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PUBLIC BUILDING BONDS APPROVED

UP AND DOWN
The Avenue
WITH THE EDITOR

The Parent-Teachers Association of Central School will hold its regular meeting Wednesday night, February 21st, at eight o'clock. The children will present a play: "In The Candy Shop." All parents are urged to attend.

The Kiwanis Club is celebrating Valentine Day with a Ladies Night at the High School tonight. Plates have been laid for seventy guests. Lt. Governor Bill Medford, of Oxford, is the guest of honor.

A commendable program has been launched by the Boys & Girls committee of the Kiwanis Club. Working with the Hi-Y and Girls Reserve at the High School a Go To Church campaign has been launched among the school children. Home rooms are competing with two attendances at any church or Sunday School services for any one Sunday counting a perfect. A Hi-Y boy and a girl from the Reserves are making speeches before the home rooms on the subject.

Eight Boy Scouts will leave this week-end for Washington, D. C., under the guidance of Scoutmaster Bill Alligood. They will carry letters of introduction to their Congressman, Senators and are hoping to arrange a meeting with President Roosevelt.

There will be a benefit Dance next Wednesday evening, February 21st, in the store building formerly occupied by the Young Mercantile Co. sponsored by Boy Scouts Troop 2. Funds derived will be used in sending the boys to camp next summer. The "High Hatters" will play and the dance starts at 9:30 and lasts until 2. Admission is \$1.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will serve supper in the church basement on Saturday, February 17th. The menu will consist of brunswick stew or barbecue, chicken and pineapple salad. The proceeds will go to the building fund of the church. Plates are 30 cents.

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Bus Franchise

APPROVE AVENUE BUS LINE

A bus line on Roanoke Avenue, operating every 30 minutes, will start business the first of next week.

Willis Perkins of Littleton, applied to the City Board of Commissioners for a year's franchise last week and it was granted.

Mr. Perkins plans to start with a twenty-passenger bus which will be placed in operation Monday or Tuesday. The line will operate on the Avenue from the river mills to South Rosemary.

The fare will be five cents. The bus will stop at every corner on the Avenue. If the business warrants in the future, Mr. Perkins plans to extend the service.

SALESMAN IS ROBBED NEAR HERE

Masked Bandits Hold Up Man On Littleton Road Monday Night

Warrenton, Feb. 13. — Masked bandits held up and robbed J. R. Ivey, salesman of White's Flour and Meal Mill of Warrenton, of nearly \$100 in cash and several hundred dollars in checks. The robbery occurred about a half mile west of Roanoke Rapids at about 7 o'clock last night.

Three men in a V-8 Model Ford drove in front of Mr. Ivey's car, forcing it to stop while three masked men jumped from a Chevrolet coach that drove rapidly up behind the Ivey car, one of these pressing a pistol to the salesman's side and demanding his money.

After the robbery Mr. Ivey was forced to walk into a nearby field while the men jumped into the waiting machine and both cars sped toward Littleton.

Mr. Ivey reported the robbery to the Roanoke Rapids police a few minutes later.

Two of the men who jumped from the car wore sweaters and the third wore a sheepskin coat. All three wore caps, Mr. Ivey

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HEART BABY THRIVES AT THREE



Little William Carlton Spragins, the Roanoke Rapids baby with the misplaced heart, celebrated his third birthday here Sunday, Feb. 11th, with a birthday party. William Carlton is enjoying the best of health and is well grown for his age. He has attracted nation-wide attention due to the position of his heart which is on the outside of his body, now protected by an aluminum shield.

He enjoyed his third birthday party immensely. His guests were Carl and Clyde Garfis, Obie and Alice Jones, Esther and Marjorie Ellis and Dorothy Deans. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Spragins, who live at 919 Vance Street.

CAPS FOR POLICE

The City Board of Commissioners this week instructed Mayor Jenkins to order police caps and buttons for the members of the police force.

The police were instructed to purchase uniform blue suits to which the brass buttons will be attached, and to display badges prominently.

To keep rugs from slipping on a polished floor, sew a strip of oilcloth under each end.

5,000 PRIVIES

Raleigh, Feb. 15—Mrs. Thomas O'Berry's CWA office Monday approved as a CWA project in Halifax county the construction of 5,000 sanitary privies under supervision of the State Board of Health. The project will employ 337 men and will mean a payroll for them of \$66,680.80, the estimated total cost of the project, including materials, tools, etc., being \$116,924.55.

\$32,000.00 FOR CITY BUILDING

Local Government Commission Approves; Net Cost To City \$22,400

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—The Local Government Commission's executive committee, in session Tuesday, approved the application of the town of Roanoke Rapids for a bond issue of \$32,000 to be sold to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for the erection of a municipal building.

The entire amount will be issued and the Public Works administration will cancel 30 per cent of the issue, holding the remainder for a long period of years and at 4 per cent interest rate.

The \$32,000 building, less the grant of \$9,600 by the Federal government, will cost Roanoke Rapids \$22,400.

The plans and specifications (Continued on back page)

OFFICIAL INSPECTS AVENUE

Engineer Williams of the State Highway Department was here yesterday conferring with the City Board of Commissioners and the Mayor regarding the improvement of Roanoke Avenue.

Mr. Williams said his duties were that of an investigator and he makes his reports and recommendations on various projects of this nature to the Raleigh office.

While the State Highway Dept. has said Roanoke Rapids is only entitled to \$25,000 for this project, the City Board asked that \$40,000 be recommended, a sufficient amount to build a 30 foot road from the railroad to First Street.

In order to save money for the property owners, the city hopes that when this project is approved, those property owners in the South Ward business section will permit the work to include paving from curb to curb.

An entirely new road, at levels which will not conflict with sidewalk and floor levels, is contemplated in the plans. It would be 30 feet wide, 12 feet wider than the present roadway, of high type asphalt with concrete slabs on each side.