

Civilian Defense News

"If bombs should fall on Highland Park tomorrow, we would be ready for them." This was the confident statement made by Phillip E. Cole, head of the public safety groups under civilian defense in Highland Park. He explained how the groups had been organized, with a careful selection of men whose training fits them for their specific duties in case of an air raid. The chairman of the demolition and clearance squad, he said, is E. M. Sincere, an architect; his assistants are contractors and workers in the building trades. The demolition and clearance squad, he says that have been bombed, brace any walls that require support, tear down those that are unsafe and clear away rubble.

Alex Rafferty, who is superintendent of streets in Highland Park, is chairman of the road repair crews, which is made up largely of men in his department. Their duties in the event of air raids, according to Mr. Cole, are to keep the streets open so far as possible, to barricade impassable or dangerous sections, and to repair damage to pavements and bridges.

Water Mains Important
Probably the most important job of all after a bombing, said Mr. Cole, is repairing the water mains, as the fire hazard is directly dependent on the water supply. These repairs are the responsibility of a crew of men in the city water department under the chairmanship of Fred Botker, superintendent of the water distribution system.

The decontamination crew, who clear out gassed areas after an attack, are men from the city hall under Chairman William Einbecker, who is head of the science department of Highland Park high school and has made a special study of war gases. The rescue squad, under E. J. Brown, superintendent of parks, is made up of the whole park board. They must

Winnetka Legion Post Donates World War Relics

American Legion post No. 10 of Winnetka could have equipped a small museum with its numerous relics of the World War and other wars. But it didn't.

Instead, the relics were loaded onto two huge army trucks Saturday and hauled to Fort Sheridan to be added to the army post's scrap metal heap.

Included in the collection was a 105 millimeter howitzer of German make that hurled shells at the Allies in 1918. Besides this one and a half ton weapon, the legion gave up a French 75 millimeter gun and one of smaller calibre. All of the weapons formerly had been on display at parks in Winnetka and Glencoe.

Other Equipment
Other miscellaneous relics included an aircraft machine gun of German manufacture, a set of body armor, three sawtooth bayonets, 16 sabers of officers and enlisted men, and assorted helmets ranging from that of a German officer and French soldier to the better known "tin hat" of the American doughboy.

There also was a pewter stein from Italy, a Belgian rifle and bayonet and an engraved Philippine machete.

Three past commanders of the legion post, Arthur C. F. Gedge, Walter L. Bacher and E. G. Howell, presented the collection to Lieut. A. J. Specht, Fort Sheridan salvage officer.

Lieut. Specht announced that since Aug. 1, the army post's sales of wrought iron and steel salvage had totaled 55,550 pounds. In addition the post has sold 76,388 pounds of paper, 44,096 pounds of cardboard, 15,980 pounds of bones, nearly 10,000 pounds of grease, 10,200 pounds of tin cans, besides cardboard, tallow, rags, sacks, egg crates, brass, wire and other material.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"Unreality" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, October 4.

The Golden Text was, "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6: 8).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (1 John 2: 15, 17).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Now is the time for so-called material pains and material pleasures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible in Science. To break this earthly spell, mortals must get the true idea and divine Principle of all that really exists and governs the universe harmoniously. This thought is apprehended slowly, and the interval before its attainment is attended with doubts and defeats as well as triumphs" (p. 89).

be prepared to extricate persons trapped in fallen masonry, and to shut off Mr. Cole also announced that he and Mr. Cole also announced that he and Lloyd Sheahan have been appointed bomb reconnaissance agents for Highland Park and a wide surrounding area. They attended the school at the Chicago Historical society, under the army, and learned about explosive bombs from men who had seen action in Europe.

They were taught how to determine the type and size of a bomb and whether or not it had exploded. They must report any such bombs to army headquarters, who have entire responsibility for handling explosive bombs. Mr. Cole and Mr. Sheahan have been given their training certificates and arm bands, are the first of Highland Park's civilian defense workers to receive this official recognition of their work.

It is planned to have stock piles of equipment, says Mr. Cole, reserved for emergency use by the various members of the public safety groups, with a trailer for rapid transportation. All the men selected for these squads, he asserted, are strong and resourceful individuals capable of working long hours in case of need. On Friday, October 9, at 7:30 p. m. a number of them began their first aid training under Ray Sneedan at the Ravinia fire station, and Mr. Cole is urging the other members to join the weekly classes.

Mass Meeting To Be Staged By Illinois Committee

Sylvester J. Konenkamp, Chicago liberal and labor attorney, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting to be held at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16, in the American Legion home, Waukegan, under the sponsorship of the labor division of the Illinois committee, an independent voters' organization.

Chairman Presides
James G. Yahnke of Libertyville, local chairman of the Order of Railway Conductors, will preside at the meeting which will be essentially for organized labor. Invitations have been issued to the members of all unions.

Representatives of the labor division of the Illinois committee are progressing with plans for a Lake county committee to support McKeough and Adamowski in this territory. Headquarters are on the second floor at 215 Washington street, above Collin's Grill.

Skyline Ball to Be Given By Arden Shore Association

A Skyline ball will be sponsored by the Chicago Arden Shore association on Saturday evening, Oct. 17, in the Gold Coast room of the Drake hotel, Chicago, at 8 o'clock.

On the benefit committee are: Mrs. Grier Patterson, benefit chairman; Mrs. Walter Gramm, book donation; Mrs. Melvin Sowles, program; Mrs. Stanley O'Connell, assistant program; Mrs. Maynard G. Fessenden, reservation; Mrs. Robert S. Berghoff, ticket; Mrs. Walter W. Cruttenden, donation; Mrs. James O. McKinsey, decoration, and Mrs. James C. Thompson, mailing chairman.

For reservations write or phone room m-7, Drake hotel, Superior 2200.

Rowena Bennett Reads Poems to Ravinia Club

Rowena Bennett, author and former editor, read selections from her poems at the first program of the year of the Ravinia Garden club, which met Oct. 9 at the home of Mrs. C. Ray Phillips, 2501 N. Deere Park drive.

Miss Bennett is author of "Around a Toadstool Table" and other books of verse. She is also a former editor of "Jack and Jill," juvenile magazine, and now devotes her time to being workshop leader of the Animal Writers' conference besides contributing to national adult and children's periodicals.

Dessert-Bridge To Be Given By P.T.A.

A dessert-bridge will be given by the Lincoln school P. T. A. Friday afternoon, Oct. 23, at 1:30 o'clock at the school. Chairman of the affair is Mrs. Allain St. Cyr; co-chairman, Mrs. William Walsh, and ticket chairman, Mrs. Thomas Clark.

Table and door prizes will be awarded. All members are invited to attend.

Rummage Sale To Be Held At Woman's Club

The fall rummage sale of the Highland Park Woman's club will be held at the club house from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. on Thursday, Oct. 22. Mrs. Alonzo Tenney, chairman of finance, will allocate all proceeds from this sale to the War Emergency fund to be distributed where and when needed.

Club members may leave clothing and household articles for the sale at the club house any morning.

Technical Staff At Work on Sets For 'Here Today'

That hammering and pounding heard around the Braeside school in the wee, small hours is the technical staff of the Braeside Play circle at work in the school auditorium.

"So the director wants a stage with two levels, does he?" says Bruce Krasberg, in charge of stage carpentry as he heaves on another plank.

"Yes," replies his associate, C. J. Wolf, "and a studio window, and a terrace upstage, and a bright canopy, and an ocean offstage, and—" "So what," chimes in Robert Biehn, stage manager, "the old boy wants the back wall moved back six feet for more depth, and that's just a minor problem!"

"Yes," pitches in Jens Eriksen, "and I suppose you think he's specified everything in lighting except the sun? Well, he's even specified that, and I suppose he'll get it."

Prop Manager Walls
"To say nothing of waving palms, and banks of flowers, and the cutest little love seat, not to mention bathing suits," adds Prop Manager Jack Churchill.

"Nuts," says George Straub, designer. "I made a painting of the set. All you fellows have to do is follow it."

It's the technicians' answer to the challenge that the stage set for "Here Today" can't surpass Play circle sets of the past. It can and it will—they claim.

"Here Today," three-act comedy, will be presented Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, in the Braeside school auditorium. Leading roles will be played by Jean Tuerk and Charles Sprowl, who appeared in "Joy of Living" last year, and supporting them will be Jack Bailey, Sally Rideout, Larry Wood, Ethel Grace, Gordon Holland and Vivian Dunbar. The production is under the direction of Remy L. Hudson.

Charlotte Funk Visits Moody

Miss Charlotte Funk, 2403 N. Deer Path drive, was a recent visitor at Moody Bible institute, Chicago.



America will get its flying cargo carriers many months earlier than some of the dates that have been projected in the widespread discussion of these giant sky-boats, it was indicated by a Nash-Kelvinator announcement this week. The company, releasing what it called "the first report on Navy's flying cargo carriers," declared that great fleets of these flying boats will soon be sailing from Nash-Kelvinator assembly lines. Much of the "makeready" period, in which the company undertook the building of a new plant and the conversion of others for quantity production of the mammoth, four-motor Vought-Sikorsky for the U. S. Navy, is said to be past. The flying boat can cross the Atlantic in a matter of a few hours, and it is reported to have the longest range of any aircraft of its type. Shown landing is the Vought-Sikorsky original, which will be virtually duplicated, from a size, performance and appearance standpoint, by the automobile-refrigerator manufacturer.

Start Planting 1943 War Gardens In The Fall

The first task in preparing a complete Victory Garden for 1943 should be the planting of perennial crops, and the preparation of seed bed for fall sown crops.

The perennial crops, which will remain in the ground for years and bear each spring, include rhubarb, asparagus and perennial onions. The best practice is to set aside a space at one end of the garden area or in any other suitable location where they can grow undisturbed without interfering with the working of annual crops.

The soil for perennial crops should be prepared even more thoroughly than for annuals, since the plants are to remain undisturbed for many

years. Spade deeply, and be sure the space is well drained, since serious injury would be caused by water standing on the surface during the fall and winter. A balanced plant food may be spaded under, thoroughly mixed with the soil, at the rate of 4 pounds for 100 square feet.

Perennial Onions
Perennial onions give the first young onions in spring. A few sets put in this fall will give you a crop before the onion sets can get into action. Egyptian or red perennial onions are hardy in all parts of this country and in most sections multiplier or potato onions can safely be planted in the fall.

The asparagus bed may be set this fall, getting plants from dealers. The main requisite is deep rich soil for asparagus and ample room for each hill, giving the plants three feet

of space each way. Rhubarb roots should be set out now. Half a dozen plants will be sufficient to provide an ample supply for the average family.

Asparagus should be set deeply, as illustrated, with the roots well spread out, and the soil thoroughly firmed about them to exclude air pockets.

Spinach and leaf lettuce for the first spring crop may be planted in the fall to advantage. Prepare the bed and scatter the seed in the rows as late as possible before the soil freezes. The idea is to get the seed sown so late that it will not germinate until next spring but will be ready to sprout as soon as the first favorable weather sweeps the germ in the seed.

Suggestions on how to be prepared for the next

BLACKOUT

Just turn out lights... don't pull main switch



Pulling main switches needlessly reduces the efficient operation of a home. There are many electric appliances that serve a vital household function without casting a light. Ranges, oil burners, water heaters, refrigerators, clocks, radios — any break in their operation lessens the efficiency of the home.

Make your home livable during blackouts



A blackout, especially a long one, may have a harmful, depressing effect on your family—unless some part of your home is specially prepared for living under blackout conditions. You may want to select one room as a "refuge room," and black out its windows so that the family can gather in cheerful surroundings. Also, you may want to black out the bathroom window. It's a good idea to make the same preparations for your kitchen, too, in case of a prolonged blackout.

Write out your "blackout schedule"



Don't leave the blacking out of your home to chance. Make a list of all the things that have to be done. Appoint one member of the family to be responsible, with a substitute to serve in his absence.

If you plan to be away from home during the evening, and wish to leave a light burning, be sure to make some arrangement with a neighbor. Remember, even "practice" blackouts may come without warning!

SINCE the United States Army can order blackouts whenever advisable, wise householders already have definite plans for blacking out their homes with the greatest efficiency.

Read your newspapers carefully for blackout regulations issued by Civilian Defense authorities. Here are some suggestions and reminders that will help you carry out the official regulations in your home.

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