

# The Danbury Reporter

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## How Are We Protected From Enemy Air Planes

The acting REGIONAL COMMANDER of the Wilmington Information Center, today stressed the fact that every attempt is being made to inform the public of the complete setup of the far-flung Aircraft Warning System.

"It is important," he stated, "that the people of this city, one of the key points in our coastal defense system, understand the nature of our work, not only here but as it is practiced in every hamlet along the Eastern Seaboard."

The most important factor in Air Defense is speed. This is applied to the three phases of our work: Obtaining information, evaluating it, and acting upon it.

The men who obtain our facts for us, according to Lt. R. C. WEBB, are the civilian observers who have their posts spread out at intervals of from five (5) to eight (8) miles along the coast and inland for hundreds of miles. Shifts of men and women, all volunteers, spend four-hour periods on the alert at these posts twenty-four (24) hours a day. They have special telephone lines over which they report every plane sighted or heard in the air. They give approximate location of the plane, its direction, how high it flies, what type of ship it is, and the number of planes in the flight. No matter what physical conditions may be, the posts are alert all through the night and day. There is never a minute that they are left unmanned.

All the information gathered by those posts is immediately telephoned, a matter of seconds, direct to the filter center. A filter center is a centrally located spot in which there is a map of an entire area. The "plotter," also a volunteer, at the filter board receives her information from the "spotter" and sets up a "flight tree" on the spot where flight tree is a staff on which all

the details known about the flight are recorded. A flight tree is not completed until three "spotters" have sighted the same ship. Next to this tree is also plotted the plane has been reported. This by arrows the course of the plane. Then their information is checked, one against the other, for accuracy, and the ship is definitely plotted and its course ascertained.

Working on a balcony overlooking the filter board is a group of people whose job is to transmit the information sorted out on the filter board, to the higher center, the Information Center, which is the local point for several filter centers.

At the Information Center, the various filter boards are duplicated and combined on an Operation Board. Again there is an overlooking balcony. Here there are representatives of all agencies having jurisdiction over flights. They are the Army, the Navy, and the Civil Aeronautics Authority through whom all flights are cleared. Those men either identify a ship or classify it as an enemy. Automatically an unidentified ship is assumed to be hostile.

Should such a flight be found, the vital information is available. Trained officers ascertain its probable objectives from the plotted course on the Information Center Board. They warn the various defense agencies, Anti-aircraft artillery, civilian defense, and interceptor aviation.

At this point the work is split up. The Army has its clearly defined field of action and it does not overlap with that of Civilian Defense.

This entire process should not take over three (3) minutes or less. The magnitude of the problem and its complexity require split-second precision. The vital and indispensable civilian

### Death Of Mrs. Eliza Terrill Truitt At Mt. Airy

Mrs. Eliza Terrill Truitt, 83, of Mount Airy, Route 1, died at her home some miles south of Mount Airy Monday morning.

Mrs. Truitt was born in Stokes county June 7, 1858, daughter of David and Rebecca Flippin Terrill. She was married to Will Truitt, who died in 1925.

She is survived by four brothers, Will, John and James Terrell of Mount Airy and Ely Terrell of Winston-Salem and two sisters, Mrs. Jack Hill and Miss Nannie Terrell of Mount Airy.

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**LET'S BUILD CHARACTER**

By Morrison Caldwell.

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Claud Priddy, Francisco merchant, was in town Wednesday.

force that provides the backbone of this system is necessary. The Army can supply officers and men, but the people themselves must provide the "spotters" for the Observation Posts and the "plotters" for the filter centers. The basic strength of the entire organization rests on the Observation Posts and the Filter Boards.

According to Lt. WEBB additional volunteers are still needed for the Aircraft Warning System. Applications for volunteer work as "spotters" in Observation Posts may be made to your local County Director of A. W. S. Applications for volunteer work as "spotters" in the Wilmington, Charlotte, or Raleigh Filter Centers may be made through the local Defense Council of these respective cities.

## Danbury to Winston Bus Line Coming Next Week

It appears that bus service from Danbury via Walnut Cove and Germanton to Winston-Salem will be established in another week.

The Winston-Salem Journal of May 6 has the following:

Powell Gilmer, co-owner of Community Transit Company, said last night he hoped to inaugurate next week two of the routes planned by his company to bring tire-short residents of nearby communities to their jobs in Winston-Salem.

He said franchises for several routes had already been granted and that he hoped, by May 13 or 14, to begin service on (1) a route including Old Town, Staleys, Valley View and Bethania, and (2) a route touching Germanton, Walnut Cove and Danbury.

Gilmer and his wife are the owners of the community Transit Company, and he made it plain that no other persons or firms are involved in its ownership or management. Recently organized, it is already operating a route from Kernersville to Oak Ridge to Friendship to Guilford College to Greensboro, and plans one from Kernersville to High Point and Oakdale Cotton Mills.

Plans for the Community Transit Company routes terminating here, and for routes being serviced by Atlantic Greyhound Corporation to and from nearby communities, were discussed in a meeting of the city traffic and police committees yesterday morning.

The chief question before the committee was designating a downtown terminal, members said, and spokesmen disclosed that consideration was being given the block of Fifth street between Main and Church street as a possible site for loading and unloading buses on these routes.

### BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

### Death Of Drew Priddy At High Point


Drew F. Priddy, 64, died at his home, High Point, Monday morning, after an illness of several days.

He was born at North View in Stokes county on February 23, 1878, a son of Elder Paul and Sally Oakley Priddy, and moved to High Point in 1929. He was a retired farmer. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. William Fee and Mrs. T. R. Steed of High Point; two sons, S. M. and C. R. Priddy of High Point; three sisters, Mrs. R. L. Lawson of Lawsonville, Mrs. Willie Steel of Sandy Ridge, and Mrs. Sandy Moore of Stuart, Va.; seven brothers, Elder Watt, Edwin, J. B. Priddy, all of Danbury, and Walter, Charles W. and Sam B. Priddy, all of Sandy Ridge.

Funeral services were conducted at North View Primitive Baptist Church near Danbury Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pvt. John H. Alley of Fort Story, Va., and Pvt. Arthur M. Worrell of Roanoke, Va., are at home on Danbury Route 1 visiting relatives and friends for a few days.

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