Knock of opportunity behind city

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The next chapter in the story of the city of Rapid City was written on March 14, 1917, when a deed was executed byd余人 and Beatrix Reed for the city to purchase a tract of land for a park.

A scene from the same days in Rapid City, with big bands on the original cover.

Naming the city’s new civic center

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Those in our community who feel the taxpayers should be consulted in regard to naming the new civic center still have time to make their voices heard.

The civic center board has recommended the facility be called the Rushmore Civic Center Plaza. But until 5 p.m. Friday, Rapid Citians may offer suggestions of their own.

Alderman Robert Flittee will tabulate the suggestions (which must be mailed or called to City Hall) and will identify the five apparently most popular names, as determined by his priceless contest.

The board will not be bound to accept any of the names. Indeed, it probably will be pressed to find a name as eminently acceptable as the one it has proposed already.

"Rushmore" indicates the proximity of the facility to the state’s most famous landmark. (It might even help out-of-state travel writers remember that Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills are located in South Dakota, not North Dakota).

"Civic center" describes essentially what it is.

"Plaza" announces that it is more than a building or set of buildings; that it is at once a park, a convention center, an arena and a cultural area.

The public is entitled to a hand in the naming process, so speak, and Alderman Flittee has done taxpayers a good turn by offering them that opportunity. But unless one or more of their suggestions has as many of the demonstrated advantages of "Rushmore Civic Center Plaza," we urge the board to stick with its original recommendation.

The following described structures have been declared surplus personal property and will be offered for sale at PUBLIC AUCTION by the CITY OF RAPID CITY on:

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 1975

SALE TIME: 2:00 P.M.

SALE WILL BE HELD AT: 4-H AND EXTENSION BUILDING, 601 Center Street, Rapid City, S.D.

Removable Structures:

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In other business, Cpt. James Ferguson, Merchant Police, demanded the commissary alarm system that could be installed in the new county health and welfare buildings.

The system can be coded, he said, to operate various locations in the building and various functions of the alarm.

He explained that the system could provide a digital computer readout explaining what is wrong on the site and how the Merchant Police could use the various mechanisms in record—fire or police.