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# BAFFLING BURGLARY HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS

UP AND DOWN

## The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Kiwanians last Thursday bent furrowed brows over a government test. What did the following letters stand for? Try them yourself. Answers on another page, RFC, CCC, NRA, FDIC, FHA, FERA, HOLC, TVA, FACA, PWEHC.

The headlines of last week's issue caused much comment. By coincidence the November issue of The Modern Psychologist, on sale at local drug stores has an article on Abnormal Outlets by Howard N. Rose, Psychologist. He says sadism is predominant in every-day life, defines it as an abnormality in which one receives a certain mental or sensuous pleasure by causing pain to others. We quote from one paragraph in his discussion:

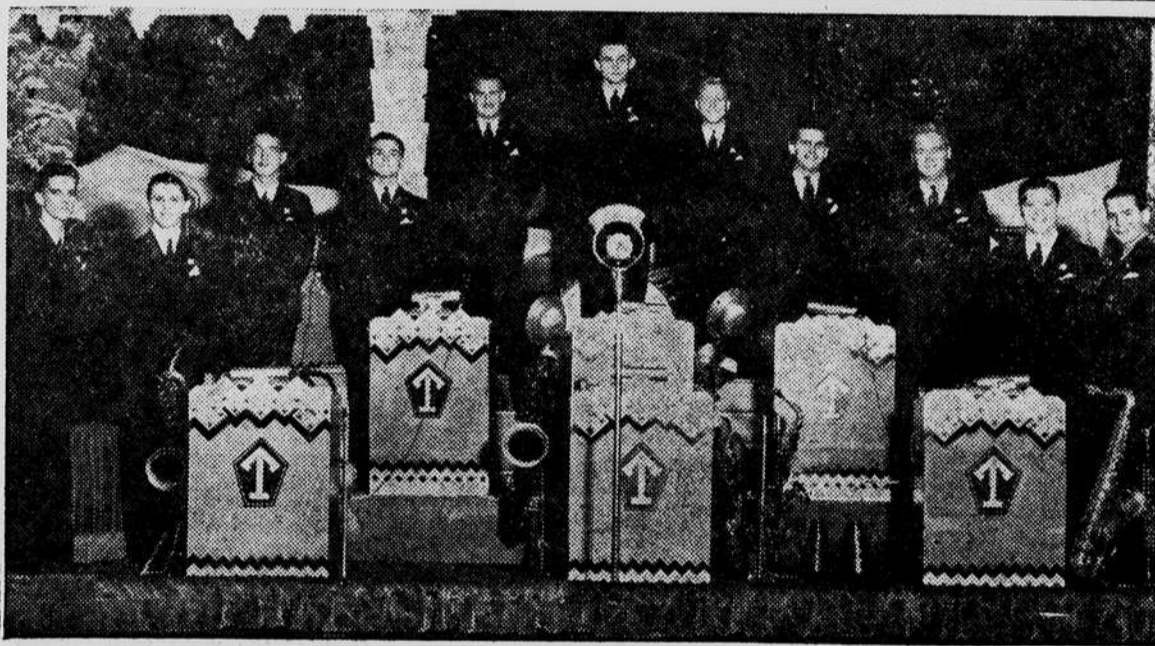
"Have you ever read a newspaper account of a murder and ridicule what seems to you to be the best joke you ever heard when you quote the murderer, who confessed: 'I killed my wife because I loved her'. And he adheres firmly to this motive. The courts laugh at him and either put him in prison for life or send him to the electric chair. Yet he clings to this reason for killing his wife".

Mr. Rose goes ahead to assert that the psychological fact is there but is not interpreted. He would have courts regard cases of sadism as unpunishable motives for crime. He says sadism may be overcome if the person wants to help himself. It is like ridding oneself of any undesirable habit. Little symptoms which proclaim sadistic tendencies, say the writer, are such as one who bites his or her friends, likes to hurt your hand when shaking hands, always looking for a fight or tussle, likes to be the first to bring bad news, likes to hurt the feelings of others at the slightest provocation, is unnecessarily cruel to animals, etc.

A new project like the school building always calls for more work. A crew of the Sanitary

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## Bill Allsbrook's Orchestra Here Tonight



Bill Allsbrook and his famous orchestra which plays two engagements in Roanoke Rapids tonight, one at the Imperial Theatre in the early evening, the other at the Boy Scout dance at Chockycotte Country Club for what

might be termed the balance of the evening and then some. Bill and his orchestra are making an enviable reputation for producing some of the best dance music in the nation. They finished a highly successful season at Virginia

Beach and were immediately snatched up by the Tantilla Gardens in Richmond, Va., just completing a hold-over engagement there. They are starting on a tour of the nation immediately.

## DRIVER OF TRUCK IS IN JAIL

Davis Transportation Truck Kills Negro Near Suffolk

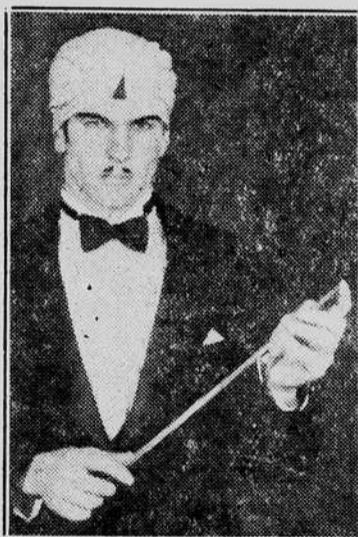
It never rains but it pours for J. E. Davis, local truckman, who has been operating truck lines between here and Richmond and Norfolk. To add to his worries, his brother and nephew were injured in an auto wreck at Potocasi last week and on Thursday night one of his trucks killed a man near Suffolk.

At the hearing in Suffolk yesterday, the driver, Carroll Barnes, 23, was placed under a \$2,000 bond on a charge of manslaughter. In default of bond he is in the Nansemond County jail where he has been since the truck killed James Bell, 69 year old Negro of Suffolk.

Officers say Barnes was drunk and that they found whiskey in the truck. His truck struck the car driven by Bell, broke the Negro's neck, killing him instantly. Bell's car was demolished and the

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## HERE NEXT WEEK



Calvert The Great will be in Roanoke Rapids next week end and will amaze local people with his hypnotism and dare-devil stunting. He will give a free public exhibition early Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1, among other stunts, climbing the front of a local building and performing blind-folded on the ledge. He will appear at the Imperial Theatre Saturday afternoon and night and for a midnight show Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

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## ROSES IS VICTIM NO CLUES

Four Locks And Safe Fall Before Onslaught Of Clever Robber

Police are puzzled over one of the boldest robberies in recent years and are no nearer a solution of who broke in the new store of Rose's Five & Ten Sunday night, broke four locks, a safe and escaped with fourteen money bags containing several hundred dollars.

The trail of the robber can be easily followed from the time he entered the building until his exit. But from then on there is no clue or trail.

Entrance was made in the alley by climbing a telephone pole which very handily delivers one to the second story window which was prized open with little trouble. The second floor has not been finished but is being used for storage purposes.

A door down to the first floor was forced open. This threw the thief into the storage room at the rear of the main store. Another lock broken and he was in the main store.

The safe was located in the office on the balcony in such a position that the robber could work behind the balcony railing without detection from the street. As a matter of fact, a person in the store could not have seen him at work.

The actual method of breaking in the safe provides one of the baffling mysteries of the robbery. It appears that the combination was bent down far enough to permit a hacksaw to be used although some of those who know safes cannot figure out just how this method was successful.

But it was and the robber went away from there with fourteen money bags containing several hundred dollars. Four of the bags were white canvas, eight were khaki colored and one was a large canvas bag.

Loaded down with his loot, the robber evidently could not or would not leave by the upper story window. He broke the Yale lock on the rear door of the store

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## HOPE TO DECORATE AVENUE

Business Houses Plan To Start Stringing Lights

A group of merchants in the city plan to start a regular custom of lighting the Avenue with colored Christmas lights during the holiday season, starting on a small scale this year and adding to the fixtures each year.

The movement was started by the Merchants Association but because many of its members are not on the Avenue, the Association gave up the idea and individual merchants on the Avenue are going thru with it.

At a meeting this week, a dozen business firms agreed to donate to the fund for buying the necessary globes and wire to string lights in the two business blocks in the South Ward. E. W. Smith local electrician, has agreed to install the lights at cost and VEPCO has agreed to enter into the scheme with full cooperation. Mr. Smith plans to see business firms in the North Ward this week and