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# THREE KIDNAPPERS GET PRISON SENTENCES

## The President Speaks



(International News Photo)

Talking by telephone to a dinner meeting of the National Committee for the Birthday Ball for the President at the Waldorf-Astoria on Jan. 18th, President Roosevelt's words were picked up by radio and broadcast to the nation. The address marked the first time in Birthday Ball history that the Chief Executive spoke to the nation previous to a birthday ball, urging support for the benefits to raise funds for a nation-wide war on infantile paralysis. Col. Henry L. Doherty, chairman of the National Committee, presided at the Waldorf dinner, attended by nearly one hundred of the nation's leaders. Millions of Americans listened in.

Roanoke Rapids is one of the nearly 6,000 cities which tonight are honoring the President with a Birthday Ball. Snow and ice tonight may keep many from out in the county attending but a splendid floor show and dance is in progress for those who braved the inclement weather. Music is being furnished by Dot Bennett and his Collegians and the midnight floor show of seven acts is under the direction of Mrs. Lyle Wilson and Miss Lucy Mayfield.

## UP AND DOWN WITH THE The Avenue Editor

FINAL warning to all car owners in Roanoke Rapids comes officially in a notice this week that all those who have not secured city license tags for cars and trucks by the first of Feb. (Saturday) will be haled into court, must pay extra charges, costs, etc. Tags are on sale at the office of the City Clerk.

PROTECTED by the law they flaunt and despise is the reaction of the average citizen who sits in on a criminal court proceeding. Innocent until proved guilty beyond a reason.

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## Smith, Tudor, Gray, Are Found Guilty In Sensational Trial

### MOVE IN OVER THE WEEKEND

The new Post Office building in Roanoke Rapids will be finished and ready for occupancy the end of this week and plans of Postmaster L. G. Shell are to move from the old post office on Saturday afternoon.

All persons having boxes in the old post office and desiring boxes in the new one should be certain to make the necessary deposit and get keys for their boxes at once. All new boxes and drawers are equipped with Yale locks.

The Saturday noon mail will be put up at the old post office. Saturday night mail will be put up at the new post office. In be-

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### BOY BANDIT 45 MONTHS TO 6 YEARS

Clyde Cumba, boy bandit captured by local police after staging a one-man epidemic of robbery in Patterson Mill village recently, pled guilty to three indictments of breaking and entering and one larceny charge and was yesterday sentenced by Superior Court Judge Parker to a total of from 45 months to six years in the State Central Prison at Raleigh.

On a breaking and entering indictment he was sentenced to from 15 months to two years in prison; at the expiration of that sentence he is to serve a like sentence for car larceny; at the expiration of the second sentence, he is to serve a third for 15 months to two years for breaking and entering; while a fourth term of the same amount is to be served concurrently with the first.

A jury in Halifax Superior Court, out less than two hours last night, after a sensational trial which started Tuesday afternoon and ended Wednesday night, found three men guilty of kidnaping, and two of them guilty of conspiracy and assault.

George Smith and Benjamin (alias Dick) Tudor, of Roanoke Rapids, were found guilty of all three charges brought against them by the State, while Jewell Gray of Warrenton was found guilty of aiding and abetting in the kidnaping of Frank Mitchell and Richard Weaver here on January 18th.

At 10 o'clock last night, Judge R. Hunt Parker sentenced the three as follows: George Smith, five to eight years in the Central Prison at Raleigh at hard labor to be worked under the direction of the State Highway and Public Works Commission on the kidnaping charge; to be confined in the common jail at Halifax for a term of 6 months, to be assigned to work the public roads under direction of the State Highway Commission.

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### HERE TUESDAY, FEB. 4th



The last number of the four-program series of the Collins Festival will be brought to Roanoke Rapids next Tuesday night by the Womans Club when the play, "Paupers and Pews", with a splendid professional cast in three exciting acts, will be given at the High School auditorium. Tickets for the performance will be on sale at the door, to take care of those who did not have season tickets for the Festival. Thus will come to a close four entertainments of highest quality, which have pleased those who attended. A light opera program, a revue, a noted speaker and the final play next Tuesday night fill out the well-rounded program brought here by the Womans Club.