

THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

LOCAL MANAGEMENT WINS 40 HOUR FIGHT

DR. MARTIN HEADS PARTY

GET LOCAL MILLS EXEMPT AFTER ONE MONTH'S EFFORT

All City Cotton Mills Back On 40 Hour Week After Local Management Takes Fight To General Johnson In Effort To Keep Local Folks Fully Employed

Roanoke Rapids textile workers and business men are rejoicing over the glad news that was received yesterday when, after a month of fighting on the part of the local management, the NRA agreed to permit Roanoke Rapids mills to continue the full 40 hours each week for the next eight weeks instead of the cut to 30 hours which will be in force in most of the other cotton mills of the nation.

On May 11, S. T. Peace, President of Roanoke Mills Co. wrote the following to the Cotton Textile Institute: "We wish to go on record as opposing any reduction in the production of our mills at this time." This was more than a month ago when the first reports came out that a 25 per cent curtailment of the cotton textile industry was being talked by the government and the entire local mill management went to bat to try to keep local mill workers working on 40 hours.

But on May 22, the following order to all cotton mills in the nation, signed by Geo. A. Sloan, president of the Cotton Textile Institute, was sent out: "Today in Washington, General Hugh S. Johnson approved the following requirement under the code of fair competition, during each of the three consecutive four week periods, beginning on the 4th day of June, 1934, and ending on the 25th day of August, 1934, no productive machinery in the Cotton Textile Industry shall operate for more than 75 per cent of the hours otherwise permitted by the Cotton Textile Code."

Again the local mill management went before the Cotton Textile Institute and pled for the 40 hour week so that local mill employees might have more work. But again on June 1 they were turned down by the special committee of the Cotton Textile Code authority which in a letter signed by the secretary of the committee said: "The committee has requested me to advise you that it does not deem that it can properly recommend to the Administrator (Gen. Johnson) an exemption in your case."

Two more weeks the local management fought, carrying their fight to General Johnson himself with the final result that they obtained victory and in the mills yesterday the following notice went up on the bulletin boards which meant an extra ten hours work every week for the next eight weeks for every textile worker in the city:

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Recently the Government Cotton Textile Code curtailed cotton mill operations to thirty hours per shift each week for the 12 weeks beginning June 4th.

We have been successful in getting the Cotton Textile Code to allow us to run 40 hours per shift each week for the 8 weeks beginning June 4th.

We cannot now say whether we will be allowed to run 30 hours per shift per week or 40 hours per shift per week for the last 4 weeks of the 12 weeks period.

This change is effective as of today.

ROANOKE MILLS COMPANY.

This morning's News & Observer carried an article by Associated Press from Washington in which it stated that NRA had refused the request of most of the cotton mills of the nation but had grant- (Continued on next page)

Baer Wins

Mighty Max Baer



Primo Carnera



SISTER KILLED BY BOY

Accidental Shooting Fatal To 14-Year-Old Colored Girl At Halifax

Rena Wood, 14-year-old Halifax Negress was killed instantly when the full charge of a 12-gauge shell penetrated her right eye, blowing off the back of her skull Saturday afternoon at her home near the edge of the city limits of Halifax. George Wood, 11-year-old brother fired the shot accidentally from a crude old single-barrel shotgun.

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CHOSEN COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Succeeds Dr. Long As Party Chief At County Convention Monday

Dr. John W. Martin of Roanoke Rapids, was chosen County Chairman of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee at the County Convention at Halifax courthouse Monday, and thus succeeds Dr. T. W. M. Long, who had been chosen to fill the unexpired term of the late E. L. Travis, Jr.

The convention was opened by the retiring chairman, Dr. Long, who introduced his keynote speaker, Ashby Dunn of Scotland Neck. Mr. Dunn made the conventional address pleading for harmony in the ranks of Halifax County Democrats and naming those who had been party leaders of the past, among them Messrs. Long, Green, Travis and Gregory.

The only applause came, however, when he named the two new leaders of the party, Julian R. Allsbrook and A. Leonidas Hux.

Irvin Clark of Scotland Neck, was elected temporary chairman of the convention and R. Hunter Pope of Enfield, temporary secretary. Later, the County Executive committee elected Mr. Pope permanent secretary of the party.

Eleven of the fifteen precinct chairmen elected at the precinct conventions Saturday afternoon are known as Allsbrook-Hux men. They now comprise the County Executive Committee of the Democratic party. The new chairmen, elected after record breaking attendance at every precinct in the county, are as follows:

Butterwood, John R. Liles; Enfield, J. W. Whittaker; Conocanara, L. A. Parks; Faucetts, M. P. Crawley; Hollister, Tracy C. Qualls; Halifax, P. C. Milliken; Kehukee, Ed. C. Ruffin; Littleton, N. M. Warren; Pal-

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UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

There will be services at the First Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at eleven A. M., the Reverend J. S. Jones, of Mebane, filling the pulpit.

Since construction has started on the Avenue paving project, the detour signs route traffic over Hamilton Street, as this is the only through thoroughfare to Roanoke Junction. Efforts are being made by the city dads to have the state go over Hamilton St. with some sort of oil treatment to keep the dust down.

J. R. Manning and Julian R. Allsbrook left Wednesday for Elizabeth City, where they will spend several days attending the state convention of North Carolina Building and Loan Associations. Mr. Manning is secretary, and Mr. Allsbrook attorney for the Roanoke Rapids Building and Loan Association.

The Elm City baseball nine, members of the Central Carolina League, will meet the Shell Independents at Simmons Field, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 P. M. Be there and give the boys your active support, as well as your gate receipt support. Both are important to a home team.

Bill Allsbrook, North Carolina University student, brings his popular Carolina Club orchestra back to Roanoke Rapids this week for two engagements. Bill and his orchestra plays a public concert at the opening of Lake Thomas pavilion tonight, followed by a private dance, and will play for the Boy Scout Dance Friday night at Chockoyotte Country Club. Admission to the latter is by card only.

This is young Allsbrook's second venture to his home town.

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