

Roanoke Rapids Man Is Fatally Injured In Motor Bike Accident

Albert Tanner Dies Of Injury In Bike Wreck

Albert McCoy Tanner, 24, died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital about 10:15 from injuries received when the motor bike he was riding hit a parked car shortly after eight o'clock last night on Roanoke Avenue in front of the First Methodist Church.

According to police reports of the accident, Tanner, who was employed by Perkinson's Service Station near the scene of the fatal accident, was going up Roanoke Avenue and ran into the automobile of O. Griffin which was parked at the curb outside the church where the owner was attending services.

Officers J. F. Stanley and W. T. Story were dispatched to the scene and found Tanner lying in the street beside the wrecked motor bike. He was said to be bleeding profusely from a severe cut on his leg and suffered other wounds.

He was rushed to the hospital where emergency treatment was given, however he died about 10:15.

Coroner Rufus Britton conducted an inquest at the Wrenn Funeral Home this morning, where it was concluded that Tanner had apparently run into the parked automobile while not noticing where he was steering the motor bike. Cause of death was reported as an external hemorrhage from the cut on his leg and other injuries.

Tanner, who was released from the Navy in January, is a veteran of World War II and was in the Army before going into the Navy.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home of his mother at 212 Jefferson Street tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock by the Rev. Gordon L. Price, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Cedarwood Cemetery, and full military rites will be provided at the graveside by the honor guard of the Roanoke Rapids unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lillian P. Tanner; two brothers, Powell Tanner of Roanoke Rapids and Lawrence Tanner of Petersburg, Va.; and four sisters, Miss Edith Tanner, Mrs. Page Allen, Mrs. Nellie Edmondson, all of Roanoke Rapids, and Mrs. Calvin Fitchett of Emporia, Va.

Tanner's death marks the ninth fatality in the highway reported in Halifax County this year.

Marshall Will Confer On Policy With President

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall arrived today from Paris for a foreign policy review with President Truman. Mr. Truman greeted him at the airport.

Marshall arrived at 10:10 a.m. (EST) after a trip which started at Paris at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, Paris time.

The Secretary stepped from the plane, the Sacred Cow, into a drizzling rain. The formal conferences between the President and Secretary of State were set to begin at 12:30 p. m.

Before talking with Marshall, Mr. Truman had conferences scheduled with Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, Secretary of Defense Forrester, and W. Averell Harriman, roving ambassador for the European Cooperation Administration.

When Marshall stepped from his plane, reporters besieged him with questions.

Royce Stoenner To Play For Weldon Dance Friday Night

Weldon.—Wick Draper, president of the Weldon Junior Chamber of Commerce, announced today that Royce Stoenner and his orchestra have been engaged to play for the Jaycee dance at the Weldon High School gymnasium Friday night. Draper said the band, which features "Skeets" Morris as vocalist, will play for the dance which will celebrate the holiday season. Proceeds will be turned over to the Weldon High School Athletic Association for repair work on the school athletic field.

Members of the Weldon and Roanoke Rapids high school football teams will be invited to the dance as special guests of the club.

The dance will go on from ten until two, and at intermission a 1949 Ford coach will be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

Weather

North Carolina.—Mostly cloudy this afternoon and tonight. Occasional rain this afternoon and in East portions tonight. Slightly cooler this afternoon except in coastal areas and cooler in West portions tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and not much change in temperature.

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Anti-Parking Meter Arguments To Be Presented At Special Commissioners Meeting Tonight

Opponents Say Decision Is Up In City Board

The fate of parking meters in Roanoke Rapids may well be decided here tonight, when the Board of City Commissioners will meet in special session at 7:30 in the municipal building at the request of a committee of citizens who oppose the continuation of the meters.

Dr. W. E. Murphey, who is a member of the committee which requested the special meeting, said he expects the meeting will be open to the public, however he said he did not expect it to be a controversial affair.

Dr. Murphey said this morning there are points to be considered both in favor of the meters and against them, and he said the group which is opposed to continuing the operation of the meters will be on hand to present their side to the Commissioners.

"We, of course, do not know what the Commissioners will decide to do, however we hope to have the matter discussed while there is still time to take action," Dr. Murphey said this morning.

Mayor W. B. Allsbrook called for the special session after he had been approached by members of the anti-parking meter forces. He was requested to call the members of the Board together for a special meeting to discuss the various aspects of the city's parking meters and complied with the request. The meeting is only for the purpose of discussing the meters which were installed in Roanoke Rapids on March 19 on an eight-month trial basis.

According to the existing contract between the City of Roanoke Rapids and the Karpark Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio, the city had the option of installing the meters on an eight months' basis. The contract says that the city must request that the meters be removed within 15 days of the expiration of the trial period, which expired last Friday.

Opposition to the installation of the meters was voiced at the time they were first considered, and recently there has been more active opposition by a large group within the city. The most recent public opposition of the meters came in a letter in which the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce went on record as opposing the meters and wrote a letter to Mayor Allsbrook and town Commissioners to that effect.

According to the latest figures available the meters have taken in \$9,439.77 and have earned \$3,732.99 for the city to be used for traffic regulation.

A number of citizens have approved the meters and many have said they have done a good job toward regulating the parking problem which the city has been trying to remedy for some time. On the other side of the fence have been those who oppose the meters and have said they believe the city will be better off without them.

Both sides should have a chance to present their arguments in the special meeting tonight.

Hertford County Sheriff Will Hear Sentence Tuesday

Winton, N. C. Nov. 22—(AP)—Recorder's Court Judge Dare Boone said today he expected to enter judgement tomorrow in a case in which Hertford County Sheriff C. W. Parker has been found guilty of simple assault.

The judge said that when Parker was tried on Nov. 9, the continued judgement in the case until a case in which Albert Lawrence, Negro, is charged with affray, could be tried.

The Lawrence case is scheduled for trial tomorrow, the judge said. The charges grew out of an incident which occurred more than a month ago when Sheriff Parker and other officers closed a road house, allegedly for selling beer on Sunday.

Locomotive Explodes, Kils Two, Wrecks Train



The engineer and fireman perished in this wreck of a freight train resulting from explosion of the locomotive boiler near Clark's Hill, S. C. The terrific blast hurled the engine, the tender and a car from the track. One trainman was injured. The train was en route from Spartanburg, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., on the Charleston & Western Railroad. (AP Photo).

Soviet Bloc Spokesman Blames Palestine Trouble On Britain, U. S.

Negro Jailed In Jackson For Murder

Jackson.—Sheriff J. C. Stephenson said here today he is holding Raymond Moore, 20-year-old Negro youth, for the murder of his brother Andrew, 25, in what the Sheriff termed "just a drunken brawl" at the Moore home near here about seven o'clock Sunday evening.

The sheriff said the dead man was killed instantly when he was shot through the throat with a .12 gauge stockless shotgun.

Moore was arrested at the home of a neighbor where he had gone after the fatal shooting. Stephenson said the Negro youth was asleep when he was apprehended Sunday night several hours after the shooting.

Stephenson said Moore is being held without bond in the Northampton County jail here on a charge of murder.

Convict Caught In Northampton After Escape

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22—(AP)—A prisoner described as "about as bad as we've got" was recaptured near Jackson Saturday night, Prison Inspector Kyle Matthews reported today.

Matthews said the prisoner, William Edward Shoaf, 27, stole a car Saturday night and was chased down by State Highway Patrolmen only a short distance from the Northampton County prison camp from which he escaped Thursday.

Prison records show that Shoaf, a Stokes County native, was sentenced in Forsyth county in 1946 to 12-16 years for armed robbery, that he escaped from the Guilford County prison camp in December, 1946, to be recaptured four days later and that he was tried in Guilford County and sentenced to 15-20 years on a charge of kidnaping for taking a hostage on his escape try.

Heavy Rainfall Hits Carolinas
By The Associated Press
More rain and little change in temperatures was the outlook for the Carolinas today, tonight and tomorrow.

General rain blanketed both states during the 24-hour period ending at 7:30 a. m. today. Almost an inch fell at many points. Low temperatures this morning were in the high 40's and low 50's.

Madame Chiang Makes Appeal For China Aid

San Francisco, Nov. 22—(AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek has asked the United States for immediate aid in China's critical civil war.

Her appeal was made in Nan-king yesterday and was broadcast by the American Broadcasting Company in a hookup with the Chinese capital.

"I only ask this—to tell you that any further aid must be immediate and definite. If Communism prevails in China, you, my friends will ultimately also be suffering. For with China's strategic position, resources and man power in Communist hands, you yourself will be greatly weakened. If China falls, all of Asia goes. And certainly Asia's importance to world peace is not one whit less than that of Europe."

Christmas Seal Sale Started In County Today

Members of the Halifax County Tuberculosis Committee today began the annual sales of Christmas Seals in the county in conjunction with the 3,000 associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association.

Miss Fanny Marks, local sale chairman, urged full cooperation of all citizens in buying the Christmas seals by which funds are raised for the fight against tuberculosis.

She pointed out that 75 per cent of all money raised in Halifax County will remain in the county to be used in giving treatment to sufferers from the disease. Funds from the county are sent to the State Tuberculosis Association, which sends five per cent of the state total to national headquarters for use in the research and training to battle the disease on the national level.

She said much progress has been made in reducing the number of tuberculosis deaths in the country each year, adding that there was still much to be done.

Three Placed Under Arrest In Hit-Run Case

Jackson.—Northampton County officers said here this morning that Raleigh Tucker, 38, Valentine, Virginia, Negro, is being held in jail here on a charge of hit-and-run and manslaughter in the death of Moses Martin, Northampton County Negro, who was struck down on the highway near Bradley's about 11 o'clock Saturday night and killed instantly.

Also jailed with Tucker were George Mason and Wiley Mason, Virginia Negroes, who were arrested late Saturday night after North Carolina State Highway Patrolmen and Virginia troopers had joined in the search.

Tucker was arrested yesterday and brought to the jail. The other two men are being held for aiding and abetting in the charge against Tucker.

Martin appeared to have been killed instantly when he was hit not far from the Virginia line on N. C. highway 46. His body was thrown about 25 feet from the spot where the fatal car struck him and pieces of headlight glass were found at the scene by investigating officers.

Northampton County Coroner S. D. Jitchens was summoned to the scene Saturday night by officers and identified the dead man.

Corporal Logan B. Lane and Patrolman W. C. Hartley of the State Highway Patrol led the investigation of the accident, however neither officer could be reached this morning for statements concerning the arrest of the three men.

Virginia officers cooperated with the North Carolina patrolmen in solving the case.

Post Office Open Wednesdays Until Christmas Over

Postmaster L. G. Shell announced today that the Roanoke Rapids post office will remain open all day Wednesday, November 24, and will start remaining open every Wednesday afternoon until after the Christmas holidays in order to accommodate patrons of the local office.

Shell said the post office will join the rest of the town in closing all day Thursday for Thanksgiving.

Celebrating their birthdays today are Dennis Woodruff, Margaret Cagle, and Ray Wheeler. Their sincerest birthday wishes are extended to all of you and here's hoping you have many, many more just as nice...

It seems that rain is now a Monday morning specialty... Anyway, Charles Liverman thinks so, because he has been caught in it every time, without his raincoat... Charles has made a resolution not to ever be without it again, unless the sun is so bright, it is blinding... but you still aren't safe then, Charles, because around here the rain falls while the sun is still smiling through...

Danny Cagle's Yellow Jackets will end their football season on Wednesday night, when they play the Weldon High School team... This is an annual affair in Roanoke Rapids and usually draws quite a large crowd... Weldon is not in the conference with our local high school but there is a little rivalry between the two teams in spite of this... most probably because of this, but it will possibly prove to be a very interesting contest to watch...

The many friends of Mrs. Mary G. Baird will be interested to know that she has been confined to her bed, because of ill health... she is at her home on Washington street...



Old Father
Roanoke
Says:

I had plenty of fighting to do inside the Herald office before I got a contract to write this column.

I brought in my first column, the one you read Sunday, and showed it to all the big bosses. "I can do something as good as this three or four days a week," I boasted.

"Oh no, you can't," objected the Editor. "You've got one good idea: offering \$1,000 to the first mother in these five counties who gives birth to quints. But that's in your first column. After that, what? Columning is a profession; you can't start in it at 82 years of age. In promising that you'd keep it up, the Herald would have a bear by the tail. I'm agin' it."

"Why, you young whippersnapper," I came back. "I'll admit I'll never see 82 again, but I've got more ideas than Raleigh has rascals."

"All right, let's hear another idea," challenged the Editor.

So I told him about the day I was born, the day the history books now call "The Great Seaboard Massacre." The Seaboard had about 800 settlers, was bigger than now. It was really our big town; we thought of Seaboard then as people today think of Richmond. Roanoke Rapids, then called Great Falls, was just a stockade with about 50 settlers. This was the frontier fort put here to guard rich Seaboard from the west from the Injuns.

The Injuns knew they could never get through Great Falls, so one dark stormy night, they sneaked through the woods to the north of Seaboard and fell upon the town. Before they were through, they had scalped all but two children. The hair-raising tale of those two kids, their escape, and who their Roanoke Rapids descendants are, will be another column.

Well, when Seaboard had been laid waste, the course of history around here was changed. But for that massacre, Seaboard would have been the metropolis of this region instead of Weldon first and Roanoke Rapids more recently. Shows what fate can do to a town.

At this stage of my story, I turned to the Editor whose eyes were popping—he hadn't realized what all had happened in these parts during my lifetime—and I said: "If all that happened on just one day, the day I was born, think of all the thrilling events that have happened in the 29,930 days I've lived since."

Impressive Ground-Breaking Ceremony Starts New Church

The first symbolic shovelful of earth was turned for the foundation of the new Rosemary Methodist Church in a ground-breaking ceremony on the church site at Ninth and Jackson Streets yesterday afternoon.

A large number of people were on hand to witness the ceremony which represented a big step forward in the plans of the congregation to erect a large new cathedral-type structure to replace the present church building and those gathered at the site participated in the services.

The climax of the service came when C. S. Thompson, Sr., chairman of the church building committee, dug a shovel into the ground where the foundations will be started this week.

The pastor, the Rev. W. R. Stevens, was in charge of the program and special music was provided by the church choir. The congregation assembled joined in two hymns and participated in the responsive dedication service led by the Rev. Mr. Stevens.

The pastor said the members of the church were doing something toward which they had worked for a number of years. He explained there would have been no building of a new church had it not been for the cooperation of all the members of the church and interested individuals and friends of the church.

Mayor W. B. Allsbrook told the congregation the construction of the new church marked a big step forward in the life of the church itself and to the spiritual life of Roanoke Rapids. He said he dated the "real birth" of Roanoke Rapids from the 1931 General Assembly, when larger incorporation limits were made. The mayor said in that time the city has made great strides in many ways, and he refuted the claim that the city had grown only in economic ways, while forgetting others. He said the city is filled with thriving churches which satisfy the spiritual needs of the community, adding that the ground-breaking ceremony re-

But let me go on with this," I said.

After the Injuns had slaughtered everybody but the two children at Seaboard, they filled themselves with Seaboard fire water. Filled with "whiskey courage" they came on yelling and shouting to wipe out Great Falls. I found the whole story in my mother's diary. The screaming mob got to where the Dr. Pepper plant now is and almost caught three boys playing. The boys' last names were Hockaday, Keeter and Meacham; I don't remember their first names. The boys however, saw them first and flew back to the stockade. Hundreds of arrows flew around their heads, but they got inside the big gate just in time.

The alarm was sounded. The women folks in the fort loaded the muskets and the men did the shooting. Alfred Thomason, who had once wrestled Abe Lincoln back in Springfield, Ill., where he came from, saw a flaming arrow hit a log cabin. In a minute, the whole stockade would have been ablaze but Al grabbed the arrow with his naked hands and saved everything. After three days fighting, most of the savages were dead; the fighting ended.

The Injuns that were still alive decided Great Falls was too tough; they went out to Texas. They thought the Texans would be softer pickins than the Daughttrys, Vaughns, Peeles, Faisons, Joyners, McMurrays, Gowens, and Harrises living around here. They made a right good decision, too. I see by the movies that the Rod Camerons, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry are still having a time holding back the Injuns out west.

I have to beg my readers' pardon for always digressing and moralizing. Now I want to get back to what happened in Great Falls after the Injuns moved out to Texas. The Injuns had no sooner left than the rustlers and the horse thieves came along. For a while—until we got the Vigilantes organized—this country was a living hell. Why, the folks over at Elizabeth City refused to come out west of Bertie county. They used to warn visitors: "West of Weldon, there is no law; west of Aurelian Springs, there is no God."

Now you know the kind of talking I had to do to get to be a columnist like Walter Lippmann, David Lawrence, Pat Nantz, and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Red Troops Launch New China Threat

Nanking Nov. 22—(AP)—Independent military dispatches to day indicated Communists are threatening the east flank of Suchow.

Pro-government reports, however, insisted national troops still held the initiative in the resurgence of fighting mostly centered around Nienuang, 39 miles east of Suchow.

Government armored cars, reports said, spearheaded national forces in a battle in the outskirts of Nienuang. Many Red were reported killed.

Chinese military observers said today that apparently government forces did not follow up an advantage gained last week when air raids forced the man Reds forces to hunt cover.

South of Suchow fighting was reported centered around Suh-sien, midway between Pengpu and Suchow. Government troops reportedly had cleared the area. Suchow, 180 miles northwest of the national capital.

Northward in Peiping, Gen. Fu Tao-Yi, Nationalist commander, declared martial law in the five Parades and other demonstrations are banned.