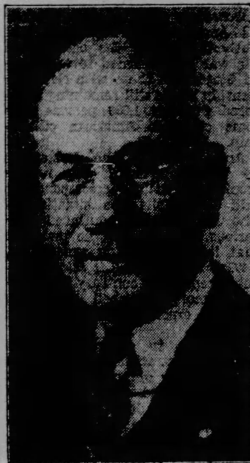


BEN A. RUFFIN

Richmond, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Ben A. Ruffin, sixty, a past president of Lions International, died here tonight.

Known particularly to Richmonders as a public speaker (his talks one year numbered 150), he had been full-time membership secre-



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tary of the Richmond chamber of commerce for the past four years.

He had served as a member of the boards of the Retreat for the Sick and for the Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind. He taught public speaking and conducted a Y.M.C.A. weekly Bible class that was largely attended.

A graduate of Randolph-Macon college, he was a member of a local firm of architects for eleven years before resigning in 1932 to become vice president of the Ortega, Robins and Race, general insur-

equipment, officers said.

All three of the suspected robbers are known to police here. Sloan was pardoned about a year ago, officers said, after serving about five years of a twenty-five-year sentence imposed in hustings court here Sept. 28, 1933, when he was convicted of robbery from the person by violence. With four others,

ance agents.

He once explained his effectiveness as a public speaker by saying he got the most out of small incidents and brought in amusing references to other speakers on the program.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. T. Martin Holloway of Detroit; two sisters, Mrs. R. W. Haw of Chester, and Mrs. Whitley Joel of Chincoteague, and three brothers, Louis, James, and Edwin Ruffin, all of Chester.