

Civil Air Patrol. - Town of Sand Lake

As you go down the Burden Lake road from the village ,we will begin with Nancy Davis's house on the right. The following houses are all on the right.

The next house was Thelma Taylors

Then the Hollinsworth home was next.

Then the next house was emty at the time

Then the next was the Smith resident

Then the next was Bill+Maude MacKenna's home

Just as you passed the MacKennas on the top of the hill stood a building that was built on stiltz.. A small building with glass windows on all four sides .

Building is believed to be part of the Civil Air Patrol

The building I believe was probably built around 41 ort 42

My Aunt Clara Leavenworths dieary shows that my Uncle Henry Leavenworth, went to the school starting on Dec.8, 1941 and attend three times between the 8th and the 22nd. To learn about different bombs and identifying different markings on planes.

Also it is believed that my Uncle Esley Leavenworth was also a warden.

The building was an air raid station and fire tower.

I believe it was still standing in the early 50s but the windows were broken for some time as it was no longer in use and was taken down sometime in the middle 50s.

When it was operating, Don Bailey and his wife Ann Fryer who lived on Tin can Alley or maybe even on Johnny Cake lane .I know the Fryers lived in the first house on the right as you crossed the bridge on Johnny Cake Lane for quite some time and Don Bailey worked for Garstangs Garage.

Don's wife had to go to the towers quite frequently and with Binoculars would search the skies and surroundings for any thing suspicious and they would be notified of anything suspicious in the skies.

If the Firesirens blew and I believe the mill whisle also would blow, you had to turn off all the lights and pull down the shades until the all clear

signal would sound. I also believe no one could be on the streets at that time. The all clear sound. was just one whine of the sirens and that meant that all was clear and the lights and shades could go up.

My Uncles Henry and Esley Leavenworth were air patrol wardens and had to attend a school for training.

If there was an air raid or blackout, they had to carry sand with them in case of Grenades and I suppose for other reasons also

The Wardens were given certain roads and streets around their home to patrol and watch for danger.

Also believe they would ride around and look to see if there were any lights on and watch for airplanes in the skies or any thing that looked dangerous. I don't know what would happen if someone left a light on but I remember getting under the dining room table during the Blackouts and remember the blackouts didn't last long.

During the war and for sometime after, the Faith Mills had armed guards all around the mills and the mill offices.

At the time the mill was producing Thermal Knit underwear and also 100% wool union suits for the soldiers.

They also made overcoat material for the Govt. for overcoats for the soldiers.

Not sure if the air Raids and Blackouts had any connection at the time.

As you can see, these are not actual facts but believe most of it is true as told by Rich Castle, Clara Leavenworth Ratz and Alfred Horton.

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