

U. S. Needs Civil Defense

HOME FRONT PROTECTION IS UP TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

(This is the fifth of a series of articles on civil defense, based on the booklet "This Is Civil Defense" prepared by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. It may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for ten cents.)

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Civil defense is set up by Federal and State law. But no law will work unless you back it up with action. That's why, in the end, the responsibility for civil defense is yours.

If bombs from enemy planes ever fall on your city or community, they will not fall on an organization, or a system of government. They will fall on you and your family and friends.

A soldier is trained to take care of himself and to keep on fighting. As a defender of your home front, you must learn to protect yourself and keep on working. Despite every precaution, a soldier might be killed. So might you. But the more you know, and the better trained you are, the better your chances for survival.

To help you protect yourself, and to make the best use of your own special ability and skill in an emergency, is the whole idea of civil defense. If you give time and thought to that, then you will be able to save yourself and others if trouble comes.

It is not up to the Federal Government to run civil defense. The Federal Civil Defense Administration does the basic planning, gives technical information to the States, pays part of the cost of equipment and shelters, and provides some kinds of emergency supplies. The operation of civil defense begins at your State line.

It Is The Peoples' Job

It is the job of the States and Territories and their counties and cities to organize civil defense among their own people. They must build the machine and make it run. The person in charge in your State is the State Civil Defense Director. In your city it is the mayor, or your local Civil Defense

Director. He and his staff organize and direct civil defense. To do this they must find and train thousands of volunteer workers. Without your help, their efforts would be useless.

Civil defense is definitely not the responsibility of the Armed Forces. Their job is to fight by carrying the attack to the enemy. Their experts have worked with the Federal Civil Defense Administration to determine which areas are most likely to be attacked, what kinds of attacks to expect, and what to do about them. The Armed Forces have some definite civil defense jobs, such as making decisions on blackouts, dimouts, camouflage and radio silence.

Air Force On Job

The Air Force operates the radar screen and the ground observer system to know when its own fighter planes are needed to meet incoming bombers, and to warn civil defense officials of their approach. Once the warning has been given, the Air Force job for civil defense ends, and civil defense goes into operation. That is where you come in. That is where your training in civil defense will save lives—perhaps your life and the lives of your family.

(The next article will discuss what does civil defense do before an attack.)

Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Collman left Wednesday for Portland, where Doctor will attend a medical convention and is to address one of the meetings.

Jimmy Walden, USN, former student of Illinois Valley high school arrived home Saturday from his station at Whidby Island, Washington.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

BATHTUBS and GADGETS

SOME CYNICS SNEER AT AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AS A THING OF "BATHTUBS, CARS AND KITCHEN GADGETS."

BUT BATHTUBS MEAN CLEANLINESS —

CARS GIVE GREATER SCOPE TO LIVING —

KITCHEN GADGETS HAVE FREED HOUSEWIVES FROM DRUDGERY —

AND THE ENTERPRISE AND INVENTIVENESS THAT CREATE THESE "GADGETS" AND THE THRIFT THAT FINANCES AND EXPANDS THEIR MANUFACTURE HAVE THEIR ROOTS IN AN APPRECIATION OF THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE NEED FOR FREEDOM OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

The fifth party of the American Legion Auxiliary pinocle series will be held Saturday, March 8, in the Auxiliary room at the Legion hall. 3-46-ltc

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Galland were in Portland over the weekend visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jerry Bruce and family.

Mrs. Harold Crowl has been in bed for several weeks, caring for a bad leg. The length of her stay in bed is still indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mellow and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Baldwin and their son Tommy visited the R. J. Baldwins Sunday afternoon.

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