

Lawrenceville Cab Driver Is Slugged, Robbed, Car Taken

Lawrenceville, Va. — Robert Walker, Negro cab driver of Lawrenceville, told local authorities last night that he had been hit over the head, cut with a knife and robbed of \$35 and his taxicab by a Negro passenger.

Walker was found shortly after eight o'clock in a ditch about two miles west of here and was taken by ambulance to Roanoke Rapids to the hospital where hospital attaches said he was suffering from serious gashes in his chest and about the face and neck.

In the hospital this morning he said he had been approached by a man last night about seven o'clock who asked to be driven out in the country west of town. He said he did not know the man's name, but "had seen him before." Walker said the passenger, who he said appeared to have been drinking, changed his mind and asked to be taken back to town, then told him to turn around again. He said he stopped and put five gallons of gas in the car after telling his passenger how much the fare was going to be. He said as they approached a bridge a short distance from town his passenger told him to stop the cab.

Walker said the man hit him over the right eye with a piece of iron and started to slash him with a knife. He said he tried to protect himself but was cut, robbed and put out of the car in which the man drove away. He said he fell by the roadside where he was found.

Two Hurt In Auto Wreck Near Emporia

Two New Jersey residents injured in a highway collision three miles north of Emporia, Va., yesterday afternoon were admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. D. H. Rush of Iselin, N. J. suffered severe scalp wounds when the car in which she and her husband were traveling north on U. S. highway 301 collided with a car heading south and driven by Andrew Horvath of New Brunswick, N. J.

Charles Midgley of New Brunswick, a passenger in the Horvath car, was injured about the mouth and local hospital authorities said his jaw bone may have been fractured.

Rush said here this morning the Horvath car had pulled out of a line of traffic and had hit his car. He said both automobiles were demolished when the crash occurred about 3:30.

He said he left the scene in the ambulance with his wife coming to Roanoke Rapids, but said he had later been informed that Virginia state troopers were making an investigation of the wreck.

Rush said he could not fail to notice the coincidence which had caused two New Jersey automobiles from towns only nine miles apart to collide in Virginia.

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Local Banks to Distribute \$72,000 In Christmas Savings Club Checks

Checks To Be Distributed On Wednesday

Roanoke Rapids banks today announced that approximately \$72,000 in Christmas Savings Club funds checks are ready for distribution among 1,500 members.

Frank Neal, assistant cashier for the Rosemary branch of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company and J. L. Suiter, cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, said this morning checks will be ready for distribution on December 1, and urged that all Christmas Club members come by the banks to pick up their checks as soon as possible after that date. All checks not called for by next Monday will be mailed to account holders.

Neal said the amount of checks in his bank is about \$60,000 held in 1,200 accounts. Suiter said his bank has about 300 accounts totaling approximately \$12,000.

The banks carry on the Christmas Clubs each year to enable their patrons to save money for Christmas shopping. There is no profit in the accounts for the banks involved, the Christmas Clubs being opened as a convenience.

Clubs for 1949 are now open in the banks.

It is estimated that nearly all the Christmas Club funds will be spent locally on holiday buying, offering one of the biggest boosts ever given to local merchants for seasonal purchasing.

This year's figures show a 20 per cent increase over the \$60,000 in Christmas Clubs locally last year, and indicate a marked increase over the \$45,000 in checks given out in 1948.

Airliner Burns On Landing, 23 Escape Unhurt



A Trans-World Airliner Constellation plane bursts into flames shortly after landing at Municipal Airport in Los Angeles at the end of flight from Washington, D. C. All 18 passengers and the crew of five got out of the burning ship without injury. The plane was destroyed. (AP Wirephoto).

Ten Killed In Weekend State Mishaps

By The Associated Press

At least 10 persons died by violence in North Carolina over the weekend. Highways made dangerous by rain took the greatest toll.

An empty oil tanker hit a bridge abutment near Concord and the two occupants burned to death when the cab took fire. They were identified as Guy Brown of Concord, the driver, and John A. Beaver, 33, a Davidson policeman. The tanker, owned by the Carolina Oil Company, was en route from Concord to Wilmington.

Other highway accidents killed:

Floyd Stiles, 24, South Gastonia textile worker, near Gastonia.

Mrs. Lena Cox Clayton, 55, Richmond, Va., near Reidsville.

Roy Minton, 76, Charlotte.

Pfc. Edmund A. Matjissic, 25, 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper from Pittsburgh, near Fort Bragg at Fayetteville.

Paul Frank Lanier, 15, near his home in the Denton vicinity.

And Harry Langston, 54, Route 3, Zebulon, near Raleigh.

Arthur Carl Sherrill, 66, of Concord, who lost a leg in the first World War, slipped while leaving a friend's home in Concord and was fatally injured when his head struck the pavement below the porch steps. Sherrill was a textile worker.

Donald Edward Bunting, 14, of Albemarle, was killed in a hunting accident near his home.

Coroner M. J. Hartzell of Stanly County gave this account:

Donald, his brother Bobby, 12, his uncle Robert Weisner and a cousin were hunting squirrels. The uncle shook a tree in which there was a squirrel nest. As the squirrel jumped from the nest, Donald and Bobby started to raise their guns. Bobby's went off accidentally, the shot lodging in his brother's back.

Draft Of Proposed Treaty Between U. S. And Canada Is Presented By Members Of West Europe Alliance

London, Nov. 29—(AP)—A British government source said today the Western European Alliance has presented to the United States its draft of a proposed defense agreement with the United States and Canada.

Discussion of the terms is expected to begin in Washington late this week, the informant said. Diplomatic officials said the document, as now drafted, was a "working paper" subject to revision in Washington talks. (Officials in Washington said the alliance's move came about a month behind schedule and it is unlikely a treaty can be completed in time for formal submission to the Senate in January.)

Exact details of the document have not been disclosed. For the past month representatives of the Western European Alliance countries of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg have been working on a plan in secret meetings here.

Informants said the pact is expected to call for a pledge of mutual assistance without definite commitment to go to war in case of attack on any member.

Diplomatic officials said the document also would repledge adherence of participating countries to the principles of the United Nations and establish the groundwork for close cooperation in planning common defense.

The Western European countries are expected to urge alliance with the U. S. and Canada for a 50-year period. This may meet some opposition from the U. S. which has suggested in informal talks a period of 10 to 15 years with a review later on the question of extension.

One of the major problems likely to emerge in the Washington talks is the question of how far the door should be left ajar for admission of other nations.

Six Marines Are Hurt In Automobile Crash Close To Garysburg

300 Enrolled In Training School Here

Officials of the three-day interdenominational teacher training school, which gets underway here tonight at 7:30 at the First Presbyterian Church, said there are about 300 Sunday School workers already enrolled for the course of instruction, representing nearly every church of every faith in Weldon and Roanoke Rapids.

Roland Johnson, who was elected general superintendent of the interdenominational school, will open the program this evening with the devotional and classes will follow immediately.

One of the leaders of the school said this morning that all those in the two cities who are in any way interested in the betterment of Sunday Schools in the churches are invited to attend regardless of whether or not they have previously been enrolled for the courses of instruction. Four courses, children's, young people, adults and Visual Education, are to be taught by four well-known instructors.

The school represents the first time in the history of the two cities that all churches have cooperated for a common training program. Arrangements for the school were handled through the Ministerial Associations of Roanoke Rapids and Weldon.

Garysburg.—Six Marines returning to Camp Lejeune after Thanksgiving holiday furloughs at their homes in the north were injured near here about 6:30 this morning when the automobile in which they were riding skidded on the wet pavement and crashed into the side of the Seaboard Air Line underpass on U. S. highway 301 just north of here.

All the men riding in the car, which was demolished in the accident, gave their address as Camp Lejeune and told hospital authorities at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where they were admitted that they had been to their homes ranging from New Jersey to Boston and were going back to camp.

At the hospital this morning none of the injured men were said to be in critical condition, however several of them were said to be in serious condition. The men said the car had skidded out of control on the sharp curve at the underpass and had gone out of control.

State Highway Patrolmen investigated the accident but said they did not know yet which of the Marines was driving the car.

Hospital authorities said only one ambulance could be located in the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon vicinity at the time of the accident and it had to make two trips from the scene to the hospital here to bring the men in for treatment.

The injured were Sgt. Joseph Giacomo, severe chest and side injuries; Sgt. Harry Ryndak, broken right leg and severe lacerations; Pfc. John Boyd, back injuries; Pfc. Victor Giandella, broken left leg; Pfc. Owen Boyd, compound fracture of the right leg; and Joseph A. Cocksowski, injuries to the pelvis.

New Berlin Agreement Plan Is Presented

Paris, Nov. 29—(AP)—Argentine Foreign Minister Juan A. Bramuglia said today he had sent to the Big Four powers his newest formula for settling the Berlin blockade crisis.

Argentine sources said the plan covers three points:

1. Bramuglia, as November President of the Security Council, would appoint an expert commission to study the Berlin Currency issue.
2. The Security Council would recommend lifting the Berlin blockade, its full implementation to coincide with the introduction of the Soviet mark as the German city's sole currency in accordance with the commission's findings.
3. An explanatory communication by Bramuglia on behalf of the six smaller powers on the council, which are pressing for the compromise.

Strike Ends; East Coast Docks Resume

New York, Nov. 29—(AP)—East coast docks resumed activity today after a paralyzing 18-day strike of longshoremen.

New York's waterfront rebounded to the familiar clatter of pier trucks and escalators yesterday as 2,200 men reported for Sunday work following settlement of the strike.

And a union chief said all 45,000 longshoremen and 20,000 clerks and handlers would be working today in ports from Maine to Virginia.

Joseph P. Ryan, President of the AFL International Longshoremen's association, also predicted "Peace along the waterfront for a long time to come."

There were new prospects of peace on the strike-bound Pacific Coast also.

CIO Longshoremen on the three major West Coast ports have approved a proposed new contract following its endorsement Saturday by the water-front employers' association. About 2,700 longshoremen voted yesterday in Los Angeles to end the 89-day-old maritime strike. The day before 6,000 San Francisco bay area longshoremen and more than 1,200 in Seattle took similar action. There still were several wrinkles to be ironed out, however, before West Coast shipping could come to life.

Foul Weather Hits Portions Of The Nation

Chicago, Nov. 29—(AP)—The elements hit the nation on various forms yesterday. Floods and high winds struck the South. Rain and snow plagued main areas.

At least five persons were killed in automobile accidents, attributed to the weather. Another was missing.

Rain swollen rivers left their banks in three Southern states—Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Hundreds of persons were forced to flee their homes. Property and crop damage was estimated in hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Four negroes were injured in a windstorm which hit Fort Davis, near Tuskegee, Ala. A brief snowstorm struck parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas and then moved Southeastwards, with the snow changed to rain or slush and strong winds diminishing.

Three died in Georgia and Alabama highway accidents, and another person was missing. Two were killed on a slippery highway in Pennsylvania.

Southern floodwaters originated in northern sections of Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

Final Rites For D. E. Faison Are Tomorrow

Funeral and reburial services for Daniel E. Faison, a Merchant Marine who died in Italy on April 16, 1945, at the age of 48, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock from the Williams Funeral home.

The Rev. John T. Maides, pastor of the South Rosemary Methodist Church, will be in charge of the services and burial will be in Cedarwood cemetery with special military rites by the Roanoke Rapids Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Faison, he is survived by his parents, three sisters, Martie Faison, Ms. Walter Grooms and Mrs. Clarence Barlowe, all of Roanoke Rapids; and three brothers, Lloyd Faison, Hinton Faison and Gordon Faison, all of Roanoke Rapids.

Romero Too Heavy For Betty Grable

Hollywood, Nov. 29—(AP)—Her acting back will keep Betty Grable from the camera awhile, says her studio.

The actress strained a muscle in a scene where she lifts Cesar Romero from the ground. The doctor says she'll have to lay off such weighty subjects for a few days.

King George Is Reported Better

London, Nov. 29—(AP)—Doctors reported today there is improvement in the general health of King George.

A week ago His Majesty cancelled all public engagements because of an arterial ailment affecting his legs.

Old Father Roanoke Says:

The Herald is being swamped with letters from 82-year-olds asking how I did it, meaning to marry a 17-year-old. Is she rich or pretty; she can't be both and most of the inquirers suspect she can't be either.

The inquiring letters came from 47 states in the union, only Oklahoma being missing. Which is easily explained; the state of Oklahoma is so young it hasn't any 82-year-olds. The most letters came from Los Angeles. I can't tell whether that's because there are so many old buzzards out there or whether Hollywood has so many pretty 17-year-olds.

The letter asked whether I got my training in India, being as how many 82-year-old Hindus marry girls much younger than 17, even 11 and 12.

(Editor's note: The Old Scala was did get one postal card. From Littleton.)

For the benefit of all the questioners, today I'm going to tell how on the 25th of February of this Leap Year, I got trapped. I'll call my fourth and present wife Irma because that's not her right name. She's over in the hospital having that baby I told you about, so it's safe to tell on her, although she can't read, so it wouldn't make any difference anyhow.

It all started at a party at Conway. I was there and so was Irma, but I wasn't noticing her on account of I was paying attention to a rich widdierwoman from down Woodland way. I will tell you more about me and the Woodland widdier toward the end of this column.

As I was leaving the party, I muttered disgustedly to myself, that I had lost \$125,000 that evening. Unbeknownst to me, Irma happened to overhear me. Right away she set her cap for the old codger with one foot in the grave who could so offhandedly lose \$125,000 in an evening.

The next day Irma and her dog Fido strolls down to the Citizens Bank corner where I meet my cronies.

Irma was on the Roanoke ave. side where I can't see her. I'm on the 11th st. side my mind on the \$125,000 I had lost. I was figuring on how to get another chance. Irma's Fido strays around the corner on his leash; suddenly I feel a warm trickle on my leg. I looked down, sees the dog, but no owner. I follow the leash around the corner; there I see Irma.

Haughtily, I said, "Madam, you can pull the chain now."

Cries Irma: "How dare you say anything against my Fido. I paid \$5,000 just yesterday for him."

Five thousand dollars! I dismissed the \$125,000 from my mind; maybe here was something better. I took a second look at Irma; I realized she had to have money; she had no other attractions. True, Fido didn't look like \$5,000, but then I'm no judge of dogflesh and I was willing to take her word for it.

Not to drag out the story of our 72-hour lightning courtship, we got married; then I asked her for the money to pay the preacher.

"Pay it yourself," she exclaimed. "You're rich." Suddenly, she added suspiciously: "You are, aren't you?"

"No, of course not," I retorted, "Where did you get any such idea?"

"Why I heard you say you lost \$125,000 the night of the Conway party."

I roared. Then I explained, "Why, I had just asked that rich Woodlawn widdier to marry me. She said no. She owns a big \$125,000 farm. That's what I was after. That's what I lost."

Now it was my turn to become frightened. I seized her arms so tightly she screamed.

"But you're rich, aren't you?" Without giving her a chance to answer, I went on:

"You did say you paid \$5,000 for Fido. That means you're rich, doesn't it?"

She turned on her best sneer. "Yes, I paid \$5,000 for Fido, but not in money. I got him in trade for two \$2,500 cats."

More Rain Is Predicted; Streams Rising

By The Associated Press

More rain was predicted for the Carolinas today as residents of coastal areas kept a watchful eye on swollen rivers.

Hope that cattle and property would not have to be evacuated from low-lying coastal areas came when the weather bureau forecast clearing skies tonight and fair and cool tomorrow.

A steady downpour battered the states yesterday. During the 24-hour period ending at 7:30 a. m. today almost two and a half inches fell at Charlotte, N. C., and Spartanburg, S. C., while Greensboro, N. C., had slightly more than two inches. More than an inch hit Columbia, S. C., and Cape Hatteras, N. C., had nearly one and a half inches. Almost an inch fell at Charleston, S. C.

Temperatures fell with the rain. General below normal minimums were recorded for the first time this month.

Aged Resident Dies At Home

Mrs. Pauline Northington, 83, well-known Roanoke Rapids resident, died this morning in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Northington was the wife of the late T. W. Northington and was a native of Halifax County. She resided in and near Littleton for a number of years and had made her home in Roanoke Rapids for the past twelve years.

She was born on November 20, 1865.

Survivors are three sons, L. H. Northington and W. H. Northington of Roanoke Rapids, and J. H. Northington of Littleton. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Several out-of-town visitors seemed to take the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Manning as a stopping place—and they were all relatives. . . Mrs. Manning said that she thinks they had about twenty-one guests from Thursday until Sunday. It's a good thing; they have a large house to go with that family. One of the better known visitors was Tommy Manning, their son, who is a graduate of the local high school. Tommy now lives in South Carolina; is married and has a small daughter, Glenda Anne. . .

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Connie Matthews of Cedar street in regard to the death of her mother, Mrs. C. L. Davis, of Ohio. Mrs. Matthews left Sunday for her home to attend the funeral. . .

Sending their regards from California and New Mexico are Mr. and Mrs. Colin Evans and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tanner. . . they left three weeks ago for an unlimited sight-seeing tour of that part of the country. . . Perhaps you have noticed that

Prizes Totalling Over \$200 Are Awarded Halifax Four-H Boys On Achievement Day

Enfield — Prizes totaling over \$200.00 in cash, in addition to several certificates and other awards, were presented to a number of Halifax County 4-H Club boys in the recent 4-H Achievement Day held here.

In the 4-H hybrid corn program sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club, the Weldon Rotary Club and the Enfield Lions Club there were 58 boys who grew one acre of hybrid corn, all competing in the corn contest. Five of the boys grew more than 100 bushels of corn to the acre and three others topped 95 bushels.

The winners of prize money were Edmond Forrest Jones, route two Halifax, 103.1 bushels, first; Raymond Garner, route two Roanoke Rapids, 103 bushels, second; James E. Condry of Scotland Neck, 102 bushels, third; Wilfred Barnhill, route one Enfield, 100.6 bushels, fourth; John Franklin Pierce, route two Halifax, 100.5 bushels, fifth; Kenneth Satterthwaite, route two Halifax, 97.6 bushels, sixth; Billy Perry Mincher of Enfield, 97 bushels, seventh; and Robert Ed Gardner of route two Halifax, 95.2 bushels, eighth.

Celebrating Birthdays Today

are Bobby Carter, Robert Brown, and Camilla Babson. . . happy birthday wishes to you all. . . may you have many, many more just as nice. . .

(In the times of jobless citizens it is reported that a young man made the request of a position. . . Official—"No, I can't find you a job. I have so many people here after jobs that I can't even remember their names. . . To which the applicant replied, "Couldn't you give me the job of keeping a record of them?" . . .

Per acre \$10.00; third, Donald Warren, route two Littleton, 20 bags, \$7.50; fourth, J. W. Reese and Mann Owen Reese of route two Roanoke Rapids, 19 bags per acre, \$4.50 each; fifth, Preston Leggett of route one Enfield, 16 bags, \$3.50.

Five boys who entered their fairy heifers in the Eastern Carolina Dairy Heifer Show at Clinton were awarded cash prizes as follows: Wilbur Garner of Roanoke Rapids, blue ribbon, \$12.50; James W. Hale of Littleton, blue ribbon, \$9.50; Robert H. Medlin of Weldon, red ribbon, \$8.50; Lawrence Best and Robert A. Gardner of Halifax, white ribbons, \$7.50 each.

These same boys were awarded \$35.00 in cash prizes previously by the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club.

Preston Leggett of Enfield and Raymond Garner of Weldon were awarded special certificates for their achievement of four completed years in 4-H Club work. Harold Twisdale of Halifax, James E. Condry, Jr., and David Lee Pittman of Scotland Neck and Johnny Kerr of Weldon were awarded certificates for having completed three years in 4-H Club work.

Critical Battle For Central China To Be Shifting From Suckow To Nanking Area

Nanking, Nov. 29 — The critical battle for central China appeared today to be shifting from Suckow to the very approaches of this Chinese capital.

It was learned reliably that the estimated 250,000 Nationalist troops at Suckow, defense bastion for Nanking, have been ordered to withdraw southward to engage the main Chinese Communist forces.

The outcome of the entire battle for Nanking may depend on the ability of the Suckow garrison to make the withdrawal. The Reds are concentrating in the areas of Sushien and Pengpu, rail cities on Nanking's approaches.

There has been no indication that the withdrawal order is being carried out — as yet — although it was made several days ago. Suckow still is getting supplies by planes, which are taking out wounded.

The battle for Suckow has raged three weeks. Its abandonment would indicate that the government regards as more critical the developing struggle in the 211 miles between here and Suckow. Earlier reports from the

fronts indicated that the Communists have left secondary troops to engage nationalists within the Suckow perimeter. The main Red strength of nearly 500,000 troops was reported heading south toward Pengpu, 100 miles northwest of Nanking. The Communists already hold Sushien, 45 miles south of Suckow. An estimated 140,000 government troops — regarded as inferior to those at Suckow — oppose the Reds at Sushien. Farther southward, and mostly in the Pengpu area, are another 50,000 Nationalists.

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