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Textile Mills To Increase Wages

Higher Rates And Pay For Vacation Will Be Effective Sunday, Sept. 9th

Increased wages for textile workers in Roanoke Rapids was announced this week by Patterson Mills Co., Roanoke Mills Co., and Rosemary Manufacturing Co. The increases become effective Sunday, September 9th.

The three mill companies had filed application with the National War Labor Board on August 1st asking for authority to voluntarily increase wages and the approval came through this week.

The new wage scale includes a minimum wage of 55 cents per hour to all workers except learners and handicapped workers; an increase of 5 cents per hour for all workers whose wage rates are now 50 cents or more per hour; a premium wage for all hours worked on the third shift, 8 hours pay for 7 hours work; and one week's vacation with pay for all employees with a year or more service with the company.

The first vacation period will be during July and August of 1946. Vacation will be computed at 2 per cent of the straight time earnings for the preceding 12 months.

The above schedule of increase applies to all piece rate workers as well as hourly rate workers.

Stores Stop Half Holiday

The merchants of Roanoke Rapids have ended the schedule of the half holiday which has been observed every Wednesday afternoon for the past three months. The half holiday period ended this week with all the stores open all day for business, except the grocery stores. These firms, as in the past, will continue to close at 12 noon throughout the year.

Office Hours Of Board Changed

The War Price and Rationing Board will be open to the public from now on from 9 until 12 in the mornings, and from 2 until 4 in the afternoons, from Monday through Friday. The office will be closed all day on Saturday.

Clyde F. Page Returns To Duty

Clyde F. Page, 1204 Roanoke Ave., 1/c Chief Petty Officer of the Merchant Marine, was called back last Monday to Boston, Mass., to his ship, after spending a few days with his wife and daughter here.

Capt. Robt. Pattison Sees Much Battle Action In War

Capt. Robert Pattison, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pattison of Paoli, Pa., husband of the former Miss Ann Elizabeth Akers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers of Roanoke Rapids, is here on a visit with his wife. Capt. Pattison, a veteran of 20 months overseas in the European theatre, has seen plenty of battle action, having participated in many engagements and wears six battle stars and the ETO ribbon. He is the possessor of unit citations and commendations from Brig. Gen. E. W. Timberlake and General George S. Patton, commander of the famous Third United States Army, and also has a personal commendation from Lt. Col. Percival B. Priest, commanding officer of the 129th AAA gun Battalion, with which Capt. Pattison was connected.

Capt. Pattison's outfit, called the "all-purpose" battalion, gained praise and commendation from high-ranking army officers for service in 98 aerial engagements, destroying 46 enemy planes, being in 42 ground engagements, destroying over 80 enemy tanks, armored and motor vehicles, as well as many bridges, bunkers, ammunition dumps and other installations. He has seen action in England, Normandy, Northern France, Belgium, Normandy, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany and (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Car Wrecks Order of Day; Sailor Killed

A sailor is dead as the result of a number of automobile accidents that have occurred in the last few days. The sailor, whose body is at Williams Funeral Home, and whose residence is said to be in Wheeling, W. Va., and was stationed at Hampton Roads, has been identified but his name is withheld.

The accident occurred on the sharp curve on the highway just outside Jackson Wednesday night about 8 o'clock.

Three other car accidents were reported to have occurred at the same place within a very short time of each. One of them involved a soldier stationed at the War Prison Camp here. He was treated at Roanoke Rapids Hospital and later taken to Camp Butler, and is reported to have been injured seriously. No information as to his name or home could be obtained.

Cause of the accidents are believed to have been wet roads causing the automobiles to skid (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Capt. Pattison



A veteran of many campaigns in the European theatre of operations, Capt. Robert Pattison, above, has seen plenty of action.

Here On Visit



Major William C. Holadia, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Holadia, 61 Washington Street, is home visiting his wife, the former Ione Rhea, and his parents. Major Holadia is with the Eighth Air Force and for the past 35 months has served overseas.

Lexington Man Dies Suddenly

Thanks Citizens Roanoke Rapids

J. H. Wooten, West Rosemary, who is back home after 26 months' combat duty, and for 10 months was hospitalized for treatment of wounds received in action October 26, 1944, writes The Herald to thank the people of this city for their war efforts. Wooten says: "I want to thank the people of Roanoke Rapids for the good work they did during the war. Your efforts saved my life and the lives of many other boys in the South Pacific. I am sure they will never forget you and neither will I. And I want to add that the Red Cross did and is continuing to do a wonderful job."

Archie Gay Guest Speaker of Rotary

State Senator Archie Gay of Jackson, was the guest speaker at last Tuesday's meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club. He was introduced by Dr. W. E. Murphy. I. F. Rochelle was in charge of the program. Mr. Gay talked briefly about post-war activities and issued an appeal for the people to stand united together more firmly than ever in efforts to win a lasting peace for the world and to end wars forever.

D. G. Rowe Taken Ill At Local Bus Station; Dies On Way To Hospital

D. G. Rowe, 37, of Lexington, station manager of the Carolina Coach Company at Petersburg, Va., died here Wednesday morning about 9:45 o'clock.

Mr. Rowe, who had made his home in Lexington for several years, being terminal manager there before being transferred to Petersburg, about three months ago, was standing with his wife on the outside of the local bus station talking with C. W. Smith, terminal manager here. After several minutes' conversation Mr. Smith excused himself and went to a local bank nearby. Upon his return Mrs. Rowe asked him to get a doctor. Smith at once placed the stricken man in a truck and started for Roanoke Rapids Hospital, but the man died before reaching there.

Mr. Smith stated this morning that Mr. Rowe's death, he believes, was due to strangulation. He had been suffering from a throat ailment for sometime and had been to Lexington to see his doctor. He was on his way to Petersburg at the time he was taken ill and died.

Funeral services will be held in Lexington. Mr. Rowe is survived by his widow and four children, Larry, Bobbie, Marian and Graham Rowe.

Local Office Of The United States Employment Service Will Hold Open House Sept. 7

31 Years Old

The Herald is 31 years old today. C. L. Wilson has been editor-owner since January 1, 1929.

Land Sales Are Booming In This Section, Say Reports

An unprecedented sale of farm lands and city properties seem to be in the offing, according to a survey made here this week. Many farm owners have put their land on the open market and the acute housing shortage in Roanoke Rapids has caused a rush to real estate offices to buy building lots on which to erect a house.

Just to give a general idea of coming land sales Rochelle Realty Company announces it is now arranging to hold "selling events" of the Charles T. Johnson farm just outside Roanoke Rapids. This will be subdivided into small tracts and building lots. It is a desirable place with a large two-story white house and many outbuildings on the premises. This sale, it is reported, will be held either in October or November. Other property which will be put up for sale is the Joseph H. Rook farm, to be sold to settle the estate. This will

also be subdivided. Part of the W. J. Long land in Gaston Township in Northampton County will also go on the market soon. The J. A. Pridgen farm in Northampton County will also be offered. The Bill Dickens property on the Thelma road is listed for sale. Lots in Emery Park and some property at the junction will be sold sometime in the near future. Dates of all these land sales will be announced later, said Mr. Rochelle.

The first of these sales to be held by Rochelle will be the P. S. Rook farm just across the line in Virginia which will go on the auction block Thursday, September 20, to settle the estate of Mr. Rook. And these are just a few of the many land sales that are in the "brewing" stage for this section.

The value of anything depends upon what use is made of it. For example, the machinery and general policy of the United States Employment Service is the same all over the country and the purpose is the same: to give its service to all who need it—or ask for it. And there is the rub. If you don't ask for it, you don't get it, which is true of any service organization.

The local employment office is like a plant set up with machines and trained personnel ready to go to work, except that it cannot order materials (applicants), but must depend on them to come in of their own accord. On the other hand, unless it has orders in advance (job orders from employers), it cannot operate. It is two-way service. So it is that an employment office can be no better than the community makes it by asking for its services.

The more the employment interviewer knows about the requirements of the job to be filled, the working conditions, pay, and opportunities for advancement, the better he can select an applicant. Also, the more he knows about the interests, abilities, and past work history of the applicant, the better he is able to place him. Therefore, it is very important (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)