

AIR DEFENSE

This is another installment in a series dealing with Civil Defense and especially with the Ground Observer Corps, by M-Sgt. L. P. Scott, USAF, Det. No. 3, Morris Street, Durham, N. C.

What Is The Air Defense Filter Center?

The Air Defense Filter Center is a vital part of our air defense program. Reports of aircraft activity are received, consolidated, and relayed to the Air Force for necessary action. These calls originate from volunteer Ground Observers who spot aircraft of all types and by means of telephone, report the activity to the local Filter Center. Filter Centers are located in strategic communication centers throughout the country. Ground Observer reports are received rapidly and passed on to the Combat Operations Center Headquarters 35th Air Division (Defense) Dobbins Air Force Base, Marietta, Ga.

But What About the Radar Screen

The so-called radar screen does not completely encompass our shores. Our economy would be bankrupted by an attempt to have it do so. Further, radar does not penetrate mountains, and a radar set is a hundred times more subject to maintenance troubles than a television set which works on the same principle.

Unfortunately, the prospect of smashed and flaming American cities has led to confused and wishful thinking about the air defense of this country. I refer to the concept that we can create a magnetic line of the air if only we can build a sufficiently elaborate system of aircraft warning and tracking devices to lead our fighters to the enemy. This line of thought can be dangerous because it is superficially so attractive. It is based on experience in the Battle of Britain, but the defense of North America is an entirely different proposition.

It ignores the fact that we could expend our entire military budget and all our previous time on a

highly scientific, static type of defense and still not have any guarantee of 100 per cent destruction of attacking bombers. The fundamental flaw, however, is that such a defensive system would be so elaborate that it could not be operated beyond the communications network of the United States-Canadian telephone and telegraph systems. It would therefore be effective only on a relatively close-in basis.

What Part Can The Average Citizen Play

As you can readily see, if all the military appropriations were spent on an elaborate air defense system, our retaliatory power would slowly diminish to nothing. Therefore, to reduce the effectiveness of an enemy surprise air attack on the United States of America we must ask the citizens to participate in the task of defense.

An effective plan has been developed to a high degree for satisfactory warning. There is only one snag or failure in the system. The citizens have not been educated to the point where they believe in the system.

The Filter Center is a unit of air defense, organized by the civilians, operated by the civilians, for the civilians.

Call 346-J for further information concerning your vital role in air defense.

Miss Jo Pittard To Wed Davey Ward Friday, June 24th

Father of Bride-elect Will Officiate at Ceremony

Centering sincere local interest is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Katie Jo Pittard of Albany, Georgia, and Staff Sergeant Davey Lee Ward of Edenton and Turner Air Force Base,



PRAYERFUL BEGINNING—Divine guidance and protection of the working girls was the earnest supplication of the small group of women who first met in London, England, in 1855 to found what is today the Young Women's Christian Association. Three years later, in 1858, YWCAs were opened in Boston and New York City. They provided housing, spiritual comfort and recreation for working girls, such as the Civil War munitions workers pictured above, who were swept into industry on the tide of the Industrial Revolution.

Albany, Georgia. Miss Pittard is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Robert Pittard of Albany. Mrs. Pittard is the former Miss Ethel Holman Eaton of New Bern, daughter of the late Katie Jameson Eaton and Benjamin Holman Eaton. Dr. Pittard is the son of the late William Robert Pittard and Ducla Barfield Pittard of Lineville, Alabama. The future bride was graduated from Canton High School, Canton, Ga., Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., and Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and history. Also she studied for a year toward her Master's Degree at the Kent School of Social Work of the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky. Miss Pittard will complete work toward her Master's Degree in Social work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. At Mars Hill Miss Pittard was selected "most versatile" girl senior. She was a member of the International Relations Honor Club, was Chief Girl Marshal, vice president of the Clio Literary Society; and at Baylor University, Miss Pittard was a member of the Rhapsody in White Chorus Girls Chorus, Glee Club, Greater Baptist Student Union Council and Delta Psi Omega, national drama honorary society. She is now the child welfare worker at the Dougherty County Department of Public Welfare. Sergeant Ward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jefferson Ward, Sr., of Edenton. Mrs. Ward is the former Bertie Saunders, daughter of Isabella Twine Saunders and the late Octavius E. Saunders of Hert-

ford. Mr. Ward is the son of the late Susanna Hollowell Ward and the late Thomas Ward of Sunbury. He is the brother of Raymond Saunders Ward of Silver Springs, Maryland; Ralph Weldon Ward of Norfolk, Va., and Frank Jefferson Ward, Jr., of Edenton. He was graduated from Edenton High School, Mars Hill College and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Romance Languages from Wake Forest College. At college, he was a member of the Philomathian Literary Society, French Honor Club, Training Union Director of Baptist Student Union Council and International Relations Honor Club.

Now stationed at Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Ga., he was stationed for 14 months in French Morocco, where he was affiliated with the French Air Force doing liaison work as an interpreter. While stationed there he traveled extensively on the continent of Europe. Sgt. Ward also has had duty in Japan.

After separation from the Air Force in August Sgt. Ward will begin work on a Master's Degree in French at the University of North Carolina and plans to remain two more years to work on a Ph.D. The wedding will take place Friday, June 24, at 8 o'clock at Byne Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Pittard, the bride's father will officiate at the ceremony.

Wisdom is one of the last things which we are in the habit of con-

necting with Christ. Salvation—pardon—life, but not wisdom. Yet it is wisdom that God so especially associates with Christ. "He, of God, is made unto us wisdom." "In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

The wisdom that is wrapped up with the Person of Christ is revealed in two ways—in His knowledge of men, and in His revealing of God. He knows men, and what is in them; He understands the hidden desires of our hearts, our trials, tribulations, frustrations and fears, weaknesses, sickness and sorrow. He understands, and sympathizes, and gives grace to bear each burden. He understands because He is a man, and knew these same human experiences while here on earth. He empowers us to rise above them and live victoriously because He is God—All mighty, all powerful God.

But we mean more than this when we say that Christ is the wisdom of God. We mean that He is a perfect revelation of God—see Christ is to see the Father—know Christ is to know the Father.

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Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

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Notice of Election and New Registration CHOWAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

Under and by virtue of Chapter 69 (Fire Protection), Article 3A (Rural Fire Protection Districts), General Statutes of North Carolina and amendments thereto, petitions filed with and resolutions duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Chowan County in conformity therewith, notice is hereby given that an election has been called in "Chowan County Fire District," an area lying outside the corporate limits of any city or town of Chowan County, and comprising all of Chowan County, except that part of same lying within the boundaries of the incorporated cities and town therein, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters therein the question of levying and collecting a special tax on all taxable property in said district of not exceeding Ten Cents (10c) on the Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) valuation of property for the purpose of providing fire protection in said District.

TIME OF ELECTION: SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1955
 Polls will be opened at 6:30 A. M. and closed at 6:00 P. M.

The Registrars and Judges and Polling Places for said election are as follows:

East and West Edenton Precincts (Excluding Town of Edenton)—Toppin's Store at Virginia Fork.
 Registrar, Miss Ada Morris. Judges: W. S. Morris and L. E. Francis.

Rocky Hock Precinct—Henry Bunch's Store.
 Registrar: W. H. Pearce. Judges, W. H. Saunders and Henry Bunch.

Center Hill Precinct—Elliott Belch's Office.
 Registrar, Ralph Goodwin. Judges, R. H. Hollowell and E. D. Byrum.

Wardville Precinct—Herbert Peele's Store.
 Registrar, T. A. Berryman. Judges, Melvin Copeland and Jennings Bunch.

Yeopim Precinct—Harry Perry's Store.
 Registrar, T. J. Hoskins, Sr. Judges, T. J. Hoskins, Jr., and J. A. Webb, Jr.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a new registration of all voters in said District has been ordered and that the registration books shall be open for registering on the 14th day of May, 1955, and closed at sunset on the 28th day of May, 1955; that each day except Sunday during the registration period the registration books shall remain open for registering until sunset at the homes of the Registrars, and each Saturday during the registration the books shall be open from 9:00 A. M. to sunset at the polling places; that Saturday, June 4th, 1955, shall be designated as Challenge Day and any person desiring to challenge any name included in said registration books shall on that day advise the Registrar and Judges of the fact and the Registrar and Judges shall thereupon set a date and time for the hearing of the challenges, but said date shall be prior to the 11th day of June, 1955.

This 2nd day of May, 1955.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHOWAN COUNTY.
 By W. W. BYRUM, Chairman.