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THURSDAY, FEB. 19, 1942



THE ROANOKE RAPIDS

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MINISTERS TO GET **AUTO TIRES**

City In Total Darkness For Half An Hour

Hid enemy bombers flown over cordingly". this section looking for Roanoke Rapits at about 9:30 Sunday night the chances are they would have failed to find the city. That is how complete the city's first test blaccout and air raid drill was perfected by local Civilian Defense leaders, city officials, and residents of the town.

For almost half an hour the city was in almost total darkness, and only a few pin points of light here and there would have served to aid elemy bombers had they flown over the city while the blackout was n progress, so effective was the dill.

school building shortly after the air rad sirens had given their earsplitting howls, city officials and Civilia, Defense leaders watching could be the lights in the city and these in urban districts suddenly go out and within a few minutes after the sirens had given the warning scarcely a light was visible fom any point in the city.

Civilian Defense Commander Frank sherry said that he estimated the blackout at about 98 per cent complete. Lights were visible in a couple of buildings in the business listricts where lights had been left burning as a precaution agains burglary, and two or three residerts had left lights or fires burning in their homes while they were avay. With these exceptions, Sherry said, the blackout was carried out in fine style.

However, Mr. Sherry said, the blackout served to convince the Office of Civilian Defense that the

same time will allow a window to be raised in the refuge room without letting light escape to the outside. We are expecting to have this drawing ready for publication their religious duties, H. B. suggest that each resident of the city prepare his refuge room ac-

DEFENSE LEADERS

SAY FIRST TEST

WELL CARRIED OUT

Commander Sherry said that anevery home in the city by that time.

CHURCH SUPPER

Grove Church served a supper in the Sunday School rooms of the formance of his religious duties". Vieved from atop the local high church. The proceeds which a-

mounted to \$20.00 will be used in society.

Ministers may obtain new tires or retreads for use on their cars necessary to the performance of in the Herald next week, and we Speight, chairman of the local tire Charter Night celebration, schedulrationing board, stated yesterday.

The rule adding ministers to the list of those who may purchase new rubber is contained in revised other blackout test would be held regulations covering both tire and in the city sometime in the near retreading rationing effective tofuture and that he hoped that a day. The new regulations were refuge room would be prepared in received this week by the local Board.

Under the revised regulation, the local rationing board may in their discretion and subject to existing quotas, issue certificates for tire replacements to ministers satisfy- discussed. It was announced that ing the following condition: "A ve- a unit o. the Kaus Exposition hicle operated by a regularly prac-On Thursday night, the young ticing minister of any religious people's division of Pleasant faith and which is used principally in and is necessary to the per-

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Denton of buying a defense bond for their Raleigh were business visitors here during the week-end.

Members of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club at their regular meeting on Thursday night discussed their coming Lodies Night and ed to be held at the time of the next meeting of the club on Thursday night, February 26.

Lions Plan

Ladies Night

Program

Plans for the coming event call for a banquet in the basement of the First Baptist church, at which a speaker of note will be had, followed by a dance in the Vepco clubhouse. Wives and lady friends of Lion members will be guests for the occasion.

Plans for the forthcoming Mid-Summer Lions Carnival were also Shows has already been signed to appear at the Carnival, and that plans were underway to secure other attractions for the annual affair. It was stated that the Kaus show is the largest and most colorful ever signed for a Lions Carabout 14 of the finest rides in the pay.

show business.

A report on the recent President's Ball, sponsored jointly by the Lions Club of the county, and a further report that a light had been placed on the street in front of the high school building for the benefit of the skating rink across the street, completed the business session.

Local Youth Is **Raised To Navy Petty Officer**

Zalph T. Cross, son of Ernest E. Cross of 410 Madison Ave., Roanoke Rapids, recently was advanced to Aviation Machinist Mate, Third Class, at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., according to an announcement by that station's Public Relations office.

Cross enlisted in the Navy at Greenville in February, 1940, and was sent to the U.S. Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Va., for his elementary training.

He was transferred to Pensacola in June, 1940, and was assigned to duty with the ground crews of one of the flying squadrons stationed at the "Annapolis of the Air". His latest achievement gives him rating as a Chief Petty Ofnival and that the show boasts of ficer, at a considerable increase in

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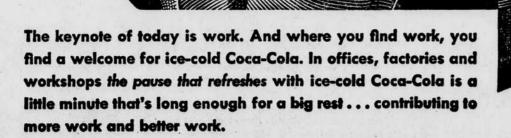
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ordinary blackout curtains are not definitely effective in refuge rooms. He stated that a survey was made of refuge rooms outfitted with blackout cirtains and found that light could and did come through cracks in the space between the window parels and the blackout curtains.

"We find hat the use of plyboard in the refuge rooms will be much more effective in blackout of rooms where there must be lights in use. Sunday night's blackout revealed that the ordinary blackout curtains or drapes are not entirely effctive in a complete blackout of the refuge room, although blackout curtains could be used in the rest of the house provided the refuge room, itself, is completely blackel out. By this we mean that backout curtains could be used over remaining windows of the houseto prevent light escaping from the house in the event a door in the efuge room is suddenly opened an light allowed to escape into other parts of the building.

"With this in mini we are preparing a mechanica drawing of the proper methods if completely blacking out the refuse room with plyboard. This plybard method will allow ventilation and at the



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