

MILLS OFFER RETIREMENT PLAN

All Workers are Immediately Eligible; Plan Adopted After Much Study; Effective Today

More than 2,800 local textile workers will be immediately eligible to participate in a voluntary contributory retirement plan which is offered to employees by the Roanoke, Patterson and Rosemary mills companies. The retirement plan goes into effect today.

Complete details of the retirement plan were made public here today in a joint statement issued by the managements of the companies involved.

"This retirement plan has been worked out only after careful and thorough study of many existing retirement plans, and was adopted because it meets the specific needs of our employees," the managements of the mills stated.

"After intensive study by outside actuaries, the companies were advised," the statement of the managements continued, "that the average present employee would have slightly more than 25 years of service at age 65, and that the greatest number of employees would receive the greatest benefit if the plan was based on a normal service requirement of 25 years. The company will pay the greater part of the very large cost involved. A statement issued in New York said that Simmons Co. and its subsidiaries were assuming an obligation for past service alone of more than \$13,000,000 to provide retirement benefits for the thousands of present employees, who have already rendered years of faithful service to their companies. Employees will be asked to contribute 3 percent on earnings up to \$3,000 and 5 percent on earnings above that.

Roads Term Given Todd On 2 Counts

George Colon Todd, white man, who was arrested some time ago on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in connection with the loss of building materials, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 12 months on the roads. Todd was tried on another charge of larceny and found guilty and Judge Stevens gave him an additional 12 months, both sentences to run concurrently.

Larry Cox, white, involved in the case with Todd, was found guilty of larceny and breaking and entering. Cox was sentenced to two years on the roads. His sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for five years, the judge warning him that he was to violate in no manner either a state or federal law.

Another case of building materials theft which was disposed of and involved Leo Burton, Zack McDonald and Ernest W. Callahan, resulted in Burton being given a six months' road sentence, suspended for two years upon payment of \$100 fine and the costs, and stipulated he shall not violate any law whatsoever for the two year period. McDonald also was fined \$100 and the costs.

Ernest Callahan, who wasn't called to the stand, the evidence against him being insufficient, was freed by the court of all charges. Other cases disposed of were: Archie Hurshey, Roanoke Rapids white man, assault with a deadly weapon, 18 months on the roads.

Roger Allen, colored, Weldon, forcible trespass; prayer for judgment continued for two years upon payment of costs and good behavior.

Casey Turner, Scotland Neck, colored, burglary; not less than 15 nor more than 20 years in State's Prison.

John Thomas, Jr., negro, Scotland Neck, breaking and entering and larceny; two years on roads, suspended and placed on probation for five years.

James T. Adams and James Arthur Wilkins, negroes, charged with forgery, resulted in Adams getting a two-year suspended sentence and Wilkins 18 months on the roads.

"We are distributing to all our employees a booklet which is a Condensed Outline of the Retirement Plan," officials stated. "In addition, we have informed all our supervisory employees of the outstanding features of the plan so that they can answer any questions of the employees regarding the plan. Furthermore, we have visiting our plants now several experts on this subject who will be at the service of the employees for a few days to answer any additional questions about the plan that any of our employees may want to ask. We are eager not only for all our employees to participate in this plan, but also for them all to understand it in detail and every effort is being made to answer all questions regarding the plan.

"It is the belief of the company that every person is entitled to plan and enjoy the final years of his life in dignity and reasonable comfort and that men and women today are eager to work and to save for these years. Moreover, we think that long and faithful service should be rewarded by reasonable earned compensation. This plan has been arranged by the company in a spirit of partnership for the benefit and protection of its employees, now and in the future. We hope that every eligible employee in our plant will participate in the new retirement plan."

The retirement program was developed after numerous intensive studies made by the pension consultants of Marsh & McLennan, nationally known in the pension field, as well as other outside experts. The Chase National Bank of New York has been appointed trustee of the trust fund, which will be held and managed for the benefit of the employees.

Local Boys Enlist In Navy Reserve

In a ceremony, held in the local High School building last Friday the following named men from this community were enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve for inactive duty:

Kenneth M. Knight, Lewis M. Smith, William L. Triggs, Julian E. Glover, Donald J. Bridgman, Nixon L. Linwood, William L. James, Grady W. Keeter, James W. Cannon, of Roanoke Rapids, and Daniel E. Harrington, Jr., of Gaston.

Of these men, Knight, Smith, Glover, Bridgman, Linwood and Harrington were enlisted in their countries service for the first time, while the others are navy veterans who served their country in the past war.

High School Band Concert

The annual spring concert of the Roanoke Rapids High School Band will be presented in the High School auditorium next Monday night at 8 o'clock. The music to be heard in this program will be varied and attractive. There will be overtures, chorales by Bach and Beethoven, selections, military marches and novelties. Mary Glover and Neal Allbrook will sing well-known songs from the popular musical comedy, "Naughty Marietta," accompanied by the band. The program will be under the direction of Ray Finley.

Registration Fall Nursing Class Starts

"Registration for fall classes is starting now," Mrs. E. L. Starke, director of nurses at Roanoke Rapids Hospital School of Nursing, announced today.

"We feel that this is a particularly promising time for high school girls to enter nursing. Pay is better. Hours are shorter. And many different, interesting fields are open to the well-prepared graduate. No matter what a nurse chooses to do later on, her training is an invaluable help."

The three-year nurse's course is a higher education, comparable only to college, Mrs. Starke said. It leads to R. N., sometimes to a Bachelor of Science degree as well. Girls receive their room and board, laundry, uniforms and text books free, and have time off, occasional weekends and a vacation while they train.

In order to qualify as a student nurse, girls must have a high school diploma, or college training. Mrs. Starke will be glad to talk to any Roanoke Rapids girls or others who are interested in entering the profession.

Former Resident Suffers Fire Loss

Doyle Dobbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dobbins of this city, formerly commercial manager of the radio station in Haskell, Tex., suffered the loss of his household contents in a recent fire. It was revealed here today by his parents. Young Dobbins, a veteran of World War II, was married and had been living in Texas for some time. He had just lost his job with the radio station.

Knotts Living In Yokohama



Mrs. A. W. Knott, the former Miss Miriam Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith of Madison Street, sends this picture from Japan. Mrs. Knott and her two-year-old son, Billy, landed in Yokohama February 7th of this year to join Capt. Knott. They are living about thirty miles from Yokohama and this picture was taken by Capt. Knott in front of their home about the 27th of February. It is customary for the head of the labor union, an interpreter, the mayor, chief of police and a high school student to call on each American family upon arrival. The Japanese girl in the picture is a 14-year-old high school girl.

The Knotts expect to move in a new home next month. Homes for American families are under construction in a park-like area about thirty miles from Yokohama now, and are supposed to be ready for occupancy next month. Although they are so near Yokohama, Mrs. Knott writes that the roads are terrible and it takes all day to get there in a jeep, their chief means of travel.

Little Billy seems to be taking up the language from his Japanese nursemaid and is already speaking a language his mother doesn't understand.

Mrs. Knott tried to buy a lovely coffee table from the owners of the house in which she lives. They refused to sell, but gave the table to her. The woman of the home came back the next day with a smaller table with this explanation: "For your beautiful daughter in America." She has had several gifts presented to her for her daughter, Gail, who is here with her grandparents. Among the gifts is a beautiful doll in a glass case with several different costumes.

Mrs. Knott writes that she and Capt. Knott are both teaching Sunday school. They meet in various homes for these services.

Local Red Cross Campaign Fund Goes "Over the Top"

The Red Cross campaign fund recently held again has "gone over the top," according to the final reports received. The amount reported to date as contributed by the people of Roanoke Rapids is \$7,500.00. The quota was \$6,120.00.

"We wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation," said James W. Sears, campaign fund chairman, "to the industries of the district for their splendid support. We cannot give too much credit and praise to the workers and contributors for their splendid service and cooperation."

"The people of our chapter have shown by their fine spirit of giving," continued Mr. Sears, "that we shall do the most possible to render all services needed for our community's servicemen and veterans."

Here are the figures: Special gifts, Frank C. Williams, major, totaled \$2,232.50, a partial list of the contributors being: Roanoke Mills Company — \$600.00; Rosemary Manufacturing Company — 600.00; Patterson Mills Company 350.00; Theatres — 175.00; Halifax Paper Company — 75.00; Roanoke Rapids Lumber Company — 200.00; Other contributions: Rosemary business section, H. S. Loy, major — 771.55; Rosemary Manufacturing Co., employees, J. H. Mayfield, major — 1,195.00; Roanoke Mills, No. 1, employees, C. A. Irby, major — 882.10; Roanoke Mills No. 2, employees, S. H. Crumpler, major — 748.20; Patterson Mills Employees, H. E. Ellerson, Jr., major — 326.00; Manchester Board and Paper Co., H. C. Brown, major — 178.00; Virginia Electric & Power Co., employees, R. W. Vaughan, major — 63.00; Municipal Building, Mrs. Dorothy Shearin, major — 16.00. (Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

Large Crowd Hears Symphony

A large appreciative and enthusiastic audience attended the afternoon and evening concerts of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swahn, last Thursday.

Following the evening concert the Music Club entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. China honoring Dr. and Mrs. Swahn.

To the generous individuals, clubs and organizations of Roanoke Rapids and surrounding towns who contributed time, effort and money to help make this second Symphony concert possible, the Symphony Committee and Music Club extend their sincere thanks.

Still Captured In Gaston Township

A "moonshine" still, steam outfit with a torch burner, was captured in Gaston township this week by Sheriff Clyde Stephenson of Northampton county, aided by Chief of Police Kippatrick of Jackson, and Constable J. H. Dixon. Four barrels of mash were confiscated and a negro man, named Leahy, was arrested. Leahy was tried yesterday and given a sentence of eight months on the roads.

Gamblers Get Heavy Fines After Guilty Plea Entered

Eight white men, indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of gambling at a cabin near Enfield owned by Willie Herbert, pleaded guilty this week in Halifax Superior Court and after testimony concerning the case had been heard Judge Henry Stevens, presiding jurist, really "cracked down."

The judge, after a severe lecture, fined Herbert \$100 "for just looking in on the game."

The others: Tom Ellen, J. B. Davis, county commissioner; Frank Newsom of Halifax, J. F. White, Owen Bellamy, Egbert Barnhill and Waverly White were ordered to pay fines of \$250 each and part of the costs.

The charges are the outgrowth of a poker game at the cabin some weeks ago when, it is alleged, a "9-spot" got into the wrong hand and caused quite a bit of argument among the players.

Testimony revealed that some of the players were drinking "and really didn't know what we were doing."

Chest Shows '46 Deficit

The Roanoke Rapids Community Chest showed a deficit of \$801.07, last year, according to the operating statement for 1946 released today by L. G. Shell, Jr., treasurer. The statement follows:

1946 Budget Collections	14,729.50
Interest	16.27
Total receipts	\$14,745.77

DISBURSEMENTS	
School Lunch and Book Fund	\$10.00
Associated Charities	3,000.00
Boy Scouts	2,400.00
Girl Scouts	1,500.00
Recreation Committee	550.00
Roanoke Rapids Public Library	450.00
United War Fund	5,492.00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	
Telephone and Telegraph	46.59
Office Stationery and Supplies	58.26
Office Rent	109.50
Salaries	605.00
Dues	40.00
Insurance (Bond)	25.00
Campaign Expenses	174.39
Audit	86.70

Total Disbursements	\$15,347.60
Deficit 1946 Budget	\$601.07

Three Places Are Entered At Halifax

Three business places at Halifax, P. T. Nethery's service station, the Oasis Service Station, operated by Buck Millikin, and Halifax Mercantile Company, owned by L. P. Millikin, were broken into last Tuesday night before 9 o'clock. At each place windows were broken and the thieves of thief gained entrance through them.

Evidence tended to show that only money was sought by the robbers as nothing was missed except small sums of cash.

Earlier in the week the filling station operated by Johnny Whitehead, colored, was broken into and a quantity of flour, cigarettes and candy taken. Investigation of the breaks is being made by the sheriff's office.

Glee Club To Give Concert

The Roanoke Rapids High School Glee Club will present its first major concert of the year in the High School auditorium May 8, at 8 o'clock, p. m., under the direction of Ray Finley. This organization has a membership of over fifty boys and girls and all have been working hard lately to make this concert a success.

Among the numbers that will be sung by the Glee Club are: The Lost Chord, By the Waters of Minnetonka, The Donkey Serenade, and Malotte's Lord's Prayer. Silas Baggett will sing a tenor solo, and a trio of girls Louise Burke, Ruby Biowe and Syretha Inasco, will add a group of songs.

Citizens Kicking On Auto Parking At Ball Games

Many complaints have been received by the police department about people parking their automobiles in driveways and yards of people who live near the baseball park. "There is plenty of parking space at the park," said Chief Davis, "and those who park in the driveways and yards of residents in the area are urged to stop the practice."

"In the future," said the chief, "we will appreciate those attending the games to observe the traffic signals and find a parking place other than driveways and yards."

P.-T. A. Meeting of Vance St. School

The P.-T. A. of the Vance Street School will hold its last meeting for the year next Wednesday at 3:45. Every member is urged to be present. The new officers for next year will be elected at this meeting and the results of "Fun Night" will be announced.

The program deals with "Laying the Right Foundations For Recreation." At this time J. C. Hoyle, director of athletics in the High School, will speak on recreation for children.

A short musical program will be given by the children in observance of National Music Week. Arrangements have been made whereby mothers who have no one to keep their babies may come and bring them. Older girls will take care of them during the meeting. There will be a "door prize" given to the person present holding the lucky number.

Negro Man Is Shot By Wife After Quarrel

Ethel Branch, negro woman, fired five times at her husband, Edwin Branch, at their home near Garysburg last Monday night. Luckily for Edison, his wife missed four times, but the fifth shot hit him in the pit of the stomach, passed through his bladder and inflicted a serious wound for which he is being treated in Roanoke Rapids Hospital, with a fair chance of recovery.

Effort Made Enter Cobb's And Theatre

An attempt was made to enter Cobb's grocery store on Tenth street last Tuesday night, according to a report received by police. Efforts were made to pry open the back door and the alleged thief or thieves were frustrated in the attempt by passersby or gave up the job.

It was also discovered that the glass in the front door of the Imperial Theatre was broken some time Tuesday night. Officers say that it was either done accidentally or some one tried to enter the place or it may have been done by some one locked up inside the building after the last night show and broke the glass to get out.

However, investigation of the incidents are still continuing.