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RAISE BEATS BONUS

UP AND DOWN WITH THE
The Avenue Editor

In an endeavor to get the five famed Quints in their new picture "Reunion" for Roanoke Rapids the minute it was released, Manager Lyle Wilson booked it for Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The same thing has been done on many another big picture in the past. This time however luck was against him. Tonight came the message that the prints would not be ready for him. So no quint's next Wednesday and Thursday. Instead, he is burning the wires trying to get Edward Arnold's latest picture, "Come and Get It", or "The Gay Desperado", another new one full of filmstars. "Reunion" will come to Roanoke Rapids at the first open date on the booking book.

Armistice Day was celebrated at Aurelian Springs yesterday with W. J. Norwood the principal speaker.

Recent building permits granted by the city inspector are to Nick Elias for a one story, brick store building on Roanoke Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, metal roof, James Daniel, builder; to Mrs. J. D. Medlin, servant's house for residence at 1009 Hamilton St., L. R. Medlin, builder.

From one of our readers, evidently a Democrat, comes this merry election quip: "How about giving Maine and Vermont to Canada?" To which we answer that this would be OK with everybody except the 40 odd per cent of Democrats in Maine and Vermont who voted for Roosevelt. You know, it was no walk-away for the Republicans in those two states.

In case you have forgotten, this Friday is the 13th. Most people do not believe in that sort of thing, but we were reminded that on one Friday, 13th, practically every job printed in the plant was printed wrong. Since then, we watch that day, just in case.

It was called to our attention today that Gaston High School just across the river has no vocational agricultural department. They should have one. There may be those wondering why we should make such a statement when we do not live in Northampton County, but we would tell such critics that we folks in Roanoke Rapids feel like Gaston Township is almost a part of our city. Only a mile or so away from our city limits is the Gaston School and on the hillside at Camps Store live scores of folks who work in our mills here. Therefore our justified interest in that community. The boys in that school should have the same opportunities for practical training and good citizenship that boys get at Seaboard, Woodland or Aurelian Springs.

Speaking of Aurelian Springs again, it has been our privilege, until this year, to attend the last three Father-Son banquets staged by the Future Farmers of America, youth organization, at Aurelian Springs School. This is part of the same vocational agricultural work mentioned above and is under the expert guidance of E. K. Veach. Those banquets have always been a source of real inspiration to all who attended and the way those boys have been taught to take hold and handle the program for themselves would open the eyes of a

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SPEAKS HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY



Elwood T. Bailey

An intensely human speaker is Elwood T. Bailey, of San Diego, California, who will undoubtedly address a large audience on the third night of the Entertainment Festival, sponsored by the Womans Club. Mr. Bailey speaks at the High School auditorium on Wednesday night, November 18th.

He will talk here on his newest subject: "And Now What?" This discussion deals with our 1936 individual problems and his hearers will profit personally by spending the evening with this man who offers concrete suggestions for times like the present.

APPOINT DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Gray and Porter Are Reappointed; Three New Ones

Deputy sheriffs for Halifax County were appointed by the County Board of Commissioners for 1937 at the November monthly meeting, with three changes in the five paid deputies of the county.

The five new deputies who will serve with Sheriff Joe Riddick next year are Harry House of Thelma, G. F. Gray of Roanoke Rapids, J. E. Porter of Hollister, Cliff Strickland of Enfield, and White of Scotland Neck.

Gray and Porter are the only holdovers from Sheriff Johnson's term of office. House takes the place of Robert Newsome of Littleton. Strickland is appointed in the place of former deputy Jim Branch of Enfield. White takes the vacancy left when Sheriff Riddick was elevated.

The Board discussed the possibilities of appointing a man from Weldon to collect taxes for Weldon and Halifax townships but no action was taken.

Cripple Clinic

The monthly Kiwanis Club Clinic for Crippled will be held at the basement of the Rosemary Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon, November 18th, from 2 to 4. All crippled persons in this section will receive free examination and treatment.

Wreck Victim Dies In Local Hosp'l Today

C. L. Allsbrook of Scotland Neck died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital at 3 o'clock this morning from injuries received in an automobile accident near Halifax Tuesday.

His chest was crushed when his car hit a culvert and turned over and his condition was considered very serious when he was rushed to the local hospital.

He was a cousin of Bernard Allsbrook, local attorney.

Smithfield Plays Here

The entire High School student body held a special football rally at the auditorium yesterday afternoon with plans for getting out the biggest crowd of the year at the game here this Friday afternoon when Roanoke Rapids High School meets Smithfield High at 3 p.m. to see which goes into the Eastern Carolina finals next week.

Should Roanoke Rapids win tomorrow, the finals will be played here next Friday, November 20th.

Cheer leaders led the student body in school yells, practicing or Friday and it was announced the Rosemary Concert Band would be on hand for the game. Pep talks were made by J. T. Chase, Bill Alligood, Ned Manning, A. N. Martin and C. L. Wilson. Practically the entire student body signified intention of going to the game. It is reported that Smithfield will bring a crowd of 300 rooters here from that city.

TEXTILES GOT ONLY INCREASE

Wage Increase Here Figures More Than Xmas Bonus

The bonus which it is reported will be given to employees of Simmons Company will not be shared in by the textile unit in Roanoke Rapids, as that unit is now receiving a five percent increase in wages which has not been granted to other Simmons Company employees.

Local officials of the textile unit took the five per cent increase for their employees in preference to the Christmas bonus when they figured it would mean more in dollars and cents to the local employees than a flat sum at Christmas time.

It is estimated the bonus will be about \$25 per person while the wage increase means an added wage to a \$15 a week person of \$39 per year and more than that to those making over \$15.00 per week.

New employees would not have shared in the bonus and those who for some reason were not on the payroll at the time the bonus is to be given would also fail to share. Under the wage increase every employee is sharing who is on the payroll at any time.

Meanwhile, news reports are that several other concerns in the country who have not made wage increases will also give bonuses at Christmas. One estimate is that three hundred million dollars extra will be put into payrolls of labor this Christmas. News reports today also show several concerns, following the example of the local textile unit, are announcing wage increases instead of giving the cash bonus.

The local mills were the first cotton mills in the country to increase wages, a five per cent increase to all employees, which took effect October 5th.

Night Service Added In R. R. By Seaboard

Roanoke Rapids gets a new added service from the Seaboard Air Line with the arrival of E. C. Poole, night operator, who will go on duty here at 1 a.m. and remain on until 9 a.m. At present he will sell tickets for the early morning trains and later may have his hours changed to take care of the midnight train.

The Seaboard is installing a night hauling service of merchandise from Richmond, Petersburg, Raleigh, Henderson, Portsmouth and Norfolk. The new operator will move all trains and will handle night freight so that Roanoke Rapids gets extra fast service on freight deliveries.

This is a new venture for Seaboard. Station Agent E. W. Eubank also reports a decrease in freight rates on interstate freight of from 7 to 10 percent.