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FIND LOCAL WOMAN'S BODY IN ROANOKE RIVER SUNDAY

Jesse Riley In Jail; Wife Held Under Bond Of \$1000

Jesse Riley and his wife, Elizabeth alias Louise Riley, were bound over to Halifax County Superior Court Monday afternoon by Mayor Kelly Jenkins. After hearing evidence in the case the original warrant charging kidnaping was changed to a lesser crime, that of abduction of a minor. Penalty for a crime of this nature carries a 15-year maximum prison sentence.

Riley is said to be still confined in the Halifax County jail at Halifax, unable to give bond, while his wife is out under a bond of \$1,000. The case grew out of the Riley's being accompanied to Emporia, Va., last week by Dorothy Thompson, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson of this city.

Gibson Brothers Meet Sgt. Hudson

L. Earl Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gibson, moved to Hawaii several years ago. Pfc. William Lester Gibson, another son, joined Uncle Sam's fighting forces and was sent to Hawaii. Sgt. David Hudson, son of Mrs. Mabel Hudson, also went into the service and was sent to Hawaii. Now all three of them have "run into each other" and from reports received back here they "had one swell time" together reminiscing over old times.

Few Cases Are Heard By Mayor

Mayor Kelly Jenkins faced a light docket Monday afternoon in his court. There were only a few cases of minor importance, mostly drunk and disorderly and speeding, being tried.

Grant Proves He Knows His Melons

Government Inspector Grant, attached to the Patterson and Roanoke Mills, proved Monday he "knows his watermelons." Like most all government men, Grant likes to prove his point. Telling friends of his around the mills that down around Wilson they grow watermelons that weighed considerably over 100 pounds, Grant was "laughed at" and accused of telling a "watermelon whopper." Not to be outdone, Inspector Grant had business in Wilson and while there he purchased a "small" very "small" melon from Art Finch, who specializes in growing the delicious fruit. The melon Grant was showing in Roanoke Rapids was a perfect specimen and weighed 105 pounds. "And this," said Mr. Grant, "was the smallest darn melon Finch had."

WEBB NEAL WOUNDED IN FRENCH ZONE

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Neal that their son, Pvt. Webb B. Neal has been wounded in France and is now in a hospital "somewhere" in England. His address is: Pvt. W. B. Neal, 34254656, Det. Patients 4151, USA Hosp. Plant, APO 63, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal have three other sons in the service, Lt. Frank B. Neal, located in Douglas, Ariz., with the Army Air Corps., Lt. William K. Neal, Randolph Field, Texas, and Bynum Neal who was recently inducted and at present is at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Banks To Close

All three banks in the city will be closed next Monday, Labor Day, according to an announcement made by officials today. The banks will reopen as usual on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

"Lookout, Doc, Here I Come," Shouts Mr. May When He Sees Snake Wrapped Around His Leg

Last Wednesday a week ago, three prominent Roanoke Rapids citizens (they may be termed fishermen, but it is doubtful) decided on a little trip of recreation down on the Chowan river. The three in question, Dr. M. C. Maddrey, J. F. May and F. M. Coburn, were enjoying fishing from a boat in the stream, and, as fishermen get, when they are under "the spell," were just "letting the world go by."

For sometime this condition prevailed—you know—just sitting in the boat, without a care, and if the fish bite, all right, and if not, so what?

But "the spell" was broken when Mr. May decided for some reason to change his position, and when he did he discovered a water moccasin wrapped around one of his legs.

Now, truthful as the gentlemen may be, yet it has been impossible to find out how large a snake it was, but they all agree it was the biggest one they had ever seen.

When Mr. May discovered the reptile he didn't jump in the river, he didn't faint, but he did do one thing, according to the story, and (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Pulley Wounded In French Area



Pvt. Clyde W. Pulley, above, son of Mrs. Emma Pulley of near Littleton, has been wounded in action in France, according to a message sent his mother by the War Department. The action in which Pvt. Pulley was wounded occurred August 8. He has a brother, Sgt. Willie G. Pulley, who is also seeing action in France. Pvt. Pulley entered the service December 11, 1943, and is with an infantry division.

Purple Heart



Corp. John J. Matthews, above, son of Mrs. Annie Clippard of 1011 Cedar street, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in France.

Identified Tuesday As That Of Miss Annie Hancock; Jury Renders Verdict Of Suicide

The body of a young white woman, badly decomposed, was found Sunday afternoon in Roanoke river about 4 o'clock. It was discovered by Frances Vinson and Harold King, who were in the river fishing. Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins of Roanoke Rapids was immediately notified and went to the scene, said to have been about two miles below the river bridge on the Northampton County side.

Chief Dobbins contacted Coroner Grant of Northampton County, and with other officers began an investigation of the gruesome find.

Scrap Collection Sunday, Sept. 24

Announcement is made today that another official collection of old scrap paper, tin cans and rags will be made on Sunday, September 24, between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 p. m. Collection will be made in Roanoke Rapids and all surrounding communities.

The last collection, which was a very disappointing one, was a small percentage of the amount of scrap set for this territory. Officials of the County Salvage Committee urge every housewife and other citizens to join in this patriotic move wholeheartedly. The Government needs this scrap badly.

Pvt. Outland Home On Leave

Pvt. William Malcolm Outland, son of Mrs. W. A. Outland, is home on a 12-day furlough. Pvt. Outland has been in the army for 12 months, and has just finished his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He expects to be "shipped" soon after his return to camp. His wife is the former Alice Taylor.

Stores To Remain Open Wednesday

All Roanoke Rapids stores will be open on Wednesday afternoons after this week, except the grocery stores, it was announced today by Mrs. Blair Gibson, secretary of the Merchants Association. The stores have been observing the annual Wednesday afternoon summer half holiday. The grocery stores of the city observe the custom the year round.

Breaks Left Ankle In Fall On Monday

While gathering apples at his home, 410 Hamilton street, last Monday, Will Taylor, owner and operator of the Roanoke Pharmacy, fell and broke his left ankle. Mr. Taylor was taken to Roanoke Hospital where an X-ray was made and his foot placed in a cast. He is resting comfortably at his home.

The body was removed to a local funeral home where it was kept until Tuesday afternoon of this week when it was identified as that of Miss Annie Hancock, 38, of 921 Cedar street. The identification was made by Rossie Hancock, brother, and by the dead woman's mother, Mrs. I. T. Hancock.

According to information given a Herald reporter, the young woman had planned on Wednesday morning, September 23, to visit her sister, Mrs. C. Satterthwaite, of Norfolk. She missed her bus, it is said, and returned to her home and going back to work at the Rosemary Manufacturing Company's plant where she was employed. Returning from work, Miss Hancock is said to have shown no unusual actions, nor was she despondent about anything. Rossie Hancock, her brother, came in from his work at 1:30 Thursday morning, locked the front door and retired. At 6:30 that morning Miss Hancock was missing. She is presumed to have walked to the river sometime between 1:30 and 6:30 a. m., and jumped from the bridge. No marks of injuries of any kind were found by examining physicians.

Members of her family stated that everything in the young woman's room was accounted for with the exception of a pair of shoes which she wore to work on Wednesday. These were identified as belonging to her by Mrs. Owen Worsham, who worked with her that day.

Further identification was completed by the blue overalls and shirt she wore at the time the body was taken from the water. These, it is said, belonged to another brother, Elmer Hancock, "somewhere" in India.

Dr. Bahnsen Weathers, who has acted as the family physician at times, after examining the body, identified it as that of Miss Hancock through an enlarged rib bone in the left side.

Coroner Grant of Northampton County held an inquest here last Tuesday night and the verdict of the jury was that of suicide.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon from the Williams Funeral home at 4:30

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