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PLAN DEFENSE WORK

COUNTY SERVICE MEETING

To Be Held In Roanoke Mills Office Friday

F. C. Williams, Vice-president and general manager of the Patterson and Roanoke Mills Companies, announced today that an organization meeting of the United Service Organization work in Halifax County will be held tomorrow afternoon, Friday, May 30, at 4 o'clock in the new office building of the Roanoke Mills Company located on the corner of Jackson and 5th Streets here.

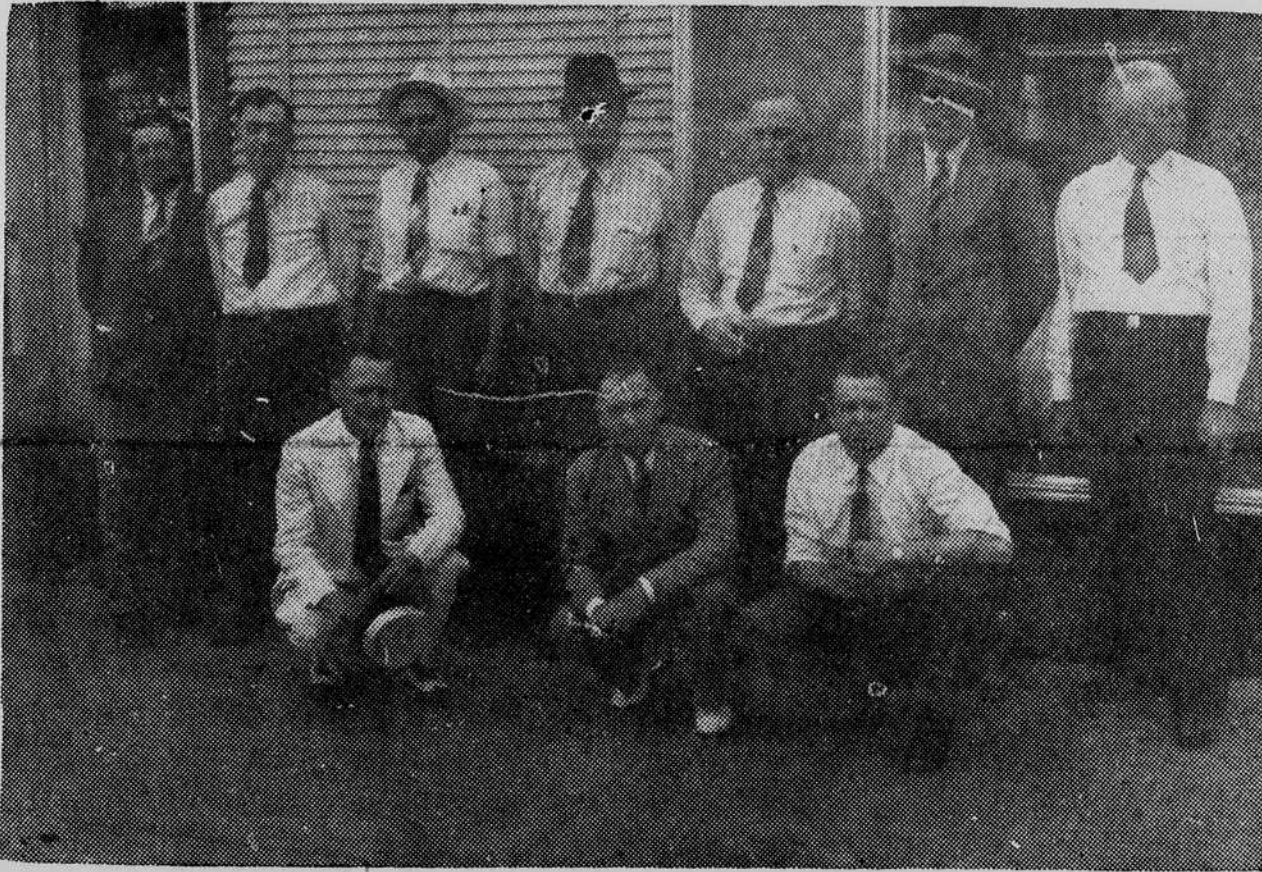
Williams was recently appointed chairman of the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., in Halifax County by Governor J. M. Broughton. The organization is a merger of the activities for war work of the Y. M. C. A., The National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Y. W. C. A., the Jewish Board, and the National Travelers Aid Association. The cooperative efforts is designed to eliminate competition and duplication of the various groups which was prevalent in the last war, reduce expense and increase efficiency.

Officers

Other officers appointed by Chairman Williams to the county organization for the purpose of assisting him with the work are: Gordon L. Price, Vice-Chairman; William L. Medlin, secretary and treasurer; Carroll L. Wilson, publicity chairman; Mrs. Quentin Gregory, Woman's Chairman; and the Rev. A. C. Lee, church chairman. Mrs. Gregory lives at Halifax, the Rev. Mr. Lee at Scotland Neck, and others live here. The reason for appointing Roanoke Rapids citizens as vice-chairman, secretary, and publicity chairman is that Chairman Williams is often away from the city on business and wishes to have other officers here in order that the organization might function with the least difficulty during his absence.

Halifax County township chairmen appointed are: C. L. Kelly, Butterwood; Luther Parks, Tillery; D. Mac Johnson, Enfield; Ross Hedgepeth, Faucett; E. L. Travis, Halifax; Tracy Qualls, Hollister; Lovira Leggett, Hobgood; Paul Johnston, Littleton; Mrs. Ben Everett, Palmyra; Clifton Moss, Ringwood; H. C. Bass, Roseneath; F. J. Hawley, F. M. Sherry, W. J. Norwood and Hannibal Shearin, all of Roanoke Rapids; Eric Rogers, Scotland Neck; and D. W. Seifert, Weldon.

DISCUSS WAR INDUSTRIES



The above group of local citizens met with a representative of the Quartermasters' Corps, Washington, D. C., here for a discussion of the possibilities of locating war industries of some description in this area. Major Roy C. Moore, the representative, stated that it may be possible to locate an air corps unit and flying field in this vicinity if such would be of strategic and technical value to the Army.

Left to right, standing—W. J. Norwood, A. N. Martin, W. A. Thorne, Major Roy C. Moore, C. C. Shell, H. S. Loy, J. T. Chase; sitting—J. R. Allsbrook, C. L. Wilson, F. M. Sherry.

TERRELL BIRTHDAY HONORED

Alfred Terrell, senior vice-president and general manager of the Simmons Company, was honored at a party on the occasion of his 70th birthday at the Yale Club in New York City last night, Wednesday, May 28.

All officials of the Simmons Company, and officials of all divisions of the Simmons Company in the United States and Canada were present.

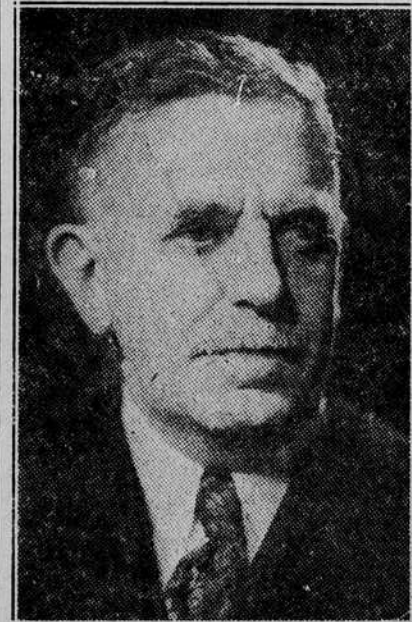
Those attending from Roanoke Rapids were W. L. Manning, president of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company; F. C. Williams, vice-president and general manager of the Roanoke Mills Co., and Patterson Mills Co.; and Gordon Berkstresser, works manager of the Roanoke Mills Co., No. 2.

A gift bearing the signatures of officials associated with the Simmons Company was presented Terrell.

Terrell is president and treasurer

of Roanoke Mills Co., and Patterson Mills Co., here and vice-president of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

He visits Roanoke Rapids about every six weeks, and is thoroughly interested in the local mills and



the city. He has stated that he likes the town and people, and would like to live here if his business did not demand that he maintain his residence in New York.

YD CLUBS RALLY ON TUESDAY

Final details are being worked out for the meeting of the Young Democrats of the Second Congressional District in Littleton on Tuesday, June 3.

Hal Thurston and his orchestra have been secured for the dinner and the dance, the latter to follow the principal speech by J. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, at 8 p.m.

District Chairman Harry Finch of Wilson and other state officials are expected to be present for the meeting, to which all Young Democrats of the district are invited.

The meeting will begin at the high school building in Littleton with a barbecue at 7 p.m. The barbecue will be followed by an address by Governor Broughton. Hal Thurston's orchestra will play during the dinner and for the dance later in the evening. The dance will be held in the new gymnasium of the school.

First Vice-President Garland
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SURVEY AREA FOR DEFENSE

Federal Men In City This Week Checking Sites

The first move in securing sites or facilities in this section that can be offered the government for future developments in the defense program and permit the establishment of some war activity in or near Roanoke Rapids has been taken, and at the invitation of a group of local citizens two representatives of the government were in the city this week to investigate possibilities.

Major Roy C. Moore of the Quartermaster General's Staff, Washington, D. C., was here yesterday, Wednesday, for a conference with local leaders and was assured of the interest and cooperation of the citizens of this section.

Gus Leazer, Associate Airport Engineer of Civil Aeronautics Administration was here Monday from the Atlanta, Ga., office to look the situation over and investigate the possibilities of locating a CAA airport here. He stated that in case airports on the coasts of the United States are bombed officials would want one about 150 miles inland as a base to continue operations. The engineer was favorably impressed with the locality, and said that during peace times an airport here could be used for commercial purposes.

Major Moore of the Quartermaster Corps told the group he met with here that a survey is being made of this section, but nothing particular is being considered at this time in the way of defense activity. He was at Norfolk, Weldon, Halifax and Warrenton on Tuesday of this week, and at Scotland Neck and here Wednesday at the request of Congressman John H. Kerr of Warrenton, representative from the Second Congressional District.

Not Political

The army officer stated that sites for defense industries and other war activities are not considered because of political purposes, but because of their strategic and tactical value to the government. As an example, he said, the recent air field at Charlotte was selected by the government because that city is the right distance for the rest of this section and served by double-track railroads.

Major Moore stated that he has looked over the level areas in this section of the State, and said government officials do not like to
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