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LUTER SIGNS TO LET VOTERS VOTE

ARMY OFFICER TOURS LOCAL DEFENSE WORKS

Inspects Civilian Defense Corps In City Wednesday

Major E. C. Herrin, Infantry, of the U. S. Army and attached to the North Carolina Office of Civilian Defense, made an inspection of the control center, the staff and plans of the local Civilian Defense organization on Wednesday of this week, Frank Sherry, Civilian Defense Commander, reported today.

Major Herrin was accompanied on the inspection tour by Norman Y. Chambliss of Rocky Mount, assistant director of State Civilian Defense and in charge of the East Carolina area.

Following the staff meeting with officials of the local organization, Major Herrin recommended some slight changes in the Air Raid Warden set up to provide for speedier and quicker communications between the control center and the individual air raid wardens. He urged the section chiefs to quickly get their units organized. He emphasized that "paper organizations only work well on paper", and that in actual tests they often fail to accomplish their purpose.

The local Civilian Defense staff was impressed, Commander Sherry said, with the visit of Major Herrin and also were impressed with the fact that the Army is taking an interest in Civilian Defense in the Coastal area.

Commander Sherry said that Major Herrin would return to the city sometime during the week of July 6-11, during which week Roanoke Rapids will have a daytime alert. During this alert, Sherry said, air raid warning signals will sound, traffic will come to a standstill, and certain "incidents" will take place throughout the city. Air raid wardens will appraise these "incidents" and call the control center where the staff will dispatch various units to the scenes of the "disasters".

This will be the first actual daylight test of the local Civilian Defense group and Sherry said that every effort would be made to prepare for it.

NEW PLAN FOR GAS RATIONING

Halifax county's motorists will be called upon to register again for gasoline rationing late this month under a permanent rationing program designed for the East Coast, according to an announcement released this week by the Office of Price Administration.

No details of the new plan have been received here, but it is expected that the registration will again take place at the school buildings and with volunteer workers in charge.

Motorists will be required to answer an extensive questionnaire on which their future supply of gasoline will be determined.

The OPA announcements said that the permanent gasoline rationing program would abandon the treasured "X" cards and will restrict the average motorist to an estimated travel of 2,880 miles per year.

Officials said this would mean a little less than four gallons of gasoline a week for non-essential motorists. The program will become effective during the first week of July. War Production Chief Donald Nelson said no decision has been reached yet whether to make the rationing program nationwide.

The permanent east coast plan calls for three classifications of cars—"A", "B", and "C"—which will determine how much gasoline a motorist will be able to buy. "A" cards will go to everyone. They will contain six pages of eight units each. The first page will be marked "1" and will be good for 60 days.

"B" cards will be issued on the basis of need. They will have sixteen coupons—two pages of eight coupons each. Holders of "B" cards will also get an "A" card. The "B" card may carry an expiration date.

"C" cards will go to doctors, nurses and to a large segment of motorists who obtained "X" cards—unlimited supply—under the temporary rationing plan. "C" (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

HEADS USO



Frank C. Williams, popular local mill executive, has been named by Governor J. M. Broughton as chairman of the United Service Organization's drive for \$6,900 in the county, which opens on June 29th and ends on July 4. Funds derived from the campaign will go toward furnishing entertainment and recreation facilities for men in the service and for other necessary work among the men in the armed forces.

Ask Ruling For Halifax Democrats

The following letter was written yesterday by W. A. Lucas, Chairman of the State Board of Elections, to the Attorney General of North Carolina after serious complaints were made to the Board that hundred of Halifax County Democrats had been turned away from the polls by election officials because their names could not be found on the primary registration books.

June 10, 1942

Hon. Harry McMullan Attorney General Raleigh, North Carolina Dear Mr. Attorney General:

A new registration was conducted in Halifax County in 1940, pursuant to the provision of Chapter 263, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1939.

In the primary held on May 30, 1942, a large number of electors of the County, duly registered on the general registration book and who, (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

House Does Not Sign Agreement That Would Restore Voters Right

State Board of Elections Much Concerned About Voters Refused Right To Vote In Halifax County May 30th; Chairman Asks Opinion Atty. General; Decision Expected Soon

NEXT SHERIFF?



Paul C. Luter, above, veteran Roanoke Rapids police officer, has called for a second Democratic primary in his race for nomination to the office of Sheriff of Halifax county. Luter polled the second highest number of votes in the regular primary on May 30, running second only to H. A. House, the incumbent, in a field of four candidates. The popular local officer has arranged for a substitute officer to work in his place on the local force so that he can carry his campaign to every nook and corner of the county.

Clerk Undergoes Tonsil Operation

Mrs. Ruby Wood Mincher, city clerk, entered the Roanoke Rapids hospital this (Thursday) morning for a tonsillectomy. She was reported as getting along fine this afternoon and expects to be back at her post by Monday.

At the suggestion of the State Board of Elections, an agreement was drawn up to be signed by P. C. Luter and Harry A. House, who will run off the Sheriff's race in Halifax County on Saturday, June 27th. The agreement has been signed by Mr. Luter but was not signed by Mr. House when presented to him yesterday.

In it the two candidates would agree to let all Democratic voters who voted in the Democratic primary two years ago or the General Election in November of 1940 and who, for no fault of their own had been left off the Democratic primary books this year, vote in the election of June 27th.

This agreement would take care of the hundreds of Democratic voters who were turned away from the polls on May 30th because the registrars could not find their names on the primary books, even tho they had voted in the primary two years ago for Broughton and other gubernatorial candidates and in the general election two years ago for Roosevelt.

Mr. Luter signed promptly with the statement that he wanted to see every Democrat restored the right to vote, regardless of how they might vote on June 27th. Mr. House, after consulting his lawyer, would not sign the agreement. He said he was not refusing to sign but wanted a day or two to think it over and get further advice from his friends.

He was told that the State Board of Elections was meeting in Raleigh yesterday and had recommended the agreement but still would not sign yesterday in order for the State Board to take some action.

However, in Raleigh the question of Halifax County was discussed by the Board and Chairman W. A. Lucas asked for an opinion from the Attorney General. A decision on the matter is expected tomorrow.

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