

ARMY OFFICER TOURS LOCAL DEFENSE WORKS

Inspects Civilian Defense Corps In City Wednesday

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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.

on the inspection tour by Norman pected that the registration will Y. Chambliss of Rocky Mount, assistant director of State Civilian buildings and with volunteer Defense and in charge of the workers in charge. East Carolina area.

officials of the local organization, on which their future supply of work among the men in the armed Major Herrin recommended some gasoline will be determined. slight changes in the Air Raid The OPA announcements said up to provide for

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 Major Herrin was accompanied been received here, but it is exagain take place at the school

Motorists will be required to



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 Following the staff meeting with answer an extensive questionnaire service and for other necessary forces.

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?



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 he election of June 27th

warden set 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 year. 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 whether to make the rationing the fact that the Army is taking program nationwide. 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 day-During this alert, time 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 The "B" card may carry an ex- pursuant to the provision of Chapscenes 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 temporary rationing plan. prepare for it.

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

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

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 Dear Mr. Attorney General: coupons each. Holders of "B" cards will also get an "A" card. ducted in Halifax County in 1940, piration date.

"C" cards will go to doctors, Carolina, Session 1939.

Ask Ruling For Halifax Democrats

The following letter was written vesterday 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.

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Hon. Harry McMullan

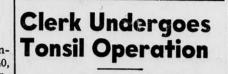
Attorney General Raleigh, North Carolina A new registration was conter 263, Public Laws of North

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(Continued on Page 12, Sec. A) at her post by Monday.

Paul C. Luter, above, veteran Roanoke Rapids police officer, has called for a second Democratic pri- velt.

mary in his race for nomination incumbent, in a field of four candidates. 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.



Mrs. Ruby Wood Mincher, city clerk, entered the Roanoke Rapids nurses and to a large segment of motorists who obtained "X" cards -unlimited supply-under the county, duly registered on the motorists who obtained "K" cards 1942, a large number of electors of the County, duly registered on the ported as getting along fine this

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 Roose-

Mr. Luter signed promptly with to the office of Sheriff of Halifax the statement that he wanted to county. Luter polled the second see every Democrat restored the highest number of votes in the right to vote, regardless of how regular primary on May 30, running they might vote on June 27th. Mr. second only to H. A. House, the House, after consulting his lawyer, would not sign the agreement. He The popular local officer 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 dis-

cussed by the Board and Chairman W. A. Lucas asked for an hospital this (Thursday) morning opinion from the Attorney General. A decision on the matter is expected tomorrow.

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