

# THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

## SIDEWALKS HELD UP AT LAST HOUR

### UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Our financial expert informs us that our gold dollars are now worth only the old price for gold and our gold certificates can be exchanged at par for a short time longer. The time for bringing it was to have expired yesterday but the Treasury Dept. has extended the limit. If you have either gold coins or certificates, better see your banker at once.

Our Sports Editor did not get his news in until today noon which is too late for setting up the type. We glean these sports topics: Windsor basketballs play here next Tuesday night. The Jackets play in Elizabeth City this Friday night. Girls lose two, one to the Teachers, one to Aurelian Springs. Jackets swamped Henderson last Thursday 41 to 7.

The City Board of Commissioners in special meeting went over the plans for the proposed municipal building with the architect this week and the application will soon be in shape to send to the Public Works Administration.

Plans for the Roanoke Rapids airport have been approved but the work cannot be started any time soon because Halifax County has used up its quota of men allotted by the CWA.

#### IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coburn left this week for a ten-day vacation in Florida. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Johnson, manager of Coburn's Greenville store.

Virginia Military Institute enthusiasts will tune in WSM at 8:30 this Friday night for a 30 minute V. M. I. program.

Orchids to Steve Lipscomb—For organizing and planning the direction of the Roanoke Rapids Choral Club which holds its first meeting at the Womans Club building tonight. About 100 singers and those who would like to learn have been invited to join and others will be asked. It would be a wonderful thing for Roanoke Rapids to have a chorus of 100

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## Untrue Report

### SIMMONS REFUTES RUMORS

Article in Paper About Mill Change Branded as Untrue By Owners

Simmons Company yesterday wired the Raleigh News & Observer that an article appearing in the Jan. 13 issue of that paper concerning a possible change in mill ownership in Roanoke Rapids was untrue, served only to disturb and annoy local employees and said they could not conceive of anyone who had the interest of Roanoke Rapids at heart starting such reports.

No change in mill ownership or management here has ever been discussed by them, said Mr. Grant Simmons, president, altho there have been frequent rumors during the past few years, all of which are branded as untrue by the mill owners.

The article in Wednesday's News & Observer is headed, "Rumors Found Without Basis"—"No Change of Ownership of Mills at Roanoke Rapids Contemplated". The article follows:

There is no truth in the report as printed in the News & Observer that one or more Roanoke Rapids mills might change ownership, states a telegram received from the Simmons Company, Grant G. Simmons, president, who telegraphed from New York as follows: "On January 13 a news article from Roanoke Rapids based upon rumor appeared in The News & Observer entitled: "See Possible Change in Mill Ownership." We hasten to officially advise you that there is no truth whatsoever in this statement. During the past few years there have been frequent rumors concerning a change of our mill ownership and management all of which have been without truth or foundation.

"We have never offered our property at Roanoke Rapids for sale. It is true that general conditions in textiles have not been

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First Ambassadors To and From Soviet Russia



WASHINGTON: Alexander Troyanovsky, (left) is now "at home" here, the first Russian Ambassador to the United States since post world war days. The Soviet Ambassador was joined at Paris by William C. Bullitt, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, the two returning to the United States together. Ambassador Bullitt will return to Russia in late February.

### Addresses Retailers



Willard L. Dowell, executive-secretary of the N. C. State Merchants Association, who delivered an address to city retailers here last Thursday evening spurring them to new enthusiasm in organizing Merchants Association.

### EXPRESS SAFE IS CRACKED

Lunch Stand Cash Is Missing; No Arrests Made Yet In Double Theft

Two places of business here were robbed the latter part of last week, the thieves on both jobs making a clean getaway, taking nothing but money in both instances. The safe at the office of the Seaboard Air Line was cracked early Friday morning and the receipts of the lunch stand in the New Bakery building were taken Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

Two other places were entered Friday morning but nothing was missing. Evidently the same crew which broke into the freight office also visited the Newsome Oil

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### ALL NEW PROJECTS STOPPED

Orders From Washington And Raleigh Also Cut Hours Of Those Working

On the eve of starting work on the ten mile sidewalk project for Roanoke Rapids, the State CWA clamped down on all disbursements and new projects, ordering the county CWA not to add any more men to the payroll and to cut the hours of those already working.

A telegram from Mrs. O'Berry, State CWA administrator, to J. B. Hall, County Administrator, received at 8 p. m. tonight said that by orders of National CWA Administrator Hopkins it was necessary to cut all CWA payrolls by reducing the number of hours per week; in Roanoke Rapids to 24 hours per week.

The biggest jolt came with the order not to hire any new men at this time. For tomorrow, a crew of new men were to start on the Roanoke Rapids sidewalks project. Under the orders issued last night this will be impossible.

Mr. Hall said Mrs. O'Berry was in Washington tonight trying to get more money but nothing could be done until present orders are changed. Had the Roanoke Rapids project been approved a week before it was, the work would have been under way and would have gone on.

The telegram is as follows: J. B. Hall, Local Admr. CWA. Halifax, N. C.

Due to the fact that average weekly wages of Civil Works is in excess of original estimated weekly payroll it is necessary to reduce hours of work per week on local, State and Federal projects to keep within money available Stop You are instructed that beginning January nineteenth 1934 per diem workers are to be put on work week as follows: Towns over 2500 maximum 24 hours per week. Towns under 2500 and in county 15 hours per week. All clerical, supervisory and professional maximum 30 hours per week with proper wage adjustments. This applies to all Civil Works and Civil Service employment and must be made effective everywhere as of this date.

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**COP HELD IN QUEER KILLING IN WELDON**

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**MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION IS REFORMED**

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**2 ROBBERIES IN CITY STILL UNSOLVED**

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