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## Corbitt W. Cannon's Body Found in River

Discovered by the Small Son of Ed Brown Under the Coast Line Bridge Over Meherrin River at Emporia.

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Overcoat Was Entangled With a Mass of Brushes - Inquest Held at 10:00 o'clock Thursday.

The body of Corbitt W. Cannon, who disappeared mysteriously from Emporia, Va., on the night of December 29, 1918, was found in the Meherrin River directly under the bridge of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at Emporia early Wednesday morning by the small son of Ed Brown and a companion, who were fishing in the river. The boys saw his shoes floating above the water in mid stream and notified several men, who immediately secured a canoe and went to the body untangling it from a mass of brushes and bringing it to the shore, where the same was positively identified by a name plate on his keys, initials on his cuff links and initials in his clothing.

The coroner was called and viewed the body, after which he ordered it turned over to an undertaker at South Emporia, who deodorized the body and held it in his establishment until the inquest which was held at 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

As soon as the body was identified relatives at Rosemary were notified by telephone, who with a number of friends went to Emporia to learn the particulars, and to get the opinion of the citizenry as to how his death occurred.

The writer talked with several prominent Emporia men, all of whom were of the opinion that Mr. Cannon's death was caused by his stepping from the train into the river 35 feet below the bridge, being instantly killed or so badly wounded that he drowned immediately and later drifted to the raft of bushes where his overcoat became so entangled as to prevent the body from rising to the surface.

The particulars given the writer Wednesday afternoon were that Mr. Cannon together with two friends boarded the Florida Special which passes Emporia at 1:30 to buy some whiskey from a porter on one of the Pullman cars. His two friends secured their whiskey and got off the train at the water tank which is about 150 yards from the bridge where the body was found. These men say the last time they saw Mr. Cannon alive he was standing on the platform of the car with some money in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other. It is presumed by this that he remained on the train, which was rapidly gaining speed, longer than he thought and hurriedly jumped from the train into the river, unconscious of the fact that the train was crossing the river.

Practically all of his effects carried in his pockets were found in his clothes. His watch and money, something over \$7.00 being found in his clothing.

The coroner's jury Thursday rendered a verdict the deceased met his death by falling from the train on the night of December 29, 1918.

The body was brought to Rosemary Thursday and buried in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery at 8:00 o'clock, the Woodmen of the World having charge of the funeral.

Mr. Cannon was a native of Virginia and had worked at Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids for

several years up until a few months before his disappearance. His work threw him in contact with many of his fellow men, all of whom admired him for his likeable manner. He has many friends in our community who deeply regret his mysterious death and feel the keenest sympathy for his young wife.

### Celebrates Anniversary

The Men's Tuesday Night Bible Class of the Baptist church held a special service Tuesday night commemorating another year's work. Special music had been prepared by the choir and it was especially well rendered. Mrs. W. S. Hancock sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul" as a solo and a double quartette also sang.

The congregation was nappy in the pleasure and privilege of having with them to deliver the address their former beloved pastor, Rev. C. Herman Trueblood, now pastor of the Burrow's Memorial Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Trueblood's subject was "Winning God's Approval" and he handled it well. He began by stating that all persons had an innate desire to be approved of their fellowmen, in dress, in conduct, in skill, etc., and then he showed how much more important it was to gain the approval of God. This, he said, could be done by properly studying His Book and by putting into practice the principles there laid down. He quoted several tributes of eminent men paid to the Bible and also the dying words of famous infidels as a contrast. He closed his address by appealing to his hearers to become signposts to the world pointing the road to the more abundant life.

### Benefit Social a Delightful Affair

On last Friday evening a host of friends enjoyed a benefit social given by the Order of the Eastern Star in the Masonic hall. The rooms were beautifully decorated with lilies and ferns.

Conversations and a musical program were enjoyed after which, through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Fred Peck, Mrs. W. P. Taylor and several others refreshments consisting of coffee, cake and home made candies were served.

This social was for the benefit of the Orphanage Educational Fund. The guests were invited and asked to bring a penny for every inch they measure in height. A sum of about \$75.00 was realized which was very gratifying to the ladies in charge as the local chapter's quota was only \$50.

### Card of Thanks

We all wish to express our most thankful acknowledgement to friend for favors conferred upon us during the recent bereavement which has come into our lives.

The scene we have of their kindness will never be erased from our minds.

Sincerely  
Mrs. W. R. Williams and family  
Rosemary N. C.

## ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENNIAL

Mr. Henry A. Dennis, Business Manager Henderson Dispatch, Delivers Strong and Illuminating Address on Accomplishments of the Lodge - Informal Smoker Tendered Mr. Dennis After Address by Local Lodge.

The one hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship was celebrated by Carolina Lodge No. 225, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at a meeting held in Rosemary on last Monday night. Mr. Henry A. Dennis, Business Manager of the Henderson Daily Dispatch, was the speaker of the occasion, delivering a most interesting address on what Odd Fellowship has accomplished in its century of existence in America. Mr. Dennis stated that there were now two and one-half million Odd Fellows in the United States and pointed out the much broader opportunities for service made possible by this membership.

After the close of Mr. Dennis' address refreshments were served and an informal smoker was held.

## FIFTY TWO VICTORY GARDENS PLANTED

Fifty-two school children have planted Victory Gardens and are very busy keeping them in a high state of cultivation.

This is the third year the children of Roanoke Rapids have planted gardens. The children seem to be more enthusiastic than ever and we expect quite a good deal of rivalry exists among the young folk.

The work is under the direction of Miss Jennie Whitaker this year as before.

## AURELIAN SPRINGS NEWS

Quite a number of people attended the entertainment at Hawkins Chapel School April 25 to 27. All report it an enjoyable and well prepared program and one which reflects much credit on the teachers, Misses Mozelle Collier and Myrtle Green.

Music was furnished on this occasion by the Aurelian Springs Band.

Mrs. Walter Harris returned from a visit to her daughter, of Enfield.

Mrs. Myrick and family were guests of her mother Sunday.

Rev. Bobbitt spent Friday night with Mr. M. C. Crawley.

Mr. Sam Crawley who has just returned from a nine months stay overseas with the 30th Division was the guest of his uncle, Mr. Mac Crawley Sunday. He was accompanied by his sisters and Miss Ethel Warren.

Rev. Wm. Towe filled his appointment at Tarbor April 27, preaching some stirring thoughts. Mr. Towe announced his aim for the Church to raise six hundred dollars per annum for the next five years for the support of a missionary. He asked that Special prayer service be held at Tarbor Sunday, May 4.

Rev. Bobbitt preached a deeply spiritual sermon to a crowded house at Bear Swamp, April 27.

Commencement exercises will be held at Aurelian Springs on the evenings of May 15, 16, Thursday and Friday. On Thursday evening a play will be given for the benefit of the school, admission 15c and 30c. The closing exercises on Friday evening are free to the public. The patrons are especially urged to attend on Friday evening.

Miss Mildred Hamill and Miss Lizzie Alston, of Richmond Va., were guests of Mrs. Cook Sunday.

Any one in this district wishing to subscribe to the Victory Loan will see Misses Pigg, Foxwell or Cunningham for cards.

Complete Standstill.  
There was a young fellow who was convinced that he knew it all when he graduated from college. He hasn't progressed any since.

## CHORAL CLUB IN CONCERT

Local Musical Organization Delights Audience Monday Evening.

The Roanoke Rapids Choral Club gave its first public concert last Monday evening at the Central School Auditorium. An encouraging audience was in attendance and their approval was manifested by their generous applause.

The concert was under the direction of Stanley White, the efficient club director. Miss Roberta Crews was the accompanist. The following program was rendered.

America—Club and Audience.  
Hail! Orpheus, Hail! De Reef—Choral Club.

The Americans Come, Fay Foster—Miss Stout, Mrs. Stainback, Messrs. Faison and White.

Calling Me Home to You—Mr. Jackson.

Till We Meet Again—Mr. Jackson and Quartette.

Carry Me Back to Old Virginia. Bland: Sweet and Low, Barnaby—Choral Club.

An Irish Song, Parker: Roses of Picardy, Weatherly Wood: Mattinata, Marras—Miss Stout.

God Be With Our Boys Tonight. Sanderson—Choral Club.

Sans Toi, d'Hardelot: For You Alone, Geehl—Miss Moore.

Juanita, May: In the Time of Roses, Reichardt—Choral Club.

Good-night Good-night, Beloved, Pinsenti—Messdames Hancock and Stainback, Misses Moore and Jones, Messrs. Faison and Jackson.

## COLLINS - WILLIAMS

One of the prettiest home marriages of the season was that of Mr. Charles D. Williams of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and Miss Lucille Collins of Cape Charles, Va. on Monday afternoon at half past three o'clock at the home of the bride on North Randolph Avenue. For some months Mr. Williams was attached to the Naval Base here and is well known. Miss Collins is the very attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Collins.

Miss Collins was dressed in a dark navy blue travelling dress with shoes and hat to match.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Faison of Portsmouth Va., Mr. B. F. Williams, of Norfolk, Mrs. and Miss Hamilton, of Kiptopeake, and Mrs. William Lamberson, of Pocomoke City Md., a sister of the bride, who played the wedding march. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. James Manning Dunaway, pastor of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams left on the 4:30 steamer for Portsmouth and Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Richmond and Washington and after May 10 will be at home to their friends at 216 W. Freemason Street, Norfolk, Va.

With the April showers mingles a tear,  
The blossoms and flowers seem to bring them near  
Who have lain with their faces all stark and cold,  
With love and devotion forever untold.

In the life of the lilies I see them again,  
Who kissed their loved ones again and again  
Who passed away gladly and gave their sweet lives  
For mothers, sisters, sweethearts and wives

In luxury, indeed, our lives have been spent,  
Compared with the ones who overseas went.  
Our means, our hearts in a cause so grand  
Should open and help with a free, willing hand.

In the Victory Loan we should think again  
Of the fellows now sleeping in the April rain  
And let us fall short of our duty to God  
Let's respond in memory of those under the sod.

—Nannie E. Figg.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

All Saints Church (Episcopal)

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector  
Miss Laura Carroll, Parish Worker  
Roanoke Avenue

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday after Easter.

Services: 9:45 Sunday School and Adults' Bible Class, T. W. Mullen, Supt.

Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon at 11 A. M. 8:15, Evening service and sermon.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday night 8, at Mr. Lehman's. Cottage Service Friday 7:30 P. M.

The public is very kindly invited.

Baptist Church  
Rev. T. S. Crutchfield, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A. M. W. S. Hancock, Supt.

Service 11:00 A. M. 8:30 P. M.

Rev. J. D. Moore, B. Y. P. U. Secretary, will occupy the pulpit at both the morning and evening services.

Men's Bible class Tuesday evening at usual hour.

Wednesday evening, 8:30. Prayer meeting.

Methodist Church  
Rev. Eugene C. Few, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. W. V. Woodruff, Supt.

Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Preaching at the morning hour by Rev. C. M. Lance, at the evening hour by the pastor.

Subject Sunday night "The Evidences of Christain Gratitude."

Immediately after the night service will be held a short business session of church conference. Everybody be on hand for very important matters urge our immediate attention.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:15 o'clock.

These services are purposed for all who feel inclined to worship with us.

Rosemary Methodist Church  
Rev. Charles M. Lance, Pastor

Rosemary: Sunday School,

9:45 A. M.—F. C. Hegge Supt.

11 Service and Sermon by Rev. Eugene C. Few. 8:15 Evening service and sermon by the pastor.

Epworth League, 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M.

All are cordially invited to these services.

Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Stanley White Pastor,  
Mrs. A. L. Clark, Organist

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Morning Service 11:00 A. M. Evening Service 5:00 P. M.

Prayer meeting 8:15 P. M.

Young Peoples Meeting 4:00 P. M. on Friday.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Rosemary Baptist Church  
Rev. A. G. Carter, Pastor

Sunday school 10:00 A. M. G. S. Gregg, Supt.

Morning service 11:00.

Subject: Why should people join the Church?

Evening service at 8:00

Subject: Watchman, what of the night?

Church conference Wednesday evening at 8:00.

We cordially invite all who can take part in all our services.

Hello! Were You There?

If not, why you are the loser. Ask any of the two hundred and fifty people who WERE there. Now the Men's Tuesday Night Bible Class cannot offer you an elaborate program of this kind each week, but there is always something of vital interest to every man who will take advantage of these weekly meetings. You are welcome and are earnestly urged to come next Tuesday night to the Baraca Room, Baptist Church, 8:30 o'clock. "It's a Men's Class"

## SEVERAL CASES UP BEFORE RECORDER

Fighting Blood in and Around Town Bobs up Considerably—One sent to Jail. Others Fined.

Sunday about noon Geo. Forshee and Tom Tanner, the first a young fellow, the latter an elderly man, became engaged in a quarrel over \$9.00. Tanner claimed Forshee owed him. The quarrel ended with a fight which Forshee seemed to have emerged victor.

Chief Hamlet placed both of the men under arrest and brought them before Recorder Saunders. The men gave bail for their appearance Monday night at 8:30 at which time the trial was held. After hearing the evidence Recorder Saunders told Forshee that if he would pay Tanner he would let him off with a \$1 fine and costs whereupon Forshee made a remark that he would pay the cost and fine but not Tanner.

and was fined \$25 for contempt, which made him fully realize his breach of "Court Etiquette." He immediately made apologies and assured his honor if he would allow him to pay Tanner and the \$1 and cost as first rendered he would gladly do so. Said clemency was granted.

John Putney, colored, was also arraigned before the Court Monday night. Putney must have been trying that hard cider and red hot poker stunt for he certainly "had his" so to speak in the language of the street. Drunk and disorderly were the charges against him. He paid \$3 and cost.

The big fight of the week occurred Tuesday at Rosemary. Mary Francis Alston, colored, went on the war path with brick in hand. Betsy Foote was the victim, her head coming in violent contact with said brick. Henry Lampus figured prominently in the cause of the row. Frances is now in the Halifax jail because of her inability to secure a bondsman.

## ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Chas. M. Lance is spending the week with her mother Mrs. D. A. Culbreth in Clinton.

Miss Mattie Baird is the guest of friends in Norfolk this week.

Mr. Jas. G. Jordan, of Henderson spent Sunday in town.

Mr. J. H. Gosney, of Raleigh was in Rosemary Monday.

Mr. J. T. H. Moore, of New Bern spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. J. P. Hewitt spent the week-end with relatives in Goldsboro.

Mr. J. S. Oliver of New York spent Sunday in town.

Miss Ruth Fleming has returned to Rosemary from Raleigh, where she was called on account of the illness of her mother.

Mr. T. M. Meacham, of Pittsburgh, spent Friday in town.

The Little Candidates Class of All Saints' (Episcopal) Church were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. P. Hewitt Tuesday afternoon.

The infant grandson of Mr. R. C. Britton died Sunday night at Mr. Britton's home. The child's father is still in France. Interment was made in the cemetery at Potocasi Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Carter officiating.

Rev. Chas. M. Lance will exchange services with Rev. E. C. Few Sunday morning.

Mrs. Alice Dicker, of Rosemary, and Mr. R. H. Gay, of Seaboard, were married at the Methodist Parsonage Sunday night at ten o'clock by Rev. Mr. Lance. They will make their home in Rosemary, having taken rooms at Mr. Ogletree's.

Mr. L. S. Chesson, of Henderson, spent Monday in town.

## NOTICE

A very important meeting of the Red Cross will be held at the Red Cross rooms next Monday afternoon at 4 P. M. All members are urgently requested to attend.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. L. S. Mosher, of Norfolk, is visiting Mrs. S. J. Bounds this week.

Mr. M. McRae Faison spent a few days in Richmond this week.

Miss Bessie Reynolds, of Roanoke, has accepted a position with the Roanoke Fibre Board Company as stenographer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Taylor motored to Lawrenceville, Va., Sunday, spending the day with relatives.

Mrs. T. Macon Stone, of Henderson, is visiting her sister Mrs. G. E. Williams.

Rev. C. H. Trueblood, of Norfolk, former pastor of the Baptist Church here is spending several days in town this week.

Mr. J. Taylor West is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. L. Daughtery and sons George and Bowser, are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Williams, of Norfolk, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. Frank Williams, of Norfolk, spent several days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bounds, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peck, Mrs. Leslie Mosher and Messrs. Clyde Mizelle and E. A. Telliga motored to Tarboro Sunday, spending the day with friends and relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Parker and little son are visiting relatives in Tarboro.

Mr. F. M. Coburn is spending this week in New York with his brother Mr. R. T. Coburn, of Raleigh.

Mr. F. M. Shute spent the week-end in Scotland Neck, with his mother returning with his wife and little daughter, Catherine, who have been visiting relatives in Williamston and Scotland Neck.

Mr. C. H. Satterwhite is moving from his former home on Jackson Street to Hamilton Street.

Mrs. J. M. McMurray returned Wednesday from Greensboro, where she had been for several weeks undergoing treatment at St. Leo Hospital. Her friend will be glad to know Mrs. McMurray is greatly improved.

Mrs. Josephine Cherry, of Rocky Mount, spent a few days here this week with relatives.

Miss Geneva Merritt has resigned her position with the Roanoke Mills Company and has returned to her home in Enfield.

Miss Rosa Moody has accepted a position with the Roanoke Mills Company.

Mr. J. T. Stainback and little daughter, Jane, spent the week-end in Henderson with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. O'brient, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. McGee and Miss Audrey Crews spent Monday with Mrs. L. A. Faison.

Miss Ruth Spivy has returned from Norfolk where she spent several days.

Miss Lizzie Camp and Nita Turner, of Garysburg, spent Saturday with Miss Mirtle Faison.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith spent a few hours in Littleton Monday.

Mr. Hobson Powell, of Emporia attended the dance here Thursday night.

Mr. Richard Large motored to Norfolk Wednesday.

## NOTICE

It is understood that quite a few of those who subscribed to the Red Cross Magazine have not been receiving their copies of this magazine. If those who have failed to get their copies will notify Mrs. J. A. Moore the matter will be given immediate attention.