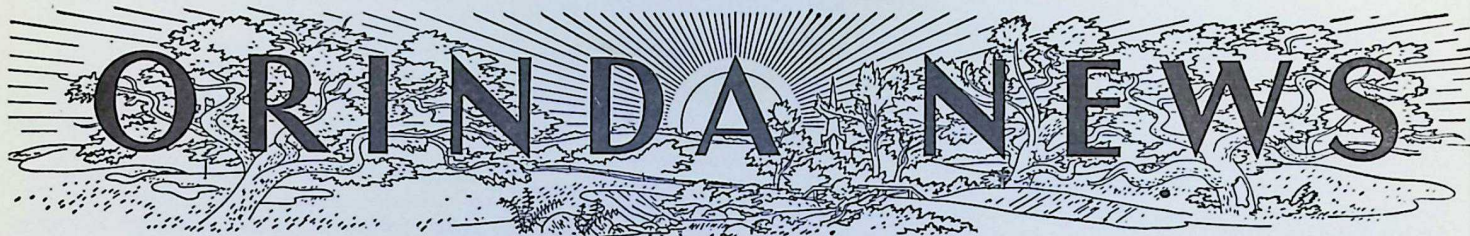


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ORINDA SIGNS UP!

590 Orinda residents have registered at the Defense Office for Civilian Defense work. The majority of those registered have been placed on committees. Some because of their lack of time are held on the reserve file until such time as they may be placed.

We have now assigned to various Civilian Defense Committees approximately 379 persons and under Red Cross jurisdiction 125. The Civilian Defense Classification includes Air Raid Wardens, Auxiliary Police, Fire Watchers, Staff corps and Rescue squads. The Red Cross group includes Relief Committees and Emergency Medical personnel.

There are approximately 1950 residents of Orinda, many of whom have not as yet registered at the Office. Additional workers are needed on many committees and all those who can are urged to offer a few hours each week for this work in the community.



DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS

The Orinda Civilian Defense Office, located in back of the Orinda store, is open Monday through Friday from 12 to 2 and on Saturdays from 10 to 12. There are from one to two women in the office every day to answer any questions, sign up people for classes and take new registrations.

There is a large bulletin board in the office with sheets for people to sign up for classes such as Standard First Aid, Advanced First Aid, Home Nursing, and donors for the Blood Bank. As soon as twenty have signed for any class, instructors are provided and those signed up are notified when the class will begin.

Articles and bulletins are received each week from various divisions of Civilian Defense and are on file in the office. These bulletins are on such subjects as evacuation, rubber, gas control, purchasing foods, price control, care of essential material, how to flame-proof clothing, and many others.

We would be glad to have people come in to the office and sign up for classes, read the bulletins and register for defense work.

NOTICE



AIR RAID ALARM is an up-and-down wail on the siren for two minutes.

ALL CLEAR signal is one straight two-minute blast on the siren.

FIRE ALARM is three thirty-second blasts with ten-second intervals, sounded only on Fire House siren.



**For any emergency call Orinda 3451.
For all other calls to Fire House, call Orinda 2006.**



MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held on the first Friday in September.



TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CIVILIAN DEFENSE ORGANIZATION:

The past weeks have encroached appreciably upon your leisure time. A gratifyingly large number have now virtually completed the prescribed training courses, and others will soon be eligible for proper certificates and the wearing of the Federal insignia.

You have done a splendid job and it is to be regretted that space does not here permit to enumerate those of you who have been particularly outstanding in enthusiasm, cooperativeness and leadership.

Again warning has been sounded for all of us to keep on the alert. The constant ebb and flow of the fortunes of war will not justify lack of preparedness.

My close association with the program and with your magnificent cooperation might, I trust, grant me this privilege to express to all of you the full appreciation of all of our citizens.

E. L. MATHY, Coordinator
Orinda Civilian Defense Council

THE CONTROL CENTER DURING AN EMERGENCY

Without becoming melodramatic, let us assume that you are a visitor at our Civilian Defense Control Center during an actual enemy air attack.

The Fire Department has just received the advance warning that a "black-out" is imminent.

The Coordinator, the Chief of the Fire Department and the chiefs of the Air Raid Wardens and Auxiliary Police have been notified and proceed to the Control Center.

An armed and deputized member of the Auxiliary Police moves to the Control Center and to the fire-house to guard telephone connections and approaches in compliance with orders received.

Division Air Raid Wardens and Auxiliary Police are then informed to hold themselves in readiness for the actual siren alarm. Both telephones at the Control Center are manned. Detailed maps of every section are available for instant use and all essential telephone numbers which might have to be called are posted on the walls.

Now comes the siren blast and the entire Civilian Defense organization gets into action.

All Air Raid Wardens and Auxiliary Police patrol their respective beats to see that the black-out is complete and that all traffic has been stopped within the fewest possible minutes.

The Air Raid Wardens then return to the Sector Warden Post which becomes the local operations room maintaining communications with the Control Room.

Automatically all Civilian Defense members who have received and passed the prescribed First Aid Course are on the alert for possible calls for aid.

A selected few of the Air Raid Wardens and Auxiliary Police continue to patrol their beats.

The Fire Department is in readiness.

From the County Control Room comes a flash that enemy aircraft have actually been sighted and soon we can expect anti-aircraft

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DEFENSE ISSUE

The scene is the living room of a typical Orinda home. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have dropped in on the Browns for a game of bridge. Mrs. Brown is speaking:

MRS. BROWN: "... and I wouldn't have the faintest idea of what to do if one of those fire bombs hit this house."

MRS. JONES: "Nor I, Maude. I think I'd just run."

BILL JONES: "Yeah, well, that's just what you shouldn't do. I read somewhere you hafta stay under cover and can't go running around the streets in an air raid."

MRS. JONES: "Well, I'd just like to see somebody try to stop me!"

JOE BROWN: "Now, lissen, air raid or no air raid, you'd call the fire department if your house was on fire, wouldn't you?"

JONES: "Huh... that's swell, Joe, especially if there's a lot of other fires at the same time."

MRS. BROWN: "Well, goodness me, it seems like they ought to make provision for things like that."

MRS. JONES: "And there's another thing. What are we going to do if someone gets hurt during an air raid? People even get killed."

JONES: "Gosh, that's right. Living out here in Orinda it would be kinda tough to get a doctor if there were bombs dropping."

MRS. BROWN: "Well, for heaven's sake, why doesn't somebody do something about these things!"

BROWN: "How do you know they aren't, Maude? You know you wouldn't go to that Civilian Defense meeting down at the school when I wanted you to."

MRS. BROWN: "Oh, that... I didn't think it was very important."

BROWN: "Maybe not, Maude, but I wonder if the Civilian Defense authorities aren't doing a lot of things we just haven't taken the trouble to find out about."

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Perhaps the Joneses and Browns are not typical of most Orinda families. Perhaps their ignorance of what is going on in their own community is the result of their own neglect. However, it is probably true that few Orinda residents do know the complete story of the considerable preparations that the local Civilian Defense Council has made to protect this community against the emergencies of war.

And so it was decided to publish a special Civilian Defense issue of The Orinda News to tell the complete story of what Orinda is doing in collaboration with the nation's Civilian Defense effort. This is it... and the editors hope that you will find in these pages many of the answers to the questions about what has already been accomplished and what will be expected of all of us when emergencies arise.

Please address inquiries about Civilian Defense to Orinda Defense Office, P. O. Box 36.

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What the Well-equipped Home Should Contain

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Burn ointment, such as 5% tannic acid jelly.
Mild iodine, 5%.
Aromatic spirits of ammonia.
Inelastic tourniquet.
Scissors.
1-inch and 2-inch roller bandages.
Sterile castor oil for use in eyes.
Soap paste.
Chlorinated lime or bleaching powder paste.
Kerosene or benzine.
Alcohol.
Baking soda.
Boric acid solution.
Table salt.
Wire or thin board splints.
3-inch splinted forceps.

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FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Buckets for water.
Sacks (or buckets) of dry sand.
Portable pump with long 1/2-inch hose and jet-spray nozzle.
Garden hose with adjustable nozzle.
Long handled shovel.
Long handled hoe or rake.
Flashlight.
Ladder long enough to reach attic.
Heavy gloves.
Soda acid extinguisher (never carbon tetrachloride on incendiary bombs).

IN CASE OF GAS ATTACK

Laundry soap.
Hydrogen peroxide.
Baking soda.
Liquid household bleach.
Absorbent cotton.
Complete changes of clothing.
A gas-proof shelter.

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EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

Milk — 16 cans (evaporated).
Cheese — 4 jars (15 ounces).
Dried beans or peas — 1/2 lb or 4 cans baked.
Peanut butter — 1 lb.
Canned vegetables (beans, peas, corn, sauerkraut) — 8 No. 2 1/2 cans, 2 each.
Tomatoes, canned — 4 No. 2 1/2 cans, or 6 cans tomato juice.
Canned fruit — applesauce, peaches, berries — 4 No. 2 1/2 cans.
Grapefruit juice — 4 No. 2 cans.
Dried fruit — 1 lb. prunes or apricots, 1/2 lb. raisins.
Meat or fish, canned — corned beef, salmon, luncheon meat.
4 to 5 lbs cereal — prepared, 2 packages; to be cooked, 1 lb.
Crackers — 2 pkgs. or 2 lbs. wholewheat crackers; 2 pkgs. or 2 lbs. soda crackers.
Chocolate bars — 16 bars, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 oz.
Cocoa or chocolate syrup — 1 lb. can.
Sugar — 1 lb package.
Jam — 1 lb. jar.
Coffee — 1 small can, 1/2 lb.
Tea — 1/4 lb. package.

Also it is advisable to include chewing gum, matches, toilet paper and antiseptics or lime. And don't forget to put a spare can-opener and paring knife with the supplies.

HERE IS A CASE WHERE YOU CAN HELP MOST BY DOING NOTHING

The dry season, with all its increased fire hazard is approaching.

Unfortunately, most of our roads are narrow and even a few spectators' cars can rapidly block every avenue of approach by our Fire Department. This was illustrated but too amply at the scene of the recent fire which damaged so severely the home of one of our neighbors.

PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM ALL FIRES UNLESS YOU ARE TRAINED TO ASSIST OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO FIGHT IT EFFICIENTLY.

Our fire department has urgently requested the help of our Civilian Defense Organization to block off all roads leading to a home fire and to make available added emergency personnel by asking Air Raid Wardens to hold themselves in readiness to assist.

We should further consider that any fire during night would, in case of a blackout, constitute a beacon helpful only to an enemy air force.

This mutual problem and safety of ours will be handled with maximum understanding, friendliness and lack of any act leading to hurt feelings by the voluntary restraint each one of us imposes upon ourselves.

So, if you encounter Auxiliary Police or Air Raid Wardens seeking your cooperation to keep roads clear offer them your understanding assistance. Act at the other fellow's fire and misfortune as you hope others would were you the victim. Give our Fire Department a chance.

And while we are talking about fire hazards, let's remember that the only method to prevent a fire is to remove all possible fire hazards within and surrounding your home.

The only way to fight a fire successfully is to start doing it as expeditiously as possible.

The biggest fire starts as a small flame.

If you see a fire keep cool, and, if possible, attack it at once and phone or have someone else phone for you to the Fire Department.

Telephone Orinda 3451.



FIRE REGULATIONS

In order that Orinda residents may be familiar with the fire regulations for this district, Chief Joe Varni has prepared the following schedule of instructions:

1. All outdoor fires must be out by sundown.
2. Fires in indoor fireplaces must be out during blackouts.
3. Permits must be obtained for use of outdoor fireplaces, barbecue pits and incinerators. These are annual permits dated from January 1 to December 31.
4. All inflammable material must be cleared for a space of at least 20 feet around incinerators and at least 25 feet around all buildings.
5. No flammable liquids should be stored in or near buildings.
6. Outdoor burning by open fires is restricted to the hours of 5 a. m. to

10:30 a. m. and is allowable only by special permit after the premises have been inspected. Applications for special burning permits must be made at least two days in advance and no such burning is permitted on windy days.

The Orinda fire district is protected at present by 33 hydrants and 12 more have been ordered for installation in this area. A 24-hour fire watching service is maintained at the lookout stations on Grizzly Peak and Roundtop and both stations are in immediate contact at all times with the Orinda fire house.

Chief Varni welcomes any inquiries from Orinda residents regarding the fire service for this district and states that a representative of the fire department will be glad to appear at any meetings of local groups or organizations desiring further information about the operation of the fire protection service.



INFORMATION SERVICE

Establishment of a public relations committee to keep Orinda residents informed about what is being done to prepare this community against enemy attack has just been announced by Civilian Defense Coordinator E. L. Mathy.

Because the effectiveness of the Civilian Defense organization will depend largely upon the cooperation of individual residents in an emergency, Coordinator Mathy is anxious that every member of the community be fully informed about Civilian Defense activities.

Three specific functions have been assigned the newly formed committee at the outset. They are:

1. To maintain at the public library a complete file of instruction manuals and publications issued by the Office of Civilian Defense so that every resident will have access to this authentic information.
2. To furnish qualified speakers to any group or organization in this area desiring information about the operations and plans of the local Civilian Defense organization.
3. To handle inquiries from residents pertaining to Civilian Defense activities.



THANK YOU

The Orinda Garden Club recently provided a fund of \$500 for the purchase of 33 Indian back pumps for the Civilian Defense organization. These pumps are provided with water tanks of 4½ gallons capacity and a hose connected nozzle permits either a fine spray or a stream of water. They are usable both for incendiary bombs and fire fighting.

Sincere thanks to the Orinda Garden Club for this splendid gift.

E. L. MATHY, Coordinator
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WORKING FOR DEFENSE

Arnold Bennett in "The Readers' Digest"

When citizens hear that volunteers for war work are badly wanted, and then look out their windows and see no work at all rolling up to their front doors, they are apt to feel rather hurt and say: "I am ready to do my share, but if no one gives me anything to do I can't do anything."

Yet patriots cannot expect the organizers of war work to run up and down streets knocking at doors and crying: "Come! You are the very person I need!" However much urgent war work is waiting to be done, nine tenths of the volunteers will have to put themselves to a certain amount of trouble to discover the work. They may even have almost to beg for the privilege of doing it. They are rather hurt, for they are not asking a favor. "I went and offered my services," a woman will say, "and he looked at me as if I were a doubtful character, and you never heard such a cross-examination as I had to go through. It was most humiliating."

Axiom: The trouble and annoyance incidental to getting the work are themselves an inevitable part of war work, just as much as bandaging the brows of heroes.

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No sooner have you, an eager volunteer, brought to bay and caught the war work than you discover it is not the right kind of work. It is either beneath your powers, or beyond them; or it is unsuited to your individuality, your social station, your health, your hands or your feet. You had expected work that showed you at your best — picturesque work, interesting work, work free from monotony, work of which you could see the immediate beautiful results, important work without the moral risks attaching to real responsibility. And the chances are ten to one that the work you have actually got is dull, monotonous, apparently futile; any fool could do it, though it is exhausting and inconvenient.

Axiom: Unsuitableness is characteristic of nearly all war work. Lowering your great powers down, or forcing your little powers up, to the level of the work offered—this, too, is a part of war work.

Again, you have got to get away from the illusion that you can live a new life and still keep living the old life. Everybody occupies every one of his 24 hours either in idleness or usefulness. If war work is brought in, something else will have to be expelled. The essence of war work is that it may not be "fitted in." If it does not mean sacrifice, it means naught.

Axiom: If a teacup is full you cannot pour anything into it until you have poured something out.

Nearly all who take up war work are under the illusion that, being a fine and noble thing, war work ought to change people's dispositions so as to produce the maximum of cooperating effort with the minimum of friction. Let us suppose that you are to sit on a committee or a subcommittee. Among its members are Miss X, who used to be a mannish and cheeky young maid; Mr. Y, who used to be an interfering and narrow-

minded old maid; and Mrs. Z, who used to be nothing in particular. You enter the committee room and see these three with a few others almost equally unpromising.

You, however, are not downcast. You feel the uplifting power of a great ideal. You are determined to make the best of yourself and of everybody. But in less than five minutes Miss X is calmly offering the most absurd proposals. Mr. Y is objecting to the rulings of the chairman and implying that the committee ought to do nothing at all. As for Mrs. Z, she voted both for and against the first resolution.

"Is it conceivable," you exclaim in your soul, "that these individuals can behave so in such a supreme crisis? They cannot realize that we are at war!" Your faith in committees is practically destroyed. You are prepared to stand a lot, but there is a limit. You cannot be expected to work with people who are impossible. You will send in your resignation at once.

I hope you will not send it in. For at least half of the committee are thinking these same things of you! You ought not to be startled. You ought to have known that people are never more themselves than in a crisis. You ought to realize that it takes all sorts to make a world, even a world at war.

Axiom: The most valorous and morally valuable war work is that of working with impossible people.

When you have proved that in war work you are a decent human being — and you will prove this by sticking to the work long after you are weary of it — then you will part company with the war worker's last illusion, namely, that one's efforts will meet with gratitude. Gratitude is going to be an extremely rare commodity. There will be so few people with leisure to devote to gratitude. Everybody is or will be war-working, even the soldiers and sailors. The highest hope of the average war worker must be to escape censure. And herein is a great lesson. The reward of war work will be in the treaty of peace.

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ELECTRIC POWER

Mr. H. G. Keesling is chairman of the Power Committee of the Orinda Defense Council, with Mr. Frank Libby as his assistant. They have already performed several important duties, such as helping with the installation of Air Raid Sirens in the different localities and at the Fire House. Among their duties, also, will be to give help and experience in the installation of a new automatically controlled siren at the Fire House. This new control will be installed in the near future.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee, headed by Mrs. E. J. Unruh, consists of 15 members. It is the duty of this committee to keep the personnel file up to date, and also when the various committees need new members to provide them with people from the reserve list.

AIR RAID WARDENS

In conformance with the national program specified by the Office of Civilian Defense, Orinda's air raid wardens are required to take training in first aid, fighting incendiary bombs, protection against war gas, and communications.

Each warden must know his sector intimately and be acquainted with the people in it, for he must count on their cooperation. He must see that his sector is covered at all times so he is responsible for an alternate during his absence.

Wardens must memorize the telephone numbers of the control center, division commander, other wardens of the sector, and other qualified persons such as the nurse, doctor, gas officer, and first aider whom it may be necessary to call in an emergency. Wardens must know the location of the nearest fire hydrant, special fire equipment, emergency refuge points, warden's post, easily accessible telephones, police wardens, and places of special danger.

Our community of Orinda is being well organized against enemy attack and the air raid warden system is an integral part of this program. The wardens are directly responsible for the individual care and protection of the homes and people of the community and must have their confidence and cooperation.



WOMEN AIR RAID WARDENS

It is necessary to have wardens in the day time as well as during the night, because of the absence of the men during the day from this rural community.

The Orinda Fire District has been divided into 29 Sectors under 5 Divisional Heads. Every home in this community falls within one of these Sectors. Each resident should know the number of the Sector in which he resides and who are the day and night Wardens for that Sector.

The women have functioned particularly in educating the people for preparedness and have canvassed each home with the object of becoming familiar with that home and any special conditions which might require particular attention therein during an enemy air raid, also to tell each housewife what the necessary supplies and precautions should be for the emergency.

The women are now taking their training to meet the requirements as blocked out by the Office of Civilian Defense at Washington, D. C. These requirements call for a definite number of hours of training in First Aid, Fire Defense, Gas Warfare and General. When the women have completed their training they will be qualified to wear the arm band with insignia adopted by the National Organization.

The prime object of this service so far has been to make people of Orinda conscious that they must prepare and equip themselves and their homes so that in time of emergency they can handle minor fires and injuries individually. Should a situation become graver than they can handle, the *trained Air Raid Warden* is the one for them to

call upon. This Warden is not only trained as above listed but also has the information and authority to secure assistance in the most efficient and direct manner.



FUNCTIONS OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE

Under the leadership of Mr. Ray Curtis, Chief of our Civilian Defense Auxiliary Police, and his assistant, Mr. William J. Gilman, Orinda is now rapidly attaining a well trained police force.

The duties of the Auxiliary Police Force are manifold. They cooperate with the Air Raid Wardens to make certain that a blackout is complete; they stop all traffic; assist in the detection of unexploded bombs; and supervise potential evacuation of surrounding areas.

They will temporarily guard enemy or friendly aircraft which have either cracked up or made emergency landings, or rope off gas contaminated sections.

Remember that all members of the Auxiliary Police Force are Orinda residents and your neighbors, and that your understanding and friendly cooperation will not only help them to perform their tasks, but will help you and all of us to maintain law and order with safety.



AIR RAID WARNING SERVICE

The Air Raid Warning Service reports and identifies every airplane flying over our territory. Observer posts located at all strategic points, especially along the coast line, are directly connected by wire with filter centers that are in turn connected with their respective army fighter commands.

The observer posts are manned by civilian volunteers who report every plane, its type, course and altitude. When a plane appears that cannot be identified it is assumed to be hostile. If, after the fighter planes take the air, the identify of the doubtful plane still cannot be established, a blackout is ordered. The "all clear" is sounded only when the unidentified plane is known to be friendly.

The Air Raid Warning Service is therefore the "front line" of the Civilian Defense organization. Volunteers from Orinda and Moraga are manning the lookout station adjacent to this community. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this service should phone Mrs. Robert Bennett, ORinda 6436.

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RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Relief Committee, with Mrs. Lance Barden as Chairman, under the auspices of the Red Cross, has been divided into four committees.

Food Committee

This committee, headed by Mrs. C. B. Chantler, consists of approximately 65 women, of whom 21 have completed the Red Cross Canteen Aid Course. These women have been divided into five groups. Arrangements have been made for crews to cook at the following restaurants: Dominick's, Casa Orinda, Gus Reuter's, The Orinda Sweet Shop, and the Orinda Grammar School. Each group has done practice cooking either at the restaurant they will use in case of emergency or with outdoor cooking facilities. Our local merchants have been consulted concerning the possibility of supplying us with food stuffs.

Housing Committee

The Housing Committee, directed by Mrs. C. J. Clebourne, has a complete index of all the homes which can be used for housing refugees. In the survey it was found that the following could be cared for in Orinda:

- Children 396
- Adults 169
- Aged 15

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their section. Duplicate index cards have been made and each worker has a complete index of the homes available in her section. In addition to this there are complete lists of available bedding, extra cots and extra space for cots.

Clothing Committee

The Clothing Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Goodwin, has collected a large trunk full of small garments which have been laundered and mended. In addition to this 36 garments of assorted clothing have been cleaned and pressed.

Committee For Care Of Children

This committee, headed by Mrs. Sydney Epstein, consists of 9 women living in different sections of Orinda, and their assistants. In case of emergency children may be left in their own neighborhoods, under the care of competent women and with all the facilities available for their comfort. Each hostel will have on hand enough emergency rations to feed the children for a short time. The locations of the homes to be used for this purpose have been publicized and all defense workers, both Red Cross and Civilian Defense, have been urged to feel free to use this service.



FIRST AID CLASSES

During the past three years many First Aid classes have been offered by the Red Cross for Orinda residents.

There are now in Orinda, 13 first aid instructors, 48 advanced certificates, and approximately 115 who have passed the Standard course.

These people are now listed at the Control Center, according to their sectors, so that the Air Raid Wardens will know those in each sector capable of giving emergency first aid.

New classes in standard first aid will be offered immediately and will extend through the summer. A new advanced class will be offered in the fall. All those interested in either course should sign at the Defense Office.



BLOOD BANK

A Mobile Unit of the Blood Bank operating from the San Francisco Chapter will be in Berkeley on the fourth Friday of each month for the next 18 months.

The Blood Bank unit will not visit Orinda until after this period in Berkeley. Those residents who have signed at the Orinda Defense Office as donors and all those who wish to do so should call the Orinda Defense office, and arrangements will be made for groups to go in to Berkeley in order to save tires.

Appointments should be made with Dr. Malcolm Stratton, Berkeley 8211, for those going into Berkeley in their own cars.



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CONTROL CENTER

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fire, to make it essential that no one be out of doors, since what goes up must come down and descending shrapnel is nothing to fool with.

At the Control Center everyone hopes that the training will bear fruit and that the telephone calls from home owners seeking aid will be directed to the Sector Warden post rather than to the Control Center where jammed up telephone connections could interfere tremendously with proper operations.

Finally the first bomb falls.

The Sector Warden immediately dispatches Air Raid Wardens and Auxiliary Police who, in turn, promptly report the incident, the actions taken by them, and the added help required.

The Sector Warden's Post transmits this data to the Control Center.

If a fire has started and cannot be immediately checked by the personnel at the incident, the Fire Department is called into service.

If a casualty results, the nearest First Aid personnel is enlisted and the Medical Center informed of what has happened. Air Raid Wardens, if necessary, will call for added medical instructions and only in the greatest emergency will an ambulance be called. Remember we have only three ambulances and may resort to trucks.

The routing of all vehicles will be taken care of by the Control Center because a bomb crater may render impassable the shortest route.

When that happens the Road Emergency Repair Crew is called into action.

We are hoping that the telephone lines will not go out for in that event we must rely upon runners and messengers on motor cycles.

Every incident is marked on the map and followed from beginning to end. Suddenly we receive a report that gas has been detected in a certain sector. One of our two Gas Officers immediately proceeds to the spot and if confirmed, Auxiliary Police will block off that area.

Whether or not an evacuation must be ordered will depend upon many factors, including prevailing wind direction and velocity and the relative altitude of the surrounding homes. If the gas attack spreads, the gas decontamination center at Lafayette will be called into action.

Evidence has been reported of an unexploded bomb near homes. A thoroughly trained Bomb Reconnaissance Man is dispatched to the scene. If he confirms that incident, instant evacuation is ordered and the area blocked off. A report is then made to the Army Bomb Reconnaissance Center and the task turned over to them.

If every home owner has provided the necessary fire-fighting equipment, keeps cool, realizes that a fire becomes his own responsibility — the entire attack may pass with little damage. Civilian Defense, to be effective, cannot rely solely upon Civilian Defense members or the Fire Department. The understanding help of every citizen is necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS

The communications division of the defense organization, consisting of 6 members, has been responsible for the procurement and installation of sirens and related equipment. Exclusive of the fire house siren, 6 installations of two 1/2 H. P. sirens and auxiliary control equipment have been completed. A seventh installation is shortly to be made at Glorietta.

All sirens are controlled by a central switch at the fire house. An automatic device for transmitting the alert signal from the Martinez center is also to be installed shortly at the fire house.

Careful planning and intelligent effort by eth communications committee have provided Orinda with a siren coverage superior to that existing in most communities. While the problem of communications in event of jamming or failure of existing facilities due to the terrain and area of this community presents possible future difficulties, the work of the communications committee to date assures Orinda that everything possible is being done to anticipate future needs.



WATER SUPPLY

Mr. William Jordan heads the Water Supply Committee of the Orinda Defense Council. According to his report, we are now protected, in this community, with auxiliary tanks to supply us with drinking water in case of emergency due to bombing of our water supply. We are also indebted to this committee for making arrangements to supply water for fire use in emergency from swimming pools and creek beds. In case the water mains should be broken, we would be dependent on these local sources.

In addition to these services, the East Bay Municipal Utility District maintain lookout towers on Round Top, south of the Tunnel, and on the top of Grizzly Peak. Men stationed in these towers maintain a 24-hour watch for planes, fires, and attempted enemy landings.



There are now in Orinda two gas officers trained and prepared for gas defense. They will in turn give basic training to all Air Raid Wardens. Cards have been issued to every home giving you information vital to your protection during a gas attack. These cards should be hung in a safe place and their instructions carefully followed.

If your gas card has not been delivered please call the Defense Office, Orinda 2027, as every home must have this information.



Kenneth Gelwix, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reports that as of May 17, 1942, \$2,050.37 has been received from 415 residents.

Expenditures totaling \$1,005.72 have been made as follows:

\$842.43 for sirens and their installation.
\$119.40 for printing, stationery, and office expenses.

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