



GREENBELT AND THE WAR

The present outlook of this war is bad. We have been informed by our military experts that the news will continue to be bad for some time before it starts to become good. We are faced with the very serious danger of having our cities subjected to air attacks by the enemy. This war is unlike World War I—it is a war against the civilian population as well as against the armies of the nations in the field.

Forty per cent of our population resides in 1,700 communities which are located within 300 miles of our coasts and we know now that our coastal cities and our shores are no longer safe from attack. The recent invasion of the Aleutian Islands and the recent landing of German saboteurs already have proven, even though in a small way, that we are far from being invulnerable to attack. Our military leaders believe that it is economically and strategically sound for our enemies to send planes to this country to bomb our cities, because the damage that would be caused would far outweigh the loss of the men and the planes involved. We are definitely open to attack through the air at any time in the near future.

No nation can possibly maintain an army in the field and another at home, thus it becomes necessary for those of us back home to take all precautions which will assist us in reducing the number of casualties, the seriousness of the casualties and the damage to property in case of an air attack. Each and every one of you by necessity is a member of that defense army. You must know what part you should play and what services you can render to yourself, to your family, and to your local community. Experience has shown us that in the early days of the raids on England, more than 50 per cent of the casualties were caused by panic and ig-

norance—ignorance of the proper steps to take to protect oneself during such an emergency.

We as a civilian army cannot hope to be able to fight off an attack by the enemy. We are neither equipped nor trained for such a task. With proper training, discipline and morale we can reduce the effectiveness of such an attack by learning to take the necessary precautions. For the past year, slowly at first but gathering speed as it went along, the Greenbelt Civilian Defense Corps has been attempting to train the citizens of Greenbelt in the art of self-protection in air raids. Many of our workers have become adept in performing the tasks assigned to them. Unfortunately, too few of our citizens have been willing to take the time or make the effort to participate in our defense activities. However, the seriousness of the present situation is such that we must take immediate steps for our protection. Fear and panic are the enemy's two deadliest weapons. A properly-trained and disciplined civilian populace can easily wipe out this menace when they have confidence in themselves. This confidence can only be developed through actual training and experience.

I therefore call on every able-bodied resident of Greenbelt to volunteer for some form of civilian defense work. We need auxiliary firemen and policemen, air raid wardens, medical assistants, messengers, clerical help, and a vast army of women not only to replace the men during the day, but also to participate in other activities such as child care and welfare, family services, canteen and nutrition, conservation of our food, power and heat and other services too numerous to mention. We have a job for everyone who is willing to work.

Many organizations in Greenbelt, and

throughout the country as well, have devoted tremendous energies in behalf of the Civilian Defense Corps. Here in Greenbelt the American Legion for months, under most adverse conditions, has continually maintained the air spotters' station and the national office has assumed the responsibility of training more than a million and a quarter air raid wardens throughout the country. I know we can continue to look to the American Legion in Greenbelt for continued service. The Minute Men have done splendid work in the short time they have been organized and they too have assured us they intend to cooperate with the Civilian Defense Corps to the best of their ability. Everyone, of course, recognizes the work done by the Red Cross both here and in the other sections of our country. It now becomes incumbent upon us to do our share in this national emergency. During the next week an entire new registration of civilian defense workers will be conducted. The previous registration has become obsolete because of move outs and because it was impossible up to now to use many of those who had volunteered their services because the Civilian Defense Corps had not been sufficiently equipped to sponsor all the necessary activities and services. I can assure you, however, that those of you who now register for any phase of Civilian Defense work, if you are qualified, will be assigned a job. We can no longer depend upon our neighbor doing the job that is cut out for us. Each and everyone must hereafter carry his own weight. I ask this of you for the protection of your home and your family.

—ARTHUR L. RYSTICKEN
Commander, Greenbelt
Civilian Defense Corps.

Town Council Calls On Citizens To Decide 1942 Town Fair; Bikes To Be Licensed in August

Expressing grave doubts as to the feasibility of holding a Town Fair this year, Greenbelt's Town Council failed to take action on the ordinance appropriating \$650 for awards and requested the Cooperator to make a public appeal for volunteers to assist in putting on the annual event. Although the Council expressed a general desire to have a Town Fair this year, the continuance or dropping of the function will depend upon the desires of the citizens as expressed in their pledges of work. If sufficient support is obtained, Mayor Allen D. Morrison will call a special meeting of the Council to pass the ordinance appropriating the sums for premiums and awards.

Pointing out that the remaining time is short, Mayor Morrison stated, "I am in favor of the Town Fair, but I would hate to see it put on half-way."

Council Divided

Saying "The Fair should be put on at almost any cost," Councilman Curt F. Barker took a more optimistic view of the problem, although he, like all other members of the Council, recognized the many difficulties.

Long working hours of residents were stressed by Councilman George Bauer who said, "People just don't have the time and I don't believe we should go into something that may flop."

Councilman Frank Lastner expressed himself in favor of a fair for this year. Councilman Thomas Ricker opposed the idea vigorously, contending that the money would be better spent on salary increases for town employees.

Town Manager Roy S. Braden explained that plans were not started earlier because funds simply were not available.

Watch the Trash!

The Council unanimously passed a new ordinance making it unlaw-

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Eleven Activities Listed by Recreation Department in June

In its report to the Council for the month of June the Recreation Department listed 11 separate activities under its direction during that month as well as two additional groups which were scheduled to begin in the month of July. Attendance in the classes for children, particularly in swimming, tennis, baseball, and archery, was high. Aside from the tennis league, adult participation has not been outstanding.

The various activities and their attendance are as follows: swimming lessons, approximately 400 children; Junior Life Saving class, 20; adult swimming, 12 women; tennis, 20 children in beginning classes, 8 adults, 5 children in advanced classes, and 10 adults in advanced lessons; 30 adults comprising 6 teams in the

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G. H. A. Gives Medical Service to A. R. P.

Action on proposed changes in the by-laws of the Greenbelt Health Association will probably high-light the quarterly meeting of the Association scheduled for July 22, at 8:15 p. m., in the social room of the Elementary School. A change in obstetrical fees, the substitution of balloting by mail in election of directors instead of voting in person, discontinuation of the quarterly meetings of the Association, and the question of elections by straight majority vote instead of by the Ware system called for in the by-laws are some of the important measures to come before the membership. The election of one director to fill the unexpired term of Stewart Dowrick, resigned, together with the regular reports are also included in the agenda.

Recent actions taken by the board include the following:

"The Association, through the cooperation of its medical staff, offers free all medical services deemed to be necessary and reasonable to the members of the Greenbelt Civilian Defense Corps for any injuries sustained during the course of their activities in training, while on practice raids and during any actual air raid.

"Members of the Association who are inducted into the armed forces, whose families are forced to move from Greenbelt, and who shall within 30 days after their return begin the payment of monthly dues to the Association shall be reinstated as members of the Association without the payment of an additional \$5 initiation fee, provided that all dues and extra charges have been paid at the time of their removal from Greenbelt."

Berenberg Return Asked

A petition asking for the immediate return of Dr. Samuel Berenberg to his former position as physician for the Association is being circulated throughout Greenbelt. Started by a group of

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Commander Rysticken Warns Of Raid Danger; Describes Civilian Defense Corps Changes

Tuesday night 350 Greenbelters sat through the season's hottest stuffiest evening to hear Civilian Defense Corps Commander Arthur Rysticken outline ARP needs and describe the organization being built for protection of the local community.

Following his talk three motion picture films were shown to the group which filled the Auditorium. Attendance by Civilian Defense units and by the Greenbelt Company, Minute Men of Maryland, was nearly complete. Commander Rysticken spoke on steps which individuals could take for their own emergency protection as well as the preparations being made through the Civilian Defense Corps.

Cooperator Staff To Pass On Officers And By-Laws July 24

The double purpose of adapting proposed by-laws and electing officers will be served at a membership meeting of the Greenbelt Cooperator Publishing Association Friday, July 24, it was decided Monday at a special meeting of the association's board of directors.

Only three directors—William R. Stewart, Mrs. Allen Arness and Mrs. E. W. Meredith—remain of the original five-member board. The two vacancies were created by the resignations of ex-Editor Francis Fosnight and Sol Shub, both of whom were transferred out of Greenbelt. In addition to the election of two board members by the membership, the editorship will be decided upon by the new board.

On the Home Front

Mr. Rysticken, recently graduated from the War Department Civilian Protection School at the University of Maryland, indicated that our war progress is proceeding badly, and that most supplies and ammunition is being, and will continue to be, sent to the battlefields. Therefore, the people in the United States will have to learn not only to do without many things they have been accustomed to having but, in addition, will be faced with the necessity of providing their own protection for the civilian population.

"No nation in the world can have an army large enough to protect it in the field and, at the same time, protect its people at home", stated Mr. Rysticken. "All former predictions and scoffing at the impossibility of air attacks and invasion may be forgotten," he continued. "The recent attempt to land saboteurs on our shores, subs sinking an increasing number of our ships immediately off our Atlantic coastline, subs firing on Pacific coastal towns, Russia being

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OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

Tickets are available for the Citizens' Association dance to be held Saturday, August 1, at 45 cents. They'll be 50 cents at the door, so you'd better get yours now. Those who didn't attend the last one will just have to take my word for the excellent quality of the music, but those who were there before will want to hear Jack King's orchestra again.

Town Manager Roy S. Braden is spending a week with his father in Clarion, Pa. — Mrs. Velma Brewer, treasurer of the Credit Union, went to the hospital last week for an operation. She is convalescing nicely, I hear, with remembrances of the entire Credit Union staff in the form of gifts. — Al Arness returned Monday from Warren, Pa., and left the next day for St. Louis, where he is attending conferences in connection with his promotion to senior field representative for the entire eastern seaboard, with the Rural Electrification Administration. — Mrs. Stella di Pasquale, 3-G Ridge, has left for her summer cottage on Chesapeake Bay, where she plans to spend the summer. — Mrs. Mary Holland, manager of the beauty shop, has gone to Western Maryland for a two weeks' vacation. — Arthur Gawthrop, former mayor, is recovering from a leg injury.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sheriff at 3-E Parkway are Joe's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sheriff, Sr., and his two sisters, Ruth Alice and Mary Jane. I hear they like our swimming pool. — Mrs. Peggy Zorach is back

from a long vacation in Robin Hood, Me. While she was gone, her husband par excellence moved their household equipment to their new home at 2-B Ridge Road, and when Peggy came back, everything that she had been dreading had already been done for her. Nice, huh? — Mrs. Bernard Tager, 3-F Parkway, is back from a month's vacation in New York City, where she was visiting her parents. — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Uhrig, 16-C Parkway, have returned from a two weeks' visit to their parents in Indiana. Some people have all the luck! We took our vacation in the middle of June, and it rained or was cold every day we were away!

Those of you who have not as yet taken even the standard first-aid course have an opportunity beginning tonight to make up for lost time. Denzil Wood is starting a class at the fire house, to be held every Friday night at 8 p.m. Thought for the week department: Hot.

Comm. Rysticken Warns

(Continued from Page 1) driven back by a horrible but mighty fighting machine, the occupation of some of our possessions, the losses of the Chinese and ourselves to an enemy who, until recently, we thought couldn't and wouldn't stand up to our navy in battle—all these point more and more to the fact that we are fighting a war overconfident in our own ability and too cocksure that we will win hands down. It took Pearl Harbor to stimulate and arouse our people enough to open one eye to the war situation. There is still the necessity of forcing that other eye to open and see clearly the hard task ahead of us, the struggle, the sacrifices we will have to face bravely and with determination if we are to continue living our lives in freedom

and in peace."

A People's Army

He stressed the need for a People's Army to provide civilians with adequate protection in time of emergency. A People's Army in the form of an efficient and well-organized Civilian Defense Corps will have to do the work at home he told the audience.

The local Civilian Defense Corps will be reorganized shortly and the Defense Council is to be made up exclusively of lay citizens. The chiefs of all defense units will be responsible for their personnel and their training, practice and drilling but, in turn, will be responsible directly to the commander who will report to the Council on his Corps' activities.

With the Greenbelt Civilian Defense Corps placed on a full war-time basis, members of the Auxiliary Police and Firemen, Rescue Squad, Emergency Medical Service, Air Raid Wardens, Fire Watchers and the Observation Corps, Public Works Division—all will receive detailed instructions as to their duties. Each Civilian Defense worker will receive training and practice drilling so that he will be able to perform his duties well.

The Defense Council of citizens will not include unit chiefs nor work directly with them. The Council will determine policy and handle all financial affairs of the Corps. The commander will be responsible to the Council for the Corps activities and efficiency; each chief will be responsible to the commander. A director of the Civilian Defense School will arrange space and find instructors for the various classes necessary to train all defense workers. Mr. Rysticken promised that the canteen service and nutrition classes will be continued and expanded, and indicated that entertainment for the boys on military duty in nearby camps will be arranged.

defense stamps and bonds will be sold, and child care for children of parents directly involved with Civilian Defense activities and duties will have to be arranged while these parents are out on practice or actual emergencies.

Control Center Wanted

A completely equipped control will be established soon in the firehouse. During drills or actual raids the commander will be stationed at this point to centralize the directing of instructions to the various units through the chiefs. Allocation of men and equipment will be made from the control station.

Although they are not connected with the Corps it is believed that in the near future a program or policy will be worked out to enable the Minute Men to coordinate their activities and functions with the work of the Defense Corps.

The general public was invited to attend the meeting in order to learn what can be expected of the Civilian Defense Corps and its individual units in the form of protection and, also, to receive useful information on the best protection for themselves as individuals in case of an air raid.

Motion Pictures Shown

Motion pictures were given illustrating the best means of extinguishing an incendiary bomb at home. A short colored film of Greenbelt's Fourth of July parade was shown through the courtesy of Mrs. J. Smith who took the pictures. This was followed by a short entitled "London Can Take It" depicting an actual air raid in London and illustrating the morale of the people and their willingness to work under actual hardships of raids.

Water and sand, Mr. Rysticken stated, are the cheapest and most available, as well as effective means of combating and extinguishing incendiary bombs falling

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Association members, the petition has already shown results which indicate that a majority of the citizens of Greenbelt would favor the return of Dr. Berenberg, two directors state. While no conclusions can be drawn as to its final outcome until all copies of the petition have been returned to the persons responsible for its circulation, a report will be ready by the date of the membership meeting. Dr. Berenberg, on duty with the Department of the Interior for the past year as medical officer on the Pribilof Islands, is expected to return to the States within the next two or three weeks, according to a letter received from Mrs. Berenberg.

Eleven Activities

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tennis league; about 30 children and 10 adults in archery; 45 boys in the baseball league; 50 boys in the softball league, 25 women in a softball league; 100 participants in the church softball league; 10 participants for horse shoe pitching; 925 patrons used boats at the Lake.

Two craft classes, one for children from 6 to 9 years of age and a second for children 10 or over, began July 6. Fishing began in Greenbelt Lake July 1.

through the roof into an apartment house.

Precautions Advised

Instructions were given for the all-night blackout Wednesday, and the audience was informed of possible precautionary measures to be employed in order to prevent damage to life and property during an actual air raid. In case of a high explosive bombing, people are advised to remain low on floors of their homes or outside.

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I'd feed her on the choicest hay
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