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5 ROBBERY CHARGES STOP SHOOTING!!

CLEAR UP MYSTERY STEALING

UP AND DOWN The Avenue

WITH THE
Editor

SEALS sold for prevention and cure of tuberculosis, to be used on all Christmas mail, will remain on sale until Christmas Eve by the ladies of the Study Club of Roanoke Rapids. Taking a tip from the candy wagons, "Make your pennies help fight Tuberculosis." Use a Christmas Seal on every piece of holiday mail, whether mailed before or after Christmas.

EUGENE Bryant Acree, crack salesman, is winner of \$5 from Rexall for the best sales idea of the week. One of five in the Nation, the idea was to send a personal letter to 50 young gentlemen of his acquaintance regarding his Christmas merchandise. He traced \$300 or more directly to the letter which was signed "Ootchie".

JUDGING of the best decorated home or yard will be done Monday and Tuesday by a committee headed by Mrs. A. Mickle. She will be pinch-hitting for Mr. Mickle, who leaves Sunday for Rockingham, Charlotte, Gastonia and Greenville, S. C. At the latter place, every Christmas Mr. Mickle plays Santa Claus for the orphans at the Shrine Home. He missed one year and they came near never forgiving him. So he never misses any more. However, he plans on calling on a few of his young friends here Saturday and Sunday before departing for the South.

ANOTHER side-light on the Mickle Christmas display. They have been turning the lights off at 10 p.m. but folks still keep coming. At 11:30 last night, a man asked that the lights be turned back on. He had brought a party from Rocky Mount to see the display. Earlier in the evening, hearing music Mrs. Mickle went to see if someone had left the radio on. It was off. Outside around the Christmas display, a school teacher had brought a flock of her young ones. Their silvery voices were ringing clear in an old familiar Christmas Carol.

OYSTERS roasted, that favorite delicacy of ex-service men, will again be the piece-de-resistance when the American Legion meets at the Weldon Hut on Tuesday night, Dec. 31st. All members and ex-service men invited, Dutch as usual.

WHITE Gift Service by candle light, with special choir and music, will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. The service will end in plenty of time to attend the Community Singing at 5:30. There will be no night service.

HOW I would like to spend Christmas was the subject of a talk by S. T. Peace at the Kiwanis Club tonight, taking members back to the old days when Christmas was Christmas, a family day, a quiet day, an uncommercialized day, a day of celebrating a Birth.—Rev. E. B. Fisher and Bill Harris were guests of the club.—T. J. Alford was welcomed as a new member.

CREDIT for W.P.A. checks arriving here last week goes to W. F. Joyner, who is now Payroll Supervisor of the First District, W.P.A. Upon learning that Halifax workers might not get their checks, he went to Raleigh last Friday and stayed with them until he brought the checks back. The delay has been in sending payrolls back to foremen for corrections. Also to Mr. Joyner goes credit for wangling thru a \$13,000 project on sewers for Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District. This has been approved, with the U. S. furnishing all the labor and one third the labor cost on material.

HOGS make headlines when big enough. Challenging a recent big hog tale in this column is J. D. Lang of the city who says he has Mr. Shell beat. The Lang hog weighed 650 pounds when killed. Come on, hogsters.

YESTERDAY and today the local police delivered to every home in Roanoke Rapids a copy of "Guides To Highway Safety", an important and interesting bulletin printed by the Institute of Government of N. C. It is hoped every

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REINSTATE POLICE OFFICER

An ordinance to check free-for-all firing of fireworks in the city, the reinstatement of Officer C. L. Massey and a warning that city automobile tags are now on sale took up most of the time of the City Board of Commissioners at the meeting Tuesday afternoon.

By unanimous vote, the Board voted to reinstate Officer Massey after receiving a report and recommendation from the Chief of Police.

The ordinances on fireworks shooting puts a maximum fine of \$10 on anyone arrested and convicted of shooting guns or fireworks of any kind in the city limits; with the following exception: it will be lawful to shoot fireworks on residential property between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Dec. 24th, 25th and 26th.

1936 city auto license tags are now on sale at the City Clerk's office. After Jan. 1, a 25 per cent penalty goes on. After Feb. 11, orders are to pick 'em up and bring 'em to court.

Negro Gets Pork And-- Bold Daylight Robbery

A half dozen cans of pork and beans may cost Lawrence Jackson, colored criminal, plenty of time. He was arrested this afternoon after being seen breaking in the back of the Triple R Grocery Co. about noon.

He was seen by J. B. Myrick, High School boy who reported the break to Mgr. G. N. Taylor. Jackson had broken off the bars of a rear window and thrust his arm into the building. The only thing he could reach was a case of pork and beans.

He was arrested later by Officers Green and Early and taken

Herald On Tuesday Of Next Week, Dec. 24

There will be a regular issue of The Roanoke Rapids Herald next week; but, it will come out Tuesday night, Dec. 24th, in order to give our employees Christmas Day at home.

All city papers will be delivered, either by box or special carrier, on Christmas Day. Advertisers who wish to send a Christmas greeting to customers in the columns of this newspaper, are asked to have their copy ready Monday of next week.

All correspondents please note change of date of issue.

Post-Office Remains Open Saturday Til 5

In order to serve the public more fully during the holidays, the local post office will remain open on Saturday afternoon until 5 o'clock P. M.

The postmaster urges all patrons of the office to cooperate with the office by transacting all business before the closing hour.

to the High School for identification by young Myrick. While Green went for the boy, the Negro tried to escape from the car and he and the Chief went round and round until the officer slapped the handcuffs on the culprit. Jackson has an unsavory reputation, having just returned from serving a sentence.

Little Margaret Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Martin, was removed to her home yesterday from the hospital after an operation for appendicitis.

MILLS CLOSE THREE DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS

Patterson, Roanoke and Rosemary mills will close for three days during the Christmas holidays.

They will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next

week, opening for business as usual on Thursday December 26th.

This will give the employees, with Saturday and Sunday, about five days in a row to enjoy the Christmas holidays and to do their visiting.

Clyde Cumba at Large After Theft of Automobile

Mysterious thefts from homes in Patterson Mills village were cleared up by the police when investigations led the trail to the door of Clyde Cumba, 19 year old boy, who is at large with five charges of first degree burglary against him.

Cumba seems to possess plenty any way one interprets it. Anyway, he had "nerve" enough to steal an automobile Friday, drive it to Norfolk, sell two new tires from it and then write back here telling the owner where the car had been left.

The same day, he entered a home in the village and had clothing piled high on the bed when the owner returned and caught him at it. Cumba fled and knocked his cap off in the scramble. He had "nerve" enough to send somebody back after the cap.

In still another case, he entered a home and stole five dollars and later had the "nerve" to negotiate with the owner of the money with regard to paying back the "loan".

Two other charges of house breaking are also charged to him, which just about clears up the recent robberies in that section of the city.

The car was stolen from Jesse Allen about 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday Cumba was in Norfolk and mailed a card to a relative saying to tell the owner of the car he could find it parked a block from the Norfolk post office. On the card, he explained that he had sold the two new tires which were on the back. He also sent his regards to Charles Hale, from whose home he had taken five dollars. Police here have the card.

Cumba, who lived at 751 B Charlotte Street, after taking the car entered the home of J. Newcomb on that street, and was taking the clothing he could find when Mr. Newcomb entered and scared him off. It was discovered later that he had taken three dollars from the baby's bank. This was where he lost his cap. Police also have that as evidence.

Chief Early was in Norfolk Saturday night searching for Cumba with Norfolk officers. He was traced to some of the Beer Gardens there but was not located. Monday the Chief went back to Norfolk with Mr. Allen to get the stolen car, but there was still no trace of Cumba.