

Weekly War Diary for 1940

Extracted from the Wilts and Gloucester Standard by Peter Grace

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Agriculture /Food Supplies

Gloucestershire County Council [GCC]

Panel of Part Time Rabbit Trappers

Applications are invited from fully qualified rabbit trappers to be placed on the County Panel for recommendation to occupiers of rabbit infested premises who require their services.

Remuneration will be paid by the occupiers who employ them. Applications stating age and qualifications accompanied by 2 testimonials or references to be sent to me not later than 20th January 1940.

Richard L Moon Clerk to the GCC, Shire Hall Gloucester.

Advert

Entertainment / Dances

Corn Hall

Dance to Harry Smith's Band. Dancelands brightest dances with brilliant all star bands.

Every Saturday 7.30pm to 11pm admission 1/3d

Comrades of the RAF

Cirencester Branch

Programme for January 1940

HQ Foresters Arms Queen Street

Extraordinary General Meeting Wednesday January 10th 7.30pm - Agenda Election of Committee Members. Smoking Concert Saturday January 20th 7.30pm. Social Evening Wednesday January 24th 7.30pm. Members are invited to bring friends to the Smoking Concert : Attention is directed to rule 6 re subscriptions.

Weekly Dances in the Church Hall recommence tonight Friday 5th January 7.30pm to 11pm

Advert

Christmas / Retail / National Savings

Advert Bailey Bros

2,762 Customers on Christmas Eve.

That was the actual number of customers served in our store on Christmas Eve our record for a single day. How many we served during the Christmas bazaar we have not been able to compute – but they seemed as numberless as the stars in the Milky Way. We are grateful to everyone for their tolerance in this difficult time. In 1940 we shall continue to supply everything to wear and everything for the home under one roof on the same principles as before. In the days before us our resources and buying facilities should prove to the greatest value to our patrons..... For we shall use them to maintain this firms policy of London's lowest prices always. SAVE for Victory of course but also a little for those things you will need in the meantime. That's just common sense. And the best way is by The Ace of Clubs. You'll find the "Bank" in our corridor.

Bailey Bros. Cricklade Street, Cirencester Phone 266

Transport

Trains in Wartime

Always use the ABC guide it contains the latest train services. January issue is now on sale price 2/- Give your newsagent a regular order to avoid delay. Report any difficulties the publisher 141 Fetter Lane London EC4

Advert

Casualties / Assurance

War and Life Insurance

Death from war injuries on active service or not can be covered by additional premium payments

according to the merits of the case. Write, phone or call on E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers

Cirencester phone 308

Agriculture / National Service / Women's Land Army [WLA]

Chit Chat Column (not verbatim)

The Army and Farmers.

Farmers wishing to retain young key workers should apply to the County War Agricultural Executive

Committee for form NS 100A to be filled in and returned by next Monday week.

Applications only in respect of men who have registered but have not yet been called up.

Men between the ages of 20 and 27 years are liable to call up. Agriculture is almost a completely reserved occupation but any of military fitness complete exemption is out of the question. There may be a postponement of 6 months where the young man is essential to the farm and no substitute can be found. Therefore farmers who apply must still look for substitute labour.

There has been some reluctance to use alternative sources of labour on farms e.g. the WLA.

The

difficulty is that they have limited skills. It is possible that young men will be released to agriculture,

those who leave school at 18 before they are liable for military service.

Christmas / Entertainment / Evacuation

Kemble

Pantomime Trip

Sunday School children, day school children, evacuees, parents and friends numbering well over 100

paid a visit to the Empire Theatre Swindon on December 27th to see the afternoon performance of

Cinderella. The trip was arranged by the village Social Committee.

National Savings

Large Advert

Have you formed a National Savings Group yet?

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 8

Domestic situations vacant 23

Advert

Agriculture /Retail

Aubrey Rees wishes customers a Happy New Year saying difficulties in supply will doubtless occur so please place orders and enquiries now.

Military / National Service /Rotary

Orders for the Week

Au Revoir

The best wishes of Cirencester Rotary Club were offered to Rotarian Eric Cole at the Tuesday meeting by President Leonard Jones. Reference to Mr Cole's temporary departure from the town appears below.

Councillor accepts Commission

We learn that Councillor Eric Cole FRIBA has accepted a Commission in the Royal Engineers and will leave Cirencester to take up his duties at once. In Mr Cole's absence on military duties the business of Eric Cole and partners will be carried on in the care of Eric Hill who has been associated with Mr Cole for the past two years. Mr Hill in this time has become well known in Cirencester particularly with the Drama Club and next week is marrying Miss Dorothy Kitley at Newport.

Christmas/ Temperance Movement

Good Templars

On Saturday members of the Newcombe Memorial Juvenile Temple met at the Temperance Hall where in place of the usual tea which was abandoned because of the Blackout, each member received a present.

Medical

Death Announcement

Death announcement of Dr HFW Adams the former Medical Officer of Health [MOH] who died last Sunday aged 56. He lived at Hill Cottage Perrotts Brook.

Crime / Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Magistrates imposed fines of 5/- on motorists who pleaded ignorance of leaving a vehicle otherwise than on the near side of the road during the hours of darkness. This new regulation came in force on 1st December. The defendants were David Edwards and Frederick Francis Smith of Cirencester Private John Michael Clark of RGH Frederick Beasley of Cirencester and Peter Elliott of the RAF. The latter was also fined 5/- for no front light showing on his vehicle.

Lighting offences :-

Joseph Donald Cole of Siddington 5/- fine for having a car with no lights. James Peter Caplin Prialex Rabon a soldier of Aldbourne 10/- for a similar offence. William Ayton of Siddington Road, no front on bicycle fined 10/- also 10/- for no rear light. Charles Edward Pike of London Road for a similar offence fined 5/- For no rear light Bernard Cook was fined 5/-.

Thomas Low aged 17 admitted an assault on Audrey Florence Ockwell on the night of December 15th in the Black-out in Somerford Road. He was bound over for 2years under the supervision of a Probation Officer and is to receive treatment.

Blackout

Round About the Countryside by Ralph Arnold

A long article on the Black-out includes the following points:- even a small light can illuminate a lot, countrymen are used to creeping about in the dark; town people are appreciating the stars for the first time; street accidents are common e.g. a dog walking to heel suddenly chasing a cat and knocking down an elderly pedestrian. There have been numerous household accidents with people moving around in the darkness rather than risk showing a light. Still it will make us appreciate the long Summer evenings.

National Savings

Since the National Savings new campaign was launched £1,500,000 has been saved every day.

ARP

Voluntary Cars

Gloucestershire Emergency Committee agreed to pay insurance on volunteer's cars and ½ d a mile while on duty. The estimated number of cars required is Controllers 25, Heads of Services 75, Officers in charge of depots 30, Wardens 100, WVS 20.

Rationing / Food Supplies

Ministry of Food

Register Now for Meat

You must register now to enable the Ministry of Food to distribute meat fairly to the shops throughout the country and assure you of your fair share when rationing begins.

What you have to do.

Put your name and address on the counterfoil at bottom of the meat page of the Ration Book NOW.

Write on the inside front cover of your Ration Book, the name and address of your butcher. Take your Ration Book to your butcher and let him write his name and address on the meat counterfoil and cut it out.

If you move to another district take your Ration Book to the local Food Office in the new district.

The numbered coupons must not be cut out yet. This will be done by the butcher when you do your shopping after meat rationing begins.

If you have registered before Christmas this registration was unauthorised. You may let it stand and it will be effective. Or if you wish you may register now with another butcher by recovering the counterfoil from the butcher who holds it and taking it to the butcher you now choose. You are free to use any butcher. You must register not later than Monday 8th January.

Evacuation / Christmas / Entertainment

Entertaining Evacuees

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir – It has occurred to me that during this Christmas season much might be done by simple hospitality by entertaining small groups of evacuees two or three or more if there is room in your house. I entertained three in my home on Boxing Day and found it was greatly appreciated. I have discussed this with several since one of whom suggested I should write this letter.

Edith M Andrews 88 Victoria Road

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Advert

Retail / Supplies

Advert for Bailey Bros

Bailey's advert includes "Prices are going up!" rapidly but at Bailey Bros they are still at pre-war prices.

Advert

Casualties / Assurance

War and Life Insurance

Death from war injuries on active service or not can be covered by additional premium payments according to the merits of the case. Write, phone or call on E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert

Retail / Make do and Mend

Wools

Keep the Wool Flag Flying

Hand made garments are cheapest and most comfortable . Godwin's The Old Wool Shop 20 Cricklade Street

Politics

Chit Chat Column

Chit Chat reports on government changes made by Mr Chamberlain with the movement of Mr Hore –Belisha from the War Office and the appointment of Sir John Reith to the Ministry of Information.

Refugees / Relief

Polish Relief Fund Appeal (not verbatim)

Letter to the Editor

A Committee has been set up in Gloucestershire to support the work of the Polish Relief Fund. 100,000 Polish refugees are now in Rumania and Hungary. Despite help from their hosts their plight is terrible. Few have bedding and only Summer clothes in which they escaped..

Chairman Sir Frederick Cripps Local Depot for packing and posting – Municipal Offices Gosditch Street.

Sport

Cirencester Gardener's Cricket Club

A the 20th Annual Dinner of Cirencester Gardener's Cricket Club held at Viner's Restaurant last Saturday night. It was hoped that in spite of the war cricket might continue in Cirencester. Mr E A Jefferies Chairman – Speakers included Mr Ralph Arnold and Mr A G Tenty

Agriculture / Food Supplies

Ministry of Food

Urgent Notice to Farmers

On and after 15th January the Ministry of Food becomes the sole buyer at fixed published prices of all fatstock (including pigs) for slaughter. Farmers thus have a guaranteed market, but it is conditional on giving due notice of their intention to send stock to the markets or to the bacon factories. The following dates are important.

Notification of fatstock for slaughter must be made to the District Chairman of the Auctioneers or to the Area Pig Allocation Officer as follows.

Week commencing January 15th

To assist farmers as far as possible at the commencement of the scheme the Ministry will be prepared to purchase fatstock and pigs for slaughter during this first week even although notification had not been given by January 3rd. Notification nevertheless should be given as quickly as possible.

Week commencing January 22nd.

Notification of entry during this week must be received no later than Wednesday January 17th. For this and the preceding weeks only farmers are thus allowed the privilege of giving less than the 12 days notice normally required.

Week commencing January 29th

Here the full 12 days notice must be given. Notification must thus be made at the same time as for the week before i.e. by January 17th but on separate forms. By each subsequent Wednesday notification should be sent of stock to be offered during the week commencing 12 days later. Entry forms can be obtained from the Collecting Centre or Area Pig Allocation Officer.

*As from January 22nd no fatstock or pigs will be accepted at collecting centres and no pigs will be accepted at bacon factories which have not been entered in accordance with the instructions given above.

Medical / Black-out

Have you got "Black-out Eyes?"

For a few years prior to the war a national campaign was running with the slogan "Better Light Better Sight". The optical authorities gave it moral support because they felt it to be justified. They know that we must have light in order to see, they know too that poor light is almost as bad as no light at all. Now whether we like it or not we are against the fact that when the sun goes down we have to grope about in darkness broken only by irritating flashes from torches, traffic lights and motorcars. To put it mildly - the Blackout has set us back a pace. There is no doubt that the present lighting restrictions can cause eye-strain unless we take precautions. So here are a few hints and "reasons why" which will be useful to you. Don't go straight from a lighted room into the Blackout. Stand for a few minutes in a darkened hall. Here is why the rule is made. A highly sensitive part of the internal mechanism of the eye is the "retina". This consists of tiny nerves whose function is to transmit to the brain the impulses of light, colour and detail which pass on to it from the pupil. When you are in a lighted place a glare protecting pigment covers the nerves of the retina - when you go into the dark the pigment ebbs away - slowly. Sometimes it takes 15 minutes even to see reasonably in the dark. Hence many are practically blind when they first go out. Don't look for details in the darkness. This means strain even for very good eyes. The strain may not be immediately apparent but may be put down to neuralgia or common headache. Don't look directly at light. Sometimes it is good to close one eye when passing lights, it lessens the feeling of blindness. Don't read in reduced light especially if you wear glasses especially if you wear glasses. Most people over 45 suffer from presbyopia - the complaint which makes one hold a newspaper further and further away from the eyes. Often a presbyope finds the sight improves under good light and the opposite in bad light. Don't forget to have an examination you may become irritable and touchy. Often eyestrain can play havoc with the nerves.

RAF / Welfare

The RAF Family allowance offices have moved from Ibex House, Minorities, London to Tetbury Gloucestershire, enquiries to Director of Accounts, Air Ministry (Dept J J Tetbury Glos)

Classified Ad

Safeguard poultry

Safeguard poultry Britain needs them! Moping hens, geese, turkeys – liver trouble, worms etc cured in 24 hours with Johnson's Reviving Tonic 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/-. Smith's, also Huck's Corn Stores Cirencester.

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 6

Domestic situations vacant 28

Agricultural Notes

Includes "Kill those pigeons. Shooting is the only answer."

Police Service / Special Constabulary

A Thousand Specials on Duty Nightly

Long article including:- between 800 and 1,000 Special Constables are on duty in Gloucestershire every night between 6pm and midnight. In addition such is the keenness volunteers have offered for "Dark Hour Patrols" carried out by motor patrol on certain days between midnight and daylight. The facts were revealed by Chief Constable Colonel WF Henn at Tuesday's meeting of the Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee. The force was not to be drafted into a regular force but to create a separate auxiliary force some 3,000 strong. The County was divided into 11 divisions under Special Superintendents with the necessary inspectors, sergeants and head Special Constables. Training was done by regulars. The strength was about 3,400, 2,500 since September. For the first weeks of war Special Constables engaged in guarding certain vulnerable points. They were now settling in to the normal role of auxiliary police. Beat duty is important especially in the Blackout for enforcing lighting regulations preventing crime. In smaller stations telephone manning was a useful service. Prosecutions had been carried out on 286 occasions by Special Constables on their own. Four Constables have been injured, two seriously. Three caused by collisions in the Blackout. It was reported that two had been awarded the Silver Braid for exceptional personal courage in rescuing people from a burning building in Coleford. One very important group was the mobile section under Lt Colonel J R Dent 146 strong. They could be anywhere in the county in 2 hours. To deal with clerical work a clerical section had been set up, the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps [WAPC] and another transport section of WAPC.

Rationing / Food Supplies

Grocers anticipating a large demand stocked up with bacon. Demand was not as expected leaving large surplus stocks in Manchester and some London Boroughs.

Crime / Black-out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Lights improperly screened

Ellis E F Gasson of Oxford was fined 10/- for side lights not being properly screened in Cirencester on December 17th prosecuting officer P C Smith.

Richard Mervyn Huck of Preston was fined 5/- for leaving his car on the wrong side of the road after dark in Castle Street. The Chairman warned that fines would increase as motorists should now know the new regulations.

Royal Navy / Welfare

Men of the Sea Want Woollies

Depot at the Picture House Cirencester

Gaumont British Picture Corporation Limited is to sponsor an appeal and organise the collection of warm woollen comforts for the Navy. The Picture House will become a depot working in connection with the depot for knitted articles for the Royal Navy 11a West Halkin Street SW1. The scheme is divided as follows (a) Donors who can buy wool and knit articles. (b) Those who can knit but not buy. (c) Those who can buy but not knit. Mr H B Walker the manager of the Picture House says that the present needs of the men are Balaclava helmets, gloves, scarves, mittens and pullovers. Mr Walker reminds the public of his own experience as a merchant seaman reminding them of the risks involved in just providing "breakfast bacon". "Don't wait until Summer to give the Navy your New Year's present do it now." Mr Walker has already received donations amounting to £1-16s for the purchase of wool.

Casualties / Black-out / Rationing

Sequel to South Cerney Man's Death

Mr Cecil Smith of South Cerney a 56 yrs old steam engine driver for the Gloucestershire County Council was in collision with a car on Cricklade Road on December 18th near Harnhill junction. He died of a fractured skull next day. It was early in the morning Blackout with drizzle. Witness said his lights were working. Charges of manslaughter against the car driver Henry William Norton were dismissed as no prima facie case had been made out. Mrs Smith said her husband had taken to riding his bicycle as preference to his motorcycle because of petrol rationing.

Military Welfare

Gifts received so far received for the Territorial Army guarding vulnerable points in Gloucestershire, through the agency of Col. Pardoe DSO Vice President of Gloucestershire Territorial Association.

Anonymous Books and jig saw puzzles, playing cards and lexicon. From Col Pardoe tennis rackets and balls, golf clubs and balls, cricket bats and games. From Mrs Pearce of Ashcroft Corinthian Bagatelle and jigsaws. From Miss Thornton playing cards, Lexicon and jigsaws. Miss L Burge of Stratton portable gramophone and records. From Mrs Ferriman of Victoria Road games and books. Mrs CC Herbert of Hazelton books. From Mrs D Barker of Bagendon games zither harp and jigsaws. From Messrs W H Smith and Son new books. From Miss Holland of Victoria Road books Mrs Todd of Dean farm Oaksey cards and other games and jigsaws. From Mrs Muddiman of Stratton books. Mrs Pettifer of Crudwell books. Mrs E Bliss of Elkstone games. Darts and a board were also received. Mrs Tibbles of Daglingworth sent 2/- in cash and Mr Surrige of the Bear Inn Cirencester gave the contents of the "Bear Cigarette Fund" box of 16/6½ d

Advert

Retail

Mitchell's

Wool - large quantities only very little above pre war prices.

Sport / Recreation

Cirencester and District Wartime Skittles League

Teams - Royal Oak Golden Cross The Swan The Bull The Crown The Queen's Head The Post Office

Country League – Bathurst Arms A&B The Bear A&B Daglingworth

Youth Work / Rotary

At the Cirencester Rotary Club Meeting on Tuesday evening Mr Thorp Bannister, Youth Liaison for the area spoke on the ways the Youth Services of the county had been coordinated assisted by the Government so that youth might grow up into the type of men and women the country needed. He asked Rotary to find out if Scouts and Guides and other organisations in Cirencester were successful. He pointed out that money was available to set up new schemes. Dr Grey said efforts had been made to resuscitate Boy Scout troops etc but people lacked “stickability” or tenacity in Cirencester. After the initial enthusiasm they languished. Mr Bannister suggested that changes in the programme more often might prevent falling off and sustain interest.

Black-out

Belisha’s Beacons

Spotlight Column

Spotlight notes that Mr Belisha retired at the end of last week at the same time that his beacons were being lifted in Cirencester. No one can say if there is a connection. Actually these orange globes are very tempting. They would make charming gold fish bowls or a baroque lamp shade. The first beacon was removed from outside the Midland Bank shortly before Mr Belisha was expelled. It was restored next day, but on Monday night two others were removed. These too I believe have been recovered. Colonel HC Elwes of the CRDC suggests that the beacons should be used for old iron. Observing that their inception was more due to the influence of the steel interest in the City and Government than any practical consideration. Col. Elwes calls the beacons positively dangerous in the Blackout. Let them retire to obscurity with their originator whose name they bear. He adds that most would agree that they are dangerous at night and they have never appeared to serve any useful purpose. Spotlight says that he supports Col Elwes. They should be removed and turned into bombs for the Germans.

Pacifism

Very long article in which “The Spotter” replies to a pacifist.

Evacuation / Military Welfare

Personal Services League [PSL] /WVS (not verbatim)

Letters to the Editor

The depot in conjunction with the WVS has continued to work for the evacuees in Cirencester as well as the Forces and refugees. Up until the end of December we have supplied 157 new and approximately 300 remade garments for the children. 19 overcoats and 43 pairs of boots and shoes have been bought from PSL funds. We have sent 100 garments to the aged poor in Barking, 190 garments to Save the Children (Polish) Fund. 3 Dozen to local infants and 1 dozen to SSAFA. 5 dozen maternity outfits to a home for evacuee mothers and infants and 1dozen pairs of worn leather gloves were sent to make into waistcoats for the BEF in France. With the money for wool donated 2 dozen pairs of mittens to the Gloucestershire Hussars, 31 comforts to the Army, 23 to the Navy and 4 to the RAF. Since December we have been working for Gloucestershire Comforts Fund and sent 10 pairs of mittens and socks away before Christmas. We have been given a certain amount of wool for the forces apart from that sent for the Glos. Comforts Fund and have a great deal of work in hand and are exceedingly grateful to the workers who are giving so much time. With so many calls on people’s purses one feels diffident to ask for more but if readers would send in a 1/- to Mrs Whitaker- Cantrell

Hon Sec. South Cerney House we would be grateful. We could then buy wool to knit up. We should also be glad of new or worn children's and grown up's clothing and shoes, discarded hand knitted jumpers and men's stockings and any old scraps of wool which we can knit into children's socks and gloves. We do not waste anything and would acknowledge everything gratefully. The depot is open Tuesday and Friday afternoons at Querns Lane House.

Renee Gillies Hon Sec. PSL

Royal Navy / Welfare

Men of the Sea Want Woollies

Depot at the Picture House Cirencester

Mr H B Walker writes re the Picture House as a woollens depot for the Navy

RAF / Propaganda

RAF Planes Terrific Dive

It is reported that a pilot flew a Spitfire in a dive at between 600 and 700mph then climbed at a rate of 400mph. He was flying at 23,000 ft. Lack of oxygen made him black out hence the dive. The airframe and engine have been sent for tests as important data may be obtained.

RAF / Propaganda

Progress of the Air War

A long article giving details of progress but as yet no reports of major air offensive by the Germans.

Rationing / Food Supplies

Ministry of Food - Reasons for Rationing

The war has meant re-planning of our food supplies. Half our meat and most of our bacon, butter and sugar come from overseas. Here are four reasons for rationing.

Rationing prevents waste of food. We must not ask our sailors to bring us unnecessary food cargoes at the risk of their lives.

Rationing increases our war effort. Our shipping carries food and armament in raw and finished state and other essential materials for home consumption and the export trade. To reduce our purchases of food abroad is to release ships for bringing us other imports. So we shall strengthen our war effort.

Rationing divides supplies equally. There will be ample supplies for our 44 ½ million people but we must divide them fairly, everyone being treated alike. No one must be left out.

Rationing prevents uncertainty. Your ration book assures your fair share. Rationing means there will be no uncertainty and no queues.

Your Ration Book is your passport to easy purchasing of bacon, ham, butter and sugar.

Propaganda

Long article on freedom of speech by L A G Strong entitled "The Propaganda Regulations"

20/1/40

Advert

Retail / Make do and Mend

Wools

Keep the Wool Flag Flying

Hand made garments are cheapest and most comfortable. Godwin's, The Old Wool Shop 20 Cricklade Street

Advert

Rationing

Motor Insurance

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.
E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Retail/ Food Supplies

Cirencester and District Bakers Association

Commencing Monday January 22nd the price of bread will be 8 ½ d per quarter loaf

Advert

Entertainment

Corn Hall Dance

Harry Smith's Band every Saturday night 7.30pm to 11pm tickets 1/3d

Entertainment / Cinemas / Military Welfare

The CUDC announce an application to the Secretary of State for cinemas to open on Sundays in view of the large number of H M Forces quartered in the neighbourhood.

Advert

Entertainment

Church Hall

Dance at the Church Hall Thursday February 1st 8pm to 1pm Alec Mattock and His Band proceeds to the BRCS. Tickets 3/6d single 6/- double including light refreshments. Bar facilities – Evening Dress Optional.

Advert

Retail

Bailey Bros Advert

Offers men's overcoats 19/11d pre war price also pre war prices on men's and ladies' wear and ladies' footwear also on furniture.

Pacifism

Round 2 of "The Spotter" and the pacifist.

Rationing / Propaganda

Chit Chat column

Chit Chat column notes that petrol rationing is necessary as 3 or 4 large tankers need to arrive at our shores each day to maintain the present levels but we are much better off than the Germans.

National Savings / Rationing

Hints on Wartime Spending and Saving

Here are three ships :-

This one is loaded with foodstuffs and necessaries.

This one is loaded with munitions.
This one is loaded with unnecessary goods

By limiting purchases of the goods in ship number (3) you leave more cargo space for the goods we need to win the war. Spend carefully then – buy what you must – but buy avoid spending on unnecessary things particularly good which come from abroad.

Results :-

You increase the shipping available for essentials.

You have more money to invest in National Savings Certificates and new Defence Bonds.
(small print outlines terms prices etc.)

Lend to Defend the Right to be Free

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 9

Domestic situations vacant 21

Crime / Black-out

Spotlight column

Unlawful Searchlight

E W G Bleaken of 272 South Mead Road Bristol was charged at Cirencester Police Court on Wednesday with driving a motor car with headlights unshielded. The policeman said “The light shone a beam for 500yards. The Inspector said “Defendant is a Private in the Searchlights” The Chairman said “The searchlight on his car will cost him 10/-.

So now you know - Spotter

Retail / Rationing

Good News

Back to Normal - Cooked ham available without coupons F R Barber Watermoor Dairy.

Sport / Recreation

In the report of Cirencester Golf Club AGM members are urged to do all they can to support the club in spite of the difficulties caused by the war.

Medical / Rationing

Cirencester memorial Hospital acknowledges the anonymous gift of 1 weeks butter ration.

Recreation

The Bathurst's lake, which is frozen over, is open to the public for skating in daylight hours.

Dig for Victory / Food Production

CUDC Assistance

The CUDC are backing the Ministry of Agriculture in the Dig for Victory campaign. The Council are offering to assist all who wish to acquire allotments. They already have several sites ready to plough and fence off. Intending “Allotmenters” should apply to the Municipal Offices for information and applications which will be dealt with at once. The Council also point to savings to be made by forming an Allotment Society which can buy cooperatively seeds, plants, manures and implements. The Society would then take over from the Council. The national Allotments Society of Drayton House, Gordon Square, London WC1 will give assistance in forming such Societies. Such a Society existed with benefit in Cirencester

during the Great War. The Council are also considering a scheme to assist in raising pigs and poultry. This will probably include the building of sties and the possible building of "battery" foul houses for intensive production of eggs. There will probably also be arrangements for the collection of waste food from households to supplement feeding stuffs. In this case valuable work might be done by a pig club.

Crime / Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Lighting Offences

No front light, William West of School Row Coates fined 10/- (PC Thorn brought the case)

No front light, William Freeman 19 School Land fined 10/- . He had told PC Thorn that he was

saving the batteries.

Percy Herbert Pooley fined £1 for having no front or rear light. He said "I can't get any batteries".

Albert Manning of London fined 10/- for failing to screen lights. He told PC Jefferies "It's a bit thick

if you report me for this."

Edward G Bleakin (See Spotlight Report above) PC Thorn said that his headlights were smeared over with a thin coat of paint.

Dig for Victory

CUDC Notice

Dig for Victory says the Ministry of Agriculture. Let this be the slogan of everyone with a garden, of

every able man and woman capable of digging an allotment in their spare time. In war we must make every effort. All the potatoes all the cabbages and all the other vegetables we can produce may be needed. That is why I appeal to you lovers of this great country of ours, to dig, to cultivate, to sow and to plant. Our fellow countrymen in the Forces abroad and at home are playing their part. I am confident that you, equally will do yours by producing the maximum food gardens and allotments.

RH Dorman-Smith.

Dig for Victory

CUDC Appeal to Cirencester Men

The Council have considered the urgent request of the Minister of Agriculture to assist in providing emergency allotments, and have decided to put their whole weight behind this particular effort to assist to win the war. I make a special appeal to the inhabitants of Cirencester to make theirs an effective contribution to this national effort. I am confident that, as on all occasions of national Emergency Cirencester will respond nobly to the Country's call.

A J Matthews Chairman of CUDC

(How to get a wartime allotment repeat of instructions given in separate report)

Food Production

CRDC Food Control Committee

Cottager's Pigs

Cottagers and others who keep a pig for their own use may be given a permit to slaughter that pig for use in the owner's household only. They will be asked to observe the rational quantities and to detach and cancel the appropriate coupons in their ration books. The

privilege will extend to pig clubs which provide more than one household and also farmers. In the case of farmers, the arrangement will permit the use of meat from other classes of controlled livestock, in their own household, and in those of employees for whom they normally provide food. Particulars as to the procedure for obtaining these permits may be obtained from me.

Signed – J A Hall, Food Executive Officer, RDC Offices 29 Gloucester Street Cirencester, Jan 18th 1940

Food Production

Grow More Food Notes

How to Use Natural Manures

A long article on how to obtain the best from your garden using various manures. It discusses the uses and preparation of the following :- farmyard manure, poultry manure, seaweed, bone meal and crushed bone, fish meal, meat meal, dried blood and horn, steamed bone flour.

Propaganda / Politics

Mr W I Croome spoke at length on aspects of the war to Cirencester and Tewksbury Conservative

Association at the Church hall on Wednesday. “Are the German people blameless?” was one aspect.

He thought not.

Entertainment / Evacuation / Youth Work

Kemble Youth Fellowship’s “High Class Variety” show included a London evacuee M Smart who fairly brought the house down with her tap dancing. The 3hour show commenced with the Siegfried Line sung by the Company.

Kitchen Front

WIs

Coln Hatherop and Quenington WI had a talk on Wartime Cooking by Mrs Cheales. She showed an ingenious hay-box cooker with a pot of hot porridge in it which had been there for several hours and

looked most appetising

Daglingworth WI - Mrs Chamberlagne gave a demonstration of rabbit cooking.

Crudwell – Mrs Reed judged the “dripping cake” competition.

Military Welfare

Letters to the Editor

The Duke of Beaufort writes on comforts for Gloucestershire’s serving men. He thanks those who have donated and asks if villages would organise dances, whist drives etc to support the fund. So far since November 14,000 woollen articles have been produced 5,000 issued.

27,000 articles need to be supplied altogether.

Retail Supplies /Black-out

Torch Batteries

Following correspondence on the excessive charging for batteries RF Lyne Chairman Local Price Regulation Committee SW Area Albion Chambers Bristol1 advises that complaints can be made to the above body who with the Board of Trade decide which goods should be price regulated to prevent excessive profits.

Medical / BRCS / Central Surgical Supply Depot Cirencester / Military

Letters to the editor

Violet Rycroft, Organiser an Hon Sec Whiteway Copse Cirencester writes that since September 18th 1939 the depot has made over 1,360 surgical dressings, bandages etc. Most have been given to Military and Naval hospitals and to Finland. Much is due to the kindness of Sir William and lady Marris lending rooms at Dollar House saving the expense of rent, light, heating etc. She thanks her workers saying that in all 1,450 articles have been produced including dressings for the BRCS who supplied their own materials. 27th January 1940

Pacifism

“The Spotter” and the pacifist. The final round.

Kitchen Front

Home Management Corner

Advert – Miss Switch of Wessex Electricity
Includes ideas for breakfast without bacon.

Medical / Casualties

Cirencester Chamber of Commerce

At their meeting at the Masonic hall, Cirencester Chamber of Commerce discussed the lack of a suitable ambulance in Cirencester. An accident to an employee of Mr Dennis Moss in Cirencester Park when the former fell and broke a leg pointed to the deficiencies of the old ambulance. Dr Gray, a member of the joint ambulance committee said they had been choosing a new ambulance but the outbreak of the war had frustrated this. As far as he knew ambulances were no longer being made.

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 4
Domestic situations vacant 21

Classified Ad

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Cinema / Entertainment

Regal Cinema – Gary Cooper in Beau Geste and Arf A Mo’ Hitler (u) 8pm only

Dig For Victory / Medical / ARP / Fire Service

CUDC Meeting

The Chairman reported a disappointing response to the Dig for Victory call. So far only 45 applications for allotments had been received.

The Chairman expressed his deep regret at the death of Dr Adams the MOH

Mr Newcombe proposed that Mr Cole should remain a councillor while serving the nation instead of the town.

It was revealed that the Fire Brigade needed more hose.

Fire Service reports were presented to the Council including :- Strength of the service 64 members of which 56 passed the efficiency test. There had been 50 fire drills and practices since January. Several of the practices were with the ARP under Colonel Pardoe the

Controller. Since September 3rd the station had been manned continuously by regulars and auxiliaries giving their time voluntarily. They had also carried out stand by duties at the Hospitals and Cinemas. They have received 2 Coventry Climax light trailer pumps and equipment. The authorities had pleasure in recommending 2nd Officer Skinley, Engineer Pinnock, Sub Engineer Caudle, Firemen Giles, Hill, Richens, Edwards, James, Evans, Wyndow and E Watts for appointment.

Medical / Evacuation / BRCS / Military Welfare

Orders For the Week

Scarlet fever – At Thursday's meeting of the CUDC Mr SA French stated that only one case of Scarlet fever had so far been reported among evacuees in the town.

The BRCS Working Party for the Navy, Army, Air Force and Finland had received the following in the last 2 weeks :- Mrs Mullings £5, Mrs Hanbury 5/-, Mrs Clapton (whist drive Stratton) £2-5s, Hon Mrs Biddulph (dance Rodmarton organised by Mrs Cox) £4-7s-6d, Rodmarton Whist Drive per Mrs Cox £5-6s total £19-12s grand total £36-15s. These donations have mainly been spent on wool particularly for garments for the Navy and Mine Sweepers.

Whist Drive – Countess Bathurst's Fund for Comforts for Gloucestershire Forces received between £5 and £6 as a result of a whist drive held in the Corn hall on Monday organised by Cirencester Women's Branch of the Divisional Unionists Association.

Christmas / Children's Party / Evacuation

Letters to the Editor

Mrs Chester Master writes to thank all who supported the Christmas Party in the regal Cinema. Special mention is made of the Cinema and the Wilts and Glos Standard for the free printing in connection with the party. After expenses £15 was sent to the evacuee clothing depot. One girl had brought back a shilling saying she had found two in her envelope. It speaks highly of the character of the guests if not for the accuracy of the staff.

WVS for CD

Kindly note that from Monday January 29th the WVS Office at 14 Dollar Street will close at 4.30pm instead of 6pm until further notice.

Patience Chester Master Chairman WVS Cirencester Town.

Advert

Retail / Rationing

Good News

Back to Normal - Cooked ham available without coupons F R Barber Watermoor Dairy.

Manufacture / Restrictions

Linen Substitute

Following restrictions on the manufacture of linen goods for the home market, Northern Ireland manufacturers are experimenting in the production of substitute material composed largely of rayon and cotton. It is reported by one factory has introduced a new suiting comprising of cotton, rayon, and hemp which has a finish approaching that of linen.

Crime / Black-out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Blackout Offences

Maurice Goad fined £2 for permitting a light to show from a skylight at Viner's Café January 6th. PC Smith said that Mr Goad and Miss Viner blamed the staff. The Manager of Bata 1 West Market Place was fined £3 for a similar offence on 6th of January (Inspector Newman brought the case) The heavier fine was because he did not appear in court. He arrived later and said that he had been delayed by business. The Bench would not reduce the fine. The Chairman Captain Fawcett said that "Black-out is more important than business. For an unscreened light on his bicycle in Castle Street Charles Tye of Norcotte Cottage was fined 10/-. Chedworth offence - Ruth Gore of Old Forge Chedworth was fined £1 for failing to obscure a light in her home. Two Special Constables gave evidence. SC A Bliss said that at 8pm he saw a bright light from the ground floor. He interviewed Mrs Gore who said she would deal with it immediately. Material like muslin was then used to cover the window. But for the undulating ground you would have seen the light for 2 miles. Mrs Gore said that the curtains were not muslin and had been approved by the Special Constable previously or she would have used heavier material. Special Constable Greenwood corroborated the evidence and said that Mrs Gore had been warned on three occasions. Mrs Gore said it was not more than twice. PC Hughes also gave evidence. Sydney Francis of 7 Council Houses Cirencester was fined 10/- for not having the front light of his bicycle properly screened on January 5th. PC Jefferies said he had a cigarette card pasted over the lamp. Thomas Rymer of Waiters Hill Fairford was fined 10/- for parking on the wrong side of the road in the Blackout in Victoria Road on January 8th.

Dig for Victory

CUDC Notice

Dig for Victory says the Ministry of Agriculture. Let this be the slogan of everyone with a garden, of every able man and woman capable of digging an allotment in their spare time. In war we must make every effort. All the potatoes all the cabbages and all the other vegetables we can produce may be needed. That is why I appeal to you lovers of this great country of ours, to dig, to cultivate, to sow and to plant. Our fellow countrymen in the Forces abroad and at home are playing their part. I am confident that you, equally will do yours by producing the maximum food gardens and allotments.

RH Dorman-Smith.

Advice

The Rev S Claude Tickell

Letters to the Editor

The Only Remedy

Sir – Humanity has had enough of these ghastly interruptions of human progress, yclept (misprint – suggest especially) wars, and calls for the relentless extermination of those human vermin the war- mongers.

S Claude Tickell Vicar Latton-cum-Eysey

Military Welfare / Censorship

Dart Boards Wanted

Private B Hatton writes on behalf of the other "lads" all readers of the Wilts and Glos Standard in an isolated part of this "Island" for donations of dart boards. An Editorial note (It is undesirable in the national interest to print Private Hatton's full address which would involve moving his unit and its situation. We will be pleased to pass on to him anything left at the office earmarked for him)

Propaganda

Letters to the Editor

Mr W I Croome corrects some expressions attributed to him in the report on his speech in Cirencester last week. Firstly I did not say that German people were cowards, nor do I dare to underestimate our enemies. Secondly at the close I referred to the Christian teaching as providing “a yard stick by which acts of any leader could be measured” and not as a hard stick with which he could be beaten”! The blame is doubtless due to my speaking too fast.

Medical / Rationing / Evacuation

Wartime Medical Services

Letters to the Editor

Sir- Influenza is rife and doctors much in demand. Economy in petrol is vital so following the fantastic situation which developed here this week it calls for some revision of the panel system. We house under this roof 120 evacuees and 1 doctor serves the lot, my husband and myself. In addition we have a private staff of 8 maids who are on the panel of 8 different doctors. The house is 7 miles from any medical man. So that the wastage of doctors time and petrol is obvious when all the panel patients are ill at once as recently. Domestic servant as a rule do not as a rule require anything more than common- sense medical advice. A ship only carries 1 doctor for 1,000 people. Why cannot we be rationed in doctors and revert in some measure to the old country practice – anyway while the war lasts. I dare not sign my name for fear of incurring the wrath of my own domestic staff and their medical attendants but I live SOMEWHERE IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE January 24th 1940.

Recreation / Fund Raising / BRCS/ Casualties

Moonlight Skating in the Park

Hundreds Try Prowess in freezing Temperature

Nearly £14 was raised for the Red Cross. With the temperature below freezing crowds gathered in Earl Bathurst’s Park to watch and take part in skating in the moonlight. £13 –15s was collected for the Red Cross. 1/- for skating 6d for looking on. On both nights the moon provided illumination. Tuesday night saw the largest crowd with £10 collected by the Men’s Detachment of the BRCS. 250 were present. Ice hockey was played as the Red Cross stood by in case of injury, but were not needed. The Blackout prevented carnival lights but subdued music was provided by loud speakers provided by FR Smith. On Wednesday there was a smaller crowd. For the past fortnight people around the district have donned their skates on suitable ponds. It is some years since the freeze has been so intense. A good deal has been done of Earl Bathurst’s lake with only two casualties. Bruises of course have been common. Mr George Jew of Siddington broke his leg playing ice hockey on Saturday. Members of the Red cross and St John’s Ambulance assisted and the ambulance took him to the Memorial Hospital. Night skating is still in progress and will continue tonight Friday 8pm to 11pm weather permitting.

Medical / Blackout

In an article “Don’t Rob Your Sight of Light” A Jackson Cox F.I.O. Chairman of the Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians of Great Britain warns not to cut down on indoor lighting because of the Blackout. This could be detrimental to your eyesight.

Military Welfare

Stratton and Baunton BEF Fund

A well attended meeting of the Stratton and Baunton BEF Fund was held at the HQ at the Plough Inn Stratton.

Dig for Victory / Food Production

Spotlight Column

Spotlight has another go at the lack of response to the Dig for Victory Campaign. The Council have a large plot of land at Chesterton waiting to be ploughed.

Evacuation / Religion

Ashton Keynes Sunday School Party in the Village Hall included evacuee children and mothers.

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Bailey Bros Advert (part of)

Retail

Dinky Toys will enable your boys to have their own Navy, Army and Air Force. The 300 models in the Dinky Toy range comprise perfectly ripping Battleships, Cruisers, Submarines and Destroyers, Light and Medium Tanks, Fairy battle Bombers and Gloucester Gladiators.

Advert

Retail / Make do and Mend

Wools

Keep the Wool Flag Flying

Hand made garments are cheapest and most comfortable. Godwin's, The Old Wool Shop 20 Cricklade Street

Advert for Mitchell's

Retail / Military Welfare

Send you knitted comforts for soldiers to O.C. Army Comforts Depot, St Mary's Butts, Reading

Buy your wools from Mitchell's - Fresh stocks of Good Wools constantly arriving at prices very little above pre-war.

Advert for Rimes

Retail / Agriculture

Scottish Seed Potatoes

A Rimes and Co of Stratton appeal for orders for Scottish seed potatoes as soon as possible as increased demand is due to increased acreage. This is also the case with seed corn.

Agriculture

Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee [GWAEC]

GWAEC appeal for firms to undertake mole drainage work.

Land Drainage Office, Shire Hall, Gloucester

Propaganda /Advice

Rev S Claude Tickell

Letters to the Editor

Hortis Humani Generis

Sir – If Germany were to win the war her allies would share the fate of her enemies. Surely Stalin and Mussolini know this.

Rev S Claude Tickell

Medical

Letters to the Editor

Re Complaint about the Ambulance by Dennis Moss in the Park Incident

J F Woodbridge of Victoria Road points out that the ambulance had two previous calls to deal with and the frozen nature of the bumpy ground near the lake would obviously give a bumpy ride.

BRCS / Medical

Moira Turner of Oakley Cottage Cirencester (collector for Cirencester) appeals on behalf of the BRCS and St John's Library for books for hospitals. Books will be for local hospitals and servicemen treated in local units. This saves transport costs. They can be given in at the BRCS Supply Depot over Boots Shop in the Market Place.

Christmas / Evacuation

Pupils of the Princeton Street LCC School Holborn evacuated to Fairford and Lechlade gave a dramatic performance in the Palmer Hall on Wednesday evening January 24th to a full house of foster parents and friends who had contributed to the Christmas festivities. There was an attractive programme of plays by the younger children directed by Mrs G D Sharman and Miss J Ironside and choral and dramatic works by upper juniors and seniors directed by Miss A D Smith LGSM (Eloc.). The items were Cock Robin, The Elves and the Shoemaker verse speaking – Sweet and Low – Wanderthirst, Overheard on Saltmarsh and the plays Prosperine and Nix Nought Nothing.

The children excelled in their colourful and dramatic renderings and much credit is due to those responsible for their training. At the close Head Mistress Miss A Beavan expressed her thanks saying that she was sure there were no happier evacuees. Mr Hedges the Head Master of Fairford congratulated the children and said that a good relationship existed between the evacuees and locals. Proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

RAF / Propaganda

Third Time Lucky

Third time lucky is a long article telling the story of an air battle. It includes the following :- economic activity during the lull in the air battle has allowed us to buy advanced U S aircraft. As we build up our strength it may deter the Germans. 16 MPs are now in the RAF. Report on a theatre being built by RAF men in their spare time. There is also a detailed description of the new JU88 German bomber and the RAF Defiant.

War Office Information / Medical / Military

Deaf people are warned by the War Office to keep away from military points where sentries are on duty. A sentry failing to get an answer to his challenge is under orders to fire.

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 3

Domestic situations vacant 17

Agriculture

In agricultural notes disc-harrows are recommended for use with tractors for preparing seed beds from ploughed up land. Farming can make us self sufficient in potatoes and sugar (beet). Over ½ the sugar ration is already produced.

Casualties / Military

Funeral Report and Photograph

Funeral report and photograph of Trooper Charles William Robinson of the 1st Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. His Military Funeral took place at Coates with snow on the ground. 50 officers and men attended. He died during training.

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Religion / RAF

The Rev J T Wanless of the Methodist Church Cirencester had a farewell presentation when leaving to become an RAF Padre. He is to be followed until September by the Rev W Conibear who is on missionary furlough from China.

Crime / Black-out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

William Brian Oswell of the Limes Chalford was fined 10/- for having insufficiently screened headlights on his car on Stroud Road at 11pm on January 9th. PC Turner brought the case.

BRCS / Entertainment

150 attended the Church hall dance in aid of the BRCS. Music was by Alec Mattock and his Band. The novelty of the evening was the decorated coffee and refreshment stall labelled "Smokey Joe's Café".

Rationing

The ration for uncooked bacon and ham has been raised to 8ozs per week. Owing to our dependence on a number of overseas sources, supplies will vary from time to time. The ration amount will be subject to adjustment in the light of further changes in the situation.

Retail / Black-out

More electric batteries were bought in the first 6 weeks of the present war than in the whole of the last war.

Black-out / Crime / Regulations/ Military

Spotlight Column

The new 20 mph regulation in built up areas in the Blackout poses a problem for the police in that they have to chase cars to ask questions and motorists are not allowed to illuminate their number plates. So spare a thought for pedestrians as you try and out-run the police.

The Daily Mail reported that the militia from Gloucestershire are in France and the weather there is very cold.

Blackout / Advice

Black out Notice

WAIT – You can see the car - When the driver can't see you

4 Simple rules for getting home safely in the Blackout

When you first come out in the Black-out stand still for a minute to get your eyes used to the

darkness.

Look both ways before stepping off the pavement and make sure nothing is coming. Where there are traffic lights always cross by them. It is worth going out of your way to do this.

Throw the light of your torch down on the ground.

LOOK OUT IN THE BLACK-OUT

Advert

Agriculture / Pest Control

War Against the Invader Goes On

To stop the spread of disease to prevent the destruction of poultry and crops and damage to property Rats must be kept down. Rodine is the most efficient raticide known – in tins 7½ d and 1/3d from Chemists. Rodine Phosphorous and Red Squill Kills Rats and Mice.

Military Welfare / RAF

RAF comforts appeal H Q Berkeley House Berkeley Square London – 100,000 woollen items still needed.

Military Welfare / Army

Gifts for Soldiers

Don't send your soldier heavy or bulky articles. He may not enjoy carrying them around.

The war Office recommends mufflers, socks (grey or heather mixture) slab chocolate, sweets, soap, razor blades and dark coloured handkerchiefs as suitable and welcome gifts.

Black-out / Motoring

Car Lighting Restrictions A.A. Advice

During the hours of darkness

2 white lights to the front and a red light to the rear are still obligatory

Side lamps must not exceed 7 Watts . The light aperture is limited to 2 inches diameter screened by whit material equal to two sheets of newspaper. Reflectors must be painted dull

black or otherwise rendered ineffective,

Rear lamps must not exceed 7 Watts and the light must be red. Lighting surface and screening

must be similar to side lamps. Only 1 rear light is obligatory but two are permitted.

The

height from ground level must not exceed 3ft 6 inches.

All side and top panels of lamps must be obscured.

Headlamps – only 1 masked lamp is permitted. It must show white light and be fitted to either

the near or off side of the car. Also

(a) No light is to reach the ground nearer than 10ft from the lamp or 5 times the height of the bottom of the lamp from ground level, whichever is the less.

(a) No light must be projected above the horizontal when the car is on the level.

(b) The intensity of the illumination must not exceed 2.5 foot candles at a distance of 10ft from the lamp.

Stop lights – permissible but not exceeding 7 Watts. Light to be red or amber, screened etc similar to side lights. There is no objection to the stop light being combined with the rear

light.

Fog lamps – During fog an unscreened fog lamp not higher than 2ft 6 inches may be used or the headlamp (unmasked).

Direction indicators – These are permissible if the light aperture does not exceed 1/8 inch in width.

Combined Head and Side lights – permitted when dual purpose masks having a separate aperture for obligatory side lights is employed. The other lamp whether near or off side must

be altered as obligatory side light only. As a bulb more than 7 Watts is not permitted in this

lamp the headlamp bulb must be removed and one of suitable wattage substituted.

White paint on vehicles – White paint or other material must be applied to bumpers and running boards or equivalent positions.

W I Notes

Coates – The first trial was held of wartime cooperation teas, each member bringing her own buns or cakes to be pooled.

North Cerney and District

Mr Harvey of Daglingworth gave a talk on getting the best out of a wartime kitchen garden (need to grow more potatoes)

Recreation

Fox Hunting fixture published

National Savings

Simple Facts About Saving and Spending

Every crate of unnecessary things imported into Britain means fewer ships to carry food and war supplies and more money is sent abroad.

Lend to defend the right to be free.

The illustrations explain why it is absolutely necessary to reduce demands on shipping by cutting expenditure on unnecessary goods. All the room in ships is needed for essential food supplies, munitions and raw materials. But this is only half the story. When you cut down on expenditure on unnecessary things you are able to lend more to the country. Your money will be actively used by the Government to win the war. At the same time you will earn substantial interest and your money will be absolutely safe. How to Lend to Help Win the War (details of Certificates, Bonds and Savings Groups follow)

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Evacuation / Medical / CUDC

Children's Sick Bay (25 Beds)

Applications are invited for the post of Resident Sister in Charge. They must be a SRN with special training in children's hospital work. Commencing salary £75 per annum.

Application stating age, qualifications and experience together with copies of testimonials to be forwarded to the undersigned not later than Monday February 19th.

J H Wilkinson Clerk to the Council February 8th 1940.

Retail / Make do and Mend

Wools

Keep the Wool Flag Flying

Hand made garments are cheapest and most comfortable. Godwin's, The Old Wool Shop 20 Cricklade Street

Advert

Rationing

Motor Insurance

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

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Crime /Black-out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Cyril Godsell of Chalford fined 5/- for having no rear bicycle light. PC Thorn brought the case.

Institutes and Guilds / Kitchen Front / Navy

Didmarton and Sopworth - Mrs P Worlock of Chipping Sodbury demonstrated wartime vegetable cookery. Mrs Jones won the prize for the best wartime cake without eggs.

Miney WI - has adopted two ships HMS Kingston Topaz and HMS Cairo. The Captain of the latter Captain Oram of the late ill-fated submarine Thetis wrote a letter to thank them for the comforts sent and enclosed a copy of their ship's magazine "Alert".

Military Welfare / Entertainment

Despite the terrible state of the roads a whist drive was held at the Church Room Stratton in aid of the Baunton and Stratton BEF comforts Fund.

Chit Chat / Propaganda

The Chit Chat column includes various patriotic items to boost morale.

Advert – Wessex Electricity

Kitchen Front / ARP

Miss Switch (not verbatim)

A meal that cooks itself while you are on ARP work or knitting comforts

Baked liver savoury, braised carrots, creamed potatoes and Eve's pudding.

Cook the bacon after dipping it in flour to prevent shrinkage. To prevent waste when peeling apples pour boiling water over them, the skins can then be taken off. To help sugar go farther

add sugar to stewed fruit after cooking. (children especially cannot do without stewed fruit)
Honey can often be used instead of sugar but add ½ a teaspoon of soda to ¾ cup of honey.
Use canned fruit with heavy syrup for puddings. Dried fruits contain sugar and vitamins.
They will provide much of the necessary sugar when added to cakes and puddings.

Black-out / Agriculture

Ploughing by Night

Lighting Regulations (part)

To allow for more night ploughing, tractors not on the road may have light displayed from 3 lamps.

Not more than 2 lights forward and one rear.

Reflectors must be painted matt black or rendered ineffective.

The area of the aperture on each lamp must be no more than 3 inches in diameter.

Each lamp to be directed down and screened so that the ground is not illuminated in any direction for more than 20 yards.

In the event of an air raid such lights are to be extinguished.

Agriculture / YMCA

Professor Boutflour spoke to the Cirencester and District Young Farmer at the YMCA. His subject was "Wartime farming"

Rationing / Finance

Rationing and controlled prices have led to an increased demand for farthings and the Mint is working overtime.

Dig for Victory / Allotments

Spotlight Column

The Spotlight column includes the fact that only 87 applications have been made for allotments, 65 from people in Chesterton and 22 from the town. If the response improves an area near the centre of town will also be considered.

Sea Cadets

Orders for the Week

Cotswold Sea Cadets Cirencester Company

Orders for the week ending February 17th Duty Watch 2nd Part of Port Tuesday 7pm seamanship, signals, PT and games. Now that the weather is improving there will be no excuse for non-attendance. It is much regretted that owing to the cold we have been concentrating only on drill and gym instead of having lectures on seamanship and navigation and through this we are backward and have to postpone the Admiralty Inspection. It is hoped to have this a little later in the year.

A G Shave W. O.

Refugees

For Polish Refugees

The Cirencester depot at the Municipal Offices gratefully acknowledges receipt of parcels and clothing for Polish Refugees from Messrs Ormond Ltd Cirencester, Mr W Ormond, Blenheim Ashcroft Villas and from Miss Thornton of Whiteway.

Sea Cadets

A Thank You

An appeal was made in the last issue for headphones for the use of Cirencester Company of the Cotswold Sea Cadets. The writer says; we have had a wonderful response - over 300 pairs so far and they are still coming in. At this rate we shall be able to supply the needs of Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham Companies.

BRCS / First Aid / ARP / Fire Service/ Police

First Aid Lectures

A series of the above under the auspices of Cirencester Men's detachment (Glos II) of the BRCS is to be given in the Congregational School Rooms, Dyer Street next Wednesday and succeeding Wednesday evenings at 8pm. Though specially arranged for AFS and ARP workers and Special Constables this course is also open to members of the public. (particulars are advertised)

Evacuation / Medical

Sick Bay

A sick bay where evacuee children who are unwell will receive medical attention is being established in Cricklade Street Cirencester. The purpose of the sick bay is to relieve the foster parents of the responsibility of caring for evacuees when they are ill. There are 25 beds in the sick bay. A Sister will be in charge assisted by auxiliary nurses. A handyman will also be engaged in looking after the fires etc. The sick bay will serve Cirencester Urban and Rural Districts, North Leach and North Cotswold Rural areas.

BRCS / First Aid / ARP / Fire Service/ Police

First Aid Lectures

Advert for the BRCS lectures – details as in report above.

Military Welfare / Army

Appointments announced of Army Social Welfare Officers for the County of Gloucestershire Amongst the appointments are;- Col FL Pardoe DSO DI Bartonbury Court, Cirencester to be Deputy County Welfare Officer , (County Welfare Officer is Col PGJ Gueterbock DSO MC TD of Abbots Leigh Bristol) Assistants include :- Col JC Tabor TD Trewsbury Coates, Cirencester for Cirencester, Kemble, South Cerney, Minchinhampton. General Sir Reginald Stephens KCB CMG DL for Lechlade and Fairford. Lt- Lieut. Col AAH Beaman DSO Tetbury for Tetbury, North Nibley, Wotton-under-Edge and Dursley.

Prisoner of War [POW]

Arrest by Japanese

Cirencester Man's Ordeal

No Reason Offered for His Detention

The mysterious arrest of a Cirencester man in Kobe, Japan just over a fortnight ago has not improved diplomatic relations between the British and Japanese Governments. The man whom we understand has not yet been released from detention is Mr Harry J Griffiths a son of the late Mr Waldon Griffiths who for many years carried on business as a chemist in the Market Place. Mr Griffiths was arrested in Kobe together with Rev Frederick E Watts of South Yarra Melbourne and Vincent O Peters address unknown. The arrests were made while conversations were in progress over the Japanese demand that the 21 Germans seized from the liner Asnma Maru by a British warship should be returned. The Japanese police refuse to give a reason for the detention of these three Britains.

Mr Griffiths owned a general trading post in Kobe and had been in Japan for the past 30 years. He was educated at Cirencester Grammar School and left England at the age of 23.

His relations in England anxiously await news and keep in constant touch with the Foreign Office. Nothing yet has been heard.

Advice / National Savings / Religion

Preparations for Future Terror

Long article by Rev Kennan Vicar of South Cerney from the East Cotswold Church Monthly. He points out that this war is different. We are at present in a lull before the storm. He appeals for money for War Certificates. Churches are not full but they ought to be even if only to say thanks for the benefits enjoyed so far. We should be preparing for the worst to come.

BRCS / Medical / Welfare

Letters to the Editor

The BRCS acknowledges donations and materials

A whist drive by Cirencester Women's Conservative Association raised £6-14s-6d. Mrs Clappen's whist drive at Stratton £2-5s. Sir William Marris £5, Hon Mrs Biddulph 10/- Total £51-4s-6d including £36 – 15s already acknowledged. Valuable contributions have been sent by working parties at Rodmarton, Coates, Sapperton, Frampton and North Cerney besides many friends working at home. A total of 876 garments so far have been promptly sent out. Yours etc Lilius Bathurst

Military Welfare / Navy

Mr Walker of the Gaumont Cinema appeals once again for woollies for the Navy. From 400 theatres and cinemas controlled by Gaumont British during the first 5 weeks 11,514 knitted articles have been received in London.

Advert

Dig for Victory / CUDC

CUDC –War-time Allotments a Public Meeting will be held at the Corn Hall Cirencester on Friday Feb 16th at 7pm. The special speaker will be the Chairman of the national Allotments Society. In view of the national importance of this work I appeal to all interested to make a special effort to attend the meeting.

A J Matthews Chairman of the Council

Rationing

Meat Rationing to start on March 11th

Mr W S Morrison announced in the House of Commons that meat rationing will be introduced on 11th March on a value basis. The ration will work out at 1/10d a week for each person over 6 years old and half that amount for those under. The supply would be kept under constant review. Edible offal such as liver, kidneys, tongue and oxtails and manufactured meats such as sausages and meat pies would be free of ration. Restaurants, industrial, school and other feeding centres and establishments would be allowed in the initial period to serve meals without coupons but their supply of butcher's meat would be restricted. Pending rationing the meat allocated to retail butchers would be approximately the same as they would be entitled to after rationing began

Weather

This issue contains a number of articles on the severe weather and its effects.

Food Supplies / Advice

Beer Advert

The Chancellor of the Exchequer demands of all of us “moderation in all things”. We must “pull in our belts” and we are doing so. But there is one way that we can still enjoy ourselves with a clear conscience. And that is – in the pub over the road. Beer is good for your health. Its barley malt gives you strength – its hops give you a good appetite. And it is the most economical of all drinks, and yet with every glass you drink Britain’s revenues benefit. Beer too is the drink of moderation. In days like these when the nerve and stamina of each one of us are of importance to the country, stick to beer. It comes from our own soil that is why it suits us best. It heartens without harming. It brings us together in that cheerful democratic freedom of the pub – the freedom for which we are fighting. BEER IS BEST.

Advert

Travel / Railways

GWR New Timetable Now in Force

The new timetable is now in force with improved services. More Restaurant cars; More Sleeping cars * More than 3,000 special trains run on the Government account since September 1939. The complete timetable (price 6d) obtainable at GWR stations, offices., bookstalls etc.

James Milne General Manager.

Casualties / Black-out

LOOK OUT IN THE BLACK-OUT

Nearly 1,200 were killed in December alone. Don’t think that accidents only happen to other people. Tonight on your way home there will be danger. Don’t step off the kerb without looking both ways. Throw the light from your torch down on the ground so that you do not dazzle drivers. You cannot risk taking any chances.

Salvage / Iron and Steel

It is officially announced that arrangements have been made for the collecting of iron and steel scrap from farms and estates in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. Should it prove successful in these counties the scheme will be extended to the rest of the country.

Advert – Farmers Weekly

Agriculture

Forward Planning

You cannot afford to miss the current issue of Farmers Weekly. It contains a special feature showing how to plan for your 1940 farming for more production with special emphasis on the growing of food crops for stock. Farmers Weekly every Friday price 3d.

Salvage / Paper / Rags

Council to Collect Waste Paper (not verbatim)

The CUDC is to undertake the collection of waste paper in its area. The task proved too vast for the Scouts to deal with. The situation has become serious since the invasion of Finland which provided approx. 50% of Britain’s raw material. Recycling has become of the utmost importance. Details of the scheme will be circulated in leaflets within the area. Rags will also be similarly collected.

Food Supplies / Beer

Letters to the Editor

Beer and Other Necessary Foods

A long letter by I S B Thomas 2 Little Bishop Street St Paul's Bristol attacks prohibitionists

Propaganda

Letters to the Editor

H Burrows writes on Hitler and Stalin's historical heroes . Frederick the Great and Peter the Great respectively.

Propaganda /Advice

Rev S Claude Tickell

Letters to the Editor

Shock Tactics

Our nursing organisation is obsessed with the hygienic values of cleanliness but when cleanliness necessitates interruption of physical or mental repose it is definitely unhygienic.
S. Claude Tickell

ARP / Babies' Gas Masks

Distribution of Babies' Gas Masks

During the past few days lady air raid wardens in the CUDC area have busied themselves with distributing anti gas helmets for babies under 2 years of age. Men wardens have been going round to inform parents when and where they can be obtained. Owing to various reasons some may have been missed. Any resident in the CUDC area can obtain one on Saturday 10th February at the Old Museum Tetbury Road or at Watermoor school between the hours of 10am and 4pm

J T Evans, Hon Clerk, Coordinating Officer The Municipal Offices Cirencester Feb 7th 1940.

17/2/40

Retail / Make do and Mend

Wools

Keep the Wool Flag Flying

Hand made garments are cheapest and most comfortable. Godwin's, The Old Wool Shop 20 Cricklade Street

Retail

Bailey's Advert

Includes rugs and carpets at pre-war prices

Retail / Military Welfare

Advert for Mitchell's

Send you knitted comforts for soldiers to O.C. Army Comforts Depot, St Mary's Butts, Reading

Buy your wools from Mitchell's - Fresh stocks of Good Wools constantly arriving at prices very little above pre-war.

Agriculture

Advert

Save Every Chic

Save every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores.

Advert

Agriculture

Day Old Chicks for Sale

RIR LS RIRXLS Buff Rocks delivered direct by car. Japanese sexing available Wednesday afternoons. Cockerel chicks 2/- per 100. Everybody should rear a few chicks this year. All rearing appliances for sale movable brooders, hovers, fountains, lamps etc. No Sunday business C W Raven Broughton Lechlade Phone Filkins 27

Small Advert Retail

Black-out

New regulation car and motorcycle head lamp masks in stock. Fitted while you wait 4/- to 7/6d

W Farrell and Son Cirencester

Propaganda

Chit Chat

Chit Chat column includes the observation that the present situation is neither magnificent nor war, it is murder and robbery. Both sides have declared the determination to obtain victory.

Fuel Supply /Railways

Spotlight Column

Coal Shortage

There had been a severe shortage of coal up until 3 or 4 days ago. This was due to the railway companies being unable or unwilling to move over 642 labelled and loaded wagons from Shirebrook Colliery Ltd.

Military Welfare / Propaganda

Cirencester lads in the BEF sent a message back home. Not for money but for games darts etc to while away inactive hours.

Special Visitors /Royalty

Royal Visit

The King and Queen who passed through Cirencester during their tour of the West, were visibly affected by the warmth of the welcome given to them by the people of the town. In spite of the secrecy of the tour, news leaked out as it is almost certain to on such occasions and the route was lined with cheering people. Perhaps the word "cheering" may be construed as an exaggeration for the vociferous welcome was somewhat sporadic. But this hesitancy was not due to any lack of loyalty. I rather think that the people were far too eager to catch a glimpse of their Majesties as they drove past, far too impressed by the secrecy of the whole thing to cheer too loudly. But what a contrast it was to a peace-time Royal visit! In ordinary times the streets of Cirencester would be hung with bright flags bands would play and heaven knows what! As it was the Royal glided between the lines of faithful subjects. Their Majesties graciously acknowledging the rippling cheers, the only hint of colour being provided by small flags held by children. No fuss, no bother but a Royal Visit that Cirencester will never forget.

Pacifism / Military Etiquette

Spotlight Column

Spotlight is in trouble with pacifists again. Then reports on Mr J L Gavin's "Observer" article saying that Britain should concentrate on a Blitzkreig of its own. Maximum power on the enemy without delay would bring the victory. This is followed by :- Courtesy Please - Lately I have heard criticism about the behaviour of the Officers of a certain section of our Services when they visit Cirencester in search of entertainment. Personally I was rather sceptical because all with whom I have come in contact had been gentlemanly and well behaved as befits the tradition of the particular service to which they belong. Nevertheless I am reluctantly compelled to admit that there are a few such men who imagine that a refined accent and impressive uniform cancels out the need for good manners. They should remember that it is as creditable to be courteous to ones fellow men as it is to serve one's country no matter how hazardous this task may be.

Special Visitors / Royal Visit

Long Report on the Royal Visit to South Cerney Last Saturday

They travelled through Cirencester but on a bypass route although large crowds gathered at every cross roads to cheer. The route was via Victoria Road.

At South Cerney the King visited the technical services department while the Queen went to the hospital and cookery quarters.. The King visited the Link Trainer and walked over to where a home defence unit of the Gloucestershire Regiment was stationed outside a hangar. The King was introduced to the Commanding Officer Captain F L Travis. They have been on duty at the aerodrome since August 17th. The King asked how the soldiers of a former war were faring. He replied that they were doing very well. The King commented I am sure they are. The King then inspected the WAAF under Assistant Section Officer G N Caffin. Their Majesties travelled from South Cerney to Tetbury to inspect artillery units drawn up on the main road. (own note – probably Badminton as the Duke of Beaufort was involved.)

Agricultural / Advice

Because of chilled seed due to the recent weather conditions potato planters are advised to allow them to sprout before planting - A good 1940 crop will be as good as a battle won.

Rationing / Meat / Retail / Food Supplies

Meat rationing commences on March 11th

Rationing of butcher's meat on a value basis of 1/10d per person over 6 years old per week will be introduced from Monday March 11th. For children under 6 yrs the amount will be half of that above. This rationing by value and not directly by weight was successfully adopted during the Great War although the amount of 1/10d is a large allowance. Under this rationing amount fixed by value a customer will be able to choose between a large amount of less expensive cut or vice versa. An average family of 3 persons therefore will be able to purchase approximate quantities of popular cuts for 5/6d representing the value of their coupons. For example:- 4lbs of best English sirloin or 8lbs of boiling cuts of best home killed beef such as plate brisket or flank or 5lbs of imported sirloin or 10lbs of imported boiling cuts of beef. Similar quantities of mutton and lamb will also be obtainable.

The quantity of meat allocated to retail butchers and catering establishments pending the introduction of rationing will be approximately the same as their entitlement after rationing begins. It is hoped that purchasers will not only be restricted in the intervening period but also confined to the butcher with whom the consumers have registered or in the case of pork, to their usual supplier. It is now essential that the public who have not already done so

register for meat. Until figures are available it is impossible to arrange adequate distribution of supplies.

Casualties / Black-out

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Look out in the Blackout!

Small Advert

Salvage

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper
Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given
V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Advert

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted cake bags, meal bags, mask bags, sugar bags, flour bags. Bags of all kinds bought for cash.

Field and Company Church Lane Canton Cardiff

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 11

Domestic situations vacant 22

Police Force / Royal Visit

At Badminton 200 members of the Staple Hill Division of the Special Constabulary were inspected by the King and Queen. Amongst those present were Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort. At Badminton Station a detachment of the Gloucester regiment formed a guard of honour.

Fuel Supplies / Producer Gas

25 firms have now been given licences to manufacture the necessary equipment for running cars by producer gas. It is hoped that 10,000 motor vehicles will be running on self produced fuel in the near future.

Casualties / Military Welfare / Propaganda

Mother visits sick BEF Son

Determined to see her sick son ill in a French Hospital, Mrs Florence Beasley of Bowling Green Avenue took advantage of the Government's recent offer and travelled to see her son Private Walter Beasley who has been ill with meningitis. He is a patient in a BEF BRCS base Hospital. This is in fact a converted LMS express that travelled from Euston to Glasgow. It has large red crosses on the exterior but inside has been rebuilt to accommodate 360 patients and staff. All live in the train. During the stay Mrs Beasley stayed at a luxury hotel and had a car at her disposal. At lunch time on Thursday she talked over the British

Home Service telling others how they can arrange such a trip. The broadcast was recorded in France.

Recreation / Cinema

CUDC

Report on the debate about the Sunday opening of Cinemas took place at the CUDC.

Recreation / Cinema

Cirencester Petty Sessions

The annual Brewster Sessions of the Cirencester Petty Sessions met. The magistrates decided to allow cinemas to open on Good Friday on condition that the bench approved the films.

ARP

Report that Captain E I S Martini has been appointed Regional training Officer for ARP by the County War Emergency Committee.

Advert

National Savings

In This War be One of the First Hundred Thousand

In this country there are 350,000 factories, workshops, offices, stores etc. each one of which should be running a War Savings Group. The aim is that within six months 100,000 War Savings Groups will be at work. Will you play your part? Whether you are the humblest employee of a big firm or its managing director, you can make a voluntary contribution to Victory by putting your heart and soul into this idea of Group Saving. The first step is to fill in and post the coupon below. Do this at once. War Savings groups provide a means of regular week-by-week saving at your place of employment, recreation etc by investment in National Savings Certificates, 3% war Bonds the Post Office Savings Bank or the Trustees savings Bank.

Lend to Defend the Right to be Free

Advert for Rodine

Agriculture / Pest Control

Includes the slogan No Sirens sound when Rats attack

Propaganda

Ersatz Fashion

The Germans are trying to beat the blockade with glass slippers as supple as leather and salmon skin blouses. They have not yet solved the silk stocking problem apart from special lacquer to paint on the legs.

Agriculture / Food Supplies

War Agricultural Executive Committee

Mr Boutflour, Chief Executive Officer of the WAEC says that bacon for breakfast is a vice "Try Cereals". The county had been instructed to plough and crop 35,000 acres of grassland for the 1940 harvest. By the end of 1939 farmers had been served with notice on 40,000 acres. Appeals had been negligible. 30,000 acres have been ploughed already.

Military Welfare

Letters to the Editor

A wireless set is wanted for the canteen for the troops lately opened in Cricklade Street. Also thanks to all who helped.

Sybil Pardoe, Bartonbury

Food Rationing

Letters to the Editor

Can anyone of your readers give an explanation of how the food is rationed. We have Mr Morrison saying that it is ample. We all know if you can afford to take your meals at restaurants but how can a farm worker do that? He is never working near one and is the lowest paid worker in the country. There are also some ministers who say there are a lot of amenities for a farm worker, by why don't they say where they are? I say I can get nothing but the fixed wages. How much longer has he to work to get food for everyone and starve himself because he has not the money to buy it? Yours etc Democrat

(Another report in this issue announces that as from 23rd March 1940 the minimum wage will rise from 35/- to 36/- per week – the hours are not given)

Agriculture / National Service

Agricultural Workers Postponement of Call Up to Register on February 17th

Most agricultural workers amongst those men required to register on February 17th will be over 21 and therefore covered by the schedule of reserved occupations and although they must register, they will not at present be called up for military service. Those men who reached the age of 20 between December 2nd and 31st 1939 inclusive will now be covered by the schedule. Farmers who wish to apply for a postponement of calling up of any of their workers who are of this age should apply at once to their County War Agricultural Executive Committee for the appropriate application form N S 100A. This should be completed and returned to the Committee no later than 24th February. After this date they cannot be considered. It is important that their registration number and the name of the employment exchange where the registration is are quoted correctly otherwise it might not be possible to trace the employee before call up papers are issued. The registration number is that given in the top right hand corner of the Certificate of Registration No NS2. The number appearing on the national Registration Identity card is not required. The period of postponement granted will not exceed 6 months and no postponement will be sanctioned except where the man is in a key position on the farm and it will be impossible to obtain a substitute or make other arrangements.

24/2/40

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert

Retail / Make do and Mend

Wools

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Medical / Dig for Victory

CUDC Meeting

Mr French announced that the Chairman of the Hospital Committee had stated that the Cirencester Memorial Hospital were now prepared to take over the ambulance. They also wished to make their own private arrangements for garaging it. A fact to be regretted was the retirement of Mr Woodbridge who had been in charge of the ambulance for many years. For 14 years he carried out the work for a purely nominal sum. This position has since improved. His care of the ambulance and patients was most commendable. The Committee recommended that he should be given an honorarium of £5. Mr Wilkinson the Clerk said that the CUDC and CRDC had decided to contribute to the upkeep of the ambulance.

Dig for Victory

The Chairman said that since the Dig for Victory meeting previous on Friday many more applications had been made for allotments. 95 were now reserved out of 120. If they found more land was needed the Council would be happy to provide it. The Surveyor had not been able to find a farmer who could spare the time to plough the land at Chesterton. It was decided to allow the allotment holders to dig their own land. Councillor S Bolton observed that an expert had told him that the land would be much better for being dug.

Postal Services / Casualties

The Post Master-General announces that parcel mails for Denmark posted on February 4th and 5th have been lost owing to the sinking of the steamer Rhone.

Propaganda / Dig for Victory / Military

Spotlight

Rev S Claude Tickell

Spotlight notes that the Rev S Claude Tickell vicar of Latton-cum-Eysey is still causing despair among those who wrestle with his shattering verbal salvos. One of those bombshells has exploded upon the mind of my illustrious confrere "Cassandra" the Daily Mirror columnist. Having announced that Mr Tickell is his favourite letter writer Cassandra pronounces himself dazed and explains that he can never understand what the blazes he means. The gem that dazzled Cassandra was published in our issue of February 10th (it is reprinted here)

Now try this one which also emanates from the vicar of Latton-cum-Eysey :

The distinction between commissioned and non commissioned in our fighting forces based as it is on social distinction should be done away with, especially in the Air Force. Our Air Force is concerned not with the dropping of "h's" but with the dropping of bombs.

No Sermons

"A couple of hours with Mother Earth in the evening does no one any harm." Thus spoke Mr J H Robson Chairman of the National Allotment Society at a public meeting in Cirencester last Friday and around those words an impressive sermon could be woven. Using glittering phraseology one could waffle for hours about the friendly bosom of Mother Earth

yielding riches in abundance to her children but I fear it would carry very little weight with the average man. The practical man would wait patiently until the preacher had concluded his prattling and then say: "Mother Earth may be generous to those who dig, but when I arrive home tired after a hard day's work I don't feel like flinging on my coat and slogging on the allotment." It is obvious that the "books in brooks and sermons in stones" stuff won't cut any ice in response to a plain statement of this kind. One can merely point out that if all the surplus energy used in playing golf, football, cricket, tennis etc were expended on digging, the whole of England would be under cultivation in a couple of months. Parties of men would be feverishly tearing up the roads with pneumatic drills and planting cabbages in Cirencester Market Place. Another point which I think is of importance is that you either dig and plant or the time will come when you will have to tighten your belt a notch more than you need do. And no man can argue his way out of that.

Sober Tommy

Evidence from the police around the country suggests that soldiers are not drinking as much as they used to. The days when a soldier was noted for his 16 pints capacity are gone. And Heaven knows we shall need a keen brained army to smash the Nazi menace.

Home Defence

Another plug for Home Defence quotes general Mc Calmont's letter ; "Every man who joins this branch of the Services is helping to release a younger man for the Field Army."

Military Welfare

Spotter Column

BEF

Spotter is disappointed by the response to his appeal. So far only one Corinthian bagatelle board, one game of draughts, one card game and a parcel of books had been received. They are not asking for money or cigarettes. The appeal can only be extended to next Thursday 29th February.

Entertainment / Cinema / Military Welfare

Letters to the Editor

"Serving Soldier" applauds the idea for cinemas to open on Sundays. He says he is a teetotaller and although not an atheist rarely goes to church on Sunday nights. He asks if the Rev Franklin realises that there are quite a few men stationed around here guarding vulnerable points. They go out for 48 hours then rest 24 hours. They could therefore go out on Friday and come in on Sunday morning with nowhere to go. As for Mr French saying H Q shows were provided on Thursday and Sunday this does not happen in any local camp. He goes on to express appreciation of the Troops Canteen in Cricklade Street.

Military Welfare / Cinema

Social Club for Troops

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr Editor – Although he afterwards admitted that he had spoken of this matter of which knew nothing at all I feel that a certain remark by the Chairman of the CUDC should not be allowed to pass without comment. During the discussion at the council meeting of the proposal to open cinemas on Sundays correspondents and several speakers had urged the desirability of a social club for the troops when the Chairman remarked "I consider it too late to talk about non-existent clubs." Does He! Well some people don't. I would urge the local committee which has for months been working strenuously to provide a club house with sufficient amenities for the troops to cease hiding their light under a bushel and to inform the Chairman and the public why such a club is not already in being. The Chairman said that the

public had every right to expect the District Council to “ look after their sons who had joined up. What has the Council (as a Council) done up to now? It has proposed the opening of two Cinemas on Sunday – great work. I have relied for my information on press reports of the Council Meeting. Yours truly H C Leach 11 Ashcroft Road PS I am not a member of the Local Committee mentioned, but am in close touch with organisations represented thereon.

Entertainment / Military Welfare / Cinema

The Stigmatised Public House

Letters to the Editor

Sir- Invidious distinction continually being drawn between the Sunday cinema and the public house wears one. There is never an agitation for the former without the contention being advanced regarding the troops something like this: “the alternative ways of spending their time lay in visits to public houses or going out with girls.” Shocking! The religious section invariably attacks the Sunday cinema and public house insisting that attendance at church is the proper thing. There of course it would be quite proper to escort the girls. Tommy, however looks for entertainment and refreshment on a Sunday not the parson’s shepherding, willy-nilly. The public house is not a sink of iniquity, as some so mildly insinuate, and some others have proclaimed, but a legitimate State-licensed institution more strictly police-supervised than any picture house. It is now an ideal social centre catering alike for the drinker and the teetotalter and they who suppose that to enter its doors marks an occasion of shame should take to heart the pronouncement hereunder :

“It” (the public house) – says the Dean of Bocking, Essex the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, in his parish magazine, in disgust with the narrow-mindedness and un-Christianity which condemns it - “ is an outstanding model of decent enjoyment and well deserved refreshment and ought to be , after the church the most sacred spot in the town or village. Essex Weekly News 19th January 1940.

“Not a Killjoy”

Rationing / Agriculture

Letters to the Editor

Food Rationing

Dear Sir – We heartily endorse “Democrat’s” letter of last week re food rationing. With a family of six and only one man’s wages we on the farm cannot afford even our allotted rations of bacon and meat, and we fail to see where the amenities come in. If our Ministers had to live on farm worker’s fixed wages and keep a family of growing children, they would find that it is just existence from week to week and only work to look forward to from day to day.

Yours Truly E Breadmore, Crickley Barrow North Leach

Advert

The Home Front

Miss Switch

Long advert cum article “Home Management Corner” on wartime washing, planning the wash and more bacon less breakfast.

Dig for Victory / Friend’s Allotment Scheme / Food Production Society

Preach the Dig for Victory Gospel

Long report on a public meeting included – “text” I want you to go out from this meeting as missionaries and preach the gospel of “Grow More Food” to your friends and neighbours; infuse enthusiasm into them so that they may realise their responsibilities and by their efforts avoid a repetition of the starvation borderline that was reached in 1917. Dr G Reddington the County Council Horticultural Organiser was speaking to about 50 men who attended a meeting in the Corn Hall last Friday. The chief speaker at the meeting was Mr John Robson Chairman of the National Allotment Association. Mr Matthews introducing the speaker said that he had expected to see the Hall crowded when so many special invitations had been sent out. The CUDC had done all in its power to raise enthusiasm since the beginning. 11 Acres of land for 120 to 130 allotments of approximately 10 rods each had been set aside at Chesterton Housing Estate. If they weren’t applied for the Council would plant the ground for their own use – “we don’t intend to be done”. He harked back to the Great War. Mr Robson said that if every local authority followed the CUDC the Government would soon get its ½ million gardeners. He said when people said they did not feel like gardening after work he would say that might be a vegetable shortage in 6 months time. Britain was only producing 1 day in every 3 days of food requirements. “We can produce fresh vegetables at home”. He pointed to the benefits the unemployed miners in Wales had gained from the Friend’s Allotment Scheme. Their lives were changed and the health of their families enhanced.

A film was shown depicting the transformation in the life of an unemployed Wigan miner when he took up working on his own allotment. Mr Reddington went on to say that the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council proposed starting a Food Production Society under the Chairmanship of Lord Bledisloe with branches in every town. They would be known as Food Clubs. The advantage would be cooperative buying, the ultimate formation of “Pig Clubs” expert advice from County Horticultural staff and other valuable concessions. Enthusiasm grew during the meeting and some were keen to start right away. Mr Wentworth Jones the Surveyor said he would expediate the allotment preparation. Thanks included Mr Dennis Moss for operating the cinematograph.

Military Welfare / School Work/ Evacuation

School Boys Knit for Troops

Work of Pupils at Cirencester Council School

They knit scarves, balaclavas and socks in their spare time

Knitting needles click industriously during playtime at Cirencester Council School where boys of 7yrs and upwards produce practically unaided beautiful woollen scarves, socks, Balaclava helmets and blankets for the men on active service. The boys are so enthusiastic that they put their spare pennies into a money box and the money is used to buy wool to make warm comforts for old boys of the school who are at present serving with H M Forces. So proficient are these knitters that the Red Cross have sent them a parcel of wool to be knitted up into socks and one boy Eldon Lea, aged 7 has already completed two full length scarves, a Balaclava helmet and a hot water bottle cover!

A Wilts and Glos Standard reporter visited during an afternoon playtime this week. Clicking needles were to be heard everywhere as dozens of pairs of fingers knitted quickly and easily. The head Master, Mr Vanstone who organised the scheme explained that already this term the boys had completed 21 scarves and 18 were nearing completion, 7 pairs of socks have been knitted by boys proficient with 4 needles, 3 Balaclavas are ready and 4 more will be soon. The knitting had replaced bookbinding giving a sense of helping in the national effort and giving activity for leisure time and during the Blackout. Wool supplies were a problem. Mums had given all they had and the school had bought some out of the school fund. The younger boys were most keen on knitting and they never seemed to tire. They made wool

squares on a cardboard loom. These squares were made into blankets. Boys of 8, 9 and 10yrs were proficient with their needles making comforts for the Army and the Navy. When finished articles were sent off the boy's name was attached to it. Invariably the recipient wrote thanking him. This was an added incentive.

Hand Looms

The older boys of 11,12 and 13yrs and some younger had made their own hand looms out of wood. The frames were constructed in the woodwork shop, the heddle being purchased. There are 8 of these looms producing excellent scarves. Miss Cook's 8 and 9 year olds are the keenest of all working at a remarkable speed. The evacuee children are not backward in the act of knitting either. They have joined in with a will and are as skilful as the local children.

Blanket Department

3 lads work with a sewing machine sewing tailor's cloth from pattern books to make blankets for a military hospital.

The article finishes with an appeal for materials. It was thought that this was the first school to undertake such a venture.

Advert

Retail /Drink/ Allied Military

Roll Out the Barrel

The Canadians have tasted English Beer and found it good. They are singing a war song in its honour. Instead of exclaiming "Your policemen are wonderful" these new visitors to our shores are saying "Roll out the Barrel" You can imagine their delight on drinking a pint for the first time in their lives. For it is a fact that beer as we brew in England is brewed nowhere else in the world. It is as English an institution as Big Ben or Bank Holiday. Whether it is mild or bitter ale or stout, the world must come to England for English beer. There is another institution which goes with the beer and is equally to be found in England alone, the pub. The Canadians have found that too. And they will not be surprised to hear how in these days of war we have turned to these English things. To beer for its wholesomeness, its health giving qualities, its good cheer. To the inn for its friendship and good- fellowship. Beer is Best

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 14

Domestic situations vacant 21

Military Welfare / Navy

Orders for the Week

Mrs T H Robinson would be grateful for old riding habits to cut up for linings for mine sweeping gloves. If left at Bridge's Garage Cirencester they would be called for and acknowledged – Yanworth near Cirencester.

Black-out / British Summer Time

British Summertime commences on Sunday Clocks, should be put forward one hour on Saturday night.

Advert

Entertainment / Theatre

It is even money that you can still get a seat for "THE SPORT OF KINGS" Ian Hayes famous domestic comedy presented by Ciceter Drama Club at the Church Hall Cirencester

Wednesday and Thursday February 28th and 29th at 7.30pm Tickets 3/6d 2/6d and 1/3d including tax obtainable from Messrs Dale Forty and Co Market Place or any member of the Committee.

Also on Monday Tuesday Friday and Saturday February 26th and 27th and March 1st and 2nd at 7.30pm for members of H M Forces and friends tickets 6d each obtainable at canteens. Profit in aid of the Wool Fund.

War News / Casualties

Reports on the rescue of prisoners from the Altmark incident in Norway also the destroyer Daring has been torpedoed and sunk with the loss of 9 officers and 148 ratings. British trawlers were attacked by German aircraft in the North Sea on Monday and Tuesday. Two raiding German aircraft were shot down by the RAF off the North East coast on Thursday.

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Agriculture / Recycling/ Registration

The national Farmers Union protest against the unsatisfactory price offered for scrap in the new scrap collection scheme from farms in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. There is also confusion over registration and medical examinations for farm workers.

BRCS

Long Report on Gloucestershire Branch of the BRCS

Includes – The public's generous response to the Flag Days enabled Gloucestershire BRCS to balance their accounts and show a surplus despite a year of heavy expenditure. (the report gives accounts and statistics) and following random facts :- Membership doubled in 1939 from 646 to 1218. Of the mobile VAD's every available male nursing orderly has been called up and enlisted 80 in the RAMC and 40 in the Royal Air Force Medical Service. The Nursing Auxiliary Service were called into action in September when cases were evacuated from Birmingham Hospitals and others were on duty at ARP First Aid Posts and with the ambulances.

Military Welfare / The Salvation Army/ Fund Raising From a Correspondent

A Soldier's Worries

Help from The Salvation Army

It is often the little but thoughtful services which are most appreciated, those small kindly actions which do so much to make life happier and more worthwhile. The troops in France fully appreciate all that The Salvation Army is doing for them with its numerous centres and mobile canteens but those in need are perhaps even more thankful for another form of service. A soldier is worried about his wife not just worried as all married men in the BEF because they are parted from the one they hold most dear in life, for he imagines that everything is not going so well at home as he has hoped. Such a soldier has only to mention the matter to one of the Salvationists in the nearby "Army" canteen, discussing the question frankly because he knows that it will go no further. When in possession of all the particulars, word is sent to

London H Q and immediately an officer of the "Army" from the wife's local branch gets in touch with her. She is comforted and helped in the loving way which is traditional of this vast organisation. Only one of the many things the "Army" is doing for the troops and not a costly one, but added to the cost of its other war activities it increases the large sum of money which is so urgently needed. Please send that donation you feel you ought to send and send it as soon as you can.

(from a Correspondent)

Casualties / National Defence Force

The funeral took place last week on Thursday at Fairford Church of Private William Giles of the national Defence Force. He was 53 and had served in the Worcesters in the early days of the great War.

Crime / Military

Alleged Theft at Bailey Bros.

A young soldier Lance Bombardier Frederick John Ralph Kenney was charged at Cirencester Police Court on Wednesday with breaking and entering Bailey Bros. And stealing £18 -10s. Kenney a former employee admitted the offence to a detective and magistrates committed him for trial at Gloucester Quarter sessions. He was allowed bail.

WI News / Food Production / Kitchen Front / Military Welfare / Navy

Colesbourne WI

A lecture was given by Mr John Green Vice Chairman of the Small Pig Keepers' Council entitled "The Cottage Pig". He stressed the important part WI s could have in keeping pigs in wartime. The feeding of household waste accounted for nearly two thirds of a pig's diet. The best way of keeping pigs in a small village where there was not much waste was to form a Pig Club.

Cricklade WI

Cricklade WI had a talk on Poultry Keeping in Wartime by Mr Bourne

Crudwell WI

Crudwell WI _ Mrs Rex Osbourne gave some recipes for economical wartime cookery. The competition for knitted socks was judged by Mrs F King and won by Mrs Holmes, Mrs Parsons and Miss Pincott. These socks will be included in the parcel of knitted comforts being sent to the minesweeper adopted by Crudwell WI.

2/3/40

Advert

Retail / Make do and Mend

Wools

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Entertainment

Corn Hall

There will be Corn Hall Dances every Saturday from 7.30pm to 11pm Tickets 1/3d

Boy Scouts / Evacuation / ARP/ Salvage

Ciceter Corinium Boy Scout Group
Rendering Service in Wartime

The group since the outbreak of war have:- assisted with the evacuation of London children and conducted many to their homes. Acted as messengers to the ARP posts, some sleeping at night at the posts in readiness. They have collected waste paper. Several evacuee boys have joined the troop. Several members are serving with the forces. This has led to a shortage of leaders so an appeal is made to any old Scouts or Scouters in the district to help. The combined district concert was held towards the end of the year, this was sparsely attended owing to the Blackout.

Crime / Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Francis William Payne of Hatfield Herts. Was fined 10/- on the evidence of PC Smith for parking his car in darkness on the wrong side of the road from Cirencester to Northleach. Defendant said the car had been stuck in bad weather. Dorothy Ellen Varley of Cyldrach Glamorgan was fined 10/- for unscreened lights and unauthorised headlamps. She was driving in Watermoor Road on the evidence of PC Jenkins. Mrs Lane of Victoria Road was fined £2 for infringing the Blackout regulations. To PC Jenkins she said "I have got a lunatic in the house and this is driving me mad". Mrs Klitz of Wellesley Hotel was fined £2 for showing light at Gosditch House which she had taken as an annexe to the hotel because of the demand for accommodation. PC Rymer gave the facts. He also stated that PC Turner called on the defendant the next day and she told him that the reason she did not answer to door when a constable called the night before was because she thought it might be someone applying for rooms.

Fire Brigade / Evacuation/Salvage

CRDC Meeting

Fairford's Old Fire Engine

The Council had to decide on a method of disposing of the old fire engine as the room was needed for the trailer pump for peacetime use and also the two man manual pump allocated for emergency purposes. The old engine was dated 1869 and was not only obsolete, but broken. It was decided to sell at the best price available.

New Evacuation Scheme

The Chairman said that the Government were planning a further evacuation scheme with 800 more children allocated to the Cirencester Rural Area, only 300 of the original 1,400 having arrived in the original scheme. There would be a conference in Gloucester on the 5th March. After a short discussion the Vice Chairman said it might be difficult to secure accommodation this time.

Waste Paper Collection

It was raised whether the Council could do anything to support the scheme for collecting waste paper outside what the Scouts, WI etc. were doing. The view having been voiced that it was uneconomical to find transport for waste from isolated places the surveyor was requested to investigate the possibility of the Council taking action.

ARP/ Advice/ Rev S Claude Tickell

Letters to the Editor

Dodging the Bombs

Dear Sir – I agree with Spotter that some of the Vicar of Latton cum Eysey are involved but I hope that the Vicar will not be put writing to you by any adverse criticism. Some of his

letters have been both lucid and helpful. I have one in mind, the one about the way to avoid falling bombs by sitting on a wall and learning how to fall off in the opposite direction to the bomb. The idea was of course of little use to those who live in what I may term a hedge area. A friend of mine who lives in such an area tried out the idea, and wrote me a blue pencilled letter as a consequence. Here in our wall area we have practiced very regularly and have become proficient, both in mounting and taking the toss. It would do anyone's heart good to see us marshalled for practice. First come the members of the WI then the Mother's Meeting, Girl's Friendly Society, Scouts and Guides and other organisations all led by the Rector, who is somewhat rotund and found great difficulty at first in mounting but none in falling off. Now however he is among the first fliethers, so all is well. I ought I think to offer a word of council borne of experience for the guidance of others. (a) Choose a flat topped wall not one of those with top stones set edgewise; this makes for more comfort. (b) For the bomb use two footballs worked by Scouts who must be hidden. (c) Ladies must ride side saddle if the toss is to be made with elegance and alacrity. I have on occasion been asked what would happen if two bombs fell simultaneously on either side of the wall. The answer to that one is simple. That's where we all get off altogether and depart in pieces, but not without honour.

Yours faithfully BALBI MURUS

Entertainment / Cinema

Sunday Cinema (main points only)

In a recent discussion of the above it said opening would be a godsend. This is rather a slipshod piece of phraseology. Having laid down the Commandment to keep the Sabbath holy, God would hardly send something to undermine it. Discretion may be used in choosing the films but if the programme is 100% holy in nature will the demand for Sunday opening be so insistent.

Rev S Claude Tickell / Advice / Crime

Our Misguided Penal Reformers

Letters to the Editor

Sir – "bad boys" should not be sent to reformatory schools and so be made consciously anti social but to Navy Schools. Vices are only virtues in a wrong setting.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar Latton cum Eyesey.

Salvage

Recovery of Waste Paper

Ernest S Wills, Lord Lieutenant of Littlecote near Hungerford appeals for support for the Ministry of Supply's campaign for the collection of waste material.

Military Welfare / Make do and Mend

Cirencester Park Working Party

Letters to the Editor

Lilias Bathurst describes the woollen things still required by the Forces i.e. the Navy require sea boot stockings, pullovers and gloves with fingers. The Gloucestershire Regiment require socks feet 10 -11 inches long. Helmets and scarves are no longer needed as winter is passing.

Military Welfare / Make do and Mend

More Children Knitting

Letters to the Editor

Stratton boys and girls are also doing their bit busily knitting comforts of all descriptions. The boys especially show a wonderful aptitude. To buy wool the children have willingly given £5 from their Sports Fund; thus foregoing this year's prizes. 15/- have also been sent to the Finnish Children's Fund.

Yours faithfully, L Tingle Stratton Cirencester February 28th 1940.

Action / Military Welfare / Civilian Welfare

Support for Finland

The Bishop of Gloucester appeals to the County to support a fund for help for Finland. 60 ambulances from Britain are already in Finland. The fund will provide warm clothing for those who have volunteered to go there. The first unit fighting men is leaving soon to go there. An account has been opened at Barclays Bank Cirencester. Gifts in kind can be sent to Countess Bathurst, Cirencester Park, The Hospital Supply Service 32 The Market Place, Sir Orme Clarke Bibury Court and others around the County. (Parcels to the Central Hospital Supply Service 32 The Market Place Cirencester)

Agriculture / Black-out

Ploughing by Moonlight

In a strenuous effort to catch up with arrears of work connected with the "Plough for Victory" campaign farmers and ploughing contractors in some parts of Gloucestershire are literally working night and day. On several nights recently the brilliant moonlight was utilised to the full by those in charge of tractors, and even when the moon has been obliterated by dark clouds, the work has gone on with the help of a diffused light from a headlamp attached to the front of the ploughing equipment. (A long report on a visit to a farm follows)

Casualties / Blackout

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Orders for the Week**Sea Cadet Force Cirencester Company**

As the instructors have been called up for service with the Navy there will be no instructions until further notice in this paper except for signals who will carry on under Mr Jones. As usual the Band will continue to practice.

A G Shave W.O. for C.O.

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During this year every effort must be made to increase the food supplies of the country by Home Production. In this connection we would point out that the greatest production will be obtained by sowing the finest stocks of seed, whether for farm or garden, and that it costs just as much to grow an inferior strain than the best. The finest stocks of garden and farm seeds and seed potatoes are obtainable from John Jefferies and Son The Seed Merchants, Cirencester. Ask for our illustrated catalogue of high class seeds free on application.

Entertainment**Notice**

The Sport of Kings

Owing to small demand for tickets by troops it has been decided to admit the public on Friday and Saturday 1st and 2nd of March. Tickets 2/4d and 1/3d including tax.

Propaganda / RAF

The Phantom Flight

Long article on aerial warfare.

Advert**Agriculture / Pest Control**

War Against the Invader Goes On

To stop the spread of disease to prevent the destruction of poultry and crops and damage to property Rats must be kept down. Rodine is the most efficient raticide known – in tins 7½ d and 1/3d from Chemists. Rodine Phosphorous and Red Squill Kills Rats and Mice.

Advert in Form of Cartoon Conversation

National Savings

Fred Gets an Important Job

Mr A - Fred you're just the man we're looking for. We want you to run the firm's war Savings Group.

Fred - What's the idea? Why can't we each do our own saving?

Mr A - We all can Fred But a Savings Group makes certain you can save regularly every week.

Mrs C - And it keeps you up to it and gives you the feeling that everyone is working together to help win the war.

Fred - But aren't we too small for a Savings Group.

Miss C (quoting from an advertisement) No it says here that the national Savings Committee has Savings Schemes suitable for firms of all sizes. And they give you help and advice on starting one.

Fred - But won't it mean a lot of extra work?

Miss C - A friend of mine runs her firm's group and she says there's very little work involved. Besides I'll help you.

Fred - That will be fine. How do we start?

Miss C - The first thing to do is to post the coupon to the national savings Committee.

Fred - I'll do it right away - then we'll get down to it and see what the firm can do "to Save for Victory"

(coupon attached to article)

LEND TO DEFEND THE RIGHT TO BE FREE

Dig for Victory

Success with Potatoes

Long article on preparing the newly dug allotment and planting enough potatoes. Potatoes should be the major crop on most allotments. The allotment holder should grow at least enough for his own needs, probably half the area of his allotment.

Propaganda / Transport

The disorganisation of German railways notably in the Berlin and Cologne areas has become so marked that an Army Supply Officer at Dusseldorf has publicly declared that if things do not improve it would be impossible to replenish army stores at the front for "the great offensive".

Propaganda / Food Supplies

The Berlin patent office is considering 2,000 applications for different kinds of coffee substitute.

Advert

Transport / Retail / Rationing

Pack Up Your Transport Troubles

Buy a Bike!

No fuel costs – Safer – More economical – Fastest to manoeuvre - Uninterrupted vision.

Has petrol rationing restricted your motoring? Are your train and bus services reduced and overcrowded? Is your income adversely affected by the war? If the answer is “Yes!” to any of these questions you need a bicycle.

We have a large of bicycles designed to solve wartime transport problems. Call and inspect them at E J Fowles, Long Street Tetbury.

Agriculture

The Rabbit Problem

At a meeting of the Gloucestershire Agricultural Committee on Saturday Alderman J P Terry Vice-Chairman said that a great deal of damage to crops was done by rabbits. Already this year a large number of fields of wheat had been destroyed. Major J H Dent – Brocklehurst said that because large areas of land had fallen in to disuse except for rabbit shooting, large numbers of rabbits would have to be destroyed.

Evacuation

From a Correspondent

What Evacuation has Taught Us

If that patient beast of burden the British Taxpayer, feels inclined to grumble later at the bill for the expense of the Evacuation, he may console himself with the thought that “the greatest Exodus since the days of Moses has had some unexpected and useful results. It has not only brought home to unduly complacent and “comfortable” citizens the fact that a considerable section of the younger generation has been allowed to grow up in an environment lacking many of the social decencies and amenities which most of them take for granted. It is also abundantly clear even to the most short sighted citizen that despite the much vaunted excellencies of our educational system, we have somehow failed to ensure that more than a comparatively small proportion of the boys and of England are being “Christianly and virtuously brought up” with a sound knowledge of those spiritual truths which in the language of the Catechism “a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul’s health.”

Dig for Victory

Wartime Allotments –Security of Tenure

(Main points of article)

The Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food say it is not possible to guarantee cultivators of wartime allotments security of tenure for any definite period of years. However they will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labours until the official termination of the war (somewhat after the actual cessation of hostilities) Also they will not be dispossessed during the period when most crops are reaching maturity i.e. April 6th to September 29th unless in exceptional circumstances when the local authority must get prior consent of the Minister. This will only be given if the land is needed for urgent building or other special purposes. Should he lose an allotment during the cropping season the holder will be compensated by the Minister for loss of crops growing and un-exhausted manorial value in accordance with the Allotments Act 1922.

Propaganda

Further long article by John Sutherland on "Restrictions Necessary and not so Necessary." Most people will put up with restrictions when they realise that they are nothing compared with Germany but the British want to be told the truth.

Propaganda

Butter Perfume

Among the many substitutes being produced in Germany is "butter perfume". It is claimed that if you pour 2 or 3 drops of it over some food it will taste as though it had been cooked in butter.

WIs / Food Production / Military Welfare / Kitchen Front /Evacuation

Somerford Keynes

Mrs Freeth Assistant County Instructor in Poultry Husbandry gave a talk on managing poultry etc.

Southrop

The first speaker was Mrs Buss who gave a talk on knitting. The competition was for knitted mittens for the troops. Mrs Richardson of Southrop Manor kindly gave a special prize for each entry for the troops

Kemble

Mrs Terrant the Produce Guild Secretary read a report of the work of the Guild and it is hoped that members of the Institute will join immediately and so take advantage of the lectures and free advice on gardening and extra food production during the war. Mrs Phillips read a recipe for marmalade without sugar. Mrs Tomkinson arranged a competition where members were given 2 matchsticks and a ball of wool and had to knit as much as possible in 10 minutes.

Duntisbourne Abbots

Members were invited to join the Produce Guild. Mrs Tait of Cirencester gave a talk on Hay Box cooking, demonstrating a hay box which was in current use.

Fairford

Children of Princeton Street School Holborn evacuated to Lechlade and Fairford presented two plays.

Dig for Victory

Grow More Food

Anti Waste Ways of Sowing Seeds (main points of the article)

Early ordering is essential to beat the rush and get appropriate seeds for your local conditions. Only order sufficient for your area cultivated. 50 ft double row of broad beans or peas is about 1 pint, runner beans ½ pint and dwarf beans ¼ pint. 1,000 plants can be raised from 1oz of any brassica seeds 2d or 3d packets usually contain enough for an allotment. Carrot, lettuce, parsley, spinach, beetroot, parsnip etc. should also be bought in small lots from 1/16 to ¼ oz is sufficient for a 10 rod garden or allotment. Parsnip, beetroot, carrots etc should be sown in "hills" that is 3 or 4 seeds every 6 to 8 inches along a drill. This saves seed and tedious plant thinning. Peas should not be too closely sown and beans give a better yield etc. if germinated in boxes. Salad crops should be sown frequently in small amounts. Lettuce thinnings should always be used for salads even though small.

Casualties / Blackout

Road fatalities have doubled in Wiltshire since the Blackout with 40 deaths compared with 17 in the same period 1938-39.

9/3/40

Retail / Make do and Mend

Wools

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Religion / Youth work

Kemble Youth Fellowship weekly meeting resumed in the Vicarage room on Tuesday evening. Attendance was small due to the departure of troops and the prevalence of illness (flu!).

ARP/ Children's Respirators/ Babies' Anti-gas helmets

Letters to the editor (not verbatim)

Respirators suitable for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years (own note Mickey Mouse masks) have now arrived and will be distributed to residents in the Urban District during week ending 16th March. In order to simplify distribution the same arrangements apply as to babies' anti gas helmets. Air Raid Wardens will notify parents as to the place and time when they will receive the respirators. Children should be brought to the fitting. Parents who may not be notified and who have children from 2 to 5 yrs are requested to attend at either the Old Museum Tetbury Road or Watermoor School on Saturday 16th March between 10am and 4pm.

J T Evans Hon Clerk Coordinating Officer Municipal Offices Cirencester march 6th 1940

Christmas / Military Welfare

Stratton and Baunton

The money raised by carol singing produced enough wool to knit a varied collection of woollies to be sent to "friendless servicemen"

Crime

Gloucester Quarter Sessions

Lance Bombardier Kenney was given 6 months hard labour for stealing from Baileys. He had done it to get money to entertain a member of the Women's ATS. He was born in London but his parents live in Cirencester.

Military Welfare / School work

Tommy Appreciates Schoolboy Knitters

Tommies with the BEF in France are deeply moved at the thought of pupils at Cirencester Council School knitting warm comforts for them. So much so that one of them came home on leave, paid a visit to the school and thanked the boys and teachers for what they had done. The man, Private Maurice Gooch said the men appreciate that the youngest boys in England had not forgotten them. He said that the scarf he received came at the right time and was well made. He was new to Cirencester having only been here 18 months before the war. A friend sent him the Standard and it was seized on by his friends when he had read it. They were often not from anywhere near Cirencester but they liked to read what was going on in England. Mr Vanstone (headmaster) has received 34/- in donations since the article appeared in the Standard.

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Entertainment

Corn Hall Saturday – Sensational attraction! Non-Stop Dance, Two bands Len Winslow's New Sylvanians and Harry Smith's Band

Dance every Saturday 7.30pm to 11.0pm admission 1/3d

(an extra report in orders for the week says that both bands have broadcast)

Refugees /Welfare

Clothes for Polish Refugees are still urgently needed. Parcels may be left at the Municipal Offices.

Advert**Insurance/ Rationing**

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Fund Raising

The Lord Lieutenant's Fund

So far up until the 5th March the fund has raised £2,095 3s 8d (List of donors given)

Crime / Black-out**Cirencester Petty Sessions**

“While the bench appreciates that there is a shortage of batteries bicycles must have a red rear lights” said the Chairman fining James Brown of Mill House South Cerney 7/6d for cycling without a rear light. PC Waldron said when stopped Brown said, “ I only started work this week and have so far been unable to get a battery”. Richard Sydney Cole of Quenington was fined 10/- for parking on the wrong side of the road during the Black-out on February 21st. When William Robert Charles Hutchings of 54 Cirencester Road Tetbury was charged with driving a car with one headlamp screened and the other unobstructed, he stated that it was the first time he had driven the car and was under the impression that the lights conformed to the regulations. “ I had only driven it from Cirencester to the A Box on Tetbury Road,” he said “and I hadn’t noticed anything was wrong. I doubtless should have done before I got very much further”. P C Thorn said that the near side headlight of Hutchings’ car was masked the off side was not. Hutchings told him that he did not know that there was a bulb in the off side lamp. It was the first time he had driven the car. He was fined 10/-.

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Rationing

Ministry of Food Announcement

MEAT RATIONING begins ON MONDAY

On or after March 11th the full meat ration will be 1/10d worth per week, or 11d for young children with a child’s ration book. A start will be made with meat coupon No 10 and coupons 1 - 9 should therefore be cut out and destroyed. If for any reason you have not registered do so at once . No coupons are required for liver, kidney, tripe, heart, ox-tail etc. or for poultry or game. Sausage meat, meat pies and galantines containing not more than 50% meat are not to be rationed at present. No coupons are required for meat served by canteens, schools, restaurants and catering establishments which are all rationed at the source of supply.

When Shopping Remember

During the war our meat supplies are bound to vary from time to time. When you cannot get just what you want in a particular week, be ready to take something else – your butcher will be glad to advise.

When you cannot get imported beef, bear it in mind that our fighting forces, whose needs must come first, consume a large proportion of our supplies. Remember that eating the home killed instead of imported meat saves shipping space and foreign exchange. Rationing is part of National Defence

This is an announcement by the Minister of Food, great Westminster House London SW

Entertainment / Religion

Sunday Cinemas for Cirencester

The Secretary of State has announced that following the CUDC’s application, the Cinemas in Cirencester will be allowed to open on Sundays. There has been strong opposition from

Cirencester Council of Evangelical Free Churches and Rev Stanley Franklin Congregational Church minister.

Evacuation / Black-out

Fair Play for Hostesses

Mr Elliott's Appeal to Reception Area Householders

Owing to our fortunate immunity from aerial bombing during the first six months of the war the prudent measures taken by the Government to protect the population against raids have been the object of constant criticism. The Black-out Regulations so much grumbled at have proved their efficiency recently when one of our pilots returning from the North Sea with a damaged rudder found himself over the Irish Channel without being aware that he had flown across the whole breadth of England. It needs only a slight touch of imagination to realise what might happen to children if enemy airmen over one of our big cities dropped bombs on a crowded school yet thousands of parents lacking the necessary imagination have taken their children back to vulnerable areas. The Government has resolved to give these parents a second chance and preparations are now being made for a second transfer of children to places of safety. Meanwhile 400,000 are still in the reception areas and the Minister of Health feels that it is not quite fair that hostesses who have entertained children for the past six months should continue to bear the whole burden. "I do not want," writes Mr Elliot in a leaflet now being circulated in reception areas, "to suggest that billets should be disturbed unnecessarily. It is far better for the child to have a settled home. But many householders for one reason or another ought now to be given some relief. They can only have it if others are willing to help their neighbours in a task laid on the district as a whole." Mr Elliott's appeal to the sense of fair play should meet with a ready response in reception areas.

Advert

Agriculture

WARTIME FARMING

Sound planning on the country's farming front will win the major victories. There are things the farmer should do and should not do, Keep abreast with the most up-to-date farming news methods in Farmers Weekly every Friday price 3d.

Dig for Victory

Garden Notes

Includes advice on growing peas and planting for succession.

Agriculture

Prof Boutflour speaking at Cirencester NFU meeting in the Corn Hall on Monday said that the farmers in Cirencester have ploughed up more land than farmers in any other area in Gloucestershire and probably more than in any other area in the country. He spoke as a member of the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Committee. Of the 435,000 acres scheduled in Gloucestershire 35,000 acres had been completed. Nearly 7,000 acres had been ploughed in Cirencester District. One only had to take a trip from Cirencester to Birdlip to see the change in the countryside.

Advert

Medical / Military Welfare

War on Dingy Teeth

Magnesia Best for Whitening Teeth

Sound white teeth are half the battle for good health. Everyone who tries the new toothpaste containing 'Milk of Magnesia' brand antacid is amazed to see how completely it removes ugly stains and leaves teeth amazingly white. A most astonishing discovery! Why is Milk of Magnesia such an effective whitener? The reason is that it instantly neutralises the harmful mouth acids which encourage the formation of dingy yellow deposits and tartar on the teeth. Moreover, it destroys the cause of decay, germs which swarm in the acid mouth. The toothpaste that gives you the marvellous tooth whitening service is Phillips Dental Magnesia and it alone contains 75% Milk of Magnesia. Get a tube today and try it. And if you have a relative or friend in the services at home or abroad include a tube of Phillips Dental Magnesia in your next parcel; you will be thanked for this thoughtfulness. Sold everywhere at 6d 10 ½ d and 1/6d a tube. Milk of Magnesia is the trade mark of Phillip's preparations of magnesia.

Agriculture / Black-out

In Buckinghamshire 24,000 acres have been scheduled for night ploughing with tractor lights.

Animal Welfare / Food Supplies

Feeding Dogs in Wartime (not verbatim)

The canine Health Association says that meat rationing should not adversely effect feeding of dogs. In a new booklet "Give Your Dog a Square Meal" written by Mrs Alison Nairn MA well known exhibitor and breeder explains that dogs do not need to crunch biscuits and bones day after day. Too much meat causes overheated blood, skin eruptions and eczema. Lack of vitamins in baked biscuits has resulted in hysteria becoming so widespread. The booklet is in its 5th edition distributed free by the Association's publishers, The Surrey Fine Art Press, Education Press department, Cavendish Road, Redhill Surrey.

Advert

Medical / ARP

ARP Instant First Aid for Skin Injuries

Cuticura Ointment brings instant soothing relief to cuts, burns and skin lacerations, prevents infection, quickly heals. At all chemists 1/3d 2/6d a tin. Cuticura Brand Ointment

National Service

The County Emergency Committee at Gloucester on Monday discussed roadmen who had been invited to join the Royal Engineers. They debated whether un-established men should have their pay made up and jobs kept open for their return. After considerable discussion it stressed that it would go before the County Council for consideration.

Military Welfare

Spotlight Column

Spotter reports that his office is crowded with items to be sent to the troops e.g. games, dart boards and cash.

Poetry

Rev S Claude Tickell

Latton-cum-Eysey

How irresponsible is the poet in Spring time. The bleating of a lamb, the song of a swallow, or a hint of fresh green in the trees, all stir something in the poet's breast. He feels the urge to express his soul. The rev. S Claude Tickell of Latton-cum-Eysey has this Spring

abandoned his prose writing in favour of verse. He has written an inspiring battle song for anti-aircraft men. Here it is:

The Anti- Aircraftsman

Did I learn it Sergeant Major?
Let me turn it Sergeant Major;
Just a teeny-weeny bitty.
If we missed, it was a pity!
Shall I tilt it just a little?
I feel almost certain it'll
Hit that Nazi Heinkel bomber
Yes, we'll hit her, we'll pom-pom her
Now I do believe I've done it!
DSO I've gone an won it!

PS The above sounds well sung to Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C# minor. Anti- Aircraftsmen please note.

Advert – Ormonds

Retail / Marriage

For the Quiet Wartime Wedding

Weddings will go on. Informality may dictate the ceremony but it will be none the less beautiful. Although she may choose other than traditional satin, the bride will be even lovelier in the eyes of the groom and guests. We have prepared for informal weddings with a collection of charming styles.

Tel. 143 Ormonds Ltd, The House of Fashion, Cirencester.

Advert

Kitchen Front / Make do and Mend

Home Management Corner

Miss Switch of Wessex Electricity advises on sweets without sugar, Brown Betty, honey pears. Economy cookies and honey cakes.

Ways and means

When putting up net curtains after washing slip a thimble on to the end of the curtain rod. This slips through the hem easily and does not poke holes. An extra mop is useful. Cut ten squares of sound pieces of worn out socks. Screw them on to a broom handle. If you've a schoolgirl daughter and her stockings turn a rusty black after several washings at a teaspoon of malt vinegar to the rinsing water. The stockings will keep their original jet black through endless rubbings.

16/3/40

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

ARP

The Gloucestershire Emergency Committee approved the scheme whereby one third of the Gloucestershire Mobile ARP Services will be available for helping in other areas in an emergency.

Advert

Finance

The Midland Bank Advertisement includes Wills and Trusts in time of War!

Action / Civilian Welfare

Support for Finland

(Duchess) Mary Beaufort appeals on behalf of the Finns for men's, women's and children's clothes, repairable boots and shoes, buttons, shoe laces etc.

ARP

Rescue and Demolition (not verbatim)

May I appeal for support on behalf of the Rescue and Demolition parties in this district? Members are required to make up the contingents for several Squads and Rescue Parties, and a particular appeal is made to men connected with building and allied trades, skilled or labourers. The service is voluntary and part time and all members will be trained in First Aid and Gas and offered facilities for passing exams. Application for membership and enrolment forms should be made to me at the address below.

Yours faithfully Eric D Hill Superintendent Rescue and Demolition Parties Area 6 Dyer Street House Cirencester March 12th 1940.

Military Welfare

P G J Gueterbock Chairman of the Territorial Army and Airforce Association 2 Beaufort Road Clifton appeals to knitting parties to carry on working to build up stocks for the following Winter and socks are needed all the time.

Military Welfare

Kempsford British Legion

2 cwt of books and magazines have been collected and despatched to Major Sir Francis Fetherston Godley for distribution to those men under his command in the BEF. The members also decided to send another lot of cigarettes or money to their sons serving in the Forces.

Advert

Agriculture

Aubrey Rees and Sons

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Retail / Home Front

Paint Away the Black-out Blues with PETRALINE

The water paint with 48 delightful colours. So easy to apply whether over wallpaper, clean plaster or woodwork. All British the 3 ½ lb packet (costing only 10 ½ d) does the average room. From Farrell's Castle Street.

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 29

Domestic situations vacant 30

Casualties / RAF

Orders for the Week

Flying Fatality

Flying Officer John Patrick Coveney of Ellerdale, Cheltenham Road has been killed in an accident. He was 25yrs old and recently married.

Entertainment

Non Stop Dance

Owing to the depletion of bands through illness there was only Harry Smith's Band at the Corn Hall last Saturday. The non stop dance with 2 bands had to be postponed. It will be held on Saturday 16th March instead.

Food Production Society / Dig for Victory

A Food Production Society was formed last Friday at the Council Chamber. 50 attended and it was presided over by Mr A J Matthews Chairman of the CUDC. Dr Reddington (County Horticultural Adviser) addressed the meeting. He pointed out the advantages of cooperative buying and endless advice. Mr T Biddle of Chesterton was elected Honorary Secretary, Mr J H Wilkinson Clerk to the CUDC Honorary Treasurer. The following were elected to the Committee:- Messrs A Watts, F Parker, L B Gassman, F Wood, H Taylor and G Shields.

Crime / Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Stephen Christopher Richard Robinson of Watermoor was fined £1 for exceeding the 20mph speed limit in a built up area during Black-out. P C Holtham was driving the police car and pursued and spoke to the driver. The latter said that his dashboard light was not working. House lights in the Black-out – Cyril Peter Collins was fined £2 for a light at 32 Melmore Gardens. Robert Francis Morley was fined 10/- for a light at Oakley Road on February 27th.

ARP

Notice

Will all those who have not yet fetched special respirators for children between the ages of 2yrs and 4yrs please do so without fail on Saturday 16th March, at the Old Museum or Watermoor School between 10am and 4pm.

F L Pardoe Chief Warden, Cirencester

Action / Navy

Mr Arthur Hopkins an ex pupil of Cirencester Grammar School the 22yr old son of Superintendent A W Hopkins formerly of Cirencester Police escaped when the Pacific Reliance a 6,171 ton merchantman was sunk off the West Coast on Monday. It was on its way

North. He was the radio officer. The ship was torpedoed but the whole crew of 53 men escaped in the boats. While they waited for rescue an RAF plane circled, the pilot waving to them. A small coastal vessel the Macville was called to their assistance by this RAF plane. When the Macville arrived it took the crew on board and towed the boats back to port. Mr Hopkins is now staying with his parents in Western Road Cheltenham. He told a reporter of the explosion which was deafening. The crew were soaked to the skin by the spray which covered the ship. After they had climbed into the lifeboats they watched from a distance as the ship went down. It was cheering to see the RAF plane and the crew of the Macville were very hospitable. We must have smoked them out of cigarettes.

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Agriculture / Salvage

Gloucestershire farmers are to wholeheartedly support the Government scheme for collecting scrap iron. Major Crawford and Mr J L Henderson from the Ministry of Supply attended a meeting of the Executive Branch of the NFU at Gloucester on Saturday. In order to save farmers trouble the Ministry would arrange the collection of scrap and transport it to the railhead where it would be sold by tender. The farmer would receive the whole of the money for the scrap less transport costs. All the farmer had to do was collect up the scrap and inform the department that he wished for a collection. The Ministry had increased the price by 10/- on top of the original offer after representations by farmers. Mr Maddy of Gloucestershire NFU suggested that all scrap should be collected without sorting at the farm and that the proceeds might be given equally to the BRCS and St Dunstons. Major Crawford agreed to take all scrap. Mr H A I Machen (Coleford) said farmers would lose nothing whether they donated the proceeds to charity or pocketed it, but for the war the iron would have rusted in the hedges for years.

Advert

National Savings

See How Your Savings Grow

While it appeals to patriotism when you buy National Savings Certificates you are doing your bit and helping the men on all fronts. It points out how the savings grow over 10 years and ends with the slogan Lend to Defend the Right to be Free.

Casualties / Black-out

WANT TO GET HOME ALIVE

Nearly 1,200 have been killed in one month alone in the Black-out. Don't think that accidents only happen to other people. Tonight on your way home there will be danger. Don't step off the kerb without looking both ways. Throw the light from your torch down on the ground so that you do not dazzle drivers. You cannot risk taking any chances. Look out in the Black-out!

Agriculture / Pest Control

Advert for Rodine

Includes the slogan No Sirens sound when Rats attack

Entertainment / Cinemas

Sunday Opening

Carlisle and Newport (Monmouthshire) Councils will not permit Sunday Cinemas for the troops.

Agriculture / Food Production

Large Poster Advert

Ploughing by Night and Day (illustrated with line drawing)

PLOUGH NOW by day and night and beat the weather. Farmers! By ploughing now you can win the equivalent of a mighty naval battle. By producing food for the nation and by making your farms self contained and independent of overseas feeding stuffs, you make both our shipping and our money available for buying munitions from abroad. Win your Graf Spee battle of production by ploughing up now.

To farmers and workers the Prime Minister speaking on February 28th

The Minister of Agriculture made a pronouncement last December when he said "If the increase in home production we want is to be obtained and the prices must be such as would give a reasonable return to the farmers and enable the farmer to pay a fair wage to the worker, I want to say again that the War Cabinet endorse that statement by the Minister of Agriculture. Farmers! Plough now by day and night. Play your part in the fight for right.

Evacuation

Large Poster Advert

Illustrated with a child holding a chick in front of maps of the countryside and town with aircraft silhouettes over the town.

Thank you Mrs Ruggles we wan more like you. Mrs Ruggles keeps the little sweet and cigarette shop in the village, she's been looking after her "evac" for over 6 months. Extra work? Yes Johnnie's been a handful! But she knows she's done the right thing. And think of all the people who have cause to be thanking Mrs Ruggles. First young Johnnie himself. He's out of a danger zone – where desperate peril may come at any moment. And he's healthier and happier and better behaved now. Perhaps he doesn't say it but he certainly means "Thank you Mrs Ruggles." Then his parents. Think what it means to them!

Whatever happens Johnnie is safe. And with such a dear motherly soul too. We often say "Bless you Mrs Ruggles." The Government is grateful too to Mrs Ruggles – and all 300,000 others who look after evacuee children. But many new volunteers are needed to share the present burden and to prepare for any crisis that may come. Won't you be one of them? You may be saving another Jonnie's life.. The Minister of Health who has been entrusted by the Government with the conduct of the evacuation asks you urgently to join the roll of those who are willing to receive children. Please apply to your local Council.

Pest Control

Rat Hunting

Rat hunting for 2d a tail is keeping a Bigby (Lincs) boy away from school.

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Evacuation

Poster Advert

Who'll give a promise to keep this child safe

This child's home is in the city. Up to the present his home has been safe. But lest us face it, one of these days his home may be in ruin. There is no excuse for feeling falsely secure because nothing has happened yet. The danger of air raids is as great now as it has ever been. The Government is arranging to send this child, and some hundred thousands of others to safety if raiders come. Only one household in five is caring for children now. Volunteers are urgently needed. Plans must be made well ahead. There must be no hitch, no delay in settling the children in safely. Here is your chance to help!

You can if you wish make an immediate contribution to this safety scheme. Many householders have been looking after evacuated children for 6 months now. They will be grateful for a rest. If you take over one of these children, you will be doing a very neighbourly deed and helping greatly in the nation's defence. To enrol as a host of a child now or in the future, or to ask any questions about the scheme, please get in touch with your local authority. The Minister of Health who has been entrusted by the Government with the conduct of the evacuation asks you urgently to join the roll of those who are willing to receive children. Please apply to your local Council.

Military Welfare

Royal Artillery Comforts

Mrs Jesse W Gibbon of Ampney Crucis House has received a letter from Major General H R Peak Honorary Treasurer of the Royal Artillery Comforts Committee from H Q in London. "The Committee of the Royal Artillery Comforts wishes me to convey their thanks to all the knitters in Gloucestershire who have so kindly knitted over 2,000 comforts for the Royal Artillery during the Winter months. It is very much hoped that they will continue knitting during the Summer months to help build up a reserve for next Winter, when we may have to deal with 400,000 men.

ARP / Evacuation

CRDC Meeting

Civil Defence

The Clerk Mr A J Hall stated that he had been successful in getting Mr H K Nisbet of Coates – a former Ministry of Health inspector – to be Chief Air Raid Warden for the district in place of Mr G M Scrutton. Mr Nisbet will take over his duties immediately after Easter. Thanks were expressed to Mr Scrutton.

800 Evacuees

The Clerk described the efforts to provide additional accommodation for 800 evacuees in the district. There were 35 villages in the RDC and he thought they would have some difficulty in getting accommodation for the additional 800 children as people in the parishes were not keen about it.

Fairford's Old Fire Engine

Mr H T Wiggins inquired if the surveyor had had any offers for Fairford's old fire engine and was informed that two had been received one for £2 the other for £2 –10s the latter was accepted.

Retail / Beer

Advert

All Right minded People

Ask For Stroud
Beer

Sport / Cricket

Cirencester Cricket Club

Cirencester Cricket Club will carry on during the coming season in spite of the war and in order to save the expense it is proposed that members should cut and roll the grounds themselves. This decision was unanimously reached at the club's AGM held at the Crown Hotel Cirencester.

Salvage

Letters to the Editor

The Duke of Beaufort the Lord Lieutenant appeals for volunteers to help councils in the collection of salvage as per the Ministry of Supply scheme e.g. paper, bones and metal.

Military Welfare

Letters to the Editor

Countess Liliastur Bathurst

Owing to the excellent work done not only by my working party but by those of Mrs Biddulph, Mrs Cox, the Convent School, Mrs Herbert at Rodmarton, Miss Clark at Frampton Mansell, Mrs Gimson and the children at Sapperton, Mrs de la Hay at North Cerney, Mrs Tabor at Trewsbury and many other contributors, who sent me knitted things we have collected 1,084 things. We have sent them to the navy Depot 11a West Hallon Street, to Mrs Gibbons 32 The Market Place the depot for CHSS to Mrs Vicary at Horfield Barracks Bristol for Battalions of the Gloucestershire Regiment and again to Mrs Gibbons for the Finns. She goes on to appeal for continued knitting etc. The Royal Navy want pullovers, seaboot stockings and gloves all the time. The Army socks. The CHSS pyjamas, dressing gowns and bed jackets. The Finns no longer need white helmets but all kinds of garments for men women and children. We have also sent things to the RAF Depot at Berkeley House. Donations gratefully received.

Home Front

Miss Switch Home Management Corner

Wiping out stains e.g. tea, coffee, fruit, ink, paint and varnish, grease stains on carpet. Eucalyptus oil is an excellent all round cleaner

Advert /Retail

Large Whiteways advert for Pale Ale and Pale Amontillado style British Sherry to meet wartime needs. Only 3/- per bottle.

Cinema

Advert.

The Picture House

Sunday Films commencing 24th March. A special programme of Grand Pictorial Talking pictures 5.30 to 10 pm.

Cinema

Advert.

The Regal

Easter Sunday "Kidnapped" Cert U also big supporting picture – 5.30pm to 10.30 pm.

Advert

Dance

Church Hall

Dance at the Church Hall – Thursday April 4th – 9pm to 2am

Alec Mattock and His Band.

Proceeds to the Finnish Red Cross Society

Tickets 3/6d single 6/- double – bar facilities- evening dress optional

Advert

Sport / Trade

Wilts and Glos Advert

Wartime Sports refers to the Cricket Club's decision to keep going and points out that many sports are doing the same. It offers to print stationary, fixture cards, posters etc.

Entertainment

Advert

Dance

Easter Monday Dance – Ampney Hall 8 pm to 1 am – admission 1/-

Coates Harmonica Band

Advert

Agriculture

Save Every Chick

Save every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's

Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also

Huck's Corn Stores.

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper

Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given

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Orders for the Week

WVS for CD

The Office will be closed from Thursday March 21st to Wednesday March 27th inclusive. In future the office will not be open on Saturday mornings.

Patience Chester – Master

ARP

Cirencester ARP at Bristol

Members of Cirencester's First Aid Party and Demolition Squad took part with hundreds of other ARP workers from Gloucester City and County, Swindon, Tetbury, Bath, Wiltshire, Somerset and Bristol in a test at Bristol on Saturday. General Sir Hugh Ellis inspected the parade. The Cirencester contingent did not actually take part in the proper exercise owing to one or two unfortunate incidents, beyond their control. The Cirencester convoy consisted of 5 cars with 2 trailer ambulances and 2 demolition lorries.

Spotlight

Welfare/ Propaganda

The Spotter comments favourably on the Cricket Club's decision to carry on. Sunday opening of cinemas is to be without restriction to service personnel only. He also reports on the successful bombing raid by the RAF on the Sylt. "Scapa Flow" is a mere flea bight compared with this major reprisal. British pilots flew over the Sylt next day and coolly took photographs of the wreckage.

Advert

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YMCA

Military Welfare

At the AGM of the YMCA Mr George Winstone, President, said that steps had been taken in town to find premises to meet the needs of members of H M Forces. These had not been successful and the YMCA had been asked to take over the task, and invited some local ladies

and gentlemen to come in and help the committee :- i.e. Miss M Cambray, Mrs Hope, Mr R A Berkeley, Mt Hugh Bailey, Mr T C Boulton, Rev Franklin, General Hankey, Mr J M Legg, Sqdrn Ldr Mathieson, Capt Swanwick, Caron Westmacott and Rev E C Hearne.

Agriculture /Food Production

The Duke of Beaufort is ploughing up a considerable acreage of Badminton Great Park, he has put 14 acres of wheat and 150 acres to spring oats

Food Production

Kemble

Food Production Club

The inaugural meeting of the Food Production Club was held in the schoolroom on Friday evening. 14 parishioners attended.

Advert

Agriculture /Food Production

Tractor Night Ploughing

Large poster advert - Speed the Plough - Win our great production Fight

Farmers! Look at Spring with Winter in your mind – next winter when feeding stuffs will be short unless you grow your own. Every acre you plough now means fodder to carry you through next winter. PLOUGH NOW

To farmers and workers the Prime Minister speaking on February 28th

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BRCS

Mrs Gibbons of the BRCS, CHSS 32 Market Place has received a letter thanking her for the contribution to the 6,000 supplies sent from Gloucestershire to the Finnish Red Cross. The letter was from Peggy Gripenberg 42 Bryanston Square, London W1 March 18th 1940

Transport

In order to meet the requirements of the public in the Tetbury, Kemble and Cirencester area, the GWR have arranged additional afternoon services between Tetbury and Kemble.

Entertainment

Next week's films at Cirencester Cinemas (The Picture House)

For details of the programme on Easter Sunday the announcements will be placed at the front of the theatre and handbills will be distributed.

ARP/Black-out / Casualties

New Road Sense

Road fatalities which increased in the early months of the black-out are at last declining. For the first time in the war a monthly total, that of February shows a decline from the month before. This may be due to the reduction of cars on the road but there were 200 less fatalities in February than January.

W I / Home Front/ Evacuation

Crudwell

At the village Hall on March 13th it was decided to hold six weekly lessons on war-time cookery.

Mr Elles, head of the school evacuated from West Ham gave a resume of the life of evacuee children.

Crime / ARP/Black-out/ Entertainment

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Hugh McNeill was fined 10/- for no front light. He told PC Smith that the bulb had blown.

Lillian Little of South Cerney was fined for a similar offence. PC Smith said that when stopped she said "I shall still ride" and thereupon mounted her machine and rode away.

Henry Walker was fined 10/- for no front or rear light. He told Inspector Newman that he preferred a fine to being late to work.

Leslie Curtis of Cirencester was fined 10/- for no screen or blackened reflector on his headlight. PC Jenkins said that Curtis said "someone must have pinched the screen." Dennis Broadhurst of Barnsley Road Ampney Crucis was fined 5/- on both accounts for no rear red light and an unauthorised front light. (PC Turner)

Justices Agree on Sunday Cinemas

Conditions :- No Horrors shown, Cert. U s where possible. Staff not to work more than 6 days a week and a percentage of the Sunday takings to be given to the Kinematograph Fund and any other charity the bench might think fit viz. the Memorial Hospital and St John's war Organisations. Squadron Leader Richard, Senior Chaplain of the C of E said that Sunday evenings were a problem for troops with services finishing at 7.30pm. It was not desirable for young fellows to spend time in bars or lounging about town. Colonel Pardoe who brought the original request as Deputy County Welfare Officer for troops in Gloucestershire said "the fact that young soldiers and airmen were left on the streets on Sunday evenings was having a bad effect on the young people of the town as well as themselves. It was possible to see couples in every doorway in Cirencester." The proposals were passed subject to the previous conditions.

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Drink

The Tonic Qualities of
Stroud Beer

Will keep you always

On Active Service

**Sunday Opening of Cinemas / Military Welfare
Letters to the Editor**

Where is Freedom

When the Justices at Cirencester Police Court decided on the 20th inst to permit Sunday cinema performances at Cirencester, Sqdr Ldr Richards (Senior Chaplain C of E) told the Magistrates that “the way in which men were to spend their spare time on Sunday nights presented a real problem. They might go to a place of worship in the town but services were always over at 7.30pm at any rate. This left them with 2 or 3 hours to fill in and without casting any reflection on the hotels of Cirencester it is not desirable that these young fellows should spend their time in bars, or lounging about the town”. What gracious damning with faint praise of “the hotels of Cirencester” that men should not spend time in their bars! Why not? Freedom lovers should protest strongly against such a narrow minded desire to incarcerate Tommy during his out-of-camp hours, in the church building or Sunday cinema as refugees from the too freely imagined dangers of the public house or the street. Today’s Daily Mirror, in “It’s up to you,” edited by Bill Greig, epitomises the trenchant opinions of some readers on interference with Tommy’s reasonable freedom. Ex RSM F.C. Fowler of Tennyson Avenue, Manor Park, London, E writes “as one who fought for the whole of the last warif the busybodies did not refer so much to the things they believe to be wrong, fewer young men would go looking them.” K.L. Moody of the LMS Goods Depot Kettering writes “Put a man in khaki or navy blue and everyone wants to save him from himself.” James Kerr of Lancaster Gate, London W reminds us that “the soldier does not grumble seriously at his small pay, but if he is told how to spend it there will be trouble for someone. How can they expect him to defend with all his might the freedom he hasn’t got?” Says Bill Greig, finally: “Let’s leave things to the good common sense of the average fighting man. He’s got plenty”. Major General Sir John Kennedy has testified. The British soldier can take his glass of beer without abusing it.

Yours faithfully John H Lewis Bristol March 23rd.

Advert

Casualties /Finance

Midland Bank

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Dig for Victory / National Savings

Aldsworth

The Aldsworth Horticultural Society has decided to abandon its work during the war period and its funds of £27 will be invested in War Savings.

Fund Raising

North Cerney

At a concert at the North Cerney Village Hall the villages of Bagendon, Rendcomb and Woodmancote combined in an effort for the Lord Lieutenant’s Fund with £12 guineas raised. Those taking part included the North Cerney Harmonica Band.

Cirencester Urban District Council

Trade / Allotments / Evacuees

Market Tolls

Mr H St J Rawlins High Steward of the Manor of Cirencester had had a number of discussions with Lord Bathurst re the sale of the market tolls. The value of these however depended largely on the Mops to the amusement caterers. As it very doubtful that the Mops will be held during the war it was decided to defer the matter until after the war was over.

Allotment Land

Mr Matthews said that additional land had been procured in the Abbey Way and London Road. He said that there had not been many applicants. "If people do delay we may have to take some of the land over for our use."

Evacuation

The Clerk announced that Cirencester would not receive any more unaccompanied children in connection with the Government's second evacuation scheme.

Sick Bay

The possibility of Cirencester's Sick Bay for evacuee children who are taken ill, being taken over after the war as a Maternity Hospital, was alluded to by Mr Winstone. The Clerk said that the bay had been governed by a provisional Committee. As members of the Committee were now acquainted with the work he asked the Council to agree to their managing it on behalf of the Government. There were complaints that measles cases had been taken there but the Clerk said householders were told to take children there they were not expected to nurse evacuees and they could not break faith with householders. When they spoke of "sickness" they did not define any specific form. It was agreed to re elect the Committee. Mr Winstone said he hoped the bay would become a maternity home after the war.

Advert

Evacuation

Large Poster Advert. Showing an evacuee girl sewing in front of a countryside view and a townscape with bomber silhouettes over.

(Text) Who'll help Mrs Harrison? Mrs Harrison has had Molly with her for six months now. Molly arrived in those troubled September days and she came pinched and peeked and feeling very strange. Molly doesn't feel strange any more. Neither is she pinched or peeked. It's been hard work for Mrs Harrison, but she hasn't grudged it. First she did it for her country's sake and now she'd like to do it for the girl's sake as well. But the trouble is this. Mrs Harrison cannot keep her for ever. A child is a tie and Mrs Harrison feels that it is a tie that should be shared. Will you be neighbourly and take Molly for a while? All you need do is enrol your name with your Local Authority. You may be asked to take a child now, or you may be kept against the time when raids make a second evacuation necessary. When you enrol you will be doing a splendid service for the nation. You may be saving a child's life. The child, the parents and the government will be grateful to you. And if you take a child now, one of the 300,000 Mrs Harrisons will be grateful to you.

You can if you wish make an immediate contribution to this safety scheme. Many householders have been looking after evacuated children for 6 months now. They will be grateful for a rest. If you take over one of these children, you will be doing a very neighbourly deed and helping greatly in the nation's defence. To enrol as a host of a child now or in the future, or to ask any questions about the scheme, please get in touch with your local authority. The Minister of Health who has been entrusted by the Government with the conduct of the evacuation asks you urgently to join the roll of those who are willing to receive children. Please apply to your local Council.

Advert

Medical

Overwork, Strain and Fatigue – a Restorative Wine

If you are feeling “all in” as a result of the extra work you are doing, overwrought because of the strain of modern life on the nervous system and fatigued without due cause, it suggests that you stand in need of some efficient restorative. And one of the finest restoratives you can take is a first class tonic wine. Mention of tonic wine naturally brings to mind Winox – the wine food which has gained such a wonderful reputation among doctors and nurses ever since it was first introduced in 1912. The expression “wine food” has been used and this is an exact description of Winox. It is a splendid wine containing beef and malt in pre-digested form and is this which accounts for its exceptional merit. Containing vitamins, grape sugar and phosphates it is a restorative of no mean order after a period of strain and fatigue. Try this wine food and pass your own judgement after the effects of it have been noted. You can obtain a champagne quart bottle for 5/6d and considering its superb qualities it is the cheapest tonic wine food on the market.

Advert

Dance

Church Hall

Dance at the Church Hall – Thursday April 4th – 9pm to 2am

Alec Mattock and His Band.

Proceeds to the Finnish Red Cross Society

Tickets 3/6d single 6/- double – bar facilities- evening dress optional

Advert

Food Supplies

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Entertainment

Cirencester Cinemas

The Picture House – Sunday “Paradise for Two” with Jack Hulbert

“Big Business” with Jed Prouty

Two first rate comedies.

The Regal - Sunday “Tarzan’s Revenge” (Cert U) with Glenn Morris and Eleanor Hulme
“Charlie Chan at the Olympics” (Cert U) with Warner Orlando and
Katherine de Mille

ARP / BRCS

BRCS Course of instruction in First Aid every Tuesday at 6.30pm commencing April 9th at Cirencester Park. Also Home Nursing Thursday at 6.30pm commencing April 11th at Cirencester Park. Members of Gloucestershire 84 free non-members 2/- each course

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Food Production / Dig for Victory

Cirencester UDC Wartime Allotments

A limited number of Allotments are available at Abbey Way, Whiteway, London Road (as well as Chesterton) Intending applicants for plots must apply at once to the Municipal Offices, Gosditch Street, Cirencester.

Advert

Medical

When you are “All Nerves” advert for Dr Williams Pink Pills

Crime / Black-out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

No lights – David Gavin was fined 5/- PC Nicholls stopped him in Cricklade Street. He said “both bulbs have gone. I was trying to put it right.” Witness examined the bulbs and found they had either fused or the current was not getting through them.

Black Out Speed Limit – “We would like to point out that we can’t go on being lenient in cases like this”. Said the Chairman dealing with motorists exceeding 20mph limit in the Black-out.” It is a new regulation and must be obeyed. The fines will be heavier in the future. Edward A Pawley of Swindon was fined 10/- PC Nicholls and SC Pugh. John Charles Edwards of Rodmarton was fined 10/- for a similar offence (PC Nicholls brought the

action) also for Richard Mervyn Huck of Preston fined 10/-. The latter two offenders both said that it was difficult when you were not allowed to have a dashboard light

Agriculture/ Food Production

Advert

Large Poster advert

Split illustration of Ploughing and Shells

Ploughing on Farms is a Vital Arms

Lighten our ship's burden of food and Fodder – Forward to Victory!

The more we grow the more we can spend on munitions.

Grow your own feeding stuffs.

PLOUGH NOW

Prime Minister speaking on February 28th

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ARP

The ARP Position in Cirencester (not verbatim)

60 ladies are required to spare 2 or 3 hours a week in the day time to sit over a telephone and read or knit, are badly needed at the ARP Report Centre, Mr Evans told a reporter. When on duty they could read, knit or smoke, but not sleep. Electric fires have been installed. The shortage was due to people leaving the town or ill health. After a warning goes they only have to notify one or two people then his or her responsibility is over unless they want to extend their duties. Mr Evans then described the services set up (see previous lists). There were 150 Wardens in Cirencester (up to strength) and 75 in the Rural Area. The casualty section has just lost the Ambulance Officer. This post is badly needed its main function is in administration and organising. They had used Boy Scouts as messengers but orders have been received prohibiting the use of under 16s so they needed more to augment the remaining Scouts and Sea Cadets. Men with small cars and motor bikes are most needed. It is important to remember that no one is paid.

WI / Royalty / Salvage

Badminton WI Branch attended by Queen Mary

Queen Mary attended the March meeting of the Branch. The Dowager Duchess of Beaufort presided and 70 were present.

Kemble

The Produce Guild discussed a weekly stall to sell surplus vegetables, fruit, poultry, cakes etc. Application will be made for extra sugar for preserving fruit. Mrs Bray gave a talk on R.I.R. and rearing poultry, especially feeding problems.

Spotlight / Propaganda / Rev S Claude Tickell

Spotlight reveals the latest from Rev S Claude Tickell – The success of Sylt must not blind the public to the failure of Scapa Flow.

Agriculture / ARP/ Black-out

Straying Sheep

In these Black-out days collisions between straying sheep and motorists are frequent and the question of liability is a worrying one.

The law is (says Farmers Weekly) the owner of the sheep is not liable to pay damages to the driver "because it is not a natural propensity of the animal to obstruct traffic, but rather to avoid it." The owner is however, probably guilty of a technical offence under the Highways act 1864 and liable to a fine not exceeding 5/- for each animal straying on the highway.

6/4/40

Advert

Retail /Finance

Small ad. Excellent Lock Up Shop near centre of town : Rent £24 p.a. (Open to offer) Apply above Jackson Stops

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

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Propaganda

Chit Chat Column

The Chit Chat Column gives "propaganda" opinion on Mr Churchill's latest speech, Neutral Countries, Farming and future food production, Nazi propaganda and Mr Molotoff's speech.

Rationing / Food Supplies / Propaganda

Spotlight Column

The Spotlight column refers to the latest efforts of the Ministry of Information in their leaflet "Can You Make Tea Without One for the Pot". To save the risk to sailors bringing in extra

supplies do not waste a spoonful. "See that the water is really boiling fast" but be sure to make the tea as soon as the kettle boils, though ensure that the water is really boiling. Water that has boiled a long time is so flat that it does not bring out the strength of the tea. Give the tea time to brew and don't forget that to give it a stir just before pouring out will add to its strength.

Medical

Letters to the Editor

H F Priddy General Secretary of the Hospital Committee records thanks to Mr Woodbridge for his services as ambulance driver over the past 9 years.

Welfare/ Foreign Aid / WVS

The Personal Service League (PSL)

Finnish Comfort Fund

The PSL (Cirencester Branch) in conjunction with the WVS has sent a bale of clothes each month to the Finnish Comfort Fund. As a result of the war with Russia there are now ½ million refugees in Finland. More than half are children. The necessity of helping them with blankets and clothing is more urgent than ever. During the spring cleaning I would ask everyone to remember the gallant Finns and to send what they can to our depot at Querns Lane House on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, or send me a post card and we can collect in the Urban District.

Yours faithfully R Gillies, Hon Sec PSL (Cirencester Branch)

Hales Cirencester April 2nd 1940

Advert

Drink / Propaganda

Stroud Beer

(Illustration of crossed Union jacks) There'll Always be an England (With Apologies)

There'll always be an England

While Stroud Beer can sustain

The manhood of our native strand.

In times of stress and strain.

There'll always be an England

And we shall all be fit,

If Stroud Beer means as much to you.

As the man who "does his bit"

Politics

Rotary Club

Britain and the Sino Japanese Conflict – British aid for Japan would be disastrous

The fear that should the pressure of events compel Britain to support Japan, it would be disastrous for both Britain and China was expressed by Rev W Conibear a missionary on furlough from China at present a Minister of the Methodist Church was the theme of a talk given to Cirencester Rotary Club on Tuesday evening.

Medical

Memorial Hospital AGM

The proceedings of the Hospital AGM included the Emergency Hospital Scheme.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health the Hospital has been graded and provision made for 47 emergency beds. These have now been supplied and set up for emergency use. In the

event of their use arrangements have been made for the call up of the Civil Nursing Reserve and Auxiliary Nurses. The Hospital was evacuated on 1st of September and admission of cases restricted for some weeks. These regulations have been modified and normal work is now in progress. New Equipment includes a Diadex Mobile X-Ray Unit for use in the wards at a cost of £331-10s and a Keepalite emergency lighting unit at a cost of £76-16s-3d ; Fire shutes £47-9s-6d. The Linen League had supplied 384 articles and in addition 18 extra pairs of sheets, 12 drawsheets, 50 towels and 26 blankets were purchased at a cost of £27-7s-4d to meet emergency conditions. The lack of patients for one month and 4 months of trying conditions had led to a £508 deficit. The latter months included purchases to meet regulations and provide protection in the event of enemy action. The Hospital has taken over the ambulance service and hopes to buy a new ambulance in the near future.

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WI / Entertainment /Overseas Aid / Finland Fund

Southrop WI organised a dance which raised £1-5s for the Finland Fund

Entertainment / SSAFA

The Soldiers Sailors and Airman's Families Association is to hold a Variety entertainment in the Church Hall next Wednesday at 7.30pm. Miss Cambray who is responsible has secured a number of talented performers including Mrs Hitch, Miss Dorothy Edwards, Mr Dick Rose, Mr Williams and Mr Morley. The last two are making their bow in Cirencester. In addition to the vocal and instrumental items above, there will be plays by Cirencester and Stratton WIs. Miss Betty Matthews will be the accompanist. Admission 3/- 2/- and 1/-

Military

Cirencester Home Defence Company

More Men Wanted The Recruiting Office is open

Men are still urgently needed for the Cirencester Company 8th (HD) Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment and the officers of the Company have arranged a loan by the Office of Works of a small room at the entrance of the Bingham Library as a recruiting office. It will open 5pm to 7pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the next few weeks.

NCOs and men will get full army rates of pay and allowances. As far as possible they will do duty in their own neighbourhood allowing frequent home visits.

At present the guarding of vulnerable points is being done mainly by service units who should be devoting time to training. Home Defence Companies must be expanded to cover this. It is an opportunity for older men to render patriotic service.

Medical

Cirencester Ambulance

As from March 27th 1940 the Town Ambulance will be garaged and driven by Messrs M Caudle of Watermoor, Telephone Cirencester 350.

Will the public kindly note that when telephoning for the ambulance no number is necessary.

Crime / Black-out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

John Davis of South Cerney was fined 10/- for having an ineffectually screened lamp on Cirencester.

Mrs Kathleen Campbell of Cirencester fined 5/- for riding a bicycle without lights on Tetbury Road.

Alexander Mc Dougal of South Cerney and Richard Eric Stevenson of Cricklade Street were fined £1 for parking without lights at 8.30pm in Ashcroft Road.

Robert Langley Knowles of South Cerney and John William Mc Nought of Cirencester were fined £1 for leaving cars on the wrong side of the street after dark.

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Religion

Advent Testimonial Movement (Interdenominational)

Rev H M Brown of London with (DV) will speak on "The Second Coming of Christ", in the Church Hall Cirencester. Tuesday April 9th 7pm Chairman Mr S D French also at Tetbury Baptist Church Wednesday April 10th at 7.30pm.

ARP

Busy Sunday in the Cirencester Area

A very comprehensive ARP exercise was carried out in Cirencester last Sunday afternoon and the umpires and inspectors found little wrong with the organisation. Three raids were visualised in the course of which 16 incidents were staged. These covered an area extending from North Cerney to Watermoor, Chesterton and Somerford Keynes and from Cirencester and Lechlade and Quenington. The alarm was not sounded. News of the raids was conveyed by telephone to the various departments all of which were on the qui vive.

The "raids" lasted for 4 hours during which time there was a busy scene in the Control Room at the Report Centre. Two full shifts were occupied, the reliefs at half time taking up their duties smoothly. Seven telephones shrilled continuously as a constant stream of inward and outward messages were received and despatched. Quick decisions had to be made and speedy action taken. Fire Rescue and Decontamination squads were despatched to deal with the havoc of High Explosive, Incendiary and Gas Bombs and First Aid parties dealt with 150 casualties.

When a High Explosive Bomb fell on Quenington green First Aid Parties from Fairford were despatched. They also dealt with half a dozen casualties at Lechlade. The various parties actually went into action at the scene of each incident, a particularly busy spot was the Regal Cinema which was badly wrecked by a High Explosive bomb and burning from the effects of incendiaries, the fire spreading rapidly. Casualties were estimated at 50 to 100 many being buried. Panic was reported in Tower Street.

To this the Sub Control despatched all First Aid, Rescue and Road Repair parties available and Police parties reporting home from other incidents were also switched to the Regal.

Entertainment

Radio

Morale and Propaganda

S P B Mais visited Fairford to interview people in his Midlands Microphone at Large Series for the BBC. Using the mobile recording unit he interviewed local people about life in Wartime Fairford. It is to broadcast on Saturday April 27th. It will include evacuees and behind the scenes at their canteen and local farmers. The local farmers are Mr Eric Gantlett and Mr Nicholas Geach. Mr Baldwin who has been associated with the great Brass Band contest at Fairford will also speak and there will be reference to the stained glass windows in Fairford Parish Church.

Kitchen Front / Make do and Mend

Home Management Corner

Advert

Miss Switch's Home Management Corner gives advice on balancing your meals.

Advert /Finance

The Midland Bank Advertisement includes Wills and Trusts in time of War!

Advert /Retail

(Picture of three service hats)

SERVICE Anzora { Won't soil the hats or pillows
Masters the hair 6d 1/3 2/3

Evacuation / Propaganda

(Picture of a boy in front of a country field layout and a city with bomber silhouette)

Johnny lives in the City

His home may seem safe enough now. But if raids come it will be another matter. Johnny must be moved. It is unthinkable that he should be left to take his chance among the horrors of modern bombing warfare. The Government is going to send Johnny to your district if raids come. This is where your help is needed. To promise now to give Johnny a home, so that the authorities may know he will be cared for. Do think that because we have not been raided yet, we are not likely to be. As the year grows older the danger does not grow less. These children in the city may be needing a safe home next month, next week, perhaps tomorrow. When they do, they will need it suddenly, urgently and desperately. All you need to do is to enrol your name with your Local Authority. You may be asked to take a child now, or your name may be kept against the time when raids make a second evacuation necessary. When you enrol you will be doing a splendid service for the nation.

Weather/Communications/ Security

Restoration of Telephone Services

Ice Storm (not verbatim)

At the time of the great storm at the end of January and February it was impossible to give information damage to the county's telephone system for fear of giving the same to the enemy. The Gloucester Area suffered more than any other area in Britain. 48 exchanges out of 109 were completely isolated. 5,400 out of 16,600 subscribers were disconnected: 680 poles were broken together with 2,500 miles of wire. For weeks before January 27th when the first effects of the storm were felt the ground temperature was well below freezing. On that night warmer air at higher levels produced continuous drizzle and as fast as it fell it froze. The enormously increased weight of wires broke the poles leaving only stumps in the frozen ground. Despite the dangerous state of the roads, gangs proceeded at once to clear up the damage. The weather improved by February 3rd and transport was greatly facilitated. However many leaning poles crashed down when the ground thawed. The repair work has continued and the Post Office would like to thank the military authorities for allowing 100 soldiers to work in the Gloucester Area alone. A few subscribers are still cut off but Post Office engineers have done an excellent piece of work.

Agriculture

Advert

Large poster advert (two tractors ploughing)

Plough the Fields Increase the Yields

Plough up your grassland. Make every field give a greater yield. You cannot grow guns and planes but you can grow more food and more root and fodder crops, so releasing ships to carry guns and planes. Make no mistake - ploughing is the key to victory - and the key is in your hands.

PLOUGH NOW!

(box insert)

£2 per acre ploughing grant time is extended to April 30th But Don't Delay Your Ploughing Comply with the County Committee directions "Plough now by day and night" should be your motto in the great battle for production.

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Advert / Retail

In Uniform White Teeth make the Picture

Phillips dental Magnesia

Include some in your next parcel to him or her.

Crime/ Aliens

(not verbatim)

Long report on Hyman Simons alias Hyman Finstein an alien of Russian nationality who was sent to prison for 3 months at Tetbury for two charges under the Aliens order (1920) i.e. failing to furnish particulars required under the order and failing to report a change of address.

National Savings

A very long report on National Savings in Cirencester.

National Politics

Mr W S Morrison is to be Post Master General in the new cabinet changes. He succeeds Major G C Tynour who is taking Mr Morrison's post as chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. At the Ministry of Food Mr Morrison is succeeded by Lord Woolton who since the outbreak of the war has been Director General of Equipment and Stores.

Women's Institute Notes/ Military Welfare/ Kitchen Front/ National Savings

Chedworth W I

Chedworth W I raised £6 14s with a whist drive to send parcels to each of Chedworth's serving men.

Coates W I

Mrs Freeth gave a talk on poultry keeping. Mrs Shepherd won the prize for the best dish from non rationed food not costing more than 6d

Ampney Crucis W I

Mr J Cripps spoke on National War Savings

Miserden W I

Wartime Cooking

North Cerney and District W I

Mrs Emperingham talked on cheap meat cooking and urged making use of the hay box for cooking. Also buying tripe, liver and skirting of beef and using more lentils in stew along with beans and tomatoes.

13/4/40

Advert / Retail

Bailey Bros

To the RAF

We know the difficulty many of you experience in obtaining SOLID MODELS

If you will come to us we can help you over any of your troubles as we keep a full range of all solid lines and Penguin Plastic Kits, Cloud, Tower and Frog Kits.

See the new Experimental Bomber in our window.

Bailey Bros Phone 266

Cricklade Street Cirencester

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more eggs with Johnson's Tonic. 7 ½ d 1/2d and 5/- Smiths, also Huck's Corn Stores, Cirencester.

Spotlight

Propaganda / Library / National Service (Conscientious Objectors) / Salvage

In his column Spotlight refers in strong terms to the bullying regime in Germany viz. the invasion of Norway and Denmark. He likens Hitler to the primate of Hell with bishops, snivelling Goebbels treacherous Ribbentrop and blustering Goering, Himler and Hess and the rest of his satellites crawling canons.

He also hits out at Conscientious Objectors. After the above invasions we cannot influence Hitler by peaceful means. He then refers to so called allegations by Conscientious Objectors of unfair tribunals.

Reading is on the increase – A graph kept by Mr P Jackson over the past 4 years shows reading material borrowed from the Bingham Library since the outbreak of the war when the Library was rudely bundled out of its HQ and compelled to take refuge in new inadequate premises has sky rocketed. Last month 7,700 books were issued circa 320 books per day, nearly twice as many as last year.

Blades and stockings – I have wondered over the years what to do with used razor blades. I put 127 in a box and waited for a plain van to take them away. However the Controller of Salvage for the Ministry of Supply whose job is to see that nothing is wasted at the Gloucestershire conference said that you can do as you like with them or words to that effect. But he is interested in ladies' silk stockings. They could be used to help exports. He estimates that 100 pairs are thrown away each year by individuals in this country. So next time you have a 12inch ladder in the pair you bought only last 6 week don't curse, just smile and say "If I save them it will help Britain win the war." It will comfort you no end.

Chit Chat

National Service / Conscientious Objectors

Only 1.41 % of the latest recruits wishing to register as Conscientious Objectors to say nothing of those who will actually pass the tribunal shows how German actions are influencing the public to believe that we do right in entering the war and are working to win it. As is the number of people who have informed the Ministry of Pensions that they wish to give up their pension to aid the war effort.

**WVS / Make Do and Mend/ Forces Welfare
WVS Working Party and Depot Ampney Park
Letters to the Editor** (not verbatim)

Constance Cripps writes to the Editor to thank all who supported in providing comforts for all three services. The articles sent so far are as follows: The Lord Lieutenant's Fund 1,445 (296 sent to the Gloucestershire Regiment before the fund started. 393 to the Royal Navy, 69 to Finland, 172 to local soldiers, RAF and other Regiments, 87 to Cirencester Hospital together with 2,464 from the Depot. She would like to thank village working parties and other friends. In addition to wool from the Lord Lieutenants Fund further purchases were made with the aid of whist drives, bridge parties and personal subscriptions. The depot is only open now on the first Tuesday in the month. Socks are still urgently required and wool for these is still provided.. We hope to pen the depot for weekly working in the Autumn. Letters of thanks have been received from a number of Commanding Officers.
Constance Cripps – Ampney Park.

Cirencester UDC/ Politics

Letters to the Editor

Vacancies on the Urban District Council

Mr William Walters of 2 Bowling Green Road suggests that unsuccessful candidates with good support like himself should be given the opportunity of filling the vacant spaces as opposed to the list published by "Spotter" as none of those proposed has ever been a candidate. Owner occupiers ought to have a representative.

YMCA /Military Welfare

Letters to the Editor

YMCA in Park Street Social Centre for Troops

Upwards of £250 is being spent by the National Council of the YMCA and it is hoped that the centre will be open in three weeks time. Items still required are (1) a piano (2) easy chairs (3) cushions for easy chairs and settees (4) games- chess, draughts dominies, cards etc. (5) a supply of daily and weekly papers, quarterly, yearly or yearly magazines. (6) up to date books and magazines. Gifts except for furniture should be sent to the YMCA. For furniture please notify the Hon Secretary Mr R A Berkeley at this address. Grateful to acknowledge.

Yours faithfully

George Winstone Chairman of the Committee
YMVA Park Street 12/4/40

Make Do and Mend/ Forces Welfare

Letters to the Editor (not verbatim)

Knitted garments for the Royal Navy

The following have been received since February. From Cirencester Dramatic Club proceeds from "The Sport of Kings" £12, Captain Valentine £5, Anon £2, Mrs Cumberland Jones a second donation of £5, The Hon Mrs Biddulph proceeds of a dance at Rodmarton Village £3-2s-4d, Mrs Bate £2-2s, Earl Bathurst £5 bringing a total of £34-4s-4p. Thanks to all.

1,156 garments have been sent out. Letters of thanks have been received from the Depot for the Royal Navy from C H S S and other Army and RAF Depots. All garments sent are promptly sent from where they are required and arrive at the destination with very little delay.
Lilias Bathurst
Cirencester Park 10/4/40

Evacuation / Rev S Claude Tickell
Compulsory Billeting
Letters to the Editor

Sir – Surely no parents will allow their children to go to billets where they are not welcome. Has Officialdom taken leave of its senses?
Rev S Claude Tickell
Latton-cum-Eyesy

Advert

Drink

DEFFENSIVE ALLIANCE
Make Stroud Beer your Ally and keep fit

Advert

Religion

Advent Testimony Preparation Movement

On Tuesday in the Church hall Mr S D French presided over a well-attended meeting. Reference was made to the setting up of the organisation in 1919 when British troops entered Jerusalem and the Balfour Declaration on a Homeland for the Jews and religious leaders saw it as pointing to the second coming. The Rev. H M Brown said we undoubtedly living in days preceding the coming of the Son of Man with (1) The restoration of the Jews to Palestine. (2) Growing Nationalism

Propaganda

Military/ Munitions

Flashes from France

The number of women engaged in munitions and war work in France at the end of February was 570,000. The employment of a proportion of women up to 70% is obligatory in many war industries.

Of the 96,000 francs taken by an RAF Band for a concert in Paris two thirds was given to French charities.

Eight brothers from one village in Landes are in the French services. This is believed to be a record.

525,000 copies of the French Yellow Book have been sold in the last few months - French interest has been stimulated by the large sale in Britain of a translation.

H L Wilson, N Morland and Ian Maconochie are amongst the British entrants for the French Badminton Championships on April 5th to 7th. They are serving with the B E F.

A shell which the King asked for as a souvenir on a visit to France has been emptied of explosives, filled with chocolates, engraved with the French Regimental coat of arms and sent to Buckingham Palace.

The finest mobile hospital in the world has been presented to the French Army by French, British and American sympathisers. It consists of 28 mobile vehicles, including mobile operating theatre and laboratory. It has 150 beds.

Food Supplies / Rationing

Home Front

National Food Campaign

At a meeting in the Queen's Hall, London last Friday Mrs Neville Chamberlain launched a National Food Campaign. Lord Woolton the new Minister of Food spoke. The Aims : to encourage economy in food stuffs ; to reduce imports; to help the public to adapt to wartime supplies and make the best use of available food.

The Ministry of Food will advertise in the press. The local Educational Authorities will be organising simple demonstrations of wartime cooking. W.I.s electricity and gas boards will also be helping. The Ministry will also be preparing leaflets to be distributed to every home.

Crime / Blackout

Petty Sessions

Howard Clive Mays of Kemble was charged with two offences with 10/- fines for each offence. The first was for having his car in Cirencester Market Place with excessive lighting on March 14th (P C Rymer reporting Officer)The second offence, having a car left without lights outside the Fleece Hotel (P C Turner reporting Officer).

Joan Muriel Cuff of Earls Corner Oaksey fined 10-/ for no red rear light on her bicycle (P C Jefferies) reporting Officer She said that it was alright when she started, the rain must have got in.

Rose Nancy Jones of the Old Manor House, Poulton fined for no rear light and front light improperly screened, fined 10/-, 5/- for each offence.

Similar punishment for Deborah Pottinger of Bell Lane, Poulton. The offences occurred on the Cirencester to Cricklade Road. Special Constable H E Mann said that Jones produced her rear light from her saddle bag and said "It won't work".

Clarence Arnold Fell of Derby fined 10/- for having unauthorised headlamps when driving his car in Castle street. P C Kaye said that the lamps were not masked.

Joseph Raven of Coates was fined 10/- for a similar offence. P C Jefferies stopped Raven on the Cirencester to Tetbury Road. His near side lamp had a regulation mask but the off side was smeared with black paint but some had peeled off . The chairman sympathised when he said " I can't seem to drive with one lamp".

Advert

Entertainment / Dance

Corn Hall Dance Saturdays 7.30pm to 11.00pm Harry Smith's Band admission 1/3d

Advert

Sport/Recreation

Don't Have The Wartime Blues! –Play tennis instead- anyone interested welcome at the annual meeting of the Churnside Tennis Club, The Masonic Hall, April 15th 8.30pm

Insurance/ Rationing

Advert

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Agriculture

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Advert

Entertainment/Dance

St Peter's Church Ashcroft

Don't forget the St Patrick's Day Dance Wednesday April 17th 8.30pm to 2 am

Alex Mattock's Band – Bar by The Bull Hotel refreshments at moderate charges

Tickets 2/- at the door 2/6A Hundred Thousand Welcome

Advert

Food production

Save Every Chick

Save every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also

Huck's Corn Stores

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper

Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given

V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Situations Vacant

Farm situations vacant 16

Domestic situations vacant 24

Library Service

The Avon Library – 12 Market Place Cirencester have the pleasure in announcing that Mr W Willoughby will take over the management from April 18th. The library will be restocked and a cigarette and tobacco department opened. Mr Willoughby will be glad to make the acquaintance of old and new members.

BRCS / Training

Women's VAD (Glos 84)

Courses in First Aid Tuesday at 6.30pm – Home Nursing Thursday at 6.30pm

Free to members of the VAD 2/- per course to non-members. To be held at Cirencester Park

Entertainment / Forces Welfare

A dance in aid of the Finnish Fund held in the Church Hall Thursday last week was attended by 160 and raised £23-15s

Entertainment / SSAFA

A variety entertainment in support of SSAFA was held in the Church Hall last week. Those taking part were: Mr B T Williams Songs; Miss Edwards and Mrs Franklin Violin and Piano;

Mr R F Morley Monologue; Miss Hitch Songs; Mr Dick Rose Selected humorous items; Sketch "The Tragedy in Upper Wallop" by Mabel Constanduros by Stratton WI; Comedy "Gossip" by Tait Reid by Cirencester WI

Advert

Dig for Victory / Agriculture / Retail

Seeds for Garden and Allotment

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Advert / Dance

Cirencester Swimming and Water Polo Club

Dance – Wednesday April 24th – Church Hall 8.30pm to 1 am

Alex Mattock's Band

Tickets 3/6d single 6/- double – light refreshments Free Licensed Bar

Crime / Salvage

Cirencester Juvenile Court

Three boys aged 13yrs 11yrs and 9yrs were charged at the Cirencester Juvenile Court on Wednesday with stealing a quantity of scrap iron and rabbit skins, the property of Mr Arthur Hunt of Cirencester. Hunt kept the same in his hut at Kings Hill lane tip. They were his own property. Mr V Parker, general waste merchant of Watermoor said that he gave the boys 1/6d for it. When questioned in Lewis Lane by P C Coates the 13yr old said that they broke into the shed but did not take anything. The case against the 11yr old was dropped the parents of the others were fined 5/-

Evacuation / Medical

Evacuees Hospital (not verbatim)

Care and Comforts at Cirencester – The New Evacuee Hospital in Cricklade Street is above Messrs John Smith and running well to the rear away from noises. It is always ready for 25 patients and could take 35. The most so far has been 11. It serves Cirencester Urban and Rural Districts, Northleach and North Cotswold Rural Districts. One of the present patients comes from the latter being billeted at Stow on the Wold. It is open to receive all cases that are not infectious or contagious. It occupies all three floors with the first floor at present the main accommodation. On this floor there are a number of separate wards all light and airy, a roomy kitchen, bathroom and so forth and accommodation for the resident matron. Here also are plenty of well stocked cupboards. Elsewhere there is a nursery for convalescents and other provisions necessary for a hospital. Among the amenities are gardens with sizable lawns which in Summer promise to be a veritable sun trap, while there are fruit trees affording shade. For a clinic this hospital at present relies on the clinic in Sheep Street but is likely to have its own there being excellent accommodation for this on the ground floor. The local Medical Officer of Health, Dr H Green is the medical superintendent. Local practitioners formed a Medical Committee as at the Memorial Hospital. It appoints one as Doctor of the month, though others may attend.

There is an efficient staff with Resident Matron Miss D C Bracher S R M - 2 full time auxiliary nurses and 6 volunteer nurses and whole time ward maid. The volunteer nurses

work on a rotation and are supplied by Cirencester, Ampney, and Fairford. The kitchen is in the charge of a voluntary cook. A part time handyman and char also take a share of the duties. The Matron, though no stranger to Cirencester has been greatly struck by the kindness of the public, who have sent clothing, fruit, vegetables, cakes, jellies, books and jig saw puzzles. Asked if they had other requirements, she said gramophone records of a light nature. Gracie Fields was a particular favourite of the young Londoners.

A happier set of invalids would be looked for in vain. Some might even swing the lead to prolong their "holiday". One who regards himself as "Matron's lamb" will probably pipe his eye when the time comes for him to leave. Foster parents should have no fear of their charges if the doctor suggests hospital treatment. The hospital is here – They should use it.

Food supplies / Dig for Victory

Advice

Vegetables and salads – long article on widening the choice to parsnip, chicory, spinach, kale etc.

Advert

Food supplies / Pest Control

Sabotage – Remove him with Rodine

(Picture of a rat with a factory and house)

Advert

ARP /medical

ARP – Instant First Aid for skin injuries

Cuticura Ointment brings instant relief to cuts, burns, skin lacerations –prevents infection, quickly heals. All chemists and stores 1/3d and 2/6d a tin.

Cuticura brand Ointment.

Advert

Fuel supplies / motoring

War Time Economy – Reducing fuel consumption

From a motoring correspondent (not verbatim)

A particularly useful aid to war time motoring is the Lucas high voltage sports coil. In these days of poor quality petrol and rationing, tests have shown that the above helps in performance and smooth running. When used with wide plug gaps there is a marked improvement in performance and economy especially if a lot of running is done with comparatively small throttle openings. Wide plug gaps put more strain on ignition but since it is designed for high voltage the coil compensates.

Made in Birmingham by Lucas at 21/- talk it over with your local agent.

Advert

Evacuation

Large poster advertisement – picture of girl looking over fence with a background of peaceful country illustrated map with bomber silhouettes over the town.

Will you share a small burden with your neighbour? This little girl is billeted with Mrs Brown, she is one of 400,000 children now safely in the country. She came last September with a label nearly as big as herself, a fugitive from a danger zone. There were difficulties at first. It took her quite a while to pick up the ways of country folk. But when she settled in, Mrs Brown got quite fond of her. Mrs Brown will miss her when she goes. But go she must,

Mrs Brown's circumstances have changed just as the circumstances of many foster parents are changing. They need someone to take over their small burdens. These children must not go back to the cities. There may be raids any moment. New volunteers are urgently needed. Will you enrol your name in this splendid national service. You may be asked to take a child now or your name may be kept against the time when raids make a second evacuation necessary.

You can if you wish make an immediate contribution to this safety scheme. Many householders have been looking after evacuated children for 6 months now. They will be grateful for a rest. If you take over one of these children, you will be doing a very neighbourly deed and helping greatly in the nation's defence. To enrol as a host of a child now or in the future, or to ask any questions about the scheme, please get in touch with your local authority. The Minister of Health who has been entrusted by the Government with the conduct of the evacuation asks you urgently to join the roll of those who are willing to receive children. Please apply to your local Council.

Food Supplies / Rationing

Mr Gladstone's 47 Bites (not verbatim)

A correspondent who feels that we are not making best use of non rationed food says, "The decline in use of porridge for children is a pity. It made a sturdy race of the Scots. It used to be given to children much more than today, preferably it should be made of real oats. Most welfare workers and school teachers can tell the mothers the best combination of foods for the children and we could all get much more out of our food and eat less if it were eaten more slowly and chewed more. We may not all have time for Mr Gladstone's 47 bites but it is not necessary to bolt our food.

Agriculture

Article "Cattle for War Time Farming" says how dual-purpose stock is in demand and outlines the Red Poll breeder's experience. The virtues of such dual-purpose animals are extolled for producing good milk and beef from thin food supplies.

Advert

National Savings

The advert encourages the formation of savings groups in factories. In 1916 He learnt to save through his school Savings Group. In 1940 Now he's starting a savings group in his firm! The advert includes an application form.

Propaganda / Rationing/ Entertainment / Religion / Military Welfare

French dogs may have ration cards to enable them to get special bread.

A British flag has been presented by British Roman Catholics to Notre Dame des Victoires famous for its military associations.

The proceeds of a Bridge tournament in Paris at the end of the month under the Federation Francaise de Bridge will go for parcels of playing cards and cigarettes for the troops.

Evacuation / Medical

North Leach Rural District Council Meeting

The meeting included a report on Cirencester's Evacuee Sick Bay

Dr Green M O H referred to Cirencester Sick Bay and announced that the Ministry of Health thought it advisable to accept children with German Measles. He hoped that before long there would be sick bays in various parts of the county. Perhaps one could be set aside for

German measles cases. Dr Green said there had been 24 cases of measles in North Leach area 20 of which had been German measles. There had been 16 cases in Bibury alone.

20/4/40

Advert

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.
E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert

Agriculture

War Poultry

War! Rear More Poultry! The Nation depends on you for More Eggs! Keep birds fighting Fit! Produce more eggs with Johnson's Tonic. 7 ½ d 1/2d and 5/- Smiths, also Huck's Corn Stores, Cirencester

Dig for Victory / Agriculture / Retail

Seeds Corn

Advert A Rimes

Seed Corn Red Marvel Wheat; White Marvel Wheat; April bearded Wheat
Scotch Victory Oats; Scotch Potato Oats; Once Grown Scotch oats
Danish Abed Kenya Barley; Spratt Archer Barley; Plumage Archer Barley
Vetches re-cleaned and tested.

Prices and samples from A Rimes and Sons Corn Merchants Cirencester Phone 418/2

Advert / Dance

Cirencester Swimming and Water Polo Club

Dance – Wednesday April 24th – Church Hall 8.30pm to 1 am

Alex Mattock's Band

Tickets 3/6d single 6/- double – light refreshments Free Licensed Bar

Advert / Dances

Later Dances- Those marvellous Corn Hall Saturday Dances will now be from 8.15pm to 11.15pm

Advert

Agriculture

Large Poster Advert by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Now is the time to top dress your wheat and your cereals. 10/- to 15/- spent on wise top dressing can bring an increase in yield of £2 per acre

Dress with Sulphate of Ammonia or Nitrate Soda or Nitro Chalk

For wheat 1½ cwt per acre on poor land or after a white straw crop

For other cereals except malting barley or on land in high condition 1cwt per acre

You have ploughed the fields Now increase their yields!

Propaganda / War News

Chit Chat

Chit chat discusses the invasion of Norway and Denmark

Home Front / Food Preparation

Miss Switch

Home Management Corner - Miss Switch

Don't Waste Food, Buy Wisely, Cook Wisely, Eat the right food says the Ministry of Food in their new campaign to English housewives.

Of course everyone of us wants to do all these things, and it is quite certain no one deliberately buys or cooks unwisely. Why then is this campaign necessary. Because you are being asked to choose home grown foods that take up little cargo space in ships, so what was wise buying in peace may no longer be wise in war. And certain foods may become scarce or expensive – you may not know which are the best substitutes, or how unfamiliar foods are best cooked so the Government has asked us to hold special talks and demonstrations. These demonstrations are planned to help you run your home cheaply and efficiently in changing conditions. Ask your Electric Service Centre for particulars and make up your mind to visit the next official demonstration. Two specially helpful leaflets issued by the Ministry may be obtained Free at any electric service centre. Please do your utmost to be present at the Ministry of Food Official demonstrations at the Electric Service Centre.

Wessex Electricity

Advert

Medical / Children

Every Child needs a Spring Clean

Pimples are a sure sign that the bowels are clogged with sour, bilious poisons which inflame the blood. For a quick safe remedy there is nothing like California Syrup of Figs to cleanse the system and purify the blood. Give a dose at bedtime. In the morning the bowels will act gently yet thoroughly removing poisonous waste. Continue California Syrup of Figs for a few nights and the skin will be clear, fresh glowing with a beautiful healthy colour. Better still you will see a wonderful improvement in the child's health. Doctors recommend this liquid laxative. Be sure you get California Syrup of Figs obtainable everywhere at 1/3d and 2/6d (economy size)

Advert

Blackout / ARP

Black Out – carry a white Pekingese

Advert / Finance

The Midland Bank Advertisement includes Wills and Trusts in time of War!

National Savings

Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society Golden Jubilee Meeting

(Included in the report)

National Savings Scheme

Mr Cripps referring to the above started by the Society urged lodge secretaries and members to push the scheme as much as possible. They were running the scheme in Rural and Urban areas quite unconnected with the Society and the office staff although depleted were willing to do the work and stayed behind each day until the work was completed. (8 members of staff were serving in the forces)

Advert

Drink

A Friend indeed

“There never was a time when the inn as a social centre had greater value. It is to the local inn that the citizens will go for cheerfulness, companionship and sober good temper”. So said a well known MP in November 1939. And the citizen agrees. Through the first shock of the outbreak of the war through the months of blackout and boredom, the inn and a glass of beer have kept us our traditional state of humour and fortitude.

Beer brewed from barley malt and hops, is indeed the drink of Englishmen. And through every twist and turn of circumstance it is brewed the same, Mild or Bitter, Ale or Stout – it is the same wholesome and heartening drink. Stick to Beer. Beer is Best.

Advert

Food production

Save Every Chic

Save every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also

Huck's Corn Stores

Advert

Retail / Home Front

Paint Away the Black-out Blues with PETRALINE

The water paint with 48 delightful colours. So easy to apply whether over wallpaper, clean plaster or woodwork. All British the 3 ½ lb packet (costing only 10 ½ d) does the average room. From Farrell's Castle Street.

Agriculture

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Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 7

Domestic vacancies 23

Advert

Personal Column

Keveren's bakers and bakers Cirencester are reluctantly compelled through rising prices of ingredients and packaging to increase the price of the celebrated 6d Lardy Cake (packed in the wax bag) to 7d. The quality and size will remain as before and will be grand value at the new price. C F Keveren Tel 292

Orders for The Week

Cotswold Sea Cadet Corps

Church Parade Sunday next April 21st at Cheltenham. Coach leaves Cirencester Police Station 1.20pm Corps will parade under B/M Watts at 1.10pm sharp. Belts and leggings will be worn.

Library Service

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Police

Special Constabulary

A “refresher” lecture on Police Duties will be given at Cirencester Police Station at 7.30pm on April 30th. There will be demonstrations of police court proceedings and also an exhibition of Ju-Jitsu. Special Constables in the Cirencester neighbourhood are invited to attend. A Paley Special Superintendent

Entertainment

The Good Templars

The Salvation Army

Good Templars

On Wednesday evening the local lodge was entertained by The Salvation Army Songster under the leadership of Mr Joe Bosworth. The programme was splendidly rendered, every word being understood. In thanking the Songsters the Lodge Deputy said that it was nice to meet together and thus strengthen the bond that existed between the Good Templars and The Salvation Army. The lodge provided refreshments. Individual items were given by Sister Gough, Lieutenant Butcher and Captain Archer.

Crime /Black out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Lighting Offences

Leonard green of Kemble House fined 10/- for having an unauthorised front light. P C Jefferies said the light was unshaded.

Reginald Draper of South Cerney also fined 10/- for a similar offence. PC Jenkins reporting Officer.

“Another little drink”

I met a friend and he invited me in to have a drink, so I had two or three and then he asked me to have another one. I told him that if I did I would be riding home in the dark without a front or rear light on my bicycle. He said take a chance. This was the explanation given by William Wearing of Tumbledown Cottages Sapperton. He was fined 5/- for having no lights. P C Thorn reporting Officer

Clement Calcott was fine £1 for showing a light at his house 28 Melmore Gardens. P C Smith said the light was coming from the bathroom. Mr Calcott said that he forgot to pull down the blind. Superintendent Jotcham said that Calcott had not previously been warned. Bronwen Mary Lindsay of Pimbury Park Sapperton was fine £2 for a similar offence. P C Thorn said he had seen the light from two or three miles away. He examined the windows and found that no provision for black out had been made. He had cautioned Mrs Lindsay on two previous occasions.

Advert

Dig for Victory / Agriculture / Retail Seeds for Garden and Allotment

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Sport / Bowls

Bowls – Though last year's match programme was sadly curtailed through the outbreak of war Cirencester Bowling Club has decided to carry on this year and members look forward eagerly to the opening game of the season on Saturday next.

Food Production

Cirencester RDC Food Control Committee

Sugar for Domestic Preserving of Home Grown Fruit

The ministry of food are considering the question of supplies of sugar for preserving soft fruit and stoned fruit grown in housholder's own gardens and allotments.

It has been arranged that members of W Is may apply to the local Food Control Committee through that organisation but no applicant may obtain sugar from more than one source. In order that the Ministry of Food may announce the allotment of sugar which can be made, and ensure supplies will be available in shops early in June, all applications must be made, on forms which may be obtained from this office and which Must be returned to me NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY APRIL 25TH 1940. Persons who wish to avail themselves of this concession should apply AT ONCE. - J A Hall Food Executive Officer Food Office 26 Gloucester Street, Cirencester 15th April 1940

National Savings

Letters to the Editor

National Savings Certificate Groups

With reference to your notes in the "Wilts. and Glos. Standard" of April 6th it is gratifying to know that 52 new groups have been started making a total of 83 and £69,281 has been subscribed through the Banks groups and Post Offices in this area since January. The war costs £6,000,000 a day. The Prime Minister has told us that there are four fronts. The Navy, The Army, The Air Force and the Home Front which provides the money to run the war. I appeal to the public who cannot fight to support the Home Front by joining a National Savings Certificate Group. It is a saving or thrift scheme. On every 15/- National Savings Certificate you can buy the government pays you interest at £3-3s-6d per cent. You can draw it out by giving a few day's notice at any time you wish. It is safe. The advantage of the group system is that as soon as 15/- has been subscribed by the members of your group your group bus a certificate. You personally may take weeks perhaps months before you complete your 15/- but the certificate is earning interest from the day it is bought, possibly months earlier than when it is handed to you on completion of payment of 15/-.

Your fathers, husbands, sons and brothers are fighting for you to save England and the Empire and defeat Hitlerism.

What can you do to help: Join a group or if an individual without a group apply to the Hon. Sec. 23 Castle Street, Cirencester who will give you every assistance; by so doing you will help them with ships, aeroplanes, guns, clothes, food and all the munitions necessary for them to carry on the war. See to it that they lack none of these things in the life and death struggle.

The Office at 23 Castle Street Cirencester will answer all enquiries and will receive individual contributions every Monday to Friday. Householders, business staffs, clubs, W Is, schools, benefit society members can join.

Yours faithfully - E T Cripps Chairman Local National Savings Committee

Military Welfare

Entertainment

A letter of thanks for the Cabaret Dance to raise money for the HMS Hood Comforts Fund. It was a great success when held in the Palmer Hall on April 13th. The letter was received by Gertrude Wood of Eastleach from Stanley Geary RNVR Hon sec HMS Hood Fund.

Advert

Trade Councils

Cirencester Chamber of Commerce

An address will be given by Councillor W M Huntley of Bath (member of the National Chamber of Trade Councils) on The Work of the national Chambers of Trade at the Masonic Premises, The Avenue on Wednesday April 24th at 7.15pm. Members and business associates welcome.

Advert

Retail

Military Welfare

Frederick Boulton's wool and hosiery sale includes 4 ply service wools, Khaki, Air Force Blue grey and Navy. Good quality wool, soft to handle and can be thoroughly recommended for hard wear, suitable for pullovers, gloves, sweaters, socks etc. Sale price 6³/_d an ounce or 3/6d a pound. Replacement price 8d.

Royalty

BRCS

Queen Mary revisits Cirencester – Red Cross workers honoured -Crowds cheered Her Majesty.

For the second time in 3 months Cirencester was honoured by a Royal visit. On Tuesday afternoon Her Majesty Queen Mary visited town and inspected the Central Hospital Supply Depot of Gloucestershire branch of the BRCS and Order of St John. Her majesty was greeted with cheers as she drove through the streets. The Royal car was preceded by a police car containing Colonel Henn the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire and Superintendent Jotcham. Accompanying the Queen were Lady Cynthia Colville Lady in Waiting and Major the Honourable John Coke NVO Equerry. Several hundred people gathered in the Market Place and many more watched from overhanging buildings. When the Royal car drew up to allow Queen Mary to alight the crowd surged forward the police experienced the greatest retaining them. Queen Mary visited the Hospital Surgical Supply County Depot above Boots shop in the Market Place. The first floor has been used since the beginning of the war free of charge. Her Majesty wore a violet coat with a violet fur collar and a violet toque bordered with flowers and a veil. She passed through a guard of honour of members of Cirencester Womens VAD (Glos 84) (picture by Dennis Moss) At the entrance to the Depot she was welcomed by Dowager Duchess of Beaufort County President of the BRCS Miss Allen County Director and Mrs Gibbon County Hon Secretary of CHSS

In the depot she was met by Lady Bathurst Vice President of Cirencester and District Branch of the BRCS, Miss Pollard Commandant of the VAD (Glos 84), Mrs Turner Cirencester Hospital Librarian and Miss Julia Gibbon despatches packer CHSS.

She displayed keen interest in the work of the Depot. In stock at the time were numerous pairs of pyjamas, pullovers and many other necessary articles of clothing. One room was stacked with gifts made from free material including 200 pairs of socks 250 bed jackets etc. Another room contained gifts supplied by work parties all over Gloucestershire. She showed interest in slippers made from old felt hats and pieces of felt made by WI working parties. She also saw letters from the Finnish Red Cross re 6,500 articles sent from the Depot. She admired the shelves made by two helpers and when by the window waved to the crowds who responded eagerly.

Old Acquaintance

Queen Mary then visited the County Hospital Supply Surgical Supply Depot, where she was once again greeted by a large crowd. She was welcomed to the house by Sir William and Lady Marris who allow a portion of their house to be used. Mrs A Rycroft Organising Secretary also greeted Her Majesty and conducted her over the Depot. She examined piles of bandages and various surgical dressing. She particularly admired the fine needlework. She met voluntary workers and congratulated them. Her Majesty remembered having met Sir William Marris in India many years before. Sir William is a distinguished scholar, former Home Secretary to the Government in India, Governor of Assam 1921-22 and member of the Council of India. He has also held high office.

Spotlight says how the town got to hear of this "private visit" : begin by telling it as a vital secret to your next door neighbour. Within 24 hours the whole street knows in 48 hours the whole town knows.

Local Politics

Dig for Victory / Salvage / National Saving

Cirencester UDC AGM

Mr Tovey was elected Chairman. Mr Evans outlined the satisfactory position of the ARP. An appreciative letter had been received from Sir Frederick Cripps and Colonel Pardoe (Controller) after a recent exercise.

Scratch for Victory

25 or 26 householders of Bowling Green Crescent Council housing estate had signed a petition about dogs being allowed to roam free and scratch up newly planted seeds. Mr Winstone appealed to dog owners to cooperate and said gardens at Chesterton were to be fenced off.

Waste Not

Surveyor Mr Wentworth said that the Council Salvage scheme would pay for itself in 6 months. Some householders had not realised that waste paper could be collected at the same time as bin emptying. The Clerk referred to allotments. There had still been a disappointing response after the Council had spent £75 one way and another. 50 allotments were still available but application was urgent as the season was becoming advanced.

National Savings

The Chairman appealed to employers to start schemes. The Council had one with 25 subscribers. Mr Rumbol said that there were 41 groups in Cirencester.

Advert

Evacuation

Poster Advertisement – Picture of two children with a country and town background.

You've been splendid Mrs Johnson and you deserve to have some help. The Government is grateful to Mrs Johnson and 300,000 householders like her. Mrs Johnson has been caring for these children seven long months. They are her National Service. They came in those distracted September days when it seemed their city homes would hourly be bombed to ruins.

They are staying with Mrs Johnson because there is still danger- a danger which doesn't grow less as the days go by. They must stay in safety but Mrs Johnson deserves a rest. She is fond of them proud of their new chubbiness and their improving behaviour too. But there comes a time when others should share the burden. All you need to do is enrol your name with the Local Authority. You may be asked to give Mrs Johnson a rest or your name may be kept against the time when raids make a second evacuation necessary. When you enrol you will be doing a splendid service for the nation. You may be saving a child's life. You can if you wish make an immediate contribution to this safety scheme. Many householders have been looking after evacuated children for 6 months now. They will be grateful for a rest. If you take over one of these children, you will be doing a very neighbourly deed and helping greatly in the nation's defence. To enrol as a host of a child now or in the future, or to ask any questions about the scheme, please get in touch with your local authority. The Minister of Health who has been entrusted by the Government with the conduct of the evacuation asks you urgently to join the roll of those who are willing to receive children. Please apply to your local Council.

Advert.

The Kitchen Front

Cookery

Poster Advertisement – On the Kitchen Front

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD asks every housewife:

To Read. Most newspapers and magazines are running special wartime cookery features. Read them regularly. It is a good plan to cut out the items that interest you and keep them handy in a scrap book

To Watch Simple demonstrations in cooking and meal planning are being arranged up and down the country. Ask for particulars from your local food office or Education Authority. Go along and take your friends.

Issued by the Ministry of Food

W Is

Make Do and Mend

Ashton Keynes and Leigh

Mrs Baldwin demonstrated remodelling old hats.

A number of W Is are availing themselves of increased sugar allocation

Advert

Retail

No Sugar required with Gilletts Red or Golden Plums 7½ d per tin

Delicious plums from English orchards canned in perfect ripe conditions in Heavy Syrup.

Supplies are limited – buy a few tins NOW

Gilletts

27/4/40

Advert

Motoring

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert**Agriculture****Dig for Victory**

Seed Corn – We have supplies ready for planting :- Spring Wheat, Barley, Oats, Vetches.
John Smith and Son , Cirencester

Advert**Retail**

Large Poster Advertisement - Clappens –

Royal Air Force “Simpson” Uniforms at Clappens, Cirencester. Ready made or made to measure.

Letters to the Editor**Fund Raising / Forces Welfare**

Cirencester Park Working Party

On Monday 29th April the Gardens of Cirencester Park will be open from 3pm to 6pm. All are welcome to come to see the gardens and pick daffodils. Admission 6d to help purchase wool and materials

Yours etc

Lilias Bathurst

Letters to the Editor**Scratch for Victory**

A letter points out that the petition about scratching dogs came from Chesterton not Bowling Green.

A W Horton 26 Apsley Road

Letters to the Editor**Food Production****Pig Clubs**

Alec Hobson of Victoria House, Southampton Row, London W C1 outlines the purpose of Pig Clubs and says that there are already registered. He appeals to any others to add their names to the list kept by the Small Pig Keepers Council.

Letters to the Editor**Drink****Good Templars / The Salvation Army**

Religion and Good Templary

John H Lewis of Bristol comments on the previous report on The salvation Army and Good Templars. He condemns the Good Templars for attempting to hitch their water wagon to religion. He also criticises The salvation Army for non Bible based teetotalism.

Letters to the Editor**Food Production**

New Silent Service

How many Urban District readers know that the great new “Silent service” the Ministry of No Information was operational in Cirencester last week? Those who have fruit trees in their garden should have the opportunity to get extra sugar for jam but this was kept a secret by the Food Controller, the Council and the Ministry of Information. The Rural Council Food Officer advertised the facts in your paper and should be congratulated on having the initiative.

Scores of people were disappointed and wonder what to do with the fruit. They can get no grocer's receipt to substantiate their claim.
EMPTY GEE

Refugees

The Cotswold Bruderhof

The Bruderhof's reply to critics (not verbatim)

The members of the Bruderhof at Ashton Keynes have replied to criticism of unfair trading in the district. It has been said that they pay no wages, are exempt from military service and have recently bought two milk rounds in Swindon and that local milk vendors are taking steps to have the matter raised in Parliament.

The Bruderhof say that it is difficult to see how unfair trading can be justified because two rounds have been acquired in Swindon. They were selected from a number that were and still are being offered. The Home Office and Local Authorities were aware of the nature and character of their work and encouragement has been given them. They have been urged by the Agricultural Committee to maximise food production on their land they have ploughed 115 acres of pasture since September. As far as wages go each receives according to his need. He contributes by his work. An open door is kept for the poor and needy especially destitute children. There are 320 in the brotherhood including 120 children.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Lighting Offences

Bryan Robert Noble of South Cerney was fined 10/- for having no front light in Cricklade Street. P Sgt Howkins said that Noble said his light had been stolen. Afterwards he jumped on his bicycle and rode away. He was stopped further along the street by P C Jenkins. He said "What am I supposed to do walk?"

Edward Hill of South Cerney was fined 10/- for having no rear light in Cricklade Street – P C Waldron reporting Officer. Hill said he had borrowed the bicycle.

Ronald Peckham of South Cerney also fined 10/- for similar offence. Again reporting Officer P C Waldron.

Ann Hickey of Church Farm House Latton fined 10/- for cycling on the Cirencester to Cricklade Road without a rear light. She said she had not intended being so late.

Unauthorised lamps

Basil Hanks of Yanworth was fined 10/- for having an unauthorised front lamp. There was no screen or blacked out reflector. P C Hughes was reporting Officer. Hanks said that he did not know the regulations.

Felix Stafford Gregory fined 10/- for a similar offence. P Sgt Howkins reporting Officer Alan Vizer of 10 Ermin Place 10/- for a similar offence. He said he had taken the paper screen off when the batteries were low and had forgotten to put it back. P C Waldron reporting Officer.

Anthony David Lambert of South Cerney 10/- for a similar offence. P Sgt Howkins reporting Officer.

T Garaty of Swindon was fined 10/- for no front or rear light on the Cirencester to Cricklade Road. He said that he had not intended to be so late. S P C Mann reporting Officer.

J B Linden of South Cerney was fined 10/- for no front or rear light. He said he had lent his bicycle to a friend and the lights had been stolen the night before. S P C Mann reporting Officer.

Kenneth Marshall of South Cerney was fined 5/- for having no red rear light on his car. He said the bulb had fused. P C Jackson of Ampney Crucis had stopped him at Preston Toll Bar. Tom Brown of Little Larkhill Farm Tetbury was fined 10/- for having unregulated lights on his car. The bright light from his car had illuminated the front of Cirencester Parish Church. P C Smith found the side lights obscured by a handkerchief and the rear lights unscreened. Brown said he was sorry he had broken the regulations.

House lights

The case against George Woodward of 54 Siddington Road, Cirencester was dismissed on payment of costs as he had taken steps to black out and had not been previously warned. P C Waldron reporting Officer.

Charles Moss was fined 10/- for showing a light at 58 Siddington Road. He had had no previous warnings.

Rev Herbert Guy Maycock rector of Coates was fined £2 for showing a light from the rectory. The light was seen at Tarleton, from Coates by P C Thorne. P C Thorne said that he had warned him twice and Special Constables on several occasions. The Rev Maycock said that he had been neglectful but they were converting to another system of black out. The room with the light was not in use and he did not know how the light came to be switched on.

Advert

National Savings

Large poster advertisement with a picture of hands on a sea wall

Team Work Tells

Get together and form a War Savings Group in your firm today. There's nothing easier than to start a Savings Group in your firm. It's the soundest way to save for the future! Ask your employers to form a group now or alternatively let you and your fellow workers form one amongst yourselves. Even small weekly sums put into a Savings Group mean millions a year to the country. They mean that Britain can wield a war weapon of overwhelming power to hasten the end of the war.

Apply to your local Savings Committee, The national Savings Commissioners for your region or to the National Savings Commission, London SW1.

Lend to defend the right to be free.

Advert

Agriculture / Food Production

Large poster advertisement

SILAGE SAVES SHIPS!

Silage is a valuable fodder which can help the country to save shipping space and help you to be independent of bought concentrates.

You can make silage from grass or fodder crops. For the highest quality silage use young grass in spring and young aftermath and make it into a silo.

Make The Most of Your Grass

Silage is Cheaply and Easily Made

You can get a portable silo quite cheaply. You can make good silage in pits trenches or stacks.

Send for "Growmore" Leaflet No 28 "Ensilage in Wartime" Free from the Ministry of Agriculture 10 Whitehall Place London SW1

(Two articles elaborate on this leaflet trying to persuade farmers that it is not a new fangled expensive system)

Charity Fund Raising

The Lord Lieutenant's Fund

To date donations bring the Lord Lieutenant's Fund to £3,115 –1s-1d

£750 from Gloucestershire War Charities Association

£21- 10s Stroud Popular Concerts

£6 Cirencester Drama Club

£5 each from Miss M Martin, The National Unionist Association Gloucester and Cheltenham Grammar School Drama Society

£2 – 17s- 6d Mrs Colchester-Wemys

£2 – 10s Canon Cheeseman

£1 – 2s –6d Mrs Pentlan

10/- Mrs de Bernales – Edge

Advert

Food production

Save Every Chick

Save every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also

Huck's Corn Stores

Agriculture

Advert Aubrey Rees and Sons

Why Worry

There will always be seed time and Harvest. The farming industry in Britain is the second line of defence and on the assurance of the Prime Minister it will not be allowed to drift back to the stagnant state experienced during the past few years. Farmers Cheer Up.

And look to the future Invest now in any new tractors implements or farm machinery you may require or be requiring for the next few years. You will be satisfied with the deliveries, service and advice of the leading Agricultural Engineers, Aubrey Rees and Sons, Whiteway Works, Cirencester Tel 75

Advert

Retail / Military Welfare

Wools for Yourself and the Services.

Knit Your Bit with Woos from Godwin's 20 Cricklade Street

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 9

Domestic vacancies 32

Advert

Domestic Help

“ Domesticated Help required – Jane's Parlour Silver Street Cirencester

Dig For Victory / Allotments

Editorial

Editorial to drum up support for the Dig for Victory Campaign (not verbatim)

The editorial warns that if the voluntary scheme fails the Government may consider compulsory allotment cultivation to preserve stocks and the nations health. Compulsory savings was being considered so it was not such a remote idea. So far Cirencester Urban District Council had tried by offering a portion of Chesterton Estate not yet built upon to be turned over and other land in other parts of the area. Support had not been good although 20 allotments had been taken in Abbey Way, 30 of 32 in Shepherds Way and 29 out of 35 at London Road where land was still available. The Food Production Club should have 100 members but so far there are only 35. Local Authorities have been asked to make a house to house canvas.

Orders for The Week

BRCS

BRCS VAD Glos. 11 duties rostered. The wearing of white cap covers is suspended during the war. First Aid Exams will take place at the Congregational Church School Room, Dyer Street at 7.30pm May 1st 1940

Library Service

The Avon Library – 12 Market Place Cirencester have the pleasure in announcing that Mr W Willoughby will take over the management from April 18th. The library will be restocked and a cigarette and tobacco department opened. Mr Willoughby will be glad to make the acquaintance of old and new members.

National Savings

National Savings in Cirencester : during the weekending last Saturday Investment in War Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds in the Cirencester Area came to £4,362. Bringing the total investment in the area since January to £73,643

Evacuation / Medical

WI

Cirencester's Evacuation Hospital - The Matron expresses her thanks for the kindness shown to the evacuee children and gifts for them of fruit, flowers, vegetables, cakes, jam garments, puzzles, Meccano, books and records.

Medical

Cirencester Memorial Hospital

The Cirencester Memorial Hospital acknowledges gifts including 270 eggs from Cirencester WI

Fund Raising/ Dance

Military Welfare

Primrose Day Cabaret Dance at the Corn Hall on Friday last in aid of RAFA. - 400 attended with music from Alex Mattock and his Band. Cabaret artists were Eddie Williams –Tap dancing, John Williams –Baritone, “Miguel and Margarita” (Miss Doris Windmill and Joe Morley) – Speciality Waltz exhibition, Bob Fitch - Stage and Radio Ventriloquist and Winkie. “Miguel and Rosita (Miss Norah Thomas and Joe Morley)- Spanish Tango exhibition, Ken Miles and Robbie Kelly in “Lads of the Village”.

Fund Raising/ Competition/Stratton and Baunton

Military Welfare

Stratton Coal fro Luck Competition

Mr Holder was only 4lbs out in his estimate of 5cwt 2qtrs 18lbs of a lump of coal 5cwt 2qtrs 14lbs in the competition to raise funds for the Stratton and Baunton B.E.F. Fund.

Advert.

YMCA/Military Welfare

Canteen and Social Centre Cirencester

The following arrangements have been made.

- (1) Friday May 3rd Appeal launched in Press by the Chairmen of the CUDC and CRDC a YMCA Mobile canteen will be on view and will serve tea, cake etc in the Market Place the same evening.
- (2) Saturday May 4th Flag day in Cirencester and inspection of the mobile canteen in the Market Place at 12 noon by the UDC and RDC Chairmen. The canteen will be on view in other parts of the town during the day.
- (3) Monday May 6th The new canteen and café at the YMCA Park street will be open for Troops from 3.30pm
- (4) Wednesday May 8th Official opening of the Centre at 3pm by Earl Bathurst CMG

- (5) Saturday May 11th Flag day in the Rural Areas

Financial / Savings

Purchase Tax

Cirencester Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Huntley of Bath pointed out at the meeting on Wednesday that the Government might have difficulty imposing the new purchase tax. He went on to point out difficulties. He also said that it would have been better had the Chancellor Sir John Simon said "To save wisely you should spend wisely" rather than flatly to save.

Casualties

Military/ Killed in Action

Among the names of officers reported missing believed killed in action is Pilot Officer J P Chester Master eldest son of Mr Reginald Chester Master well known solicitor of Shanghai and grandson of the late Frank Chester Master sometime vicar of Highworth and cousin of the late Colonel R C Chester Master of the Abbey Cirencester and Major WM Chester Master of Oxford House Cirencester. Pilot Officer Chester Master's only sister is wife of Lieutenant John Casson RN son of Sir Lewis Casson and Dame Sybil Thorndike.

National Savings

Long report on the national success of the War Savings Campaign pointing out that it is now on its way to a second £100,000,000 having reached £130,000,000

Kitchen Front

Cookery Instruction

Long article on the Ministry of Food and Education Board's national Campaign to instruct housewives. A fully qualified demonstrator and lecturer has been assigned to the district. Her services are available during the next three months to speak and demonstrate in suitable halls. Her theme will be inexpensive home food products and family meals produced entirely on the home front. Classes are being arranged for Stratton, Siddington, Cirencester, Bibury and Fairford others in the Tetbury area are to follow.

Advert

Dig for Victory / Agriculture / Retail Seeds for Garden and Allotment

During this year every effort must be made to increase the food supplies of the country by Home Production. In this connection we would point out that the greatest production will be obtained by sowing the finest stocks of seed, whether for farm or garden, and that it costs just as much to grow an inferior strain than the best. The finest stocks of garden and farm seeds and seed potatoes are obtainable from John Jefferies and Son The Seed Merchants, Cirencester. Ask for our illustrated catalogue of high class seeds free on application.

YMCA/Military Welfare

An article on the YMCA Recreation Centre includes. Thanks to a strong committee the premises have been expanded. Troops can even entertain female friends. Recreation includes billiards, darts, and air rifle range, table tennis and other games. There is a new rest room for quiet reading and writing. The Buffet has been remodelled into a canteen staffed by a corps of lady volunteers.

Advert

Pet Food / Rationing

Meat for Dogs and Cats (without coupons)

We beg to announce that as from April 30th 1940, meat and patent foods for you pets will be available in any quantity at reasonable prices from : The Cat's and Dog's Meat Parlour 105 Cricklade Street Cirencester.

War News

Propaganda

The War

The RAF bombed German Occupied Scandinavia. Last Saturday it was announced that allied troops occupy certain vantage points in Norway. British and French troops in Norway numbering 50,000 landed without mishap. There is no official confirmation of fierce fighting.

Fuel Supplies/ Salvage/ Military Welfare

Civil Defence/ Evacuation

Cirencester RDC Meeting

At the meeting of the CRDC Mr Hill raised the question of **fuel supplies** in the Rural area saying that it was easier for some people to get ½ ton than other to get ½ cwt. The Clerk Mr Hall said that despite his efforts during the past eight or nine weeks nothing much had happened except that during the past week or so. Mr Hill said "If we can't get improvement in this "open" weather what is it going to be like in the Winter. The Chairman said that the system of transport seemed to be in a muddle. The only hope was for the Clerk to keep hammering away at the higher authorities. This was no complaint against the local merchants but the system of distribution.

Salvage of Waste

It was agreed that the Civil Defence Committee should look into the question of salvage of waste.

YMCA effort

Council agreed to append its signature to the appeal being sent out. The Chairman invited each member of the Council to take a personal interest in this worthy effort.

Civil Defence

The report of the Civil Defence Committee in regard to ARP, the second Evacuation Scheme etc was adopted. In view of the poor response of householders to the second scheme of

evacuation alluded to by Mr Harris it was decided that the Clerk should inform the Ministry of Health that it was most unlikely that the Council could find accommodation for more than a few hundred of the 800 evacuees provisionally allocated to the area. The Chairman said that in his personal opinion the second scheme had been proving a flop because parents in the cities were reluctant to register their children for evacuation. Householders in the country as a whole were equally reluctant to offer accommodation. The Council would have to wait until the raids on cities persuaded the parents to let their children go then the Council would have to arrange for accommodation.

Library Services

Requisitions

The Bingham Library

The Library extols its virtues despite its small and inadequate temporary premises. It is perhaps the best library to be found anywhere. It has a wide selection of books. The latest non fiction includes "Why War" by CEM Joad, "The Defence of Britain" by L Hart, "Our War Aims" by W Steed and "Battle of the River Plate" by Lord Strabolgi. Each week there is a rise in the number of books borrowed. "Books are the antidote to war and worries".

Home Front / Cookery

"What e Famous People Eat in Wartime"

A novel cookery book reveals secrets and gives recipes. What are the ingredients of the delicious fish and lee pie that figures sometimes on the Prime Ministers table?

What dish does Mrs Will Thorne wife of the famous Labour MP serve when meat coupons are short?

How do stage and film stars, BBC producers, authors and MPs eat in wartime?

It is all in "A Kitchen Goes to War" published today (Friday) by John Miles Ltd. It costs 6d with profits going to war charities. It contains 150 recipes provided by Cabinet Ministers, their wives, stars etc. (reference back to the original report gives details of their choices)

Sea Cadets

Cirencester Division of the Cotswold Sea Cadets together with other Divisions from Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud took part in their first combined parade at Cheltenham on Saturday, 320 lads in all. After the service in the Parish Church they were inspected by Admiral NA Wodehouse. The Division's bugle bands formed into one unit and headed the column followed by the escort party with rifles and fixed bayonets drawn from Gloucester Division and the Colours.

Dance / Kemble

Military Welfare

Members of HM Forces gave a dance on Friday when over 200 spent a gay time. An up to date programme of dance music was provided by the Dolphin Dance Band from Tetbury. Proceeds were on behalf of the Battery Clothing and Sports Fund.

Food Production / Home Food Production Clubs

Gloucestershire Parish Councils Association

Parish councils from various parts of Gloucestershire pledged on Saturday to do all in their power to further small scale food production. Lord Bledisloe addressed the Annual meeting. He said that the number of undercropped gardens and derelict allotments in the County were part of a national disgrace. He asked Gloucestershire to give a lead as in the last war by forming Home Food Production Clubs in every village. Those too old to fight or unable to do

other National Service should grow food to save shipping. Mr Graham Castle of Gloucestershire Community Council said that Home Food Production Clubs had been established in 22 parishes in 6 weeks. He pointed out however that out of 298 parish councils circulated only 45 had replied.

Advert/Retail

Advert for Peak Freans Crisp Bread Vita-Wheat . made of wheat it contains not only protein, carbohydrates and fats but also essential minerals and vitamins A,B and D. It is all home produced. (No Sea War Risk)

ARP/Fire Service

Hankerton

Fire Protection – The parish Council has been asked to find three volunteers to train as auxiliary firemen to work the fire fighting equipment about to be provided for the Parish.

Propaganda

Hitler Youth

Under the “Plan of Service of Hitler Youth Groups fro 1940” boys and girls will be at the disposal of their parents on the second and fourth Sundays so far as they do not voluntarily attend efficiency sports.

Advert/ Pest Control

Food Production

Rodine – Enormous Rat Casualties inflicted by Rodine. Two kinds are sold – Phosphorous and Red Squill. From all chemists 7½ d and 1/3d

W Is /National Savings

Food Production

Kemble

After a talk on National savings by Captain T E Cripps MC a group was set up with 14 members. Mrs Marriott then talked on gardening, urging all to grow their own food supply.

Spotlight/Crime

Black Out

Spotlight refers to A Special “Special” (not verbatim)

S C Mann of Driffield has I believe brought a record number of cases before magistrates during the past few weeks. “His speciality is nabbing cyclists who indulge in the dangerous habit of riding at night without front and rear lights. At Cirencester Police Court on Wednesday he gave evidence in three such cases securing a conviction on each occasion. It may be deduced that unless you have ten bob to waste, it will pay you to examine you bicycle lights before venturing down Driffield way.

Arrested Cirencester man freed by Japanese

Mr Harry Griffiths has been released by the Japanese authorities. This news was released by the Foreign Office during the past few days. The reason for his arrest along with two others living in Kolbe at the time is still shrouded in mystery but it occurred at the time of discussions over British seizure of 21 German passengers aboard a Japanese liner the Asama Maru.

Retail /Shopping Hours

Cirencester Butchers Association

The above Association begs to announce that the Butcher's shops in the town will in future be closed at 5 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays

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Seeds for Garden and Allotment**

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Advert**Retail / Military Welfare**

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Knit Your Bit with Woos from Godwin's 20 Cricklade Street

Advert**Insurance/ Rationing**

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert**Retail / Home Front****Paint Away the Black-out Blues with PETRALINE**

The water paint with 48 delightful colours. So easy to apply whether over wallpaper, clean plaster or woodwork. All British the 3 ½ lb packet (costing only 10 ½ d) does the average room. From Farrell's Castle Street.

Advert**Food production****Save Every Chick**

Save every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also

Huck's Corn Stores

Advert**Entertainment/Dances**

Corn Hall Saturdays

Cirencester's Brightest Dances with Swindon's best bands every Saturday 8.15pm to 11.45pm admission 1/3d

Advert**Kitchen Front**

Large poster advertisement

On the Kitchen Front – Three Good Housekeeping Rules.

In war everyone has a part to play – not least the housewife. So much of our food comes from overseas that care and skill in its use are now a national duty. Here are three ways in which all can help.

(1) Avoid Waste

No doubt you see to it that very little food is wasted in your kitchen, but however little multiply that by 12 million and it becomes a lot. If some waste could be prevented in each kitchen it would enormously relieve the task of shipping. So show your appreciation of the courage and devotion of our seamen by being doubly careful.

(2) Get the Best out of Food

A great deal of useful knowledge is available on the choice and preparation of food. To spread this new information special demonstrations of wartime cooking and catering are being given up and down the country. Don't miss the demonstrations in your district. You will learn a lot of interesting facts which will answer many of your housekeeping and cooking problems. Enquire at you local Food Office or Education Authority.

(3) Vary your Meals

It is not the amount of food that matters. We must eat the right food. We should have something from each of the four food groups every day. They are:

- (1) Body building foods
milk, cheese, eggs, meat, fish
- (2) Energy foods
Bacon and Ham, bread, butter or margarine, cheese, dried fruit, dripping or suet or lard, honey, oatmeal, potatoes, rice or sago, sugar
- (3) Protective foods (group 1)
Milk, butter or margarine, cheese, eggs, liver, herring or salmon (canned or fresh)
- (4) Protective foods (group 2)
Potatoes, carrots, fruit (fresh or canned but not dried) green vegetables or salads, tomatoes, whole meal bread.

Issued by The Ministry of Food

Publishing/ Salvage

Newsprint Crisis

Members of the Three Shires Newspaper Society of Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire discussed newsprint problems. They resolved to cut down the size of papers, limit the number of papers printed and increase the price of the papers and advertising. Mr H G Judd Salvage Controller explained in a broadcast how the public can help by saving paper. Clean paper can be recycled.

Advert

Agriculture /fodder crops

Farmers!

This "Growmore" Leaflet helps to solve your winter fodder problems. Write for your free copy now, to The Ministry of Agriculture 10 Whitehall Place, London SW1 (picture of leaflet No 28 on front page of this issue. Text as follows)

Ensilage in Wartime

The advantages

- (1) Silage can help the farmer to make himself independent of purchasing feeding stuffs.
- (2) Silage is a valuable Winter fodder for dairy cows, beef cattle and sheep.

- (3) Ensilage is especially valuable as a means of conserving young, leafy grass.
- (4) Silage can be made cheaply. Very little capital expenditure is required.
- (5) Silage can be made easily. There are no difficult rules to learn.

The methods

- (1) Young leafy grass cut early or late in the season should be ensilaged in specially constructed silos which are available in various materials; or in pits lined with concrete. This silage can replace cake in rations.
- (2) Lucerne, clovers and crops such as oats, vetches, peas and beans can be successfully ensilaged in pits, trenches or clamps.
- (3) The more mature grass which cannot be made into hay, because of weather conditions may be ensilaged in stacks.

You can make silage from grass or fodder crops. For higher quality use grass in Spring and young aftermath and make it in a silo – you can get one quite cheaply.

Silage Saves Shipping Space

Letters to the Editor

Refugees/ Cotswold Bruderhof

The Stranger in Our Midst

Dear Sir - readers of your paper may recall the fact that 18 months ago I wrote several letters calling public attention to the many potential dangers involved by the unrestricted presence of aliens in England, dangers greatly enhanced by the establishment of community settlements and their growth in the district.

I should like to restate my personal attitude towards all genuine refugees from tyranny and oppression in other countries. I have the deepest sympathy for all who are genuine and I can claim to have given practical proof of my sincerity in this respect. I am not animated by feelings against other nationalities or creeds or forms of belief which may differ from my own; at the same time I am an Englishman and the safety and general welfare of my country is a matter very dear to me.

Since my letters to your newspaper war has broken out and it has been more than ever clearly demonstrated how important it is to be vigilant, and maintain a close and watchful guard against every insidious enemy working within the home camp. I will give one instance that will suffice – Norway betrayed from within, and her gates thrown open to the brutal enemy. It is of course a fact that there are many genuine aliens in this country, but it is also an undoubted fact that there are many unprincipled scoundrels working for the overthrow of the Empire under the guise of being harmless refugees from foreign tyranny. These are the well known German “Fifth Legion” which includes in its ranks, English traitors. This “column” constitutes a dangerous menace from within, the enemy established on the home front and capable of doing an infinite amount of damage. They are lurking everywhere in factories and shipyards and works generally on the edge of aerodromes, in business and in private life and why not in the community centres, which lay such stress upon their Christian love and peacefulness?

When I wrote my former letter to your paper I referred chiefly to the Bruderhof and I had two points especially in my mind.

- (1) The danger inherent in such a community of being a very likely centre for the establishment of German espionage, possible even without the knowledge of its existence.
- (2) The obvious disadvantage to our own English countryside caused by the establishment of an utterly foreign community in, naturally ever increasing numbers. What would be the outcome in future years? A crowd of foreigners fleeing from the oppression in their own countries and seeking refuge beneath the brave old flag of England yet who refuse to share the dangers of her sons who keep the old flag flying while the gentle alien sows and mows and

reaps the fields of English farmers in full security with all the latest machinery which money can buy – despite the Evening Standard with its charming but delusive picture of the “simple peasant” ploughing with oxen!

18 months ago I made the strongest representations to all Head Quarters in authority – to the Home Office to MPs and even indirectly to the War Office and secretary of State but with no result beyond the usual official- “ A kindly attention would be paid to the matter, it would receive full consideration” . In plain English this merely means, “You are talking drivel. We are the guardians we know our business without the aid of your undoubtedly well meant interference.”

Now the war is on – the country is awake to what may constitute a grave danger to its well being – are the authorities yet fully awake or do “onlookers” seek to lull our people into a false sense of security? I doubt if the authorities are yet awake. They have been whipped up a bit by the force of public opinion and the alarm aroused in many minds, but scourges and whips will be required in order to make them take the fullest precautions .

One question I would like to ask : Where does all the money come from which enables a foreign community to flourish and extend in a few short years? If it is due to the generosity of English donors then I say it might be better and more justly bestowed. If it comes from foreign sources, does there not lurk some sinister purpose behind the gifts? I am confident that any English farmer would agree that it is never made off the land. You cannot keep 320 grown up people and children off a couple of farms with all the expenses involved in the installation of up to date machinery, electric lighting and all other latest improvements for agricultural purposes. Cars, breaks of various kinds, buses and driving horses are expensive items to maintain, more so now than ever, for one thin a very considerable supply of petrol is required and seems to be available in the case of a foreign community! Many an honest English farmer, who has toiled hard to make both ends meet, and has been driven into closing down or into bankruptcy court, would have been more than grateful for a small share of that assistance meted out to a foreign community on English soil.

Our brave men at the front, on the sea and in the air keep constant watch against a common foe. They too hate war and strife, but they seek to defend the right : while the gentle pacifist tills the land beneath their care these men stand on guard at the gates of Empire. Shall not we men and women on the home front, who cannot share in their immediate and constant peril, see to it that we keep our vigil to on their behalf and ours, remembering always that “they also serve who stand and wait”. Such waiting implies watchfulness and readiness to act as occasion may require.

W B Wilson Fairhaven, Oaksey

P S Since writing the above I have read Ben Tillet’s letter in the Daily Telegraph of April 30th : it amounts to this, in brief, “Put all traitors out of action, be they Facists, Communists or others – in whatever position they are”

Letters to the Editor

Refugees/ Cotswold Bruderhof

Sir – The Bruderhof publicity in answer to criticism of their trading in Swindon requires debunking. Having lived with the Community for six weeks, my experience of their hypocritical front might be acceptable. They claim to have ploughed 115 acres yes and gloated openly about the £2 per acre subsidy which they willingly accepted from a Government for whom they refuse to fight. They claim to be a Christian Community; in fact they loudly deride all other Christian denominations and claim to be the only true church. They scorn the English working classes and call them “Bourgeoisie”. I have notes on their conversation after visiting English homes and being entertained therein. They are forever criticising what they refer to as “Capitalism” and run down profit seeking – yet they borrowed

several thousand pounds and pay interest on the same, thereby upholding capitalism. They refuse any transaction which does not return exorbitant profit. They acquire things like furniture, bicycles machinery etc. for nothing and sell it at market prices which is all profit. They sell products of their wood-turning, printing and book binding shops at luxury prices to their visitors and at the same time solicit money for their cause.

Of the 300 odd members, 30 are Zionist youths for whom the Zionist movement pays 10/- per head weekly for their keep. At the same time these young people do the hardest toil of the place for 11 hours a day and have many a struggle to obtain elementary amenities of life. Of the 120 children they prate of, except about half a dozen whose board and lodging is paid for by the others, all are their own progeny, for they breed one child per married couple annually. 10/- weekly for each destitute child has to be paid by someone to the Bruderhof before it will be accepted.

Guests visiting the place have to pay for their own keep and are obliged to work all day and everyday of the week, and most Sundays for no return whatsoever. No one outside the inner circle mainly consisting of Germans has any freedom whatsoever while the Elect pay continuous visits to the adjacent towns and spend money on themselves in good food at the best cafes, good cigarettes and tobacco and beer at the Bear Inn, Cirencester and other taverns. To the downtrodden, overworked, undernourished brothers and sisters, especially would-be novices and guests, work under the eye of a kind of Gestapo, which spies into every act and movement. The bedrooms have locks which can only be operated from inside, hence one is not able to lock one's door when away during the day. Punishments are meted out by the Inner Circle of brothers and when I was there, solitary confinement was given as punishment.

This is of course, the concern of those who live there but when they trade on being a "Christian" community whose lives are ruled by "love" they need exposing. There was an artist and his wife who took their whole home here and after three weeks the "love" they found drove them away. He asked for the return of his drawing materials only and his bedroom articles. He sent a van for their collection and this was returned empty. Is this love? Is this the "open door"? At least half a dozen of the German men members of the community were in the Hitler Youth before coming to England.

These things are facts and so disgusted was the writer with the shameful treatment by the Elect of the brothers that he has in preparation an authoritative book about the life in the Bruderhof.

A F Pressland "Morning Dew" Cirencester

Fund Raising/ Military Welfare

YMCA

The Chairmen of the Cirencester Urban and Rural District Councils, Mr Wilson G Tovey and Geoffrey M Scrutton appeal on behalf of the YMCA Flag Day to be held on May 4th in Cirencester and May 11th in the Rural Area.

Agriculture

Advert Aubrey Rees and Sons

Why Worry

There will always be seed time and Harvest. The farming industry in Britain is the second line of defence and on the assurance of the Prime Minister it will not be allowed to drift back to the stagnant state experienced during the past few years. Farmers Cheer Up.

And look to the future Invest now in any new tractors implements or farm machinery you may require or be requiring for the next few years. You will be satisfied with the deliveries,

service and advice of the leading Agricultural Engineers, Aubrey Rees and Sons, Whiteway Works, Cirencester Tel 75

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 13

Domestic vacancies 26

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Marianne Belcher and Elsie Collett both of Arlington were fined 5/- for having no proper front light and 5/- for having no rear light on their bicycles while riding on Burford Road. PC Holtham was the Reporting Officer.

Aurea Elizabeth Weldon of Rugby was fined similar amounts for leaving her car without lights and obstructing the footpath in Coxwell Street. PC Kay was the Reporting Officer

Major T H Robinson of Yanworth was fined 10/- for having an unauthorised headlamp on his car. PC Holtham was Reporting Officer

Casualties / Fatal Accident

Cirencester Memorial Hospital

A Somerford Keynes man killed five others injured

Two vehicles were in a violent collision on the Cirencester to Cricklade Road early on Thursday. Mr William Henry Messenger was killed and five others injured. The collision was only 300yards from the spot where a similar collision occurred on October 31st last. Both accidents included workmen travelling from Swindon to Brockworth. One of the cars was being driven by Mr New of Somerford Keynes, travelling from Cirencester towards Latton. Mr Messenger was his passenger and died almost immediately of extensive head wounds. The injured were treated at Cirencester Memorial Hospital including the four men in the other car. They are all from Swindon.

Advert

Curry's / Radio / Film / Entertainment

Is Your Home an Englishman's Home ?

Let Curry's help make it complete by supplying you with a modern Radio Receiver selected from the largest selection obtainable including EKCO, GEC, DECCA, COSSOR, PHILLIPS and EVER READY.

Table Radiograms 12gns. Electric and Battery Receivers from £6- 10s Latest Model Double Decca (Combined electric and battery). We also have a large selection of British and American Midget Receivers from £3 -19s-6d..

Hire Purchase terms as usual.

Do not miss the Great War Film "An Englishman's Home" showing at the "Regal" Cinema this week-end

"The film Curry's helped to make"

Curry's Ltd, Radio Specialists, Market Place Cirencester

(a further advert tells how Curry's supplied sound equipment to Denham Studios)

Fund Raising/ Military Welfare

YMCA

Cirencester YMCA first gifts and promises.

The Cirencester YMCA Appeal for £1,500 for the provision of a Cirencester YMCA hut for the BEF overseas and for the reorganising of Cirencester's canteen and social centre for troops is launched today (Friday) with the following gifts and promises amounting to £486 – 16s. : £200 Anonymous £25 each from the RAF, Mrs J H Scrutton, £20 from Hon Samuel Vesty, £15 from Colonel and Mrs Tabor, £12-12s from Messrs Mullings Ellet and Co £10-10s each from Messrs Sewell Rawlins and Perkins, Messrs Bailey Bros., Mr and Mrs de Cliffe Vigors. £10 each from Captain F B Swanwick. Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Leay, Sir Frederick and Lady Cripps, Major and Mrs Dugdale, £6-6s from Sir Herbert Ingram, £5 each from Messrs Gardeners, Mrs Frith, Mrs Payne, , Colonel Paley, Sir William Marris, Miss J Scrutton, £2-2s each from W A Bixon, Steel's Garage, Bridges Garage, £2 C E C Peach. £1-1s each from W Dennis Moss, W G Tovey, £1 each from G R Lait, Lady Hirtzel and H K Nisbet.

A wireless set from Major Lethbridge-Galton, 200 modern novels from Mr F A Trinder and a piano loaned by Lady Cripps.

Paper Shortage

Orders for the Week

Held over : Reports of the Annual Meeting of the State Section of the Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society with other matters are held over to our next issue. We are compelled by the extreme shortage of paper to print a paper of only six pages this week and though adoption of a smaller type face greatly extends the amount of news which we can accommodate in this limited space we are unable to find room for these items. Next week we shall return to eight pages.

Local Service Personnel / War Stories

Cirencester's Hardy Hero.

Signaller W E Reeve's Amazing Adventure

One of the small heroic band of survivors from HMS Hardy who swam ashore with their mortally wounded captain after the battle of Narvic Fjord was a Cirencester man Mr Walter Edward Reeves, whose home is at Querns Lane, Cirencester. Mr Reeves who is now a Signaller, joined the Royal Navy at the end of 1935 and served on three ships before transfer to HMS Hardy when she was recommissioned last August.

He gave the following description to a Wilts. and Glos. reporter at his home :- At 4 am we went to Narvik Fjord to battle accompanied by four other destroyers. We sank three German destroyers and several merchantmen in the harbour. We withdrew and then it started to snow. In the blinding snow three German destroyers came up and got in the first salvo. Our main steam pipe was put out of action and we lost speed. Shells were bursting all around us and I was on the bridges when the shell burst that mortally wounded Captain Warburton Lee and two other Officers. I ducked and by a strange chance was not killed. I went below to the flag deck and in spite of the fact that he was dying Captain Warburton Lee gasped out the order to abandon ship. I was one of the last to leave the ship and some of the men were pulling Captain Warburton Lee through the sea on a raft towards land. We had about 250yds to swim.

On reaching the shore we walked to some cottages where we were cared for by some Norwegian people. We then walked to a village 15 miles away where we were looked after for four days until rescued by a British destroyer. While on land we watched the battle between HMS Warspite and German destroyers from the top of a hill. That was on Saturday and the next day we were transferred to another destroyer and finally reached England last Saturday morning. Mr Reeves admitted that it was very thrilling while it lasted and confessed that he was anxious to get back to sea and "have another go at em".

Advert

Fund Raising/ Military Welfare

YMCA

Large advert including an appeal form donations to the YMCA's Appeal and stating the Appeal's purposes. (1) A YMCA Hut for the BEF to be named Cirencester YMCA Hut (2)The YMCA Troop Centre in Cirencester

Advert

Drink / Propaganda

Skagerrak and Kattigat

This war has been called many things. It might also be called an education in itself. Who has heard of Trondeim a month ago? Who knew where Narvik was? Yet in the pub in the evenings you will find such names are common coin of conversation. You will hear men whom you never had suspected of such specialised knowledge talking of fjords and iron ore as if they had spent their lives inside a geography book. And it is often wise strategy that they talk. The pub brings out the wisdom from man because he can talk at ease there, he has a friendly audience. And there is beer there. The barley malt and hops in beer revive your spirits. Beer puts you in a cheerful natural mood. It makes you yourself. That is why beer is best. Come to the pub tonight and talk things over – over a glass of beer.

Sport / Entertainment

Cirencester and District War Time Skittles League.

At the Annual Dinner at the Bull Hotel Mr Dennis Moss presided over ninety members. Mr J H Sheppard toasted the league and expressed pleasure to see the league carrying on and hoped that it would continue in the same spirit next season.

Advert

Pest Control / Food Supplies

The Enemy in our Midst – Routed by RODINE

WIs

Evacuation / National Savings

Fairford WI - on April 17th Mrs Keble presided. The meeting included entertainment by the Edmonton evacuee children.

Siddington WI – Mr E T Cripps spoke on the National Savings campaign. Members decided to start a group straight away.

Advert

Retail / Food Supplies

For the Greatest Variety of Unrationed Foods - Shop at Gilletts

This week's special offer – Gilletts new season's marmalade 1/3d per large jar.

Home Front / Food Preparation

Miss Switch

Home Management Corner - Miss Switch

Don't Waste Food, Buy Wisely, Cook Wisely, Eat the right food says the Ministry of Food in their new campaign to English housewives.

Of course everyone of us wants to do all these things, and it is quite certain no one deliberately buys or cooks unwisely. Why then is this campaign necessary. Because you are

being asked to choose home grown foods that take up little cargo space in ships, so what was wise buying in peace may no longer be wise in war. And certain foods may become scarce or expensive – you may not know which are the best substitutes, or how unfamiliar foods are best cooked so the Government has asked us to hold special talks and demonstrations. These demonstrations are planned to help you run your home cheaply and efficiently in changing conditions. Ask your Electric Service Centre for particulars and make up your mind to visit the next official demonstration. Two specially helpful leaflets issued by the Ministry may be obtained Free at any electric service centre. Please do your utmost to be present at the Ministry of Food Official demonstrations at the Electric Service Centre.
Wessex Electricity

11/5/40

Advert

Entertainment/Dances

Corn Hall Saturdays

Cirencester's Brightest Dances with Swindon's best bands every Saturday 8.15pm to 11.45pm admission 1/3d

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.
E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert

Retail / Military Welfare

Wools for Yourself and the Services.

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's 20 Cricklade Street

Advert

Drink

Stroud Beer for Stronger Britain!

Advert

National Savings

(Illustration of interest graph)

(1) Steady Increase in Value

National Savings certificates cost 15/- each and steadily increase in value till in ten years time they are worth 20/6d. This represents a rate of interest of £3-3s- 5d %. The maximum holding is £500 of certificates including earlier issues.

(2) No Income Tax to Pay

The interest from your certificates is tax free and need not be included in ant Income tax returns. When you buy National Savings Certificates you are doing your bit and helping the men at the fronts. Certificates may be bought at Post Offices and banks everywhere and through national Savings groups.

(3) May be Cashed in at Any Time

There is no safer security in the whole world than National Savings Certificates.> Yet your money is readily available if needed. On giving short notice you may cash your certificates at any time and you will receive whatever interest is due.

Lend to Defend the Right to be Free

Advert

Retail

Drink / Propaganda /Tax

£106.000,000

This war is not only being fought on the battlefield, but here at home, every day, by the cheerfulness and patriotism of everyone. And where can more cheerfulness be found than in the English Public-House and Inn. The additional duty on beer has been accepted because the beer drinker knows that when he asks for a pint he is helping his country financially as well as doing good for himself. £106.000,000 in a year is a colossal sum to expect from one commodity but so far as the present day economy will allow, the beer drinker feels that he must make this sacrifice to see that the Chancellor will get it. Beer is Best for the Nation.

Advert

Agriculture / Fodder / Silage

Large poster advert - Farmers it is in Your Interest and the Country's to Plan for Silage Now. Make the most of your grass – silage is cheaply and easily made – Potable silos are quite cheap. Now is the time to plan your silage making, whether in a pit, trench, clamp or portable silo. Silage is a valuable fodder that can help you to be independent of bought concentrates. You can make it from grass or fodder crops. For the highest quality silage use grass in Spring and young aftermath and make it in a silo.

Write to the Ministry of Agriculture London SW1 for a Free Silage Leaflet.

Advert

Agriculture / Fodder / Silage

Advert associated with the one above.

How to Ensure Winter Feed Economically and Easily

Farmers all over the country are now using the Silo to ensure a sufficiency of animal food supplies for next Winter – easily and economically. The Grow-More Silo is the favourite method. Inexpensive, simple and efficient it will meet all your requirements at the lowest possible cost. Write today for further particulars Price £5

10ft size £5 15ft size £7-10s Extra top covering if required 10ft size £1

15ft size £1-10s

The price includes delivery to your nearest railway station . Send coupon below today for further details (3 illustrations of silos included in advert)

Too expensive! - elaborate and expensive silos are not necessary.

Too wasteful ! - Ensilaging without a proper silo is terribly wasteful and usually unsatisfactory in unskilled hands.

The Very Thing – The Grow-More Silo fits your requirements to a “T” ! it is simple inexpensive and efficient.

GROW MORE Portable Silos

Grow More Utilities Ltd, Dept P, Heath Drive, Tadworth, Surrey

Advert

Agriculture / Fodder / Silage

Gloucestershire Agricultural Education Committee in conjunction with I C I Ltd cordially invite all farmers to attend demonstrations of the Making of Molasses Silage from Grass.

On Thursday 16th May 11am – 3pm at Grange Farm Stratton Cirencester by kind permission of L W Arkell Esq

On Saturday 18th May 11am – 3pm at Hill Farm Icomb Stow on the Wold by kind permission of P M Ryder Esq

On Tuesday 21st May 11am – 3pm at Millend Farm Coleford by kind permission of C J Miles Esq

On Wednesday 29th May 11am – 3pm at Willington Court Sandhurst by kind permission of Messrs J and A A Bryan

On Thursday 30th May 11am – 3pm at Dean and Chapter Farm Codrington by kind permission of Captain R G Mascall

Advert

Food production

Save Every Chick

Save every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also
Huck's Corn Stores

Advert

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper

Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given
V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Advert

Rationing / Petrol

Petrol Rationing makes the use of trailers essential. Models for private or business purposes from Townsend trailers, Fairford

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 18

Domestic vacancies 5

Retail / Home Front

Paint Away the Black-out Blues with PETRALINE

The water paint with 48 delightful colours. So easy to apply whether over wallpaper, clean plaster or woodwork. All British the 3 ½ lb packet(costing only 10 ½ d) does the average room. From Farrell's Castle Street.

Fund Raising /Entertainment

Military Welfare

Eastleach

There was a large attendance at a Whist drive and dance organised By Mrs Deaney in Eastleach Reading Room last Saturday. £6-10s was realised to be spent on wool for the busy knitters of Eastleach. There are over thirty in number to make comforts for the Services.

Advert

Medical

Is Your Stomach a Victim of the War?

Before the war you never knew what it was to have indigestion. Now you get burning pain and distressing wind after every meal. That's because your stomach is always too acid. Food can't digest and your stomach is tortured in the attempt. Why endure this mealtime misery Milk of Magnesia tablets will stop it this very day. They relieve acidity and sweeten a sour stomach at once. The stomach starts to digest food right away and finishes its work with perfect ease. You feel nothing – no heartburn – no flatulence, not a twinge of your old stomach pain. If you suffer from acute gastric attacks "Milk of Magnesia" brand tablets will stop them in five minutes. Try them today! Neat flat tins for the pocket 6d and 1/- Family sizes 2/- and 3/6d Obtainable everywhere
Milk of Magnesia Tablets

Crime /Aliens Act

Cirencester Petty Sessions

A Warning A case was brought against Frederick James Juggins who ran a boarding house at 87 Victoria Road. He was fined £1 for failing to complete appropriate forms for lodgers in his house under the Aliens Act. Inspector Newman had called on the house on April 5th to interview three men about a certain matter. Juggins said that they had been staying there but had returned that morning to Bolton and Lancaster. Inspector Newman had asked to see the forms to obtain their names and addresses. Juggins said that he had no forms and was unaware that he had to fill any in. Superintendent Jotcham said that this case had been a warning to all lodging house keepers. Juggins said that he had now made himself conversant with the Order and that he took in boarders to supplement his income.

Gunner Lionel Noah Chandler of Chevenage Tetbury was summoned for driving a car without due care and attention. He had collided with another military car driven by Gunner O'Neill at Jackaments Bottom. Gunner Chandler's car somersaulted at least twice and he was detained in Bath Hospital Captain R C Sale seated next to O'Neill estimated that Chandler's speed was about 80mph. PC Jefferies of Kemble said that the road was dry and visibility good. PC Buckle of Tetbury said when interviewed in Hospital Chandler said he must have misjudged his speed. He was hazy about the incident because the car had turned over and he had been thrown out through the sunshine roof which had opened on impact. The case was adjourned until Chandler is fit to appear in court.

Editorial

YMCA/Military Welfare / Fund Raising

The editorial asks for support for the YMCA Appeal. They had taken over Abberley House in 1918 just before the Armistice but had done a good work surviving the depression and now were embarking on another valuable work.

Orders for the Week

BRCS/ Sea Cadets/ National Savings

Cirencester Society in London

BRCS VAD Glos 11

Duties as Rostered – a course of lectures commencing at 8pm Wednesday 16th May on Incendiary and High Explosive bombs will be held in the Congregational school Room Dyer Street. All members are requested to attend.

Cotswold Sea Cadets

The band will be on parade at Gloucester on Sunday 12th May. The bus will leave the Nelson Assembly Room at 1.15pm. The Corps will assemble on Tuesday 14th at H Q in Castle Street at 7pm etc.

National Savings

£5,688 was invested in National Savings during the weekend Saturday last May 4th. The total on January 1st was £82,670.

Cirencester Society in London

Owing to the present conditions it is considered inadvisable to hold the annual dinner of the Cirencester Society in London this year or until hostilities cease. Had it been it would have been the 235th annual meeting of the Society which from records appears to have been regularly every year except during the period of the last war, when it was suspended.

War News

Total War?

Germany Invades Holland and Belgium – British Forces in Iceland

Germany invaded Holland and Belgium early this morning (Friday). German troops crossed the frontier at several points at 3 am the invasion being carried out by bombers, powerful parachute forces and infantry. According to official German radio the German government has handed memos to the Governments of Belgium and Holland stating that as an Allied invasion was imminent their action was to safeguard by all means the neutrality of these countries.

Dutch troops are said to have captured large numbers of parachutists in Dutch uniforms. The Dutch have flooded various regions to impede the invaders and Anti Aircraft guns have been constantly in action. The Netherlands Legation in London stated this morning "We are now allies of Britain and France.

In a proclamation issued this morning, Queen Wilhelmina states: "I and my Government will do our duty for our country", adding that with scrupulous conscientiousness they had preserved their neutrality, but Germany made a sudden attack on their country without warning this morning notwithstanding a solemn promise that the neutrality of the country would be respected as long as Holland herself maintained it. 'Never will we enter into negotiation with the enemy', concludes the proclamation.

More than 100 German planes were seen over Brussels this morning. The Brussels radio has broadcast an appeal for calm. An official communiqué issued at 7.40 declared Brussels to be in a state of siege and calls upon the allied Governments for help. German forces are said to be moving forward in an attempt to cut communication, between Belgium and France.

Luxembourg is also said to have been invaded. A British Force has landed in Iceland to forestall Germany.

Royal Visits

Photograph

Queen Mary visits Cirencester with the Princess Royal

(photograph with H M Queen Mary visiting Sir Frederick and Lady Cripps at Ampney on Thursday last week)

She also visited Cirencester with the Princess Royal and Lord Harewood, after a drive through the Park and tea with Earl and Countess Bathurst. Shortly before 6pm the Royal party accompanied by Earl and Countess Bathurst, Major Coke and Colonel A Paley visited the Parish Church. Canon L Westmacott met them and gave a conducted tour. As they left a large crowd which had gathered in the Market Place cheered them.

YMCA/ Military Welfare

(photograph of the YMCA mobile canteen in the market Place)

Earl Bathurst performed the opening ceremony of the Social Centre for Troop. A large number of prominent citizens and representatives of the Army and RAF attended. (list given in full report) Earl Bathurst commended Colonel and Mrs Pardoe for their initial efforts in Cricklade Street . he said that they were not in opposition but the Cricklade street premises were just too small. A great deal of speech making followed (reported in full in original article) and an appeal continued for a hut for the BEF. The flag day in Cirencester raised £75-7s-7d.

Service Personnel

Entertainment

Mr H B Walker genial and popular manager of the Gaumont Picture House has left the Gaumont British Company for the duration to take an appointment with the Royal Naval Reserve. He will shortly be appointed to a barrage mine sweeper.

Dig for Victory / Agriculture / Retail

Seeds for Garden and Allotment

During this year every effort must be made to increase the food supplies of the country by Home Production. In this connection we would point out that the greatest production will be obtained by sowing the finest stocks of seed, whether for farm or garden, and that it costs just as much to grow an inferior strain than the best. The finest stocks of garden and farm seeds and seed potatoes are obtainable from John Jefferies and Son The Seed Merchants, Cirencester. Ask for our illustrated catalogue of high class seeds free on application.

Letters to the Editor

Rationing / Food Supplies

Sugar for Jam

Empty Gee should suspend judgement until he has heard the evidence from both sides. No Food Officer has power to advertise any matter connected with his office unless he has first been authorised by the Ministry of Information to do so. We may assume I think that the Urban District Food Officer had received no such authority and therefore by not advertising did absolutely the correct thing. We may assume too that the Rural District Food Officer was so authorised. Therefore the blame must lie with the person who issued the authority to one and not the other. But perhaps he did not know the district. Being connected with neither the Food Office nor the Ministry, I cannot say. --- Silent Service

Letters to the Editor

Girl Guides

Life Boat and Air Ambulances

Mrs Gladys E Cook District Secretary of Cirencester Girl Guides of Kemble Wick writes a long letter explaining a "gigantic good turn" which 700,000 Girl Guides of the Worldwide movement will undertake in Empire Week 19th – 23rd May. They intend to raise £20,000 to provide a lifeboat @£5,000 and two air ambulances for the RAF @ £7,500 each. The money is to be raised by voluntary personal donations from every enrolled Brownie Guide, ranger or Guider and any past members who wish.

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof

The Stranger in Our Midst

Dear Sir – In reading Mr A F Pressland's letter in your issue of May 4th, we are grieved that a man can spread such deliberate lies and gross misrepresentations and distortions of facts.

Those thousands who have been our guests during the past four years know as well as he does that we have nothing to hid, and that his allegations are untrue, not only in detail but even in substance. In fact we want to invite all your readers who wish sincerely to find the truth to come and see for themselves.

Our doors are open, they can stay as long as they wish without any charges, sharing our work, our meals, our meetings : and everyone with an open and unprejudiced mind, however strongly he may disagree with us will see that our life is in every respect the very opposite from that which Mr Pressland asserts.

Does Mr Pressland forget that he is liable to be sued for libel, or does he deliberately exploit our Christian objection to bring him to law? For let us state clearly that we have no grievance against him, in spite of his unprovoked hostility; that, in fact should he repent of his evil deed we would be willing to accept him again , as we accepted him and his family of three last Summer in complete trust and with open hearts in spite of their difficulties.

As Mr Pressland's letter is untrue in every point he raises, we can only correct a few of the grossest misrepresentations, but any of you readers can have a full statement if they wish.

Firstly we wish to state that we have the deepest love for the working class people and many of our members come from the so called working classes. And not a single member was a member of the Hitler Youth. We were only able to convert one member of another Nazi organisation to Christianity, who is now liable for the severest punishment should he ever fall into the hands of the Nazis. Further more there are over twenty orphan and destitute children in our care. For six of them we receive no financial payment, and we have at all times taken in needy children where there has been no question of outside support for them. Our guests are not charged, nor were Mr Pressland's for that matter. There is no solitary confinement and no "Gestapo". Our life is wholly on a voluntary work basis. We do not work on Sundays except for unavoidable duties or occasionally at harvest time. Our rooms can be locked from inside and outside. We make no profit from any sales or other activities, as our audited balance sheet proves; in fact we are not yet entirely self-supporting, which is one reason for our hard working and frugal living which we take gladly upon ourselves for the sake of the poor and our cause. The story of the artist is a misrepresentation of the facts. We wish to conclude our statement which is vouched for by al our members and would be members, by quoting from Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5 verses 11 and 12 "Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil things against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

The early Christians were accused of murdering and eating small innocent children and committing vile acts of immorality. How can we be anything but glad for our name to be reviled in the same lying spirit by allegations which, although less gross are equally untrue? For the Society of Brothers - Bruce Sumner, J H Arnold, Cyril Harries, Arnold Mason E C H Arnold for and on behalf of the above E C H Arnold Cotswold Bruderhof Community, Ashton Keynes.

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof

Geoffrey and Phyllis Welham and Mr and Mrs G T Welham of the Cotswold Bruderhof also write to refute Mr Pressland's allegations (not verbatim)

They have been at Ashton Keynes for nine weeks. No charges have been made or have been on their three previous visits. Any donation is voluntary and gladly accepted to keep the door open to all who are seeking a Christian life. The “Gestapo” is fantastic everyone works with only their conscience to drive them. The Zionists are quite happy they find the work easier here than on the farms they have worked on and the atmosphere compared with “piece working” is wonderful. There is complete freedom to enter and leave as we please. This is the first place we have found absolute brotherhood and love has given us the desire to remain and makes us truly thankful that the door is really open.

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof

Werner Weiss writes on behalf of himself and his fellow Zionists. He also refutes Mr Pressland’s allegations.

In July we approached the Bruderhof to ask if they would accept us for a period of training as farmers and artisans. They received us (20 young people) not thirty as Mr Pressland states. Our Committee pay 10/- per week per head by agreement as is common practice in such matters. Since January our Committee ceased payment but the Bruderhof continue to maintain us. Hitler drove us out of Germany and we are happy we have found in the Bruderhof a settlement prepared to give a good training for our proposed work in Palestine in the future. Before our present work we were practically without work. Our Work here is exactly the same as that of the brothers with identical hours. Contrary to Mr Pressland’s assertions we have no complaint against the Bruderhof’s attitude towards us.

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof / Spies

The Bruderhof

Dear Sir – I am very interested in A F Pressland’s letter on the above subject in your last issue. I am at present doing a job which entails a good deal of motoring on the highways and byways in and around the Cirencester and Gloucester part of the country and have been interested of late by the number of times I have met members of the Bruderhof Community cycling about when I imagined they should have been hard at work on the land at this busy period of the year. One or two I am getting to know by sight, and it may be coincidence but they always seem en route to places of particular interest at the present time, to those of an inquiring nature. Possibly this is imagination, but interesting.

A M Richardson - Southrop Manor

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof

The Bruderhof

Clericus writes asking in the interests of sanity for Mr Wilson and Mr Pressland to answer the following questions arising.

1. Is the only true Church a claim exclusive to the Bruderhof. Is not the Roman Catholic Church guilty of the same. Did not Mr Wilson leave the Church of England for the Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic Church is foreign to England and Mr Wilson claims he is an Englishman. Did he not at one time hold high position in the Church of England.
2. Is there some “sinister purpose” behind money from “foreign sources”? What about our foreign missions? The money we contribute is foreign to many countries involved. Is not the Roman Catholic Church in a similar position financed from foreign sources. The Roman Catholic’s support For Franco

overthrew the Spanish regime. I do not write against the Roman Catholic Church but to show you correspondents that such letters are not helpful, in fact they savour of Hitlerism.

Letters to the Editor
Refugees / Bruderhof

The Bruderhof

Clarence Fry of Latton writes as an outsider defending the Bruderhof and asks first why the standard has reversed its policy of refraining from publishing letters for ventilating private grievance. Few if any leave the Bruderhof with such warped judgement, bitter hatred or venomous malice as is displayed by Mr Pressland. It is difficult to believe that he visited the Bruderhof as a friend, more as a spy. If the Gestapo did exist he could not have done it. Certainly novices and guests are observed carefully with view to testing their vocation for community life. It is like all institutions imperfect. It does dabble in capitalism who doesn't. It claims to be the only true Church. So do the Roman Catholics and the Four Square Gospel Church. Neither this nor any other of Mr Pressland's "facts" can validate his accusations of "hypocrisy". He is probably aware that the Bruderhof will not take him to court. Hence his libellous language. His scurrilous letter together with the more reasonable one from Mr Wilson has the appearance of being part of a campaign to send the Bruderhof on its travels again. If such a campaign succeeds in doing what Hitler has already done, what will Britain have left to fight for.

Letters to the Editor
War Finance (not verbatim)

E T Kingscote Major 94 Piccadilly asks why the Government and others well paid officials do not set a good example by foregoing part of their salaries to show by their sacrifice how to help the country. Then perhaps it would only be a case of follow my leader.

Letters to the Editor
Rev S Claude Tickell / War Finance

The Church's Lead

Sir – What a splendid thing it would be if the Church were to give the State a co-operationist lead by the present clergy, Bishops and lay incumbents pooling their emoluments.

S Claude Tickell Vicar Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor
Agriculture / Food Supplies
Pest Control

Plague of White Butterflies

Dear Sir – I wonder if the public realise the damage of the enormous number of common white butterflies to be seen everywhere just now. If steps are not taken to catch and destroy these at once a plague of caterpillars far worse than that of last Autumn may be expected. It used to be the practice at many of the village flower shows to offer small prizes to the children collecting the largest number of the butterflies, and I think a plan should be put into execution again this year, and promptly if the green crops are to be saved for next Winter
A E Jefferies – Cirencester

Advert**Insurance/ Rationing**

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.
E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert**Retail / Military Welfare**

Wools for Yourself and the Services.
Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's 20 Cricklade Street

Advert**Salvage / Recycling**

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper
Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given
V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Advert**Save Every Chick**

Save every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with
Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d
5/- at Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores

Advert**Dance / Fund Raising / Military Welfare****Girl Guides**

Siddington Village Hall
Dance Thursday May 23rd 8.30pm – 12 midnight
In aid of the Girl Guides Gift Week
Admission 1/-

Advert**Dance****Comrades of RAFA**

Empire Day Mystery Dance
Corn Hall Cirencester Friday May 24th
Non stop dancing 8pm – 1am
Alec mattock's fully augmented Orchestra
(including piano accordion etc)
Fully licensed bar and light refreshments
Admission Single 1/6d Double 2/6d

Spotlight**Crime / Blackout**

600 miles
Giving evidence at Cirencester Police Court on Wednesday against a motorist alleged to have
exceeded the speed limit of 20mph in the Blackout a police constable said " I followed the
defendant for 600miles" In other words he must have finished following him somewhere in
the region of the Siegfried Line!

Spotter

Advert

Agriculture / Fodder / Silage

Gloucestershire Agricultural Education Committee in conjunction with I C I Ltd cordially invite all farmers to attend demonstrations of the Making of Molasses Silage from Grass.

On Saturday 18th May 11am – 3pm at Hill Farm Icomb Stow on the Wold by kind permission of P M Ryder Esq

On Tuesday 21st May 11am – 3pm at Millend Farm Coleford by kind permission of C J Miles Esq

On Wednesday 29th May 11am – 3pm at Willington Court Sandhurst by kind permission of Messrs J and A A Bryan

On Thursday 30th May 11am – 3pm at Dean and Chapter Farm Codrington by kind permission of Captain R G Mascall

Advert

Kitchen Front

Food Supplies and Preparation

Large poster advertisement

On the Kitchen Front – How to Eat Wisely in Wartime

So much of our food comes from overseas, using shipping space, that care and skill in its choice and preparation is now an urgent national necessity.

To eat wisely in wartime we should vary our meals as much as possible. There may be shortage of some foods we usually buy but there will always be others to take their place. To keep fit and well choose something from each of the four groups below everyday.

- (1) Body building foods
milk, cheese, eggs, meat, fish
- (2) Energy foods
Bacon and Ham, bread, butter or margarine, cheese, dried fruit, dripping or suet or lard, honey, oatmeal, potatoes, rice or sago, sugar
- (3) Protective foods (group 1)
Milk, butter or margarine, cheese, eggs, liver, herring or salmon (canned or fresh)
- (4) Protective foods (group 2)
Potatoes, carrots, fruit (fresh or canned but not dried) green vegetables or salads, tomatoes, whole meal bread.

Issued by The Ministry of Food

Home Front / Food Preparation

Miss Switch

Home Management Corner - Miss Switch

Don't Waste Food, Buy Wisely, Cook Wisely, Eat the right food says the Ministry of Food in their new campaign to English housewives.

Of course everyone of us wants to do all these things, and it is quite certain no one deliberately buys or cooks unwisely. Why then is this campaign necessary. Because you are being asked to choose home grown foods that take up little cargo space in ships, so what was wise buying in peace may no longer be wise in war. And certain foods may become scarce or expensive – you may not know which are the best substitutes, or how unfamiliar foods are best cooked so the Government has asked us to hold special talks and demonstrations. These demonstrations are planned to help you run your home cheaply and efficiently in changing

conditions. Ask your Electric Service Centre for particulars and make up your mind to visit the next official demonstration. Two specially helpful leaflets issued by the Ministry may be obtained Free at any electric service centre. Please do your utmost to be present at the Ministry of Food Official demonstrations at the Electric Service Centre.
Wessex Electricity

Crime

Speeding / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Speeding

Richard Samuel Hoskins of Fosse Bridge was fined 10/- for exceeding the 20mph speed limit in London Road through a built up area. Inspector Newman who was in a police utility van at the time was the Reporting Officer.

William John Comely was fine £1 PC Rymer reporting said that Comely's speed was between 30 and 40 mph and that he had six previous convictions for motoring offences.

Black Out

Hugh Frederick Payne of 35 Overhill Road was fine £1 for showing a light. PC Holtham said that there was an 18 inch gap in the curtains. Mr Payne said that he had no excuses but must have pulled the curtains carelessly. He had not been given a previous warning.

Henry Bailey of 7 Overhill Road received the same fine for a similar offence. PC Holtham said that the bathroom light could be seen for half a mile.

Advert

Shortages / Agriculture / Newsprint Shortage

Farmer and Stock Breeder

A Wartime Message to Farmers and an Appeal

War is enforcing economy for you – there is a shortage of feeding stuffs, for us a shortage of newsprint.

We are helping you by showing you how to get maximum profit, maximum production and maximum wartime effort. Will you please help us by placing a regular order with your newsagent for Great Britain's oldest most progressive and independent farming paper.

The Farmer and Stock Breeder 3d weekly from all newsagents and bookstalls.

Advert

Agriculture / Machinery

Aubrey Rees and Sons

The Crimea – South Africa – The Great War 1914-18

Many implements in use today were made during these periods. We are now engaged in the greatest of all wars. Victory cannot be won by obsolete methods. Make sure of Victory on the Agricultural Front by looking over your existing machinery and replace with the latest.

We have them.

Aubrey Rees and Sons Whiteway Works, Cirencester Phone 76

The oldest established Agricultural Engineers in the district.

YMCA

Fund Raising / Military Welfare

The YMCA Appeal total by Thursday morning was £748 –13s-6d which is practically half way to the target. (list of subscribers given in original)

Salvage

Scrap Metal / Agriculture

Farmers in Gloucestershire have not responded to the Scrap Iron Appeal. So far only 100 tons has been offered. This may be because they have concentrated on Spring sowing and still do not realise that small amounts are acceptable.

War News

LDV

The War Office announces that up until midnight on Wednesday the number of applicants for the LDV totalled over 250,000.

Cirencester LDV

The Local Defence Volunteers

About 160 Join in Cirencester

More than 160 volunteers from all points of the district have registered at Cirencester for Britain's New Home Front Army the Local Defence Volunteers who are to be trained to defeat the menace of Germany's parachute invaders. A few men registered on Tuesday evening immediately after the appeal for volunteers by Mr Anthony Eden the War Minister. On Wednesday approximately 120 volunteered at Cirencester Police Station which was in almost a constant state of siege all day! As a result it was deemed advisable to make the Old Museum building opposite the GWR Station the recruiting centre. By Thursday tea time an additional 40 had signed on the dotted line. Men living in houses in remote parts of the country have been quick to join for they realise that theirs is a particularly important job. Retired Officers and ex servicemen have been quick to avail themselves of the opportunity to serve their country again and others from every sort of occupation have hurried to join the Home Front Army. Sometimes men have joined in groups sometimes, singly. The age limits are 16 to 65yrs and already at Cirencester men of both these extremes have registered. A Wilts. and Gos. reporter was told that several young men who had been registered for military service had jumped at the chance of joining up, glad of the chance to serve their country in any capacity.

LDV

An Urgent Need

A message received at the standard Office on Thursday afternoon stated that the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire had received a telegram from the Secretary of State for War appealing for men to join the LDV. "The Lord Lieutenant is confident" the message states "that all who are able to do so will join this force and thus help to defend their country". It must be emphasised that this "army" is a spare time army. Service will be voluntary and unpaid. A uniform and arms will be issued to every man. Mr Eden in his broadcast stated that large numbers of men were needed now. "Volunteers will not be required to leave their work or live away from their homes. Volunteers will not be given special training but will be expected to brush up their knowledge of firearms. They will receive instructions in the use of modern weapons. Instruction times will be arranged to suite the convenience of all volunteers including night workers". The force will be formed of small companies. Membership will not exempt a man from the provisions of the Military Service (Armed Forces) Act.

Men over military age who have offered themselves to the War Office to serve in any capacity have their chance now to help. The LDV will be under the Command of 62 year old General Sir Walter Kirke, General Officer Commanding – in – chief, Home Forces. Mr Eden broadcast his appeal particularly to the small towns and villages where "the need is

greatest". He said that the danger from parachutists although it undoubtedly exists should not be exaggerated".

"The success of a parachute attack depends on speed. The measures to defeat it must be prompt. It is upon this basis that our plans have been laid."

"The name of our new force Local Defence Volunteers describes its duties in three words".

"It is a spare time job. There will be no need for any volunteer to abandon his present occupation".

"Now a word to those who propose to volunteer".

"When on duty you will form part of the armed forces. You will be entrusted with certain vital duties from which reasonable fitness and knowledge of firearms is necessary".

"Give your name at your local police station, and then as and when we want you we will let you know".

Dig for Victory / Agriculture / Retail

Seeds for Garden and Allotment

During this year every effort must be made to increase the food supplies of the country by Home Production. In this connection we would point out that the greatest production will be obtained by sowing the finest stocks of seed, whether for farm or garden, and that it costs just as much to grow an inferior strain than the best. The finest stocks of garden and farm seeds and seed potatoes are obtainable from John Jefferies and Son The Seed Merchants, Cirencester. Ask for our illustrated catalogue of high-class seeds free on application.

Orders for the Week

Sea Cadets / BRCS

Sea cadets parade at HQ (Nelson) 7pm

BRCS VAD Glos II Parade in the Corn Hall Monday May 20th and May 27th at 7.45pm civilian dress. Lecture 8pm Congregational School Room Dyer Street.

War News

A Week of War Drama (not verbatim)

Day by day account of the week's dramatic events. The invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg. The resignation of the Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. The Rt Hon Winston Churchill C H, M P has accepted His Majesty the King's invitation to fill the position. The week also includes a list of new Government appointments (consult original)

Whole page of adverts on the theme of Freedom possibly filling censored space

Advert

"For Freedom Series"

Retail / RAF

RAF Uniforms at Clappens

Advert

"For Freedom Series"

Retail

For Freedom there is no place in Cirencester like Bailey Bros – Where you are always free to walk round. Never hesitate to come in and walk round on a tour of inspection free from any feeling of need to buy. _ Cricklade, Street Cirencester

Advert

“For Freedom Series”

Retail

For Freedom from worry during the day sound sleep at night is essential. To obtain this you must have a good mattress. We are agents for the famous V1 SPRING, STAPLES AND SLUMBERLAND SPRING INTERIOR MATTRESSES. Let us remake your own hair mattress into a spring interior and so ensure sound sleep. The cost is small :-

Open spring type

In own tick 3ft - 36/6d

In own tick 4ft 6ins - 45/6d

All pocketed spring type

In own tick 3ft - 54/-

In own tick 4ft 6ins - 75/-

Fredk. Boulton and Son, Market Place, Cirencester Tel 59

Advert

“For Freedom Series”

Retail

Someone somewhere wishes for your portrait. Make an early appointment with W Dennis Moss, Gainsborough House, Cirencester

Advert

“For Freedom Series”

Entertainment / Cinema

The Picture House Cirencester

“For Freedom” the film the whole world wants to see. The River Plate Battle fought again. Staring Will Fyffe, Anthony Hulme, E V H Emmett, Guy Middleton, Albert Leven, Hugh McDermott and Arthur Goulett. The advert also tells the story of the film

Advert

“For Freedom Series”

Retail / Press Advertising

Freedom of the Press is Britain’s Greatest Heritage. Opportunities for increased business lie in advertising. Readers of the Wilts. and Gos. Standard peruse the paper from first page to last. Find out the advantage of advertising in our columns by giving us a trial. Reach thousands of potential customers with your message. End the “slump” by advertising in the Wilts and Gos. Standard. Efficient, Planned Printing is produced at the Standard printing works. Dynamic Printing lends extra Attraction and pulling power. Original Ideas both in Printing and advertising gladly suggested. Make Standard printing and advertising your means of weathering the present difficult times!

The Cirencester Newspaper Company, Head Office, Dyer Street, Cirencester, Tel. 9

Advert

“For Freedom Series”

Salvage / Dig for Victory

Salvage Wake Up

There is an Urgent Need for Waste Paper, Bones, Scrap Metal etc. Roll Up

Watch these things carefully. The council refuse lorries will collect paper, rags and bones where required. Make a bundle of all paper and rags and a separate bundle of the bones.

Place both bundles on top of your dustbin and they will be collected when the bin is emptied.

Scrap metal can be sold at the local dealers but will be collected if required. If you are

Digging for Victory remember that bones are essential for fertilisers. Do your bit Now don't be sorry later. 75 volunteers urgently needed for Digging for Victory. Apply to the Municipal Offices, Gosditch Street.

Advert

"For Freedom Series"

Retail

Save for Victory

By economising even on essential things, choose with care from Ormonds. Where you are offered only the most dependable Quality at Today's Keenest Prices.

Market Place, Cirencester.

Advert

"For Freedom Series"

Retail

For freedom from Watch Repairs

No more bother with repairs. The Crusader Watch Sold with Exchange Service Guarantee.

Always on your wrist never in a repair shop.

Prices from £4-4s

Phone 171 Leonard W Jones, Cirencester.

Advert

"For Freedom Series"

Retail / Wireless

Freedom to Listen

One of the blessings of democracy is that it gives us liberty to speak, liberty to criticise if we think fit and liberty to listen to both sides of an argument. In this country secret police don't enter into our houses to destroy wireless sets that can give foreign broadcasts. It is not a crime here to listen to the other man's point of view. Guard this freedom to listen - and use it. Buy your next Radio set from the only local shop that specialises in Radio and Radio alone. F R Smith 25 Cricklade Street, Cirencester Tel 382

Advert

"For Freedom Series"

Retail

The Electric Cleaner keeps you Home free from Dust

The Electric Cooker keeps your Kitchen free from Fumes

The Electric Water Heater keeps your House free from Unnecessary Heat

The Electric Fridge keeps your Food free from Germs

Electric Light keeps your Eyes free from Strain

Use Electricity "For Freedom"

The Salvation Army

Tetbury

Report of the wedding of Brigadier and Mrs Barrett at the Tetbury Congregational Chapel.

Tetbury Salvation Army Singing Company took part. (full report given)

Agriculture

Pest Control / Dig for Victory

White Butterflies

Ministry of Agriculture instructions for locating eggs and destroying with Derris Dust. Detailed particulars of the control of cabbage caterpillars will be found in Advisory Leaflet No 69 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 10 Whitechapel Place London SW1

W Is

Food Preservation / National Savings

Crudwell

Miss Foster a county expert gave a talk on fruit bottling. Lady Bonham agreed to collect for and many gave names to start a National Savings Group in the village.

Library Service / Cookery

North Leach

Items included the opening of a new library and wartime cookery class to be held at North Leach Grammar School

Military Welfare / National Savings / Salvage

Fairford

Lady Hirtzel spoke on Savings and Waste but first mentioning thanks received from the CO of soldiers in Fairford and the kindness shown by the WVS. She explained the National Savings Group routine and new waste arrangements. Each kind of paper, card etc was to be kept separate then collected by van from Swindon. The money raised would go to Fairford Hospital as there would be no Fairford Carnival this year.

Letters to the Editor

National Politics

Countess Lilius Bathurst writes a long letter on the great Calamity of the Prime Minister's resignation and includes that as a nation we are ungrateful and forgetful. "We prefer the man who talks, who makes stirring speeches in the House of Commons to the man who by his actions proves his greatness. Some day we will pay for this stupidity or worse".

She praises his work as Chancellor and in building up the army but blames Churchill for Trondheim in not allowing Admiral Sir Roger Keyes to attack the Germans when he offered.

Letters to the Editor

Evacuation

Rev S Claude Tickell

A More Excellent Way

Sir - Billeting Officers should arrange with householders to cook etc for evacuees in recreation huts and empty houses instead of ruining their family life.

S Claude Tickell Vicar Latton – cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Conscientious Objectors

'Empire Supporter' hits out at Conscientious Objectors. How can a Conscientious Objector object on religious grounds, are his beliefs not worth fighting for? Also ministers from all denominations work as chaplains. They have a primary claim to be "conscientious". Some Conscientious Objectors say that they will not raise a finger to protect their wives and families but this is only human nature. Every "animal or bird will protect its young". They (Conscientious Objectors) will not read a paper or listen to the wireless to hear what is happening to their brothers and sisters in the Low Countries. They live in a fool's paradise. Do they think that they are taking their fair share of "smashing barbarianism?" "90% of the

British are Conscientious Objectors at heart but when it comes to being robbed and cowed by a gang of murderers, all sentiment is crushed and they rise to fight a grim menace.

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof

The Stranger in Our Midst

Mr Wilson hits back. He says he does not normally enter into correspondence with someone who hides behind a pen name. However Clericus appears not for the first time as an advocate of the Bruderhof. “ Only last week I was emphatically assured that Clericus was not the person who I had suspected of writing the letter and that Clericus had changed his opinion within the last eighteen months to anti Bruderhof. “At the very time I was told, the above letter had already appeared in print. Comment is needless”.

“Will Clericus read my letter again. I was writing on the general point of aliens and the dangers evident in the invasion of Holland and Belgium. In this light it would be impossible to pass over this foreign community in Britain which is to the fore in many people’s minds at present. I have nothing against the Bruderhof, not their religious claims, moral practice or life style. It is simply a question that our English countryside is not a place for a large and ever increasing alien community which is pre-eminently ant-English in every respect. The inherent danger are obvious.

With reference to personal religious views and the attack on the Roman Catholic Church. Every man has a right to his religious views”.

He then gives a brief history of the Roman Catholic Church in England, pointing out that it was Henry VIII who usurped the Holy See for his own ends. The Roman Catholic Church is the true ancient church in England. The Church of England is foreign to all ancient history in our country. “Who knows perhaps England is slowly returning to her old alliance.

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof (not verbatim)

Mrs Gertrude Wood of Eastleach defends the Bruderhof

As one who has visited the Bruderhof at Ashton Keynes out of curiosity on several occasions I make the following points. The inmates hold sincere Christian views intent on living in equality. For those who feel they cannot fight the battle of life in the open the Bruderhof is an excellent place. If the correspondent thinks that they are spies he should report them to the authorities. Might he not be in question being so often near “certain places”? The Bruderhof are probably under the strictest Home Office surveillance. As they are farming land neglected by British farmers from which the public benefit, the British public should not cast unfair aspersions against them. It is easy to make destructive criticisms, what we want today is constructive ideas which work and I maintain that these men in the West Country who for their own selfish ends declare themselves with the aid of their employers in agricultural work, when they are in private cushy jobs are not less than “enemies in our midst”. The only thing against the Bruderhof is not letting women hold executive positions, but this is never likely to affect me.

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof

“Hidden Mystery” suggests that the Bruderhof should be able to furnish details of where their finance comes from to enable them to buy land etc.

Letters to the Editor

Refugees / Bruderhof (not verbatim)

“ Mr Pressland’s Reply”

I was not activated by personal motive. I was disgusted by the National Press and Local Press saying that the Bruderhof was an open door especially for destitute children. Also using the 120 children “many of them destitute” and their poverty pleas as an aid for their trading. It now transpires that only six destitute children are not paid for from outside. How many of these are English.

Visitors are told there is no guarantee of more than one nights “hospitality” unless they are truly seeking. Do guests pay? They are handed a letter asking them to pay for food and lodgings so as not to live at the expense of the permanent members. The guests are also told to report for work every morning. Thus they work for their keep and pay for it too. My wife and I had fallen on hard fallen for their writings and decided to give up all to be true to our light. We both gave up good jobs and took all our worldly goods to them. How could we therefore pay for ourselves working seven days a week with no pay. We took no capital it is true but we did not think this a condition of entry. We had to sever blood relations and lifelong ties. Like the Welhams we thought the Bruderhof the be all and end all but in our case the awakening from hysteria came sooner. Is it that some seekers do not Finland so must be bound by denomination and economics. They pay usury on £12,000 per annum. It would be inconvenient for shareholders for them to move on. If they make no profit from sales how do they raise £600 interest. If they are so self sufficient why do we see so often the inner circle in the best cafes taverns and shops in town? All the building which continues to go on in spite of the war, the costly reconstruction of the barn to a dining hall and cellars at Oaksey Manor, new machinery is always being bought. Poverty my foot!

The story of the artist is true, the Standard holds the letter from the artist with the facts. How can the increase in numbers prevent economic stability. How can the justify Germans and pro Germans being maintained in the country at this time if they won’t fight and won’t work and won’t let us see just what it is they have to hide. The guests and visitors are a paying proposition. The novices work hardest of all. The inner circle seldom soil their hands. The guests who pay and work are no burden. There are a total of approximately twenty non productive ones who stroll or sit in the shade or write tripe for others to read, or go visiting or shopping.

I regret making it unpleasant for the Zionists but why have so many left to work outside the Bruderhof when they were to be there for three years. Four are now at Siddington, one at Bagendon and several near Swindon. If there were only twenty at first and many have gone away the personnel of the group must be different to when I was there. Why do they leave if they are happy? Why does the Zionist movement now not pay for its members? Is there a connection between this fact and the perfectly happy youth leaving the Bruderhof? Was it a similar thing that prompted the Society of Friends to do a similar thing some time ago? I shall not answer Clericus if he cannot overcome his bashfulness. Why did the Baptist minister from Coventry after giving up his living leave the Bruderhof after two weeks! Taking a number of “happy guests and novices” with him? Why did Manfred leave his wife and family to get away? What about Howard and Leslie? And Hansi who was so frightened of not being able to get away would not give her passport to the Inner Council? What about Otto’s brother? What punishment was given to the Russian Prince? - was it not solitary confinement? Why is Mr Fry so concerned about the Bruderhof? Why is he not of the brothers? Is this the Mr Fry of the Peace Pledge Union of Pacifist fame?

The writer was an officer in the last war and not likely to take spiritual aid from any disinclined to serve their country in the cause of humanity. Is there any reason or would it be a handicap or hardship for the Bruderhof to be interned in one of their farms? If they

volunteer this and for their correspondence to be censored and innermost activities investigated they would prove to all that they are not fifth columnist. I must add that Mr Richardson has made a significant observation. Brothers have been seen, I am told, walking along the road from Crudwell to Cirencester several times daily probably for a change of scenery.

Religion / The Salvation Army

Bibury Women's Meeting

There was a good attendance last Tuesday afternoon when Mrs Samuels presided. An interesting address was given by Captain Archer of The Salvation Army Cirencester and Lieutenant Butcher effectively recited.

25/5/40

Advert

Retail / Military Welfare

Wools for Yourself and the Services.

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's 20 Cricklade Street

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

WVS/ Medical

Service Casualties

Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence

14 Dollar Street, Cirencester

21/5/40

We urgently need volunteers to work at Cirencester Memorial Hospital and Institution in times of emergency. The hospital has been asked to take fifty extra casualties. Assistant cooks and ward maids will be required to help the permanent staff. The Institute has to accommodate fifty service convalescents and will require cleaners and ward maids. Since it is clearly impossible for anyone to give more than a few hours a week, we are very anxious to have as many volunteers as possible. Will all those willing to help please apply at the above address as soon as possible. Would those who kindly promised in the Winter to do this work and who received post cards confirming their time of duty, please notify the Office whether or not these times are still convenient? The Office is open 10am to 1pm on Monday and Wednesday mornings and 2pm to 4.30pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Patience Chester-Master Chairman WVS Cirencester Town, Constance A Cripps Chairman No 6 Area.

ARP

Volunteers are urgently required for Duty at the Council Chambers to insure that no unauthorised persons are allowed to enter the ARP Control Centre. Hours on duty 5pm - 7.30pm and 7.30 to 10pm. Volunteers are requested to apply at once for all particulars to the Clerk to Cirencester Urban District Council, Council Chambers, Gosditch Street, Cirencester F L Pardoe Colonel, Sub Controller, Cirencester. May 23rd 1940

ARP / Fire Brigade**Cirencester urban District Council**

Auxiliary Fire Service - Volunteers are urgently required

Apply at once to the Chief Fire officer, the Fire Station between the hours of 6pm and 10pm.

Applicants must NOT be below the age of 40yrs.

May 23rd 1940

Agriculture / Food Production**Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee (GWAEC)**

Harvesting

Farmers having any harvesting machinery requiring repairs are urged to put this in hand at once as there is a delay in getting spare parts and men available for repairs are fewer than normal. Farmers who are without harvesting machinery and who have corn to cut should make every endeavour to make arrangements with local contractors or neighbouring farmers to cut it for them.

Farmers who are unable to make local arrangements and wish the work to be done by contract by the GWAEC should apply as soon as possible and not later than July 15th. The GWAEC will supply binder, tractor, driver and twines. Farmers making application must satisfy the committee that they have been unable to get the work done locally. Farmers requiring school boys (other than local boys) should apply to the address below.

Berkely House, Berkely Street Gloucester

Advert**Dance****Comrades of RAFA**

Empire Day Mystery Dance

Corn Hall Cirencester Friday May 24th

Non stop dancing 8pm – 1am

Alec mattock's fully augmented Orchestra
(including piano accordion etc)

Fully licensed bar and light refreshments

Admission Single 1/6d Double 2/6d

Advert**Entertainment/Dances**

Corn Hall Saturdays

Cirencester's Brightest Dances with Swindon's best bands every Saturday 8.15pm to 11.45pm admission 1/3d

Religion

The Baptist Church Coxwell Street

Day of National Prayer

Sunday May 26th – Services 11am and 6.30pm – Preacher Rev D Russell Smith

A Free Church Service of Intercession will be held at 7.30pm

You are invited to attend

Advert**Retail / Shortages****Bailey Brothers**

Now is the time to buy, recent notification from manufacturers show the following price advances since the outbreak of the war.

Wallpaper 55% On my 11th we inadvertently gave the increase as 35%

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Drapery and Clothing and Boots are similarly affected - and the end is not yet. BUY NOW

Prices will not be advanced in any degree at Bailey Bros while present stocks last – but renewals must inevitably be at the higher prices prevailing at the time of supply.

Bailey Bros Phone 266

Advert

Retail / ARP

Gas mask cases waterproof fawns and greys special price 1/-. Identification Card cases in leather 1/6 ¾

C E French and Sons Ltd, Cirencester

Advert

Retail / Food

Cookery

First Aid for the Larder

OXO Cubes (For cup and cooking)

Advert / Retail

Shortages / Fashion

Boultons !? Cirencester's Premier Store Founded 1799 Phone 59

Presenting Cyclax Stockingless Cream. Bare leg freedom with the beauty of sheer hose – complete with seam line!

Cyclax Stockingless Cream is the cosmetician's most astounding gift to the style minded world. For here is all the slim beauty of the sheerest ankle clinging hose – luxurious style for so little cost that to be without it is extravagance indeed.

Non greasy, Non tacky, Will not mark skirt or shoes. Definitely Non staining to the skin – quickly removed with soap and water. The extreme of elegance comfort and economy. In your favourite stocking shades 5/6d . Mistbeige, Honeybeige , Moondust and Rosebeige.

Advert /Retail

Pest Control

Rat Invaders wiped out by Rodine – sold by all chemists 7½ d and 1/3d

Two kinds Phosphorus or Red Squill

Rationing Announcement

Ministry of Food

How to get your new Ration Book

Inside the back cover of your present ration book you will find a detachable postcard headed leaf. Fill in the required particulars carefully. Cut out the whole postcard , address to your home Food Office (see note 3 below) and post it, without a stamp as early as possible before Saturday June 1st.

- (1) You must write your national Registration Identity number at the bottom left hand corner of the postcard. Copy the letters and figures carefully from your Identity Card.
- (2) When filling in the postcard remember, give the Street number of your house. If you are on holiday give your home address. If you are moving your home before June

24th give your new address. Hospitals and Boarding Schools are regarded as home addresses.

- (3) On the outside of the postcard write the name of your home Food Office (If you are moving before June 24th or have moved since last September you must write the name of your new Food Office) Ask the Post Office if in doubt.

Your new ration card will be posted by June 24th to the address you have given. When it comes, write you name and address at once on the pages of coupons and on the counterfoils of rationed foods. This will prevent delay in the shops during registration. The period of new registration with retailers is June 24th to July 6th and not before.

Cut out this advert to help you.

Food Supplies and Prices

Home Lard is Cheaper

You will not have to pay more than 9d per lb for any kind of lard, English or imported from Midnight May 26th. The Home Lard price has been varying between 10d and 1/4d. You can buy 'compound fats' i.e. mixtures of animal and vegetable fats for 7d a lb. Though this price does not apply to certain specially picked and advertised brands.

Advert

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper

Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given

V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Advert

Watch Your Chicks

Watch every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 1/2 d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 9

Domestic vacancies 14

War News

Report on German Push to Channel Ports

The Prime Minister's broadcast warns that the battle of France will be followed by the battle for our Island. A bill giving the Government complete power over persons and property for the prosecution of the war passed swiftly through Parliament on Wednesday. Lord Beaverbrook appeals to aircraft workers to forgo the next two weekend holidays and work by day and night.

Entertainment / Dance

Memorial Hospital

Cirencester's first Jitterbug Contest

The first Jitterbug contest took place at the Church Hall on Thursday night of last week at the dance organised by the staff of the Texas Oil Company Ltd in aid of the Cirencester Memorial Hospital. A bottle of champagne was the prize and after a wild orgy of swinging and swaying during everything from Trucking to Boogie Woogie was tried, Mr Ac Runacres General manager of the Company who kindly acted as judge awarded the prize to an Airman

who was partnered by a WAAF. The dance was organised as a gesture of appreciation by the staff of the Texas Oil Company to the people of Cirencester who have made them so welcome since their arrival from London. £43 – 10s was given to the Hospital. In spite of the gravity of the war news there was a large attendance and Alec Mattock's augmented Band provided the music. (Long list of winners and prizes given)

Orders for the Week

BRCS / ARP

BRCS VAD Glos II Duties as rostered – Parade at the Corn Hall 7.45pm Tuesday May 28th. Ceremonial Dress to be worn. Incendiary and High Explosive Bomb Lecture in the School Room Dyer Street Wednesday 29th May at 8pm.

ARP – First Aid Party practice at Cotswold Garage May 27th 7.15pm prompt.

Military Casualties

Lieutenant Richard E Westmancott Missing

Canon L Westmancott has received information that his son, Lieutenant Richard E Westmancott RN is reported 'missing' believed drowned on active service.

Evacuation / Evacuee School Work

Evacuee School Work

"The lessons of war" is a phrase which will be on many lips in the future and it is one which will have many shades of meaning, varying from the outlook and experience of the speaker. Not always we fear will the phrase evoke memories so pleasant as it is likely to do in the case of the present pupils of Bifrons School of Barking London who are spending the period of the war in Cirencester.

On Thursday afternoon these quick witted youngsters, who for school purposes are quartered in the Baptist Hall in Coxwell Street gave an exhibition of the work they have been doing since they became our guests last Autumn. From this it is evident that whatever grounds may exist in other quarters for the complaint of interrupted education, this has no application to the pupils of Bifrons School, who find their new surroundings so interesting as to rob of much of its force the old saying "one half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives". We are accustomed to these school exhibitions in Cirencester where the teaching of craft work has reached a high standard. It was interesting therefore to compare the work of the visitors with that of the native; not in the standard of execution, which left no room for comparison but in the character of the work exhibited.

Striking was the aptitude shown for surveying and levelling. These youngsters had gone out with chain and arrows, theodolite and prismatic compass and made a survey of the streets and fields and of private grounds, and they showed the results of their work in perfectly executed plans, drawn to scale and coloured in a manner which would justify their inclusion in any 'particulars of scale' And they had made for themselves some of the instruments used in the work. The entire work was shown, from rough field book to finished plan.

Another striking exhibit was the large needlework map of Cirencester. Appliqué was the method used, materials in various colours being stitched to a neutral background to show streets, streams and other distinctive features, symbols being used to indicate the positions of the main buildings. A quaint but distinctly pleasing effect, after the manner of Pratt's map of a few years ago, was produced. The puppet show – an erection of the Punch and Judy type, but much more tasteful in design also attracted a good deal of attention. This however was not made in the school, but in the evening clubs which have been arranged for the children's benefit. The stage was set for a scene in Robin Hood, the "book" of which had been written by a couple of the boys, and the backcloths, wings etc for the other scenes were shown.

Dresses 'prop' and characters were also on view and one boy was ready to show how everything was done. That was the pleasing thing about this exhibition – the boys themselves were the demonstrators and able and polite demonstrators they were. They modelled their own masks from which they made papier mache casts and coloured them, later fitting them to the appropriate costumes.

Professional and business men of the town have given talks to the boys who have recorded their impressions in a number of books. There is a Cirencester Diary, a photographic record of their stay in Cirencester, records of a visit to the Roman Villa at Chedworth and of a visit to Fairford Church and a nature book with photographic and other illustrations. Two of these photographs show a thrush feeding its young in the nest and a lapwing sitting on its eggs, the latter is connected with a story not to be related here, but showing that it in a matters connected with the fifth column, the British are not so dumb.

Book binding, lino cut printing, watercolour drawings and so forth all showed that eyes were trained to see and hands to record what was seen. Architecture had seized the imagination of some of the boys and there were interesting plaster models of architecture details of many styles and periods. Outstanding was a true to scale model of a house and garden in the Abbey Way Estate executed from small scale drawings supplied by the architect. These things but touch an exhibition which a large number of visitors found exceedingly interesting.

Dig for Victory / Agriculture / Retail Seeds for Garden and Allotment

During this year every effort must be made to increase the food supplies of the country by Home Production. In this connection we would point out that the greatest production will be obtained by sowing the finest stocks of seed, whether for farm or garden, and that it costs just as much to grow an inferior strain than the best. The finest stocks of garden and farm seeds and seed potatoes are obtainable from John Jefferies and Son The Seed Merchants, Cirencester. Ask for our illustrated catalogue of high-class seeds free on application.

YMCA / Military Welfare

YMCA Appeal – Donations to Thursday morning were £15-6s bringing the total to date to £799 – 9s –3d (a list of subscribers follows)

War News / LDV

Spotlight

Spotlight includes comments on the crisis facing the French.

The LDV is a timely created body in view of the parachute attacks in Holland. They would fall in thousands like snowflakes. There has been a great response to the LDV and training has begun in some parts of the country but not here yet. There are also comments that sacrifice of freedom in Britain is essential in order to smash the aggressor.

ARP

Colonel Paley has rebuked fellow Councillors and the population of Cirencester because 99% of the population fail to carry their gas masks. The Home Office have asked up to now but it will soon order. “ from which it may be deduced that it would be advisable in the future to go nowhere without the blinkin' thing!”

Salvage / Housing

ARP / National Savings

Cirencester Urban District Council meeting Thursday - main points (not verbatim)

The chairman WG Tovey appealed to the citizens of Cirencester to save waste paper, bottles and bones. The Council have taken a strong lead and it is up to householders to cooperate. Paper and bottles should be clean and bones no matter how small a quantity kept separately. Bones are perhaps most important, being used for munitions, fertilizer etc. Since the collection started 40 tons of paper, 4 tons of rags, 6 tons of tins and a fairly large quantity of bones had been collected. It is hoped that as Britain realises the peril, these figures will double. Councillor Brekeley said a trader had complained that a collector of waste refused to take his paper as it was too much. Mr Wentworth Jones, Surveyor, said he had wanted it collecting immediately. He emphasised that any complaints should come to him.

At the beginning of the meeting at the Chairman's suggestion they stood in silence for a few moments to remember those brave men fighting by land, sea and air for our safety and to wish them God's speed.

Councillors Winstone and Berkeley had been to the Ministry to discuss an Air Ministry request for a future 51 houses in Cirencester. The only difficulty was a substitute for timber as there was a grave shortage of the same. The Ministry had given sanction as and a license to obtain timber. Although only received verbally so far contractors have started work. Councillors had attended a fire brigade conference on Cooperation in Time of Emergency. It was decided that a town where a conflagration took place should pay the expenses of crews called in.

National Savings Position

Councillor Rumbol said that 79 groups were active in the area. The total amount invested from the UDC and RDC since January 1st 1940 was £89,462 an average estimated at 4/2d per head of the population per week.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

"When the Germans come over here I hope they drop the first bomb on you", said Airman Clarence Gauntlet to PC Waldron when stopped at Preston for having no front and rear light on his bicycle. He apologised in court. When stopped he had taken a lamp from his pocket and said "I am fighting for you." In court he said he had been aggravated. He was fined 10/-.

Letters to the Editor

National Politics

P L Colligen writes in support of Churchill in reference to Lady Bathurst's original letter as does Gertrude Wood. The latter says he was the only one who warned against the Nazi menace.

I doubt whether Lady Bathurst is right in thinking we can only win this war if we are led by men of very high character. As one M P recently said we want more cads in the government. We read of ferocious attacks by Germans on ambulances, civilians, refugees and merchant shipping, and the men of high character tell us we must not do anything in retaliation. They even announce that no such retaliation will take place, with the result that the enemy will continue undeterred by fear of reprisal. The memory of the dead is insulted by pictures in the papers of flowers being placed on the graves of these aerial murderers or even of the stupid women doing it out of sympathy for poor dear murderer's mothers. The lives of British seamen are risked in order to save German seamen who have tried to torpedo ours and I suppose the next thing will be the parachutists will be asked in to supper. What we need is less high character and more guts in our leaders. Our men are all right.

M.A.C.

Letters to the Editor

Evacuation

Something Wrong

The billeting officer in my district is said to have remarked, "I am taking no evacuees because my wife is away." Yet he writes to a householder whose wife is ill, and who (unlike the billeting officer) does not keep a resident servant. "Will you be prepared to take five children? If you refuse proceedings will be taken." Moreover the officious ignorance of the male billeting officer is apt to do harm. To ask a householder of long standing on the day of her expected guests whether she had aired the beds would be considered an insult, and certainly argues the speech eccentric. Their duties should be more defined.

Puzzled

Letters to the Editor

Recycling / Military Welfare

A Query

Sir – Do any of your readers know of an organisation similar to that run by (I believe) the Red Cross during the Great War, when there was a shortage of wool, and an appeal was made to owners of long haired dogs to give the combing from their dogs' coats to be spun into knitting wool for comforts for the troops? I should be most grateful to anyone who would send me an address to which I could send the combing of my Old English sheep dog.

Edrica Forster - Culkerton

Letters to the Editor

Pest Control / Food Supplies

The Common White Butterfly

Regarding the above plague, now that the children are hot on their track, is it not advisable that, in their own interests, they should be taught that these pretty creatures should be destroyed humanely, and not kept alive for hours in jars crushed together. Also the manner of catching them leaves much to be desired, boys flapping them down with coats etc.

Fair Play Cirencester

Advert

National Savings

Large poster advert with a picture of railwaymen laying track

When there is a job of work to be done it's a British instinct to "lend a hand". Today Britain is faced with the biggest job of work in all history - to defeat the evil forces of Nazidom once and for all – and in the shortest possible time.

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

We can't all fight with weapons in our hands but everyone – men, women and children too – can give direct, continuous and personal help by saving as much as they can every week and lending it to the Nation.

Join a Savings Group.

Here's the simplest method, join a Savings Group or help to form one in an ever growing volume of money to back up our fighting forces with ample supplies and equipment.

And remember, too, all this time you are putting by this money you are saving for your own and your children's future. Apply to your local Savings Committee, the National Savings Commissioner for your region or the National Savings Committee, London SW1

SAVE TO WIN THE WAR

Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds are available at Post Offices and Trustees Savings Banks.

Letters to the Editor

The Bruderhof

The Stranger in Our Midst

Sir – I do not wish to take part in the dispute which is going on the columns of your paper relating to the Bruderhof. It must be plain to most sensible people that there is no limit to the treachery and cunning of the Nazi. The inhabitants of the Bruderhof may or may not be genuine, but as we are fighting for our existence we can afford to take no risks. They should be interned at once.

B Hibbett

(This correspondence is now closed – Editor)

Editorial

The Bruderhof

The Cotswold Bruderhof – Refugees from Oppression – Home Office Satisfied

In connection with the correspondence lately appearing in our columns under the heading “The Stranger in Our Midst” Mr E C H Arnold and other members of the Society of Brothers at Ashton Keynes called at the offices of the Wilts. and Glos. Standard on Tuesday and made the following statement. “ In vie of the war situation and local unrest we went to the deputy Chief Constable of Wiltshire who is Superintendent of the Swindon Division and the Superintendent of the Chippenham Division of Police and invited them at any time to make any search or examination they might deem necessary. As a matter of fact the Police Constable at Ashton Keynes who knows practically every member personally pays us almost daily visits as a matter of routine.

We also went to the Home Office and told them about the difficulties we are now faced with. The Undersecretary for State told us that he knew all about us even before we came to England, and he guaranteed us asylum because he was satisfied that we were genuine refugees from Nazi Oppression. He also stated that it was in the interest of the authorities to prevent any kind of unrest or breach of the peace”.

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National Savings / Salvage

Food Preparation

Brimpsfield

The discussion at the meeting was on national savings and Salvage

Daglingworth

Mrs Tait of Cirencester gave an instructive demonstration of Hay Box cookery. Mr Scrutton for the RDC spoke on salvage.

Advert

Agriculture / The Women’s Land Army

Women’s Land Army – Urgent need for Recruits

Recruits are needed for the WLA in Gloucestershire and the Country. The labour question in Gloucestershire is becoming more and more serious. Home produced food may well be a factor in winning the war. There are two branches of the WLA Regulars and the Auxiliary force. Regulars sign for the duration. If untrained one months training is given at a farm or farm institute. During this board and lodgings are provided free also 10/- per week pocket money. Travel expenses to and from the place of training and their first place of employment and a WLA uniform are provided.

The Auxiliary Force give one to six months service. Travel expenses to and from employment are paid, chiefly for haymaking, harvesting, fruit picking and other seasonal work. The weekly wage is not less than 28/-. Arrangements for lodgings are made by the employer or Land Army representative.

There are 220 regulars in Gloucestershire and 9 in training. Recruits are placed straight away, some imported to fill jobs. There is a waiting list of farmers wanting trained and untrained girls. Girls are being trained at Somerset farm Institute at Connington and also at Scale Hayes Agricultural College Devon.

Timber Measurers

Land Army volunteers are wanted for training as timber measurers. Training is by the Forestry Commission School in the Forest of Dean under the usual Land Army conditions and 12 to 13 volunteers per month are required at present. Trainees should be educated women 20 to 30yrs old of good physique and knowledge of or an aptitude for figures and calculations. They are assured of immediate employment. After training they will receive 35/- per week.

Particulars from the Gloucestershire Organising Secretary Hon Mrs W Bathurst Women's Land Army County Office, Winterbourne Park Bristol.

1/6/40

Motor Insurance

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.
E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Civil Defence / ARP

Casualties

Gloucestershire County Council Civil Defence – Casualty Lists Following an Air Raid Arrangements have been made to supply the following Centres with a list of names and addresses of civilian persons admitted to hospital as a result of Air raids. The list will be completed as soon as possible after the raid. Names of persons receiving slight injury and detained at First Aid posts for treatment before being sent home will not be included. The centre list is given as local police stations including Cirencester and Tetbury.
Richard L Moon Clerk to the County Council.

Salvage

Cirencester Urban District Council – Salvage of Waste

A special committee has been appointed by the Council to deal with this very important national work. Every householder is requested to cooperate with the council. Arrangements have been made with the Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence (WVS) to make house to house visits to give any information which may be needed.

The Committee asks you to comply with the following simple instructions.

- (1) Keep all waste paper and bones until the day on which it is the house refuse van calls.
- (2) Make the paper into one bundle and make a separate bundle of the bones, wrapping them in paper.
- (3) Place both bundles on or near the house refuse bin ready for the refuse men when they call.
- (4) If it is raining keep both bundles dry and hand them to the refuse men when they call.

Please have them ready so that one journey will suffice. Bottles and tins should be placed in the bin, as they are dealt with at the tip. With the present meat ration most of us will not have many bones but we need them all remember that there are 2,000 houses in the Urban Area and even a few bones from each house will make a large number each week.

Scrap Metal

The Council proposes to have a scrap metal drive. They particularly ask you to look around your house and put aside all scrap metal. Arrangements have been made for lorries to call as follows.

Monday June 3rd Centre of the Town

Tuesday June 4th Watermoor from Lewis Lane

Wednesday June 5th Gloucester Street to Stratton

Thursday June 6th Chesterton

One thing more – if you have any cause for complaint will you please send it to the Surveyor Mr Wentworth Jones

George Winstone Chairman Salvager Committee Municipal Offices Cirencester 30th May 1940

ARP

Incendiary Bombs

Every householder in Cirencester should have a bucket of dry sand or earth and a shovel at the top of his house. Incendiary Bombs burn for about 15 minutes and must be dealt with promptly by throwing some of the earth or sand on the bomb. It may then be shovelled into the bucket or metal container in which about 5 inches of sand or earth should have been left, and taken out of doors.

Water Must Not be thrown on the Bomb and should only be used by means of a stirrup pump. Water can of course be used on any burning woodwork etc immediately after the bomb has been put out.

The Urban District Council has arranged for a lorry to go around the district on Monday next, which will supply sand at a small charge per bucket.

F L Pardoe Colonel Sub Controller Cirencester Area

Medical / WVS

Civilian Casualties

Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence

14 Dollar Street Cirencester, 30th May 1940

The response to last week's appeal for volunteers to work at the Memorial Hospital and Institution has been splendid but we still need more for the Institution where extra civilian patients have already arrived. Ward maids are urgently needed in the mornings from 9am to 12noon. Will anyone able to volunteer for this work please apply at this office immediately.

Patience Chester Master WVS Cirencester Town – Constance A Cripps No 6 Area

Advert

BRCS / Military Welfare

BRCS and St John's War Organisation FLAG DAY in Cirencester District June 8th. Please give generously for the sick and wounded, prisoners of war etc. The need is great.

Advert

Entertainment/Dances

Corn Hall Saturdays

Cirencester's Brightest Dances with Swindon's best bands every Saturday 8.15pm to 11.45pm admission 1/3d

Advert

Military Welfare / British Sailors' Society

Flag day in Cirencester Monday June 24th. Please help the Society's World Wide Work.
Local Organiser Miss Hadow 17 Cecily Hill

Advert

Retail / Bailey Bros

You Mustn't Miss This

War or not as long as ever we can we shall continue our firm policy of offering customers the full benefit of any "good deals" our huge buying may enable us to make. A rare chance occurs today in our special offer of 3 Piece Suites at £10 – 19s – 6d each. This special offer is possible only because we bought the covers months ago. You may judge the value of the offer by an inspection of our windows this weekend; and judge better still by coming in and inspecting at close quarters.

Bailey Bros. Tel 266 Cricklade Street, Cirencester.

Dig for Victory / Food Production

Food Production Clubs

South Cerney

A Parish meeting was held on Tuesday evening to consider the formation of a Parish Food production Club. The address was given by Graham Castle of the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. There was unanimous decision to form a club.

W Is

Food Production / Cookery / Black Out

Cirencester WI

On Monday Professor Redington gave a talk on growing vegetables. An announcement was made concerning a Cookery Conference to be held in the Church Hall May 31st at 2pm. The bottling and preserving of vegetables will be dealt with. A special group meeting is to be held on June 28th from 3am to 5.30pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be Miss Hess!

Colne Hatherop and Quenington WI

Mrs Green from the Gloucester House Food Production Society talked on Home Grown Food.

Siddington WI

After a talk by Miss Marriot on the Food Production Guild most members decided to join.

South Cerney WI

A competition to write four lines on Black Out was won by Mrs Ireland

Advert

Drink

Fortify yourself for the hard days ahead with Stroud Beer – a tonic brew.

Refugees / The Brudehof

Trenchant observations about the Cotswold Bruderhof who “do nothing but hide behind our soldiers sailors and airmen and try to pinch the business interests of the men called to the colours”. Were made by Mr M W Wakefield MP for Swindon Division when he met a deputation of their representatives on Friday last week. The latter was led by Mr Arnold Mason who used his usual defence. After some discussion Mr Wakefield said he had no sympathy with them and would fight to prevent them from taking fighting-men’s business. (not verbatim)

Advert

Food Supplies / Cooking

First Aid for the Larder - OXO for cup and cooking

Food Supplies / Agriculture

Mr Morrison’s advice to the Home Front

Leave the fighting to the fighting men was his advice at the Annual meeting of the Cirencester and Tewkesbury Conservative Society in Cheltenham. A long article follows covering general food supply and farming.

Salvage / LDV

Cirencester Rural District Council meeting

It was stated that fuel supplies had improved

Salvage of waste material - requests had come from Fairford, Lechlade and South Cerney to run their own scheme. This was agreed and Mr Mills, commercial contractor was collect from other sources.

LDV – The Council supported the clause in the Report of the Civil Defence Committee that the ARP personnel should not be prevented or discouraged from enrolling in the LDV. There was some doubt on the matter and it was left to the discretion of the Chief Air raid warden. The LDV should be organised locally and not left to a higher authority.

Recruitment

LDV / Agriculture

It has recently been announced that additional companies for certain Home defence battalions are to be recruited from men between 18 and 19½ yrs. However those in reserved occupations at 23yrs or lower will not be accepted. The effect will be that no agricultural worker will be allowed to volunteer for the LDV. The Government thinks that it is preferable for the nation’s interest that men engaged in food production not enlist.

War News

Long report on the latest war news entitled “The German break through”. The report includes a reference to German parachutists having special English lessons.

ARP

Air Raid Advice

What should I do at home? - The first of a series of short articles giving guidance.

Let us assume that you have been wise enough to do everything possible for protection against incendiary bombs for instance by clearing the attic and roof space of everything combustible and by keeping the bath and some buckets filled with water. Don’t fill the bath especially, leave some water in it.

The first thing to do

When you hear the sirens hooters sound the warning the first thing to get is your gas mask and then make your way calmly to the safest place in the house. Don't hurry the warning will come five minutes before the raiders. If there is no shelter go to a place offering the best protection e.g. a small inn room with small window space or a passage. Keep well away from any window.

If you hear the gas rattles, make yourself as comfortable as possible with chairs and do your best to keep occupied. Keep your ears open for rattles. If you hear them you must put on your mask.

When the raid is over the siren will sound "Raiders Passed". If there has been no warning of Gas you may safely come out of cover.

Masks must be kept on until the handbell signifies the danger has been cleared up. Then you can remove masks. Don't on any account ring up your friends as soon as the raid is over.

Advert

Agriculture / Machinery

Aubrey Rees and Sons

The Crimea – South Africa – The Great War 1914-18

Many implements in use today were made during these periods. We are now engaged in the greatest of all wars. Victory cannot be won by obsolete methods. Make sure of Victory on the Agricultural Front by looking over your existing machinery and replace with the latest. We have them.

Aubrey Rees and Sons Whiteway Works, Cirencester Phone 76

The oldest established Agricultural Engineers in the district.

Advert

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper

Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given

V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Advert

Watch Your Chicks

Watch every chick! Britain needs them! Chicks thrive quickly strongly vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. No dead ones. No droopers. No legweakness. Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 2

Domestic vacancies 17

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Lighting offences

John Phillips of Yanworth was fine 10/- for having no front or rear light. PC Hughes was Reporting Officer

Phillis Letcher was fined £2 for showing a light at 21 The Market Place. PC Kaye said the light was shining from three windows of the flat above 21 The Market Place and at the rear three more and no sign of Black Out having been erected. She said the office cleaner must have left the landing light on.

There was a fine of £2 for Phillip George Brown of Rodmarton for a similar offence. PC Thorne was Reporting Officer. Brown said that the light nights were to blame.

“I had very bad news from home and forgot it, (Black Out) explained Christobel Attwood of 66 Apsley Road. She was fined £2. PC Holtham Recording Officer.

A fine of 10/- was imposed on John Alfred Tyler of South Cerney for exceeding the Black Out speed limit of 20 mph for a motorcycle. PC Coates said he followed Tyler through Watermoor in the police utility van. Tyler's speed was between 30mph and 40 mph. He had a pillion passenger. He said that he could not see the speedometer in the Black Out.

Royal Family

National News

The King

It is time the nation knew that at the darkest hour of last week's Battle of the Gap, King George desired to be with his men across the Channel. He notified the Prime Minister of his wish and asked where arrangements could be made for him to leave for the Front Line. The matter was laid before the cabinet which in its wisdom reached the conclusion that such a journey at that time would be inadvisable. It was pointed out that his brother the Duke of Gloucester had only narrowly escaped serious injury during a Nazi bombardment a few days earlier. Enemy airmen apparently had instructions to bomb the Duke every time they could locate him. The King argued that it was his duty to be with the Army and that he could not let consideration of personal safety influence him. After lengthy discussion he was only dissuaded from making the trip because his presence at the battle front would involve the military authorities in acute anxiety and necessitated their taking intricate and far reaching precautions.

From the News Service of 30th May

Religion

National Day of Prayer

Long report on the National Day of Prayer in the Parish Church last Sunday held at the request of His Majesty the King. The Urban District Council attended also Colonel Pardoe and several Air Raid Wardens in addition to Captain Fletcher and members of the Fire Brigade and AFS. Cannon L Westmancott, Chaplain to the Council had a word of thanks for the Fire Brigade and Mr Wilkins the Clerk.

Drink / Propaganda

Pound for Pennies

When you order a pint of beer nowadays, several important things happen- You do yourself good – because of the wholesome barley malt and hops in it. You become a more cheering and cheerful citizen of the country.

And you contribute a new 1940 extra penny to the Government. One penny does not seem much but the total tax on a pint of beer means a lot. Count up the duty paid on all the British men and women who like An occasional glass of beer, in industrial towns, in big cities, in country villages, in lonely inns on moors or by some sea shore – and what does it amount to in pounds? Per year – an estimate at over £100,000,000. For the nation as for the citizen beer is indeed best. For your own good as well as the nation's good - stick to beer.

Orders for the Week

LDV /BRCS

LDV Cirencester Platoon HQ The Barracks Cecily Hill. All ranks are instructed to attend at the Barracks Cecily Hill on Saturday June 1st 1940 at 6.30pm

A V May Captain and Adjutant - Cirencester Platoon C Division LDV
BRCS VAD Glos II County Church Parade Sunday June 2nd. Officers will wear the Shoulder
Brace. Officers and men will wear respirators. Men will wear haversacks but not water
bottles. No medals, badges or decorations will be worn. Ribbons or Official medals may be
worn. There will be no accommodation for men at the Barracks, Gloucester. The coach
leaves the Market Place at 1.20pm sharp.

G Walker Commandant VAD Glos II.

ARP

The ARP First Aid Party Practice at the Cotswold Garage 7.15pm Monday June 3rd Please
make an effort to be present.

National Savings

Keep it Up

National Savings in Cirencester and District as at Weekend Saturday May 25th £5,810. Total
since January 1st £95,252. If this rate is preserved this area should top £250,000 by the end of
this year.

Religion / Tradition

“The 29th

On Wednesday morning at 6am the ringers accompanied by their old friend Mr H C Bond
rang the customary peal of the bells at the Parish Church in commemoration of “Oak Apple
Day” in accordance with the legacy of the late Mrs Pardoe.

Rotary / Religion

Military Service

The Rev E C Wearne

It was announced at Tuesday’s meeting of Cirencester Rotary Club that the Rev Wearne of
Bibury is to leave the district to become a Chaplain to the Forces. Mr Wearne that so far as he
was able he would always remember 4.45 pm on Tuesday.

Advert

BRCS / Volunteers

BRCS Cirencester Men’s Detachment Glos II

Men Volunteers (over 40 and under 60yrs) Wanted at once as Stretcher Bearers in connection
with detrainning and unloading Ambulances at the stations and Hospitals. First Aid training
not necessary.

Apply to G Walker 5 Kingsmead, C C Thomas 4 Purley Road or 23 Market Place; the
Secretary of the Memorial Hospital; the Matron of the Public Institution Hospital all at
Cirencester.

Civil Defence

Cirencester’s Civil Defence Preparations – Magnificent Work done by Volunteers

The magnificent work of hundreds of volunteers, the precise preparations of men of
experience and the keenness of the public spirited Council, places Cirencester in the forefront
of towns which have striven to make their Civil defence foolproof and their national effort
widespread and efficient. At a special meeting of the C.U.D.C held on Thursday evening,
every aspect of Civil Defence was examined to ensure that no flaws existed and that the
public know that nothing had been neglected. Moreover reports were received on such vital
matters as the salvaging of waste, allotments and National Savings. Mr W G Tovey

Chairman presided over a good attendance and announced in a brief preliminary address that they were going to hear reports and discuss matters of such vital importance that the public should know about them. Continuing, the Chairman said that at their last meeting they had agreed to go into the matter of Civil defence etc. for which they were partly or wholly responsible. The war had taken such a turn on the Continent that it was deemed advisable to hold a meeting and hear full reports on everything that was being done so that they may be assured and the public as well that everything was being done for the protection of Cirencester.

The Chairman called on Colonel Pardoe Sub Controller of the Area to give his report. Colonel Pardoe spoke of the respective duties of Casualty Services, First Aid Services, the Ambulance Parties, Demolition Squads, one Heavy and two Light Rescue Parties, two Messenger Services - in case telephone communications were broken, Transport Services and lastly Air Raid Warden Services. He said he would like to appeal for recruits for the Rescue and Demolition Parties. Their work was extremely important and there were barely enough men for three Parties. Any man with a knowledge of building construction work should apply either to Mr Eric Hill or at the C.U.D.C. Offices. There were Air Raid Wardens Service (miss print in original) There were two other First Aid Parties at Fairford which could be used. In addition there were the Fire Services and Police, with which he worked in collaboration, but over which he had no jurisdiction, and the Public Utility Services which dealt with , gas, electricity, water mains sewers and road repairs. The Water and Road Repair Squads were under the Surveyor and the others under their respective Chiefs. All were in connection with him as Sub Controller. In reference to the organisation of the Air Raid Wardens Services Colonel Pardoe said that he had divided Cirencester into six sections, Stratton, Bowlinggreen Area, Cecily Hill Area, the Area between Cricklade Street and Victoria Road, Watermoor and Chesterton. These sections were subdivided into sectors each administered by a Post. There were two Posts in Stratton and three in all the other five places. "At the end of last week" Colonel Pardoe continued "it seemed doubtful whether house holders in Cirencester were sufficiently in touch with Wardens. I accordingly sent a letter to my Section Wardens, asking every Warden to get in touch with every householder in the sector during the weekend. I believe those instructions have been fulfilled."

"There was." He continued "an ignorance among many householders of how to deal with incendiary bomb." He had therefore put a notice in the newspapers and arranged for a cart loaded with sand to go round the streets on Monday selling sand at a small price so that householders may fill their buckets.

Referring to the Air Raid Shelters in various parts of the town, Colonel Pardoe warned the public that they would only hold about fifty people who were caught unawares in the street and could not reach their own home. "People should not leave their own home to go to a shelter." He emphasised, "as it would only cause queues outside the shelters." He recommended the book "Your House as an Air Raid Shelter" which could be purchased from any book seller. There were houses which could not possibly be made into any form of shelter but if the occupants remained on the ground floor and kept well away from the windows, the odds were they would not come to any harm.

Colonel Pardoe went on to detail the reinforcement scheme which he said would benefit any town which had been heavily bombed. If Cheltenham were bombed he would be instructed from Gloucester what services to despatch to their aid, but if Cirencester were bombed it would benefit equally. "The resources that can be summoned to deal with any contingency are unlimited" he added.

Referring to injured animal pets Colonel Pardoe said that they should be taken to an animal depot which was to be established in Coxwell Street. Cattle which were injured would be attended to by veterinary surgeons and slaughtermen which was established. In conclusion

Colonel Pardoe dealt with safeguarding of Control, and observed that he had arranged to have someone on duty always to ensure that no one entered without a pass.

Mr Rumbol stated that the Civil Defence Committee had done everything possible to safeguard lives and property of the people of the town. The Committee's advice to everyone in the event of an air raid was – Keep as calm and collected as possible.

Addressing Colonel Pardoe the Chairman said he wanted to say again how much the Council appreciated the work he and his many helpers had done and the wonderful way his associates had supported him.

Mr A J Matthews said he had full confidence in Colonel Pardoe when he first asked him to organise the ARP Services of the town. "We have the ideal man in the proper place" he added "and we are very satisfied with everything he has done."

Presenting the report of the newly formed Salvage Committee Mr G Winstone said at their first committee meeting on Wednesday they had considered the question of Propaganda. As a result of their deliberations an advertisement would appear in this week's Wilts. and Glos. "owing to the position of the war on the Continent" Mr Winstone continued "we can reasonably expect that every Britisher will do everything in his power to assist in the collection of waste that is so valuable to the country in this time of emergency". The Committee he said proposed having a scrap metal week in the near future when an appeal would be made to every householder to search out tins and every available scrap of metal he could find lying about his house, shed and garden. It would be collected. He also urged anyone who had a complaint to make about the regularity or irregularity of the collection should make it to the Surveyor otherwise it could not be rectified.

IRON RAILINGS

Mentioning that iron was invaluable to the war effort Mr Winstone appealed to anyone who had iron railings he could possibly dispense with to let the Council have them, He should notify the Council Offices of his willingness so that they might be collected.

"If the town really got down to it the business of saving waste whether it be paper, metal or bones or anything else, we shall do ten times better than we have done so far" he added.

Lord Bathurst had been consulted and had, in his usual public spirited manner agreed to the removal of the two guns inside the Park gates and the Crimean cannon which was largely made of bronze. These would be sacrificed to the nation's war effort.

Mr Winstone appealed to traders in the town to let the Council have their waste paper and cardboard and to pack it in the cardboard cartons that were in common use today.

ALLOTMENTS

In the matter of the allotments Mr Matthews said the Council had obtained sufficient land to provide 250 allotments. A number still remained unlet so it was proposed to organise with the WVS a house to house canvas and as an added inducement these allotments would be provided rent free until the end of September so that the ground may be got into decent condition for planting next year. Besides a small number of plots at Chesterton allotments were still available at Abbey Way, Whiteway and London Road.

WAR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

On behalf of the Committee dealing with property damage during wartime Mr RA Berkeley stated that the Council would aid householders who were unable or unwilling to conduct immediate temporary repairs to houses damaged by enemy action. Later on the Council with perhaps a panel of architects would inspect the damage and advise on what repairs should be made. The householder would have to pay for that but if unable to do so, he would be loaned money for the duration of the war which in turn would be obtained by the Council from the Ministry of Health. The Council would incidentally lay in certain stock of material for temporary repairs.

WAR SAVINGS

The Chairman referred to War Saving and War Loans and said he understood from Mr J W Cripps that while the villages had responded satisfactorily to the scheme, he was somewhat disappointed with the response in the Urban District of Cirencester.

Mr Rumbol said that the last time he reported there were 79 groups in the area and a total of £89,462 had been contributed. By the week ending May 25th a further £5,810 had been contributed which brought the total to £95,272. Ninety groups were now in action and in the last two days eighteen more had started. Sixteen of them had responded to a letter sent by the Chairman. He, Mr Rumbol, and Mr Boulton had visited certain firms in the town and as a result they would have 108 groups working in a day or two and £100,000 would have been reached by the end of the week.

Mr Berkeley expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to the two councillors who had so unselfishly given of their time to visit these firms and persuade them to start groups.

LDV

The Chairman referring to the newly recruited LDV stated that he had learnt that the volunteers could obtain no refreshments at the Barracks although they were patrolling during all hours of the night. As a result two ladies residing in Cecily Hill had kindly offered to look after a canteen there so as to provide the men with a cup of tea when they felt like one. He was sure the Council would appreciate the action of these ladies.

Br Berkeley moved a resolution that some money obtained from selling waste paper etc. should be allocated to provide refreshments for the LDV and for things of a similar nature.

The Council agreed.

FIRE FIGHTING SERVICE

The Chairman paid high tribute to the work of the Fire Fighting Service who he said were working with a will in order to make themselves proficient. There were always men on duty from 9 o'clock at night until 5 am. There were twelve regular firemen and thirty two auxiliary and the Chief Officer had asked him to appeal for twelve more volunteers. Besides the number he had mentioned there was a Brigade at Fairford with one Section Officer and nine men, one at Lechlade with one Section Officer and five men, one at South Cerney with the same complement and one at Coates with four men. All were attached to Cirencester.

The following were members of the Auxiliary Fire Service Cirencester. C W R Sparrow, W Hawkins, J Mc Williams, W A Tuck, R A Francis, G A Knott, W A Butler, H Mattock, D C Wilkie, E Pritchard, W T Jones, S Nuttall, A G Baxter, C Yeatman, D W Skinley, N Woods, L King, W Stratford, A Wilkie, E Walker, C Matthews, W Jones, W Wheeler, A R Baldwin, A N Day, L Trinder, F W Mills, F J Mills, L Gadfield, K Hill, W T Barnett, W Warriner, H Fletcher Officer Commanding

Fairford – P Law Section Officer, S J Hope, W Shakespeare, W S Herbert, J Larner, J Oakley, W Lawrence, O D Howse, E Wixey, E Howse

Lechlade - J D Anderson Section Officer R A Tranter, R Brown, N Hicks, H Gale S Heath

South Cerney – E O Cool Section officer, G Dowdswell, L Cook, H Legg, S Tovey

Coates – A Jackson Section Officer, W G Burdock, W Tibbles, H Bridgeman

Cirencester Urban District Fire Brigade

H Fletcher Chief Officer, E Skinley Second Officer, C Pinnock Engineer, H Hill, F Giles,

Leading Firemen, H Caudle Sub Engineer, S Edwards, A Richens, R Evans, W James, F

Wyndow, E Watts Firemen.

Black Out / Food Production

Fairford Parish Meeting

Street Lighting – At the annual Parish Meeting under the provisions of the Street Lighting and Watching Act which was held at Farmors School on May 21st a letter was read referring

to the lighting of street lamps in wartime. After discussion it was arranged that Councillor Mr H Bushy should call at the office of the Gas Company and inspect one of the lamps. It was decided to call a public meeting in reference to the offer by Gloucestershire Home Food Production Society to send a speaker and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend the meeting.

War News / Military Casualties

Progress of the War

The King broadcast last Friday night a message in which he said that our enemies were seeking the final overthrow of the Empire, followed by world conquest, but the peoples of the Empire had risen in just wrath and with God's help they would not fail.

Reports on the shipping losses : The destroyer Wessex 6 ratings killed and 15 wounded – The minesweeper trawler Charles Boyes an officer and 13 ratings missing.
(following verbatim)

It was officially announced on Thursday night that the retreat of the BEF and French forces in the North towards the coast had been carried out with great skill and daring and that the troops not immediately engaged in the battle had been evacuated with the assistance of the Royal navy. The war Office describes the action of a small British force in holding Calais for several days in the face of repeated enemy attacks and continuous air and artillery bombardment as among the heroic deeds in the annals of the British Army.

Advert

National Savings /Politics

The Trades Union Council Backs war Savings

The TUC Conference have thrown their powerful influence into the scales in support of voluntary savings in wartime. They have issued a Declaration urging all who are able to do so to save to the utmost of their ability and to lend their savings to the country. Here are two important statements.

- 1 The Government has declared that the new volume of savings up to £375 accumulated during the war invested in National Savings Certificate, Defence Bonds, subscription to War Loans or deposited in the Post Office or in the Ordinary Department of Trustees Savings Banks will be disregarded in calculating the means of applicants for unemployment assistance or supplementary old age pension.
- 2 Employer's Organisations have undertaken not to use evidence of the ability of people to save as an argument against applications for wage advances.

These pledges are of vital significance – Do not hesitate any longer, save to your uttermost. Lend your savings to the Country by investing in National Savings Certificates or Defence Bonds or by putting your savings on deposit in the Post Office or Trustees Savings Bank. Lend to defend the right to be free.

BRCS / Military Welfare

Lilias Bathurst thanks a list of donors of funds to her Working Party : The Hon Mrs C. Biddulph proceeds from Rodmarton Village dance organised by Mrs Cox £8-1s –4d. The Hon Lady Coventry £2 –2s. The proceeds of opening the gardens of Cirencester Park to pick daffodils £8-12s-6d. Mrs Shaw 10/-. Proceeds of the dance at Culkerton organised by Messrs Hancock and Tilling £6 –0s- 8d. Anonymous £2.

YMCA / Military Welfare

Fourth list of subscribers to the YMCA Fund. Donations to the fund amounting to £16 –7s bringing the total to Thursday morning to £815 – 16s- 3d.

Advert

Home Front / Cookery

Miss Switch Home Management Corner.

Vegetarian meals

Bean steaks, vegetarian loaf, vegetable pudding and baked cheese pudding. Report of smaller sugar rations and an Appeal for people to attend the Ministry of Food Demonstrations.

Ask for details at the local Electricity Service Centre.

Letters to the Editor

Salvage / Chamber of Commerce

Labour Shortage / Rationing

R. F. McIlroy and Eric D. Hill Joint Hon Secs. of the Chamber of Commerce appeal to the public to eliminate avoidable waste paper. A considerable amount of paper is used in packing. Shopping with a basket or other container would reduce wastage.

Shortage of labour hits delivery services. The public are asked to cooperate by collecting or taking away their own orders where possible. Handbills will be issued for circulation amongst tradesmen and for display in shops.

Letters to the Editor

BRCS and Order of St John

Military Welfare / Allied POWs

The Joint Committee of the BRCS and Order of St John are organising flag days in the first week in June in support of the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St John's Fund. Over £1,500,000 has already been collected and large sums have been spent on POWs in Germany, on sick and wounded soldiers sailors and airmen, on ambulance, X Ray units and medical and hospital supplies. Half the proceeds of the flag day in this county will be returned to County Red Cross and St John's as they are desperately in need of funds. They have trained thousands for local ARP work and staffed hospitals for military and RAF personnel during recent epidemics.

F Colchester Wemyss – Chairman of the Joint Committee of the Red Cross and Order of St John, Gloucestershire

Letters to the Editor

ARP / RSPCA

Animal Welfare

Animals and Air Raids

I shall be grateful if all owners of animals in Cirencester area and in particular farmers and those living in the country district will take careful note of the instructions in this letter.

While it is clear that the primary purpose of ARP organisations is the protection of human life and of property, the question of animals both from the humane point of view and from the point of view of our food supply, is one requiring immediate attention and by arrangement with the ARP organisations and on Home Office advice a committee has been formed to deal with the matter.

The first problem is that of domestic pets which may be injured in air raids. The RSPCA have arranged that immediately after an air raid, Inspector Harding will be on duty at the stables in Coxwell Street, the entrance of which is almost exactly opposite the Baptist Chapel. Owners of animals which have been injured are invited as soon as there is no further danger

from raiders to take their injured animals there, where everything possible will be done for them or they will be humanely destroyed if they are beyond help.

The second problem is that of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs. It is essential to render them immediate assistance, both to save them suffering and for the sake of food supply to preserve any carcasses which are fit for human consumption.

If and when an air raid takes place and any animals are injured, will anyone who knows of animals being injured at once phone Cirencester 500 giving as accurately as possible the number and kind of animals injured and particularly of where they are. If it is impossible to get the message through to that number then the nearest police station should be communicated with or if it is quicker a message sent to N0 7 Dollar Street, Cirencester.

I shall be glad if your readers will carefully note that no telephone messages should on any account be sent regarding domestic pets. The Committee urgently require the services of able-bodied men used to handling animals and in particular slaughtermen. A few volunteers with motor cars willing to drive slaughtermen to any point where their services are required. Would any persons who are willing to assist and who are not already engaged in defence work, please communicate with me at once.

C. L. Pardoe Cirencester

Letters to the Editor

Propaganda

The Need for Balance

Sir – “More power” to your correspondent M.A.C. The ignorance and sentimentality of some women are, at such times, worthy of reproof. It was called “prejudiced” because I complained of the indecent behaviour over the German pilot who crashed in Kent and who was “made a hero of”! As though we had not enough heroes of our own, most unsung. “The only good German is a dead German,” and people who try to apply the rule of returning good for evil are still living in the nineteenth century and may obstruct our way to victory. If servile people could live under Nazi rule, we others could not do so.

Signed B

8/6/40

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Civil Defence / ARP

Casualties

Gloucestershire County Council Civil Defence – Casualty Lists Following an Air Raid Arrangements have been made to supply the following Centres with a list of names and addresses of civilian persons admitted to hospital as a result of Air raids. The list will be completed as soon as possible after the raid. Names of persons receiving slight injury and detained at First Aid posts for treatment before being sent home will not be included. The centre list is given as local police stations including Cirencester and Tetbury.

Richard L Moon Clerk to the County Council.

Agriculture / Women’s Land Army (WLA)

Recruiting

A Call to Women

There is a shortage of Women on the Land
Farmers need your help – Join the WLA
Apply to The Gloucestershire Organising Secretary
Winterbourne Park, Bristol

ARP /LDV

Recruiting

ARP Services and the LDV

- (1) Several instances have occurred of members of the ARP Services wishing to leave them in order to join the LDV.
- (2) The following instructions have been given by General Sir Reginald Stephens KCB, KCMG, DSO, Commanding the LDV in Gloucestershire.
 - (a) No member of the ARP Services should resign his appointment without the permission of the Sub Controller of the Area concerned.
 - (b) Any member of the ARP Services resigning without permission makes himself by his own action ineligible for enrolment in the LDV
- (3) The following decisions have been made by the Sub Controller of No 6 Area in consultation with Major J. G. Dugdale DSO, MVO, MC, Commanding the LDV in this district.
 - (a) No member of the ARP Services other than The Warden's service, whether residing in the Urban or Rural Area, will on any account be given permission to resign with a view to enrolling in the LDV.
 - (b) Members of the Warden's Service in the Rural Area only may be allowed to do so by permission of the Chief Warden of the Rural Area after consultation with the local Head Warden and local Commander of the LDV.

No member of the Air Raid Warden's Service in the Urban District will be given permission to resign his appointment with a view to enrolment in the LDV nor will he be enrolled in them

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Advert

Watch Your Chicks

War! Chicks and Pullets grow vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. Cures legweakness, prevents ailments. Costs only 1d weekly for 25 birds Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores, Cirencester

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 6

Domestic vacancies 18

Rotary Club / Propaganda

Cirencester Rotary Club on Tuesday – in his address on training “Citizens” Mr W.H. Harland Director of Education for the City of Gloucester said Hitler has found the effort of becoming civilised too difficult for him and he is relapsing into barbarism.

Rev S Claude Tickell / LDV

Spotlight

Short crisp pungent paradox laced with fascinating logic emanate at regular intervals from the vicarage of Latton cum Eysey. When the light of inspiration has illuminated the mind of the Rev S Claude Tickell postcards bearing scarcely legible sentences are received at local newspaper offices. Such a one has arrived the week. This is its blunt message : We cannot all be Parachute Potters but we can all be Parachute Spotters.

Parting Shot as a parting shot may I ask when the windows of the Bingham Library at present under the protective wing of the Ministry of Something – or – other are going to be cleaned? Besides looking forlorn and deserted this building is fast becoming a disgrace to the town by reason of its unkempt aspect.

Advert / Finance

The Midland Bank Advertisement includes Wills and Trusts in time of War!

War News / Dunkirk

Back to Blighty

Military units in training in the West Country received reinforcement from the evacuated BEF. A warm welcome was given to the heroes of the Belgian Campaign. Since arrival at the resting places they have shed tattered and torn apparel, got rid of much surplus growth of beard and made up for many hours of lost sleep. They have made a big impression by their stories of their experiences but an even deeper impression by their wonderful spirit and morale. Queen Mary visited some of the camps at the weekend. Whilst returning warriors have been on shopping expeditions to West Country towns bringing an almost embarrassing amount of extra business to tradesmen, post offices, banks etc. Some have had the good luck to arrive near home. (not verbatim)

Advert / Drink

The increased duty on Beer is necessary to help win the war.

Do Your Bit be Patriotic. Stick to Beer

Stroud Beer, Beer is Best

Advert

Kitchen Front

Large poster advert (picture of large shop front similar to Baileys)

Help win the war on the Kitchen Front.

Ministry of Food Bulletin June 1940

We should eat more potatoes.

They give energy and protection against illness. They are home grown. More potatoes mean less bread and fewer ships to bring wheat from overseas.

The Ministry of Food

Above all avoid waste and save shipping.

Salvage

Long letter on the virtues of saving waste for pigs by Percy Hurd of the House of Commons.

Letters to the Editor

LDV

Long letter by Rev W Bryn Thomas on the LDV and the Clergy quotes the Bishop of Gloucester Dr Headlan who says in the June issue of the Diocesan magazine, "the clergy should keep themselves free for their proper duties" rather than join the Volunteer forces. However where there are no other leaders of the people there is no reason why he (the clergyman) should not offer his services as a volunteer.

Agriculture / Silage

A Lancaster Scott advises a long term view of silage making using permanent silos rather than the present temporary measure.

Letters to the Editor

Military Welfare / YMCA

The Cirencester Canteen for Troops

Dear Sir – I should be most grateful if you would allow me to thank all those who have helped in various ways to make such a success of the canteen for Troops in Cricklade Street. The canteen is now closed for the Summer. Any profits will be given to the Territorial Association. All troops will be welcome at the new club and canteen at the YMCA.
Sybil Pardoe, Bartonbury

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell / Evacuation

Just an idea.

Is it not just possible that the Germans will concentrate on reception areas with the idea of exterminating the rising generation and so ending the race.

S Claude Tickell Vicar Latton cum Eysey.

National Savings

Long article on the aims of the National Savings and points to the National Savings Week to be held from June 9th to 15th.

Dig for Victory/Allotments

The ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food is to issue certificates of Merit to allotment owners whose plots are best cultivated to produce a continuous stream of household vegetables for one year. Local Authorities will administer the scheme with separation of pre war and wartime allotments. Allotments must not exceed 15 rods cultivated.

Food Preparation

Long article on the best wartime meals.

LDV / Invasion

If You See a Parachutist (not verbatim)

The nearest police station and military HQ should be informed as soon as possible. The public are asked to cooperate with the LDV on this matter. Since the excellent response to the appeal for LDVs or Parashots they have progressed well.

The LDV are a military force. The members of it are soldiers and with their officers will cooperate with the nearest military post and civil police. LDV Companies will be grouped first of all under the area of the Army Commands and divided into companies, platoons and

sections to correspond with police divisions, sections and local police stations. The organisers have been selected by the General Officer Commanding the Area after consultation with Lord Lieutenants of Counties whilst company and platoon commanders have been selected by sub area commanders in consultation with ex servicemen's associations. One of the latest steps is to ask Officer Training Corps to enrol their members of over seventeen years of age.

National Saving

The Big Battalions

This is a war machine as well as men. Ships, guns, aeroplanes and equipment cost money. It is the big battalions of our factories and workshops, the men and women of our home front and the big battalions of shillings and pounds which will help us win the war.

And where are they – these sinews of war? In your pocket. In your purse. In your pay envelope. In your pass-book. This is the urgent fact for us all today. You cannot spend a single shilling on yourself without reducing Britain's War Strength. Now do you see why the country must press you to put all you can into Defence Bonds, National Savings Certificates, Post Office Savings or a Trustees Bank.

This coming week June 9th – 15th is an outstanding one in this huge patriotic movement, it will be called National Savings Week. Every week of course must be Savings Week until victory is ours. But from the Chancellor of then Exchequer down to the humblest of us, we want this week to 'ring the bell'. We want to celebrate the forming of the 100,000 savings group. We want to increase membership of every group to strive to increase his weekly savings. Swell the "big battalions". Call up all the shillings and pounds you can lend. Make National Savings Week a mighty blow for victory!

Advert

Agriculture / Machinery

Aubrey Rees and Sons

The Crimea – South Africa – The Great War 1914-18

Many implements in use today were made during these periods. We are now engaged in the greatest of all wars. Victory cannot be won by obsolete methods. Make sure of Victory on the Agricultural Front by looking over your existing machinery and replace with the latest. We have them.

Aubrey Rees and Sons Whiteway Works, Cirencester Phone 76

The oldest established Agricultural Engineers in the district.

Rationing

New Ration Books

Have you posted the application for above? You were asked to do so before last Saturday. The longer you delay the greater the risk that your new ration book will arrive late.

ARP

In an Air Raid

If caught out of doors take cover if you see any kind of hostile activity in the air or Anti Aircraft gun-fire in the neighbourhood. It may be an air battle or it may be a bombing raid. You may not have heard the warning. Resist the temptation to see what is going on.

If in the street, decide quickly, can you get home in five minutes without running? Tell police or the warden you are near they will not hinder you going there.

Go into a public shelter if you are some distance from home. Follow the guidance of the policeman or warden and go into the shelter where there are seats. The wardens and police

are there to prevent overcrowding and give help and advice and decide when it is safe to leave after the raid. They will detect noise of rattles if gas is used and tell people to put on masks. They will not have spare gas masks to give those who have not brought their own. Moreover keep cheerful. Everyone in the shelter should do his or her best to keep everyone's spirits high. It is a trying experience but can be made bearable if people keep cheerful. If in the countryside or small village you will have to find shelter yourself, remember good overhead cover is best.

Agriculture

The Minister of Agriculture Mr Hudson when asked if derelict land should be cultivated to increase production said that this might well be the case and that he had the powers to allow adjacent farmers to undertake this.

War News/ France

Glowing report of the French tank action against superior odds. "All French Divisions whenever they met the enemy have succeeded in arresting the German onslaught. There has not been a single engagement in which they have not triumphed.

Agriculture/ Supplies

The Minister of Agriculture is satisfied that sufficient supplies of binder twine will be available for farmers in the forthcoming harvest with increased acreage under corn. The President of the Board of Trade has placed rope and twine on the schedule of goods falling within the scope of the Prices of Goods Act 1939 by an order coming in to force on June 10th. This is designed to prevent profiteering in binder twine.

Dig for Victory

Crudwell

Mr Boorer a teacher at Crudwell C of E School has issued an appeal to school children to catch butterflies. The havoc these insects caused last year to vegetable life will be remembered. A reward is offered for the largest number captured, funds being secured by voluntary subscription. One boy has already captured 700.

War News/ Dunkirk

The Progress of the war gives figures for the Dunkirk evacuation as : 222 British Naval vessels and 665 other British vessels took part. 6 destroyers and 24 minor vessels were lost. While admitting the disaster with 30,000 British killed, wounded or missing and enormous loss of materials, the Prime Minister said we will fight them to the end. 335,000 Allied troops were rescued, Dunkirk being finally evacuated on Monday night.

Bruderhof / Pacifism / National Service

The story of a young law student who became a solicitor then threw up his profession to become a member of the Bruderhof was told last week in Bristol when Edward Guy Johnson bearded and in rough spun apparel of the Cotswold Society appeared before the South West Tribunal and asked for absolute exemption from all forms of military and national service. Johnson's statement said " I have held the absolute pacifist position since November 1934, in which month I wrote to the War Office to the effect that the Certificate A which I had gained as a boy in the school OTC should be cancelled, as in the event of a future war I could not offer myself for military service. My pacifist conviction at that time was limited to the simple rejection of war and I became a member of various peace organisations such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation, The League of National Union and the Peace Pledge Union.

But all these had little connection with my daily life as a law student and later as a solicitor. In the last three years however the pacifist conviction has deepened so that now I know that I am called as a follower of Jesus Christ to seek to express the love which He brings in helping to build up a life where not only war but social injustice and greed are entirely overcome in a brotherly way of life, with a common purse, a common table and a common work together in peace and in unity as friends of this love of Christ. In 1938 accordingly I decided to join the brotherhood of the Cotswold Bruderhof giving up my work as a solicitor. I honour the State for I recognise law to be a necessity for men who refuse to live in the Spirit of Love, and I recognise, too, that the State depends on the law, and that the law depends on the sanction of force. But the way of Christ is altogether different from the way of the State. His call to all men at all times and His call to me now, is to go His way of absolute love and brotherhood in all circumstances and at whatever cost. My request to the Tribunal therefore is that I be granted unconditional exemption within the meaning of the Act”.

Another member of the Brotherhood from the Bruderhof bore testimony to the applicant's sincerity. Judge Wethered said the Tribunal had investigated the Bruderhof applications before and Johnson would be contained on the Conscientious Objector's Register without condition.

Agriculture / Housing

Mr M McDonald Minister of Health said that he was considering temporary reoccupation of unfit farm housing to combat the delay in the construction of new farm dwellings due to the conflict.

Agriculture/ Farm Rents

The Minister of Agriculture was asked by the Labour benches to introduce legislation to make it illegal to increase rents of farms during the conflict and for a further five years to prevent the rise in rents which occurred during the last war. He said he saw no evidence of this in England and Wales and it was in any case covered by the Agricultural Holdings Act 1923 which gave protection against immediate and arbitrary increase in rent.

Agriculture/ Wages and Conditions/Editorial

Editorial on” The call to farmers by the Minister of Agriculture Mr Hudson.”

Includes the statement that large increases in the farm worker's wage however justified would lead to price increases. The minimum wage of 48s a week is an excellent decision.

Also Working for Victory.

The retreat from France is a glorious episode but it never should have happened. The defection of King Leopold did not help, but the Germans are materially stronger. We must learn our lessons from the past and not the same mistake again. The workforce of Britain and France have made up their minds no less firmly than have the fighting men.

Propaganda

Don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see. This may sound “Irish” but it's sound advice.

Orders for the Week/ BRCS/ARP

BRCS VAD Glos 11

Duties as rostered : Incendiary bomb and High Explosive instruction to be held in the Public Institution Yard, Institute Lane at 7.30pm sharp on Wednesday June 12th. The white lanyard of the men's uniform has been dispensed with for the duration.

G Walker

ARP

First Aid Party practice at the Cotswold Garage Monday next June 10th at 7.15pm prompt. Will all members make an effort to attend.

Religion /Propaganda

“Momentous Events and Anti Christian Signs” by Dr E Woodhams Denham, Vicar of Chorleywood : The Church Hall Wednesday June 12th at 7.30pm. Chairman Rev D Russell Smith.

National Savings

Cirencester District :

Total for week ending June 1st £7,262

Total since January 1st £107,534

Home Front / Cookery

Cookery Demonstration

In cooperation with the Ministry of Food National Campaign, Cirencester Gas Company has arranged a series of three wartime cookery demonstrations to be held at the Congregational Church School Room Dyer street on the three next Wednesdays June 12th, 19th and 26th at 3pm. The demonstrations will be given by Miss E Carter who will deal respectively with unrationed meats, sugarless puddings and cakes and will show how easy it is to overcome wartime catering problems. Admission Free.

War Notes/ Censorship

Local war notes includes: Back from Belgium

Some 100s of men back from the BEF evacuation from Flanders were seen in Cirencester last Friday evening. Those of the inhabitants however who saw a convoy of military vehicles pass along Cricklade Street and into Castle street failed to recognise in the strangely quiet, sober faced passengers of the convoy armed only with towels, some of the victims of the Belgian King's treachery. But such they were and save their faces bore signs of the nerve-racking strain of the previous week or so, they appeared fit and well as they made there way to a rest camp.

Several Cirencester men who had been in Belgium were home on short leave during the past week, both naval and military men. They all had harrowing stories to tell, those printable being on the lines already made familiar by broadcasts, the more interesting being unprintable until a later date.

National Savings

Lechlade's new National Savings Group was launched in the Schoolroom after a talk by Captain T E Cripps. Mrs Fawkes is to Secretary.

Crime/ Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Cycles without lights:

Robert Horniman of Latton was fined 10/- PC Jefferies of Kemble reporting officer Herbert Frederick Lait of Cirencester was fined £1. When stopped by PC Waldron he said “You've been waiting for me for a long time”.

Sidney Clark of the RAF was charged with the same offence at the same time and place but was fined 5/- (he had special circumstances)

Parking:

Gerald Dawkins was fined 10/- for parking on the wrong side of the road in the Blackout. PC Turner was the reporting officer.

One horse killed :

Arthur Taylor of Ashton Keynes pleaded guilty to failing to show the necessary lights when in charge of horses on the road after dark. He was bringing five horses tied together from Stow Fair along the Northleach Road. P C Holtham saw him on the road with these. PC Nichols of Northleach said he met the defendant at 10.40pm with three horses these they put into a field. The accident had happened between the two sightings.

Taylor who works for Mr Chamberlain of Ashton Keynes said that two cars passed him, one made contact with the rear horse resulting in the death of the mare. He said he did not know the Blackout regulations and thought he would have been home before dark. He was fined 5/- as he was only an employee. Mr Chamberlain should have explained the regulations.

Inspector Newman said that Mr Chamberlain had called in at the station and said that Mr Taylor should have been home before dark.

LDV [HG]

LDV – How can you help

- (1) Those who have not volunteered do so now to lessen the arduous duties of those already serving.
- (2) Those with shot guns or .45 service revolvers should join the ranks of the LDV or hand their guns into the nearest Police Station for the use of the LDV.
- (3) Those with motorbikes willing to act as despatch riders should register their names at the nearest Police Station. Petrol will be given for riders on duty.
- (4) Women volunteers are needed for night manning of telephones and other clerical duties. Those women wishing to volunteer should contact the Local Commander of the LDV.

Home Front/ Cookery

Advert

Food News – How to be fitter through rationing

We have the pleasure in announcing our cooperation in the National Campaign of the Ministry of Food to help the public to eat wisely in wartime by purchasing the right foods, by eating them in the right proportions and by cooking them so that their full value is preserved.

You are invited to the Wartime Gas Cooker Demonstrations at the Congregational School Room Dyer Street Cirencester to be held each Wednesday June 12th, 19th and 26th at 3pm

Syllabus

Wed June 12th Unrationed Meats – 19th Sugarless Puddings – 26th Sugarless Cakes

Demonstrations by Miss E Carter Admission Free.

Come and find out how easily you can overcome your wartime catering problems.

Watch this space for wartime recipes.

Recipe 1

Poor Man's Goose

1lb ox liver 4oz sliced bacon or pieces of pig's caul, 2lbs of potatoes, 2 large onions, 1teaspoonful of chopped parsley, 1 or 2 apples, salt and pepper and ½ pint of water or stock.

Method

Wash and dry the liver and cut it into pieces. Cut the potatoes in thick slices and slice the onions and apples thinly. Arrange the ingredients in layers in the casserole, finishing with the potatoes. Cover with the bacon or caul, add the water and cover with the lid, or greased paper. Cook in a moderate oven.

Cirencester Gas Company

Propaganda/RAF

Long morale booster entitled "With The RAF"
It includes an account of one gunner in a Defiant shooting down five enemy aircraft in a formation within a few minutes.

Civilian Death/ Evacuation

Minety Schoolboy's funeral
David Reginald Moulding the 7year old son of Mr and Mrs A R Moulding of Distillery Farm, Minety was buried in the Methodist Burial Ground. It was conducted by Mr Turner the local minister. Four evacuees now attending Silver Street School where David was a pupil acted as bearers. He had died of peritonitis the previous Sunday.

Food Production/ Pig Clubs

Chedworth Pig Club had a good attendance , accounts show a balance in hand at 31st December of £27- 10s-1d. Members stood in silence to remember Mr Robert Lawrence the oldest member and President. Mr Greenwood the present Chairman was elected President. Mr Coates resigned as Treasurer after 1year, Mr C Trotman was appointed. He was also re-elected as Vice Chairman as was the Secretary Mr FW Massey and the Committee.

BRCS

Cirencester men's BRCS VAD Glos11 under Commandant G Walker took part in a parade at Gloucester on Sunday.

Agriculture

Wiltshire War Agricultural Executive Committee appeal for volunteers urgently to help with the hay harvest.

WT Price Chief Executive Officer Polebarn House, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Agriculture / ARP

Important Notice For Farmers - National ARP for Animals

As soon as possible after war damage to stock has been done a message should be sent to the nearest ARP Post (or phone Cirencester 500) stating the extent of the damage and number of kinds of animals injured. On receipt of this information a mobile unit of a veterinary surgeon and slaughterers will be despatched (if necessary) The owner should try to bleed any animals that have been killed outright or which have died from its injuries provided gas has not been used.

HJL Chambers Hon Secretary NFU Cirencester Branch

15/6/40

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert

Entertainment/Dances

Corn Hall Saturdays

Cirencester's Brightest Dances with Swindon's best bands every Saturday 8.15pm to 11.45pm admission 1/3d

Advert

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper
Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given
V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Advert

Watch Your Chicks

War! Chicks and Pullets grow vigorously with Johnson's Ovary Tonic. Cures legweakness, prevents ailments. Costs only 1d weekly for 25 birds Bottles 7 ½ d 1/2d 5/- at Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores, Cirencester

Advert

Salvage/ Recycling

Wanted Scrap Iron, Rags, Bags, Bagging and Metals. Controlled prices paid. L Bristow Querns Lane.

Situations Vacant

Farm vacancies 2

Domestic vacancies 25

Advert

Evacuation/ Domestic Supplies

Bailey's Advert: More Evacuees are coming to the West Country – more and more of them, some hundreds are coming today. Are you ready for the young refugees from Nazi terrorism? If not don't worry. If you want Bedsteads and Bedding and so forth come along to Bailey Brothers where you obtain your needs – at very reasonable prices. Some things you may require: 3ft Bed complete with coil spring £1-19s-11d, 3ft Mattress 19/11d
2ft 3" Camp Folders 14/11d, 19/6d, 21/-, 2ft6" Divans complete £3-19s-6d, £4-19-6d, £5-7s-6d. We will take all the worry off your shoulders- and as always give you the fullest value for money.

Bailey Bros. Cricklade Street, Cirencester, Tel 266

Advert / National Savings (large poster ad)

A candle burning at both ends – Making ends meet.

Think of Great Britain as a factory working at full pressure its output of goods can be vastly increased. But from the entire output must come both the needs of the fighting services and the requirements of the rest of us. The services must come first. The war must be won and in the shortest time. This means- and we must face the hard facts –that you and I must go without many of the things we used to enjoy in peacetime.

The vital necessary war supplies must be produced in ever increasing quantities.

The money we don't spend on our own personal requirements and pleasure can then be lent to the Nation to be devoted to Britain's vast war effort.

If everyone with good pay coming in continues to spend on things they can do without our resources will be in danger of speedy exhaustion. Prices will go rocketing up and the arming and equipping of our forces will be seriously hampered.

We must make ends meet but not by the method of burning the candle at both ends.

There is no time to be lost. Lend the full weight of your money to the struggle now. Invest as much as you possibly can in National Savings Certificates, Defence Bonds and in the Post Office and Trustees savings Banks.

Advert/ Drink

Stroud Beers

Extra Duty will not stop Patriotic people drinking beer. Beer is best.
Stick to Beer – Stroud Beers

Advert/ Military Welfare

Send Him a Pears Service Pack

Useful and Welcome Gifts for Men on Service

Here are just the things men on Service need. No trouble to you - no time wasted – write his name and address on a handy free postal containers; Send him one now before you forget.

Ask your usual retailer.

Pears 'Standard' Service Pack two 5d cakes of Pears soap 10d
Jif Shaving Stick 6d
Pears Solid Brilliantine 1/3d
Postal Container Free
2/7d

Pears 'Special' Service Pack two 5d cakes of Pears soap 10d
Extra Golden Shaving Stick 1/3d
Pears Solid Brilliantine 1/3d
Postal Container Free
3/4d

Ready for Posting – Container Free

Agriculture/ National Service

Farm Employment

Farm Labour Needs

An order made by the Ministry of Labour and National service came into force on Monday regulating the engagement of agricultural workers. The Government's intention is not only to retain the workers at present in agriculture but to back into the industry men who were previously employed in it.

In addition workers available in this way are to be placed in agricultural employment. It is essential that farmers should at once notify their Employment Exchange of their present actual labour requirements for regular or casual work and also notify the Exchange at least 14 days, preferably longer, in advance of their future requirements.

County War Committees have been asked to organise supplementary sources of labour; many are organising mobile gangs of workers. Committees will also have details of roadmen at the disposal of schoolboy farming camps from which parties will be sent out to help farmers.

University students who have volunteered to work on farms during the Summer vacations; schoolboys wishing to go into agriculture for 1 year before being called up to military service; and the names of numerous volunteers who are willing to lend a hand in their spare time or during holidays. Farmers wishing to make use of these supplementary sources of labour must similarly notify the Committee in good time. Like every industry of war importance agriculture must be prepared to make the fullest use in these difficult times of such labour as is available.

Food Production/ Allotments

Lord Bingley, Chairman of the Domestic Food Production Council and Councillor H Berry, Chairman of the Council's Allotments and Gardens Committee appeal to women to help out with the gardening as men have shorter time to garden because of increased war commitments. Most donkey work has been done, it is mainly a question of tending and hoeing vegetables. To women the call now comes to dig, hoe, plant, and reap - for Victory.

Advert

Agriculture / Machinery

Aubrey Rees and Sons

The Crimea – South Africa – The Great War 1914-18

Many implements in use today were made during these periods. We are now engaged in the greatest of all wars. Victory cannot be won by obsolete methods. Make sure of Victory on the Agricultural Front by looking over your existing machinery and replace with the latest. We have them.

Aubrey Rees and Sons Whiteway Works, Cirencester Phone 76

The oldest established Agricultural Engineers in the district.

Agriculture/ National Service

Agricultural Workers

New regulation alter the ages of reservation due to the need to increase food production the age of reservation is reduced from 21 to 18yrs for important classes of agricultural , for market gardeners and others in food production from 25 to 21yrs. Reservation is totally or partly withdrawn from – gardeners, bulb growers and poultry men. Enquiries to the County War Agricultural Executive Committee. The new regulations apply only to those who have not received their calling up notice.

Advert /Retail

Pest Control

Enormous Rat Casualties

Two kinds Phosphorus or Red Squill

from all chemists inflicted by Rodine

From all chemists 7½ d and 1/3d

Food Supplies/ Bread

Bread no Dearer for 3 Months

As a result of a conference between the Ministry of Food and the English and Scottish Baker's and Confectioners Advisory Committee, there will be no increase in price of the 2lb loaf for the next 3 months. Economies will be made in wrapping and delivering. It is also forbidden from June 10th to exchange stale loaves for fresh in a sale or return deal as has been the practice in the past. Returned loaves used to be sold to sausage manufacturers, pig breeders etc. In wartime wasteful use of bread is undesirable.

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell / ARP/ First Aid

To all and Sundry

Sir- I am anxious to give an address free of charge to all and sundry at this very appropriate time, being an outline of Physiology in a single sequence and in simple untechnical language, as an introduction to First Aid and Nursing and shall be glad of opportunities to do so.

S Claude Tickell

Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Advert / Retail

Shortages / Fashion

Boultons !? Cirencester's Premier Store Founded 1799 Phone 59

Presenting Cyclax Stockingless Cream. Bare leg freedom with the beauty of sheer hose – complete with seam line! Demonstrations on a living model.

Cyclax Stockingless Cream is the cosmetician's most astounding gift to the style minded world. For here is all the slim beauty of the sheerest ankle clinging hose – luxurious style for so little cost that to be without it is extravagance indeed.

Non greasy, Non tacky, Will not mark skirt or shoes. Definitely Non staining to the skin – quickly removed with soap and water. The extreme of elegance comfort and economy. In your favourite stocking shades 5/6d . Mistbeige, Honeybeige , Moondust and Rosebeige.

ARP

In an Air Raid – What to do if driving

Motor drivers have a special responsibility in an air-raid warning. They must not just draw in to the pavements, pull up and hurry to the shelter. Anyone who did that sort of thing might easily impede the passage of ambulances, fire engines and other Civil Defence vehicles.

Drivers of private cars are advised to look out for a car park, or a narrow turning off the road and pull in there. Keep clear of horses that have been tied up. If you do not see an off turn, move on until you can draw in behind a stationary vehicle which is off the lines of traffic.

Police and Wardens will help you. Do not lock up your car but leave it so that it cannot be driven away . It may be necessary to move it after you have gone to the shelter to make room for other vehicles. Don't park opposite a fire hydrant.

Drivers of lorries have a more difficult job in finding room for their vehicles, and they will naturally have to be even more careful still if they have a load of inflammable material. An oil carrier for instance must not on any account be left near a building. That needs no emphasis does it? A driver with a cargo of this kind must park on an open space as far away as possible from the highway. If it is dark the driver must not forget to switch off their one headlamp and leave the other rear lamp and sidelights alight.

If Gas is used

After the 'all clear' motor drivers will drive off as soon as they can get their vehicles away. But if gas is detected, vehicles in the affected area will be examined for traces of gas spray before they are driven away. Those which are found to be tainted will have to be cleaned before going into service again.

Generally drivers must exercise special care and observation for some time after they resume their journey. If gas has been used, contaminated land will be railed off, which may mean the closing of roads or parts of roads. Drivers should be ready to find alternative routes if their usual road is contaminated.

Salvage

Fairford

A Special meeting of the at the Fairford Petty Sessions Court on Saturday decided to have two dumps for scrap metal. One at either end of the town. Notice boards would be placed at each site.

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell / ARP/ First Aid

Just a Line

We are so used to light comedy in the letters of the Vicar of Latton cum Eysey that his communication this week must come as a shock to your readers who look to him for never failing amusement. Surely, he should know better than to try and frighten those of us who have taken evacuees. Fie, for shame Vicar, such conduct is only worthy of a 5th Columnist and not one to whom we eagerly look for harmless entertainment.

R R Francis

National Savings

National Savings Week

The Lord Lieutenant, the Duke of Beaufort and other County leaders including F W R Cripps Chairman of the County Council appeal for support for the Government War Finance Campaign. (main points) Taxation alone cannot support the war. Shipping should be used mainly for the war effort. Limited supply of goods will lead to inflation. Savings will counteract the effects of the depression that will follow the war. The local savings committees are at work in Bristol and Gloucestershire but there must be a group in every firm every club and every school.

LDV [HG]

Shot guns are urgently required for certain duties to be performed by the LDV throughout the whole of Cirencester Division. Will those who are willing to lend them kindly communicate with me, and I will then arrange for their collection. I do hope this appeal will meet with a ready and generous response.

J Gordon Dugdale Commanding Cirencester Company LDV The Abbey

Propaganda / 5th Column

The Lie to Rumour

Culross and Co. 65 Duke Street, London W1 point out that rumours that Captain Hartman of Luckington Manor Wilts. Is not a British citizen are incorrect. They point out that he is British born and previous to the Great War held a commission in the Royal Engineers. During the war he served in the Royal naval Air service. From which he was invalided. His brother Lieutenant C H Hartman served through the great war in the Royal West Kent Regiment. He was killed just before the armistice. We trust that this will put an end to unfounded rumours which sow dissention and may lead to legal action.

Military/RAF/ Morale

The Air League

An appeal for support gives a short explanation and includes a declaration of support with an enrolment form :- I resolve that after we have won the war I will use every effort to keep the RAF strong enough to deter any aggressor from threatening our peace.

Name _____

Address _____

Orders for The Week

ARP

ARP First Aid Party practice at Cotswold Garage Monday June 17th at 7.15pm it important that all members should attend.

BRCS/ Fundraising

The Abbey Grounds will be open to the public Sunday June 16th 3pm to 8pm in aid of the British Red Cross Society funds. Admission 6d , children half price by Dollar Street entrance.

National Saving

Week ending last Saturday June 8th £13,938 an advance of £6,676 on the previous week's record of £7,262. Some relates to arrears from rural post offices. From preliminary returns it looks as if the National Savings Week is likely to show another record.

Medical/ Blood Transfusion

New arrangements have been made for testing. They will no longer be done at the Memorial Hospital but by a military van which will tour Cirencester at intervals. Volunteers for Blood Transfusion are urgently needed and the WVS have been making house calls to ascertain those willing to offer themselves for test. These calls are often when men are out so an appeal is made to men volunteers to send their name and address to the WVS Office, Dollar Street, Cirencester.

Military/ Casualties

Lord Cromwell Missing

Major Lord Cromwell Son in law of Sir Frederick and Lady Cripps was officially reported missing on Thursday night. The 5th Baron and first holder of the title for 468 years was 47 and serving with an infantry regiment. He was married to Freda Constance Cripps, they have a son and daughter. He gained the M C while a machine gun officer in Macedonia in the 1914-18 war.

W I/ YMCA/BRCS

Coates W I held a dance in the Village Hall. Excellent music was provided by Coates band. £3-18s-6d was raised for the BRCS. A further £21-14s was donated to the YMCA Hut Appeal bringing the total by Wednesday to £821-3s-3d approximately £580 short of the £1500 required.

Invasion Instructions

Stay Indoors – Don't Crowd Roads if the Enemy Appears

If the enemy should appear in this country –in the air or in a desperate thrust on land, it is the of the utmost importance that people should stay in their own homes until definitely ordered to leave, so as not to interfere with our own troops. During the invasion of Northern France, a great number of civilian casualties was caused by refugees leaving their homes and crowding the roads. They thereby presented a valuable target to an unscrupulous enemy, while they certainly affected the mobility of their own forces by crowding the roads. Remember the safest place is indoors. Don't panic.

Military Welfare/Medical

It is reported by St Dunstons that only 22 cases were admitted after the Dunkirk evacuation. The number of soldiers who suffering serious eye injury is comparatively small. Precautions are much better now and optical factories are working flat out to provide eye protection devices for the forces.

Military/Casualties

Do you know this man?

An anonymous photograph of a serviceman in an envelope addressed to 1069140 L/Bdr W T Hicks R A was picked up on the sands of Dunkirk during the recent evacuation of the B E F and was brought by the finder who asks assistance in finding the owner. The envelope was posted in Cirencester on the 28th April and contains 12 snapshots one of which is reproduced here.. Five measure 2½ x 3½ the other seven 2¼ x 1½ . The man shown is recognisable in

five of the photographs in one of which he is shown in uniform. The sand of Dunkirk still adheres to some of the photographs. We shall be pleased to hand the envelope and its contents to the owner or anyone showing a good claim if application is made to the Editor of the Wilts. And Glos. Standard.

Military/Welfare/POWs

A large number of men reported missing from around the areas served by the Wilts. And Glos. Standard have now been located either having ultimately reached this country or become prisoners of war. We purposely refrained from giving details at the time of men who were reported to avoid intruding on the anxiety prevailing in their homes.

Crime/ Driving Offences/Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Lionel Noah Chandler RASC was fined £1 with 11/4d costs for driving without due care and attention. (case reported previously)

James Proctor RAF was fined 10/- for having no front or rear light on his bicycle at Jackaments Bottom. PC Thorn reporting officer.

Unscreened lights – George Percival Jackson of Cirencester and Phillip Barry of South Cerney were each fined £2 for showing a light. PC Trull and PC Waldron were the informants. Mr Jackson's offence related to the temporary reading Room at the Oakley Rooms, temporarily in the use of the Bingham Library. Flora Macauley of Stratton was fined 10/-. She was a waitress looking after a café in Cricklade Street till the owner returned. PC Trull was the reporting officer.

War Notes

Progress of the war

Mussolini declares war on the Allies. Great German onslaught, violent battles around Paris etc.

Advert

Rationing

Your New Ration Book - How to register with shops.

The new Ration Books are now being distributed. As soon as you receive your new Book you must fill in the particulars as explained below and then take the Book to the shops for fresh registration. It has been found possible to allow immediate registration and the sooner you register the better. This is what you do.

- (1) On the pages of coupons for ration Foods (Meat, Bacon, Butter, Sugar) You must fill in you name and address (Block Letters) in the space provided in the centre of each page.
- (2) At the foot of these pages are spaces marked "Counterfoil". Here you must write you name and address, the date and name and address of the shop where you wish to buy the particular food during the next 6months period beginning July 8th.
- (3) Inside the front cover of your Ration Book you must write the names and addresses of the shops.
- (4) As soon as you have done this, take the Book to each of the shops with whom you intend to register, so that they may cur out their counterfoils.

Everyone must register for the new period. The Ministry of Food is responsible both for the supply and quality of the rationed food. No retailer is therefore in a better position than another to secure supplies of rationed foods, nor can one retailer promise to provide a better quality than another. (article alongside giving further guidance.

Advert/ Kitchen Front

Food Preparation/ Cookery Demonstrations

Food News – Second large advert for Cookery demonstrations at the Congregational Schoolroom Dyer Street.

Recipe 2 Treacle Pudding

8ozs plain flour, 1 teaspoon of ground ginger, 2 tablespoons of golden syrup, 4ozs chopped suet, a pinch of salt, 1 small teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, ¼ pint of milk(about)

Method

Mix the suet, flour, salt and ginger. Mix the soda and ½ the milk. Make a well in the centre of the flour etc and add the golden syrup, soda and milk, mixing in the flour gradually and the rest of the milk to make the mixture drop easily from the spoon. Turn into a greased basin, cover with greased paper and steam for 2½ hours. Serve with warmed syrup or, if preferred custard.

National Service/ Agriculture

Gloucestershire roadmen are to be released immediately for hay making and other urgent farm work. It has also been agreed that verge grass may be taken providing arrangements are made for cutting and hauling. The County have a number of machines and will provide drivers as long as the highways dept has the necessary petrol.

Spotlight

LDV [HG]/ Salvage/ National Savings

Spotlight includes patriotic tales of censorship etc. The LDV's need for rifles. The scrapping of the Park gate guns bemoaning the loss of the Sebastopol one but not the other two. He announces that there is a large dated thermometer erected in the Market Place on John Jefferies shop by the National Savings Committee to record the savings week by week. On Monday the mercury stood at £100,000 on Wednesday £115,000. The amount invested between January 1st this year and June 1st is £102,534 increased by June 8th to £116,472 a jump in a few weeks of all but £14,000.

Advert/ Kitchen Front

Food Preparation/Cookery Demonstrations

Come to the Official Ministry of Food Cookery Demonstrations Monday June 17th at 3.30pm in the Village Hall Ashton Keynes - Tuesday 18th June at 6.30pm in the Town Hall Cricklade – Thursday 20th at 2.30pm in the Institute Purton.

Support the National Food Campaign in your own kitchen and help to Win the War.

22/6/40

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.
E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Advert

Entertainment/Dances

Corn Hall Saturdays

Cirencester's Brightest Dances with Swindon's best bands every Saturday 8.15pm to 11.45pm admission 1/3d

Advert

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper

Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given

V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Advert

Salvage/ Recycling

Wanted Scrap Iron, Rags, Bags, Bagging and Metals. Controlled prices paid. L Bristow Querns Lane.

ARP / RSPCA

Animal Welfare

Animals and Air Raids

I shall be grateful if all owners of animals in Cirencester area and in particular farmers and those living in the country district will take careful note of the instructions in this letter.

While it is clear that the primary purpose of ARP organisations is the protection of human life and of property, the question of animals both from the humane point of view and from the point of view of our food supply, is one requiring immediate attention and by arrangement with the ARP organisations and on Home Office advice a committee has been formed to deal with the matter.

The first problem is that of domestic pets which may be injured in air raids. The RSPCA have arranged that immediately after an air raid, Inspector Harding will be on duty at the stables in Coxwell Street, the entrance of which is almost exactly opposite the Baptist Chapel. Owners of animals which have been injured are invited as soon as there is no further danger from raiders to take their injured animals there, where everything possible will be done for them or they will be humanely destroyed if they are beyond help.

The second problem is that of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs. It is essential to render them immediate assistance, both to save them suffering and for the sake of food supply to preserve any carcasses which are fit for human consumption.

If and when an air raid takes place and any animals are injured, will anyone who knows of animals being injured at once phone Cirencester 500 giving as accurately as possible the number and kind of animals injured and particularly of where they are. If it is impossible to get the message through to that number then the nearest police station should be communicated with or if it is quicker a message sent to N0 7 Dollar Street, Cirencester.

I shall be glad if your readers will carefully note that no telephone messages should on any account be sent regarding domestic pets. The Committee urgently require the services of able-bodied men used to handling animals and in particular slaughtermen. A few volunteers with motor cars willing to drive slaughtermen to any point where their services are required. Would any persons who are willing to assist and who are not already engaged in defence work, please communicate with me at once.

C. L. Pardoe Cirencester

Advert

Entertainment / Dance /RAFA/ Military Welfare

Comrades of the RAFA informal Summer Dance at the Corn Hall Friday June 28th 1940.

Dancing 8pm till 1am – Alec Mattock's full orchestra (including piano accordion) . Total

proceeds to comforts for sick and wounded troops drafted locally. – bar and light refreshments. Admission 2/6d single 4/6d double. Service personnel in uniform half price.

Situations Vacant

Farm vacancies 1

Domestic vacancies 14

W I/ARP

Cold St Aldwyn W I

Major Barker of the ARP Services gave a talk in Garden Mill House, on what to do in various emergencies, air raids etc.

Rationing

Another appeal . Have you got your New Ration Book. Then Register at once.

Advert

Ministry of Food

Bulletin 3 June 1940

We should use less tea. If each of us gives up one teaspoonful in every four we shall save shipping space for 5,000 tons of war material in a year. This is a war contribution which one and all should make.

Minister of Food

Above all avoid waste and so save shipping.

ARP/ Bombing

(not verbatim)

What Should I Do if the house catches fire?

Every householder should prepare for an attack by incendiary bombs. Their small incendiary bombs are light enough to carry as many as 2,000. A single flight could therefore start a large number of outbreaks. Tackle it immediately.

A stirrup hand pump is best to use if you have one or share one with neighbours as members of a fire party. One of you will creep along with the nozzle to apply a spray or jet while others work the pump and fill buckets.

The best alternative to hand pumps.

Have ready a shovel hoe and a couple of buckets of dry sand or earth. Make sure the hoe and shovel have long handles as heat can be intense.

You should cover the bomb with sand from one bucket, scoop it up together with every fragment of burning metal and lay it on the sand in the other bucket. Then carry it out of the house. The sand will not extinguish the bomb.

Use buckets of water or a wet folded blanket to extinguish the fire caused by the bomb. If flames resist notify the Wardens Post.

Letters to the Editor

Kitchen Front/ Food Preparation

Economical Jam Making

Dear Sir – I would like all those who are making jam to know of this economical recipe for jam making. To every 1lb of fruit use only ½ lb of sugar and ¼ saltspoonful of salt. For this recipe I am indebted to the book of “Useful Hints and Economies”. By G Mary Trebeck sold for the benefit of the Girl’s Friendly Society [GFS] in the last war. I find the easiest way to use the above quantities is to use 4lbs of fruit 2lbs of sugar and 1 spoonful of salt. I may add

that I have made green gooseberry jam from this recipe; it has set well and is just as sweet as jam made with the full quantity of sugar.
I W Fawcett, Somerford Keynes Manor

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell / Invasion Advice

Into the Fire

There should be no refugees here when the invasion comes to hamper the movement of the military, since to leave home would be as likely as not to go from the frying pan into the fire.
S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Religion

Intercession

Dear Sir – At the present time all Christian people must surely welcome the opportunity for united worship and intercession afforded by the service at the Parish Church every Sunday evening from 7.30pm to 8pm.

H C Leach 11Ashcroft Villas June 20th 1940

Advert

Agriculture / Machinery

Aubrey Rees and Sons

The Crimea – South Africa – The Great War 1914-18

Many implements in use today were made during these periods. We are now engaged in the greatest of all wars. Victory cannot be won by obsolete methods. Make sure of Victory on the Agricultural Front by looking over your existing machinery and replace with the latest. We have them.

Aubrey Rees and Sons Whiteway Works, Cirencester Phone 76

The oldest established Agricultural Engineers in the district.

Spotlight

Fund Raising/ LDV [HG] /Fire Warnings/ Signposts Removal/ Salvage

Stick with Beer --- The Bell hotel has a 30"x15" mirror with coins stuck to it with beer. The sum so far is £4 to be given to the local "Tommys".

Cirencester Leads Again

Last Friday the Wilts. and Glos. Standard printed an appeal by major Dugdale for the loan of shotguns for the LDV till the body is fully armed. The letter was written two days earlier. By Saturday the War Office woke up to the idea and Sir Edward Grigg Undersecretary for war made an appeal for the loan of 12 bore shotguns. Farmers are not prohibited from joining the LDV. A farmer and his gun would be most useful.

Cirencester Plane

It has been suggested that the town raise £20,000 to purchase a plane as they are doing now in Australia and Singapore,

How Now

How can the firemen be called together now since then siren has been silenced to be used as warning of air raids. The church bells have to be reserved for warning of the approach of enemy troop carrying aircraft. This poser faced Captain Fletcher on Tuesday afternoon. By Chance he was visiting a fire station. He took the call and decided to call on Auxiliary firemen. He put a couple of calls through asking each member to pick up another on the way. Another similar call backed with a request to follow on the tender and the engine got away

with four men to extinguish a field of blazing grass at Fosse House Drifffield which they fought with a backing engine and a First Aid appliance aided by buckets of water. But for a smart turn out, this fire might have had serious consequences, but these auxiliaries did their job and were back in an hour or so. But what can we use as a fire alarm?

Puzzling Invaders

We've taken down the signposts and taken up milestones, blotted out names of railway stations and Post Offices and removed the localising parts of business signs. But have we done all we can? Jerry may divest himself of his parachute walk into a bakers shop in town and get them in a bag marked Blank's Bakery Service ----- Street, Cirencester.

The Russian Gun

It was I suspect a gala day when the Russian gun came to Cirencester. If the authorities were aware of what effort it cost to secure that gun for Cirencester would they so lightly cast it into the melting-pot. Still we'll have a Nazi "snorter" to console us.

Food Supplies/Milk

The Ministry of Food announces a milk scheme for July 1st whereby expectant and nursing mothers are assured of milk whether they can afford to buy it or not. This was agreed only after making certain that it would cause no hardship to others to whom milk is an essential food. An increase in the cost of production means that it is necessary to increase the retail price by 4d a gallon from July 1st.

Expectant or nursing mothers and each child under school age will be able to get a pint a day at the reduced rate of 2d. It will be free to those unable to afford it. The scheme is to be run by the local Food Officer under the central authority of the Ministry. The new scheme will not effect the milk in school scheme, to the power of the Local Authority to supply additional milk under their own arrangements and the advice of the Ministry of Health.

Drink/Propaganda

A long article by Rupert Croft Cooke--- The Inn in War

A Blockhouse on the home front.

Military Casualties

Honouring the Brave

A service was held at Badminton Parish Church on Friday afternoon in memory of Lord Frederick Charles Cambridge and John Henry George the Earl Erne. Both were killed in action. The service was led by Rev J S Gibb MC now rector of Shipton Moyne. Organist was Sir Walford Davies. Trumpet Major Murphy of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars sounded the Last Post. A list of those attending headed by Queen Mary was published.

ARP/Religion

Churches in case of Fire

A number of churches have no provision for ARP. Some First Aid is required if only the humble stirrup pump. Lack of preparation is no tribute to PCCs. Such precautions would still be useful after the war.

Editorial

War News/ National Savings/ LDV [HG]

Forward

The editorial comments on France's tragic decision (surrender?) and Mr Churchill's drawing together of the Empire with Britain standing as the last bastion of human decency in Europe. All for Victory

He comments on the Finance Bill and the Government's determination to fight the war to its conclusion, to fight as long as it takes. National Savings Week is over but the intention was to stimulate continued commitment. Business will accept 100% tax on excess profits. In organising the money power of the country the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have the support of the nation to the last shilling.

LDV

Half a million have responded ---- They are under no illusions as to the strenuous and hazardous nature of the task. There have always been volunteers in times past e.g. the Territorial Army. The LDV are specifically for home defence. Our regular home defence army will meet any invading force which lands. The new LDV are alert for those who come by parachute or carrier plane, for active fifth columnists. In all this as Sir Edward Grigg recently reminded us they must work closely with the police. Sir Edward said that the LDV is a first rate going concern. Aircraft recognition pictures are published, at the request of the War Office, on the same page for the LDV and all citizens. They are all troop carriers; Junkers Ju 52, Ju 90, Ju 86 and Focke-Wulf 200 'Condor'.

Orders for the Week

ARP/ BRCS

ARP First Aid Party Important Practice Cotswold Garage Monday June 24th 7.15pm.

BRCS VAD Glos.11 Duties as rostered. Stretcher Drill Corn Hall Wednesday June 26th 8pm.

National Savings

National Savings Week - the amount raised for week ending 15th June £15,539 – total since January 1st £132,011.

BRCS and Order of St John

BRCS and Order of St John Flag day in Cirencester raised £361 2s 9d

Evacuation

More London Children Arrive

Cirencester Rural Parishes functioned as receptionists of a number of the London children evacuated on Friday. Attended by 68 teachers and helpers 702 children arrived at Cirencester Town Station and they were taken to the Corn Hall for medical examination which was carried out by six doctors and nurses.

Afterwards the children were sorted into educational party groups and then a fleet of buses conveyed them to their new abodes. Each of the 35 villages in the Rural District are receiving some children.

The London Schools from which the children came were:- Westbury School, Barking 175 children, Salisbury Road School, Willesden 173. Salisbury School, East Ham 83, Salisbury Avenue School, East Ham 84, Chamberlayne Road School, Willesden 91, Kensil Rise School Willesden, 91.

Local representatives of the WVS and members of the Cirencester Rural District Council assisted with the dispersal of the children. The reception and dispersal arrangements were made by Mr J A Hall Clerk to the CRDC in his capacity of Chief Billeting Officer

Medical Welfare

Cirencester Memorial Hospital

Cirencester Memorial Hospital acknowledges gifts of eggs, vegetables and magazines plus £5-6s-3d from able sale at Kemble and £11-0s-3d the proceeds of a dance at Siddington.

Advert

Military Uniforms

Hamper and Fry

Hamper and Fry Military and Civilian Tailors

Officer's uniforms made to order. Exclusive cut. Best workmanship Best quality materials in Khaki and RAF blue. Full Service Kit and Accessories supplied at moderate charges. Phone 120 Cirencester

Agriculture/Finance

Waiting for Cash.

“A manufacturer of say, aeroplane parts can go to his bank and the mere production of the Air Ministry Order will enable him to secure credit,” writes Blythe in the Farmer and Stockbreeder. “If any of us receive an order to plough say 20 out of 200 acres we cannot expect the same measure of credit. We have almost to pawn our shirts to get an overdraft. To the Minister of Agriculture I say; Please press these points on the Minister of Food. First we started short of ready cash. Secondly – and to the townsman this point need driving in with a hammer – we plough we sow from September to November and receive no cash until the following September or even later.

Letters to the Editor

National Savings

National Savings in the Cirencester Area : 189 groups : £15,539 raised in War Savings Week: The Thermometer touches the £132,000 mark

The remarkable progress made by the National Savings Movement in Cirencester area since it came under the management of the present area committee is shown by a letter addressed to the Editor of the Wilts. and Glos. Standard by Captain E T Cripps MC Chairman of the Committee. The area now comprises of 189 groups. A full list is attached.

Dear Sir- in your issue of April 20th I appealed to your readers in Cirencester and the surrounding villages for support. A glance at the thermometer at the West End of the Cirencester Market Place shows the weekly progress and the total amount from all sources – National Savings Certificates, Post Office Savings deposits and Defence Bonds:- the splendid response response of local inhabitants in their Country's hour of need.

Thanks to the hearty cooperation of the Chairman of the CUDC assisted by Councillors Rumbol and Boulton and the lady collectors, great strides have been made in the Street Groups. I tender my most grateful thanks to all ladies and gentlemen who have organised groups the town and rural districts. In Cirencester there are still a few streets for which collectors are required, and still a few firms have not yet formed groups. I should be glad of their cooperation. Below will be found a list of Groups formed in the town and country which numbers 189. The amount accumulated from January 1st to June 15th is as follows:

National savings Certificates	£46,131
Post Office Deposits	£54,290
Defence Bonds	£31,590
Total	£132,011

Yours faithfully

E T Cripps Chairman of the Local National Savings Committee

List

Business Firms 90 groups

Abbey Estates, Accumulator (Police) Boots 2 groups, Bridges Garage, Bailey Bros, Frederick Boulton and Sons, Cirencester Newspaper C Ltd, Clappens Ltd, Cirencester Brewery, Cirencester Gas Company, Cole and Lewis 2 groups, Cotswold Flour Mill, S H Cole, Cirencester Memorial Hospital, Cirencester Laundry, Cirencester Garage, CIPO (post Office) 2 groups, Cirencester WI, Cirencester UDC, Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society (Staff), Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society Local Lodges 22, C E French and Sons Ltd, Fletcher and Wilkie, W D Farrar, Rose Fry, Gloucester Dairy, C Gillman, Gardner and Sons, Habgood's Bakery, Hobbs and Chambers, Hiltons Ltd, Holborrow and Sons, R and R Hitch Ltd, F J Huck, International Stores, Leonard Jones, Lipton Ltd, Legg's Stores, R A Lister and Co, Melias Ltd, Mac Fisheries, Mullings Ellett and Co, Mitchell and Sons Ltd. Medical Sickness Society, mason and Gilletts, G Mason Ltd, Parry and Sons, Perrett and Co, P G Phillips, Aubrey Rees and Son, J Smith and Son, W H Smith and Son Ltd, Steel's garage, R Scott and Co, Jesse Smith and Co, Smith's Bakery, Sewell Rawlins and Perkins, Henry Tovey and Sons, Texas Oil Co., C Trotman, F and M Viner, walkers Stores, Williams and Ford, Wessex Electricity Co, Timothy Whites, F W Woolworth and Co.

Cirencester Town

Private Houses – 1group, The Abbey

Schools 9 groups – The Grammar School, Powell's School, Watermoor School, The Council School (boys) Powell's School Infants, our Lady's Convent school, Bifrons School, St Michael's School, Ingleside School

Streets – 33 groups

St John's Rd, Shepherd's Way, Whiteway Rd, Cricklade St, Chester St, Beeches Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Gardens and Villas, London Rd, Burford Rd, Black-Jack St, Silver St, Park Ln, Park St, Castle St, Bowling Green, Avenue, Crescent and Rd, Church St, King St, Coxwell St, Thomas St, The Mead, Gloucester St, Gooseacre Ln, Barton Ln, Purley Avenue and Rd, Victoria Rd, Dollar St, Gosditch St, West Market Place, School Ln, Stepstairs Ln, Midland Rd, Queen St and Nursery Cottages, Market Place and Dyer St, Tower St, Watermoor Rd from the Querns Ln cross roads to the railway bridge, Querns Ln, Sheep St, Querns Hill and Rd, The Avenue, Somerford Rd.

Chesterton Estate

Bathurst Rd, Parkland Square (Park end in text) Apsley Rd, Woodlands Rd, Springfield Rd, Oakley Rd, Lawrence Rd, Brooke Rd, Bowly Rd, Masefield Rd.

Stratton

Gloucester Rd, Overhill Rd, Chester St, School Hill, Cheltenham Rd, Park View and the Vale, Albion St, Mill Lane and St John's Close.

The Rural District

56 groups

Ampney Crucis 2 School and WI, Ampney St Mary 1 Village, Ampney St Peter 1 Village, Barnsley 1 Village, Baunton 2 Village and WI (with Stratton WI) Brimpsfield 1 School, Coates 2 Infants School and WI, Colesbourne 2 School and WI, Daglingworth 1 Village, Down Ampney 2 Village and School, Duntisbourne Abbots 1 Village, Edgworth 1 Village Elkstone 1 Village, Fairford 3 Town Farmers Endowed School and Infants School, Hatherop 1 Village and School combined, Kemble 2 Village and WI, Kempford 2 Village and School, Lechlade 2 Village and School, Maisey Hampton 1 Village, North Cerney 2 School and WI, Poulton 2 Village and School, Quenington 2 Village and H&J Godwin, Rodmarton 3 Convent School Estate and School, Sapperton 2 Village and School, Siddington 2 School and WI, Somerford Keynes 1 WI, South Cerney 4 Village School WI and Bradley's Works, Syde 1 Village (with Birdlip and Brympsfield) Winstone 1 Village and School combined, Moorwood 1 (with Badgendon Village) Whelford 1 Village Combined with Kempford) and

School, Beech Pike 1 Village, Coln St Aldwyn 1 Village, Tetbury 1 WI, Latton 1 Coop Wholesale Society.

Military Welfare/ Cirencester Grammar School

Old Grammarians AGM

The AGM, postponed from the Blackout earlier in the year was held at school after the annual cricket match. Mr F Miles Hon Sec. Reported that all Old Grammarians serving in HM Forces had been sent greetings cards at Christmas bearing the Association's badge. Many letters of appreciation had been received. It was agreed that the members serving in HM Forces should be made Honorary members for the duration.

Propaganda/ Morale/ Production

Going to it

Women workers in an ammunition factory told the management recently that if the Home Office regulations made it compulsory to close their department on Sundays, then the regulations would be broken and if necessary the doors of the department as well.

Advert

C E French and Sons/ Bed Linen

C E French and Sons

Special Offer – Unbleached Spero Government Sheeting

70" 1/11³/_d per yard

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Ready made sheets

70"x100" 11/6 d per pair

70"x108" 12/6 d per pair

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These will give double the wear of bleached sheets at the same price.

NB Pattern sent on application. Big stock of bleached pillow cases from 8³/_d each

Tel 178 Regent House, Cirencester.

Advert/ Kitchen Front

Food Preparation/ Cookery Demonstrations

Food News (3rd advert in series)

How to be fitter though rationed

Syllabus- Sugarless Cakes

Recipe No.3

Lemon or Sultana Cake

Ingredients – 6ozs self raising flour 3ozs sweetened condensed milk 4ozs margarine 1 egg 3ozs sultanas juice and rind of ½ a lemon or orange.

Method – cream the condensed milk and the margarine thoroughly ; beat in the egg – add grated lemon (or orange) rind and juice. Fold in flour and fruit. Moisten with sufficient milk to make a soft dough. Put in a hot oven and bake for 1½ hours with the gas at moderate (Regulo3). The first two ingredients must be very thoroughly beaten and creamed because the lightness of the cake depends on this , the important lightening agent , sugar being absent.
Cirencester Gas Company

Fairford

Recycling/BRCS

Fairford We pay 2d per bucket for table scraps, potato peelings etc suitable for poultry if delivered to Townsend's garage.

Red Cross Flag day in Fairford district raised £105.

Pig and Potato Club AGM -- meeting on Thursday Mr S S Cowley Presiding

Some 34 stores and 9 bacon pigs were insured through the club and 175 cwt of potatoes had been dealt with this season.

Home Front/ Gardens and Allotments

What Women Can Do – Keep the Garden and Allotments Going by Lord Bingley, Chairman of the Domestic Food Producers' Council (not verbatim)

They can plant greens and keep the ground free from weeds. Seeds which can be sown this month are carrots, spinach, and Spring cabbage in July onions in August and early peas and broad beans in November. This achieves a steady stream of vegetables from garden to kitchen. It is work well within the capacity of any woman and a healthy and absorbing interesting activity. Wartime allotments run into six figures. The "donkey work" of digging has been done but men have been called up and are fully occupied on war production. It is tending vegetables that women can do then reap the harvest.

There is no lack of assistance to women who have little knowledge of gardening. A Horticultural committee has been set up in every large town. It has been suggested that the committees organise volunteers to tend gardens left by those who have been called up. If they do, women can do valuable service by enrolling. By arrangement with the Royal Horticultural Society there is a panel of 250 experts willing to give talks and demonstrations. The bulletin "Food from the Garden" issued by the Ministry of Agriculture has sold over 400,000 copies and is a mine of information. Finally the watchword should be "Bring together the garden and the kitchen" Women can add this task to their other war efforts while men are engaged in sterner duties.

War News

Marshal Petain the new French Prime Minister announced Monday that during Sunday night the French army had been ordered to stop fighting and he had been in touch with Hitler to conclude an honourable peace.

Local War News/ Killed in Action /Military Casualties/ POWs

Captain the Hon Lionel J G Lambert missing believed killed commanding HMS Grive, sunk during the evacuation of Dunkirk. Major John Lowsley –Williams of the Royal Artillery escaped Dunkirk with 35 other soldiers. They boarded an old Thames barge and navigated it themselves to Folkestone.

Lord Cromwell is wounded and a POW. Lieutenant Pardoe son of Col and Mrs Pardoe of Cirencester who was in Lord Cromwell's Regiment in Calais is also a POW but unharmed.

Owner of photographs found

Mrs A J Lafford of Ampney Crucis claimed the photograph shown last week on behalf of her daughter, wife of Lance Bombardier Hicks. Mrs Hicks lives at Weston Patrick near Basingstoke. She wrote to the Wilts and Glos. Standard to say her husband is safe in the West of England. He was taken aboard one of H M ships, this was torpedoed and he was thrown into the sea but picked up after a little while. He had been in France since he had received the Wilts and Glos Standard every week from home.

Back to Duty

Mr Gilbert Boxwell son of Mr and Mrs H Boxwell of 37 Querns Hill Cirencester, stoker on one of H M's destroyers, returned to duty last week after a week's rest from the harrowing

experiences of the BEF from Dunkirk. After making several trips across the Channel the destroyer was hit by bombs. Two officers were killed on the bridge and radio put out of action. However the vessel with crew and passengers were able to reach home. His most vivid recollection was the fervent gratitude of the rescued soldiers whose "thank God we've got a Navy" was of a calibre different from that of the sarcastic Sergeant Major of the last war. Mr Boxwell joined the Royal navy in 1917 and after the Great War served in China seas. For the past 15 years employed by Messrs T Gardner and Sons Dyer Street. As a reservist he was called up to the Navy in June last year.

Military Cross for the Master of the Cotswold Hunt -- Captain C H Heber-Percy of Cowley Manor has been awarded the MC for "great courage and devotion to duty" when in command of his Company at Boulogne. Since the war he has been unable to continue active mastership of the Cotswold Hunt.

Recycling/ Welfare

South Cerney Wolf Cubs collected wool from the hedgerows. Miss Marriott their cub mistress spun it and knitted a pair of gloves. These were sent for a scout in Finland. A letter of thanks was received from the Finnish Legation.

Fund Raising/ Kemble

The National Flag Day in Kemble and the surrounding villages raised £4-10s-7d. A dance was organised in the Village hall on Tuesday evening. The music was by Miss Winmill's Band. Proceeds to the vicar's fund for troops at home and abroad.

Military Killed in Action

Death – Boulton May 30th killed in action. Private Sydney James Boulton, husband of Margaret Boulton was killed in action at the Battle of Dunkirk "His end was glorious".

29/6/40

Advert

Insurance/ Rationing

Private motors can be insured at reduced premiums based on petrol allowance.
E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

Agriculture/ Labour

Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee

Labour requirements

Under the new undertaking (restrictions on engagements) Order 1940 and other arrangements a certain number of workers will be available to Agriculture. Farmers are asked to notify the labour Exchange of their immediate requirements for permanent and casual workers. If possible in case of future needs at least two weeks notice should be given to the Labour Exchange.

Berkeley House, Berkeley St. Gloucester

Advert

Entertainment / Dance /RAFA/ Military Welfare

Comrades of the RAFA informal Summer Dance at the Corn Hall Friday June 28th 1940.
Dancing 8pm till 1am – Alec Mattock's full orchestra (including piano accordion) . Total

proceeds to comforts for sick and wounded troops drafted locally. – bar and light refreshments. Admission 2/6d single 4/6d double. Service personnel in uniform half price.

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Entertainment/Dances

Corn Hall Saturdays

Cirencester's Brightest Dances with Swindon's best bands every Saturday 8.15pm to 11.45pm admission 1/3d

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Retail/ Supplies

Bailey Bros

When these have gone

This is no "salesman's patter" but stark truth – when these have gone honestly we do not know how or when we can replace them. Our offer this week is Bedroom Suites. These are all oak well made with three drawers to the chest and three drawers to the dressing chest. They are all we have of a pre-war purchase and we are offering them at the Old Price £8-10s. If you could see the "stuff" now being manufactured and the prices that will be asked for them it would make you jump at this opportunity. The wise will jump.

Others at £25

Bailey Bros phone 268

All goods supplied cash or easy terms

Salvage/ Recycling

Kemble PCC decided to remove the iron railings from around the tomb of Rev. Parker, Vicar of Kemble 178? – 1787. Any relative of the deceased on proof of relationship can object within reasonable time.

Advert

Home Front

Miss Switch Home Management Corner

The Price of Dirt and an appeal to attend Ministry of Food Official Cooking Demonstrations at Electricity Service Centres

Wessex Electrical

Crime/Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions

William Trinder, bricklayer labourer of Down Ampney was summoned for assault on Special Constable Robert Painter on June 9th in Down Ampney. SC Painter said he was on patrol with SC Randall. He saw Trinder riding his bicycle without lights and he asked him where his lights were. Trinder replied "next to my liver" and rode on. The Special Constables followed him home. SC Painter went through the garden gate immediately. Trinder started cursing and searing. Trinder said if he did not get off his premises he would **** well knock him off. Trinder pulled off his coat and struck Painter on the jaw with his fist and broke one of his teeth. SC Bert Randall also of Down Ampney corroborated. Trinder said Painter walked over his garden damaging cabbages. He said he had said, look here if you are not careful I shall ***. Painter said right come outside. He took off his coat and jacket before Painter could strike him and struck Painter. Painter got up and struck him in the stomach. Randall shouted, "I should hit him Bob waited for Painter to come back then road off down

the road without lights. Superintendent Jotcham said that their had been no complaints against the Special Constables. Trinder was fined £2 and 15/6d costs for assault and 10/- for no lights. If it had been an ordinary policeman it would have been prison. Trinder asked for 12months to pay. The chairman said we can't possibly do that. We'll give you 28days. Right sir, thank you said Trinder.

Advert/ Agriculture

Aubrey Rees

Ploughing - The second Campaign has now commenced. Do the job thoroughly with the Best Implements.

We have them. Aubrey Rees and Sons, Whiteway Works, Cirencester Phone 76

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Retail /Supplies

Imperfect Heavy Army Blankets 10/6d each C E French and Sons Ltd Cirencester

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Food/Supplies

Fight for Food

Make your family safe. Keep a few hens in the Backyard, feed them on house scraps. Give them Johnson's Poultry Tonic for Eggs Galore! 7½ d 1/2d

Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores.

Advert

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper

Our lorries will collect three days per week. Top prices given

V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 2

Domestic 14

Crime/ Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions

No lights

Catherine Cranfield domestic servant of Ford Farm Ampney Crucis fined 5/- for no lights in London Road at 10.50pm on May 31st. Richard Blunt racehorse trainer of Cirencester

Domestic vacancies 14 fined 5/- for no lights on Kemble Ewen Road at 10.45pm on June 4th.

Margaret Dean of Ewen in his company also 5/-.

Blackout

Garnet Sydenham was fined £1 with 2/6d costs for showing alight at Roseworthy, Shepherds Way. SC Ernest Blowing reporting officer. Mrs Sydenham apologised and said that she had not pulled the second blind down by mistake.

Mrs Onera Merritt-Hawkes of St Mary's House Chedworth was fined £2 for a similar offence on June 4th. SSgt Charles Edward Merry of Chedworth was reporting officer. PC Hughes of Chedworth said that spring blinds had been fitted since the offence.

Archie Hopkins of 155 Gloucester St was fined 10/- for parking on the wrong side of Mount Street June 6th at 11.30pm. PC Nicholls was reporting officer.

Advert

Military Uniforms

Hamper and Fry

Hamper and Fry Military and Civilian Tailors

Officer's uniforms made to order. Exclusive cut. Best workmanship Best quality materials in Khaki and RAF blue. Full Service Kit and Accessories supplied at moderate charges. Phone 120 Cirencester.

Local War News/ Military Casualties/ Killed in Action/ POWs

Mr and Mrs Handy of Oaksey have been bereaved of their youngest son Douglas when HMS Glorious sank. He was in the 5th Glosters. Also their fourth son William Harry of the 5th Glosters is reported missing in the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Capt. Keyworthy of the Queen's Bays reported killed, is now reported to be a POW. He formerly lived at Stratton, recently at Cowley Manor Farm.

Bibury first casualties:

Pte. Cedric Rachael of Arlington Green died of wounds during the evacuation of Dunkirk. He was in a Territorial Regiment of the Glosters. Two other brothers are serving in the Glosters.

Pte. Fred Massey of Bibury Square is reported missing, last seen on the beach at Dunkirk. He joined the same TA Unit as his friend Pte. Rachael. (All other Bibury men are safe)

Grave concern for four Northleach men; Pte John Bennett of the Grenadier Guards and his brother Leslie of the 2nd Glosters of the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Private Victor Mustoe of the 5th Glosters and Pte Edward Fletcher.

War News/ Propaganda

Editorial Comment on the shameful terms of the French surrender.

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BRCS

BRCS Course of First Aid Lectures at Cirencester Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30pm Commencing July 2nd. Fee for course 2/-

Orders for the Week

ARP/BRCS

ARP First Aid Practice, Cotswold Garage 7.15pm Monday July 1st

BRCS Duties as Rostered. Roster in window of 23 Market Place.

Military/Registration

Military Registration – 147 men registered at Cirencester for military service in the second additional call-up classes.

ARP

Cirencester heard its first air raid warning at 2.15am on Wednesday. All posts were quickly manned. No "incident occurred in the area however.

National Savings

Week ending Saturday 22nd June £11,454 total since January £143,465.

Fund Raising/ Military Welfare

Sailors Society flag day raised £38-14s.

Fund Raising/ Military Welfare

Photograph of the glass panel at the Bell Hotel that raised £3-6s-8d

Letter to the Editor

Evacuation/ Education

Dorothy M Rockwood (Party Leader – Hatherop Castle) writes to thank the people of Quenington, Hatherop and the WV, on behalf of the Salisbury School party evacuated from East Ham. They are grateful for the country surroundings which will be studied by the children for geographical and historic interest.

Letters to the Editor

BRCS / Refugee Welfare

On behalf of the BRCS Countess Liliast Bathurst reports donations since September to be £115 –0s-3d and 1,1506 garments made. Any disused hand knitted jumpers or caps would gratefully be received to be unpicked for refugee children. They can be sent to Mrs Tait at 2 Chesterton Terrace

Letters to the Editor

ARP/Agriculture

Dear Sir- may I bring to your notice the fact that if a bomb dropped on a farm the sightseeing public bids fair to do more harm to the cottages than the Germans have done? They swarm everywhere like ants regardless of crops; leave open gates for valuable cattle and horses to escape; leave open pens which they walk through as if they were a high road even if it is obvious that pigs are in occupation. One police constable on guard finds himself powerless to stop them, and if property owners protest they receive rude answers. We shall have plenty of bombs on farms before this war is over and unless it can be brought home to the public the scenes of these disasters are not picnic grounds a great deal of harm will be done. May I suggest that people should be too busy to flock out in hundreds to see where a bomb has fallen – and that the authorities that be should take instant steps to prevent damage to private property, farm cottages etc of the recipients of German visitations? They have quite enough to put up with without having their troubles added to by thoughtless people.

Hilda Ingram

Advert

Kitchen Front

Food Supplies and Preparation

Food Bulletin No. 4

On the Kitchen Front – How to Eat Wisely in Wartime

So much of our food comes from overseas, using shipping space, that care and skill in its choice and preparation is now an urgent national necessity.

To eat wisely in wartime we should vary our meals as much as possible. There may be shortage of some foods we usually buy but there will always be others to take their place. To keep fit and well choose something from each of the four groups below everyday.

- (2) Body building foods
milk, cheese, eggs, meat, fish
- (2) Energy foods
Bacon and Ham, bread, butter or margarine, cheese, dried fruit, dripping or suet or lard, honey, oatmeal, potatoes, rice or sago, sugar
- (3) Protective foods (group 1)

- Milk, butter or margarine, cheese, eggs, liver, herring or salmon (canned or fresh)
- (4) Protective foods (group 2)
Potatoes, carrots, fruit (fresh or canned but not dried) green vegetables or salads, tomatoes, whole meal bread.

Issued by The Ministry of Food

Cirencester Urban District Council/ Salvage

Salvage

The results of the special appeal and the house to house visits of the WVS are practically complete. The CUDC wishes to express their appreciation of the splendid help given by the members of the WVS.

Exclusive of the old guns, a pile of miscellaneous metal has been accumulated weighing some 6 or 7 tons and metal is still coming in. as soon as possible this will be sold and we shall try to make sure that it reaches the place in arms production where it can be used quickly.

The quantity of bones collected has risen from 64lbs per week to 200lbs. One week we had over 300lbs.

There has been a marked increase in paper. This result is good, but are we doing our best?

Mr Morrison the Minister of Supply has this to say” Every piece of paper, every old bone every piece of scrap metal is a potential bullet against Hitler. We must never throw away a bullet. We must never fling away one piece of scrap which can be salvaged. In this matter men and women in the home have a duty as vital as the men and women in the arms works”.

This Council has been collecting materials for salvage since February. The value of this material sold to date is £218. This does not include the scrap metal, which has not yet been sold. Against this amount must be set the cost of collection, transport, baling etc.

The CUDC and the salvage Committee make an urgent appeal to all the citizens of this old Town to see that each plays their part in this time of great need.

George Winstone Chairman of the Salvage Committee

Cirencester Rural District Council / Evacuation /Salvage

The Children Arrive

As already reported 702 children and 68 teachers and helpers were received on June 14th from London. One or two problems have been sorted out thanks to the WVS and other helpers.

Scrap Iron

To comply with the Ministry of Supply request for scrap dumps in each village it was agreed that each Parish Councillor should be responsible. If unable to he or she should delegate the responsibility and inform the Clerk.

Casualties/Killed in Action

Miller- Killed in action may 1940

Major Peter Taverner Miller of the Royal Sussex Regt. Barrister at the Inner Temple beloved eldest son of Taverner B Miller, husband of Alice Mary and father of Alice Mary Laura aged 32yrs.