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HOWELL BROTHERS WILL BE TRIED NEXT JANUARY

Chief Warns Violators Of Parking Law

Chief T. J. Davis of the Roanoke Rapids police department, issued a warning today against violations of the parking ordinance, especially in "uptown Roanoke Rapids."

The ordinance prohibits parking of automobiles and other vehicles longer than two and one-half hours from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m., on Roanoke Avenue between Ninth and Eleventh streets; Tenth, between Hamilton and Madison, and Eleventh between Hamilton and Jackson.

"Due to the unusually heavy traffic at this time of the year," said Chief Davis, "much difficulty is experienced by motorists in obtaining parking space in that area." Most of the violators are employees of the stores, the chief believes, and if they would cease the all-day parking it would do much to alleviate the condition.

Parking conditions are now being studied by officials and the chief requests that motorists not violate the parking ordinance in that area.

Shotgun Used In Shooting Geo. Daniel

Charley Lashley, 23-year-old negro, is in Halifax County jail charged with assault with a deadly weapon, outgrowth of the alleged shooting by Lashley of George Daniels, 21, another negro.

The trouble occurred last Friday night near Mitchell's sawmill. Deputy Sheriff A. J. Brigman, who arrested the negro, said no motive had been established for the shooting. Lashley, using a shotgun, fired at close range, it is said, the lead tearing off one of Daniel's kneecaps.

Sanitary District Has Good Credit

The Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District has excellent credit among bond buyers. This fact was brought to light today when a \$200,000 issue recently voted for improvement of sewerage water lines, was bought by concern for the splendid price 2.28 per cent rate. The regular rate for this type of bonds said to be 2 per cent. The name of the firm buying the bonds was not revealed in the announcement.

Will Face Jury for Murder in January



On the left is Walter "Pee-Dee" Howell and at the right is Henry "Skinny" Howell, brothers, who will be tried next January for the murder of Clifton Massey, Roanoke Rapids police officer

Rosemary Manufacturing Co Will Receive Safety Award

Rosemary Manufacturing Company, of Roanoke Rapids, has qualified for the State Labor Department's Safety Achievement Award by reducing its industrial accident rate from 4.4 in the first six months of 1945 to 1.3 in the first six months of 1946, a total reduction of 70 percent, it was announced today by Forrest H. Shuford, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor.

Constituting a "public recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of industrial safety," the award will be presented as soon as the printed safety certificate is received by the Department of Labor, Commissioner Shuford said. The certificate will be signed jointly by the Commissioner of Labor and by the Secretary of Labor of the United States.

During the first half of 1945, Rosemary Manufacturing Company put in a total of 585,769 man-hours of work, and maintained average employment of 1418 employees, according to Mr. T. W. Mullen, vice-president of the plant. During the first half of 1946, a total of 1,528,216 man-hours were worked and employment averaged 1567, Mullen stated. Lost-time industrial accidents at the plant were reduced from seven in the first half of 1945 to two in the first half of 1946.

The industrial safety award forms part of a general safety program for North Carolina industry which is being pushed by the inspection staff of the State Labor Department, with the assistance of a large committee of safety engineers employed by manufacturing plants throughout the state. (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Two Men Get Prison Terms In Car Theft

Two white men, Gene R. Hinkle, of Danville, Ill., and Albert Trueworthy of Bangor, Me., were found guilty this week in Superior Court of the theft of an automobile belonging to James S. Abernathy of this city several weeks ago.

Judge R. Hunt Parker, presiding, sentenced Trueworthy to state's prison for a term of from two to three years, and Hinkle drew a sentence of one to two years.

Deputy Sheriff A. J. Brigman arrested the men after an investigation of the theft.

Christmas Clubs Paying Big Sums

The Christmas savings clubs of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company and the Roanoke Bank & Trust Company (Rosemary Branch) are this week sending out checks to the members totaling \$58,236.00, it was announced today.

Basing the population of Roanoke Rapids on 12,000, this is almost an average of \$5.00 for each man, woman and child in the city. The two banks now have next year's Christmas Savings Clubs open for enrollment.

True Bill of Indictment Is Return'd by Grand Jury; Both Charged 1st Degree Murder

True bills of indictment were returned by a Halifax County Grand Jury Tuesday against Walter Francis (Pee-Dee) Howell and his brother, Henry Lee (Skinny) Howell charging first degree murder in the slaying of Clifton Massey, Roanoke Rapids police officer, last Thursday night.

Judge R. Hunt Parker, presiding over the present term of Superior Court, consented to a continuance of the case until the January term.

Schedule Is Released For 'TB' Survey First Week

The tuberculosis X-ray survey will get under way in Roanoke Rapids next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, it was announced today by a district health department spokesman.

The survey is being made to determine what percentage, if any, of the people in Halifax County are afflicted with this disease, and if so, to acquaint them with the fact so the proper steps can be made to arrest the disease.

"The success of the survey," said the spokesman, "depends, of course, on the cooperation of the people. We have met with splendid response so far in making plans for the work."

The following schedule for the first week of the survey follows: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rosemary Manufacturing Company,

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Lashley Gets Two Years In Theft Case

Willie Lashley, negro man, was tried this week in Halifax Superior Court on a charge of stealing \$153 from the home of Miss Josie Moore last October, found guilty by a jury and was sentenced by Judge R. Hunt Parker to serve two years in State's Prison.

Lashley's "girl friend," Rena Lee Banks, and his sister, Bessie Jones, involved in the case with him, were turned loose.

The negro had told officers that information about the money being in the house was given him by his sister, a former employee of Miss Moore.

Clifton Massey, Roanoke Rapids police officer for several years, was killed last Thursday night in the doorway of the stairs leading to the Rosemary Billiard Parlor. The slaying of Massey has been admitted by "Pee-Dee" Howell in a statement made to Halifax County Sheriff Harry House and Chief of Police T. J. Davis of the Roanoke Rapids police department after the two brothers were arrested last Saturday night about three miles from Littleton in Cooley's store.

At a preliminary hearing held Monday afternoon before Mayor Kelly Jenkins, five witnesses were examined by Solicitor Ernest Tyler, conducting the case for the state, assisted by Julian Allsbrook and Luncford Crew.

The first of these witnesses was J. T. Warren, employee of the pool room. Warren said that Massey entered the billiard parlor 15 or 20 minutes before the Howell brothers. "He was sitting in a chair near the stairway watching a friendly game of pool" when the Howell boys came in and each ordered a bottle of beer. A few minutes later one of the boys asked where the men's rest room was and they retired to it. Coming back, Walter Howell is said to have thrown his beer bottle at the officer and immediately followed it up with an attack on Massey, "hitting him with everything he had," and calling to his brother Henry to "get his G... d... gun and kill the S... of a b..."

The two men toppled down the stairway to the street entrance, Walter calling again to his brother, Henry, to "get his gun and kill the S... of a b..."

At this point, Warren said, Henry Howell rushed down the steps, "snatched Massey's pistol from its holster, raised it as if he was going to hit the officer, and I hollered to him not to hit him."

"He then ran out the door and a few moments later Walter followed. I ran to the front window, about 20 yards, and saw Walter (Pee-Dee) running back to the door and heard two shots. I went back to the head of the (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)