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## ONLY 54 YOUTHS REGISTER

### LOCAL MILLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

Under President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9240, the following legal holidays will be observed at Patterson Mills Co., Roanoke Mills Co. and Rosemary Mfg. Co. during the coming holiday season: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

The Christmas holidays for textile employees will start at midnight, Wednesday, Dec. 23 and operations in the mills will resume at 7 a. m. Monday, Dec. 28.

For New Years, operations will end at midnight, Thursday, Dec. 31, and begin again at 7 a. m. Monday, Jan. 4, 1943.

This will give the employees four days week-end for Christmas Eve and Christmas and a three days week end for New Years. Only exception will be those employees who must take inventory on Friday, Jan. 1. They work that day.

All-important pay days are on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, prior to Christmas, and Thursday, Dec. 31, prior to New Years.

A four-day holiday will also be enjoyed by employees of the Halifax Paper Company, and a three-day holiday is in store for employees of Manchester Board and Paper Co. according to announcement made by officials of the city's two other industrial plants today. Halifax Paper Co. will close Thursday, Friday and Saturday, while the Manchester concern will stop operations at 11 p. m. Thursday night to resume work again on Monday.

### EMPLOYEES OF MILLS REMEMBERED

Along with the regular pay check this Friday, Dec. 18, the 5,000 employees of Patterson Mills Co., Roanoke Mills Co. and Rosemary Mfg. Co. will receive an extra check as a special Christmas remembrance and token of good will from their employers.

A letter from the managements telling of their appreciation of the fine spirit and co-operation by the employees during the past year and wishing their employees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year has been posted.

Far from forgotten by local textile managers are the men in the services who were employees of the various plants when they went into service. Checks and letters to these men have been sent to the four corners of the globe weeks ago, with the hope that all would receive this remembrance from their employers by Christmas.

### Late Hours For Postoffice Sat. If Demand Made

Postmaster L. G. Shell announced today that the postoffice here would remain open until 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, if the actions of patrons of the local office indicated such a move would be helpful in handling the Christmas rush of mail.

Mr. Shell stated that if it appeared patrons would take advantage of the additional hours of service on Saturday afternoon, the office would be open until 5 o'clock; if not the postoffice will be closed at an earlier hour. It is the usual policy of the city office to close at noon Saturday.

### HERALD OUT EARLY NEXT TWO WEEKS

### Correspondents And Advertisers Warned To Have Early Copy

In order that employees of the Herald Printing Company may share in the two-day holiday which will be taken next week by city stores and local industries, and so that our readers may get their copy of the paper before Christmas and New Years Days, the Herald will complete publication Wednesday nights, and will be delivered to subscribers a day early for the next two weeks. This will be a full 24 hours earlier than usual, though the paper will be dated Thursday, as is customary.

Because of Christmas and New Years Days coming on Friday this year, unless this move was made mail subscribers getting their paper by city carriers would not receive their paper until Saturday.

All subscribers and advertisers are notified that the deadline will necessarily be moved up a full twenty-four hours for the next two weeks, and they are urged to get in even earlier than that to avoid the last minute rush and enable us to get out a creditable paper.

Next week's issue will carry the customary holiday features, and will afford local merchants one more opportunity to get their sales message across to the vast army of Herald readers before Christmas. "Letters" to Santa Claus" are invariably a favorite with the children at this time of the year. We have perfected an arrangement whereby messages of the children will be transmitted direct to Old Santa's headquarters at the North Pole, and more of the letters will appear in next week's issue, but they must be received by us not later than Saturday noon to assure their appearance in the paper next week.

### He's In England



**PFC. JOSEPH TAYLOR**  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant T. Taylor, of the Belmont section of the city, has been in the Army for a year-and-a-half now, and at present is thought to be stationed somewhere in England. His parents heard from him two weeks ago, at which time he was getting along splendidly

### He Is "At Sea"



**JOE CARROLL WELLS, JR.**  
son of the late J. C. Wells, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Wells, 1135 Hamilton St., is serving as a gunner in the U. S. Navy "somewhere at sea" at this time. He sailed from New York about six weeks ago, and has not been heard from since. He joined the Navy July 8th, 1942.

### WITH DRAFT BOARD HERE

### Number Of 18-Yr. Olds Is Smaller Than Expected

The official registration of 18 year old youths who were born during the period of from July 1st, 1924, through August 31st, 1924, began last Friday, December 11th, and continued throughout today.

Halifax County Local Draft Board No. 1, reported at a late hour this afternoon that only fifty-four youths had registered with the city office. The towns of Weldon and Littleton, also under the jurisdiction of Local Draft Board No. 1, had not reported the number of youths registering there.

The number registering in the city was thought by observers to be exceedingly small. Local draft board employees attributed the slowness on the part of the 18 year old youths to probable negligence, though they pointed out it was a Federal requirement that each boy of this age register at his respective board, and to be ready to report for induction when called.

Tomorrow, Friday, the registration of a second group of 18 year olds will start in the city. In a proclamation issued by Governor Broughton last week, the dates of from December 18 through December 24, was set aside for the registration of those who were born on or after September 1, 1942, but not after October 31, 1924. The Governor's Proclamation further stated that:

"Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing Saturday, December 26, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 31, 1942;

"During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after January 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birthday; provided that if such anniversary falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday."

City boys must register at the draft board office, located in the Kidd Building, in Roanoke Rapids, and be able to tell those who register them the correct date of their birth, their age, their height and their weight.

Questionnaires have already been mailed to the 18 and 19 year old youths who registered last June 30th.

### Halifax Registers Only 2 Under 18

At the end of the day Monday the town of Halifax had only 2 youths to register in the 18 year old registration — both of these were colored: James Arther Cheek and Richard Cientis Arrington.

### ABC BOOK SUPPLY IS AGAIN EXHAUSTED AS MANY REGISTER HERE

### STORES WILL CLOSE FRIDAY & SATURDAY

### Practically All City Business Houses Will Observe 2-day Closing

With only six more shopping days until Christmas, practically all Roanoke Rapids stores will start staying open until 9 o'clock at night starting tomorrow, Friday night, through Christmas Eve. In most every instance the stores will be closed two days next week, on Friday, Christmas Day, and the following Saturday.

The Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association in a form letter to all of its members last week pointed out that nearly 100% of the stores desired to close December 25th and 26th for the holidays. In only two or three instances had merchants objected to this two-day closing policy, and in view of the preponderance of opinion, coupled with the fact that a report from the North Carolina Merchants Association indicated that stores in principal cities and towns in the state would close for the two days, they urged all members of the lo-

### 1,000 Books Allotted City Ran Out Today; Register Next Week

At noon today it was a foregone conclusion that the supply of coupon books now necessary to purchase spiritous beverages from a County ABC Store would again be exhausted by tonight, in spite of the fact that the Halifax County ABC Board procured 2,600 additional books (which was the maximum number available to them from state headquarters) the first of the week.

Of this number, a full 1,000 books was allotted to Roanoke Rapids, according to announcement of E. H. Ricks, superintendent of the Halifax County ABC Board, on the basis of the city being the most populous section served by the county board, together with the fact that Roanoke Rapids by far led the registration for permit books when the supply gave out last week.

A total of 2,345 persons in the city had registered for the books up to the time the supply of coupon books gave out last week. With the additional 1,000 books for city, indications are that at least 3,345 registrants have applied for permits to buy hard liquors in Roanoke Rapids alone. When there is an adequate supply of books available this number will undoubtedly be swelled to a considerable extent.

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