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# MILLS INCREASE WAGES

## WIFE WOUNDED BY HUSBAND

# OUR BOB TO SPEAK HERE

## 4 HURT IN WRECK NEAR TODAY

### MAIN SPEAKER



D. L. Ward, secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee, who will be the principal speaker at the dinner to be given at the Dixie Inn at Wilson at 8 p.m. this Saturday night by the Young Democrats of the 2nd District.

### Mills Here Lead Nation With Raise

Roanoke Mills Co., Patterson Mills Co., and Rosemary Manufacturing Co., the three local cotton mills, this week announced an increase in wages.

The amount of the increase at all the mills was five percent to all employees, five cents on the dollar. The wage increase will be included in the paycheck which will be received next Friday, October 16th.

It is estimated the total raise of wages in all the mills is about \$125,000 per year.

So far as is known here, the local mills are about the first in the Nation to raise wages. A mill in South Carolina this week also announced a five per cent increase and there is no record of any other.

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### SHE IS IN HOSPITAL, HE IN JAIL

Mrs. Allen Thompson, 18 year old bride of six months, lies in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital with a shotgun wound received at the hand of her husband in what both wife and husband insist was an accident in their home on the South Rosemary road Monday night.

Mrs. Thompson has a good chance to recover, according to attending doctors. Meanwhile, until the status of her condition is certain, her husband is in Halifax jail with no bond having been set.

The shooting was about supper time Monday night. Thompson, who lost an arm in an auto wreck about five years ago, says he picked up the shotgun and had it across his lap, cleaning off some cobwebs. He told police he sprang the hammer back and it did not hold, the gun going off and the shot hitting his wife. Mrs. Thompson says her husband was cleaning the gun when it fired accidentally. He took her to the hospital following the shooting and was later taken into custody by Chief of Police Dobbins under a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The charge is based, according to police, on testimony from those living in another part of the house who say the Thompsons had been quarreling over the week-end constantly, the wife had been crying a lot and just before the shooting they heard loud voices in the Thompson room.

Police also say their investigation showed the load from the gun hit the top of table, that it ranged downward and the wife received the glancing shot. They say this shows Thompson was standing up and not sitting as he claimed.

The husband drives a local dry-cleaning truck and is said to be an expert driver despite his handicap. Friends say he deplores the shooting, insists it was accidental and is worrying much about the condition of his wife.

**Horrible Death**  
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### Democrats Plan Rally At School

U. S. Senator Robert R. Reynolds will speak at the Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium Monday night, October 12th, at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement made today by Dr. John W. Martin, County Chairman.

The Senator, "Our Bob", as he is known over the State, will speak for the National and State Democratic nominees and his own peculiar style will appeal to those in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax and Northampton counties who have never heard him. All voters are invited to hear him.

Monday is the only open date Bob had left between now and the election. He is a popular speaker whose schedule has now been completely filed, according to State

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### Our Bob Coming



Robert R. Reynolds, United States Senator, who will speak at the Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium, under the auspices of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee, on next Monday night. Bob is speaking in the interest of President Roosevelt and the State Democratic ticket.

### Oldest Man—



Captain Charles Riggan (left) oldest man in Halifax and Northampton counties since the death last week of his sister, Mrs. Betty Insoce, 96. Captain Riggan is 94 and a veteran of the War Between the States. To the right is Samuel Riggan, the Captain's kid brother. He is only 87. They are with their niece, Mrs. Lizzie Connor, 923 Franklin Street, Roanoke Rapids.

### Young Brother



### REPUBLICAN



Gilliam Grissom, Republican nominee for Governor, who will speak at the Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Friday night October 16th, in the interest of the Republican State and National ticket.

### BAND LEADER



Wesley Kay, talented orchestra leader and radio artist, who will bring his band here this Friday night for a big dance at the downtown hall, sponsored by Messrs. A-cree and Levy Overton.