. L. G. Shell of Roanoke Rapids, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina ('39), and also did post-graduate work at Duke University. His wife is the former Bertha Viverette of Raleigh and Enfield.

TWO KILLED BUS MISHAP NEAR HERE

Bernard C. Hux, 31-year-old city employee of the Carolina Coach Co., and Clarence Wicker of Durham, driver for the company, were killed when a car driven by James Thomas, local Negro man, crashed into a North-bound bus the two transit company employees were re-fueling about 2:30 Christmas morning.

The accident occurred about 14-miles from Roanoke Rapids, on the Emporia highway. Hux, night attendant at the bus company's garage terminal here had been called to bring gasoline to the bus which had stalled on the highway. It is said that he parked the pick-up truck he was driving a short distance behind the bus, and that he and the driver were re-fueling the bus when the car driven by the Negro man crashed into the rear of the pick-up truck.

The small truck driven by Hux was almost completely demolished by the crash, and the gasoline the two men were pouring into the bus ignited, resulting in their death.

Witnesses to the holiday tragedy, mostly Marines North-bound for the holidays from Jacksonville, declare that the driver had set at least three flares on the highway to warn approaching vehicles that the big bus was stranded. It is reported that Thomas is being held on a charge of manslaughter and driving while drunk.

Funeral services for Hux were held Sunday afternoon from his home, 235 Washington St., with Rev. L. A. Tilley officiating. He was buried in the local cemetery. Survivors include his wife and one child; his father; two brothers and one sister. Wicker is survived by his wife and one child. His funeral was held in Durham the first of the week.

R. DAUGHTRY BURIED TODAY

R. P. Daughtry, pioneer resident of the city, died Wednesday morning at Roanoke Rapids Hospital from complications suffered as a result of a heart ailment, for which he had been a patient there for two weeks.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the residence of his son, Auburn R. Daughtry, 112 Hamilton Street, with Rev. Lester Tilley officiating. Interment followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mr. Daughtry leaves three children, Earl, Auburn and Annie Bell, all of this city, in addition to his wife, who resides at 100 Hamilton Street. He is also survived by three brothers Lon, and J. Lynn Daughtry of Norfolk, and Van Daughtry of this city, and three sisters, Mrs. Bette Miller of Wilson, Mrs. Joe Rowe of Norfolk, and Mrs. Lou Panell of Richmond.

TWO YOUNG MEN GOING WEST



HOWARD HANCOCK



BILL ALLIGOOD

"Go West, Young Man," was the key to fame and fortune for many U. S. boys and young men several years ago. Howard Hancock, for 13 years Advertising Manager of the Roanoke Rapids Herald and for the past four also News Editor, leaves Saturday to accept a bigger position as Associate Publisher of The Forest City Courier, where he will be associated with Ed Anderson, former President of the North Carolina Press Association and owner of five thriving newspapers in the Western part of North Carolina. Bill Alligood, for the past 18 years designer and recreation leader for Rosemary Mfg. Co., Boy Scout executive, Romanco coach, civic leader, columnist and cartoonist, leaves Saturday for Mount Holly where he has accepted the position of Personnel and Recreation Director for those mills. It looks like Roanoke Rapids trains them and the West grabs them. Incidentally each of these young men has one wife and one daughter who will follow them in the near future.

POWELL TO KEEP DAIRY GOING 10 MORE DAYS TO AWAIT CITY MILK PLAN

Even tho it appears there will be insufficient relief from OPA on milk prices in Roanoke Rapids, with none at present, Sam Powell agreed this afternoon to continue the operation of his dairy at a loss for ten more days while plans are being worked out by the City Board of Commissioners which may give dairymen serving this area the relief they need in order to keep going.

Thirty members of the Citizens Committee met with OPA officials from Raleigh District OPA office this afternoon at the Municipal Building. Messrs Cavanaugh and Henderson stated they knew a crisis faced this area and they

had recommended a raise of from 16 to 17 cents per quart. They stated this was all they could recommend on the basis of actual figures furnished them. It was pointed out to them that their OPA figures differed from those of the Extension Department of State College which showed a cost in this area of 19.3 cents per quart, while theirs were estimated at 16.8.

Local dairymen have asked for 20 cents retail price, they said they would try to get by on 19. Local citizens have said they would

(Continued On Page 12—Sec. A)

FIND BODY TODAY; HEAD BATTERED

Lindsay Price, about 42, West Rosemary Negro, was found dead this afternoon with his head battered in after being missing for nine days. The body was in Chockoyotte Creek near the John Chaloner School and the road which runs from Tilghman's Crossroads. Officials think he had been in the creek about a week.

The top and back of his head was battered and cut as if with a sharp weapon, several cuts penetrating the skull and base of the brain.

Discovery was made by Tommie Sadler, Millard Birdsong and other boys who were hunting along the creek bank. They told their parents who notified the police and Chief Dobbins and other local officers arrived on the scene at 3:30 this afternoon. He recognized the Negro as the one reported missing and called Coroner Rowe. The scalp will be removed tomorrow for investigation and inquest.

Price, a farmer for J. K. Giles on the old Simmons place in West Rosemary, had previously worked for the local mills. His wife told Chief Dobbins he had about one hundred dollars on him when he left home last Wednesday. There was no money found on the body.

Arthur Fleming, a Negro boy who left home with Price, was picked up for questioning by the police tonight. He had previously told Price's wife the two had parted at Roanoke Junction shortly after leaving home last Wednesday.



Naval Aviation Cadet Chas. W. Davis, shown above, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis, 719 Roanoke Avenue, was among the group graduated from the U. S. Naval Flight Preparatory School, Williams College, Williamston, Mass., recently.

Young Davis attended the University of North Carolina, where he served as President of the Sophomore Class. His father, who is city superintendent of schools, served in World War I.

