

Extensive Air Raid Warning System Ready For Action

Save Old Bags To Halt Bulk Shipping

"A bag saved today keeps bulk shipments away!"

The shortage of bags, while causing some concern, is well on its way to this section of the country, and possibly the Irish potato producer will recognize it first. Approximately 60 per cent of all textile bags are used for agricultural purposes, and approximately half of those used are made of burlap imported chiefly from India. Imports have been stopped by Hirohito for the present. Raw cotton stocks for the manufacture of bags are sufficient, but the cotton manufacturers are far behind with war orders. It appears that there'll be a serious shortage in bags

ARE YOU THERE?

Hardly a night passes but what the air raid warning headquarters in this district receives a call direct from the Interceptor Command in Norfolk, asking, "Are you there?" The calls come in during all hours of the day and night to make certain that the warning system is on the alert and that an alarm could be sounded without delay.

and that bulk shipments will be the order of the day.

Possibly a shift in the use of containers will result, but the trend is not definite. It is possible that Irish potatoes will go back to the barrel or a special type of basket will be manufactured for the potato.

Civilian Defense Is Job To Be Handled By Each Community

Government Will Do All It Can To Prevent Attacks Upon the Population

The United States Government has planned and virtually completed an extensive air raid warning system for nearly every nook and corner in the country, and it will do all within its power to safeguard the population and property, but if the enemy should break through and inflict damage, the individual community possibly the aid of the Red Cross and other organizations will have to dig out by itself for the most part. It is impossible for the Army to establish individual defenses for every community, and should the enemy pierce the main defense lines then it will be up to the people to accept the consequences in the best way they can.

It is with this understanding that extensive civilian defense programs have been formulated and set up. Up until a short time ago little progress has been made in this county toward perfecting a strong organization to meet any emergency that may come this way. Today, the county has been well organized, but the organization is not yet complete and there is an urgent need for more volunteers.

The air raid warning system has been just about perfected. The Williamston Warning District, serving parts of Bertie and Martin Counties and all of Washington and Tyrrell, is functioning very well. Tests, numbering as high as five in a single day, are being made by the Interceptor Command at Norfolk. It is fairly apparent that the warning system will function perfectly in an emergency. In making the tests, the command checks and sees that every man vital to the aerial defense system is at his post and ready for service. Frequently the calls are received in the late hours of the night.

If enemy craft are sighted within 150 miles, the air raid district center is notified, and key men are contacted. If the enemy craft continues in this direction, the warning center is again notified, and key men are warned to report to their assigned stations. Should the enemy craft continue in this direction and when it reaches a point within a certain area, a general air raid alarm is sounded. The general public is expected to turn out all lights and repair to their homes if they can be reached immediately, or at least

Civilian Defense Proclamation

We are facing a critical hour in the history of our republic.

This world battle going on today is for the preservation of the freedom and the liberty which we as Americans enjoy and prize. Not even in the dark days of the Revolution when our forefathers turned the tide of battle toward American freedom at King's Mountain has our country and its institutions faced the peril which now confronts us.

Unless our civilian population is willing to make the same sacrifice which we know our soldiers and sailors must make to win this war, then we as a liberty loving nation are doomed.

We talk about security for the future but there is nothing facing us but insecurity unless Hitler and his Axis partners are defeated.

We all know that sending our boys to the front will not alone win the war. We must produce the things necessary for our forces to wage this war successfully.

This is not only a war of combat, it is a war of production. What we do behind the lines in producing supplies is just as important as what our soldiers do on the battle front.

This is total war and every man and woman has got to be a soldier. This is the time to give all our support to our Commander-in-Chief.

This problem of Civilian Defense is everybody's business and we as Mayors of the towns in Martin County earnestly call on every man, woman and child in Martin County to cooperate with those who are seeking to put Martin County 100 per cent behind the war effort. Salvage everything that is required by the Government, buy all the War Stamps and Bonds that you possibly can. Plant Victory Gardens. We appeal to you to awaken yourselves and realize as never before that every citizen has a duty to perform in this crisis and it is your duty to enroll in every department of our Civilian Defense.

Bred deep into our body and soul are the freedoms which came from the pen of Jefferson and were won by the sword of Washington.

We reaffirm the battle cry of Lord Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar, "Today England expects every man to do his duty."

Today, Martin County expects every man, woman and child to do their duty and by so doing we will aid in perpetuating liberty not only for America, but for the world.

J. L. Hassell, Mayor, Williamston.
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Tells Of Growth Of Armed Forces

Writing informally a few days ago from his home address, 68 Harvard Road, Fairhaven, New Jersey, Lieutenant Marvin M. Roberson, young son of Mrs. Mamie Roberson and the late Theodore Roberson, offered some idea of the growth of the nation's armed forces.

"Fort Monmouth," he writes, "is quite a busy place now. The officer candidates' school which was only 250 strong when I entered in December, has been growing continuously since then and now the new class which begins today is over 1,000 strong. Approximately 300 became 2nd lieutenants when one class was graduated last Friday. The class originally had 500 candidates. Every

ery six weeks a new class of 1,000 candidates begins. However, the course is still thirteen weeks long, the classes overlapping by six weeks. The aircraft warning school of which I am now a member is being transferred to Florida due to crowded conditions here. However, there is a possibility that I will remain here as a member of the air warning unit.

"The weather is following its true Jersey tradition—80 one day and almost freezing the next.

"Buddy Tallman (Samuel V., and a former engineer with the V. E. P. Company in Williamston) is now a captain and head of the supply for the officer candidates' school."

We hear people say: "It looks like we'll all be in something before it's over." We are tempted to say, "Get in something now and get it over quickly."

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USO Campaign To Open In 3 Weeks

In three weeks USO will open its second campaign in an appeal to the people of the nation to back up its work for the men of the fighting services and the forces behind the lines by giving the funds necessary to carry on for the coming year.

On May 11 hundreds of thousands of Americans in communities across the country will observe the opening ceremonies of the USO War Fund Campaign.

Because there has been a longer clear the streets. In Williamston, five blasts of the fire siren signal for a blackout. One long blast signals the all-clear. Test blackouts, similar to the one held in the district some weeks ago, will be held only at the direction of the War Department.

Already there is an extensive aircraft spotter system functioning over wide areas. In this county there are a number of spotters, and they are doing an efficient work. They report the movement of all craft and their work has been going on for months.

WPB Prohibits Use Of Rotenone On Many Crops

The War Production Board has issued an order prohibiting the use of rotenone or products containing rotenone (except those already prepared) for treating cotton, tobacco, cranberries, eggplant, onions, peppers, sweet corn, and such crops as cucumbers, melons, squash, and pumpkins. The use of rotenone in household insecticides is also prohibited. Imports of rotenone from Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies have been cut off, and Latin American sources are not expected to supply the country in sufficient quantities to overcome this loss.

As a result of this order, plans for this campaign have been made with more thoroughness than was possible last year. More communities are ready now than were organized at the same date in 1941 and will get away to a running start in their effort for the service men.

It is planned, wherever USO is known—and that is every place now—to spend the coming 21 days in perfecting plans, tightening lines, setting up fighting organizations

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Are YOU Doing YOUR Part?

Wait a Moment Before Answering and Consider the Following:

Hundreds of young men are going from this county into the military service, leaving relatives and friends. They are being prepared to fight and, if need be, to give up their lives in order that you may continue to enjoy the liberties and freedom of this nation.

Thousands of men have already made the supreme sacrifice for our country, many of them dying in agony in foreign lands, on the seven seas, and in the air above the earth. Do you remember Pearl Harbor, Wake Island, Bataan, and the Dutch East Indies? Many Americans—just as good as you are—who were there will never return.

Millions of our allies, including British, Russian, Chinese, Free French, Greek, Polish, Yugo-Slav, Dutch, Belgian, Danish, Norwegian, Czech and Filipino soldiers and civilians have undergone, and are undergoing, hardships we cannot understand here, where no bombs have yet fallen, no invader set foot.

What sacrifice have you made that can possibly compare with those being made by other peoples who are fighting with us and for us against the same cruel, cunning, and powerful enemies?

Now . . . Think It Over . . .

ARE You Doing All You CAN?

The Most You Can Do Will Be Little Enough!

Join in the Salvage-for-Victory Campaign

Save every piece of scrap metal, paper, aluminum, and other needed material and deliver them to agencies which will insure their use for war purposes.

and Keep Buying War Savings Bonds and Stamps

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