

# Local Textile Workers Get Wage Increase

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## City Commissioners Discuss Many Items In Long Session; Pass Recreation Ordinance

### Comic Books Are Subject Of Discussion

The Roanoke Rapids City Commissioners, in session Tuesday afternoon, discussed many subjects, but were never able to get around to talking over the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. There were just too many other matters that had to be acted on and the commissioners worked two and one-half hours before adjourning.

Some of the items talked at the meeting were a proposal by Freddy Cooper to sell pre-need lots in the city cemetery, a discussion of the issuance of beer licenses, the change of the cost of a privilege tax for small loan businesses, the resurfacing of Roanoke Avenue and the adoption of an ordinance establishing the city recreation commission and outlining its duties.

Mayor W. B. Allsbrook read a letter from the State Board of Public Welfare, which made the commissioners happy. The letter was signed by J. B. Moore, inspector, who had gone over the Roanoke Rapids jail. His report was that the jail was in good condition and that the only thing needed was storage space for bedding and cleaning gear. He particularly complimented the commissioners on the fact that they have installed hot water showers for the use of the prisoners.

Freddy Cooper told the commissioners that he would use his spare time as a salesman of lots in the city cemetery on a commission basis. Cooper explained that he considered experience in the selling of cemetery lots. He showed the commissioners much data on the selling of lots and the commissioners were inclined toward his proposal, but referred it to Commissioners Collier and Pruden, the members of the cemetery committee for study and report.

The matter of a beer license for Mr. Parker back of Madison street once again came up for discussion and an off premises license was approved.

Commissioner Pruden provided one of the highlights of the meeting when he tossed several so-called comic books on the table and asked what, if any action, the commission could take to stop the sale of the books in Roanoke Rapids.

Pruden said that a local resident had turned the books over to him. They were entitled, "Crime Smasher," "Clare Voyant" and "Women Outlaws."

The commissioner said that the local resident had taken the stand that the books are detrimental to the youth of the city and the sale of them should be stopped.

Several of the commissioners were of the same opinion and Mayor Allsbrook was asked to determine what the commission could do and report back at a later meeting.

The matter of a privilege license for small loan businesses was changed from the \$100 original fee to \$25.

The mayor read a letter from Mrs. N. T. Jones, president of the VFW Auxiliary, asking that the city provide holes for flag poles in the business section of the city. Mrs. Jones explained that the Auxiliary is selling flags to help disabled war veterans and that many of the merchants were refusing to buy because there was no hole in front of their place of business for the flag staff.

The commissioners decided that the city could not take any action in the matter, but suggested that the price of drilling the holes be included in the price of the flag.

Mayor Allsbrook read a copy of the recreation commission ordinance which outlines the duties of the commission and sets a graduated term of office for the various members of the commission.

The recreation commission members will serve according to the way they are listed in the minutes of the meeting at which they were appointed. The city commissioners approved the ordinance.

A petition was received from the residents of Charlotte street between Third and Fifth streets for curb and gutter and surfacing.

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### Plans Mapped For County 1949 ACP

Halifax—At a recent meeting in Warrenton representatives of the Halifax County PMA Committee heard discussed plans for the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program with state and other county representatives of PMA.

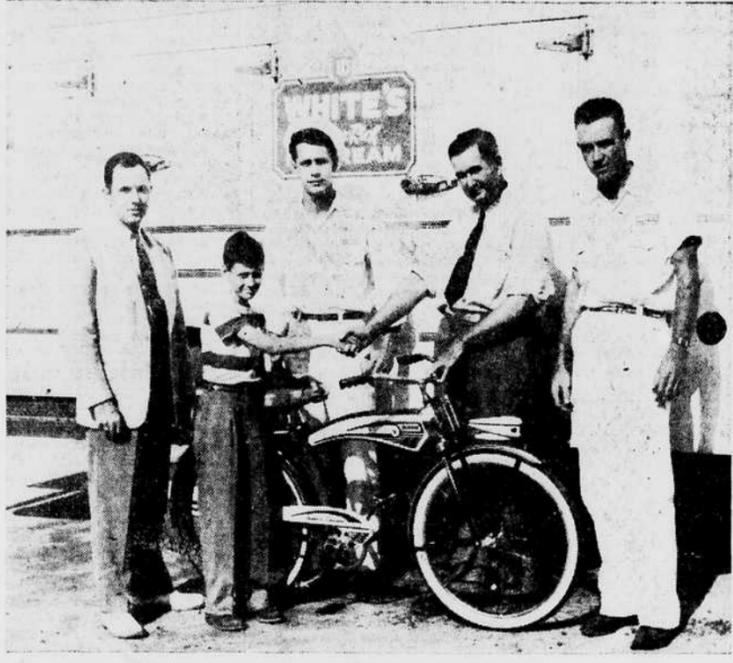
Representing Halifax were Mr. Smith, vice chairman of the county committee and Mr. Warren, secretary of the county committee.

In the meeting, practices which are included in the 1949 State Handbook were reviewed and discussed. The County Committee will now decide which practices are most necessary in this county to assist farmers in restoring conserving soil fertility. These practices will then be included in the County handbook which is to be prepared and submitted to the State Committee for approval by August 25. The 23 practices which are included in the State Handbook for 1949 include several new ones which have not been included previously and which will receive serious consideration of the County Committee.

In addition to selecting from these 23 practices those which are most needed in this county, the County Committee is authorized to select two additional practices, namely, a local practice for which there may be a definite need in this county but which is not included in the National Bulletin, and a special conservation practice which is not included in the State Handbook but is in the National Bulletin.

The County Technical Committee, consisting of representatives of the other agricultural agencies in the county, will work with the County PMA Committee in selecting the practices for the County Handbook and in making decisions regarding specifications and such matters as planting dates, pasture mixtures most suitable for this county, and other matters requiring local determination.

### Wins Bicycle In Nationwide Contest



Pete Nethercutt, 11-year-old Weldon boy is receiving the congratulations of M. R. Hargrove, Sr. on his winning of a new bicycle in a nationwide contest sponsored by the Sea-T-Safe-T-Cone company of Illinois. Looking on from left to right are: Bill Ross, of the White's Ice Cream Company, Raleigh and Alfred Collins and J. S. Tomlinson, White Company salesman, who delivered the bicycle to Hargrove's place of business in Weldon. Pete obtained his entry blank from Mr. Hargrove and was one of 500 national winners. (Herald Photo).

## Rosemary, Patterson And Roanoke No. Two Workers Get Increase

More than 3,200 employees of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, Patterson Mills and Roanoke Mills Company's Number Two Mill and the Village Shop read notices posted on the bulletin boards in the various plants this morning advising them that effective Monday, August 9, their pay checks are increased 5 percent.

### Georgia Man Shot; Gaston Man Is Held

Gaston — Earl Marshall of Macon, Ga., is a patient in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital today suffering from gunshot wounds he received when he was allegedly shot by Wardell Norwood of Gaston. Constable John Dixon reported today.

Dixon said that Norwood was being held in the Northampton County jail on charges of shooting Marshall.

The constable said that the shooting occurred last night about 7 o'clock near Camp's store.

According to Dixon's investigation, Marshall and some other people were being pursued by Norwood in an automobile and when they stopped "Norwood told them not to move and pulled a gun and began firing when Marshall and the occupants of the car started to alight."

According to Dixon, Marshall was here to testify in the trial of Owen Luke Linton, who was charged with abducting Norwood's wife and taking her to Americus, Ga.

Hospital attaches said that Marshall had been wounded in the chest and the abdomen, but his condition was not considered critical.

The notices which were signed at Patterson and Roanoke No. 2 by Frank Williams, president of the companies, said:

"Effective Monday, August 9, 1948, all production and maintenance employees, except service employees of Patterson Mills Company and Roanoke Mills Company's No. 2 mill will receive a wage increase of eight per cent, and service employees will receive an increase of three per cent.

"We are pleased to announce these increases, which are in line with our established policy of paying the highest possible wages consistent with our ability to operate the mills on a sound basis."

A similar notice was posted at the Rosemary Manufacturing Company and signed by officials of that concern. The same notice was posted at the Village Shop.

Mr. Williams said today that the total number of employees affected by the wage increase was more than 3,200.

The total combined increased cost to the three companies was estimated at more than \$700,000 annually.

Mr. Williams also released for publication a copy of a letter to Mariano S. Bishop, cotton and rayon director of the Textile Workers' Union of America.

### Letter to Bishop

The letter which was sent registered mail this morning to Bishop is as follows:

"The employees of the several textile mills in Roanoke Rapids, other than Roanoke Mill No. 1, have been notified today of a general wage increase, effective as of August 9, 1948.

"All production and maintenance employees, except service employees, in the above-mentioned mills, are being granted a wage increase of eight per cent and service employees are being granted three per cent increases.

"Inasmuch as your union is the collective bargaining representative for the employees of Roanoke Mill No. 1, we are writing to advise that we will discuss with you at the next bargaining conference the general question of a wage increase at Roanoke Mill No. 1, and that we will likewise be prepared at the same time to resume general bargaining negotiations on any subject which you may wish to discuss within the scope of the union's bargaining authority as collective bargaining representative of our employees.

"We suggest Thursday, August 26, at 10:30 a. m., in our offices in Roanoke Rapids as the date, time and place for the next bargaining conference. Please advise us whether or not this suggestion meets with your approval."

The letter was signed by Mr. Williams and a copy was sent to Tobey E. Mendes, national representative of the union here.

Negotiations between the company and the union on a contract for the workers of Roanoke Mill No. 1 were discontinued at the union's request about two weeks ago.

### Six Helped In July By Local Charity Group

Mrs. A. C. Zollicoffer, chairman of the Associated Charities reported that during the month of July the local organization accepted six new cases of seven applied for aid.

Mrs. Zollicoffer said that three of the six cases assisted by the Associated Charities during the month were caused by unemployment.

She cited the case of one man, 73 years old, who had been employed for the past five years by one of the local plants.

He was laid off and his wife is a semi-invalid. During the period that he was without work the Associated Charities supplied food for both of the people. During the time of his unemployment, the man was a patient at the hospital and the Associated Charities cared for his wife. When he was able to return to work he found another job in another local plant.

The report shows that two cases were reopened and six old cases were being cared for during the month.

Of the seven cases applying for aid, only one was rejected and that was a woman, who had been deserted by her husband and she found a job during the investigation period.

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### Consulting Arborist

Howard H. Erwin, consulting arborist of Erwin Tree Service, will attend the meeting of the National Arborist Association to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., August 23 to 27.

### Wallaces Busy Here

During refreshment time at the City Commissioners meeting Tuesday afternoon, the talk got around to the current political picture. There was some discussion of the Dixiecrats, the Republicans, Mr. Truman and even the Wallaces came in for discussion.

Two of the commissioners said they had been approached by workers for Henry Wallace and his party in North Carolina.

The technique, apparently was to ask, first if they were registered voters.

One of the commissioners, who had received a visitation said that the man who called him was bedecked in Taylor and Wallace buttons and had plenty of pamphlets and propaganda.

The other commissioner said that a woman called on him and asked him to sign the petition to get the Wallace party on the ballot in this state.

Both commissioners told the Wallace workers that it was no go with them.

### Sgt. Jenkins Funeral Rites Are Saturday

Mrs. Clifton Riggan of this city has been notified by the War Department that the body of her brother, Staff-Sgt. Robert O'Brien Jenkins has arrived in the United States. Services will be held Saturday afternoon at 4:00 P. M. from Calvary Church near Littleton, conducted by the Rev. H. L. Davis. Burial will be in the Jenkins family plot.

Robert was the youngest son of the late Edward Sanford and Maude Harris Jenkins, both whom have died since he was killed. He was in the 35th division of the Third Army, was sent overseas May 1944 and killed in action November 11th, 1944 in Lorraine, France, by enemy small arms fire. He was acting as platoon sergeant, directing mortar fire on an enemy pill box at the time he was killed. He was a member of Calvary Methodist Church near Littleton. He attended Littleton High School and a member of L. H. S. football team and was well known to his school mates as "Peanut."

His survivors include one brother, Edward Jenkins of Littleton, four sisters: Mrs. Archie Coburn of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Earnest South of Richmond, Va., Miss Mamie Jenkins, of Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, Jersey City, N. J., and Mrs. Clifton Riggan of Roanoke Rapids; one niece and four nephews.

The body will rest at the W. C. Williams Funeral Home in Roanoke Rapids until time for the service at Calvary at 4:00 P. M. Saturday.

### Dixon Resigns As Constable In Gaston

Gaston—John R. Dixon, constable of the Gaston town ship, has tendered his resignation as constable to the Northampton County Commissioners.

In a letter to R. W. Thompson, chairman of the commissioners, Dixon writes, "This will advise that I am hereby tendering my resignation as Constable of the Gaston Township, effective August 15th, 1948. Due to the present high cost of living, I find that I can no longer support my family adequately on my present status."

"I want you to know that I have enjoyed working with your board and deeply regret that I must take this step, but feel that it will be to my advantage to seek employment elsewhere."

### Union Files Protest On Patterson Vote

Tobey E. Mendes, national representative of the CIO Textile Workers Union of America here, announced today that a formal protest of the collective bargaining election held at Patterson Mills last Friday had been filed by the union with the National Labor Relations Board.

Mendes said that the union was basing its protest on the "conduct of the company which affected the results of the election."

The protest, Mendes said, was based on section 203.61 of the rules and regulations of the labor and management relations act of 1947.

Frank Williams, president of the Patterson Mills Company, who received a copy of the formal protest, said, "The company and its officials conducted their part in the election on a high plane and we are confident that no state or national laws or regulations governing the election were broken."

### St. Andrews Group Seeks Funds To Send Delegates To Meet

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrews of the All-Saints Episcopal Church is seeking to raise funds to send two of its members to the National Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews at Oxford, Ohio, August 29 to September 3.

The members of the local Junior Brotherhood will sell Brunswick stew Saturday to help raise the funds to send Billy Fannie and A. W. Briggs to the convention.

Donations by the members of the congregation of the All Saints Episcopal Church of vegetables and meat for the stew should be made to Billy Fannie, 730 Jefferson street or G. R. Cross, 625 Charlotte street before six p.m. Friday night.

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### Judge Parker Will Convene Court Mon.

Halifax—The August term of Halifax Superior Court will open at the courthouse here Monday, with several divorces to be heard, but the docket consists mostly of criminal cases.

Resident Judge R. Hunt Parker will preside over the term.

Listed for trial on the criminal docket are five cases charging breaking and entering and larceny; 12 cases of drunken driving; six forgery cases; one receiving stolen property, and one assault with intent to kill.

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### Rotary District Governor To Be Here Monday

District Governor Sherwood L. Roberson of the Rotary International will be the speaker at the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club meeting Monday at the Rosemary Cafe.

Roberson, who lives at Robersonville, is governor of Rotary district Number 189 and is making his annual visit to the club here.

The Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club has voted to donate \$50 toward the restoration of Camp Charles, Northeastern District Boy Scout Camp near Rocky Mount.

The Rev. J. F. Herbert, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was welcomed as a member of the local Rotary Club at the club's meeting Monday night.

Rotarian Worth C. Grant, pastor of the Weldon Baptist church, was a guest at the meeting. Robert Musgrove of Roanoke Rapids was a guest of John Forrester.

### Warren Doctor Gets License

Warrenton — Dr. Albert W. Hedgepeth, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hedgepeth, of Warrenton, was one of the 113 physicians licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina by the State Board of Medical Examiners following examination held in Raleigh last month.

### Young Warns Parents That Children Entering School First Time This Fall Must Be Immunized; Clinics Are Listed

By Dr. Robert F. Young  
Halifax County Health Officer

All children entering schools in Halifax County for the first time this fall must present satisfactory evidence that they have been adequately immunized for diphtheria and whooping cough and vaccinated for smallpox before they can be admitted to school. This satisfactory evidence must be in the form of written certificates from either the private physicians or the Health Department. All children who can not present this evidence will be excluded from school until they have been adequately immunized or vaccinated as the case might be.

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