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Drive Started Here

Neighborhood War Clubs To Be Set Up

Expected to Bring Added Cooperation On Many Projects

Opportunity for every family in Birmingham to participate in all-out civilian war plans was foreseen this week as plans were outlined for the local organization of more than 250 Neighborhood War Clubs.

At the request of the Birmingham Council of Defense, Mrs. Ralph Yonker, 1763 Dorchester, Birmingham, has been named as the first director of the Birmingham War Clubs and has begun the task of establishing Michigan's first plan in Birmingham so that a permanent organization will exist here to carry out civilian defense assignments with the greatest efficiency.

Follow Air Raid Plan

In organizing Birmingham War Clubs, Mrs. Yonker is following in general the organization plan of the air raid wardens. As a first step a director was appointed for the East side of Birmingham and another for the West side of the city.

East Side Zone Directors

Working under Mrs. White's leadership zone directors for the East side will be Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt, East road, Zone 2; Mrs. H. E. Stahl, 1051 Ridgeway, Zone 4; Mrs. Ray Palmer, 720 Maple, Zone 6; Mrs. Norman Porter, 1045 Pierce, Zone 8; Mrs. Roy Vandewater, 1455 Bird, Zone 10; Mrs. Roy Smith, 1211 East Humphrey, Zone 12; and Mrs. Ronald Scott, 2136 Dorchester, Zone 14.

West Side Zone Directors

Zone directors for the West side, named by Mrs. Swainston, include: Mrs. John B. Williams, 656 Greenwood, Zone 1; Mrs. Joseph E. Williams, 511 Merrill, (See WAR CLUBS, Page 2)

B and C Books Being Processed

Anxious motorists who have wondered the whereabouts of their new B and C gasoline books will be glad to learn that the Birmingham branch office is now processing the applications, and that they are being mailed out at the rate of approximately 200 a day.

3 Leaders for Neighborhood War Clubs

At a meeting held at the Birmingham branch office of the Birmingham Council of Defense, Mrs. Yonker, Mrs. Sappington and Mrs. White were named as the first three leaders of the Birmingham War Clubs.

War Bond Sellers May Be Too Late

A steady line of war-bond buyers this week besieged the office seeking to cash in bonds in order to pay income taxes.

Say Wrong Coupon Detached by Some As Rationing Starts

"Be careful what coupons you detach from your No. 2 ration book," this was the advice of Walter R. Raychel, secretary of the Birmingham Retail Merchants' Association, after a survey of food stores which since Monday have been on the new point rationing system.

Red Cross Drive Gets Under Way With \$6,000 Gift

Charles S. Kinnison and I. W. Robertson, co-chairmen of the Red Cross war fund drive here, were distributing kits this week to the 13 leaders who have been appointed to cover the geographical divisions of Birmingham in the \$2,472 drive.

GET \$6,000 BOOST

Robert W. Esig, general chairman of the Red Cross for Oakland County, announced Wednesday that Birmingham has received \$6,000 of the \$52,000 that General Motors Corp. has given to the Oakland County Red Cross chapters in communities in Oakland County. Bloomfield Hills gets \$3,300.

Norman Lyle, Jr., Wounded Slightly

Norman Lyle, Jr., second lieutenant in the Air Force, has been "slightly wounded in action," his aircraft at 1347 Yorkshire road was notified Monday by the War Department.

Only One Arrest For Faulty Plates

Only one arrest was made Monday as the deadline passed on 1942 license plates. Lynn P. Halliwell, who gave his address as the Fox & Hound Inn, was given a ticket. A dozen or more other drivers were ordered to go to the nearest station and have their 1942 labels on, according to Police Lt. Delye Service.

2 BELOW ZERO

At 8 a. m. Wednesday, the Fire Department thermometer fell 2 below zero, and the highest during the day was 12 above.

City Election Comes April 5; 9 Posts Open

Candidates who want to get into the annual spring election will be sent to some new location of the city.

Two Commissioners, 4 on Library Board, 2 Justices, Constable

In the City Commission race, the three-year terms of Ralph I. Cory and Harry E. Bissett expire, and it is believed that both will run again.

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This Is Goal of Bomber Bond Campaign

The Lions Club can sell \$175,000 war bonds over the present quota during the month of March.

Corporal Shivers on Furlough at Home After Nearly Three Years in Panama

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There is hardly any average condition in life that hasn't a less desirable counterpart. Some people complain about their shoes—until I met a chap with no feet. The happy fellow is the owner of the happy feet and the habit of daily stimulating themselves to more cheerfulness.

SIXTY-FIFTH YEAR—NO. 49

By G. R. A.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 22.—If you folks really want to feel the impact of war, you can't get your personal comforts and conveniences, make a thousand-mile trip as I have just done; by air or by rail or to get a medicine of your journey, and then watch it become disintegrated. Except if you get a trip to the service, as mine will be before I get back to Birmingham.

Down are just the things that goes for every continental area where military activities are set up by Uncle Sam. This city of a half million people is teeming with soldiers and sailors; I am told that there are more than 100,000 excess people here, most of them men in the services, being trained, going through, not to mention the giant of industrial war workers, parading in lines, and many others related to the war.

Yes, I know that you folks up north have some idea of this war; most of us have relatives in the services (not to overlook the beautiful and brilliant soldiers lost on other fronts); we know a bit about gasoline rationing, how to get a hotel room, the results of food rationing, but to most of us people out of planes and trains and buses by military priorities; to wait, as I did, for more than 100 days to get a stand in line 45 minutes to get into a restaurant, and then find a limited supply of food—well, that's what conditions down here are like, and before long we'll find out just many more of them in the north.

Now, that I'm complaining, it's news—and the fact that I can spend several hours each day with my nose in the papers, who is training for air force in the Birmingham School here, is plentiful recompense for any personal inconveniences.

There are many things I plan to write from Birmingham on this trip; things I see at Maxwell Field, near Montgomery, Alabama; the new air base at Birmingham; Fort Knox, in Kentucky—scamp I will visit on my way home during the next few days; and I will give you a picture of military life and activities that, I hope, will be of interest to some of you in the environment and training that you know over ones are, or have, gone through. For my notes, let me continue, as follows:

A Glimpse of How Uncle Sam Trains Airline Technicians

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 23.—Friday, down here in the southern city that's teeming with military activities of many, many kinds, was given the privilege of visiting the famous Delgado Central Trades School, a large portion of which has been taken over by the U. S. Air Force Technical Training Command. Within the building and premises of this beautifully situated school, your Uncle Sam is teaching hundreds of American boys and girls to operate airplane mechanics. He has a complete set of instructors who, following a period of intensive training with classes running from 15 to 20 men, must give a considerable proportion of the airplane ground crews who, upon completing their training in the World War II, will individually endeavor to make good the good-name which has been taken over in the Army.

Some of the schools, of course, many are being trained, but they all are under the command of Major General Walter L. Weaver. Students are housed within the regular military area, and come from every walk of life, one quality they have in common is a mechanical bent. They have been selected through the method of regulation quiz and aptitude tests; and when you consider that it costs your Uncle Sam approximately \$3,000 over-all costs to provide the education of a man, to provide even the specified weeks of soldiering, you know that the Old Boy wants to invest in the best of his money.

Vital to Victory

Although such training areas seldom receive the headlines and the big headlines attached to the combat victories over the enemy, the officers, instructors, and students who compose this personnel of centers like Delgado are as vital to eventual victory as the officers who actually command the ships in combat flight over enemy territory.

When you talk, you must remember that the Air Force commissioned officers who engage in enemy combat seldom know more than how to operate the ship enough to fly it; they depend, absolutely upon the men—non-commissioned members of flying. That's what schools like Delgado teach—privates, and corporals, and sergeants—who become the "physician-surgeons" of the air. (See THIS AND THAT, Page 2)

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Others own insurance policies, call themselves "investors" in stocks, bonds, burglaries, accidents, etc., etc.

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