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NEGRO CONFESSES MURDER

MILK AND TAXI FARE PROBLEMS PRESENTED TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Roanoke Rapids was held in the Commissioners' Room on Jan. 4th at 3:00 o'clock, p. m. Present were Kelly Jenkins, Mayor; M. D. Collier, V. E. McDowell, R. I. Starke, W. P. Taylor, F. C. Williams, Commissioners.

MILK SITUATION

A committee appeared before the Board in regard to the milk situation in Roanoke Rapids. Mr. W. A. Thorne, Chairman of a Committee of Citizens who have been trying to help the dairymen in this community get an increase in the price of milk, stated that at the last meeting of his committee on December 30, a motion was passed that with the understanding Mr. Powell would agree to stay open for ten days the City Board of Commissioners be given an opportunity to provide some means of relieving the critical milk situation in Roanoke Rapids. Mr. Thorne stated that Mr. Powell had planned to close his dairy on December 31st but had agreed to stay open for ten days.

The minutes of the meeting held by the Citizens Committee on December 30, 1943, were read. These minutes revealed that an application had been approved by the Atlanta Office of the OPA and sent to the Washington Office with a recommendation that the price of milk be increased from 16c per quart to 17c per quart but that his increase would not furnish the necessary relief and that, in the opinion of Mr. Henderson of (Continued on Page 4-Sec. A)

HEADS DRIVE



W. Graham Lynch of Roanoke Rapids has been named as Halifax County Chairman of the Infantile Paralysis drive to be held in the State the last two weeks in January. The appointment was made by Dr. Ralph McDonald, State Chairman.

Roanoke Rapids OPA Hours

War Price and Rationing Board No. 45-29-1 Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina is open to the public as follows - Monday through Friday 9 to 12 - 2 to 4 and Saturdays from 9 to 12. Inquiries by phone may be made each day from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. with the exception of lunch hour from 12 to 1.

UNDERWOOD FUNERAL IS ON TUESDAY

Yancey N. Underwood, 59, for the past 28 years an employee of Roanoke Mills Co., died Sunday morning following six days of critical illness.

For the past 15 years Mr. Underwood was Overseer of the Cloth Room Dept. at Roanoke Mills Co. No. 1.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from his home in Roanoke Rapids and burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery in Burlington.

Mr. Underwood was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids and was noted for his generosity to the sick and needy.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Winstead Underwood; one son, Thurman Underwood, U. S. Army; two sisters, Mrs. James Terrell and Mrs. W. W. Terrell of Burlington; three brothers, J. P. Underwood, Altamahaw; I. T. Underwood, Yanceyville, and J. L. Underwood, Route 2, Elon College.

ARTHUR FLEMING SAYS HE AND SAM JONES, NEGRO KILLED LINDSAY PRICE

Opens New Store



Jesse Harrell, manager of the new Harrell Hardware Inc. which opened this week at the corner of Roanoke Ave. and First Street. For the past several years Mr. Harrell has been Village Supt. of Roanoke Mills Co. Prior to that he was Supt. of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District.

Arthur Fleming, 20-year-old Negro, in a signed confession admitted that he and Sam Jones, 23-year-old Negro, killed Lindsay Price on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22 and threw his body into Chockoyotte Creek where it was found more than one week later, last Thursday afternoon.

Both are in Halifax jail without bond after waiving examining trial Tuesday night. They will be tried at the January term of Superior Court the last week of this month.

The two men are cousins and cousins of the dead man's wife. Jones maintains his innocence.

Fleming's confession was made in the presence of Chief H. El Dobbins, H. W. Zimmerman of the State Bureau of Investigation and officer A. J. Brigman. It was made Sunday.

Officers had trailed Price from his home on the Simmons place in West Rosemary to the home of Sam Jones, next door to Branch's Store in Hodgestown the morning of Dec. 22. Price had about one hundred dollars, his share of crops, which had been paid by J. K. Giles. He got a taxi and went to Branch's Store, which was closed. He went to Jones' house where he met Fleming and Jones. He and Fleming got into the taxi and went after some liquor. The taxi dropped them in South Rosemary in front of the colored church on Webb's Hill near where Fleming lived.

In his confession, Fleming says they went to his house and later, after Price had talked to Pearl Pitts, he and Price crossed the bridge and took the woods path near the John Chaloner School where Jones was waiting for them. Some time after this, Fleming says the murder took place.

He says he struck Price twice on the top of the head with a heavy stick and that, while the man was on the ground, Fleming says Jones stuck him in the back of the head near the base of the brain with an ice pick.

He admitted robbery as the motive and says that Jones took the (Continued on Page 4-Sec. A)

Otelia Paquette Is Buried Here

Otelia Paquette, age 2½, died at the Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, N. C., Sunday morning January 2nd.

Services were conducted by Rev. Ray Jordan at the Chapel there after which the body was brought to Roanoke Rapids for burial.

Services were conducted here by Rev. Lester A. Tilley, burial being in the Cedarwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were, Jack Adkins, Everette Spikes, Bradford Browning and John Little.

Survivors are her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Paquette, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vaughn of Roanoke Rapids and grandfather, Mr. Paquette.

NATION'S NURSE SHORTAGE CAUSES RED CROSS PLAN NURSE'S AIDE CLASS HERE

Another call has come to the women of Roanoke Rapids for their volunteer service to the Red Cross in the Nurse's Aide Work new class will start Monday, Jan. 24th and volunteers are urgently needed.

Mrs. Fred Kroncke has volunteered her services as instructor for the new class now being organized. She is a graduate of the School of Nursing of the Medical College of Virginia and has varied experience in hospital nursing. She also was hostess-nurse on air lines operating out of New York and Chicago. Mrs. Kroncke is wife of Dr. Fred Kroncke, physician for Patterson Mills Co.

Any woman in Roanoke Rapids from 18 to 60 in good health and a High School graduate or the equivalent can qualify for Nurse's Aide if she is willing to give 150 hours a year to the service with-

out remuneration. Training calls for an 80-hour course: 35 hours classroom work and 45 hours hospital work.

Those interested may discuss the work between now and Jan. 24th with Mrs. Frances Starke at her office in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital or Mrs. Frank Williams at her residence on Roanoke Ave. Mrs. Williams is chairman of Nurse's Aide branch of the Red Cross.

The response to similar calls in Roanoke Rapids have been good and 53 women here have been trained. Forty of those are now on the roll but the increasing shortage of nurses everywhere makes it imperative that those interested make the best possible use of this opportunity to enroll and help serve as a Volunteer Red Cross Nurse's Aide.

Join State Guard

TO ELECT 4 TO BOARD OF CHEST

The Nominating Committee of Roanoke Rapids Community Chest met Tuesday night, December 21, in the Municipal Building for the purpose of making nominations for the number of persons to be elected from the contributing members to the Board of Trustees.

Wilmer Collier, Chairman, Mrs. R. L. Towe, Edward H. Cameron, Ross L. Edwards and J. R. Meikle, members of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following persons for candidates for the four vacancies: W. C. Allsbrook, T. L. Martin, T. J. Alford, A. Meikle, J. B. Batton, J. B. Dunn, Paul Harris, Thornton Wilson and C. C. Shell.

An official ballot will be published in this newspaper at an early date.

APPLICATION CARDS FOR 14th INFANTRY CO., N. C. STATE GUARD OUT MONDAY

Applications for enlistment in 14th Infantry Company, North Carolina State Guard, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., will start Monday afternoon when application cards will be placed in various sections of the city.

Men from 21 to 45 years of age inclusive will be considered for the fifty men who will be chosen from the applications.

Application cards may be found all next week at the office of Capt. E. H. Graves, Halifax Paper Co.; the office of 1st Lt. F. S. Kemp, Roanoke - Patterson Employment Office; the office of 2nd Lt. John Dunn, Roanoke Mills Co. No. 2, the Municipal Building, City Clerk's office; and all city drug stores.