

## This Week in Defense

### Air Raid Wardens Meet

Plans for protection and safety of schoolchildren during daytime raids were laid at a meeting of the Air-wardens group of Home Defense Monday afternoon. Rev. V. O. Boyle, Chief of Air Wardens, presided at the meeting held in the Junior study hall of the Gouverneur high school. Albert Boughner, chief defense director for Gouverneur, explained, in the event of an air raid during school hours, a twenty minute advance warning will be given so the school children can be excused and reach home. Air-wardens will be stationed at all main intersections throughout the village to direct traffic and warrant safe crossing for the children and pedestrians. After further study of this plan, it will be tried out in the near future.

The members of this group will begin a ten hour course in first aid under the supervision of Earl Meade. The lessons will be held January 13, 15, 20 and 22. The meeting was attended by Scott L. Brown, assistant director of home defense, Chief of Police Montreville and Mayor Warner Miller. About 30 wardens were present.

On Tuesday afternoon twelve leading wardens met to further their plans of safety.

### Boy Scouts Active

Boy Scouts were called into action for the first time, distributing placards advising citizens in the handling of incendiary bombs. Information for this placard was compiled by the Gouverneur fire department.

### Community Sing Held

The Gouverneur Committee on Music for National Defense held its first in a series of community sings in Gouverneur High school, with about 300 persons in attendance.

Singing was under direction of Mrs. W. F. Anderson, while Mrs. Louis Curtis played piano accompaniment for Christmas carols.

After the opening number, "America," Albert E. Boughner, director of the Gouverneur civilian defense, spoke briefly on organization purposes and plans of the local committee.

Carols and patriotic songs were sung by the audience. The Gouverneur Music club and the high school sextette, accompanied by Miss Margaret Curtis sang "Deck the Hall," "The First Noel" and "I Hear the Bells on Christmas Day."

The younger people, directed by Mrs. William Foster, presented "Away in a Manger." The sextette consisting of Sophia Constantikes, Carmen Eldridge, Virginia Bame, Alice Barker, Dorothy Bame and Daisy Tremlett, sang "Sleep, Little Jesus." They were accompanied by Martha Seaker.

An orchestra made up of Daisy Tremlett and Dorothy Bame, violinists, and Jane Gates, trumpet, played the carols.

The full committee, which operates as an active part of the Gouverneur Civilian Defense organization, includes Mrs. Charles McCoy, chairman; Mrs. Mason R. Smith, secretary, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Philip H. Nelson, all representing the Gouverneur Music Club; Scott L. Brown, adjutant, Henry J. Curtis, William H. Fos-

## Signals For Air Raids Given

Until such time as national or state-wide standards are adopted for air-raids alarms, the local Civilian Defense Council announces the following AIR RAID ALARM system, temporary, but fully operative immediately until definite standards are established by national or state defense authorities.

For all air-raid alarms and all-clear signals, the steam whistle on Borden Milk Plant will be sounded. It is the intention at present NOT to use the Village Fire Alarm Siren for anything other than (1) customary fire alarms, (2) summoning fire department members to man the Department's new emergency life-saving and first aid mobile unit, and (3) possibly for mobilizing all Red Cross first air workers in event of a catastrophe.

Temporary signals using the milk plant steam whistle are:

**AIR RAID ALARM:** TWO MINUTE continuous blowing of the siren attachment. (This signal calls for immediate blackout of all lights and also calls all air-raid wardens to their respective warden's posts, although that service of defense will probably have been alerted and already on duty.)

**ALL CLEAR SIGNAL:** A one-half minute continuous blowing, but the ALL-CLEAR signal will be a constant tone, the siren attachment not to be used. This one-half minute ALL-CLEAR signal will be repeated once only after a short interval.

These signals should be easily understood and memorized. The continuous rising and falling pitch of steam siren is an AIR RAID ALARM and the continuous constant tone for a half minute is an ALL CLEAR SIGNAL.

In order to avoid confusion likely to create panic in an emergency, the Civilian Defense Council (Continued on Page Four)