



...from the top of Maine

WAR-MINDED FAMILY

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. — For the first time in two years, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Denver, heard the voice of their son Pfc. Charles R. Denver, 20, from "somewhere in the world" recently, when he talked to them by telephone. He is a member of a Flying Fortress crew.

His father is Chief Observer of the post here; Mrs. Denver is a forewoman at a local arsenal; another son, James, is employed by the Springfield Ordnance District; a sister, Ruth, is a secretary at the Armory Hospital; and Dorothy, 10, and Carole, 6, complete the family's war record as collectors of scrap.

VOLS HOLD FROLIC

WILMINGTON, N. C.—Lieut. Col. Oscar C. Tigner, Commanding Officer, Wilmington Air Defense Region, was the principal guest at the May Frolic of the volunteers of the local Information Center here recently, the initial venture of a planned program of entertainments.

Said Col. Tigner: "Events such as these are a good meeting-ground for all personnel, and we will do our best to see that something on this order becomes a permanent fixture."

THREE HOUR ACTION

SCREVEN, GA.—Three hours after an official Army "contact" squad had visited this town, City Commissioners had voted funds to construct a new Observation Post. C. W. Collins, School Superintendent, and Chief Observer, was instrumental in arranging the speedy action.

OP REFERENCE LIBRARY

MONROE, N. Y.—An Observation Post section has been established in the library here, with Mrs. Crawford, publicity officer of the post, in charge of keeping it stocked with reference material valuable to Observers. Book and magazine articles of interest to observers, plus a scrapbook record of the Post's activities, make up the bulk of the available material.

RED CROSS GETS FUNDS

ST. GEORGE, S. C. — Little Jerry Utsey, mascot for the Observation Post near here, made the first contribution to the Upper Dorchester County Chapter of the American Red Cross—a \$50 check representing the balance from contributions made for the construction of a new post recently built on the courthouse grounds.

INACCESSIBLE POST

SPARTANSBURG, S. C.—Rising 50 feet above the 3200-foot Tryon Peak, the local Observation Post is the highest in the Charleston Region, so remote that it can be reached only by a winding trail. Food for observers comes from six miles away.

Chief Observer Marcus B. Caldwell has 10 assistants, all on "instant alert" status.

RECOGNITION SCHOOL

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. — The principal, three instructors, and 35 members of the student body of Red Hill High School here were among the 53 qualified observers who received Recognition Certificates recently, when they graduated from the course in Aircraft Recognition.

The Observation Post is on the school grounds, and recognition is taught in conjunction with the regular school session. Presentations were made by Mrs. W. T. Snodgrass, post recognition officer.

GIRL SCOUTS SEE OP

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—In order to give the youth of this city a first-hand view of the vital volunteer work being done in the defense of their country, girl scouts of Troop 13, sponsored by the Riverside Presbyterian Church, were permitted to visit one of the Observation Posts near here recently.

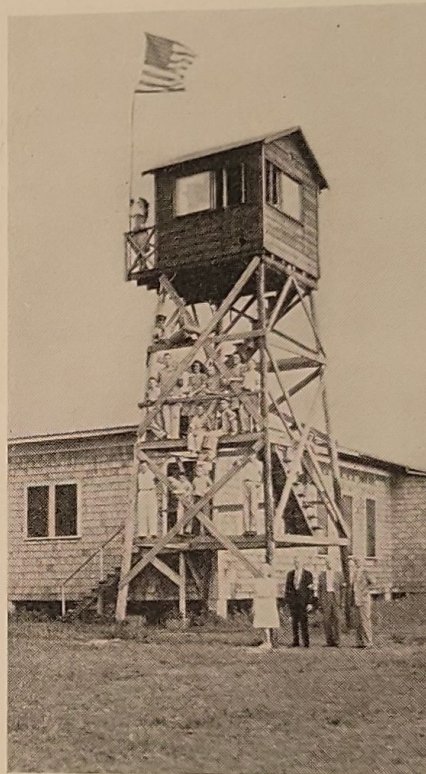
The girls were escorted by Mrs. A. G. Wilson, Jr., Scout Leader; District Director Charles E. Flynn; Area Supervisor C. Frank Whitehead; and Chief Observer Clifford E. Bird.

SPOTTERS DRAFTED!

HIGH SPRINGS, FLA.—Finding spotters to man the local Observation Post is comparatively easy for Mr. J. A. McArthur, Chief Observer, under a draft system instituted by the City Commission.

Realizing that the task might "fall too heavily on a few citizens," the Commission passed a resolution on request of Mayor P. D. Weeks, providing for a listing of residents "physically able to aid in this work. The aged, ill, and others only upon whom an undue hardship to serve would ensue shall be excused from service," the resolution says.

"In the event they are unable to serve assigned periods due to work, health, or other good reason," it continues, "they shall be expected to obtain someone to protect the assigned watch hours. It is permissible to employ and pay a substitute."



The Post at Terra Ceia, Florida.

PARSLEY TO PLANES

TERRA CEIA, FLA. — From harvesting crops of tomatoes, eggplant and cauliflower to manning their local Observation Post is the task of a majority of the observers here, all of whom are engaged in truck gardening.

Manned 24 hours a day since May 1942, the post has as its Chief Observer T. R. Robinson, formerly of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Mrs. W. R. Pollard, who organized the post in August 1941, is assistant.

THE ELEMENTS HELP

PORTER, ME.—Flies, mosquitoes and cold weather were instrumental in securing more adequate quarters for the Observation Post here. The insects caused

the observers to transfer from a small lumberman's shack to a cabin with screened porch. When cold weather came, the Town of Porter bought the rented cabin, and the Civilian Defense Committee and American Legion equipped it with insulation, flooring and a glassed-in porch. Arnold D. Chase is Chief Observer, while his wife and twelve year old son are among his loyal supporters.

POST WAR MUSEUM

MACON, GA.—As a means of keeping up interest in their work, members of the Macon post have set up a War Museum near their post and have on display guns and other relics from nine wars in which Americans have participated. John F. McCarthy is Chief Observer, and S. H. Hightower is his assistant. Many of the observers are veterans of World War I.

ATTENDANCE BOOST

ALBANY, N. Y.—Faced with too-frequent tardiness on the part of a few workers in the Information Center here, Mrs. Emily Warner, Volunteers' Operations Chief, initiated attendance competition among the various shifts, with a banner, donated by Major John C. Macarow, Regional Signal Officer, as the reward.

Mrs. Warner, long-time volunteer, is the daughter of former Governor Alfred E. Smith.

POST RAID SHELTER

MADISON, GA.—The Observation Post here boasts an air-raid shelter, the entrance only a few yards from the post. Owned by the Georgia State Highway Patrol, the shelter is of six-inch reinforced concrete.

Chief Observer—Mrs. George F. Shaw, aided by Miss Laura Baldwin.

HELP PILOT HOME

WESTFIELD, MASS.—Add the observers of the Observation Post here to the rapidly-growing list of volunteers who have been instrumental in saving the lives of Army pilots.

Observers on duty in extremely rough weather heard a plane circling aimlessly near the post. They called in a "Red Flash," the Army took over, and the pilot was guided to his home field.