

# REMEMBER

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## Negro Gets Truck Ride; Sister Dies In Accident

John House, Negro, hitch-hiking from Norfolk, got a ride in a transfer truck that later was involved in a head-on collision with an automobile in which his sister, Christine House, school teacher of Tillery, and Andrew Branch, Negro, were killed. House was critically injured.

The collision of the truck and automobile occurred eight miles from Scotland Neck Saturday night. It was one of five wrecks which occurred in that area over the week-end, resulting in minor injuries and causing property damage estimated at \$4,500.

The truck driven by John Lyons, Negro, of Norfolk, Va., and formerly of the Tillery section, demolished the car driven by Branch. Investigating officers said that Lyons fled the scene of the wreck. He has not been apprehended.

## Job Openings On Decline In Halifax Co.

Unemployment is increasing in Halifax County as the gradual increase in employment which has been prevalent all the year has leveled off and is constant. Material and equipment shortages are still hindering employment expansion; especially in the construction industry. Job openings have decreased and this has resulted in a corresponding increase in the number of persons filing applications for employment, said Edward W. Winstead, manager of the local U. S. Employment Service office, this week.

Unemployment is currently estimated at 325 with veterans comprising 227 of the total and women making up 61 of the total. This is an increase of 20 per cent for the month of August and an increase of 47 per cent for the past two months. Veterans still remain the main source of male job seekers, but 30 per cent of those are only available for temporary work as they are entering school in September.

Job openings, Mr Winstead continues, still show a decrease with 25 per cent less openings this month than for July. The greatest demand is still for skilled construction workers and for laborers for most industries. The demand for construction workers should increase as material becomes available and this should eventually absorb most of the surplus. (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

## Rumor Is Wrong

A rumor which was spread about the admission prices to the fair has been "spiked" by officials of the Veterans of Roanoke Rapids, Inc., sponsors of the week's festivities. The prices are: Afternoon, adults, \$1.20; children, 60c; night adults, 25c; children, 15c. The higher admission for the afternoon is due to the splendid horse racing program that is given each afternoon.

## Leona Flood, Gifted Violinist, Will Give Concert Here 26th



Leona Flood, gifted young American violinist whose appearance here Thursday night, September 26, at the High School auditorium, at 8 o'clock P. M., is under the auspices of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club, was born in Spokane, Wash. Leaving there at an early age, most of her life has been spent in California and New York City. She began her violin studies at the age of five in Spokane, studied in California, later going to New York, London and Vienna. She also showed marked talent as a singer but chose the violin for her life's work. At the age of sixteen she concertized throughout Europe, Australia, and Canada. She attended eleven different schools, stopping long enough to graduate from the Cumnock School in Los Angeles. During her sojourn in Europe, she had tutors in languages, English literature, and history. Returned to New York at the outbreak of war and has been concertizing here with much success.

Local music lovers attending the recital of Miss Flood will hear a Stradivarius aptly called "The Lark." The great violin maker made this instrument in 1698 when he was 54 years old. A graceful model, it is built on the long and narrow line characteristic of Stradivarius at that time. It is an exceptionally sound and healthy instrument. Nevertheless, it must be cared for as an infant for the slightest jar can cause the sound post to move, upsetting the balance of tone in the instrument.

It was by the merest chance that Miss Flood learned that "The Lark" was obtainable and it proved to be a case of love at first hearing. She has always considered it a posthumous gift of her maternal grandfather and it was on "The Lark" that she played her first public concert in Oslo, Nor-

way where her grandfather was born.

She lives with her parents in a penthouse studio overlooking the East River in New York City.

## Revival Services Throughout City

City-wide revival services will be held in the churches of Roanoke Rapids beginning Sunday, September 29 and continuing through Sunday, October 6. There will be visiting ministers in most of the churches during that week. The public is asked to cooperate in this effort and everyone is being urged to attend the church of his choice during the week.

## New Patrolman

Arthur Fields has been stationed at Weldon as a new member of Division 1, troop A, State Highway Patrol. Fields was released recently from the armed forces. He was formerly stationed at Scotland Neck prior to entering the service.

## Men Join Service

It was announced today by Sergt. Dean of the local recruiting substation that the following young men have been accepted for service in the U. S. Army: Jessie L. Joyner, Julian G. Butler, Kelford, N. C.; Grady G. Wilson, William L. Jones, Neal R. Stewart, Robert L. Register, Lewis C. Cushing, Jack L. Rook, Arthur B. Shaw and Jasper H. Edwards, Roanoke Rapids; Milton D. Barnett, Weldon; Charles E. Crowley, Eddie C. Willford and Linwood E. Topping, Littleton; Robert C. Hollomon, Woodland; Marlyn E. Aycock, Elberon, and Robert D. Bass, Garysburg.

## Two Children Bitten By Dog

### Guest Preacher



Rev. Luther J. Holcomb, son of secretary of Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the guest preacher at the Rosemary Baptist Church during the city-wide revival which begins Sunday, September 29 and will continue through October 6. A native of Mississippi, Rev. Holcomb comes from a long line of preachers. During his early college years he studied law and was very active in politics. Later he entered the Southern Baptist Seminary to study for the ministry. He is the author of the book, "Victory Through Youth," and his first pastorate was the First Baptist Church, Durant, Okla. Leaving there after 19 months, Rev. Holcomb went to Washington D. C., where he is now pastor of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church.

He comes to Roanoke Rapids to lead the Rosemary Baptist Church in an evangelistic program, titled, "Eight great days."

## Fair Draws Big Crowds

Amid exciting horse races every afternoon, the famous Triangle Shows on the midway, sensational free acts, a good agricultural exhibit, the first annual showing of the Halifax County Fair, sponsored by the Veterans of Roanoke Rapids, Inc., is drawing large crowds each afternoon and night.

There are only two more days left of the festival of fun, the whole exhibition coming to a close Saturday night.

The crowds have been thrilled with some of the finest horse races this section has ever had and with the many new and varied rides and shows on the midway everybody apparently is having a "grand time."

The veterans have worked hard and long to again establish the old-fashioned county fair and they certainly have had a good, clean show, races and exhibits.

Friday and Saturday is expected to bring still larger crowds out to the fair

Two small boys, Emerson O'Melia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson O'Melia, and Gene Porch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Porch, were bitten by a mad dog last Saturday near their homes in the 1300 block of Washington street. The dog also was reported to have bitten several other dogs in the north end of town and the south end.

Officers killed the dog and its head was sent to Raleigh for examination, a report being sent back on Monday saying it definitely was affected with rabies.

Chief of Police Dobbins has ordered all dogs to be confined at once as a precaution to safeguard children and grown-ups against being bitten by other dogs known to have been attacked. If the dogs, said the chief, are not confined immediately and kept shut up for a period of 30 days, he will issue orders to kill all stray canines.

Parents are urged to use every precaution, said the chief, until all dogs known to have been bitten can be destroyed.

## League Plan Is Backed By Large Sum

Plans to bring professional baseball to Roanoke Rapids next year in the Coastal Plain League or some other league of similar class, which were formulated by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce recently, are receiving plenty of financial backing.

It was stated this week that more than \$50,000 has been promised to bring professional baseball here and to improve whatever site for play is finally accepted. Frank C. Williams, vice-president and general manager of Roanoke and Patterson Mills, has been the Jaycees an offer of a long-term lease of Simmons Park. No definite action, however, can be taken in the matter until a franchise is secured for the city.

The Jaycees have placed the entire project before officials of the Coastal Plain League and they have promised every cooperation in the matter.

The way things are shaping up now, said a spokesman for the Jaycees, it looks like Roanoke Rapids will have professional baseball in 1947.

## Collins Goes Back In Army

Richard L. Collins, insurance salesman and a former member of the Roanoke Rapids police department, has entered the U. S. Army Air Force as a technical sergeant for a three-year enlistment. Collins was discharged from the army with the rank of master sergeant after serving five years and four months, 39 months of which were spent in the South Pacific theatre. Collins reported to Fort Bragg on September 5 and is now stationed in Durham with the North Carolina military district, U. S. Army recruiting station.