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THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES

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Editorials---

THE TEXTILE MILLS' RETIREMENT PLAN

One of the dreadful thoughts of life is—that after spending our strong and healthful years in toil, we might be poverty-stricken and dependent upon doubtful charity during our sunset years.

So devastating is this fear that many individuals just approaching old age would rather pass out of this earthly picture than face a future of bitter poverty.

On the other hand it is a most beautiful and comforting thought to be assured that when working days are over there will still be money with which to live, a steady income to provide the necessities of life, a reward for the many years of toil.

This reward, as certainly this low cost retirement plan should be called, has been made possible by the Simmons Company, parent organization of the local textile mills — Patterson, Roanoke and Rosemary.

Because of the amount of money contributed and to be contributed by the Simmons Company and local textile mills, the average worker will have to pay only three percent of his wages to participate in the plan, providing he has the other necessary qualifications. This three percent will cost the lowest income worker less than 20 cents per day. From this small investment which along with Social Security Old Age Pension, will provide, he can look forward to an income for the balance of his life.

Some interesting features of the Retirement Plan: The Simmons Company pays most of the cost, in fact, two-thirds of it. . . They have provided over \$13,000,000 for the fund to pay for past services alone. . . The plan offers liberal judgment of past services for retirement plan qualifications. . . As example, a worker who has attained the required age may have worked for the company ten years, then quit, then later may have rejoined the company. He is not penalized in this event; he still gets credit for all his working time with the company towards the Retirement Plan regardless of the interruption. . . Those whose work with the company was interrupted by war service will still get full credit towards the retirement plan during the entire period spent in the armed services. . . The Company is divorced from the plan which is to be operated independently by a trustee, the Chase National Bank of New York City, under regulations approved by the United States Treasury Department. . . The plan is entirely voluntary; no one is required to join. It does not discriminate between any of the various income groups.

The plan, in the opinion of this newspaper, is so good that no employe who qualifies should turn it down without serious consideration. It is a painless method of building an old age and retirement income.

HOW THE RETIREMENT PLAN AFFECTS ROANOKE RAPIDS

No city is richer than its lowest income group. In the past the lowest income group has generally been the aged. But in the future our city's aged, who have been participants of the textile mills' retirement plan, will be financially able to take care of their own

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keep; with reasonable judgment and good fortune they will be able to pay their obligations.

In the future, more textile workers will retire at earlier ages. Thus greater opportunities for advancement will become possible for our young folks.

Roanoke Rapids business men face a better tomorrow with greater insurance of steadier prosperity — this, because of the textile mills' retirement plan.

Years Ago A Backward Glance

ONE YEAR AGO

A new civic organization for Roanoke Rapids, The Exchange Club, was organized. Miss Susan Shelton Britt became the bride of Thomas W. Mullen, Jr., of this city, in ceremony in Richmond, Va.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

Count Potocki, Ambassador to the United States from Poland, will come here to appear as the principal speaker in the public forum on Poland. Mme. Yvonne D. Dieme, French pianist, will appear on Womans Club program. Plans for a two day Rockfish festival to be held in Weldon are completed. Miss Kathryn Wolbar became the bride of James Edward Ford, Jr. in ceremony performed at the St. John Baptist church. Mr. T. T. W. Mullen announces engagement of daughter, Priscilla, to Howerton Gowen. The Rev. Thomas Curran, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curran, of this city, was ordained to Priesthood last Sunday morning at the Raleigh Cathedral.

TEN YEARS AGO

Paul A. Reid, principal of Roanoke Rapids High School, was elected president of the State High School Principals group at the Durham meeting of the N. C. Education Association. Roanoke Rapids took the spotlight in issue of "The State" weekly magazine of Carl Goerch published in Raleigh, with an eight-page section telling the world about the accomplishments, growth and future prospects of the city. High water in the Roanoke River forced the closing of Manchester Board and Paper Co. part of this week. Miss Helen Powell became the bride of Walter Kee in ceremony performed in Petersburg, Va. The Virginia Electric and Power Company entertained the senior class of N. C. State College at lunch Tuesday and then took the boys on a tour of inspection over the Hydro-electric station here in Roanoke Rapids. A crowd of about 300 voters attended a meeting of the Halifax Labor Voters League at Union Hall and heard various candidates for Mayor and city commissioners state their views and reasons for running for office.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barnes, Annie Mae and Billie Barnes spent the week end in Newport News, Va. with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barnes. Mrs. Lucille Cherry Mrs. Walter Kee, Mrs. Dora Hawkins and Red Johnson attended the funeral of Mrs. Susan Isabelle Cherry in Ashford, Va. Sunday. Mrs. D. L. Balmer spent Monday in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Horton on account of the death of Mr. Horton's father.

TOWN TALK

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Baby Week

APRIL 27-MAY 3

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'Fun Night' at Vance St. School

Don't forget "Fun Night" at Vance Street School Friday night from 7 until 9 o'clock. This is to be a night of fun sponsored by the P. T. A. for all parents, children, and friends of the school. The proceeds are to be used to buy needed equipment for the school so don't forget to come, have fun, and help your school. The admission is 5 cents for both adults and children.

Some of the entertainments consists of the following: free movies in the auditorium, bingo for adults, bingo for children, cake walk for little folks, "Charlie and his friends," drinks and candy for sale.

Town Talk

Mrs. Margaret Hudson and sister, Mrs. J. B. Moody, recently journeyed to Louisville, Tenn., to visit a brother, Edward Norwood, who had been ill. They were accompanied by relatives from Richmond, Va. Many places of historical note were visited during the trip, they reported.

Mrs. L. R. White returned home Sunday after spending some time with her daughter in Bainbridge, N. Y. Messdames F. R. Kendrick, S. M. Thompson, J. P. Little, W. H. Tichel and Jay Thompson spent Monday in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cameron and children, Hugh Harris and Addie Lee, spent Sunday in Enfield. Mrs. W. O. Thompson has just returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives in South Carolina.

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Youth Week Ends Sunday

In preparation for the fourth annual Youth Week, a beautiful and impressive consecration service was held at the Rosemary Baptist Church by candle light last Sunday evening.

Miss Christine Bush had charge of the service. The candles were lighted by Bill Pair and Vernon Britton, Jr. Adult leaders presented symbols of their various offices to the youth officers. At this time the pastor presented Bibles from the church to the two Youth Week preachers, Earl Bryant who will conduct the Sunday morning service, and James Bridgman, who will conduct the evening service on the same day.

Rev. B. Marshall White-Hurst, pastor of the church, delivered the consecration message. On the communion table at the altar was placed an open Bible flanked by two lighted candles, representing Christ, "the Light of the World." At the conclusion of the message about fifty young people, lighting their individual candles from those on the table, stood at the altar for the consecration prayer.

Next Sunday's services will bring to a close the fourth annual Youth Week of this church.

Miss Corine Satterthwaite spent the week-end visiting friends in the home of Mrs. H. D. Bell in Raleigh, and with Miss Cornelia Timberlake of Oxford.

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