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Paper Mill To Start Aug. 7

JUNIORS VOTE "YES" ON FULL OPERATION WAGES UP

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

The meeting to discuss the coming school election, which was scheduled to be held at the R. R. Methodist Church Sunday School room Thursday evening, has been postponed until Tuesday, Aug. 1st, at 7:30 P. M. An effort will be made at this time to explain fully the proposed school election.

With the school election two weeks from next Tuesday, most of this column will be devoted to a few phases of that question which is so important to the children of this community.

The idea of this election is to decide if the voters of this school district want to have an 8 months school or a 9 months school, and if they want to keep the best teachers they have by supplementing their heavily cut salaries, and if they want to give their children the advantages which other cities are going to have.

You notice we say voters and not property owners. The voters of the district who are now registering are the ones to decide this election. And the great majority of the voters here do not pay other taxes than a poll tax. If the election carries these folks will not pay a penny more taxes.

As usual, the mills and other industries will pay the large percentage of the extra cost. These folks are taking no active part in the election. They say if the voters of Roanoke Rapids want the extra month and supplement, then they are willing to pay their share.

The State has cut teachers salaries to starvation wages. The New Deal cannot help them because they are now State employees. Some of them will actually be earning less for the year than the minimum wage paid by the mills. Unless the voters of Roanoke Rapids come to the rescue by voting for the extended term and supplement.

School taxes will not be raised over last year. Even with the raised standard of schools, a per-

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Local Order Will Work For Extended School Term Here

Resolutions adopted by Evening Star Council No. 58, Junior Order United American Mechanics of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., in regular meeting assembled Tuesday, July 25, 1933:

Whereas, the public schools of the State are our greatest foe of ignorance, crime, poverty and depression, and render a service, second to no agency, in building a stable, progressive and enlightened democracy.

Whereas, one of the most important objects of our Order is to uphold and liberally support the free public school system of America and to exert every effort to prevent harmful interference therewith.

Whereas, the funds for schools, provided by the last General Assembly, are inadequate to maintain the schools for eight months on an efficient basis.

Whereas, the Roanoke Rapids Board of School Trustees desires to give the people of Roanoke Rapids an opportunity to express themselves as to the type of school they want for their children by calling a special election to be held on August 15, 1933.

And Whereas, upon investigation we find the taxes on real estate for schools is to be reduced 20 per cent through the revaluation of property and that poll taxes and taxes on personal property are not to be increased.

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved, that Evening Star Council No. 58, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., go on record as endorsing the action of the Roanoke Rapids Board of School Trustees in calling an election to determine, whether, or not, the inadequate funds supplied by the State shall be supplemented, in order that the children of Roanoke Rapids may have adequate schools for eight months and an extended term of one month.

Be it Further Resolved, that each individual member of this Council lend his support and effort for the success of this election, which will, in a measure, restore to the children of Roanoke Rapids the school facilities they deserve and should have.

C. L. Elting,
C. L. Massey,
O. R. Elmore,
W. G. Woodruff,
Committee on Resolutions

Mann Urges More Time Be Devoted To Co-operation



"There has never been a moment in the history of American agriculture when the time was quite so ripe for co-operative marketing as it is today," M. G. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the N. C. Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, told the American Institute of Co-operation, in a recent meeting in Raleigh.

TWO MEN REFUSE TO WORK

Draw 90 Days On Roads For Non-Support And Refusing To Accept Employment

In Recorder Court

Two Roanoke Rapids men, W. E. Tanner and Eli Bowen, were charged with non-support of wife and children, and drew road sentences of ninety-days each in Recorder's Court Tuesday after it was shown they had been given innumerable opportunities of employment. Bowen drew also a ten-months sentence on a similar second charge, the judgment was suspended on condition he properly provides for his family after his first sentence has been served.

County welfare officer J. B. Hall was instrumental in the prosecution of the men, after it had been called to his attention they had positively been given chances for gainful employment that would

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FARMERS PLOW UP COTTON

Davis Says Total Of 10,000 Acres Will Be Plowed Up In County

QUOTA IN BALES

At least 900 Halifax county farmers are plowing up cotton acreage, under an agreement with the government at this time, and a few days will see that number well over the 1,000 mark, with approximately 1,084 farmers living North and West of the Atlantic Coastal Line Railroad already signed up, according to word coming from W. O. Davis, County agent.

These farmers will receive in money from the government approximately \$73,773.00 for their rented lands, according to Mr. Davis, and in addition an option on 2,762 bales of cotton, and will have until May 1st, 1935 to dispose of their options.

Permits were mailed to farmers residing in the Halifax end of the county Monday morning, and a hundred more are being held up for various errors in which corrections must be made.

So far as is known, W. A. Pierce, Jr., farmer living between Weldon and Halifax is destroying the largest acreage in the county. Out of his 650-acres planted he is plowing under exactly one-half Mr. Pierce is the third man in the county to sign the agreement.

Mr. Davis in further comment said he was exceptionally well pleased with the co-operation the farmers have shown this movement. He was also enthusiastic over the fact that most of the land owners are planting soil improvement crops on the lands where cotton has been plowed under, and pointed out that practically every seed dealer in the county had run out of soy beans and field pea seed.

The acreage quota for the county was 15,000, and while this quota will not be reached in acreage, it is thought that their quota in bales will be reached, owing to the high productivity of Halifax county soil. Had the farmers actually reached the acreage quota, their quota in bales would have been far outreached.

Second Week In August Will See Employment Of 125 More Men In City

TO BUY WOOD

Announcement was made today by F. M. Brown, who will be president and general manager of the new corporation, that Halifax Paper Company, Inc., will start full operation of the kraft paper mill on Roanoke river, just outside the city limit on August 7th. Coupled with this good news is the fact that a flat wage increase of 10 per cent will be instituted over that paid when the mill stopped operation here last December.

A repair crew of some 25 or 30 men are working in full operation putting the mill in shape for its start in little more than a week, and the number of men employed at the plant will be at least 125.

Coupled with recent wage increases at the city's large textile mills, this news is regarded as one of the biggest developments on the local business horizon for months, and many Roanoke Rapids mechanics and bread winners who have been without employment for months will go back to work—and at an increase in wages!

The mill will be a member of the Kraft Paper Association, it was announced, and will follow the code laid down for the whole paper industry and approved by Washington, with a view to higher rates of wages, shorter working hours, and employment of a large number of people.

As soon as is practicable, and in accordance with the code to be approved by the whole industry, the mill will be operated on three shifts instead of two, thus increasing the number of men employed. The company will purchase wood during the month of August, it was announced, paying for same every Friday night as usual.

Officers of Halifax Paper Company, Inc., will be composed of F. M. Brown, president and general manager; J. J. Williams, general superintendent, and E. A. Telliga, treasurer. The mill management is thoroughly in accordance with the program of the N. R. A. and will so advise Washington, it was stated.

Mr. D. J. Luther, who for the past several months has been located here with the Fitz-Carter Construction Co., left Thursday for Rome, Ga., via. Fountain, N.C.