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# APT. HOUSE PLANNED

## UP AND DOWN WITH THE The Avenue Editor

● ● Last Saturday night at Long's Store near Seaboard, two Negroes, George Barnes and Buck Davis were fighting. Up stepped Elijah Providence, 38, a nephew of Barnes, to act as peacemaker. When he tried to separate the fighters, they turned on him and in the melee, Elijah was stabbed three times in the chest and stomach. He died. Blessed are the peacemakers.

● ● The Fire Department of Roanoke Rapids is sponsoring a show this Saturday night at the High School auditorium which will feature The Johnson County Ramblers, Miss Crewe and her Acrobatic Dancers, Tap Dancers and as highlights, those clod hopping black-face comedians, P. D. Harris and Charlie Nixon. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. All firemen have tickets.

● ● Minstrel-Revue rehearsals for the 7th annual Kiwanis Club show which will be staged here the night of April 7th and 8th will start on Monday, March 21st . . . All old members of the cast are requested to report and all new talent will be given an opportunity at try-outs . . . Funds made will be used to continue the city-wide Dental Clinic, help build the kids a skating rink and for other work for the boys and girls of the city . . . The Club's slogan this year is: "Help us Help Them."

● ● While visiting relatives near Capron, Va. Sunday, Mrs. Ernest Bryant, whose husband is a Patterson Mills Co. employee, was stricken ill. She was brought to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital in W. C. Williams ambulance . . . Mrs. Jake Vincent of near Vulture was brought to the hospital Friday . . . Marvin Cook, 919 Jackson St., with pneumonia was reported improved yesterday . . . Capt. Peter Koolwyck gave his travel talk to the Boys Class of the Rosemary Methodist Church last Sunday. Roland Johnson is the teacher . . . Larry Meade will leave Monday for Chicago, where he will take a course in radio engineering at Coyne Electrical and Radio School. After 8-months of study young Meade hopes to land a job on a ship . . .

● ● Roanoke Rapids Skeet shooters will have more tough going Sunday, March 13th, when they meet the Remington Skeet Club of Richmond, Va. here at 2 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Webb and other fine shots of the crack Richmond team will be here. Chief Dobbins, chief shooter for the locals, is worried.

● ● Deputy sheriff G. F. Gray was the only witness used when Claude Bowser, 22 year old Negro who killed his sweetheart, Lizzie Bowser, "because he loved her," was brought before Judge Daniel Tuesday. Claude had no lawyer, did not testify. He was sent back to jail, no bond was allowed, and he faces Superior Court in May on a charge of first degree murder . . . which means premeditated. Sheriff Gray reports that he had threatened the girl prior to the killing, also told others he planned to kill her. He has admitted the killing, telling how he cut her throat as she laid her head on his shoulder to be kissed.

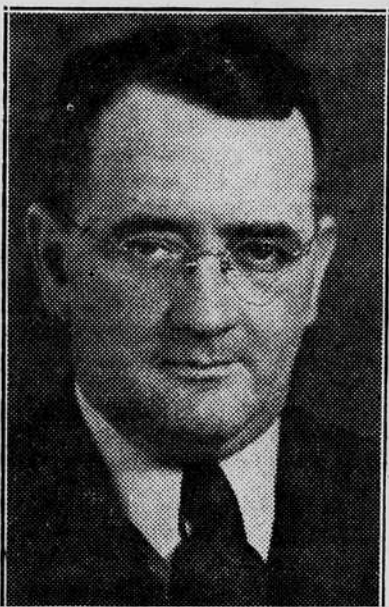
## Operated On



THE REV. LAWRENCE STELL stricken with appendicitis yesterday was operated on last night at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. His condition today is good but it will be several days before visitors are permitted.

His pulpit at the Presbyterian Church will be filled Sunday morning by Dr. D. W. Richardson of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. There will be no evening service.

## In Hospital



DR. JOHNNY MARTIN Patterson Mills Co. physician and chairman of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee, who is ill tonight in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Dr. Martin said tonight he hoped to be able to return to his practise the first of next week.

## Cannon Asks Braintwisters

"What Do You Know About Your Home Town and Its Industries?" was the question asked Kiwanians at their weekly meeting tonight by program chairman Lewis A. Cannon, and he asked every member a braintwister about the cotton  
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## PATTERSON HOME TO BE MADE INTO EIGHT APARTMENTS AT ONCE

The Sam Patterson home on Roanoke Avenue will soon be converted into an apartment house containing seven or eight fine apartments, according to plans now being made by Mrs. S. F. Patterson. Mrs. Patterson left Roanoke Rapids Tuesday night for Norfolk, Va. where she and her daughter, Miss Mary Patterson, will live in the future. Moving vans were busy yesterday and today hauling the furniture from the house. The Patterson estate, covering

the entire block between 6th and 7th Streets on Roanoke Avenue, is one of the show places of this section of the State.

The contractor plans to start work immediately converting the big residence into apartments of which there will be seven or eight, some with three rooms and bath and others with four rooms and bath. It is understood that heat and water will be furnished with the apartments.

## BOND ELECTION SET FOR MAY 3 IN CITY

### City Board In Busy Session Here Tuesday

It was busy session Tuesday for the City Board of Commissioners in monthly meeting, with the street paving project, traffic and parking problems, carnivals, skating, street lights, street signs, opening of new streets, firemen and police problems and a few other sundry questions to be discussed or settled.

With the city signing the paving petition, the project had gone over the top with, at present, 70 per cent of the property owners having signed, representing more than 60 per cent of the property involved. Mayor Jenkins reported a conference with Massilick & Mitchell, New York bond attorneys, in which it was agreed that the earliest time a bond election could be held is on May 3rd, which is also city election day for two Commissioners, M. D. Collier and R. L. Starke.

With the bond election carried and all preliminary work done, the contract can be advertised for bids and the bonds sold at the same time, making it possible, if no hitches, to start work on paving the streets by June 1st.

T. W. Mullen, chairman of the School Board, and C. W. Davis, School Supt., asked the Board to open up four blocks of Cedar St. between 3rd and 7th to connect Vance Street and Clara Hearne schools. It was pointed out that this had been blocked in the past by the refusal of T. Lee Whitaker to grant an easement thru his property and this work would be done when such an easement was given. The city board voted \$75 toward payment of the building of an outdoor skating rink for the children.

The rink planned will be oval on lots 90 x 140 feet on the corner in front of the High School. The rink will be paved from 12 to 14 feet

wide. Total cost is estimated at between \$700 and \$800. PWA labor will be used and the cost locally will be about \$250. The money will be raised from donations by the city, schools, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs.

Supt. Davis asked for street lights around the new school buildings, saying that "necking parties" were going on at nights back of the schools. Seven street lights were authorized.

Mr. Collier reported that new street signs had been ordered for Roanoke Avenue. There will be two signs at each intersection, one for the East side of the Avenue, one for the West side.

A letter was authorized to the Lions Club Safety Committee thanking it for the safety suggestions made and stating the suggestions were being looked into. A discussion of some of them lasted for some time. Parking on both sides of 10th Street was said to be dangerous and cause of many accidents by Commissioner Manning.

Lack of parking space on the Avenue in the business blocks, advisability of a parking limit, the need for more police if more parking laws were passed to give full time to traffic, use of alleys by trucks loading and unloading, U-turns, especially at 2nd and 10th, the city bus stopping by fire hydrants, and other matters were discussed freely.

The Board donated \$50 to Associated Charities which is now depleted of funds because of the heavy drain of the past six months.

F. S. Kemp for the American Legion and Sherrad Crumpler for the Firemen-Boy Scouts, asked the Board to waive the city license on carnivals for them to sponsor the Strate Shows here next month. The Board took no action as there was a question as to which group had a contract with the shows. Action will be taken at the adjourned meeting which will be held next Tuesday.

Uniforms and soft ball equip-  
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