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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VILLAGE BLACKOUT

Between 7:30 and 9:30 P. M.

To All Operators of Signals: This is a test blackout, and in order to definitely find out the value of the various signals it will be necessary to try out each signal separately, and in a series, with an interval between each kind of signal and if the instructions listed below are carefully carried out, good results will be obtained.

The blackout will cover a period of 15 minutes sometime between the above mentioned time, and the first signal will be given by the air whistle sounded at the court house.

First Signal—Air Whistle 5 seconds on—3 seconds off; 5 seconds on—3 seconds off; 5 seconds on.

Second Signal—Fire Siren This signal is to be started 5 seconds after the last air whistle signal has started to blow. The fire siren signal will be:

15 seconds on—5 off; 15 seconds on—5 off; 15 seconds on—5 off; 15 seconds on—5 off; 15 seconds on.

Third Signal—Air Bombs This signal is to start 5 seconds after the last or third fire siren signal. This signal will consist of a series of 6 aerial bombs, and will be timed in a series of 3, as the speed in firing them will permit.

Fourth Signal—Steam Whistles These are to be sounded 5 seconds after the last aerial bomb and are to be sounded as follows:

5 seconds on—3 seconds off; 5 seconds on—3 seconds off; 5 seconds on—3 seconds off; 5 seconds on—3 seconds off; 5 seconds on.

Whistles to be sounded together. Fourth Signal—Steam Whistles All church bells will be sounded 5 seconds after the last or fifth steam whistle signal and to be run for 1 minute as fast as possible considering with good judgment of the use of the bells.

Owing to the fact that the air bombs are a new experiment, it may be decided to use more of these during the period of the blackout, but if any are fired, it is in no case to be considered as an ALL CLEAR signal.

ALL CLEAR—This signal is to be a continuous sounding of the alarms for a period of 2 minutes at the close of the blackout period, and the signal for ALL CLEAR will be the air whistle and as soon as that signal is heard, the fire sirens, steam whistles and church bells will take up the sounding of the ALL CLEAR signals for a period of 2 minutes.

Signed GERALD C. SMITH, County Police Chief. WESLEY TERRILLION, Section Blackout Warden.

ROYAL B. SMITH, 60, DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Royal B. Smith, 60, died at the Lewis County General hospital this morning at 9:30 where he had been a patient for the past few days, of heart disease.

He was born in the house where he had always resided in Clinton street, April 4, 1881, a son of George and Mary Burke Smith. He was a land surveyor and engineer. On April 4, 1928, he was married to Miss Nina Cratsenberg.

She survives with one daughter, Mary Ione, a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Marshall, St. Petersburg, Fla., and a niece, Mrs. L. J. Tooner, Schenectady.

The body was taken to the Virkler funeral home where friends may call on Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening.

Funeral services will be held from the funeral home Sunday at 2, Rev. A. B. Corbin, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Port Leyden Man Dies

Richard Willis, 79, died at his home in this village this morning at 6:45. Death was attributed to a complication of diseases. Mr. Willis had been a cripple for about 40 years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Field funeral home. Rev. Robert B. Hall, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will officiate. The body will be placed in the vault to await burial in the spring in Port Leyden cemetery.

Mr. Willis was born in Oswego on Nov. 22, 1862, a son of Alfred and Elizabeth McCabe Willis. He had been a resident of Port Leyden for 35 years.

HOW RED CROSS DOLLARS ARE WORKING

More than 500,000 Philippine refugees all over the islands are being cared for by the Red Cross at the present time. The Philippine resident commissioner in Washington has paid a glowing tribute to the wonderful work which has been done among evacuated civilians.

When the Philippines were attacked the Red Cross was able to give immediate medical help, emergency aid and evacuation assistance to the civilian population. Preparations had been made for any eventuality in the Philippines some months in advance of hostilities. Medical supplies and first aid equipment were shipped from the United States and 10 Red Cross first aid stations of 50 beds each were ready to operate.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAR RELIEF FUND

J. M. Russum, chairman, reports additional Red Cross contributions.

District 4, Lowville

Darwin Archer, Jesse Archer, Roy Archer, Roland Alexander, Wesley Alexander, C. Bion Arthur, Mrs. Ella Baker, Walter Bandyck, Norman East, M. T. Beck, Mrs. Walter L. Bennett, Abel Boshart, W. E. Boshart, Frank Bowman, H. Carl Brown, Mrs. C. L. Carter, Rena Carter, Current Topics Club, Mrs. Hugh Darring, Amos Dening, Kent R. Dening, Mrs. F. M. DeWolfe, Mrs. Wm. Jones, East Lowville Home Bureau, W. S. Elliott, Wm. Flannagan, Helen Foote, M. W. Foote, Wm. Grulich, Edwin Gueppe, Mrs. Powers Hagan, N. Harmyck, A. J. Hausauer, W. G. Houghton, Mrs. Harry Hurd, George Jeffers, Vincent Jones, Frank Keib, F. J. Kelly, James Kelly, George Lawrence, F. J. Virkler, Lowville Chapter D.A.R., Floyd Manzer, Jay Marshall, Vincent Martzloff, Mike Matusczak, Daniel McGrath, Evelyn McGrath, Mabel Milks, M. M. Mott, Brown Niezbytowski, Russell Peebles, L. Powlin, Arthur Quilty, Cy Reed, Mrs. Stella Reed, Mrs. Charles Rittis, Edward Rittis, W. B. Roberts, Rogers & Williams Oil Co., Ernest Rook, Gerald Rook, Stanton Rowsum, J. Siemenowicz, F. E. Smith, Margaret Locklin, G. Aubrey Smith, Mrs. Florence Snyder, Mrs. Tisse Solak, Roy Stanton, Twentieth Century Club, Mrs. J. Waligora, Mrs. Donald Ward, Mrs. E. Wiecezrak, Mrs. Lee Yorke, Allen's Drug Store, Minnie Bardo, N. C. Bateman, Mrs. Frank Bintz, Carmel C. Boshart, Aloysius Burkhardt, Louis C. Bush, Major B. C. Clark, George R. Cook, G. Crouse, Gertrude Dekin, Lena Feisthamel, Clarence Ford, Mrs. D. B. Galvin, Mary Galvin, Mrs. William Hiltz, Doris Jenkins, Mrs. Sherman Jones, Jean Kelly, Lawrence Klosner, Lewis County General Hospital Nurses, Marie Loson, Thomas A. Lynch, M.D., Sid Lyndaker, Roy Menard, Edgar S. K. Merrell, James M. O'Connor, Mrs. Emma Peake, Ladies Aid Society Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church S.S., Christina Schraub, Nina Searis, Joe Strife, Harold B. Sweet, Mrs. Edward Thompson, Floyd C. Virkler, Reba Yandean.

Loan Funds Available to Farmers

Loan funds for the purchase or production of feed for livestock and for general crop production purposes in 1942 are now available to dairymen and farmers, according to C. Bert Smith, field supervisor of emergency crop and feed loans for the United States department of agriculture.

"Applications may be made for loans ranging from \$10.00 to \$400.00 to one borrower at an annual interest rate of 4 per cent on the amount of the advance from the date the advance is made."

Mr. Smith also stated that it requires about one to two weeks to deliver the loan check to the borrower after the application is filed and approved.

For the purpose of filling out applications and explaining all details to those who desire to apply now, Mr. Smith will be at the county agricultural agent's office, postoffice building, Lowville, on Thursday, Jan. 23.

"The 1942 loan program has been advanced to assist farmers and dairymen to secure or contract for their feed and other supplies now as it is not unlikely that shortages in certain lines may develop next spring," Mr. Smith said. The funds and services of the emergency crop and feed loan office are available to those who are assisting and cooperating in the "Food for Defense" program, according to Mr. Smith.

Trust Co. Elects Officers

The Lewis County Trust company reelected the following slate of officers on Wednesday: Brayton B. Johnson, G. H. P. Gould, directors; W. J. Milligan, treasurer; B. B. Johnson, vice president and secretary; F. B. Pfister, vice president; E. Estelle Jones, assistant secretary; Catherine Yuhans, is the assistant trust officer.

Visits in Lowville

Corporal William Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas, Pine Camp, formerly of Lowville, now stationed at Camp Croft, Va., has been a guest of Lowville friends.



PLANS COMPLETED FOR CITY EVACUEES

Plans for the evacuation of women, children, invalids and the aged from New York City and other industrial areas in the state, to rural counties, if and when necessary, are nearing completion with housing surveys of the counties being made by the women's division of Volunteer Participation of Lewis County.

Volunteer workers in the counties to which evacuees would be taken, are making a house to house canvass under the direction of county survey supervisors to obtain detailed information concerning each dwelling. This includes the number of evacuees who could be accommodated, location, size and condition of the building, heating arrangements, sanitary conditions, school facilities and whether additional help, bedding or kitchen utensils will be required.

Coverage of so vast a rural area is one of the most difficult tasks the defense councils have been called on to perform. The information has to be accurate and complete and it has to be obtained quickly. Volunteer groups working with the local councils have responded with alacrity.

HELP WANTED

To Fill \$10,000 Quota for Red Cross

The report of J. M. Russum, county chairman, given below, shows that contributions have been received amounting to \$6,780.02. He is appealing for more gifts to make up the deficit. He believes there are many in the county who have not been canvassed because of the weather and road conditions. If anyone has been missed or wishes to increase their contributions, they are urged to contact a district chairman or J. M. Russum, campaign chairman in Lowville.

Table with columns for District No. and Amount. District No. 1: \$246.75; District No. 2: 3,039.09; District No. 3: 261.50; District No. 4: 2,068.95; District No. 5: 1,120.88; District No. 6: 43.05. Total: \$6,780.02

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CHURCH LEAGUE BOWLING SCORES, WEEK ENDING JAN. 15

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct., Tot. Pins, Avg. Individual Standings: Player, Team, Games, High Game, Total Pins, Avg.

Summary table for bowling scores: Team high three games, Team second high three games, Individual high three games, Individual high game, Individual second high game.

Summary table for bowling scores: GLENFIELD, BAPTIST, WIDMEYER, JACKSON, G. SALMON, SALSBERG, CROUSE.

Summary table for bowling scores: METHERIDIST, TRINITY, ST. PETERS NO. 1, ST. PETERS NO. 2, LYNCH, N. WOOLSLAGER, DUFO, LYNCH.

At Albany Conference: Glenn A. ... Pine Grove Church Notices: 10:30 a. m., New Bremen. 2:30 p. m., Watson. Pine Grove, 7:30 p. m. St. Hedwig's Church Houseville. Fr. Herman Korzuch, O.M.C., Pastor. Fr. Ethren Andracka, O.M.C., Assistant Pastor. Masses at 9 and 11 a. m. Confessions before Mass. St. Mary's Church, Glenside, N. Y. Rev. La Porte, Pastor. Masses at 10:15 a. m. Grace, 9 a. m.

A Week of the War

The president established a war production board headed by Donald M. Nelson, former mail order firm executive and more recently executive director of SPAB and priorities director. The president directed Mr. Nelson to "exercise general direction over the war procurement and production program," to supervise the OPM and issue production and procurement directives where necessary to all other government agencies. The president said Mr. Nelson's decisions shall be final. Vice President Wallace and other members of the SPAB, now abolished, were made members of the war production board.

In letters to OPM Directors Knudsen and Hillman and other production officials, Mr. Nelson said "we must enlarge all our previous activities... must produce 24 hours a day, 168 hours a week." OPM Director Hillman, speaking in Washington, said the nation's force of workers in war industries must be doubled or tripled, more women must be trained and brought into the labor force to take the place of men going into the armed services. He asked employers not to bar aliens in war industries except in plants turning out secret weapons.

Director Odium of the OPM contract distribution division said a plan has been prepared to set aside 1 per cent of all available materials to assist small manufacturers in keeping their plants going until they can be converted to war use. He said the nation's entire production facilities—all of those "hidden away in thousands of cities and towns and villages"—must join in the total war effort. He asked all mayors to have every manufacturer in their cities register at the nearest OPM contract distribution division office and to "go after war contracts with every ounce of ingenuity and energy they possess."

The War Front

The navy department reported the sinking of five enemy vessels in Far Eastern waters—three transports and two large cargo ships. The announcement brought to 25 the total of Japanese vessels reported definitely sunk by the navy and marine corps in the Pacific. The navy also announced two allied merchant vessels were attacked by Axis submarines off Long Island. Throughout the week General MacArthur reported heavy land and air fighting in the Philippines but said American and Philippine troops were putting up effective resistance and U. S. losses were low.

Army

War Secretary Stimson announced the army will be increased from the present total of 1,700,000 men to 3,600,000 men this year. Combat air units and armored units will be doubled; 32 motorized divisions will be added, and at least 50 more military police units for guarding production facilities will be created. Instead of the originally scheduled 10,000, more than 90,000 privates will be selected to attend officer-training schools. All training centers and posts will be enlarged and five temporary tent camps will be set up. To make 2,000,000 more men eligible, the army will lower age limits for aviation cadets from 20 to 18 years, make married men eligible, and change educational qualifications by eliminating college requirements.

Selective Service Director Hershey said the army increase could be accomplished without calling up men with dependents. He said there are now 1,000,000 men in class 1-A but not yet called, and 900,000 more men can be obtained by reclassification of other men and from those men who will register Feb. 16. He said deferment cases would be re-examined but deferments will continue to be given where possible to avoid undue disruption of family life. He said married men will not be called until an army of 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 has been built. He estimated 10,000,000 is the top number of men the U. S. could mobilize for service even with lowered physical standards.

Labor Disputes

The president abolished the national defense mediation board and established a national war labor board with NDMB Chairman Davis as chairman. Four commissioners will represent the public, four will represent employes and four industry. The new board has wider authority than the old board and can arbitrate or mediate disputes as it sees fit except that it cannot disregard existing labor legislation. The maritime war emergency board established war bonuses for sailors on merchant ships.

Autos

The OPA announced auto rationing would begin Feb. 2 in the same manner as tire rationing. Of the 202,000 cars in the industry quota for January, about 150,000 cars will be stored with dealers who promise not to sell without permission—probably not to be granted before January, 1943—and then only at OPA established prices.

OPA issued a schedule of prices for "retreadable" tire carcasses and "retreads" and forecast a ceiling over all used tires "in the very near future." Federal Loan Administrator Jones announced plans to increase synthetic rubber production capacity to 400,000 tons by pooling of resources and skills of the rubber and oil industries if priorities can be obtained on steel needed to erect plants. OPA Administrator Henderson said tire rationing would probably not be affected because of increasing military needs for rubber.

Censorship Director Price, after consultation with newspaper, magazine and periodical editors, announced a code of conduct which publications were asked to follow in handling information in order to prevent information of a military nature reaching the enemy. Prohibited, unless officially released, are most details of military, naval or industrial establishments, casualty lists, damages to war facilities, movements of troops and ships, weather reports except of certain types, and movements of the president or of official military or diplomatic missions.

Agriculture Secretary Wickard said goals have been revised to call for the greatest agricultural production in U. S. history, with particular emphasis on the production of oil-bearing crops such as peanuts and soy beans. The corn goal was stepped up by five million acres in order that there be feed supplies to continue expansion of meat, dairy and poultry production. Dry edible bean and dry pea production increases were called for. An additional five million bushels of rice was asked and provision made for an increase over 1941 or more than 18 million cases of canned fruits and vegetables.

Civilian Defense

The OCD announced 3,516,000 volunteers have enrolled in the various civilian defense services, including 1,423,755 assigned to training or duty in the protective services. The office also announced a Victory Garden program under which all families in any community can jointly till community gardens, use the produce themselves and give the surplus to schools and institutions.

Surgeon General Payton in the U. C. Conference of Mayors in Washington "the enemy has planned and in my opinion will use bacteriological warfare whenever possible." He asked the mayors to begin at once to take every possible precaution.

Conservation

The OPM bureau of industrial conservation opened a program to mobilize the nation's 1,700,000 retail stores in a continuous drive to salvage materials—waste paper, scrap metal, old rags, rubber—needed to produce weapons for the fighting forces. Signers will display window emblems signifying their part in the "Salvage for Victory" program. The shopping public was asked to help conserve tires, trucks, and paper by carrying home bundles instead of depending on delivery service. Consumers of natural gas in nine states, mostly in the middle west, were asked to cut consumption as much as possible.

RECEIVE NEW TIRES

The Lewis County Rationing Board has issued certificates permitting the purchase of tires and tubes to the following eligible persons: Otto K. Wasmuth, Sharpe street, rural mail carrier; Sidney S. Lyndecker, agent for the American Railway Express; Charles Petrie, street commissioner; P. J. Fogarty, for hauling pulpwood and fuel; Harold Sweeney, for hauling logs, and Michael Matusczak, Lowville farmer.

This list is to and including Friday, Jan. 16. Tires and tubes for which certificates have been issued, may be purchased from any dealer or mail order house.

Clinic at Port Leyden

A chest clinic will be held in Port Leyden on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the school. The clinic will be from 1 to 4 p. m. The clinic physicians will be from the Homer Folkes Tuberculosis Hospital, Oneonta. Patients are admitted to these clinics upon presentation of an admission card from the attending physician.