

RAISE TEXTILE PAY

LOCAL MILLS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY WAGE-HOUR ORDER

Pay Here Is Above Minimum Ordered For Industry

Local textile workers will not be affected by the five-cents-an-hour wage increase for some 300,000 employees of textile mills announced by Gen. Phillip B. Fleming, Federal Wage-Hour Administrator, it was learned here today, because the local mills have been paying above the minimum rate for some time.

The wage increase of textile workers—the largest single group to receive raises under the Wage-Hour Law—becomes effective June 30. A minimum of 37 1-2 cents an hour must be paid in the industry. This will raise the pay of the lowest scale workers from \$13 to \$15 for a 40-hour week. Since October, 1939, the minimum wage has been 32 1-2 cents.

Both the Roanoke and Patterson mills here increased wages above the minimum 37 1-2 cents an hour a few months ago, managers of the mills said.

Fleming said that the new wage order would contain no provisions restricting deductions for purchases in company-owned stores or rentals of company-owned homes, but that a wage-hour representative would conduct hearings in various textile centers with a view to possible amendment of the order in this respect.

Manufacturers have opposed regulation of pay deductions for such purposes, while labor spokesmen have demanded that the practice of deductions be abolished.

About 650,000 persons are employed in the industry which manufactures cotton textiles, towels, sheets, pillow cases, silk, rayon, linens, cordage and twine.

Officials said the following groups of workers would receive pay increase: Cotton workers—207,000; Textile products (sheets, pillow cases, etc.)—28,700; Silk and Rayon—47,000; Cordage and twine—5,000; Jute textiles—1,500.

Local School Nurse Resigns

Miss Mary Ruffin Robertson, school nurse here for the past three years, has resigned to take a position with the National Youth Administration. It is understood she will continue in public health for the NYA, and will have headquarters at Kinston.

Superintendent C. W. Davis of the city schools said that Miss Robertson's successor has not yet been selected.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hazelwood and family spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va.

New Ordinance Is In Effect Here On July 1

Mayor Kelly Jenkins stated today that the ordinance passed last week by the city board of commissioners making it unlawful for any person to operate a sound truck over the city streets or any place in the city will become effective July 1.

The ordinance provides that a fine of \$10 will be levied for each and every offense against a defendant.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wright of Roanoke Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Virginia, to Grady Alex Medlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Medlin of Weldon. The wedding will take place Friday, June 20, 1941.

Scotland Neck Youth Finishes Navy Training

Robert Brant Harrell of Scotland Neck is one of 13 North Carolinians graduating today from the U. S. Naval Reserve midshipman's school at Northwestern University in Chicago, the Navy Department announced Tuesday. He may be commissioned as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve as a result of successfully completing the course.

Surprise Party

Mrs. Daisy Smith entertained her daughter, Mrs. Robert Mizzell, with a surprise birthday party Monday night at the home of Mrs. Frank Stewart. The guests enjoyed games of all kinds, after which refreshments were served to the following: Miss Thelma Outland, Elizabeth Taylor, Lucille Outland, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Annie Mae Collins, A. B. Lyles, L. W. Taylor, Rose Cannon, Louise Edwards, Casper Lewis, Dan Tyson, Willie Outland, Robert Mizzelle, Irene Lee and Mrs. Stewart.

Weldon

Miss Elizabeth Harvell of Greensboro returned home Tuesday to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harvell.

Carmer Gore left last week for Clemson College, S. C., where he will take a six weeks course of R.O.T.C.

John Anthony left Tuesday for Norfolk, Va., where he has joined the U. S. Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moody and Mr. and Mrs. Grunger Pierce of Charlotte were recent visitors of Mrs. W. A. Pierce.

Mrs. Casper Gregory and daughter, Miss Terry Gregory, returned home Sunday night from Washington, D. C., where they visited Thomas Gregory, who left for New York Friday and sailed Saturday for London, Eng.

Jean Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker, is a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Mrs. Macon Shearin is a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. L. Hill were visitors here last week.

John Shearin, Jr., and Fletcher Gregory left Tuesday for Virginia Beach where they have accepted positions for the summer.

ENGAGEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Carter have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha Elizabeth, to Lt. Herman John Badenhoop of Baltimore and Fort Meade, Md. The wedding will take place Saturday evening, July 5th, in the Weldon Methodist Church.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

Mrs. M. F. White was hostess to her bridge club on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Francis Starke won high score prize and Mrs. Bill Carter won second high. A salad course was served at refreshment hour. Those playing were Misses Helen Apple, Janie Lassiter, Mesdames Francis Starke, Bill Allgood, Bill Carter, R. M. Pope, Calvin Kennemur, Chas. Fitts, T. M. Bullock, A. L. Gilliam, H. E. Gibson and M. F. White.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking our many friends for the sympathy and kindnesses extended us during the recent death of our son, Oliver.

Mrs. Alma Stacia and Family

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