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# TORNADO HITS SUNBURY FIREPROOF HOSPITAL!

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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## REPORT NO LOSS OF LIFE

### Scott Benton Is Called To Former Home By Disaster

### Hiway Patrolman From Here Aids in Stricken Area

A freak tornado hit the nearby town of Sunbury, in Gates County, about 3:30 o'clock this morning, doing considerable property damage, but only slight injuries to three people, it was learned in Roanoke Rapids early today.

M. Scott Benton, prominent city attorney and junior partner of the law firm of Allsbrook and Benton, whose former home is in Sunbury, was called there early today with the message that although none of his people were hurt, that they had suffered considerably in property damage.

State Highway Patrolman H. W. Rothrock was also called to the scene of the disaster, and left for there about ten o'clock. Rothrock returned to his station here late this afternoon after spending the day there, but could not be reached at press time for details surrounding the catastrophe.

A cotton gin and saw mill were demolished, the Episcopal church was damaged, and roofs were blown off a number of garages and sheds, it was reported.

An automobile trailer was blown 75 yards and destroyed, the two occupants receiving only slight scratches.

A Negro fireman on duty at the saw mill was the only one to receive extensive hurts.

The blow came suddenly and lasted only two minutes, but left demolished buildings and debris in its wake.

### Pictures Of Twin Calves Born Here

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BILL WOLHAR TELLING EM 'OH HOW SHE LIED TO ME'



TIME TO START THE GARDEN!



"Jack" Carrada Popular Supt of Roanoke No. 2, and recent Chairman of Lions Charter Night.



## SPRINKLER SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED AT THE HOSPITAL

The Roanoke Rapids Hospital will soon take another step forward with the installation of a sprinkler system over the entire hospital building.

A contract was signed yesterday with the Grinnell Automatic Sprinkler Co. calling for a complete and modern coverage of the local hospital with their latest and best equipment to make the hospital fireproof on every floor and in every wing.

The system will be similar to that installed in local mills and theatres where the system starts automatic sprinkling whenever the temperature reaches a certain point.

Engineers from the Grinnell Co. will arrive here next week to make a study and plans for the system which will be installed just as soon as the proper equipment is shipped.

## Celebrate 27th Anniversary Of Girl Scouting

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## Library Gets 172 Books In Drive

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## THIS FRIDAY NIGHT LAST CHANCE TO SEE SAWDUST-SP'GLES

A packed auditorium saw the first night's performance of "Sawdust and Spangles", mammoth circus-minstrel-revue staged here tonight as the 9th annual Kiwanis Club show. Another big crowd is expected to see the second and last night's show this Friday night.

Old and young, of all ages, enjoyed seeing the Big Top circus brought inside the High School auditorium . . . everything was there to create the real circus atmosphere with the butcher boys selling candy, peanuts, pink lemonade and balloons up and down the aisles before the show and during intermission, the circus music, the barker in front of the side show, the freaks (what freaks) inside the

sideshow, and then the circus under the big top.

Highspots under the Big Top included An Oriental Fantasy, the big parade with trumpeters, lantern bearers, the Queen and Prince, the Queen's Guards, Nautch dancers and the Butterflies; the clowns and clown band; the International jockies; queens of the tight wire; the World's most ferocious animals; the Indian dancers; basket horses and bareback riders; Grecian Pose artists; Sweethearts of the Waltz; Madame Mystica; the famous Blue Ribbon Ponies; and the Military March of Time.

After intermission came the Wild West Concert with singing and (Continued on Page 5, Sec. A)