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## MAY REACH \$1,000 GOAL

### FLASH

● ● JIM GURKIN DIED IN THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HOSPITAL AT 4:10 P. M. TODAY. (Details inside).

● ● NEWS WAS RECEIVED HERE TODAY THAT JOE BRYANT'S FATHER DIED AT HIS HOME IN FRANKLIN, VA. LAST NIGHT. UNTIL RECENTLY, JOE WAS ASSISTANT IN THE ROANOKE-PATTERSON EMPLOYMENT OFFICE.

### UP AND DOWN WITH THE The Avenue Editor

● ● THANKSGIVING was celebrated in Roanoke Rapids today with religious services in at least two churches reported: Presbyterians and Episcopalians, following a custom of several years, met at the Episcopal Church at 9 a.m. to hear Presbyterian Lawrence Stell in a Thanksgiving sermon; a sunrise service was reported at the Rosemary Baptist Church.

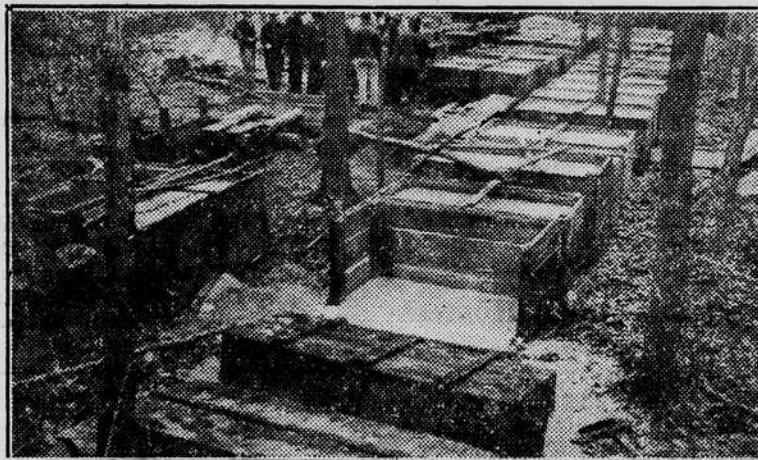
● ● Thanksgiving was also celebrated by the owners and clerks of most stores and offices along the Avenue, which looked like Sunday. Tonight, the members of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department celebrate the day with a chicken and oyster supper at the city hall. Early celebrants attended the annual splendid turkey dinner at the First Baptist Church Tuesday night . . . Miss Janie Lassiter, Hospital Supt., celebrated the day in New York City . . . Fletcher Dickens and family returned from Richmond, Va. to get some real cooking . . . Doug Worsham celebrated the Eve by bowling 166 at the Recreation Alleys, a figure which will probably stand for some time . . . To the Herald, with press time, it was just another Thursday.

● ● Thanksgiving Day at the Hospital found Jim Gurkin at the point of death . . . little Hannah Jane Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. Grace Kennedy, very ill but with a chance to recover . . . Mrs. F. L. Starke and Miss Letha B. Lewis, nurses, ill in the hospital . . . Irvin Petway of Skippers suffering from a bullet wound in his hand, shot accidentally by another

● ● Thanksgiving Week found the following proud mammas and papas than whom none was prouder than Contractor Lit Dickens: to them a girl was born on Nov. 20; to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Shearin, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bobbitt Jr. of Garysburg, a boy; all on Nov. 19th . . . But the girls were not to be denied . . . to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wright, to Mr. and Mrs. William Vaughan, to Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes and to Mr. and Mrs. Lit Dickens, girls, on Nov. 20th.

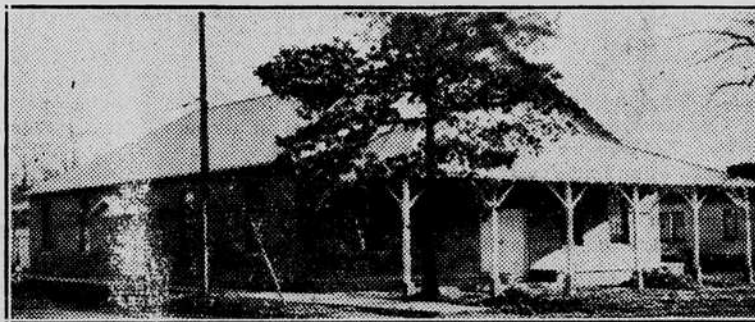
● ● Only case in court Thanksgiving Day was that of Alice Bates, colored, charged with assault with intent to kill Cherry Purnell, also colored. Magistrate Thompson heard the testimony. Cherry was cut seven times by Alice. The affray took place near the Roanoke Rapids Colored School. Alice says she discovered her husband and Cherry together and that's when the knife flew. Judge Thompson bound Alice over to county court.

### SITE OF BIGGEST STILL



The picture above was taken soon after deputy sheriffs of Halifax County raided the big still location 12 miles West of Enfield last Wednesday. Part of the forty three 500-gallon vats of beer can be seen with the raiding party in the background. From the amount of beer on hand ready to run, officers estimate this was the largest still known in Halifax County. The vats above and other equipment were destroyed with dynamite soon after this picture was taken. Perhaps tipped off about the raid, the moonshiners escaped with the still just before the raid by loading it on a big truck, putting planks down for a runway and hauling the still away. It is estimated that 50,000 pounds of sugar and 150,000 pounds of meal were used in making the beer contained in the 43 vats shown above.

### Roanoke Rapids Curb Market



Above is a picture of the new Roanoke Rapids Curb Market building at the corner of 8th and Monroe. Recently completed, the building was used this week for the first time as county women under Home Demonstration Agent Hazel Wheeler sold the produce of their farms and kitchens to the housewives of Roanoke Rapids. The building was erected with funds donated by citizens and business firms of Roanoke Rapids, the balance of the money needed being advanced to the Home Demonstration Clubs by the county.

### WHAT AND WHERE IS IT?



The above cut was sent to The Herald but we do not know who, what or where. Nevertheless, it is quite a contraption and worth showing. There's one bicycle that is paying for itself altho it makes it hard on the delivery truck salesman. It may give the Majors and some other delivery boys around here an idea.

### 1st Report Annual Red Cross Drive

Teachers of Roanoke Rapids schools were the first unit in the chapter to go over the quota set in the annual Red Cross Roll Call being completed this week. The teachers, under the leadership of P. A. Reid, have raised \$81 which is \$11 over the quota set for them. A committee of which Mrs. William Medlin is chairman reached its quota of \$40 and the hospital committee under Miss Janie Lassiter reached its quota of \$25.

Mrs. Paul Reid's committee of workers reported \$37 of its \$40 quota while Mrs. T. J. Alford's committee has reported \$76.23.

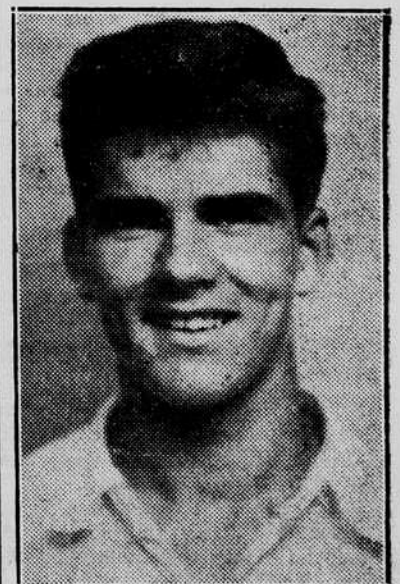
None of the mill committees had reported today to either Roll Call Chairman F. C. Williams or Chapter Chairman Gordon Price and there are several committees in the business section yet to report. On the basis of reports already in, Red Cross officials are hoping they will be able to reach the \$1,000 quota set for the Roll Call.

The Littleton branch of the Chapter is ready to report \$50, according to news received from there. Aurelian Springs branch had not reported today.

Complete reports will be published next week.

Memberships and donations will still be received by any of the following committee chairmen: A. O. Pendleton, William Hodges, E. B. Manning, Clyde Liske, Byrd Davenport, Jack Lipscomb, Frank Sherry, Paul Reid, Chief H. E. Dobbins, Mesdames W. N. Pharr, E. A. Telliga, Carroll Wilson, Paul Reid, William Medlin, T. J. Alford, Misses Clara Hearne, Winnifred Beckwith, Janie Lassiter; Supt. White at Aurelian Springs, Mrs. Ward at Littleton.

### "Don't Feed Him"



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOY? While hundreds of thousands of American families celebrated Thanksgiving today with the proverbial "Turkey and trimmings,"

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