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### City Will Pave Several Streets Shooting In

Several streets in the city have been marked for paving, according to action taken at a recent special nageting of the Board of City Comsioners. The estimated cost of the curbing gutter, storm drainage, and paving is estimated at \$6.00 per foot, 50 per cent of which will be paid by the property owner.

The streets that have been listed for improvement are:

First, Second, Third, Fourth, South Fifth and Sixth from Hamilton to Washington.

Seventh from Hamilton to Wil-

Ninth from Hamilton to Jeffer-Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth from Hamilton to

Washington. Madison from railroad to Fifth. First from Jackson to Monroe. Second from Jackson to Vance.

Fourth from Jackson to Monroe. Madison, W. S., from Seventh to Eighth.

Madison, E. S., from Eighth to Ninth.

Seventh from Jackson to Cedar. Ninth from Jackson to Rapids. Madison, E. S., Ninth to Tenth. Madison, E. S., Tenth to Elev-

Henry from Eighth to Eleventh. Eleventh from Henry to Frank-

Franklin from Eleventh to Fifth. Cedar from Eleventh to Sev-

A. Rapids from Eighth to Tenth. Monroe from First to Fifth.

work on. Others, however, may be added at a later date, it was said.

### Scrap Paper Collection Is **Slated For Next Sunday**

The Boy Scouts of Troops 141, 142 and 144 have announced that they would make a house-to-house offiction of old paper next Sunday afternoon, starting at 1:30 from the Girl Scout Hut. The drive will be conducted by Activity Chairman C. A. Irby of the district committee.

The results of the scrap paper drive conducted four weeks ago by the Scouts of troops 145, 146 and 157 were disappointing to the ttoal poundage collected was less year in the monthly collection of

### **Madron Faces** Five Charges

Robert Lee Madron, 38, white, created quite a bit of excitement ids. last Monday afternoon when Officers Rogers and Ball arrested him for drunk and disorderly conduct. Madron didn't like the idea and resisted the "law" and is alleged to have severely kicked Ball on the shins. After being placed in Policeman Rogers' car and headed for the lock-up, Madron, it is said, continued to show his wrath by breaking out one of the rear windows of the automobile.

He was placed in jail on additional charges of assault, damaging personal property and resisting arrest. Bond was set at \$100.

### **Eight Nurses Get Diplomas**

The Roanoke Rapids Hospital nurses' baccalaureate sermon was delivered last Sunday night at the et now, stated the chief, "and be-Presbyterian Church by Rev. John M. Walker, pastor. Graduating ex-

The following nurses received Phillip D. Freeman of Norfolk their diplomas: Misses Mollie ble." will be the engineer in charge of Balmer, city; Delorese Black, Jarthe work. The above list is only a rett, Va.; Ruth Evans, Rich tentative plan for Mr. Freeman to Square; Elizabeth Hicks, Henderson; Ethel Mae Kennedy, Pink Hill; Virginia Meadows, Halifax; Carleen Spain, Littleton, and Charlotte Whitehead, Morehead City.

#### Pfc. Garner Now **Back in States**

Pfc. Norman Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Garner of on May 6 from San Diego, Ca., that he was happy to be back in ed in the Pacific war theatre for three years, has been stationed in Japan. He has sent his parents several Japanese souvenirs.

#### **Massey Assigned USS Mississippi**

Thomas Wilson Massey, seaman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. officials of the troops, in that the George Edward Massey, Roanoke Rapids, has been assigned to the n many of the troops have col- USS Mississippi. Massey, who re-Leted individually during the past ported to the vessel from the Naval Training Center, Norfolk, enscrap paper. The smallest drive tered the naval service on Febprior to the last drive conducted ruary 2, 1946, and received his by the scouts of the city netted recruit training at the Naval (Continued on page 8-Sect. A) Training Center, Norfolk.

### **Chief Warns Against Boys** City Limits

Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins issued a statement today warning against boys shooting .22-calibre rifles or any other firearms in the city limits of Roanoke Rap-

"This is a violation of city ordinance," said the chief, "and is a very dangerous practice. Parents of young boys should take every precaution against this promiscuous shooting that endangers the lives of people."

The chief also said it was against a state law for firearms to be discharged on or near a highway or a thickly settled community.

"I would regret very much to have to take action against any young boy for a violation of this kind, but, the police department has had so many complaints that it is necessary to take action. If boys too young to be prosecuted are caught, their rifles will be confiscated and the parents brought to account."

a bit more plentiful on the marktheir rifles and go out shooting

### Williams, White Farmer. **Arrested Last Night; Charge Assault with Deadly Weapon**

weapon.

### **Bids On Job Are Refused**

After having received two bids at different times for doing the curbing, gutter, storm drainage and grading of the cemetery annex the City Board of Commissioners turned both of them down, believing the figures to be too high.

It has now been decided by the city officials to do as much of the work as possible with the street forces under the supervision of George Justice, street superintendent.

Cost of the job, according to the bids received, was between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Officials believe, however, it can be done for approxi-mately \$25,000. Work of grading has already begun.

Mayor Jenkins was this week authorized by the City Board of Commissioners to issue bonds in the work.

### Rifle cartridges are becoming Up First Flight

Students who have been taking M. Walker, pastor. Graduating exercises were held Monday night in the High School auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.

their rifles and go out shooting County Airport operated by the with not a thought to the danged that they may kill some innocent person. The practice will have to week, were N. T. (Tinker) Lyles The county Airport operated by the sand that they may kill some innocent person. The practice will have to week, were N. T. (Tinker) Lyles The county Airport operated by the sand that they may kill some innocent person. The practice will have to week, were N. T. (Tinker) Lyles The county Airport operated by the sand the final table and table and the final table and t stop or the police are going to and W. Z. Mitchell of Roanoke Rapids, and Grier P. Thomas of Jackson.

J. W. Williams, 64-year-old white farmer of the Garners Cross Roads community, is in Halifax County jail in lieu of a \$500 bond, charged with assault with a deadly

Williams, it is charged, attempted to blow up a house on his farm in which lived Mrs. Louis Brickell and her seven children. Mrs. Brickell is a widow, her husband having died last year.

About 12 o'clock last night, Williams, it is alleged, went to the house where the Brickell family lived and threw a stick of dynamite under one corner. The blast exploded and Mrs. Brickell and her children ran from the house and 'recognized" Williams, it is said. The farmer then threw three more sticks of the dynamite into the yard which exploded near the house, it is charged.

Sheriff H. A. House, Deputies J. L. Mountcastle and A. J. Brigman and Roanoke Rapids Policemen Greene and McMullan reached the amount of \$25,000 to pay for the scene a short time afterwards. Going to Williams' home they found him in bed. He at first denied the charges, it is said, but later, according to the officers, admitted the crime. He was arrested and locked up.

Williams claims he had been ing easy to obtain, the boys take flying instructions at the Halifax Brickell to move out of the house and being unable to accomplish this, decided to try and "scare her

The explosions were heard in Roanoke Rapids and Weldon. No. one was hurt. Damage to the building consisted of three windows blown out and some weatherboarding blown off.

### **Playground Activities Will** Cost \$3000 For Season; Committee To Be Appointed

in process of being appointed to will also be used, it was stated. direct the city playgrounds for this city, telephoned his parents this year and years to follow, it the states. Garner, who has serv- named from the various civic organizations and the City of Roanoke Rapids which make contri- years. butions to the operating fund of the playgrounds.

A committee composed of Joe Talley, Will Hodges, Heath Lee week before the Board of City Commissioners and requested the commissioners to appropriate \$1000 to the fund. This the officials did. Other appropriations are: School Board, \$1000; Community Chest, is expected to be used this year in operating the playgrounds. The "left-over" amount from

A permanent committee is now year's funds of about \$100. This

In past years, said Mr. Talley, in a statement this morning, the bers of this committee will be money to conduct an adequate recreational program. Only \$1500 to \$2100 has been raised in other

children of Roanoke Rapids playand Ned Manning appeared this grounds facilities and an experi- R. R. Girl Scouts enced director that will be of high benefit to them.

a total of \$2850. A total of \$3000 guess, but the committee believes of Mrs. S. E. Perdue. it will be sufficient.

last (Continued on page 8-Sect. A) progressing nicely.

#### **Girl Scout Troop** Sponsoring Party

Troop 6 is sponsoring a subscription bridge party at the Girl Scout Hut Monday, May 20th. from 8 until 11 p. m. The troop is urging all bridge clubs to reserve tables to help them raise money for summer camping. Adwas announced today. The mem- playgrounds have not had the mission will be fifty cents per person, prizes, refreshments and tax included.

# "This year, however," continued Mr. Talley, "we hope to spend every cent of \$3000 to give the Be Sponsored By

"Topping Toes of 1946", a show "During the past several years of dancing and music, will be the playgrounds have had to close staged here Friday night, May for the lack of funds. We don't 24th. The show is being sponsorwant this to happen this year. ed by the Girl Scouts of Roanoke \$550; Lions Club, \$300. This makes The \$3000 expense fund is just a Rapids and is under the direction

Tickets are being sold by the "As soon as the permanent com- Girl Scouts for the 8:15 p. m. perother \$150 will come from the mittee is appointed, it is believed formance at the R. R. High School Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, it is that it will foster a recreational auditorium. Most of the costumes believed. There is said to be a program that will become so popu- have been made and rehearsals are