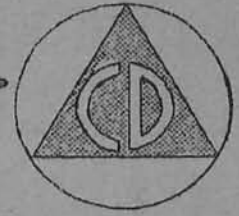


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BOMBING WEATHER

There have been no reports on the movement of the German Fleet since it was observed last month converging in the waters of northern Norway. This fleet, it is reported on good authority, numbers at least three first-class battle-ships and four aircraft carriers in addition to an unknown number of cruisers and destroyers. Such a fleet at large in the Atlantic could well forecast the beginning of those air attacks with which Hitler threatened America last month.

That the Office of Civilian Defense is not unaware of the proximity of this threat was demonstrated last week in the address made by Col. Frank McNamee, Jr., assistant regional OCD director, at the opening in New York of a five-day intensive course in civilian protection for defense officials of New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

"You may," he warned his listeners, "be getting into the big game any moment now. With the improvement in weather conditions we are likely to get it at any time. We must be prepared to meet this offensive." Col. McNamee also stressed the need of special knowledge and skill in the performance of defense duties.

Boiled down, this means that the war, as Britons and Germans and Italians have known it, is all too likely to come to us this spring at any hour of the day or night, and that we should be ready to meet the emergency. Preparation now may pay dividends in lives saved!

REQUIRED TRAINING

A deadline has been set by the zone wardens for the completion of wardens' and fire-watchers' training. Those who have not completed their training by that time will be dropped from the service, except for those sectors where coverage is not adequate or where illness has made completion of training impossible.

As most of you know, New Jersey Civilian Defense regulations specify that wardens' and fire-watchers' armbands are to be worn only by those who have completed the courses and have been fingerprinted and sworn in.

To date 564 wardens and 215 fire-watchers have completed all the courses and received their identification cards. Special commendation is due the following sectors in which all personnel have completely qualified:

Sector IC	Mr. H. H. French
" 3F	Mr. H. G. Hartley
" 5A	Mr. Ralph Morison
" 5C	Mr. Frank Humrich
" 7C	Mr. J. T. Buchanan
" 7D	Mr. Norman Mattice
" 5G	Mr. W. S. Mc Comb

Sector Wardens D.H. Wolfe, Donald Arrowsmith and Kenneth Hamilton of Sectors I A, VII A, and VII B, respectively, deserve praise for the fine effort which brought their organizations to within a single member of 100% completion.

Get after the members of your own organization who have lagged behind in their training courses. Let's try to add twenty or more

sectors to the 100% list by this time next month!

CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE AGENTS

Mr. Albert C. Walker has been appointed chairman of the committee for Organization and Training of Chemical Reconnaissance Agents. Committee members are:

F. W. Robinson
H. C. Miller
M. R. Buffington
B. H. Knight

This group is composed of men well qualified to advise in the handling of chemical agents and to develop facilities for use in combating them. Upon completion of organization and training, Millburn will have a highly trained professional group for gas defense.

MEDICAL DIVISION

The OCD Medical Units are still in urgent need of volunteers, men or women, who have had first aid training. Special instruction courses under the supervision of our First Aid Post Doctors will be announced from time to time.

If you have had first aid and can possibly spare the time, will you please volunteer at once through OCD Headquarters?

AIR RAID WARDENS NEWS AND NOTES

Your Zone Wardens meet the second Monday of each month to discuss important developments in Civilian Defense, particularly those pertaining to the Air Raid Warden Services. Your Sector Warden will hold a meeting during that week for discussion of important points brought up at the Zone Warden's meeting. Get in touch with your Sector Warden so that you may know the dates of these meetings.

Mr. Kenly has been appointed Zone Warden for Zone VII. Mr. Gordon Ball has done a Superb job as Deputy -- pinch-hitting while Moncure Carpenter has been ill.

Because of the pressure of business, Mr. Blauvelt has had to resign as Zone Warden of Zone I. Mr. Barrett Gosling, who has been Senior Sector Warden in Zone I, Sector A, has consented to take over the job of Zone Warden.

Zone Wardens have been advised to instruct each Sector to establish a minimum of three dimout patrols a week. It is hoped that this will eliminate any further criticism of our service. If you find persistent violators, a written report should be sent to Civilian Defense Headquarters.

AUXILIARY POLICE

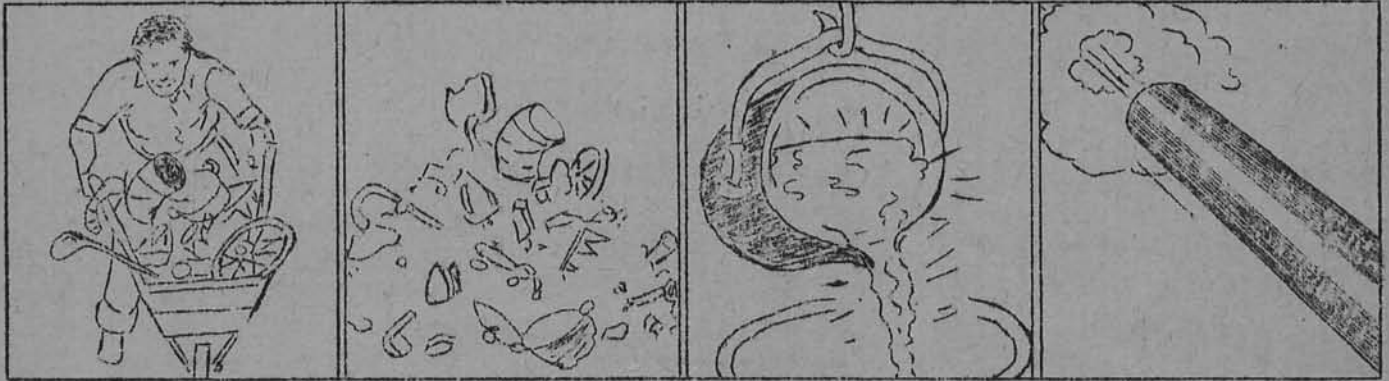
Under the supervision of Chief Wade and Captain Homer Wright, members of the Millburn Auxiliary Police were posted throughout the Township doing Traffic Duty and Radio Patrol, during the month of March. It is planned to get the boys out soon on the parade grounds for some foot drills and a little limbering up. Sergeant Robert F. Smith of the First Section suggested a class in calisthenics, and there may be a class when the weather permits.

Sergeant "Pip" Schreiber of the Second Section is anxious to get up on the pistol range again. Sergeant Ray Wortendyke of Section #3 has challenged "Pip" to a match. Ray claims he can break 90 now. The Police Range is pretty wet yet, but you boys can be sure that you will get practice as soon as possible. We are planning to have a Pistol Team with Lieutenant Joseph Swankie as Captain, to compete with the neighboring Auxiliary Police Units. It is also

planned to have a review of all auxiliary training, such as Po-

lice duties, First Aid, et cetera.

SALVAGE DRIVES



The salvage drives of the past year have kept the wheels of war production turning. With scrap becoming scarce, these new drives will require extra effort and initiative -- but the quotas must be met!

A general Salvage collection, including rags, brass, bronze, copper, aluminum, and lead will be made on April 28th. No tin cans are wanted at this time.

On May 18th tin cans will be collected, but it is important that you remember to process them properly. All cans must be thoroughly washed and labels removed. Remove top and bottom, flatten and deposit in a container.

Due to a delay in announcing the paper collection date, (it is now set for April 14th) it is doubtful if this issue of The Alert reaches you in time to be of help.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

We of America have discovered that we can get along with less and still maintain a living standard far above the other peoples of this war-torn world. In order, however, to keep our standards even up to their present reduced level, it is absolutely necessary that every one cooperate, not only in a strict observance of rationing rules, but whenever possible in the production of additional food stuffs. Victory gardens have, in the words of Civilian Defense Director Leonard Droyfuss, become "a living, vital necessity." "We

must," he says, "educate our citizens how to get along with less and less, and if this war drags out (and I am afraid it will), we are really going to be hard pressed."

Millburn can point with pardonable pride to its record in the matter of Victory Gardens. We wish to thank each individual group head for the effort and cooperation, without which the Neighborhood Gardens organization could not have functioned. We wish to thank Mr. Harmon for the splendid

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work he has done, and lastly we wish to extend our very heartfelt gratitude to the owners of the various properties which have

been thrown open to local gardeners. Chairman F.E. Fellows of the Neighborhood Group Gardens Committee makes the following report:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Group Gardens</u>
Glenwood	W. J. Stevenson	28
Brook Haven	L. P. Robinson	20
Knollwood	M. C. Diedrich	18
South Mountain	F. M. Fanning	Using Community Garden
Wyoming	E. Spitz, assisted by E. Pfister	28
Hilltop	L. V. Oakes	Report not complete
Beechcroft	Mrs. J. L. Parsons, Jr.	20
Day Estates	Mrs. C. S. Purnell	5
Cross Roads	E. R. Wendemuth, Jr.	10

"If there are any omissions," says Mr. Fellows, "they are unintentional. If you have not been thanked individually please consider yourself included."

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