

Weekly War Diary for 1940

Extracted from the Wilts and Gloucester Standard by Peter Grace

6/7/40

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

Advert

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! 7½d 1/2d

Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores.

Advert

Entertainment/ Dances

Dancers are asked to note the new temporary times 7.30pm to 11pm of the Wonderful Saturday Dances at the Corn Hall

LDV/ Police

Gloucestershire Joint Standing Committee (part of report)

The Chief Constable answering whether the police should be armed, said that the Police force was not an offensive force but for Civil Defence. He added that Special Constables could carry arms for self defence. It is not nice to go out unarmed and encounter a machine gun.

The Chief Constable said he did not want the Specials to become the 3rd or 4th line of the Army. The Army and LDV were to carry out offence. Asked about the response to the arms appeal by the LDV, he said it had been good all over the county.

Crime/Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions.

Unscreened Lights

Mrs Muriel Burns of 3 the Flats Chesterton Lane was fined £1 for displaying a light at 11.15pm on June 10th. PWR Witts reporting officer.

Eli Wertheim of 25 Gloucester Road Stratton was fined £2 for a similar offence. He was represented by his wife. SC Harvey reporting officer. Mr Werheim had been warned on May 17th by SC Harvey and SC Short of Daglingworth.

Unauthorised Lights

Alfred James Rick a timber feller working at Oxford c/o Mrs Curtis Sapperton was fined 10/- per offence for displaying unauthorised lights and no red rear light. PC Holtham of Daglingworth reporting officer. Harold Sheppard of of Dudley Farm Ampney Crucis was fined 10/- for an unauthorised light (not properly screened) and £1 for not having a licence while driving in Oakley Road at 10.40pm. PC Holtham reporting officer.

Food Production/ Dig for Victory

Ministry of Food Bulletin No.5

We should be using salads and vegetables all we can . And we should be making sure of our future supplies by sowing or planting every inch of our allotments and gardens. Perpetual spinach can be sown now for Autumn and Winter use, and carrots, late keeping turnips and Swedes. Kale Savoy cabbage and sprouting broccoli can be planted now for the Winter and Spring.

ARP/ Propaganda

Ready for It

The ARP was not caught napping, the Civil Defence is calm and steady. The air raids did not catch us napping. We in the ARP have been preparing for them for a long time. Wherever the blow fell the ARP glided smoothly into action. The Nazi flyers who evaded our fighter planes' guns and barrage balloons found us ready for them. The sirens sounded and the shelters were filled.

Clockwork Precision

Wardens on the lookout flashed messages back to the Control Centre – where the bombs had fallen, what damage had been done and what help was needed. First Aid Posts were manned with doctors and nurses waiting ambulance cars were tuned up. Rescue parties and stretcher bearers were standing by. The Fire Brigade and Auxiliary Service were ready to do the work for which they have been carefully trained, repair gangs assembled to patch up ruptured gas and water mains. The Police kept order and messengers prepared for service if telephones were broken.

Everything worked with clockwork precision born of long months of intensive preparation. The districts missed by the bombs poured their personnel into the districts where help was needed, so that no place however remote was left unaided.

Although more than 5,000 people are killed and over 200,000 injured every year on the roads, in ordinary everyday accidents, we lose no sleep over them. The ARP service cannot prevent air raids but it can make the prospects of survival as great, if not greater than the chance of crossing an arterial road safely on a Bank Holiday. Take heart from the knowledge that the odds are several thousand to one against your being hurt by a bomb.

Advert

National Savings

Large poster type advert.

War Bonds – go into action

2½% National War Bonds – Unlimited Issue – Continuously on tap.

Challenged upon our threshold by the threat of brute force, cruelty and oppression, we close our ranks and fight, some with weapons, some with labour, some with money. Fight, work or lend – we are all in the Battle of Britain.

National War Bonds give men and women, firms and institutions, trustees and executors, the opportunity for which they have been waiting. Seize it now. Take up the Nazi challenge by taking up War Bonds – then more and more and still War Bonds.

A full Trustee Security, Price of issue £100 per cent. Subscriptions of £100 or multiples of £100 will be received until further notice. No limit on holdings. Payment in full at the time of application. Repayment at par or the 1st July 1947, the Government reserving the right to redeem at par on or at any time after 1st of July 1945, on giving 3 months notice. Interest at 2½% per annum paid half yearly January 1st and July 1st. Interest accrues from the date of purchase. Income tax is deducted at source from interest payments of £5 per annum.

Bonds are transferable free of stamp duty. Application forms and prospectus obtainable from all Banks and stockbrokers.

Post Office and Trustees Savings banks' Issue subscription £25 minimum or any multiple of £5 exceeding £25. Maximum subscription £1,000. Income tax is not deducted at source. Application forms and prospectus obtainable at Post Offices and banks. Issued by the National Savings Committee.

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

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 10

LDV

Wanted for office work at Cirencester a thoroughly competent ex officer, Quartermaster for choice, who is trained in keeping accounts, typewriting and familiar with Army procedure in correspondence, returns etc. Must have first class references; paid post; this is a civil employment and a full time job; typewriting not absolutely essential - Apply in the first instance to Officer Commanding Cirencester Battalion LDV The Abbey Cirencester.

Letters to the Editor

Birth Rate

Long letter from J A Thomas setting out the reasons for the French decline and warning the British against birth control one of the main causes. "No sacrifice however generous and willing can prevent the downfall of a country where three children are regarded as an ample family and the general rule is two or one. Only the sacrifice which will fill our homes with children will preserve our country and we can make it if we will.

Westcote Rectory Kingham

Letters to the Editor

Military Welfare/ Medical

Walking Sticks for the Wounded

Dear Sir – I wish to thank all those who have so generously responded to my request for walking sticks for servicemen who are convalescing after wounds, and all must be grateful to know that I have been able to forward a large number to the Comforts Collection Department of the Red Cross and St Johns War Organisation 54 Victoria St London SW.

Many more sticks are still wanted and I should be most grateful to anyone who could spare any. They may be left at Bridges Garage Cirencester and I will collect them and despatch them safely.

Nancy Thornton, Phoenix House, Whiteway, Cirencester.

Letters to the Editor

Girl Guides Gift Week

The girl Guides Gift Week which set out to raise £20,000 raised £45,000. Gloucestershire Guides raised £497-11s-10d, Cirencester £22-10s-6d

The motor lifeboat purchased was used in the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Letters to the Editor

Rev. S Claude Tickell

A Soporific

Should not every householder be supplied free with a harmless soporific wherewith to drug a parachutist's drink.

The Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Food Production/ Pig Clubs

Long letter from the Committee of the Gloucestershire Home Food Production Society appealing to local villages to set up Pig Clubs. They are willing to send speakers.

Bledisloe President

Bruce Swanwick Chairman

Graham H Castle Secretary

Community House Gloucester

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

Did He?

We are anxious to know if the rev Claude Tickell carried out his theory and succeeded in dropping on the right side of the wall.

"Thomas"

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

How About it

The German airmen are terribly bad shots at military objectives. How about returning evacuated children to their homes their air-raid warnings and their Anderson Shelter.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Food Production/ Jam Making/WI

Jam and Fruit Bottling

Sir – I attended the lecture on bottling given to members of Cirencester WI on the 28th June and hope the following will be of use. We have bottled tons of fruit in Cirencester Park during the last 40 years. We have always used Lee and Fowler's jars with glass tops and metal rings screwed tightly. We never use any sugar at all for the bottled fruit, only water but the bottles must be filled with fruit up to the lid.

In war time we use ½lb of sugar to 1lb of fruit for making jam. During the last war my housekeeper Mrs Pearson taught the Cirencester WI to make jam and this house became a jam factory. I hope her method of sealing the jam has not been forgotten, but in case it has I will describe it again. When boiling your jam, have two round pieces of tissue paper about 2 inches larger in diameter than the pots. Have a saucer containing skimmed milk. When the jam is ready for sealing take a piece of the tissue paper, wet the underside only in the skimmed milk. Clap it on to the pot of jam press down firmly all round. The milk acted as a

sort of glue. Take the other piece of tissue paper and use in the same way. You will then have your jam completely air tight and it will keep for two years if necessary. We have never used any other method and we eat only our own home-made jam and marmalade.

To put fat in the jam is disgusting and to tie up the pot with stiff paper and string lets the air in and the jam becomes green and unwholesome.

We are bottling peas and beans as well as fruit this year, only salt is added to the water in the case of vegetables.

Lilias Bathurst - Cirencester Park

Letters to the Editor

ARP

Colonel Pardoe on Air Raid Warnings (main points)

Local authorities have no more power to sound alarms than to send up aircraft.

The two sirens in Cirencester are operated by the Police and members of the ARP staff at the Report Centre. When they are to be sounded a code message is received from Fighter Command by the Police and ARP simultaneously. It is an offence to sound it without proper authority. During this phase of the war enemy aircraft are passing over by day and night for reconnaissance or to bomb military objectives. Mostly they fly high but the clear stillness of the Summer nights makes it sound closer. If the sirens sounded every time one of these aircraft was near country life would be brought to a standstill. During the day factories and munitions works would lose valuable working hours as they already have done.

At night people would be disturbed from valuable sleep to shelter. This would be bad for the nerves and particularly the children. Work on ARP would be intolerable.

Government policy is that alarms will sound in areas where there is a real danger of attack. In districts where danger does not exist and Fighter Command has knowledge of this the people are allowed to sleep on. This maintains efficiency. There will be the odd bomb dropped from aircraft off their target or lost but this is a risk. I feel sure this will be cheerfully accepted once the reasons are fully realised.

Editorial Comment

US participation

Editorial comment on the US Presidential election for November 1940 observes that neither party wishes to enter the war physically.

Orders for the Week

ARP/Evacuation Welfare/Entertainment

ARP First Aid Party – Talk on protection from incendiary bombs Tuesday 7.30pm at the Council School Lewis Lane.

Thanks from the Matron of the Evacuee Hospital for gifts of flowers, vegetables, fruit, clothing, toys, books etc.

Dance times have been altered at the Corn Hall due to temporary regulations. They now start at 7.30pm and finish at 11pm.

National Savings/Fund Raising/BRCs

National Savings totals : Week ending 29th June 1940 £9,486

Total since January £152,951.

New groups started: Midwinter and Rhodes, F Pady, F R Smith, Fleece Hotel. Street groups: Sperringate, Lewis Lane, Mount Street, Siddington Road, Ermin Place, Chesterton Lane, City Bank Road and City Bank View, Cotswold Avenue and Chesterton Lane, Stroud Road and

Tetbury Road, Prospect Place. Rural: Calmsden Village, Marston Manor and Clifferdeine House and the Royal Agricultural College Farm.

A pedigree Aberdeen Angus calf from Major LG Lethbridge-Galton's Claverdon herd was re sold 73 times at Warwick Market to raise £600 for the Red Cross Agricultural Fund.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army celebrated its 18th Anniversary of the reopening of the Corps

BBS/Entertainment

The Brotherhood of British Scouts gave a concert and display in the Congregational School Room Dyer Street.

War News and Notes

The War

A long article reports RAF raids on German airfields in France. German planes raid England with no serious damage but civilians killed.

ARP/Schools

School Children in air raids

Gloucestershire Education Committee issued instructions some months ago that children should be dispersed to houses near the school. However with the changed circumstances of the war it is felt that there might not be enough time to disperse. Arrangements have therefore been made for schools to have early warning where there is the possibility of a raid To effect the dispersal which seems to be the most satisfactory way to meet the situation. Arrangements have however been made in some schools and will shortly be made in others for a portion of the school to be made as safe as possible for the protection of the children should a raid occur before warning.

Advert

Health

The powers that be say keep fit. There is a generous keep fit food available – Ovaltine (gist of advert only)

Fuel Supplies

Fuel Prices

The official notice of the War Emergency Order by the Secretary of Mines altering the procedure under which prices of fuel are fixed appears in another column (see page 1 for Northleach). This asks consumers to report irregularities to their local Fuel Overseers who in Cirencester are Mr Wentworth Jones 3 Dyer Street or the Municipal Offices for the Urban District and Mr J A Hall the Rural District Council Offices Gloucester Street for the Rural District.

Advert

Retail/ Clothing

Hamper and Fry

Hamper and Fry's advert announces that they are making suits, overcoats, costumes etc from stock material at great reductions. This will be the opportunity to secure pre-war materials at pre-war prices which will shortly be unobtainable. Phone 120 Cirencester

ARP

Air Raids- What to know and do

The pamphlet "Your Home as an Air Raid Shelter" price 3d has sold over 700,000 copies. The Ministry of Home Security has now issued one called "Air Raids, What you must know and What you must do" price 3d. This is a complete potted ARP course for the general public.

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.

WI / Food Production /Dig for Victory

South Cerney WI were told that seeds are now available for Autumn sowing from the Home Food Production Club. Miss Colnett dairy instructress of the Gloucestershire County Council gave a talk on simple cheeses and the use of sour milk.

Advert

Medical

Catarrh Weakens Our War Effort – announcement type advert for "Nostroline"

Spotlight

Salvage/ Road and Location Signs /Fire Sirens

Spotlight says that the scrap scheme is a good way to get rid of bits of machinery which have littered farms and the countryside for years. Could not a scrap merchant be paid to scrounge these things instead of risking arrest by removing them.

When signs which have been removed are replaced perhaps something will be done to clear up inconsistencies of spelling which existed. Until removed a few days ago there were two signs on the Gloucester side of the border saying Cherington and Cherrington, also Wootton Bassett and Wotton Basset. Incidentally a sign near Malmesbury in a picturesque cottage garden points to Llandrindrod Wells 93 Miles. Even if it has not been removed it would not give any clever Nazi invader much idea of his whereabouts.

Identity Black out.

In one Cotswold town I noticed posters outside two halls announcing forthcoming events in those buildings. With one exception the town name had been obliterated. The exception a WI notice. In the principal streets of the same town is a stationers with postcards entitled "Blank Parish Church" "Blank Market Place". These windows are near enough to the scene depicted to give a certain identification. We are frequently met with little yellow bills telling us where we can get our gas masks tested. More than one shop displays requests for re orders showing the name and address of the trader to whom the order was sent.

People should stop taking scrap objects from Council piles. They have been left with some sacrifice not for others to find useful. The dumps are private property to steal from them is disloyal and unpatriotic.

Why not give whist drive prizes back to be given to a local serviceman whose name is derived from a second draw.

Despite no new fire alarm system Cirencester Brigade called at 3.50pm were in Bibury by 4pm to deal with a hay rick set alight by children with matches. To get it out by black out

they pulled the rick to pieces and stamped on the last embers while water from the first aid tank was sprayed on their feet.

The National savings Thermometer has boiled over at £143,000 and started to climb again. Between £106,000 and £107,000 is now need to complete ¼ of million which should be reached by the end of August at the present rate.

ARP/ Safety

Warning to the Public

A warning is given to the public to stay away from crashed aircraft. The enemy are using delayed action bombs. The public should not take away bomb fragments as they may yield valuable information.

13/7/40

Agriculture / Labour

Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee

A large number of university students are available for temporary agricultural work in Gloucestershire. Farmers requiring these for harvesting or other agricultural work should notify the above Committee. Farmers are responsible for finding accommodation for these workers and the minimum agricultural wage is payable.

Berkeley House, Berkeley Street. Gloucester. 5/7/40

CD/ Invasion

Cirencester Urban District Council

Volunteers are urgently required to assist in the construction of defensive works against possible landing of enemy aircraft. The Council appeals to all those who are able to serve their Country in this manner to register their names at once at the Municipal Offices Cirencester, stating the days and times they can give to this work, and also whether they can provide a pick or shovel, or both. We are confident that, as on all occasions of national emergency Cirencester will respond nobly to the Country's call.

W G Tovey Chairman

Entertainment/ Dances

Life Gaiety New Friends – yes you'll have a marvellous time at the Corn Hall Saturdays.

Dances 7.30pm to 11pm 1/3d Wonderful Bands

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Situations vacant

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Domestic 16

Advert

Retail/ARP

Protect Your Windows from Glass Splinters through concussion or blast.

By using "Delbeta" Self-Stick Net 1/- per yard also 45" 1/6½d

Ormonds Telephone 143

Advertising /Invasion

If the Invader comes – the Ministry of Information get the Churchillian touch.

Prompt vigorous use has been made by the Ministry of Information of the Brewers Society gift to the nation of its entire advertising space in 400 national and provincial daily and weekly papers. (examples of slogans given)

Advertising /Invasion

Actual advert as above

What Do I Do -----

When I hear guns, explosions air raid warnings?

I keep a cool head. I take cover. I gather my family, with gas masks, and go quietly to my shelter or refuge room. I do not try to "have a look". I do not rush about alarming people. I remember that a lot the noise is good noise – our guns firing at the enemy. And I remember the odds are thousands to one against my being hurt.

Cut this out and keep it.

Space presented to the nation by the Brewers Society. Issued by the Ministry of Information.

Sport/ Evacuation

Famous racehorses including Godiva the winner of the New Oaks, are being sent to Ireland.

Rationing/ Food /Production / Preservation/ WI

There will soon be extra sugar for people who want to buy fruit and bottle or make it into jam. People who grow their own and applied before May 18th have already been given an allowance of 6lbs of sugar per ration book or ¾ of weight of expected fruit whichever is less. Now the Ministry of Food are making a special issue of an extra 2lbs per ration book after July 8th for preserving by those who grow their own, buy or are given fruit. If there is enough sugar there will be more for the Autumn plum crop.

For the 2lbs allowance, people must give their grocer a written statement showing the number of ration books in the house and stating that it will be used entirely for preserving fruit.

There is one other new sugar for jam allowance. The scheme run by the WIs has already been published covering nearly all the country districts. You do not have to be a member of the WI.

The new scheme is for the towns too. Surplus fruit disposal committees are being set up to run similar schemes to the WI. The fruit brought to the centre will be weighed and pooled and growers paid for the fruit sent to the centre.

In other cases fruit may be sent to local hospitals and institutions for jam making or bottling for the benefit of the inmates or may be sold or given away to people who agree to preserve the fruit in their own home.

Where there is no other way of getting rid of surplus fruit the owner of the same may get a special sugar permit for preserving the fruit himself. The Ministry of Food will then have the option of buying the jam when it is made. In this case and in the case of hospitals and institutions the allowance will be $\frac{3}{4}$ lb of sugar to 1lb of fruit for jam and $\frac{1}{5}$ th lb sugar to 1lb of fruit for bottling. If you want further details go to your local Food Office. But remember for the 2lb sugar allowance go to your grocer.

Advert

Drink

England Expects every man to Pay the Duty be Patriotic
Stick to Beer [Stroud Beers]

Agriculture/ Food Production /Pigs

Farmers are now getting more for pigs. From July 1st the price for all pigs except boars over 5 score and stags is increased by 2/- a score.

BRCS / Military Welfare

The British Red Cross Agricultural Fund has started a popular countryside pastime. They have issued a series of pedigree livestock stamps to be collected. The proceeds will go to sick and wounded forces convalescent homes, ambulance, X Ray Units and reserves of medical and hospital supplies. A sheet of 60 stamps costs 5/-.

Advert

Pest Control

Rat Invaders Wiped Out by Rodine

Rationing/ Food /Production / Preservation

Official confirmation of the additional 2lbs of sugar for jam etc.

Propaganda/ Security

Short article on guarding against and stopping the chatter bug.

Rationing/ Food /Production / Preservation

Long article on methods of preserving and bottling with special mention of the Ministry of Agriculture's 4d booklet, "Preserving from the Garden".

Advert /Finance

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

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

Drink

Article on Port Wines produced by Vine Products Ltd VP Winery Kingston Surrey from juice of grapes grown within the Empire.

Advert**ARP /Medical**

A useful hint when the "All Clear Sounds" Ovaltine soothes nerves, induces sleep and builds up vitality.

Advert**ARP /Medical**

Large advert Emergencies Test and Prove "Aspro" Service

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

Fund Raising/ Military Welfare

Stratton BEF Comforts Fund. As the BEF no longer exists it has been decided to give the surplus £32-2s-7d to Stratton and Baunton men serving before July 8th. For those reported missing the share to be given to the nearest relative to become their property if the men fail to return.

Letter to the Editor**Food Production/Dig for Victory**

Home Food Production

Hilda Ingram reports that Driffield now has a fully fledged Home Food Production Committee. Every able bodied man in the village is doing a little bit more than he has time for so house to house visitations asked women to cultivate one or two rows of vegetables besides their husband's or father's rows in the allotment or garden, extra land being available if necessary. With only one exception every woman and girl in the village agreed. Seed will be bought communally and the surplus similarly marketed. Advice from the HFPC, Community House Gloucester is available and there is always an expert gardener in the village to advise.

Let other villages Go To It and do likewise!

Letters to the Editor**Rev S Claude Tickell**

Corsica

Sir - if they have not already done so the British should seize Corsica and make it a recruiting centre for Frenchmen from France and North Africa.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar Latton cum Eysey.

Letters to the Editor**BRCS**

The BRCS Flag Days raised the sum of £4,501-13s-9d a record collection in each district.
C D Allen Hon Sec

Letters to the Editor**CUDC/ National Savings**

National war Savings Scheme

When the Council met on Tuesday after consultation with Captain Cripps, Councillors Rumboll and Boulton who have been mainly responsible for street collections I was able to announce that all 90 streets in the town are now being canvassed. There are 52 collectors and the amount collected (certificates only) during the past month was £1,630. Only six streets were canvassed over a month ago and another twenty only during the past week. The Council think that this is a splendid effort. No doubt collectors and subscribers amounting to 1,302 will be pleased to know of this excellent result.
Well done Ciciter carry on with the good work!
Wilson G Tovey Chairman

Girl Guides/ Dig for Victory/ Evacuation

Girl Guides offer help (not verbatim)

The 2nd Cirencester Abbey Company of the Girl Guides are anxious to do any small jobs they can in their spare time. e.g. (1) Hay making, fruit picking or weeding or any odd farm jobs evenings or holiday as most are still at school. (2) Wooding on behalf of old people. (3) They are willing to look after evacuee children on Saturdays and Sundays.

Please apply by letter only to

Betty Melville (Mrs.) 67 Cricklade Street

BRCS/ Military and LDV Welfare

Stratton Red Cross

Thanks from L E Buckland, V Sweeting and L Tingle to all in Stratton who have worked for the Red Cross and Mrs Buckland's London Depot by knitting socks, helmets, scarves, boot stockings gloves and mittens; and sewing in the way of pyjamas, LDV First Aid bags and slippers.

Morale/ Propaganda

For Women Readers

Shiver Sisters - How to deal with them by Mrs Robert Noble

Mr Harols Nicolson MP in a recent speech said that the armed forces, security services and LDV must feel behind them not a frightened troupe of "Shiver Sisters" or Chatterbugs" but a solid wall of national will power. "Shiver Sisters" is an expressive term for certain of our sex who though they probably do not realise it are doing useful fifth column work in the Country.

An Active Gossip

A "Shiver Sister" is the woman who combines a faint heart with a vivid imagination, takes alarm at the slightest set back and believes everything she is told because she has not bothered to think for herself. Unfortified by an inner courage she is always ready to believe the worst and her imagination fastens on every rumour for she is an active gossip.

Challenge Them

The way to deal with these women is to challenge them to produce the evidence for their assertions. In nine cases out of ten they will say that they have been told by somebody else. But usually they are silenced by this method. It is up to women themselves to prevent the shivers form spreading. They can do it by keeping calm and resolute and refusing to be alarmed by rumour.

Rev S Claude Tickell

Medical

Kemble

The Rev S Claude Tickell gave his lecture "Physiology of the body", on Monday evening. He steered clear of technical language and outlined the connection between mind and brain and

various parts of the body and remarked on diet and its effect on blood and the casting aside of waste matter.

Editorial / ARP

Long editorial on the next phase of the War and air raid warnings.

Orders for the Week

Registration

At Cirencester on Saturday 138 men registered in the 1909 age class there was 1 conscientious objector.

Camera Club/ARP

Cirencester Camera Club – Owing to the number of members involved in ARP work meetings are discontinued until further notice.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending July 6th £13,047

Total since 1st January £165,998

Entertainment/ Dance /WVS

Country Dance Party – Cirencester Centre of the English Folk Dance and Song Society together with the WVS held a dance party at Oxford House in aid of the WVS Wool Fund by permission of Mrs Chester Master.

Rover Camp/ Sale

On Thursday last week Messrs Hobbs and Chambers conducted the sale of the whole of the equipment of the Rover Scout employment scheme camp in Whiteway Barn Field.

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Invasion/ Advice

Advice to the Civil Population – I the enemy comes.

Do not spread rumour

Do not block roads

Do not become a fugitive

Keep your head clear and your mouth shut

Stay put and sit tight

That is the advice Sir Frederick Cripps as County Controller tends to the civilian population of Gloucestershire. To do otherwise is to play into the hands of the enemy who if he sets foot on these shores hopes to see general confusion; roads thronged with helpless refugees as an admirable target for his airmen, refugees blocking roads and preventing the advance of our troops to deal with the attack. In all circumstances every citizen must remain at his post and not leave his work or his home without definite instructions from a responsible military or civil authority. You are safer indoors.

ARP/ War Production

In order to defeat the enemy's efforts to interfere with the production of war material the Ministry of Home Security urges that workers engaged in the war industries should as far as possible continue at work after a public air raid warning until it is clear that an enemy attack is actually imminent in the neighbourhood.

War Notes

Further notes on the general war situation

Crime/ARP/ Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

William Flesh of 45 Apsley Road was fined £1 for displaying a light visible from outside on June 26th. Mr John Norton Townsend Air Raid Warden said he saw the light at 10.20pm tried to make the occupant hear but got no reply. A second attempt failed so he returned with a second warden and found the house in darkness. The defendant told him afterwards that he had gone to bed unwell at 9pm. PC Trull stated that he interviewed the defendant who lived alone the next night. The defendant said he went to bed unwell and left the electric light on. This caused the light.

WI and Guilds/Fund Raising

Chedworth meeting in the Triangle Hut decided to send 30/- to the WI ambulance fund. Cookery classes start on July 17th.

20/7/40

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Advert

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! 7½d 1/2d
Smith's also Huck's Corn Stores.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 1

Domestic 21

National Savings/ Holidays

The Holidays

All through our childhood there was magic in these words. As we grew older “the holidays” were looked forward to throughout the working year. But today – the German armies have overrun half Europe. Thousands have fled from their bombed and burning homes. Invasion threatens our Islands. We must put aside all thought of going away for holidays until this war is over and victory is won.

So let us speed up our war effort. Let us lend our “holiday money” to the Nation. Put every shilling into National Savings (Savings certificates, Defence Bonds, National War Bonds, Post Office and Trustees Savings Banks). The money is urgently needed to pay for the equipment of our fighting forces – for the defence of our shores, our homes, our lives.

This year make your holiday weeks National Savings Weeks!

Rationing/ Food Supplies

Ministry of Food

Register Now for Cooking Fats

From next Monday July 22nd margarine and cooking fats will be rationed. You must fill in the particulars on the “cooking fats” page of your ration book and also inside the front cover.

Then take the book to the retailer immediately for registration.

Butter and Margarine

With the coupons marked Butter and margarine you will be able to buy a weekly ration of 6ozs. You can buy all butter or all margarine or some of each. If you are registered for butter you need not be registered for margarine as you will use the same coupons as for butter.

Cooking Fats (or extra margarine)

With the coupons marked cooking fats you can buy 2ozs per week of lard or compound lard, or, if you wish 2ozs of margarine. (This is in addition to any margarine you buy with your Butter and margarine coupons) Dripping and suet are not to be rationed at present.

Tea

Tea is now rationed (2ozs per week) – You may buy it from any shop – no registration is necessary. To avoid small quantities you may buy one week in advance. Make sure that your shopkeeper takes the coupons from the first page of SPARE Coupons (coloured buff) next to the sugar page.

Issued by the Ministry of Food

Military Casualties/ Black Out

Two soldiers who had served in France were killed when their motorcycle collided with a cottage at Arlington Pike Cross Bibury. The accident happened in the blackout shortly before 11pm on Monday. They were Sergeant William Henry Bohlen aged about 30 of Penarth and Driver Ronald John Owen aged 21 of Whitchurch. Both served with the Royal Engineers.

Agriculture/ Food Production

(main points) Speech by the Minister of Agriculture Rt Hon R S Hudson

It is vital to grow more food. We have to import but we must limit it. Tens of millions face starvation in Europe but British farming with modern machines, methods, science and enthusiasm will help us overcome this fate. Farmers will have to be directed into what to

produce but at the same time will have to be provided with the machines etc. to do it. Red tape will continue to be cut and CWEACs given many additional powers.

ARP/ Agriculture

Don't go Bomb Sight Seeing

In recent raids over the South West bombs have been dropped in open country. Everyone should note that they can now be fined up to £50 for trespassing on agricultural land on which there is growing any crop other than grass. Remember this fact if you want to view the damage caused by the bomb. There has been an instance of an entire wheat crop of 25 acres being completely ruined by being trampled upon by sightseers. Hindrance to ARP work has also been caused by sightseers in towns. The public are asked not to interfere with the work of rescue parties etc through thoughtlessness.

Advert

Retail/ Propaganda /Drink

Spend to Defend be Patriotic

Stick to Beer and help pay for the war.

Stroud Beers.

Dig for Victory/ Allotments

Local Councils are pressed by the Ministry of Agriculture to increase the number of allotments. Where land acquired for other purposes is turned into allotments councils will receive a special grant of £2 per acre.

ARP/ Children

Air Raid Advice to Children

West Country mothers have it appears been telling their children to go home if an air raid occurs after school hours and while they are in the streets. This is bad advice. Children should be told to go to the nearest shelter.

As a result of this wrong advice children may wander about the streets during raids and refuse to go in the shelter when instructed by the ARP wardens. Mothers are asked to impress upon their children that they should go straight to a shelter when the sirens are heard. This is a safety measure because the children are naturally liable to be injured and not only by falling bombs but by Anti Aircraft shell splinters and falling debris. In addition it is possible that the children will hinder ARP work by running across the streets.

In school hours children should of course follow the instructions given by the teachers.

Mothers should also warn children about playing with whistles as they might be mistaken for warden's whistles.

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

Letters to the Editor

ARP/ Transport

May I through your paper appeal to owners of cars and covered or uncovered lorries to enrol for ARP duties in case of emergency? I have a very willing and conscientious band of workers who turn out at any time they are required and I am very grateful to them, but the

enrolment of extra drivers with vehicles would greatly relieve the necessity of constantly calling the same ones. Will those who are willing to assist in this way kindly send their names and addresses to me.

Harry Price Transport Officer No. 6 Area Grove garage Cirencester

Letters to the Editor

YMCA/ Military Welfare

R A Berkeley appeals for magazines for the YMCA reading room and canteen. They can be handed in at the canteen or to the caretaker. "Will wives see that their husbands don't hoard their literature when read?"

Letters to the Editor

WVS

Thanks from Mrs Chester-Master on behalf of the WVS to the English Folk Dance Society for the £5-2s-6d raised at the dancing exhibition held at Oxford House in aid of the WVS Clothing Fund.

Letters to the Editor

Propaganda

Two letters on the decline of the French and its relation to birth control.

Letters to the Editor

ARP

ARP Hints (part of article)

The inhabitants of Tottenham have all been asked to place a bucket of water in the front porches or gardens to assist the AFS in forming a chain in the event of fire from incendiary bombs. To help further those householders who so provide water also place high up in their front window a white envelope or card so that the firemen will know exactly where to find the water. I feel that if local householders had this brought to their notice they would willingly cooperate in this simple means of preventing a huge fire.

A R Leach Somerford Road Cirencester

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

ARP

Our Cotswold Shelters

An old cottage has stood up to one of Germany's largest bombs. No need for Cotswold Cottagers to dig graves for themselves in their cottage gardens.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Russia

Long letter in favour of cooperation with the Russians written by Rev W Bryn Thomas Kemble Vicarage

Food Production/ Bee Keeping

If bee keepers apply to their local Food Office they will obtain a special permit for 10lbs of sugar per colony of bees during August and September.

Morale/ RAF

Morale booster referring to three Sergeant Pilots' reports.

Editorial

Morale/ Agriculture

Editorial on Churchill's speeches and the future of farming.

Order for the Week

ARP

The ARP First Aid Party meeting Cotswold Garage Monday July 22nd at 7.15pm

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending July 13th £20,477

Total since 1st January £186,445

Medical / Memorial Hospital

The Memorial Hospital acknowledges gifts of eggs, vegetables, magazines etc.

Fund Raising/ Lifeboat Day

Lifeboat day in Cirencester on Monday raised £66-9s -8d

Retail/Cotswold Garage

Sale of garage equipment, machinery, contents of stores etc. of Cotswold Garage Cirencester.

Salvage

Over 2,000 village dumps for the collection of salvage have been established by Parish Councils.

Crime/ Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Black Out Regulations

Captain AJ Poole was fined £1 for showing a light at Daglingworth House. The light showed through drawn curtains and there was a gap along the top. When PC Holtham of Daglingworth and SC Smith went to the house the defendant refused to give his name and said he was a magistrate and an officer and asked what was the purpose of coming and insulting him like this. SC Smith corroborated and said he knew Captain Poole and had been out with him on duty as Special Constables. Captain Poole was very strict on the Blackout regulations

Defendant said that he had high regard for the Blackout Regulations as an RAF Officer and at home he had complete arrangements for Blackout. No light was visible 50 to 60 yards from the house. The Constables had knocked very hard and woken everyone up and roused his sick wife. He had invited both men in to examine the arrangements but they refused.

Messrs John Jefferies were fined £1 for an employee allowing a bonfire to blaze at their nursery at City Bank. Mr J E Jefferies said that employees were instructed to bank out bonfires at night. This one must have burned through.

Kathleen French of Whiteway Chedworth was fined 10/- for leaving a car on the highway outside her residence without lights.

National Service/Auxiliary Territorial Service [ATS]

20,000 Women Wanted in the ATS

A recruiting drive has been going on in Cirencester and District during the past week. Details of opportunities pay etc given. Further information obtainable from ARP Offices (Municipal Offices) and WVS Office Dollar Street or the Labour Exchange.

Invasion Advice

If the Invader Comes

Hitler plans to invade Britain. If his Nazi hordes succeed in crossing the sea they will be rolled back and smashed. The Public can make the job of our fighting men much easier by remaining where they are. "I'm staying put" must be your slogan. (The article goes to list the instances in France of refugees holding up the army)

Spotlight

Agriculture/ Food Production/ Education

Spotlight points out that we have often admired the handicraft work in elementary schools, but is it necessary to continue the art of potato printing. One local school recently acquired several pounds for the purpose. If every school did this it would mean the loss of tons from next winter's crop.

Rationing /National Milk Scheme

Ministry of Food Cheap Milk for Mothers and Children

The National Milk Scheme provides 1 pint of milk a day at a reduced price or free for every expectant and nursing mother and every child under 5 years not attending school. Get an application form from the Milk Office at your local Food Office (The post office will give you the address) or through the Child Welfare Centre, Health Visitor or District Nurse.

Fill in the top half of the application form and then have it signed by a responsible person (such as a teacher or clergyman) who knows you well. In the case of an expectant mother the form must also be signed by a doctor, midwife or Health Visitor. Post the form to the local Food Office. It will take ten days before you receive your milk permit.

Milk at 2d per pint.

All expectant mothers and nursing mothers and children under 5 years not at school will be able to get milk at 2d per pint.

Milk free of Charge

Mothers and children are entitled to free milk if the income of both parents together is less than 40/- per week or if only one parent's income is less than 27/6d per week. These limits are increased by 6/- for each non-earning dependant. Free milk will also be supplied to mothers and children in households where the householder is receiving public or unemployment assistance or a supplementary old age pension.

When applying for free milk you must also fill in the lower half of the application form after the top has been filled in and signed as explained above.

Keep this announcement to help you fill in the application form.

Military Casualties

Casualty lists for Wiltshire and Gloucestershire are given but they only include names and numbers. No addresses are given.

Invasion/ Housing

Emergency defence works now have priority over all other building operations. Shortly no private building activities will be permitted except under license.

Food Supplies/ Rationing

Hotels and restaurants are now prohibited from serving more than one course of either meat, game or poultry or fish at a meal.

Military/Morale

“The Gloucesters gave them steel”. Morale boosting article on the Gloucestershire regiments action at Ledringham in Flanders.

WI and Guilds

ARP

A talk on ARP was given at Cherington by Mr Williams.

Military/ Education

Kemble Youth Fellowship

Kemble Youth Fellowship had a talk given by a sergeant Observer in the RAF. Although he had to be somewhat guarded in his remarks he gave a detailed description of RAF badges, ranks and personnel and how the public could recognise them. He also gave some of his flying experiences.

Invasion

Long article

Main point being that the defences being built on our coasts and around certain areas are not to create a Maginot Line complex but are to be used in conjunction with mobile defences. They are for pivot points.

Food Preservation

Detailed advice is given on canning and bottling of vegetables with reference to the Ministry of Agriculture Bulletin No.21 or in the Growmore Series Bulletin No, 3 on using a pressure cooker or autoclave.

27/7/40

Advert

BRCS/ Home Nursing

BRCS Gloucestershire Branch - A course of instruction in Home Nursing will be given at Cirencester Park on Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30pm beginning July 30th.

Fee for the course 2/-

Advert

Salvage / Recycling

Wanted Urgently Waste Cardboard Newspaper

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V J Parker 127 Victoria Road.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 1

Domestic 17

Advert

Home Guard – an Advert on paying to advertise in the press.

ARP/ Animals

Long article on animals and ARP as discussed by the NFU – arrangements for Cirencester (main points)

Information about wounded animals should be got the HQ of the Animal ARP organisation at Mr T J Reynolds premises in Victoria Road. Arrangements having been made for the collection there as the need may arise of butchers and slaughter-men. Farmers should (1) Do what they can themselves to secure the carcass of an injured animal for human consumption. (2) A message should be sent as soon as possible to vets, Major A C Duncan and Mr T J Reynolds so that butchers and slaughter-men can be brought right away. Messages can be sent (a) Tel Cirencester 86 (b) failing (a) then ring the ARP (c) Police Station (d) By messenger to Mr Reynolds.

The messenger should give the approximate number and kind of animals. Position of the animals and the place where the farmer will meet the vets etc. to take them to the scene.

CRDC/Fire Service

Long report on fire fighting at Fairford and the RDC's decision to ask for the installation of a trailer pump at Fairford. The Clerk was instructed to approach the Ministry as to getting another trailer pump for the district.

Rationing / Working Conditions

Office Teas

Afternoon tea in offices will have to be provided in future out of the personal tea rations of the staff, as no additional supplies will be available. Works and other canteens registered as catering establishments will have the same facilities as commercial caterers.

Advert/Drink

We've got to pay for the war so be patriotic Stick to Beer – Stroud Beers

Food Preparation/ Kitchen Front

Ministry of Food Bulletin No.6

Vegetables and salads are plentiful and in full variety, cabbage, beans, cauliflower, turnips, lettuce and tomatoes. They are all foods for health and vigour.

You will get new ideas on how to use them at the Wartime Cookery Demonstrations. You will see new ways of serving vegetables and new ways of preparing salads. Ask your local Food Office where the demonstrations are being held.

Issued by the Ministry of Food.

Advert/ Food Production

New laid Eggs from House scraps – get 5 eggs per bird per week by using kitchen waste and Karswood Spice 2½d 7½d 1/3d Karswood Poultry Spice

Military Supplies/ Requisitions

All binoculars suitable for service use now in the hands of retailers and dealers are being taken over by the Ministry of Supply at average prices below the current retail price.

Local War News/POW

News has been received from the Military Attache in Berne that 2nd Lieut. J A Goshen of the Royal Horse Artillery has arrived at Purrentrun 50 miles inside the Swiss frontier after escaping from a Prisoner of War Camp at Lille. He has been interned but the War Office have appealed for his release under the Hague Convention. He had been missing since June 12th when his regiment was surrounded at St Valery. He is the youngest son of major General and Mrs Goshen of Macaroni Downs Eastleach.

Pte William H Buckland of the Gloucestershire Regiment youngest son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Buckland of Bowley Villas Preston, reported missing on June 13th is now said to be a POW. The same applies to his friend Pte L Taylor of the Gloucestershire Regiment who before joining up lived at 76 Melmore Gardens.

Food Preparation

To Save Sugar – when stewing fruit or making pies add bicarbonate of soda. This can save up to a third.

Food Preparation/ Supply/Rationing

When the German attack on this country is repulsed and the enemy is defeated bigger rations of tea, sugar and perhaps fats will be available for the Winter months. That was the definite hope of Mr Robert Boothby MP Parliamentary secretary for the Ministry of Food.. Also the new white loaf with added proportions of vitamin B1 and Calcium was to be introduced by the Government in the next few months. This together with the National Milk Scheme will lay the foundation of a national food policy which will have a permanent beneficial effect on national health and be hailed by scientists all over the world. The vitamin B1 in the loaf will make the white loaf equivalent to the wholemeal loaf.

Internment

Aliens of German and Austrian origin numbering 23,500 have been interned including 20,000 men of whom 12,500 are in camps while 7,500 have been sent overseas.

Advert/ Agriculture

Aubrey Rees

Ploughing - The second Campaign has now commenced. Do the job thoroughly with the Best Implements.

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Dig for Victory/ Allotments

Kemble Food Production Club was visited by Dr Redington when he toured the allotments on Saturday giving advice on potato disease etc.

Salvage/ Patriotism

Ornamental lamp standards dating back to George III and early the Victorian period have been taken down from Windsor Castle for scrap.

Medical / Propaganda

“Judging from the prisoners I have seen, the Germans have a great fear of pain,” writes a Boots dispenser now an RAMC Sergeant, writing in the firm’s magazine. “To me this explains their brutality. They think that if they inflict sufficient agony on a race , that race will cry for mercy.

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

Waste/ Nutrition

Waste not Want not

Food is often wasted by being thrown away and not eaten, but oftener by being eaten and through insufficient mastication and ensalivation not digested.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

Medical/First Aid

“Shock” (so familiar to students of First Aid) is interference with the mind’s unconscious control of vital processes by pain or grief as distinct from interference by concussion or compression of the brain. The maintenance or restriction of consciousness means the certainty of maintenance or restriction of the mind (hence its necessity) the consciousness being only conscious immediately of being mindful.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Invasion/ Advice

Gertrude Wood of 5 Lancaster Gate W2 Writes a long letter explaining that we can learn a lesson from France by the civilians not hampering the military should the invasion come.

Letters to the Editor

Propaganda

Two more letters on the decline of the French and its relation to birth control. The second is from Mrs Margaret Pressland who advocates better care for existing children and the setting up of a communal feeding facility to provide hot drinks for school children at lunch times.

Military Welfare/ Dunkirk

Thanks to Cirencester

As the Brigadier Commanding the Infantry Brigade which has just left the district I should like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for the great kindness they have shown to the troops under my command during our stay here. We have been in many towns in great Britain recently, and I can say quite honestly that nowhere have we been so well treated as in Cirencester, everybody has gone out of their way to help us.

I have heard personally from all the troops how much they have appreciated the canteens which have been opened for them in many places. I realise the amount of work involved in these canteens and so do the troops themselves.

I only hope that at some future date it may be our good fortune to return to this neighbourhood.

B G Horrocks Brigadier

Advert

Invasion Advice

What do I do if I hear news that the Germans are trying to land, or have landed?

I remember that this is the moment to act like a soldier. I do not get panicky. I stat put. I say to myself “Our Chaps will deal with them.” I do not say “ I must get out of here”. I remember that fighting men must have clear roads. I do not go on the road on my bicycle in my car or on foot. Whether I am at work or at home , I just stay put.

Cut this out - and keep it Space presented to the Nation by the Brewers Society

Council School/ National Savings/Dig for Victory/ Military Welfare/ARP

Sir William Marris K.C.S.I. K.C.I.E. distributed the Dakin Trust Prizes at Cirencester Council Boys School. Mr Vanstone (Head) in his remarks mentioned the National Savings Group with 280 members including 57 parents and friends. Since January the group had subscribed £290.

As part of the Dig for Victory campaign the boys had taken $\frac{1}{4}$ acre as an allotment in Burford Road which was now yielding a vegetable crop.

Book craft was abandoned due to a shortage of materials. Knitting had taken its place with all 270 boys taking part, knitting comforts for the troops. The head's collecting box for odd coppers had raised £15 for buying wool. Miss G F Cook supervised the boys. The comforts were sent to the fighting forces with Cirencester lads getting priority. Letters from grateful recipients were on show.

After giving the address Sir William observed the "open day" when parents visited the school. During the afternoon a display of physical training exercises was given in the play yard some of which under Mr J T Evans who is also ARP Coordinating Officer – demonstrated with two practice bombs how to deal with incendiary bombs by shovel rake and by stirrup pump.

Editorial

Morale/ Propaganda

The editorial says that Churchill has given his answer. The war goes on until decisive victory. German raids have been ineffective so far compared with the RAF. Total civilian casualties for the month 336 killed 476 injured. The enemy have lost 168 planes approximately 450 pilots and crew. We have enough food to last to the end of the war however long.

Orders for the Week

BRCS/ARP

BRCS VAD Glos 11 Duties as rostered. First Aid lectures to be held at the Council School (Boys) Lewis Lane every Friday 7.45pm commencing July 27th.

ARP - First Aid Party usual practice 7.15pm at the Cotswold Garage Monday July 29th.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending July 20th £12,164

Total since 1st January £198,609

Cirencester area with a population of 22,000 has 189 savings groups. One to every 121 of the population. 90 business groups in Cirencester town, 33 street groups and 9 school groups. In the villages there are 57 groups including schools.

Enemy Action

West Country Air Fight

At midday on Thursday the sound of a bomb and trail of black smoke across the sky caused people returning to work after lunch to look skywards for a raider. None seemed visible just training planes about their normal work. Then one was spotted. Anti aircraft fire from East to West showed the track of the raider. Other planes gathered in the sky and hamlets and villages watched the dog fight. The raider was brought down in a field. The crew landed by parachute. Three were wounded one's parachute did not open. They were very young and ready to give themselves up. One was taken by a young girl who ran to him as he landed on the lawn of a house. Two others were captured by the Home Guard who were soon on the scene. A fourth crashed to his death. The school mistress of a neighbouring village said the

Spitfires blazed around like angry wasps. Her attention had been brought to the fight by the children who knew all the aircraft in the sky. They watched until the warning sent them to cover. Those who lived nearby took a long time to reach safety anxious to see the end.

Crime/ Entertainment/ Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

The Cinema Licenses were renewed including Sundays.

Cycling without lights

Frederick John Reeve of Kemble was fined 5/- having no rear light on Tetbury Road 11.35pm July 7th. SC Philip King Reporting Officer . William Day 2 Biddulph Cottages similar offence and fine same Reporting officer.

Henry Gough Witchell of Long Newnton was fined £1 for having no red rear light on his car travelling to Cirencester on Tetbury Road July 6th at 10pm. SC King of Kemble Reporting Officer.

Black out

Joseph Hayward of Eden Grove Cheltenham Road had a light showing at 10.25pm on July 5th. He was fined £2. SC Harvey of Daglingworth reporting Officer.

Hilda Neale Biscoe school mistress School House , Coates was fined £3 for showing a light at 11.30pm on July 6th . PC Thorn Reporting Officer. Numerous complaints had been made about lights in the house. The Chairman said that she must be exceedingly careful in future as one was liable to imprisonment if the offence was repeated.

Mrs Mabel Paine was fined £2 for showing a light at 9 Overhill Road at 1027pm on July 1st. SC Short of Daglingworth and SC Harvey saw a light from the side door. Mrs Paine said she thought it was her husband coming. Black out was 9.56pm that night and there was an air raid warning.

Advert

ARP/ Retail

C E French and Sons

C E French and Sons – Remarkable Value in ARP Material

42” Black Sateen 1/0³/₄ d per yard 54” Light proof Italian Cloth 2/3d per yard in Black Blue and Green.

45” Bolton Twill 2/6³/₄ d per yard 436” Bolton Twill 1/11³/₄ d per yard in Blue Green and Brown.

Anti Shatter Self stick Nets Ensure Safety from glass splinters 36” 1/3d 40” 1/4d 50” 1/6 ³/₄d per yard. Patterns on application to Regent House Cirencester 178

Home Front/ Food Preparation

Home Management Corner – Miss Switch – on There’s War Effort in a Salad

Recipes for: Fancy Vegetable Salad, Summer Salad and Fish Mayonnaise.

CUDC Meeting/ Town’s War Effort

ARP/Salvage/ Military Welfare/National Savings

Cirencester’s War Effort

Members of the Council stood in silent tribute to those “serving on the home front”

Domestic Air Raid Shelters

As Cirencester is not designated by the Government as a vulnerable area only emergency shelters for those caught in the street were provided. Under the recent decision of the Minister of Home Security, the Local Authority could assist those whose income was less than £250 per annum (£350 if having 4 children) to protect their house in accordance with the

pamphlet. "Your Home as an Air Raid Shelter" produced by the Ministry. Most of the costs to be met by the Government. There is evidence that Cirencester residents would cooperate in a scheme to build communal shelters on a voluntary basis, digging and laying bricks. A petition had already been received from Chesterton.

In a scheme for communal shelters the Local Authority would (a) Employ professional men to advise householders on putting the Ministry pamphlet into practice. (b) Acquire relevant materials to distribute to householders. (c) Help those incapable of doing the work themselves and encourage neighbours to assist each other.

The Government Order to clear attics was read by the Clerk. It was decided to circulate householders with a leaflet about the Order. It was a good ARP precaution and provided salvage.

The Compulsory Salvage Order for populations over 10,000 was mentioned. The Town already has the scheme but householders would be circulated to impress its importance. Amounts so far:

Paper 66 tons 11cwt value £253-9s-7d, Scrap metal 49 tons 3½ cwt value £71-0s-4d, Bones 1ton 4cwt value £7-14s-6d, Total value £334-12s-10d. Labour costs were £231-9s-10d profit to date £103-3s. these figures did not include the scrap metal sold by the Council in December 1939 i.e. £68-6s-10d this was scrap from the Waterworks. The guns were gone for scrap except the Russian gun. A special collection of old iron yielded 26 tons value £50. The Surveyor asked for £25 to replace one baler in use during the First World War!

Permission was given.

YMCA Canteen

An extra room of the museum is to be used to help the overflow from the canteen. On some Saturday nights 2,000 cups of tea are served. Exhibits would be moved with care.

National Savings

The National savings Scheme was a credit to the town. Mr Rumbol paid tribute to Miss Leigh for her invaluable work done in the clerical and accounts department

WI/ Salvage /ARP

Didmarton and Sopworth WI had a talk on Salvage by Mrs Hensleys

Fairford WI had a lecture on ARP by Major Barker.

Spotlight/ National Service

Spotlight suggests that a badge be issued to key workers and those refused military service as in Canada to help them save face.

Military Casualties

Killed in Action

Lance Cpl William Charles Coe of the Kenya Regiment July 20th . husband of the daughter of the late William Payne and Mrs Payne of 1 Grosvenor Villas Cirencester aged 33 years.

3/8/40

CUDC/ARP

Cirencester Urban District Council Clearing of Lofts Order 1940

The above Order is now in force and it applies to all lofts and attics not furnished for human habitation and which are not easily by a staircase. Under the Order the loft must be cleared of all articles which are not fixtures.

As this Council is responsible for the administration of the Order in the Urban Area they will welcome cooperation from all householders. Such inspections as may be necessary will be made by specially appointed officers of the Fire Brigade who will call between the hours of 2pm and 8pm.

The Order applies to all dwellings, houses, flats, hotels or other residential buildings and to hospitals. When clearing the loft please remember that all waste paper and scrap metal is valuable salvage.

Wentworth Jones August 1st 1940

Military Casualties

Casualty lists for Wiltshire and Gloucestershire are given but they only include names and numbers. No addresses are given.

Entertainment/Dances

Corn Hall Saturday Dances Again

Every Saturday 7.30pm – 11pm 1/3d

August 3rd to 10th To encourage new lady patrons. Ladies will be admitted up to 8.15pm at 6d

Advert

Home Guard – an Advert on paying to advertise in the press.

Motor Insurance

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

E H Morgan FCIB, Corn Hall Chambers Cirencester phone 308

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

ARP/Black Out

Mitchells

Effective Black Out

Curtain fabrics in Black, Green, Brown, Gold, Sand

In various widths 2/-, 3/11d per yard

Mitchells Castle Street, Ciceter

Advert

Medical

Article cum advert advocates Ovaltine as a nerve soothing, nerve building, element in the daily diet to combat these anxious nerve-racking times. Particularly the ever present anxiety of air alarms.

Casualties/Military

Obituary of Pt R L Wariner

The death of AC1 T F Saunders RAF in an RAF Hospital on Thursday July 25th Only son of Mr and Mrs F J Saunders of 17 Purley Road. He was 41 and had rejoined the RAF after

service in the First World War. He died of septicaemia from a wound on the lip sustained during his work in a maintenance unit.

Food Distribution / Profiteering

The Ministry of Food have set up two bodies to deal with profiteering. The Ministry already controls the price of animal feed, bacon, ham, butter, eggs, canned salmon, cheese, dried fruits, condensed milk, herrings, lard, dripping, meat, milk, oranges, potatoes, sugar and tea. Complaints about these concerning excessive charges should be made to your Local Food Control Committee other foodstuffs to the Price Regulation Committee who already control kitchen utensils, clothes, torch batteries etc.

School/ Holidays/ARP

Gloucestershire County Council Education Committee has decided to close schools from 2nd to 18th August for Summer Holidays. Should conditions improve a further two weeks would be added in the Autumn.

ARP in schools

A sub-committee decided that a reasonably safe place for shelter should be provided in each school by treating windows of cloakrooms and or corridors and covering windows with wire netting; and the provision of adequate shelter in known dangerous areas. In some cases surface shelters. The use of nearby houses would continue when a warning was given if the Head considered it advisable. No child to leave school if bombs were dropping. If necessary schools could be closed during continuous raids. Provisionally the public could use certain school air raid facilities if raids occurred between 5pm and 8pm the following day.

Supplies/Shortages

A representative of one of the biggest soap manufacturers stated that there was no shortage of soap.

Propaganda/ Germany

Women's shoes made of glass are to be produced in Germany, according to German Press reports quoted by Radio Moscow

Kitchen Front/ Rationing

Lord Woolton, Minister of Food has decided to make further extra allocation of sugar for jam and preserving the promised big plum crop. During the week beginning August 12th with sugar coupon No. 6 you will be able to obtain 2½ lbs of sugar an extra 2lbs allowance for jam. Similar declaration to previous with number of ration books in the house. This allowance will not alter arrangements made by the Fruit Preserving Depots set up by the WI and Fruit Disposal Committee set up in town districts by the Chairman of the Local Food Control Committee. Growers who have surplus produce should get in touch with the Chairman of the Food Control Committee. No fruit must be wasted.

Kitchen Front/Food Production

What to do with the Plum Crop

We think mainly of jam making, bottling or pulping. You can economise on space and sugar if the plums are stoned. The kernel is a valuable food so it is a good thing to crack the stone and add the kernel to the preserve. A less known use is for chutney(followed by recipe)

Plums can also be dried (followed by method)

Propaganda/Germany

W Glenvil Hall MP for Colne Valley former Labour Candidate for Swindon writes a long article on the way the Nazis are to rob the larders of occupied Countries.

Salvage

Article from Rt. Hon Herbert Morrison calling for an all out effort in his latest Salvage Campaign appeals to clean out attics and lumber rooms, burrow in cupboards and under stairs, clear out tool sheds, delve into garages, look for old gadgets, ornaments and bits and pieces of clutter worthless to the individual but an enormous value to the nation. Make salvaging bones, metal and paper a daily task. Turn out love letters we will make them into cartridge wads; give us bones and we will produce explosives produce tin cans and we will transform them into tanks; throw out garden tools and we will manufacture guns. Our main wants are paper and cardboard. Household bones and scrap metal. Many Councils have good schemes underway others do not so keep your Council up to the mark. 10 million households are in the campaign.

Social Cooperation/ Evacuation

For Women Readers – Good Neighbours by Mrs Robert Noble

The war is breaking down social barriers knitting circles etc. are making people mix who would not have done so before. They are now discovering what nice people their new acquaintances are. No one knows when they may need a Good Samaritan many difficulties are lessened by a comparison of experience. Billeting is a test of goodwill. There must be give and take. The housewife does not expect the guest to do the housework but there are ways to help by tidying the room, keeping the bathroom as it is found and being punctual for meals. Shyness can be a problem but little acts of neighbourliness do break down the barriers.

Advert/ Agriculture

Aubrey Rees

Ploughing - The second Campaign has now commenced. Do the job thoroughly with the Best Implements.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 1

Domestic 20

Secrecy/ Drink

Sir John Anderson the Home Secretary said in the House of Commons that treating of servicemen by strangers in pubs would not be banned at present as advocated by the True Temperance Quarterly. The latter wished the regulations introduced in the last war to be reinstated to prevent passing of information.

Advert

Propaganda / Drink

Every Pint of Beer You Drink Helps the War Effort.

So be patriotic Stick to Beer

Stroud Beers

Letters to the Editor

Refugee Welfare

Lilias Bathurst acknowledges contributions to the wool and material fund at Cirencester Park Working Party. £30 Sir William Marris, 10/- Mrs Rumilly. We have now added garments for Channel Island Refugees to our activities and appeal specially for children's warm underclothes.

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

Anglo French Relations

A Word in Season

Our Government should make it clear to the present "Rulers" of France that Britain will not be unmindful of their treatment of Frenchmen who are true to their allies.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Animals/ARP

Animal owners and particularly those with cats and dogs cannot be too strongly urged to keep their pets in after dark. We must keep the streets clear apart from the suffering caused to animals. Householders should exercise pets during the day time and they should be kept well under control.

Fergus MacGunn Captain Chief Secretary (RSPCA)

Spotlight

National Savings

Spotlight notes that the savings Thermometer is now at £204,120. It will soon boil over again.

Orders for the Week

BRCS/ARP

BRCS VAD Glos 11 Duties as rostered. First Aid lectures to be held at the Council School (Boys) Lewis Lane Friday 7.45pm .

ARP - First Aid Party usual practice 7.15pm at the Cotswold Garage Monday.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending July 27th £5,511

Total since 1st January £204,120

Advert

Retail/ARP

Protect Your Windows from Glass Splinters through concussion or blast.

By using "Delbeta" Self-Stick Net 1/- per yard also 45" 1/6^{1/2}d

Ormonds Telephone 143

ARP/ Reconstruction

What Should I do to Replace Broken Windows

Use shutters made from wall board plywood or other stout material fixed to a wooden frame with felt or thick cloth tacked around the edges. These should fit exactly and only be fixed by jamming in. Shutters with 2" thick frames could be fixed outside the windows. Do not forget they must be light proof.

Advert

Retail

Large advert for Bailey's Sale includes : Hundreds of Pre War Sale Bargains.
Paper shortage prevents us from giving our usual lists.

Fund Raising/ BRCS

Recent raids on the Coast of Britain have led to an increase in donations to the BRCS in those areas.

Crime/ Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Lady Knutsford of Siddington House was fined £10 for showing lights. It was reported by J M Adamsthwaite of the Home Guard. He said three lights were showing. He threw stones at the window when there was no reply to the bell. Lady Knutsford appeared and said she had not put lights on until she heard the bell. Mr Adamsthwaite said that the one light he saw was not screened at all. His brother Maurice corroborated. PC Waldron of South Cerney said that when interviewed on July 13th she said " I know nothing about it, I was not at home. Lights will not stop the war, and you can caution me all you like." The chairman Captain Foyle Fawcett said he looked upon this as a bad case.

Florence Saul of Chedworth was fined £1 for a similar offence. PC Hughes reporting officer. Archibald Steel of Melmore Gardens fined £1 with 3/6d costs. SC Pless reporting officer.

Edward John Coutts of Purley Road fined £1. PWR Witts reporting Officer. Mr Coutts said as a rule he went to bed in daylight but on this occasion he had omitted to draw the curtains.

Cyclists fine for having no lights: Arthur B L Anderson of Somerford Road fined 10/-, Alexander Allen of Siddington fined 10/-, William Edward Fanthon a soldier fined 5/-.

Agriculture/ Food Production

Long article on the National Silage Campaign launched by the Ministry of Agriculture to convince farmers of the necessity to make silage to help stave off the shortage of animal feed this Winter.

WI and Guilds

Food Preservation/ARP

Ampney Crucis

Mrs Miles of Kemble spoke on ways of running a centre for fruit preservation.

Eastleach

A demonstration in the school of fruit preserving and jam making. Afterwards they were joined by Southrop WI and went to the Rectory for tea. The Rector showed a film on ARP and other films.

Kemble

Mrs Phillips who runs a jam depot at her home reported that in three weeks they had sold 235lbs of jam on Fridays at market.

South Cerney

At the invitation of Mrs E T Cripps to tea followed by competitions games etc Miss Marriott presented Mrs Cripps with a bouquet and wool for the comforts for the Navy.

Advert

National Savings

Making Ends Meet (illustration of a candle burning at both ends)

Think of Britain as one great 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 possible time. This means – and we must face the fact - that you and I must go without many things we used to enjoy in peace time. The vitally necessary war supplies must be produced in ever increasing quantities. The money we don't spend on our own personal requirements and pleasures 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.

ARP/RSPCA

Pet Shelters

A Dustbin "Dugout" for pets.

The RSPCA suggests that dog and cat owners construct a splinterproof shelter for their pets. Secure a large dustbin half bury it lengthways in the garden. Heap soil over it to a height up to twelve inches, remembering to keep the entrance clear. Put a stout wooden strut in to prevent collapse. When completed it will look a miniature Anderson Shelter. The lid with air holes in it should be placed over the entrance as protection and a fairly high mound of loose earth piled a few inches in front of the entrance. Simply constructed and involving no cost this little "dug out" will safeguard the household pet from bomb fragments and shrapnel.

10/8/40

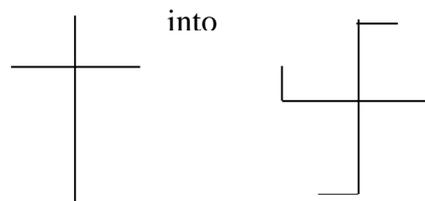
Entertainment/ Dances

Life Gaiety New Friends – yes you'll have a marvellous time at the Corn Hall Saturdays.
Dances 7.30pm to 11pm 1/3d Wonderful Bands

Religion

The Baptist Church Coxwell Street

Germany Turns



But

What think ye of Christ

Advert

National Savings

War Bonds (large advert with illustration of three Naval guns firing)

Britain's Broadside

Britain's vast war effort calls for weapons of every calibre. National War Savings Bonds are the very heavy guns of our war finance. They provide the means by which private individuals, the Directors of business concerns, Executors and trustees can help the Nation to victory. If you have £100 or more buy National war Bonds. If you are a Director or Trustee, use your influence to sustain and increase the flow of investment.

Buy National War Bonds 1945-1947

2% unlimited Issue – continuously “on top”

A full Trustee Security – Price of issue £100 percent – subscription of £100 or multiple of £100 will be received until further notice – received until further notice. Interest accrues from the date of purchase – Prospectus and application forms obtainable from Banks and Stockbrokers.

Food Supply/Restrictions

Cream Controlled

The Ministry of Food has made an Order prohibiting the manufacture of sterilised cream in tins or bottles after July 29th 1940. Milk supplies are wanted for more essential foods. Existing stocks of sterilised cream will be sold in the shops in the usual way. From the same date, all cream prices have been brought to a standstill. No cream may now be sold at a higher price than it was in May last.

Advert

Propaganda/Drink

Speed up the War Effort!

Be patriotic Stick to Beer and pay for the war as we go.

Stroud Beers

Kitchen Front/ Food Preparation

Ministry of Food

This Week's FOOD Facts

There will be more adverts in this series. It will be well worth your while to collect them. As each appears, pin it up in your kitchen.

Do you throw away scraps of food rather than bother to make them up? Do you have odd snacks during the day? Do you eat just a little bit more than you need to at meal times? In peacetime these indulgences don't matter. In wartime they matter vitally! We must save the Nation's money and free the cargo space which is needed for munitions. Remember that this is not only a war in the air and on the land and sea, but a war in the kitchen as well.

ON THE KITCHEN FRONT

Save sugar Stew apples with chopped figs – it's a new way a nice way, and you'll need less sugar.

Thick soup Use the remains of today's rice pudding to thicken tomorrow's soup.

Eat more plums Plumbs are in season now. Make full use of them and less of the tinned fruit which should be kept for Winter use.

Remember that if everyone in Great Britain wasted ½ oz of bread daily we should be wasting 250,000 tons of wheat a year and that 30 wheat ships would be required to carry that amount.

Listen at 8.15am every morning for Kitchen Front News (followed by) Recipe for Cauliflower Cheese. Which ends with the following note. Stale bread baked in the oven and grated is excellent for this dish. If you boil the cauliflower, save the water for soup or gravy.

Casualties/ Military

Private Thomas Greenwood of the London Regiment was killed when his motorcycle collided with a car in Watermoor Road. Two children saw a dog run across the Road.

Food Supplies/ Milk

More than 1,100,000 person are now receiving milk under the Ministry of Food's Milk Scheme.

Enemy Action/Casualties

German Airman Buried in West Country Cemetery

Honoured by the RAF

On Tuesday last week a German Airman victim of the "vaulting ambition" of totalitarian dictators was buried in a quiet hillside cemetery overlooking a beautiful West Country valley. He was Sergeant Heine No. 65120 aged 37. Five days earlier war waged in the sky above this spot, for he had come to rain death and destruction upon this fair land, but had himself met the fate designed for others. Now there reigned peace and those who had forced him from the skies gave his body burial with all the honours accorded to a brave enemy.

Members of the RAF covered his coffin with the emblem of his country and placed a wreath of asters, carnations and roses, with an RAF tender as a hearse conveyed it to the cemetery. Here six Sergeants - his equals in rank bore it to the grave and after it had been committed to the earth by the Vicar of the Parish, three volleys were fired over the open grave and the "Last Post" and "Reveille" was sounded. Meanwhile the RAF pilots soared overhead and dipped in final salute.

Many hundreds of people from the lovely countryside were present and to them the Vicar said that it was not an ordinary funeral. Many might be puzzled to reconcile Christianity and its doctrine of love and goodwill with war and the destruction of human life. By that service they showed that this country still recognised the sanctity of human life and that though that airman was fighting against us, we wished him no ill but wished that his soul might rest in peace.

Food Supply/Health

Britain's Reply to German Blockade

Lord Woolton's great effort. Long article on Lord Woolton's effort to improve the health of the Nation drum thumping for the new vitaminised white loaf and the Milk Scheme.

Advert/ Agriculture

Aubrey Rees

Ploughing - The second Campaign has now commenced. Do the job thoroughly with the Best Implements.

Appeal

Military Welfare

The Military Convalescent Hospital at Edgeworth Manor - all kinds of games for the above will be gratefully received at the Memorial Hospital.

Advert**ARP/ Animal Shelter**For Sale

Gas Proof Kennel (for a dog up to 25lbs weight) by Boulton Paul; approved by the Animal ARP service; unused no further use for owner; cheap to someone with valued dog Mrs Connal 20 Ashcroft Villas, Cirencester.

Advert**ARP**

Sand Bags for Sale

Regulation size and pattern 38"x14" 4½d each immediate delivery; cash with order – N A Ferris 22 Skelton Road, Forest Gate, London E7

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 4

Domestic 21

Military Honours

Captain H J Elwes of the Scots Guards from Colesbourne Park has been awarded the MC for distinguished service in the Norwegian Campaign. (official citation follows)

War News/ Invasion

The War - report of progress so far. No.10 issued a statement that rumours that the Germans will not invade put around by them should be regarded with a double dose of suspicion.

War News/ Air Losses

Great Air Battle Over the Channel

53 Raiders shot down

British Losses 16 machines

Air and Sea attacks – Report on attacks on a convoy

Editorial

The editorial comments on the second Emergency Powers (Defence) act – which would suspend existing courts and set up special courts where the military situation required it. On the whole he suggests it is an unpopular move. The death penalty would have to be confirmed.

Orders for the Week**BRCS/ARP**

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ARP - First Aid Party usual practice 7.15pm at the Cotswold Garage Monday.

Military Welfare/ Fund Raising

The Abbey Grounds will be open on Sunday August 11th from 3pm to 7pm. Admission 6d proceeds to buy wool for servicemen's comforts.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending August 3rd £7,052

Total since 1st January £211,172

Local War Notes

Pte Frederick Cyril John Uzzell of the Gloucestershire Regiment is a POW in Germany. Mr and Mrs Uzzell of 2 Barton Lane were informed he was missing on June 13th. He is 20 years old and a former member of the Cirencester BRCS VAD.

Pte Harry Draper of the Gloucestershire Regiment is also a POW. From 6 Brighton Terrace Stratton aged 21 was reported missing in June.

Leading Photographer J W Smith of the RNAS writes to thank the people of Preston for his second 40 cigarettes.

Crime/ Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Lighting offences: William George West of the Triangle Ewen was fined £1 for causing an unobscured light to be displayed inside a roofed building so as to be visible outside at 12.10am on Thursday July 11th. It was reported to SC King by members of the LDV (now Home Guard) Doris Kempster of 10 Victoria Road was fined £1 for showing a light (It was her lodger's fault she had gone to bed ill) PC Smith reporting officer. The case was dismissed against Harry Ball of 10 Shepherds Way owing to insufficient evidence. PC Smith and PWR Legg reporting officers.

Cpl Reginald Ernest Cobb of the RAF was fined 10/- for having an unauthorised head lamp and no red rear lamp on his motorcycle at 10.45pm on July 16th. SC King reporting officer. Donald Duggie of the RAF was fined 10/- for having no lights on his bicycle at 11.25pm on July 22nd. . SC King reporting officer.

George Matthews of the RAF was fined 10/- for a similar offence at 11.30pm on July 13th. . SC King reporting officer. Joseph Foley was fined 5/- for having no rear light. . SC King reporting officer.

Traffic offences: James H Humphries of the RAF was charged only with costs for missing a new halt sign on the Cirencester – Stroud Road. He said he was watching soldiers. . PWR Witts reporting officer.

CRDC Meeting

Food and Milk Officers Reports

Report of the Food Officer Mr J A Hall (notes only)

Retailers registered 369 catering establishments 10 – Removals in the area during the past six months 1,999 persons came into the area. Correspondence 6,280 letters and 4,729 circulars.

Sugar Permits for marmalade, jam and bee keeping as follows: marmalade 746 (2,948 persons) i.e. 3 tons 8cwt 3qtrs 27lbs sugar – Beekeeping 27 for 162 colonies of bees 14cwt 1qtr 24lbs - Jam 15 through the WI covering 2,696 households 7tons 4cwt 48lbs

Jam 2,547 ordinary households (7,090 individuals) 18tons 19cwt 3qtr 10lbs

Ration Books second issue approx 13,000

Coupons for rationed commodities nearly 156,000 were received in the Food Office with very few major discrepancies.

Meat Rationing

16,500 counterfoils from registered consumers had been received since March

Ration Book counterfoils over 29,000 to date which is excess of the first rationing period.

Work has been pressing with the influx of 702 children with 68 adults on 14th June. The staff are to be congratulated.

Milk Officer's report

July applications 241 permits - for free milk issued 74 (118 individuals)

For cheap milk 167 (204 individuals)

Letters to the Editor

Military Welfare/ Propaganda

Security writes that treating soldiers etc in pubs is very dangerous. "When the wine is in the wits are out." (more on same lines)

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

Home Guard

Sir – the Home Guards should not be required to do regular nightly work, but should be called up only in emergency by the church bell. Their regular nightly duties should be taken up by the whole-time soldiery

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Spotlight

One Way Scheme/Patriotic Drinking

Spotlight reports that the war has forced a one-way system on Cirencester that the CUDC were powerless to impose a few years ago.

A scrap of comfort

When beer exhausts your money

The thought should gladden you

That every gulp you've taken

Has helped your country through

So when prying folk teetotal

Ask what you're drinking for.

How crushing is your answer

"Why to win this _____ war!"

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Advertising/Propaganda

To Advertise is an Indication of Strength

It is a sign that the adviser is

Strong in his conviction that goods are worth advertising.

Strong in his knowledge that they will appeal.

Strong in his opinion to be able to satisfy.

Strong in his position to be able to supply.

Strong in his determination to "Carry On"

Strength Creates Confidence

Strength and Confidence are necessary in order that we may achieve Victory.

BE STRONG in consistent ADVERTISING you will be doing a National Service.

ARP

CUDC

Your Home as an Air Raid Shelter.

Under a recent decision of the Ministry of Home Security the Council may now assist certain persons-see-below-to increase the protection afforded by the houses they live in on the lines laid down by the Ministry in their pamphlet "Your Home as an Air Raid Shelter" The assistance may take the form of :

(1) Free expert advice, how best and most quickly to carry out the recommendations of the Ministry; (2) Free supply of materials and (3) In certain cases the provision of free labour. Application Forms may be obtained from the Municipal Offices Cirencester during the usual office hours and must be returned not later than 30th of August 1940.

Persons Eligible for assistance :

Persons whose occupations are compulsorily insurable under the National health Insurance Act, Persons not compulsorily insured under the NHI Act who are mainly dependant on earnings (or pension) not exceeding £250, an amount which may be increased by £50 for each child not over school age in excess of two.

Entertainment/ Dances

Life Gaiety New Friends – yes you'll have a marvellous time at the Corn Hall Saturdays.

Dances 7.30pm to 11pm 1/3d Wonderful Bands

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

Appeal

Military Welfare

The Military Convalescent Hospital at Edgeworth Manor – all kinds of games for the above will be gratefully received at the Memorial Hospital.

ARP/Fire Brigade

CRDC/CUDC

Hopes that Fairford could borrow one of Cirencester's trailer pumps for emergency fire fighting were dashed when a letter was received from the CUDC stating both were in use in Cirencester exclusively. The Cirencester Brigade had even been refused permission to set up an emergency station with one at Watermoor. It was proposed to buy one out of the rates for the CRDC in view of the crisis but the CRDC refused by a large majority. It was agreed instead to send a deputation to the Home Office in London.

Home Front/Housework

What do I do - If my job is that of housewife and mother?

I remember that this is a war-job too! – and I try to do it even better than usual. I shop with special care. I waste nothing. I save paper, tins, bones I try to keep myself and my house trim and cheerful and I take pains with the cooking, because I know this keeps the men's spirits up. I send the children to bed early and I don't stay up listening for sirens. I remind myself that in this way, though, I may not be winning medals, I am certainly helping to win the war! Cut this out and keep it! Issued by the Ministry of Information. Space presented by the National Brewers Society.

Advert

Drink/Propaganda

It's a Lovely Day Tomorrow

If you drink Stroud Beer Today!

Stick to Beer – Stroud Beer – and help to win the war.

Agriculture/Food Production/Silage

Article on the Ministry of Agriculture's warning to dairy farmers that Silage means security. National Silage Campaign. As a result of the training courses in silage making which are now nearing completion the following instructions are available to give demonstrations and information in Gloucestershire.

East Gloucestershire

Cirencester Messrs A D Gawthorpe, R Barrett-Lennard and V R Shepherd.

Latton, Kemble, South Cerney Mr A D Gawthorpe

Fairford Mr H G Gale

Witney (10 mile radius) Mr S J Pickett

Letchlade (10 miles radius) Mr H G Gale

POW Welfare

Letters and parcels for Prisoners of War.

The Red Cross and St Johns War Organisation has issued a statement showing what may or may not be sent to POWs in Germany. All correspondence to and from prisoners of war goes post free. Photographs may not be included. Letters to prisoners should not exceed two sides of a sheet of note paper – they should be posted in the usual way, but without a stamp and not sent to the Red Cross organisation. The sender should write his name and address on the back of the envelope unless a member of H H Forces in which case he must give the name or address of a friend or relative in this country, and arrange for letters so addressed to be forwarded to him. Letters cannot be sent to a prisoner unless the camp address is known.

The form of address is.

Prisoner of War Post

Kriegsgefangenenpost

Service No. Rank, Name, British POW (number if known) Camp in Germany

No stamp is necessary.

No attempt should be made to communicate with Prisoners through people in neutral countries. No telegrams may be allowed. Relatives may send by parcel post (no special label is needed) suitable clothes and toilet accessories to the Clothing Section, St James Palace, as soon as the permanent camp address is known. Only one 10lb parcel (not counting packing may be sent) The only food allowed to be sent is contained in the Red Cross standard Parcels which the Censor rigidly controls. Food (carefully analysed by a dietician) soap, tobacco and cigarettes, costing approximately 10/- a week are sent to each prisoner, whether or not financial contributions are received for individuals books, music, packs of cards, games, sporting equipment etc. may be sent direct to prisoners through firms holding a permit to send printed matter abroad.

Home Front/Food Production /Rationing

Food Facts in War Time

Some things you ought to know: Rationed fats for vegetarians. Vegetarian butters come under the heading of "margarine" says the Ministry of Food and they are to be rationed like ordinary butter and fat. But this does not include nut suet which can be bought ration free.

British Herbs Only

Sage mint parsley and other herbs by housewives for flavouring their dishes will all be home grown in the future. The Ministry of Food has stopped importing them since we can produce plenty for our needs in England.

Price Control for Peas

The price and scale of threshed peas grown in England and sold for human food are soon to be controlled by the Ministry of Food. Top wholesale and retail prices for dried home grown peas, sold loose or packed, will be fixed. All traders will have to have a license to deal in

these peas and should apply to the Ministry of Food Cereals Division 10 Smith Square London SW1.

Take You Ration Book

Hop pickers and other people leaving home must remember to take their ration books with them. If they have left whole pages of coupons at any shop they must get them back and put them in the ration book again. During the week before they go, travellers should take their ration books to their local Food Office to arrange for the book to be used at the shop where they are going. If they don't do this before they leave they will have to go to the local Food Office when they get there.

Tea By Post

Parcels of tea of not less than 2lbs can now be supplied by post. Previously parcels had to weigh 3lb or more. It is still possible to use four coupons at once for tea coming by post – the coupon for the current week and the three following.

Salvage

In long article by Mr R C Morrison MP Chairman of the Inter- Departmental Committee on salvage. He emphasises that Salvage is something more than a war time fad it must be regarded as an important part of our economic system.

ARP

Latest ARP Hints

Minimise the effects of flying glass by using textile net or transparent film affixed to the whole surface. Strips of adhesive tape or stout paper will give good protection if fixed at intervals of not more than 6 inches. Carry your Gas Mask. During a raid don't touch alcohol or drugs not even aspirin. Take into the shelter - a hot drink, a slab of chocolate some figs, barley sugar, oranges and if necessary a 24 hours feed for the baby.

Food Supply/Milk Scheme

Over 1¾ million are getting cheap or two-penny milk under the Food Ministry's National Milk Scheme.

Agriculture/Food Production/Silage (poster advert)

I cannot guarantee that Dairy Farmers will get the quantity of imported feeding stuffs they normally use. I think of no better insurance than Silage.

Ministry of Agriculture

Make Silage Now

Watch your local press for details of silage demonstrations in your district.

Be Warned in Time!

The only way you can make sure of bringing your cattle safely through the winter is by producing your own feeding stuffs – high quality silage from aftermath and second crop seeds. It's easy and cheap to get or make a silo – and stock thrives on silage. Get in touch with your WAEC they can tell you anything you want to know about silage making.

Issued by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food.

Advert/ Agriculture

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Advert

ARP

Sand Bags for Sale

Regulation size and pattern 38"x14" 4½d each immediate delivery; cash with order – N A Ferris 22 Skelton Road, Forest Gate, London E7

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 3

Domestic 28

War News/Propaganda

144 raiders Down

The enemy's great losses on Thursday. The bag for the week 381

LOCAL War Notes

Do you know Pte Walker of the Gloucestershire Regiment from Cirencester or near? He is a POW probably now in Germany, having been captured at or near Dunkirk. His friends will be glad to hear he is unwounded cheerful and well. This comes from an Officer who returned home after escaping from prison camp in France where he met Pte Walker. Independently both had made abortive escape attempts. They now made one jointly. The Officer and another Officer were to try first. If they succeeded Pte walker and a friend were to follow after ½ hr. The four agreed to meet at an agreed rendezvous after 24 hours. Pte Walker and his friend failed to turn up and it is presumed that they were caught and are now in Germany. Some letters brought back by the Officer may be examined by Bona Fide friends of Pte Walker.

Pte Sydney Douglas Harper of 5 Council Houses Quenington has been reported missing. He is 29 and in the 2nd Btn Gloucestershire Regiment. He is the eldest of four brothers in the Army. Before the war he served 6 years in India.

Religion/Salvage

Get Rid of Junk

In any good many of our churches and church yards there is plenty of scope for what housewives call "a good turn out" and it will be all to the good if the present urgent demand for scrap metal, waste paper and other normally unconsidered trifles lead to parochial authorities getting rid of their junk. There can be few of the more than 12,000 parish churches in England which are not harbouring long discarded Hymn Books, surplus copies of parochial notices and printed matter of one sort or another which is entirely valueless from either utilitarian or an antiquarian point of view.

GO TO IT

Such impediments might well be delivered over to the pulper to enter upon a new lease of life instead of being allowed to clutter up a vestry cupboard or some out of the way corner of the church. Our churchyards tonight apart from such "big game" as iron railways with no claim to artistic merit, yield quite a fruitful and nationally valuable quarry of odds and ends of metal (eg discarded tools old metal flower vases and the like) which might prove useful in the Empire's war effort against evil. In any case the clergy and churchwardens may well "go to it" so far as salvage is concerned.

Orders for the Week

BRCS/ARP

BRCs VAD Glos11 First Aid meeting Boy's school Lewis Lane August 16th 7.45pm Duty rosters are posted on Notice Boards in Dyer Street schoolroom and the window of 23 Market Place.

ARP First Aid Practice Monday August 19th 7.15pm at the Mycalex, Ashcroft Road.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending August 10th £9,017

Total since 1st January £220,189

National Service/ Conscientious Objection

Exemption Granted

A Cirencester clerk formerly with the Gas Company now a full time lay evangelist for the Jehovah's Witnesses was given total exemption from military service as long as he continues his lay evangelism. It was granted to Harold George Brooksby of 19 Purley Road by the South West Tribunal Bristol.

Fund Raising

Cinemas are to buy Spitfires. All 14,000 employees of the Gaumont British Picture Corporation are contributing to a fund to purchase a Spitfire for the RAF.

ARP/ Black Out

It is not necessary to extinguish all lights on vehicles when an air raid warning is sounded: headlamps only should be put out. Vehicles engaged on military, police and civil defence can use headlamps.

Food Production/ Pig Clubs

Cirencester FPC

At a meeting of Cirencester Food Production Club on Thursday evening in the Municipal Offices it was started that a Communal Pig Club would be formed in Cirencester. The first in the County. The WVS had canvassed the town and 1,1330 households had agreed to give kitchen waste at 4lbs per household per week, that was 2¾ tons of waste. The Salvage Committee of the Council had agreed to try to undertake the collection. An ideal site had been offered. The minimum and maximum holding should be 10/- and £2. They hoped to produce 80 pigs a year. "Quite apart from the fact that they would get more food for the country and for themselves, the project appeared to be a good one financially." The Committee was appointed. Mrs Chester Master, Messrs W T Andrews, A S Barnard, A Lusty, F Mustoe, F J Ponting and J V White with power to add to the numbers.

Kitchen Front/ Health/ Food Preparation

Reserve these dates!

Your Health in Wartime. --- Even in Wartime you can get fitter if you choose the right food in the right amounts.

Cookery Demonstrations given by Miss E Carter at 3pm in the Congregational School Room Dyer street, Cirencester -

Wednesday 21st August

Syllabus – Fruit Preservation, Jam Making, Drying and Salting

Admission Free

Cirencester Gas Company

Wednesday 28th August

Syllabus – Vegetable Preservation – Chutneys and Pickles, Drying and Salting

Admission Free
Cirencester Gas Company

Kitchen Front/Food Preparation

Somerford Keynes

Miss Copplestone from the Board of Education concludes her series of five lectures on Wartime Cookery at the Hut on Monday evening.

War Damage/ Enemy Action

War damage Claims

When property is damaged by enemy action and the owner is able and willing to do repair work form V.O.W.1 must be obtained from Mr A Furniss the Council's Housing Surveyor or the District Valuer. The form must be returned to the valuer within 30 days. No claim under £5 must be submitted. If the Local Authority need to make temporary repairs to avoid risk to health they may do so at any time without reference to the owner. If possible the owner should commence repairs immediately and inform the Housing Surveyor. When the owner makes good the repairs his claim will be filed against the Government to be dealt with at the end of the war. Where the Local Authority does the repairs they will claim against the owner but the owner can file against the Government. The amount of compensation will be assessed by the District Valuer. The V.O.W.1 form contains space for claims of over £5 for furniture and effects.

Spotlight

Fire Brigade

Spotlight comments on the decision re Fairford's application for a fire trailer.

"London fiddles while Fairford burns."

ARP/Steel Helmets

A correspondent want to know when ARP workers other than Wardens are to be supplied with "tin hats" and distinguishing armlets. She – it is a lady this time- points out that while others take shelter ARP workers have to expose themselves to everything that is falling. In the dark they are frequently challenged and ordered off the road by Wardens and Police. They have to show their passes only possible by torch-light. She threatens to pack up if nothing is done.

'Ciceter' Spitfire

A few weeks ago I mentioned that someone had mooted the idea of the public of Cirencester subscribing to buy a Spitfire named after the town and flown if possible by a Cirencester pilot. The first £1 has been donated. Provided entirely in pence by people sheltering in one of Cirencester's emergency shelters during an air raid warning one day this week. Many were passengers of two buses immobilised during the warning. A Warden pointed the way to the safety of the shelter. The people wanted to show gratitude for shelter and collected £1. The Warden accepted it and said would they like it to go to the Red Cross or the Spitfire. They chorused Spitfire.

Road Safety in Raids

During recent air raid warnings particularly night "red" warnings people are walking in roads. This is dangerous as many ARP personnel are travelling the streets on cycles etc with no light in red warnings. This is dangerous to ARP workers and pedestrians.

BRCS

A BRCS penny a week scheme is being brought in Cirencester. A number of businesses in fact 10 in all have already begun stopping 1d a week from employees' pay (on a voluntary

basis). Members of the BRCS will be calling on other businesses during the next few days to explain the scheme.

Street Lighting

Spotlight hopes that Cirencester will take up the Government's scheme for providing dim street-lights. The cost of the conversion is 15/- to 20/- per lamp. Some authorities believe that the amount of light produced does not justify the cost. They can stay on during an air raid.

Food Supplies

Traders wishing to import tapioca should apply to the Ministry of Food, Meadow Croft Hotel, Colwyn Bay, North Wales.

Advert

Patriotism/ Military Welfare

Pears Soap

The British Empire

Beyond Britain lies the mighty power of the British Commonwealth of nations 500,000,000 peoples unitedly preparing to strike the decisive counter blow for victory. Wherever the British flag is hoisted there too will be found men from the Mother Country brothers in arms with the Empire Forces waiting for the command. If you have a son, husband, father or friend serving overseas. Think of him today. Send him a Pears Service Pack. He will find it a supremely useful gift.

Send him a Service Pack wherever he is. Pears "Special" Service Pack contains two 5d cakes of soap; a 1/3d Golden Shaving Stick and a 1/3d tin of solid Brilliantine price 3/4d packed in a strong container free and labelled ready for posting to any part of the Empire. From your usual retailer.

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

Balloons

Now that balloons are supplied to vessels for defensive purposes why not also supply their equivalents for open boats as distress signals supplemented by children's balloons to be released at intervals. These children's balloons so easily inflated might save parachutists especially if the parachute were made to float.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Morale

"Freedom First" condemns treating servicemen in pubs also asks landlords to tell of Dismal Jimmies. Teetotalers could also do the latter at their tea and bun struggles.

Letters to the Editor

BRCS

The Chairman of the CUDC draws attention to the BRCS 1d a week Campaign. Mr B Blake of Lloyds Bank has agreed to be Treasurer.

Letters to the Editor

Memorial Hospital/Donations

H F Priddy general secretary of the Memorial Hospital thanks RAFA for the donation of £45-16s- 8d towards the Hospital Comforts Fund for Servicemen confined to the Memorial Hospital. He also appeals for further donations.

Letters to the Editor

Teacher's Extra Work

Teachers Go to It

Now that so many of the school teachers are on short shifts, but at full pay, and enjoying a further increase on top of that, how many of them are giving their leisure time to our country? I am one of many working seventy hours a week. Teachers –G to it – relieve others in great need of a little rest.

Gone to it Cricklade

Letters to the Editor

ARP/Sirens

A Tetbury resident complains about the ineffective whistle system of air raid warning. When will the old system be repaired or replaced.

Crime/Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

John Henry Hulse taxi owner of Malmesbury was fined £1 and 2/6d costs for leaving his car with unauthorised lights. It had bright side lights and rear lights not blacked out at all. The car was outside Kemble Village Hall at 11.25pm on July 26th. PC Jefferies reporting officer corroborated by SC Purnell. Christopher A Byrne Post Office Engineer was fined 10/- for allowing light to show from a kiosk, he went to. PC Rymer stated that at 3.05am on July 12th in consequence of a complaint from an air raid warden. He went to Rodmarton where he found a bright light showing from the kiosk which was locked. Witness broke a pane of glass and extinguished the light. The brown paper used as blackout had been pulled back apparently by someone using the kiosk in daytime. PS Edmunds said that on July 16th he saw the defendant at the Police Station and told him about the light having been reported in the kiosk. The defendant said that on the afternoon of the 11th he visited the kiosk to repair a fault, switching on the light to do so. When he went out he forgot to turn it out, even so an automatic cut out should have done it. This was later found to be in need of repair. He did not notice that the blackout had been left out of place in the corner of the window. PS Edmunds said Mr Byrne expressed regret and concern. The defendant said he was wholly responsible he had been called to another matter the nature of which he must not divulge in court. There had been a thunderstorm so before leaving the kiosk he had made certain tests. Perhaps sunlight stopped him noticing the small light as he rushed off to the other matter. The Chairman felt that there must be a conviction but had sympathy with Mr Byrne. Blackout offences : Robert Crittenden, manager was fined £1 for a light shining from the shop in Cricklade Street at 10.30pm on July 31st. PWR Witts reporting Officer. George Morgan of Chester Street Stratton was fined £1 for a similar offence at 11pm on July 26th. SC Harvey of Daglingworth and SC Short reporting officers. Thomas Cooper of Chester Street Stratton was fined £1 for having lights showing on July 26th at 11pm. SC Short reporting Officer.

New regulations (Failure to immobilise a car when leaving it)

Peter Thomas Lucas parked his car outside Viners Restaurant on July 15th. The case was dismissed with 4/- costs as it was the first case under the new regulations. PWR Legg and PC Smith reporting officers. Frederick W A Cowden of Victoria Road was fined 5/- for a similar

offence. PC Jefferies reporting officer. Cyril Man of Cheltenham was fined 5/- for a similar offence. PC Hughes reporting officer (The car was left at Stow)

Agriculture/Food Production

Prof. R Boutflour Executive Officer of the GWAC told the Gloucestershire branch of the NFU in Gloucester on Saturday that Gloucestershire farmers would need to plough even more land to provide food.

Food Production/ Jam Making

There is no truth in the rumour that the Ministry of Food is sending round inspectors to see the jam made with the special sugar ration. There are no "jam snoopers".

24/8/40

ARP

CUDC

Your Home as an Air Raid Shelter.

Under a recent decision of the Ministry of Home Security the Council may now assist certain persons-see-below-to increase the protection afforded by the houses they live in on the lines laid down by the Ministry in their pamphlet "Your Home as an Air Raid Shelter" The assistance may take the form of :

(1) Free expert advice, how best and most quickly to carry out the recommendations of the Ministry; (2) Free supply of materials and (3) In certain cases the provision of free labour. Application Forms may be obtained from the Municipal Offices Cirencester during the usual office hours and must be returned not later than 30th of August 1940.

Persons Eligible for assistance :

Persons whose occupations are compulsorily insurable under the National health Insurance Act, Persons not compulsorily insured under the NHI Act who are mainly dependant on earnings (or pension) not exceeding £250, an amount which may be increased by £50 for each child not over school age in excess of two.

Advertising/Propaganda

To Advertise is an Indication of Strength

It is a sign that the adviser is

Strong in his conviction that goods are worth advertising.

Strong in his knowledge that they will appeal.

Strong in his opinion to be able to satisfy.

Strong in his position to be able to supply.

Strong in his determination to "Carry On"

Strength Creates Confidence

Strength and Confidence are necessary in order that we may achieve Victory.

BE STRONG in consistent ADVERTISING you will be doing a National Service.

Agriculture/Food Production/Silage (poster advert)

I cannot guarantee that Dairy Farmers will get the quantity of imported feeding stuffs they normally use. I think of no better insurance than Silage.

Ministry of Agriculture

Make Silage Now

Watch your local press for details of silage demonstrations in your district.

Be Warned in Time!

The only way you can make sure of bringing your cattle safely through the winter is by producing your own feeding stuffs – high quality silage from aftermath and second crop seeds. It's easy and cheap to get or make a silo – and stock thrives on silage. Get in touch with your WAEC they can tell you anything you want to know about silage making.

Issued by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food.

Followed by detailed description how to make your own silos from sheep hurdles, wire netting, corrugated iron, straw bales or pits.

ARP/Incendiary Bombs

Very long article on how to deal with incendiary bombs landing in crops. Forming a fire party on a farm etc.

Mr W Habgood of Wokingham

Advert

Drink

All Clear!

Stick to Beer – Stroud beer the “All Clear Brew”

Morale/RAF

Good Work by Canadians an account of a Canadian Squadron of Hurricanes

Advert

National Savings

Large poster advert

Defence Bonds forge ahead.

Money is needed to forge the weapons of war . Every pound that flows in from the sale of Defence Bonds increases the flow of molten steel from the crucibles and furnaces, guns, shells, tanks, ships and planes will cost the nation less if we pay as we go. Put every pound you can spare into Defence Bonds. Defence Bonds are issued at £5 each and begin to interest at 3% from the date of purchase. What better security could you have in time of war – your own safety depends upon the rapid equipment of our ever-increasing forces.

Buy 3% Defence Bonds – save regularly week by week.

Go to a Post office or your bank and put your money in Defence Bonds, savings Certificates or National War Bonds; or deposit your savings in the Post Office, trustees savings bank.

Join a Savings group and make others join with you.

Propaganda

Why are we fighting?

Article on the Nazi strategy of using blood of women and children.

Agriculture/Silage

Another appeal for silage includes – I acre of reasonably good pasture will yield 3 tons of high quality silage if properly pressed down in a container and sprinkled with diluted molasses. This is the only material that can replace expensive dairy cake and can be fed at a rate of 20lbs for each gallon of milk. This quality silage can actually be used for the production of 3 to 4 gallons of milk; only above this would concentrates be needed. As a general rule dairy cows and fattening stock will receive 35 to 45 lbs.

Morale

Morale booster tales – Home Guard on the alert picking up two British airmen.
Stalking a convoy – action in Scandinavian Waters

Military Welfare

For Women Readers by Mrs Robert Noble.

Mrs Noble explains once again how women can help by knitting comforts as the cold winds blow and Autumn frosts begin.

Advert/ Agriculture

Aubrey Rees

Ploughing - The second Campaign has now commenced. Do the job thoroughly with the Best Implements.

Advert

Health

A correspondent recommends Ovaltine for nursing mothers

Fund Raising/Sport/BRCS

Minety

Fifteen couples entered a tennis tournament on the courts of major and Mrs Barrington-Chance. Mr and Mrs R C Kennaway of Hilmarton won and Mr and Mrs Giles of Purton were second. The event was organised to raise funds for the BRCS Lord Mayor of London's Fund.

National Service/Conscientious Objectors

Two Sons Serve Two COs

At the Bristol tribunal on Thursday last, Colin Frank Rimes of Stratton Mill said he regarded it his duty not only to England but to the whole world. He believed in non violence. To take a man's life, even in war, was opposed to the teaching of Christ which he accepted. It would be equally wrong if he assisted the war in any way as for instance, if he were conscripted to do work to make the war more possible and thus helped other men to do the killing which he would not do himself. War was a contradiction of the Christian faith and he would accept only total exemption.

His father told the tribunal that he had four sons. "They are all good lads", he said. Two were conscientious Objectors :the other two were serving, one having given up his farm in Australia and the other having left his father's business to join up. The applicant was retained on the register on condition that he remained in his father's business of producing cattle food.

Dig for Victory/Allotments

Lord Bathurst gave the prizes and Messrs W Pinchin and F Hart judged the North Cerney best cultivated allotment competition. 1st was Fred Turfrey, 2nd Fred Kite, 3rd Mr W Savery, 4th Mr W Cox

Food Supplies/Rationing

There are ample coffee supplies in the country. Try it for breakfast and make you tea ration go further.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 5

Domestic vacancies 26

Advert**ARP**

Sand Bags for Sale

Regulation size and pattern 38"x14" 4½d each immediate delivery; cash with order – N A Ferris 22 Skelton Road, Forest Gate, London E7.

Letters to the Editor**Rev S Claude Tickell**

Air Raid Chances

The chance of killing in town is greater than in the country, but the chance of being killed is rather less in town than in the country since, although the town is more of an objective it is afforded more protection than the countryside.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor**Military Welfare**

For Convalescent Soldiers

The Joint War Organisation of the Red Cross and St John has asked the Joint County Committee in Gloucestershire to find 500 beds for convalescent soldiers. So far about 150 have been secured at the following houses. North Cerney House, Edgeworth Manor near Stroud and Hartpury House near Gloucester through the kindness of the owners Mrs de La Hey, Mrs Laming and Mrs Gwynne-Holford.

These homes are under the direction of the Gloucestershire Joint Committee of the Red Cross and St John and will be staffed by members of both bodies. They will be equipped by the Joint War Organisation and County Hospital Supply Service [CHSS]

We shall be most grateful for gifts of games, wireless sets, magazines etc. for these and other hospitals that may be opened in the County. They can be sent to me at this address to the County CHSS Depot 32 Market Place Cirencester or to the First Aid Post, The Baths, Barton Street Gloucester.

C D Allen Hon Sec County Joint Committee Red Cross and St John, 20 High Street Stroud

Letters to the Editor

Iron railings in churchyards (not verbatim)

The Bishop of Gloucester has framed regulations requiring an incumbent to obtain the consent of then Diocesan Advisory Committee before disposing of church railings around monuments. This is to avoid the loss of ironwork so fine as to be part of the national heritage which the Ministry do not desire to melt down. In order to avoid delay and to save travelling could incumbents with railings please communicate as soon as possible with me.

W I Croome Hon Sec Gloucester Advisory Committee Bagendon House, Cirencester.

Letters to the Editor**National Savings**

I would be greatly obliged if you can find space in your valuable paper to let the public know what a splendid effort the village of Quenington has done in subscribing £239-16s . We started on May 31st and moneys are paid in weekly. The sum does not include certificates taken out at the local Post Offices.

C A Ingram Hon Sec

Letters to the Editor

Animal ARP/Casualties

New arrangements (not verbatim)

Animal ARP

The Headquarters has now moved from Coxwell Street to 11 Victoria Road where animals will be given treatment or if too bad painlessly destroyed.

Pets should be kept indoors during air raids.

People in charge of horses should get them off the streets as soon as possible.

Major Duncan has kindly offered to place his premises in Lewis Lane at the disposal of people anxious to shelter their horses and I shall be glad if people in charge of horses will note that they are invited to take their horses there. Instructions to farmers on dealing with injured animals as previously published.

H L Perkins 7 Dollar Street Cirencester.

WIs and Guilds

Food Production/ Fund Raising

Chedworth WI had a talk by Mr John Green on "Pig Keeping in Wartime"

A member of the WI writing from Cirencester to the "Telegraph" on Thursday suggested that members of the WI i.e. 5,700 should subscribe as much as possible towards the cost of a bomber. She enclosed £3-10s as her subscription for this purpose.

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Brotherhood of British Scout BBS

The BBS held a camp at Sherbourne

Military Welfare/ Rotary

President H C Leach of Cirencester Rotary Club extended a welcome to Dominion Forces members present as guests and promised a warm reception to others who might find it convenient to attend.

Military /Casualties/Black Out

Long report on an accident in the Black out on the evening of August 14th when Pte Annis of the Gloucestershire regiment was knocked down and killed by a car on the Cirencester to Cricklade. It happened 240 yards on the Cirencester side of a block house.

Fund Raising/Spitfire Fund

A Ciceter Spitfire – Popular Desire

A subscribers list has opened - Shall Cirencester present the RAF with a Spitfire?

The desire has grown over the past two months and many are asking when are we going to buy one. It has been decided to open a subscription list. £5,000 will be needed for one of these "nippy little fighter which has struck fear into the hearts of the Nazis". Subscriptions may be paid into either of the three banks in Cirencester or may be sent to Mr W G Tovey, Chairman of the CUDC, Market Place, Cirencester.

Food Production and Preservation

Be a Human Squirrel – Tips on storing vegetables to make us less reliant on imports, recommends the Ministry of Agriculture Booklet “Preserves from the garden” to deal with perishable vegetables.

War News/Propaganda

War News

Enemy activity is slowing down. The British submarine Orpheus has been sunk. British Troops are to leave Somaliland,

Premier’s Review includes : Invasion – Hitler cannot admit defeat in his air attack. He will continue as long as he has the strength and as long as any preoccupations he may have with respect to the Russian Air Force may allow him to do so.

Air and n

Naval Bases for America

Britain is prepared to lease bases to the USA in the West Indies and Newfoundland for a 99 year lease.

Home Guard

To the Home Guards

Don’t forget that French, Polish and Czeck airmen are flying with the RAF. A solitary parachutist may be one of theses and unable to speak English. If you see five or less they may be our own men.

National Savings

New 2/6d National Savings stamp

A new 2/6d National Savings stamp has been introduced with the illustration of a fiery cross and the words For Victory. It is hoped that people will be encourage to be less “sixpenny minded”.

Spotlight

Home Guard

Spotlight thinks it is good news that the Home Guard are to be allowed to wear a cap badge. This will finish the uniform off and make them real soldiers especially wearing the Gloucestershire Regiment badge and back badge.

Kitchen Front

Food Preparation and Preservation

Ministry of Food – Food Facts poster advert

On the Kitchen Front – How to Salt Runner Beans – Wartime Plum Jam

Coffee for Breakfast “The rules are simple”

Warm you earthenware jug and allow 2 heaped teaspoons of coffee for each cup. Be sure the kettle is boiling fast. Take the jug to the kettle and pour on the exact amount of water required. Stir, cover, allow to stand for 2 minutes, give another stir in a downward spiral to settle the grounds and leave for 2 more minutes before pouring.

Listen for hints every morning at 8.15am

Kitchen Front

Food Preparation

Miss Switch – poster advert

Home Management Corner

Leftovers That Go Down Well – including Bread and Cheese Casserole and Savoury Pancakes

Advert

Agriculture/Silage

All Farmers are Invited to Local Demonstrations of Silage Making

Friday 30th August 11am –4pm at Mr Rees Keene's Farm, Over , Gloucester

Friday 6th September 11am –4pm Mr P M Rider's Farm Icomb, Stow on the Wold

Come and ask questions about your problems

National Silage Campaign issued by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food

Casualties

Cirencester Soldier injured and Lady Friend killed

Miss Mar O'Neil of Cheltenham was killed and Cpl Norman Holborrow was injured when their car collided near Seven Springs on Saturday night. Cpl Holborrow aged 23 of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars is the son of Mr Norris Holborrow of 55 Ashcroft Road.

Military Welfare

Battleships and cruisers have their own library but men on destroyers and MTBs , mine sweepers etc do not but are avid readers and can do with and numbers of books and magazines.

Local War News/Military Casualties

Fawkes June 29th reported missing presumed killed. Lieut. Philip F Fawkes RN of Riverside Lechlade.

31/8/40

Entertainment/ Dances

Life Gaiety New Friends – yes you'll have a marvellous time at the Corn Hall Saturdays.

Dances 7.30pm to 11pm 1/3d Wonderful Bands

Advertising/Propaganda

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Local War News/Personal

Can the Officers who escaped from a Prison camp give any information about my son (missing) Cpl R H Tanner Gloucestershire Regiment. Mrs Tanner Barrington Downs, Eastleach, Lechlade

CRDC / Evacuation/ARP

Cirencester Rural District Council - Report by the Clerk on the Evacuation Situation

Some had departed but a lower percentage than other parts of the country others have trickled into Cirencester from the East Coast leaving 814 children, mothers, teachers and helpers. The Ministry had been told that saturation point had been reached but said 200 more children might be sent. He had approached those who had refused in the first place and found accommodation for 190. The Chairman said that they ought not to accept any more. They had protested to the Ministry without success. Col Elwes said "it would mean too great a strain on the local services such as sewerage and water". He foresaw epidemics.

Others pointed out that this was the case in many reception areas. It was agreed not to place an objection as this was not the time to obstruct any efforts of the Government.

The Fairford deputation were successful in getting the allocation of a light trailer pump and about 20 more stirrup pumps for the Rural Area in general this in addition to the peace-time two man pump. The Council set aside funds for uniforms and equipping two men for the pump and recruiting and training six volunteers for Fairford. When the trailer pump is delivered it might be desirable to move the existing emergency two-man manual to Sapperton where there is no fire fighting appliance.

Air Raid Warnings by telephone had proved too complicated for outside districts and there was no other system. Captain Swanwick said people were better off without warnings seeing that bombs were dropped so indiscriminately and the subject itself was "dropped".

Agriculture/ Silage

The columns include a Question and Answer Quiz on silage.

ARP

An article on the way sightseers hamper rescue work after raids. They hinder rescue, ambulance and fire services.

Morale/Hospitality/Drink

To Treat or Not To Treat

Brendan Williams writes a very long article on the above subject. He finds for treating drinking as a sacrament of friendship.

Advert

Drink

Delayed Action

The value of beer is not always immediately apparent. It's the man who drinks beer each day who reaps the benefit of better health.

Stick to Stroud Beer and help pay for the war.

Agriculture/Silage

Make More Silage – poster advert on similar lines to the previous one.

Advert

Salvage

Illustration with housewives throwing pots and pans, bones and paper at Hitler and his High Command.

"You can have a smack at em" There are war weapons in your household waste. Every scrap counts, so save every scrap of paper, metal, bones. Keep them separate and put them

by the dustbin every collection day. They are wanted urgently to make munitions. Lets all get right into action now!

Also collect waste food if this is collected in your district.

Put Out Your Paper Metal Bones

Follow the instructions you will receive, care saves time, space and money. They will be collected.

Councils in districts with a population over 10,000 must arrange for the collection. You can help to see that the collection is well and thoroughly done. Send suggestions to your council. They will be used. Every scrap that is put out according to instructions and efficiently collected will be used for victory. This is what your back door should look like on collecting day. (illustration of a door with boxes and bundles labelled bones and paper)

Issued by the Ministry of Supply

ARP

What do I do ?

If I have no shelter for myself and family.

I know that in my house there is one which provides reasonable protection against the dangers of air attack, but that protection can be improved. So the first thing I do – today if possible is to buy a book (price 3d) called “Your Home as an Air Raid Shelter” which tells me how to choose the best place in the house and how to improve it . I can get this book at any Post Office or order it from any newsagent or (by sending 4d in stamps) obtain it direct from HMSO Kingsway London WC2. I do it now because the safety of my family and myself may depend on my action.

Cut this out and keep it - Issued by the Ministry of Information. Space presented by the National Brewers Society.

Food Production

The Ministry of Food appeals for this year’s Blackberry harvest. He appeals to teachers, captains of Guides and Scouts, WIs rambling and cycling clubs all can help. “Start organising your Blackberry Party” now.

Security/Invasion/Food Production

In Home Affairs in Parliament Sir Percy Herd refers to the obliterated railway signs. Sir John Reith, Minister of Transport said that all railway staff were given instructions to call out place names. Farmers have been asked to obliterate place names from vehicles.

Sir Irving Alberry said “Is this not going rather too far? Any invader in this country will certainly be supplied with excellent maps. Questions were asked about intensifying rabbit catching as a food supply also producing more cheese.

Agriculture/Silage

More in an article Silage or Roughage on the National Silage Campaign with cautionary instructions.

ARP

Gloucestershire Emergency Committee discussed sightseers and ARP. Captain Hayes is to compile a pamphlet for circulation in different areas.

Advert/ Agriculture

Aubrey Rees

Ploughing - The second Campaign has now commenced. Do the job thoroughly with the Best Implements.

Advert

ARP

Sand Bags for Sale

Regulation size and pattern 38"x14" 4½d each immediate delivery; cash with order – N A Ferris 22 Skelton Road, Forest Gate, London E7.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 7

Domestic vacancies 19

Spotlight / ARP

Spotlight points to defects in hearing the sirens on the Police Station and Wessex Electricity Company. He suggests the sighting could be changed to the Church tower or on a separate pylon. Also tin hats are not to be issued to Air Raid Warden's posts and Control Staff at present. Each Warden's Post is issued with 3 (the number supposed to be on duty) Often there are more on duty and it is first come first served.

Orders for the Week

BRCS/ARP

BRCS VAD Glos11 First Aid Lecture No 6 Congregational School Room Dyer Street
August 30th 7.30pm .

ARP First Aid Practice Monday 7.15pm at the Mycalex, Ashcroft Road.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending August 24th £5,472

Total since 1st January £232,540

Local War Notes / Casualties

Sgt Pilot J H Davies RAF husband of former Miss Edna Thompson of Cirencester is reported missing. He set off on a daylight raid with a Sgt Gunner and Sgt Observer on August 2nd. Nothing has been heard since. They may all be POWs.

Pte R C Kent of the Gloucestershire Regiment posted missing on June 13th is now officially noted as a POW at a Stalag camp in Germany. Pte Kent is the son of Mr and Mrs F Kent of School House South Cerney.

ARP

Will You Help Thwart Hitler?

ARP Control Relief Team Wanted

A second relief team is needed for Cirencester ARP Control Room and Report Centre. There are two teams at present 1 and 2 taking alternate daily duties. They consist of 4 or 5 ladies and 4 or 5 men with representatives of Police and Fire Services and work under a Sub-controller and a Supervisor. The ladies act as telephonists, out message clerks and in one case charting clerk. The men act as plotting officers filing clerks etc. The duties are such as anyone of intelligence may quickly perform. The surrounding are as save as ingenuity can devise.

The Control Room is the nerve centre of ARP where every incident of a raid in Cirencester and Rural District is reported and from where appropriate action is directed. Everything

taking place can be both heard and seen, every incident plotted on large scale wall sized maps showing practically every house and building in the area. The position of every ARP service is known at any moment. Those interested kindly send name and address to the Editor Wilts and Glos. Standard.

BRCS/POW

Through the BRCS 1d a week scheme you can now actually adopt a prisoner and have the money earmarked for a specific prisoner.

Food Production

Gloucestershire's plan of Home Food Production Clubs is to be adopted by the Government. There are already 37 in Gloucestershire. Vegetables particularly need to be grown. In the August garden and allotment competition the winners in Cirencester were 1st Mr B L Gassman 76 Dyer Street 2nd Mr F W Bishop 109 Victoria Road 3rd Mr H A Moss 34 Bowly Road.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Polly Sets the Ball Rolling

Mrs R Lock writes " Within an hour of reading your paper of the £5,000 wanted for the Ciceter's Spitfire my parrot had collected her first coin towards it. She stands on the counter in our baker's shop in Watermoor Road and says "Thank you" for each coin put in the box. Polly is doing her bit and we hope to add a nice sum towards the spitfire". A list of subscribers follow. Mr A T Cripps with the aid of Bobbie Tillett a small evacuee billeted with him collected 10/- from sightseers to the scene of a recent raid. Also No2 Team of Cirencester ARP will put a penny in each time they are called out. Total to date £65-1s

Requisitions

Bridges Garage Cirencester have great pleasure to inform all their friends and clients that the Military Authorities have decided not to requisition their premises and that therefore they are carrying on as before.

Advert

Pest Control

Enormous Rat Casualties – inflicted by Rodine

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

No lights on a bicycle ; Lilian Curtis of Ampney Crucis was fined 5/- plus 3/8d costs for no lights on Cricklade Road. SC Mann reporting officer

Isobel Cuff of Oaksey fined 5/- similar offence. PC Jefferies of Kemble reporting officer.

Showing a light : Louis Holland of Fairview Chedworth was fined £2 for showing a light at 10.55 on August 9th. PC Hughes reporting officer.

Winifred Porter a maid was fined £1 plus 2/6d costs at the Old Forge Chedworth SC Andrews and PC Hughes reporting officer.

Minnie Grace Pike of the Stores South Cerney at 12.55pm on August 3rd . PC Waldron reporting officer.

Mrs Emily Lane of Victoria Road was fined £2 . PC Trull and PWR Legg reporting officer.

Pilot Officer Richard Gordon Goode was fined £1 for unauthorised lights on his car in Cricklade Street at 10.35pm. PC Trull reporting officer.

Military Welfare

The Army appeals for musical instruments to replace those lost at Dunkirk. They will collect free of charge.

Agriculture / Silage

An article - Silage Comes to Stay

Military Welfare

Battleships and cruisers have their own library but men on destroyers and MTBs , mine sweepers etc do not but are avid readers and can do with and numbers of books and magazines.

Rationing

New Butter Ration

On Monday the butter ration will be reduced to 4oz only for each person.

Letters to the Editor

Rev S Claude Tickell

Going One Worse

The BBC is determined to distress us. They have superseded the churchyard cough with a most distressing sequence of notes separated by a maddening interval.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

ARP

Col Pardoe stresses the necessity of practicing the use of the gas mask as advised by the Ministry of Home Security. A regular practice time once a week say 5minutes on Sunday morning. Children can be terrified by the use if not accustomed. We all need to find out what we can and cannot see efficiently in our gas mask.

7/9/40

Advertising/Propaganda

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Strength and Confidence are necessary in order that we may achieve Victory.

BE STRONG in consistent ADVERTISING you will be doing a National Service.

Agriculture /GWAEC

Machine Hire

Notice

In consultation with Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee the following prices have been agreed for the 1940-1941 season:

Steam tackle engine and drum and 2 men £3-10s per day

Oil sets £3-10s per day

Trusser 10/-, Cutter and man £2-15s

Board money as customary to the district.

Gloucestershire Traction Owners Association Hon Sec W Lampard

Salvage

Kemble Parish Council

A circular letter was read re salvage collection. The Council decided to remain outside of any organised collection as the subject was fully discussed at the annual Parish Meeting.

Casualties / Black Out

Mrs Annie Rose Parker, wife of Mr Lewis Parker a shepherd at Sisters farm Drifffield was killed when in collision with a car driven by Flt Sgt James Thomas Dann of the RAF. The accident occurred on the Norcott Preston Road 300yds from the Preston Toll Bar junction. The car was not travelling far but it was 9.15pm and dusk. Neither Mrs nor Mr Parker had headlights on their bicycles only rear lights. The driver did not see them. The verdict was accidental death.

Advert

Morale / Drink

The price of popularity 9d a pint

Stick to Beer – Stroud Beer and help to pay for the war!

Advert

National Savings

Poster advert

Thrift will help the Nation to win the war.

Now is the time to save.

Put aside regularly all the money you can, but don't keep it in the house. Keep it in the Post Office Savings Bank or Trustees Savings bank. Every shilling saved and deposited is directly helping to win the war – so long as you leave it there your money is safe and handy should you need it. Are You saving all you can?

Advert

Pest Control

A menace as great as the mine – rats.

Rodine kills rats and mice.

Recycling / Gardening

“Save Waste” campaign in the garden. An appeal for gardeners to compost green plants from the garden and roadside hedge clippings.

Advert/ Agriculture

Aubrey Rees

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Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 15

Domestic vacancies 12

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Ciceter Spitfire Fund now stands at £224 a list will be published next week.

Morale

Morale booster article on British attacks on Germany and the use of barrage balloons.

Editorial

National Savings

The editor reports that over £250,000 has been raised in 8 months. Could the town raise even more? Another £125,000 would bring the year's total to £375,000. this would mean an average weekly amount of £7,060 compared with £7,284 for the first 35 weeks.

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BRCS/ARP

BRCS VAD Glos 11 First Aid Lecture No 6 Congregational School Room Dyer Street 13th September 7.30pm .

ARP First Aid Practice Monday 7.15pm at the Mycalex, Ashcroft Road.

Spotlight

ARP

Spotlight admits a rebuke from the Editor for suggesting the Church tower as a siren position. A gale would blow the sound away from everyone. Spotlight says he knew that but wanted to hear official reaction.

Local War Notes / Casualties / POW

Lt Philip Francis Fawkes RN missing presumed killed aboard the Submarine Orpheus.

Pte Handy of the Gloucestershire Regiment reported missing June 18th is now reported as a POW in a Stalag Camp in Germany.

Sgt G trinder of the Royal Engineers from Mill Cottage Welford is now reported as a POW in a Stalag Camp in Germany.

Trooper R Poole of the east Riding Yeomanry reported missing after Dunkirk is now a POW in Germany. He is the youngest of 4 brothers serving in the Army from Rixon Gate Ashton Keynes.

Lance Cpl Hibbert of the Gloucestershire Regiment from Fore Street Ashton Keynes is a POW in Germany. He was wounded, is in hospital soon to be discharged.

Crime

Manslaughter Charge at Cirencester. A second man has been charged with causing public mischief. Both men were committed for trial at Gloucester Assizes. (Long report relating to the death of Pte William Annis)

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Home Front / Food Preservation

Ministry of Food

This Week's Food Facts – How to store carrots – How to dry runner beans and using cauliflower leaves.

Letters to the Editor

National Savings

E T Cripps reports on National Savings

There are 217 Groups in the area. There are 124 in town and 93 in the country villages with 6,083 subscribers. The amount since January 1st is £254,967. Thanks to all who have helped.

Letters to the Editor

P S J Gueterbock (Col) County Welfare Officer of the Gloucestershire T A and A F Association, 2 Beaufort Road, Bristol 8 appeals to people in the area to open up their homes for guests i.e. RAF crews on short rest leave of 48 hours. Some would be accompanied by their wives. This is a totally voluntary affair.

Letters to the Editor

Its British

It is useless to ask Britons not to risk their lives in attempting to save those of Germans no longer able or no longer wishful to endanger those of Britons.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Maggoty Blackberries

Alfred Orst of Handsworth wants to know what can be done to prevent wild blackberries being overrun by maggots. Will the Government develop some sort of spray as this wild crop becomes more important.

WI

Coln Hatherop and Quenington WI

Mr Green BSc FRES gave a talk on Anti Waste and Wild Food in Wartime.

Food Production / Medicine

The Ministry of Health is encouraging the growing of more herbs. Especially belladonna, digitalis, henbane and stramonium.

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Richard L Moon Clerk to the County Council

Rotary / Post Office

Very long report of "The Post Office's Part in the War" Given by the Post Master General Rt Hon W S Morrison to Rotary in Cirencester on Tuesday

Advert

Morale / Drink

This Freedom

Free to live and Free to love

Free to think and Free to rove

Free to drink and Free to choose

What's best – Stroud Beer

"Too good to lose".

Advert

Salvage

Poster advert

Huge Success of salvage Campaign – Housewives ' Fall in' on the march to victory

Paper – It means more ammunition so collect every bit of it, paper is also wanted for many other purposes.

Metal – It means more guns so collect every scrap of it. Tanks, ships, and munitions of all kinds need metal.

Bones – They mean more planes so collect them all. They are wanted , too, for explosives and fertilizers.

Remember always to put out paper metal bones, separately by your dustbin. They will be collected and they will be used. They are wanted urgently. Also food waste for pigs if collected in you district.

Up Housewives and At Em!

Issued by the Ministry of Supply

Medical

Indigestion from War Time meals. The cure Milk of Magnesia Tablets.

ARP

What do I do about my Gas Mask

I never forget that one day it may save my life (and no one can say when that day may come)

So I treat it with care. I give it a good look over from time to time to make sure that the eye

panel is not split or the rubber torn or punctured. And for 15 minutes every week I wear it, to

make certain that it fits properly and to get used to breathing and moving about with it on. I am careful that the carrier in which I keep it is strong enough to protect it from knocks and I take it with me wherever I go.

Cut this out and keep it - Issued by the Ministry of Information. Space presented by the National Brewers Society.

Fund Raising

A collection taken from those visiting a Messerschmitt in Victoria Park, Leicester during the past fortnight amounted to more than £900.

Crime

Mrs Nora Gertrude Lane of Lechlade was fined £5 for sending offensive postcards to cabinet ministers. (full gory details of text given)

Gunner R G Newson of Ashton Keynes was fined 5/- for riding a bicycle without lights. (Swindon Court)

Food Supplies / Bomb Damage

Safeguard Food Against Splintered Glass

Food in houses shops and other buildings which have been damaged by air raids must not be utilised until it has been carefully examined to make certain that it does not contain splintered or powdered glass.

Shopkeepers should in no case sell foodstuffs which have been contaminated by broken glass until it has been inspected by the health Authority

Advert

National Savings

Poster Advert

Illustration of the Union Jack raised by hand with a flaming cross at the top of the flag pole

Join the Crusade

It is now clear that while this struggle is to Nazis a war of conquest, to us it is a Crusade to preserve our freedom and everything that makes life worth living. All we have and are is involved in the outcome. Our patriotic feelings and our private interest unite to impose a single duty on each one of us – the duty of putting everything we can - without reservation – into the struggle. On the financial front victories must be won as decisively as on the fighting front. All who possess or have control of money should place it immediately at the service of the Nation.

Buy National War Bonds 2% (1945-47) a full Trustee Security Price of issue £100 per cent.

Prospectus and application forms available from Banks and Stockbrokers.

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Advert

Retail / Garden Supplies

Gravel, loam, soil available for filling up holes. Can be shot straight in while the weather lasts
– John Smith and Sons Cirencester, Phone 54

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 28

Domestic vacancies 22

Military Welfare / Mothers Union/ Home Guard

The Vicar of Ashton Keynes the Rev R H Wells reports that Ashton Keynes and Leigh Mothers Union are knitting comforts (gloves and balaclavas) for the 81 members of the Home Guard.

Casualties / Home Guard

At Troon in Cornwall a rifle placed against a wall went off through falling to the ground. The bullet killed Henry Collins and wounded Wilfred Orchard and Thomas Mitchell all members of the Home Guard on duty.

Orders for the Week

BRCS/ARP

BRCS VAD Glos11 First Aid Lecture No 6 Congregational School Room Dyer Street 20th
September 7.30pm .

ARP First Aid Practice Monday 7.15pm at the Mycalex, Ashcroft Road.

Local War Notes / POW

Soldiers reported missing now known to be POWs in Germany

Pte F Massey of Bibury

L/Cpl James Watkins No 14 Colesbourne reported missing June 13th Gloucestershire Regiment

Pte F H Houseman of Gloucester Street reported missing June 17th

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Cpls C Haycock and D Williams of the RAF were fined 5/- for having no rear light. SC Allsopp reporting officer

Wilfred Jackson fined £1 for showing a light at 22 Cricklade Street at 10.5pm on August 22nd. PWR Bowles reporting officer.

Frederick William Albert Crowden fined £2 for displaying a light on a car other than one authorised headlamp. There was a purple warning in force at the time. PWR Witts reporting officer.

Fund Raising

The Lord Mayor of London's Red Cross Fund now stands at £3,112,000

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Cirencester's Spitfire Fund now stands at £366. This has still really got into its stride. Mr Tovey Chairman of the UDC was given a copy of "Hitler's Last Appeal to Reason" and will consider offers for the fund.

War Notes

Buckingham Palace and London have been bombed. The RAF have bombed Berlin.

21/9/40

Advert

Retail / Black Out / ARP

Mitchells

ARP Blackout material and anti splinter window nets are constantly arriving. Let us have your orders. We will execute them as promptly as possible. We have stocks at the moment. Mitchells, Castle Street

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Food Production / Pig Club

Cirencester Urban Pig Club

The above, the first in Gloucestershire to operate a communal scheme commences its work next week. The communal scheme will have its piggery in Chesterton Lane in the buildings which have been used as kennels for the Royal Agricultural College beagles. The field has been let by Mr Harry Smith at a moderate rent. The Governors have allowed free use of the buildings subject to their return at the end of the club's life in present condition. The Committee is Mrs W A Chester Master, Oxford House; Mr A S Barnard, Thornton, Whiteway; Mr J Mustoe 22 Albion Street; Mr H Lusty 125 Watermoor Road; Mr F Ponting 8 Siddington Road; Mr W Andrews 83 Watermoor Road; Mr W D Mclay Chairman and Mr J H Wilkinson Hon Sec.

Mr Lusty who has a life long knowledge of pig keeping is to undertake care and oversight. It is intended to keep 40 pigs with a turn over of 80 per annum. It is affiliated with the Small Pig Keepers Council. Being the first in Gloucestershire it is being watched by Lord Bledisloe and others interested in County food production.

Collection and sterilisation of food waste commences on Monday next by the UDC staff at the same time as household refuse collection. Householders are asked to place waste in an old bucket or tin which will be emptied into a special bin on the refuse vehicle.

Waste saved should include bread crusts, stale bread and all material made from flour, waste from vegetables and salads, potatoes and apple peelings, scraps of meat and fish and table leavings generally. It should be kept as dry as possible. Skins of bananas, oranges, lemons, or grapefruit, tea leaves or coffee grounds, salt, soda, soap or bone should not be included. The minimum share is 5/- maximum £2 with interest not exceeding 5%.

Enemy Action / Casualties

Sleeper Killed by Bomb – Cottage Demolished in South West Village
(from other sources this was Ashton Keynes)

A bomb from an enemy plane which hovered over a South West village in the early hours of Monday morning caused the death of Mr Sam Telling and demolished a cottage property. ARPP wardens, the police and other workers extricated the victim from the wrecked cottage but he had died from a broken neck. Mr Telling was retired and had formerly been a groom and was living alone in the house but it is understood that a daughter whose husband has joined up was coming the same day with her two small children to reside with Mr Telling. In one damaged house a blind pensioner was buried under the debris but unhurt. Little of Mr Telling's cottage remains standing save part of an inner wall, bricks and stones being scattered for many yards. Roofs were stripped from nearby cottages and damage done to the roofs of other houses in the vicinity. A second bomb fell in a field of kale near the cottage. "There was no military objective within many miles" (South Cerney?)

The funeral of Mr Telling took place on Thursday afternoon in the village churchyard. It was conducted by the Vicar who gave a short appropriate address. In addition to the family mourners there were representatives of the Civil Defence Services. Floral tributes were sent by relatives and friends there also being a floral tribute from members of the Brotherhood (Bruderhof)

Local War Notes / POW

Men reported missing now known to be POWs in Germany
L/Cpl W Stone pf Gloucestershire Regiment reported missing May 25th of 20 Chester Street Stratton.

Pte Victor Mustoe of North Leach slightly wounded.

Pte John Fletcher of North Leach

Pte Fred Hanks of North Leach

Pte F Fletcher of North Leach Gloucestershire Regiment

Pte Sydney Douglas Harper Gloucestershire regiment of Quenington.

Advert

Retail / Radio

Messer Schmitt for poor results and short service but Messrs Smith of 25 Cricklade Street for Radio and lasting service.

Tel 382 F Smith proprietor

Military Welfare / Jews

Local Sanctuary for Jews

The Pioneer Corps (AMPC) now quartered all over the country is composed of men of various nationalities and religions. A number are Jews and were very generously offered the use of a room at the Congregational Church by Rev Stanley Franklin. Last Friday they held their first service. This letter may publicise the services, also Rev Franklin deserves the

thanks of the men concerned for showing a broad minded Christian spirit. England stands for freedom and religious toleration. Mr Franklin has given voice to this in a concrete form.
Simon Kilby Winchester House, Tower Street

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Fairford Spitfire Fund stands at £105-10s-3d

Advert

Morale / Drink

In this War of Nerves you'll find Stroud Beer a "pillar" of strength.

Kitchen Front / Food Preparation

Ministry of Food

This Week's Food Facts on the Kitchen Front

Making blackberry jam

A grand use for stale bread. Bake the crusts in the oven when you are baking other things.

They make crisp delicious rusks excellent for children's teeth.

Grated carrot sandwiches.

Health Hint – stem vegetables rather than boil, they maintain and conserve the goodness.

Advert

Retail

Service! Anzora master the hair. It won't soil Hats or Pillows 6d 1/3d and 2/3d

Religion / Military Personnel

Cpl Panting of the New Zealand Forces played the organ at Stratton Church for the Harvest Festival.

Advert/ Agriculture

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Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 37

Domestic vacancies 18

Orders for the Week

BRCS / ARP

BRCS First Aid Exam Wednesday Sept 25th at the Congregational School Room Dyer Street.

ARP First Aid Party at the Mycalex are kindly asked to carry civilian respirators when coming on duty. The first Aid Exam will be Friday Sept 27th at 7pm at the Congregational School Room Dyer Street.

Fund Raising / SSAFA

The Sailors Soldiers and Airman's Families Association flag day raised £85-9s

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending September 14th £7,130

Total since 1st January £268,470

WVS / Communal Kitchen

Communal Kitchen ; Gifts Wanted Cirencester WVS are operating a Communal Kitchen for midday meals at the Church Hall early next week and will welcome gifts of fruit and vegetables.

Advert

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Information

Every city town and village in the South West is to have an official notice board for Government orders and statements particularly as the enemy when invading spreads misleading information. They will come under the control of regional Commissioners. Sir Geoffrey Peto Regional Commissioner for the South West may take control over the display of notices. They will be set up at Police and Fire stations, ARP Posts and buildings under the control of the Local Authority. The police will have power to remove unauthorised posters.

War Notes

RAF Batter Invasion Machine. On Sunday the enemy lost 185 machines as against 30 British but 10 British pilots were safe.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Cirencester Spitfire Fund now stands at £450. Mr E F Lock of Preston has given an Oxford Down ram to be auctioned for the fund.

Advert

Finance

Lloyds Bank advert offers advice on Wills in Wartime.

Advert

Pest Control

Sabotage (illustration of a rat a factory and a house)

Remove him with Rodine.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

George Knibb of the RAF fined 10/- for no front white or red rear light in Queen Street at 10.40pm. PC Smith said that the rear light had been put on the front in the absence of the former.

Jack Webber of the RAF no lights fined 10/-. SC Allsopp reporting officer.

David Thornhill Hick of RAF fined 10/- for having unscreened car lights outside the Black Horse. PC Smith reporting officer.

George Stephen Cole was fined £1-17s-6d plus 2/6d costs for showing a light at Brook Lodge South Cerney 10.40pm on August 20th. SC Allsopp reporting officer.

Robert Sturmer Andas fined £1-16s-3d plus 3/6d costs for showing a light at Winson Mill Farm Bibury at 9.55pm on August 18th. SC Greenslade reporting officer.

Robert Crittenden was fined £2 for showing a light at 14 Silver Street 11.30pm on August 24th. PC Trull reporting officer.

Walter Cox of the Flats Chesterton Lane fined £2 at 12.55pm for showing a light while a party was in progress. PWR Witts reporting officer.

Marie Yabsley of 36 Somerford Road was fined £2 for showing a light at 9.34pm on September 1st. The light was spotted by Gilbert A Luker Air Raid Warden.

Harry Beard of 93 Cricklade Street was fined £2 for having a bonfire blazing up at Burford Road. PWR Bowles tried to put it out, but could not. The AFS used 16 2gallon buckets to put it out.

Civilian Casualties / Enemy Action

Deaths

Telling on September 16th at Rixon Gate Ashton Keynes – Samuel Telling aged 80yrs.

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Entertainment / Welfare

Ashton Keynes Parish Hall

Friday October 4th 7pm sharp Grand Variety Entertainment.

One Act Play and Sketches by members of the Ciceter Drama Club supported by Artistes from the Carl Rosa Opera Company and BBC etc. It is in aid of the Ashton Keynes WI Canteen Fund. Admission Reserved 1/6d unreserved 1/- and 6d (HM Forces in uniform ½ price)

Military Personnel / NZ troops / Entertainment

(Long and rather pompous article on the New Zealand Forestry troops)

Covers tree felling in Cirencester Park. There is special reference to Reg Grundy twice the World's Champion Axeman. Three photographs are included ; Reg Grundy, 3 men clearing timber, off to the saw mill – crawler tractor pulling a trunk away.

ARP/Fire Brigade

CRDC

Cirencester RDC Meeting

It was reported that the request for a fire appliance at Lechlade had been turned down as it was thought that the new provision at Fairford would provide adequate cover.

The Ambulance was not standing up well to the higher speeds required. Expert advice was to be sought on reconstructing the existing body on to another chassis as at present it is impossible to obtain a new or second hand ambulance.

Advert

Pest Control

The enemy in our midst routed by Rodine.

Kitchen Front / Food Preparation

Home Management – Miss Switch

Mobilise the rabbit notes include rabbit pie, curried rabbit and rabbit roll.

Also tips on using cornflour and milk instead of egg to bind.

Also removing the fish smell from saucepans by tipping in tea leaves, soaking for 10minutes then scouring.

Advert / Drink

The Resolution of the people. More and more are insisting that they drink only Stroud Beer.

Crime /Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

The Vicar of Kemble fined £1-17-6d plus 2/6d costs for showing a light August 31st during an air raid warning. Rev Bryn Thomas said that SC Purnell was excited and rather rude. Rev Bryn Thomas said he had taken every precaution and would appeal (original text contains more information)

Frederick Walter Morgans of the Kings Head Hotel was fined £1 for showing a light at 10.30pm on August 24th. PC Coates reporting officer.

Harold Webb was fined £1 for showing a light from a grating at 5 The Market Place. PWR Bowles reporting officer.

Alfred Read of Melmore Gardens was fined £1 for showing a light. SC W T Pleass reporting officer.

Agriculture /Silage

Silage Quiz No.4 and answers to No.3

Military Welfare / Morale / Photography

20,000 “Snapshooters “ Wanted.

A League of 20,000 amateur photographers is being recruited so that the Forces men can have snapshots of their families left at home.

Any man in the forces can fill in a YMCA form overseas or at home. The form is sent to London where the YMCA section ask an amateur photographer nearest to the man’s home to take snapshots. Hundreds of amateur photographers are doing this work but thousands more are urgently needed. Any volunteers please write to “Snapshots from Home League” 4 Great Russell Street, London WC1

Small Ads / House Keeping / Evacuation

Would anyone evacuated to the district like to look after a small house for a lady and daughter in a village near Cirencester.

Small Ads / Military Welfare

Will somebody give or lend a wireless set for use by troops in billets ? Write to Box 110 Standard Office.

Small Ads / Retail

Save tea but drink coffee and depend on Prestons for freshly roasted and ground.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 28

Domestic vacancies 17

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Fairford Spitfire Fund now stands at £131-4s-3d

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending September 21st £6,012

Total since 1st January £274,482

Sport / Football

Present conditions make it impossible to run Cirencester and District Football League and Hospital Cup competition this coming season. The league will provide officials for clubs to hold matches especially any connected with H M Forces. Contact Mr A Shipway 18 Siddington Road.

Advert /Finance

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

War News / Propaganda

Report on famous bombed churches in London. An American report suggests at the present rate it will take 40 years for the Luftwaffe to win the war.

Crime / Blackout

Cirencester Petty Sessions (continued)

William Thomas Yeatman of Charfield Oxford had his case dismissed but 4/- costs for having no authorised headlamp. (one more lamp than allowed). PC Coates and PS Howkins reporting officers. A Lechlade Home Guard member had said it was all right.

Thomas Cole of Cheltenham Road was fined £1 for side lights not being dimmed. PC Coates reporting officer.

Michael John Hickman of Maiseyhampton was fined £1 for side lights not being dimmed. PWR Legg reporting officer.

Noel Horatio Abbott of Brimpsfield was fined 10/- for not immobilising his motor bike. PCs Cox and Smith reporting officers. The motor bike had run out of petrol and had been left in a ditch.

For the same offence with cars Maurice Charles Willes of Ladbarrow, Aldsworth and Richard George Clarke of Upper Minety were fined £1. PCs Morgan and Jefferies reporting officers.

“Carry on” was the decision of Cirencester Petty sessions on Wednesday morning when an air raid warning was sounded.

War News / Propaganda

A report that the Japanese have been training bees to carry microscopic messages on rice paper to operate like carrier pigeons. They have a tiny harness. Celebrated scientist Yamagata is in charge and the bees are imported from the USA.

Advert

Retail / Radio

Messer Schmitt for poor results and short service but Messrs Smith of 25 Cricklade Street for Radio and lasting service.

Tel 382 F Smith proprietor

Advert

Photography / Black Out

W Dennis Moss, photographer is restricting opening hours due to blackout restrictions.

ARP / Air Raid Warnings

Colonel Pardoe describes the current Air Raid warning system.

When enemy aircraft approach this country their movements are reported by trained observers throughout the country. Reports are sent straight to HQ of Fighter Command where they are plotted on a central chart. With the information at hand Fighter Command judge the course and targets they decide to warn.

- (1) Yellow warning which is confidential to all over whom the raiders will probably pass. This is transmitted then to all who have to be on the alert. Often these come nought as the raiders are beaten off or have changed course.
- (2) The purple message is issued at night to areas in the course of the raiders. All exposed lights on docks and transport undertakings must be put out. The police have the right to direct motorists to turn off headlights.
- (3) The red message is a public warning when sirens are sounded so that the public can take shelter. It is only sent to areas where it is thought an attack will develop.

There are also white messages cancelling all previous ones, in the case of (3) the raiders passed signal may be given.

Fighter Command must use its discretion. The factories must continue to work so there will be risk. Local systems would not work Fighter Command have all the information. We are therefore bound to have some bombs without warnings and some warnings without bombs.

ARP / Air Raids

What do I do if raids are frequent in my district?

I don't go out of doors unless I must. I go to bed early and if possible put my bed on the ground floor. I see that I have sand (or earth) in case of fire. I procure a stirrup pump. I know that it is my duty to take precautions, even though so far I have been more fortunate than others in escaping danger.

Cut this out and keep it - Issued by the Ministry of Information. Space presented by the National Brewers Society.

Agriculture / GWAEC

Food Production

Important Notice to farmers

The Ministry require the County to plough a further 45,000 acres. A survey will be taken. Milk supply must be maintained. Potatoes acreage is to be raised from 2,500 to 8,000 acres. This will be allocated to farmers by the survey.

R Boutflour Chief Executive Officer GWAEC

Berkeley House

At a meeting of the above on Monday an all out offensive against rabbits and rats was declared. The worst areas for rats were Dursley and the Cirencester RDC refuse tips. On one estate 1,000 rabbits were killed between June 15th and July 25th.

CUDC Meeting

Fund Raising / ARP / Salvage / Rationing

Spitfire Fund – it was agreed to form a small representative committee. Also to hold a flag day after poppy day. Col Payley was not in favour of the fund.

Mr Berkeley said that there had been 152 applicants in response to the advertisement for shelters.

Salvage given work out at an average of £7 value per 1,000 population per month in line with the national average.

The Food Control Committee – Licences were granted to retailers 225, butchers 19 catering establishments 23 cooked meat shops 49, premises registered as institutions including boarding schools 8, premises registered as residential 14.

2nd issue of Ration Books – 9,040 adults 857 children made at the end of June. Registration to date : meat 15,520, butter and margarine 17,300, bacon 17,508, sugar 17,449, cooking fats 15,314 total 83,000. A large number of other facts included special allowances of tea for canteens for the troops, office tea special permits. Also permits for ARP, Home Guard and Fire Brigade personnel. It was decided to refer back the matter of methods of providing minimum street lighting this Winter.

Local War News / POW

Cpl R H Tanner of the Gloucestershire Regiment of Barrington Downs, Eastleach reported Missing June 13th is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

Home Guard

Lechlade

Between 30 and 40 members of the Home Guard paraded to the Parish Church for a special service. They presented a smart appearance in their new uniforms under then direction of Messrs Child and Griffin.

National Service

Article stating that _ There is still room for more in the RAF and WAAF.

Kitchen Front / Food Preparation

For Women Readers – Emergency Meals

An article on sandwiches and salads and the use of green vegetables.

Advert

Retail / Radio

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Tel 382 F Smith proprietor

Home Guard

The following message from Sir Anthony Eden has been sent to all members of the Home Guard in Britain :

“ On the anniversary of the outbreak of war I wish to offer my warmest congratulations to all members of the Home Guard upon the rapid growth and progress of the force. The duties of the Home guard are many and diverse. But however exacting these duties have been and wherever they have been performed the same spirit of devotion and loyalty has been everywhere manifest. Already during the intensive operations of the past weeks upon the Home Front the Home guard has had opportunities to prove its capacity for service. The Country has good reason to be grateful to men who are devoting all the time that they can to give essential service”.

The message has been received with quiet but undisguised satisfaction by the Home Guard all over the Country. Since its inception whilst there has been little change in its organisation the Home Guard duties and responsibilities have increased out of all knowledge and include not only the maintenance of observation posts and the potential defence of every square yard of ground under their supervision but also traffic control and the guarding of vulnerable points. Training has progressed with the more rapid supply of equipment and arms, and Sunday classes are now a prominent feature of the Home Guard routine. These are organised and constructed by regular officers and NCOs who have volunteered their services to help in a good cause and the five hour curriculum comprises the care of arms, simple drill, movements in extended order, musketry, duties of sentries, handling and operating of bombs, grenades and mines and message and simple map reading.

Rationing

Butter ration reduced to 2ozs per head. The allowance for catering establishments is A twelfth of an ounce per person per meal served out of the total butter and margarine allowance of ¼ oz.

The meat ration from 30th September will increase from 1/10d per head per week to 2/-.

Retail / Post Office / ARP

The postmaster General announces that the Post Offices will stay open after the sounding of public sirens until the second warning indicating imminent local danger.

Morale / Home Guard

Mr Sensible's column includes a fictitious incident with the Home Guard . Moralising.

5/10/40

Letters to the Editor

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Munday and Fowles Ltd, 9 Long Street Tetbury announce the setting up a Spitfire Fund for Tetbury.

Letters to the Editor

Allotments / Dig for Victory

F C Wood of 11 Kingsmead appeals for further allotment holders and advises prospective holders to join the Cirencester Food Production Club to obtain seed potatoes and fertilizer all of which will be more scarce next year. Subscription is 1/- per year. Now Autumn is time to start cultivating a new allotment. “Do come on Cirencester! Let us all join heartily in the

'Dig for Victory' campaign and let us adopt as our motto for next season "Not an allotment vacant – all growing seeds, not weeds!" The secretary is Mr Biddle.

Letters to the Editor

Military Welfare

Captain G W Jaggard PRO Southern Command appeals for surplus fruit as an addition to mess supplies.

Home Guard

Home Guard Parade in Cirencester (includes 3 photos)

Earl Bathurst inspecting the ranks. Earl Bathurst taking the salute both photos taken in the Park.

On the return : Home Guard officers : Lt Col B W Robinson MC and Maj J Gordon Dugdale MVO. DSO. MC. Councillors A J Matthews, W G Tovey Chairman CUDC E Newcombe, Brig Gen E R Hankey CB. DSO. S Boulton and H J Smith standing on the steps of the Barracks.

Report :

Save in twos and threes as they went to or left spells of duty on guard or patrol Cirencester has seen nothing of its contribution to the personnel of the Home Guard until last Sunday when Cirencester Company held its first Church Parade. Not many we think were prepared to see a parade of the size and smartness of that presented on Sunday morning when prior to their departure for the Parish Church the Company was inspected by Colonel Earl Bathurst CMG. who took the salute as they marched off.

The Chedworth Silver Band under Bandmaster J Lawrence headed the parade which was piloted by PS Howkins Cirencester, PC Morgan North Cerney and PC Waldron South Cerney or ex servicemen.

Sunday was the day of Harvest Festival at the Parish Church and the festival naturally provided the main theme of the address given by the Vicar Cannon L Westmacott who however also made appreciative references to the work of the HM Forces and no less to the work of the Home Guard and ARP Services and others engaged in the war effort.

After the service the parade returned to the place of assembly giving a salute to the Chairman and members of the Council and Home Guard officers already gathered there. Before the parade was dismissed. Mr Wilson G Tovey Chairman of the CUDC briefly addressed the men. Mr Tovey said I would like to thank you very much on behalf of the UDC for inviting us to attend your parade this morning and also for the compliment you have just paid us.

You of the ARP associated with the Fire Fighting Services are members of organisations which are the admiration of the civilised world, and, should you through invasion or bombardment be called upon we feel sure that you are trained and ready for any emergency. And thanks to your devotion to duty in the past months, I think it is safe to say that the Home Guard has beaten all records in the world's history. At your country's call you voluntarily enlisted and in a few weeks over 1½ million men were detailed for duty. In this the Ciceter Company played a splendid part and you must have been very gratified to receive the congratulations of the Minister of War a few days ago. You must feel specially proud that you have incurred the wrath and the resentment of the two dictators that we are fighting and if the invasion or other necessities require your attention we know that you can be relied upon to play a noble part. Gentlemen on behalf of the Council, I wish you all the very best of luck and God speed.

Advert

Drink / Invasion

Invasion

The places where invasion is reported are the inns and hotels where Stroud Beer is supplied.

Salvage

The Ministry of Supply state that used gramophone records can be converted into valuable war material and that Britain ought to be saving 6 million records a year.

ARP / Gas Masks

ARP Notice – Tetbury residents are asked to go to the assembly rooms of the White Hart with their respirators to have the new Contex fitted.

Agriculture / Silage

Silage Quiz No. 4

Advert

Shortages

Part of Aubrey Rees Advert. Barbed wire. We regret that for the time being we are unable to supply. Why not invest in an HIS electrical fencing unit.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 14

Domestic vacancies 23

Spotlight

Entertainment

Spotlight notes that there is no Cirencester Band in existence. There will be no Mop fairs and Bonfire night again.

Kitchen Front

Food Preparation

The Ministry of Food

This Week's Food Facts

Soup for Air Raids, Scalloped Potatoes and the National Milk Scheme

Orders for the Week

ARP

The ARP First Aid party will meet every Monday till further notice at the Mycalex Works Ashcroft Road 7.15pm for bandage and respirator practice.

Evacuation /Evacuee Hospital

The Evacuation hospital acknowledges gifts of fruit, vegetables, toys and books.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund /Children

Spitfire Fund

Last Saturday evening children on the Bowling Green estate put up a "Circus" to entertain their elders and raised 18/- for the Spitfire Fund. The organisers were Harold and Tony Adams and Cyril Smith. The parts were as follows: ring master Cyril Smith, Tarzan Ronald Smith, clowns Harold and Tony Adams, fortune tellers, Iris Charles and Mary Adams, wizard Brian Clarke, Popeye Kenneth Prior, sales attendant Anne Adams.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund / Children

A group of children (names given) toured Siddington singing to the accompaniment of a piano accordion. They raised £7-8s-6d for Siddington Spitfire Fund.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund /Children

Our Bazaar

Passers by in Chesterton Lane last Saturday were surprised – and not a little amused – to find a “Bazaar” set out on the pavement somewhere between Somerford Road and the railway bridge (note censorship). Here was a chance to buy all sorts of goods edible and otherwise and on a separate stall a wide assortment of flowers, vegetables and fruit or to have a lucky dip. Not all the passers –by were surprised however for some had been advised by notices slipped through their letter box that the Bazaar would be held. Those who stopped to buy or try their luck in the dip were “invited to place their money in a box labelled Ciceter Spitfire Fund. The stall holders were Deidre May aged 11 and her two neighbours Pat and Penny Mate, aged 8 and 7. The idea was their own and first took shape by the investment of all the pocket money they could raise in goods for the lucky dip. Afterwards their toy cupboards were ransacked for books and toys and household stores were raided for other goods. Then a personal canvass secured goods in plenty for the produce stall. Finally notices were written and personally distributed. Youthful optimism prevailed against adult scepticism and raised £2-3s.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Cirencester’s Spitfire Fund stands at £609-14s-5d

War News

War News reports widespread raids on Germany

Advert

Photography / Black Out

W Dennis Moss, photographer is restricting opening hours due to blackout restrictions.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Large Notice – Cirencester’s Spitfire Fund £4,391 more wanted by November 2nd. This fund will close – definitely on Saturday November 2nd. The amount received up to midday on Thursday October 3rd was £609 leaving £4,391 to be raised for the purchase of a Spitfire fighter plane – the dread of the Nazi bombers. Contributions may be paid at principal Shops and Licensed Houses in the town and facilities are being provided for receiving subscriptions in the villages. Subscriptions may also be paid at either of the Cirencester Banks, Lloyds, Midland or Barclays – or to the Chairman of Cirencester UDC Mr W G Tovey, Market Place Cirencester.
Spitfires up means Nazis down!

Evacuation / Communal Feeding and Accommodation

Care of Evacuees – Cirencester Communal Kitchen and Hostel

Valuable work of the WVS (not verbatim)

We announced a fortnight ago that the WVS would open a communal kitchen for adult evacuees now in the town. This opened on Thursday last week the Church Hall being requisitioned for the purpose and is open every day including Sundays. Here a hot meat lunch with vegetables and with a pudding and cup of tea to follow can be obtained at 9d for adults

6d for children. So far the average attendance for the midday meal has been 50 per day and so far as can be gathered everyone has been exceedingly pleased with the meal provided. Everything including the cooking is done voluntarily.

Next Monday it is hoped to open a social centre where mothers and children can spend their afternoons. Also at the Church Hall staffed by Cirencester WI who are assisted by the WVS. for this garden chairs and other comfortable seating accommodation is sought. It is hoped to run a buffet at this centre with tea and buns if it is shown to be required.

The latest venture is the provision of Hostel accommodation at Chesterfield School. This opened last Saturday and has proved very convenient. It provides 48hr accommodation for evacuees arriving late in the day pending permanent billets. The WVS would be pleased to receive gifts of fruit, vegetables, rabbits and so forth for the communal kitchen, such gifts are being a great help.

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.

Crime /Black Out

Cycling without lights :

Sgt Albert Fletcher RAF was fined 7/6d plus 2/6d costs. SC Allsopp reporting officer.

Cyril Spencer Goble RAF was fined 7/6d plus 2/6d costs. PC Waldron reporting officer.

George White of Siddington was fined 7/6d plus 2/6d costs. SC Robinson reporting officer.

No rear lights:

4RAF men Peter Field, Lewis Smith, Eric T Carter and Reg Morgan fined 5/- each. SC Allsopp and PC Waldron reporting officer.

Unauthorised car lights:

Lionel W Kent of Beacon farm Frampton Mansell fined £1. PWR Witts reporting officer.

This took place at the junction of Tetbury and Stroud roads with an air raid warning in progress.

John Cavendish of Gosditch House, fined £1. PC Trull reporting officer.

Showing a light from a house:

Henry Henley fined £1 for showing a light at Uperup South Cerney at 10.35pm August 30th. PC Allsopp reporting officer.

Llewellyn Owen fined £5 for showing a light at Poole Keynes at 9.10pm on September 11th. He had been given previous warnings. SC Messenger reporting officer.

Walter frank Bennett fined £1 for showing a light at Broadway Cottages South Cerney at 11.25pm . PC Allsopp reporting officer.

Mr Robert William Ellett, Magistrate Clerk read the indictment against himself for showing a light at Stratton Rise. He was fined £2 as there had been a previous warning. SCs Harvey and Short reporting officers.

WI / Mothers Union

Home Guard / Kitchen Front

Ashton Keynes WI have made 700lbs of jam and the Mothers Union have knitted 81

Balaclavas for the Home Guard.

North Cerney WI are to have cookery classes on Tuesdays starting on Tuesday October 8th.

12/10/40

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's 20 Crickalde Street

Evacuation / Welfare

The Ministry of health reminds Local Authorities to establish clothing funds for evacuees.

The WVS is to help in setting up relief depots. The cost of the clothing is to be recovered from the evacuee's parents or Assistance Boards in cases of hardship. Teachers will act as go between parents and evacuee authorities.

Advert / Finance

The Midland Bank Advertisement includes Wills and Trusts in Peace are War!

Advert

Pest Control

Enormous Rat Casualties – inflicted by Rodine

Advert

Drink

“All Bright” – always brightens the Black Out
Stroud Beer

Advert / Kitchen Front

OXO Strengthens the Home Front

Advert

ARP / Black Out

Article advert on Dufaynet a combination of netting and transparent film which is glued to windows.

Advert

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Part of Aubrey Rees Advert. Barbed wire. We regret that for the time being we are unable to supply. Why not invest in an HIS electrical fencing unit.

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Advert

Kitchen Front / Food Preparation

(poster advert)

Let Your Shopping Help Our Shipping!

Let Our Demonstrations Help Your Cooking!

It is our desire to assist you with your cooking problems this Winter and help you plan your meals to avoid food waste.

We invite you to the Gas Cookery Demonstrations at the Congregational School Room Dyer Street.

Syllabus

Wednesday October 16th at 3pm – Rabbit Cookery – remember rabbits are unrationed

Wednesday October 30th at 3pm – Milk – some ways of using Nature's Best Food

Admission Free Demonstrations by Miss E Carter – Cirencester Gas Company.

Morale / Propaganda

Article on Anti Aircraft Guns and procedures and the caprices of the English Channel

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending October 5th £6,740

Total since 1st January £288,322

Entertainment / Sport / Military Welfare / Censorship

Football Army eleven 3 versus Cirencester Town 4. The match was played on Saturday at the camp ground. Scorers for the Town Stopforth 2 Tenty 2 (military scorers not given)

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

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Spitfires up means Nazis down!

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

The following all received fines of £1 for offences against the Black Out Regulations :

Frederick Heath, 12 Melmore Gardens

Dorothy French, Whitegates Chedworth

Margaret Edith, Somerfield 12 The Market Place

Harold J L Chambers, Querns Hill

Mr V Divine, Beresford House

The cases were brought by : SCs Richards, Greenwood, Bayliss, Hart and Boulton PWR

Bowles PC Hughes and PC Trull

The following were fined 10/- for cycling without lights :

Joan Muriel Cuff, Oaksey

John Kenneth Power, RAF

Mathew Cuthbertson, Gloucester Street

Charles Allen, RAF

James Langford, RAF

John Hughes, RAF

Olive Betty Hine, Daglingworth

Marjorie Ruth Newcombe, Ashcroft Road

The cases were brought by : SCs Phillip, King, Messenger, Allsopp, Smith and PCs Waldron and Holtham.

Cars parked without lights: Samuel Hoskins a farmer was fined £1 for improper side lights in Castle Street. Reporting officer PC Trull
James Dann of RAF was fined 10/- for a similar offence reported again by PC Trull.
Dann phoned to say that he would not be in court for the hearing because his car had broken down but he “hoped to be there on time to pay the fine”. But he wasn’t!

Spotlight

Evacuation / ARP

Spotlight writes on the general success of the evacuation and says how there is confusion about the use of the All Clear instead of the Raiders Passed at the end of Air Raids. All Clear is only to be used in the case of the use of gas.

War News / Morale / Aircraft

An article on the “Albacore” Britain’s latest Dive Bomber.

Morale

In Mr Sensible’s column he has a religious thought “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee”. He centres on this as a sailor’s thoughts on a destroyer in a raid.

Salvage / Village Dumps

The Minister of Supply says that village dumps are a great thing. 3,800 volunteers look after 8,000 dumps which have already collected 12,000 tons of scrap.

Advert

National Savings

(poster advert)

Shopping for the Whole Family

(Illustration of a basket containing bread, vegetables, a Spitfire and a cannon barrel)

Once the family budget concerned just you and your family – shoes for the children, a holiday by the sea, a dress for the wife, food for you all. But now your family budget has to help buy guns, tanks and planes to defend a bigger family. The family of Britain. We are all pooling our money to defend our British family, here and overseas, as a whole. Every penny every shilling every pound you save and lend to the Nation is your contribution to the defence of your home and the homes of all. And every extra sacrifice you can make brings nearer the day when we can pass from defence to attack from attack to victory. Spend as little as you can. Save as much as you can. Be a stern and wise Chancellor of the family Exchequer. Save regularly week by week. Go to the Post Office or you bank and put your money into Defence Bonds, Savings Certificates or National War Bonds or deposit your savings in the Post Office or Trustees Savings Bank. Join a savings group and make others join with you.

Agriculture / Food Waste

Practical Farming by A Lancaster Smith

The article includes castigation of the Military Authorities for throwing away loaves and half loaves into camp swill when a householder is liable to a fine for giving his dog a crust. Such bread is often sold by the truck-load to dealers. Is there one law for civilians in this matter and one for the military? “It makes me tired to hear these urgent appeals over the air to economise on bread, because one slice of bread wasted a day means umpteen ship’s cargoes

annually, that have to be brought here by the valiant efforts of our merchant seamen, if at the same time evidence is available of flagrant waste.”

Welfare / BRCS

A report of the Red Cross's work in Gloucestershire includes the response to the request for large houses for Convalescent Homes. So far four have been adapted and are ready or nearly ready with 221 beds. 300 beds are still required in the County. No patients have yet arrived.

ARP

What do I do if my home is made uninhabitable by a bomb?

I ask a warden or a Policemen to direct me to the allotted Rest Centre. If I have relatives or friends to whom I can go I apply to the Public Assistance Authority for a travel voucher. If my home is completely destroyed, I go to the Town Hall or consult the Local Authority to see if and when temporary repairs can be done. If I have become separated from my family or my children and cannot find them, I ask for help at the nearest Citizens Advice Bureau or Police Station. (The Rest Centre or the Police will supply all the addresses)

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Religion / Welfare

Ashton Keynes

The Ashton Keynes Vicar spoke at a Church Parade on “God Bless the Lads” quite 100 failed to get in. On Sunday evening the parish Hall was packed with men (troops). The Vicar entertained by showing slides and talking about authors of six favourite hymns. The congregation sang them during the proceedings. The WI held a concert in the Parish Hall in aid of their canteen fund. The canteen is working very well. £10 was raised.

Letters to the Editor

Crime / Black Out / Welfare

Long letter from the Rev Bryn Thomas Vicar of Kemble defending himself over his recent conviction for a Black Out offence. In it he says that he has had to close the Vicarage Room where comforts were given and the Village Hall until they comply with the Order stating “illumination” is not to be visible from outside the building Section 1A. “to entrust the Lighting Order to a Special Constable whose standard of intelligence is not even tested before he is enrolled, is to open the floodgates to the Gestapo spirit.

ARP / Black Out

Home Management Corner Miss Switch

Black Out but not in . Do you remember last Winter's Black Out, blue bulbs, black paper shades tripping over things in the gloom – and the eye strain. We've learnt a lot since then. She advises the use of bright lights and curtains indoors so long as permanent black out is in operation.

19/10/40

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

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

Agriculture / GWAEC

Thatching of ricks - The attention of GWAEC has been called to the presence of many unthatched ricks in the County and notice is hereby given that unless the owners of such ricks take immediate steps to have them thatched the committee will be obliged to take action.

Richard L Moon Hon Sec GWAEC

Advert / Retail

ARP / Black Out

Bailey Bros advert

Fined £2 That's what happens when your Black Out isn't good enough with the promise of a more severe penalty in the future! What a lot of Black Out material reliable and efficient material you could buy for £2 – for much less than £2 at Bailey Bros. Here are some lines you can rely on to save that fine.

Black Italian – 44” wide 1/11³/₄d yd - 50” wide 3/6d yd

Black Rexine – 36” wide 2/11¹/₂d yd

Green Rexine – 50” wide 2/11¹/₂d yd

Curtain rings, expanding rails and other accessories in plentiful supply.

A proper Black Out is going to be important this Winter – very important.

It goes against the grain to pay a fine and then have to buy the proper material too. Better do the job properly at the start.

Closing Hours

Till further notice Bailey Bros establishment will be closed each day between 1pm and 2pm and will close at 7 pm on Saturdays.

Bailey Bros Cirencester 266

ARP

Home Management Corner – Miss Switch

Make your refuge a home from home.

Tips on improving your refuge room. Rely on electricity for light, warmth, refreshment and hot water. “Although a refuge room is essentially practical it can be made to look cheerful with distemper and bright paints and possibly even a picture or so.”

Advert

Drink / Morale

All Bright

The Brightest Brew for the Black Out

Stroud of Course!

Advert

Patriotism/ Military Welfare

Pears Soap

The British Empire

Beyond Britain lies the mighty power of the British Commonwealth of nations 500,000,000 peoples unitedly preparing to strike the decisive counter blow for victory. Wherever the British flag is hoisted there too will found men from the Mother Country brothers in arms with the Empire Forces waiting for the command. If you have a son, husband, father or friend serving overseas. Think of him today. Send him a Pears Service Pack. He will find it a supremely useful gift.

Send him a Service Pack wherever he is. Pears “Special” Service Pack contains two 5d cakes of soap; a 1/3d Golden Shaving Stick and a 1/3d tin of solid Brilliantine price 3/4d

packed in a strong container free and labelled ready for posting to any part of the Empire.
From your usual retailer.

Advert

Pest Control

Sabotage – remove him with Rodine

Agriculture / Rationing

Farmers and others in agriculture are reminded to apply now for their motor fuel allowances for use in November and December.

Advert

Shortages

Part of Aubrey Rees Advert. Barbed wire. We regret that for the time being we are unable to supply. Why not invest in an HIS electrical fencing unit.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 5

Domestic vacancies 17

Black Out

Summer Time ends on the night of the 16th – 17th November

Sport / Military Welfare

Football

Cirencester Town defeated an Army team 16 – 1. Goals for the Town were Rimes 8, Stockwell 3, Tenty 2, Cowley, Merchant and Glead.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending October 12th £6,475

Total since 1st January £294.797

Evacuation / Medical

The Evacuee Hospital acknowledges gifts.

Military Welfare / Knitting

A sock knitting competition was judged by Mrs Dugdale and Mrs Maxwell. Miss Dean of the Querns won. 52 pairs of socks will be sent to the Observer Corps near Dover. Another competition is underway to provide gloves, helmets, scarves and socks for Free French Forces.

Advert/ Food Production

New laid Eggs from House scraps – get 5 eggs per bird per week by using kitchen waste and Karswood Spice 2½d 7½d 1/3d Karswood Poultry Spice

Advert

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Cirencester Spitfire Fund – By permission of the OC 11th Forestry Company NZ Engineers Lt Col J G Elliott

A New Zealand Sports Exhibition in Major Dugdale's Grounds, The Abbey Cirencester will be given Saturday October 26th Commencing 2pm
Bushmen's Sports – NZ Axemen in chopping competition – Sawmen in thrilling action
Rugby Football – 'NZ's Winter Sport'
Watch this space for full details next week.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Cycle light offences:

No lights - Norman Holt fined 10/-. PC Jefferies reporting officer

No rear light – Cendl Lewis at 11.10pm September 28th Ashcroft Road fined 5/-

PC Jefferies reporting officer.

Showing a light:

Christopher J Gowans of Warrens Gorse Cottage for showing a light at 8.50pm September 26th fined 17/6d plus 2/6d costs. SC Clarke of Daglingworth reporting officer.

Mrs Olwen Rimes of 24 Overhill Road for showing a light at 9.45pm September 28th fined £1
SC Short of Daglingworth reporting officer.

Letters to the Editor

National Savings / Black Out

(not verbatim)

In order for collectors for street groups to get around in the Black Out they will work on their free afternoon (Thursday half closing day?) so please reduce their time by (1) Having your subscription and books ready. (2) Do not delay them. (3) Remember some have 50 to 100 calls to make. Their work so far in 4 months has raised £4,000 in small subscriptions from 3d upwards.

Letters to the Editor

Fund Raising / Military Welfare

Cirencester Working Party – Total donations so far this year £163-11s-6d. The Party has made 2,000 knitted and other garments. We still want pullovers for the Navy, Army and Air Force, helmets, gloves, socks, mittens and seaboot stockings, but the RAF has a first claim on our gratitude.

Lilias Bathurst

Morale / RAF

Long morale boosting article on "British Bombers Take the Offensive".

Advert

Finance

Lloyds Bank advert offers advice on Wills in Wartime.

POW Welfare / Red Cross

The service for personal parcels for POWs suspended in July has now been restored. One every 3 months will now be allowed through the Red Cross.

ARP/ Rationing/ Restrictions

Restrictions on the purchase of certain items have been lifted to local authorities to supply shelters and those who are bombed out. They include : gloves, knitwear and hosiery of all kinds, floor covering, pottery and glass and wicker furniture. Open license has already been

given for local authorities to buy mattresses. The supply of infants clothes was released from October 1st by the Woven Textile Order. The open license now issued permits the supply to local authorities of glass replacement fabric made from lace. All woven cotton and rayon supplied to local authorities was exempted by the Woven Textile Order.

Kitchen Front / Food Preparation

Ministry of Food

This week's Food Facts – A light supper dish (fish and celery casserole)

How to make a Hay Box cooker

Said Mrs A to Mrs B

“Your meals have such variety!

In vain for new ideas I hunt –

I can't think how you do it!”

Said Mrs B to Mrs A

“At 8.25am each day

I listen in to Kitchen Front

And after that, go to it!”

Advert

Retail / Finance

Ormonds

Buy now and save.

Ormonds point out that new Purchase Tax will come in on October 21st.

Institutes and Guilds

Coln Hatherop and Quenington

Mrs Shipley gave a talk on “Living in London at the present time”.

26/10/40

Advert / Finance

The Midland Bank Advertisement includes Wills and Trusts in Peace are War!

Advert

Drink / Morale

All Bright Always in the Black Out

Makes Light of Dull Moments

Advert / Kitchen Front

OXO Strengthens the Home Front

Military Welfare / Tobacco

The Treasury has granted permission for 4ozs of tobacco to be sent duty free to H M Forces abroad.

ARP

Windows and Air Raids

E L bird of the Research and Experimental Department of Home Security gives tips on protecting glass during raids. Curtain net or cotton sheet stuck on is good but gluing is difficult when the windows are steamy.

Wire mesh (when you can get it) is good.

Leaded lights tend to bulge rather than break. Criss-cross sticky tape has a similar effect.

Open or loose windows stand blast better.

Shutters give good protection if tied across with strong elastic e.g. old innertube.

In quiet country places windows may be glazed quickly. In other places flexible glass substitute at 1/6d to 5/- a square yard may be used. The cheapest is cotton or linen painted with boiled linseed oil or varnish. You cannot see out but light comes in and no wind.

Military Welfare

Gilbert Frankau appeals for comforts on behalf of his old regiment the Royal Artillery.

ARP

What do I do – these evenings before going to bed?

I turn off the gas at the main. I leave some water in the bath. I also fill a bucket and leave it handy, together with a bucket of sand or fine earth. I may need, and have near me, my gas mask. If I can, I leave additional clothing with a friend, as a further precaution. I put a pair of out-door shoes and a warm coat by my bed in case of sudden emergency.

Cut this out and keep it - Issued by the Ministry of Information. Space presented by the National Brewers Society.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 10

Domestic vacancies 27

Morale / Propaganda

Why he joined

A London Pacifist whose mother and sister were killed has joined up as an air gunner. "I want to get after the so and sos who did that."

Morale / Propaganda

Morale boosting long article

British women are defying danger. "Divinely Foolhardy" records of heroics by women, WAAFs, ambulance drivers etc.

Advert

Pest Control / Food Supply

Don't let Rats share your rations.

Don't let rats waste or contaminate food. If these pests invade your home you can quickly clear them out with RODINE the world's most effective method.

Rationing

Your Bacon Ration – reduced stocks are leading to further restrictions. Coupons are now needed for fore and gammon hocks. (see article for details)

Advert

Shortages

Part of Aubrey Rees Advert. Barbed wire. We regret that for the time being we are unable to supply. Why not invest in an HIS electrical fencing unit.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 7

Domestic vacancies 20

Finance

Any complaints about the new Purchase Tax (i.e. stock prior to October 21st with tax added) should be sent to the South West Price Regulation Committee Albion Chambers, Bristol.

Rationing / Invasion / Christmas

The Ministry of Food Advises housewives to store one week's extra food. This preparation for emergencies is not hoarding. The store should include; flour for one week's bread and a tin of baking powder, some whole wheat or other good hard biscuits, cereals, coffee and cocoa. If possible a little sugar and tea from the family ration should be put aside. Canned food, fish is especially useful, vegetables and best specimens of apples and pears store well. There will be little of pre war fruit and vegetables from abroad this Christmas so save some from the garden.

Christmas will be a time of "happy returns" Husbands sons and daughters will be on leave, prepare now for their welcome home meals. There are still some dried fruits available enough to make a limited number of Christmas puddings mincemeat and other festive fare.

Evacuation

Billeting - "Use All Powers"

The West Country in particular is affected by the important announcement about compulsory billeting powers and the use of empty houses for evacuees which has been made by the Minister of Health.

Mr Malcolm MacDonald has asked all local authorities to use the compulsory billeting powers without fear or favour when necessary and to make fullest use of empty houses. Overcrowding must be avoided. It had been reported to the Ministry that some small houses were billeted to the full extent while there were none in large houses. Billeting Officers should take any action necessary to secure fair distribution.

Widest use should be made of empty houses to reduce the maximum calls on householders and so that evacuee mothers can have their own "home". In larger houses where several families are accommodated together a paid social worker can take charge. Local authorities should watch adverts of empty properties and requisition any which are required.

Advert

National Savings

(advert taking up a lot of print space perhaps replacing censored material)

Your Money will be safe and always handy

Better be safe than sorry so don't keep by you more money than you actually need. It is not safe. Do not run the risk of loss or destruction by keeping it in your home. In these uncertain days you never know what might happen.

You may have to face sudden evacuation, your job may take you to another district, your house may be damaged in an air raid – all these things are happening NOW to people all over the country.

If your money is in the Post Office or trustees saving Bank it will be safe. You can then be sure of withdrawing your money wherever you are. Look after your bank book and carry it with you wherever you go.

Put your money in the Post Office savings bank or A trustees Saving Bank.

Entertainment / Dance / Military Welfare

Entertainment / Requisitions

Military to Free many Village Halls

The War Office have requested that the Military Quarters Officials in the South West refrain where possible this Winter from using village halls. This will allow them to be used for social functions and entertainment, Ministry of Information films and lectures. All helping to keep up village morale amongst residents, evacuees and to entertain the troops. Where necessary the military use should be restricted to daytime for dining and lecture rooms. Applications for films where audiences of 50 are guaranteed in six South West Counties to the Film Officer Ministry of Information 15 Belgrave Road Bristol.

National Savings

A Way to happiness

Sir Robert Kindersley appealing for village National Savings Group collectors points out advantages of the social side of the village National Savings Group personal contacts etc.

ARP/ Air Raid Shelter

The Minister of Home Security Mr Herbert Morrison announces that the total cost of future air raid shelters of any variety will be met by the Government. Local Authorities will now be able to act quickly on the advice of the Ministry or Regional Commissioners. But appeals for economy are to be observed.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Lechlade Spitfire fund has started and raised so far £33-13s9d

Orders for the Week

Cotswold Sea Cadets

Cotswold sea cadets November 2nd 7pm – Rifle instruction 8pm. P.T. and Gym
Wednesday 7pm Seamanship and Navigation – Uniforms will be worn.

WVS / Evacuee Welfare / Military Welfare

The Cirencester WVS Clothing Depot will change address next Friday from Querns Lane House to the Old Grammar School, Park Street. It will open during the Winter months Tuesday and Friday 2pm to 4.30pm and Wednesday 10.30pm to 12.30pm. In this better and more central accommodation it will be joined by the Rural District Depot run at Ampney Park.

Interviewed by the Standard reporter Mrs Vernon spoke for Mrs Chester-Master “We’re carrying on” she agreed. “We simply must – but not exactly as before. The work is greater – much greater – intensified by the flood of homeless evacuees who have come to us. Their homes bombed to dust – their possessions too – often with little or nothing more than what they stand upright in – then need for clothes is great. We want clothes for them badly and this need is growing greater every day. We can’t get too much.”

Questioned as to other activities – and particularly other needs. Mrs Vernon said promptly : “money and knitters – those two are the great needs.”

I gather that money is needed to pay for a large quantity of wool to knit comforts for fighting men. There is an appreciable advantage in buying in lots of 100lbs.

Comforts are definitely needed and have been promised. Therefore though there wasn't a cent in the kitty for this organisation has no funds – the WVS bought 100 lbs of wool. And there's the bill to be met. Knitters to convert this 100lbs and further 100lbs will be welcomed. Their work will be appreciated. "We have a large order for socks for the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Cirencester Spitfire Fund total is now £760

Entertainment / NZ Troops / Fund Raising / Fund Raising

New Zealander's in Action for a novel thrilling and "quick" afternoon visit. New Zealand Sports – The Abbey, Cirencester, Dollar Street entrance.

Tomorrow Saturday October 26th 2.30pm

Bushmen's Sports – New Zealand Axemen and Sawmen in Championship Competitions

Rugby Football – Admission 1/- Members of H.M. Forces 6d - In aid of Cirencester Spitfire Fund.

Casualties / Black Out

Uriah Allen Rashleigh aged 79 of 49 Purley Road was knocked down and killed at 9pm on Saturday night in the Gloucester to Cirencester Road 3 miles from Cirencester. The car was driven by an Army Officer and had regulation lights.

Rationing

The current basic petrol ration books expire on October 31st. The new ones to cover November, December and January are now available at local Tax Offices and Post Offices.

Morale / Propaganda

The War – Morale booster "Bombing Germany"

Entertainment

The "Amps" repeated their cabaret show on Thursday playing to another full house. What the soldier said recorded last week proved to be correct. A final performance of this show takes place tomorrow. (there appears to be detail missing from this article)

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Riding without lights at 9.25pm on October 2nd George Leslie Wilkinson of the RAF was fined 10/-. PC Waldron reporting officer.

Showing a light in the Black Out :

Brian Walters 2 Bowling Green Crescent fined £1 for showing a light at 8.15pm October 4th. PWR Legg reporting officer.

Marion Kaye of Daglingworth fined £1-17s-6d plus 2/6d costs for showing a light at 8.55pm on September 26th. SC Clark reporting officer.

Bertram Tingle permitted a light at the rear of Jackson Stops, Cirencester on Saturday October 6th was fined £2 plus 5/- costs. SC Evans and PWR Legg reporting officer.

Miss Katherine W S Sharpe of 11 The College South Cerney was fined 17/6d plus 2/6d costs for showing a light. SC W A Legg reporting officer.

Edwin Smith of Manor Farm Sopworth was fined £2 for leaving a car on the highway without lights by the entrance to the Querns and £1 for not immobilising it at 9.15pm on September 7th PWR Legg reporting officer.

Percy C J Humphreys was fined 10/- for parking a van on the wrong side of the road in darkness near an Inn on London Road at 10.05pm. PC Smith reporting officer.

Fines of 5/- each were awarded against three Army lorry drivers for obstructing Silver Street. PWR Thompson reporting officer.

Arthur Thomas Herrin of Wootton Bassett was fined £1 for unauthorised side lights on a car. PWR Legg reporting officer.

Frederick Freeth of Calcutt Farm was fined 5/- for a similar offence. He had headlights but the reflector was not covered with 2 thicknesses of paper.

National Service

Two more dates are given for registration under the National Service (Armed Forces Act) On Saturday November 9th men born between July 1st 1905 and December 31st 1905 inclusive and men born between July 28th 1920 and November 9th 1920 inclusive. The next Saturday November 16th men born between January 1st 1905 and June 30th 1905 inclusive.

Letters to the Editor

Entertainment / Dances

A S Runacres of Cecily Hill House (Texas Oil) writes to explain forthcoming dances by permission of the War Office in the Corn Hall. (see adverts)

Rationing / Food Supplies

Under the order issued by the Ministry of Food "bacon" is defined as excluding pickled pork. The meaning of pickled pork has just been made clear by the Ministry of Food under an order of Monday October 21st i.e. bacon includes and pickled pork does not include any part of the carcass of a pig which has been subject to a dry curing process or to a process of pickling for a period exceeding 48hrs or which has matured after removing from pickle for a period exceeding 48hrs.

2/11/40

Dig for Victory

Cirencester Horticultural Committee – Chairman A J Matthews Esq. JP

Dig for Victory

Watch this Space

Here for the next few weeks you may learn how to obtain an allotment, where to get advice, what and where to plant and how to solve any problems so apt to confront the gardener and allotment holder. Don't delay until Spring start now. As the last straw may break the camel's back, so may the last ounce of food grown in Britain Win the War for Freedom.

Grow More Food and Register your name at the Municipal Offices at once. The smallest contribution to the Nations store may prove a decisive factor. (More information on page 5)

Technical Advisors – R E Arnold and A Derry – Joint Hon Secs. J H Wilkinson and R E Arnold.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 6

Domestic vacancies 17

CRDC

Requisitions / Evacuation / Medical / Salvage

The Ministry of Health has approved the requisition of Baunton Mill property for use as an improvised infectious diseases hospital for non notifiable diseases amongst the evacuees.

Notifiable diseases would be dealt with as normal by the isolation hospital in Cirencester.

The ambulance has now broken down, a County one is being borrowed.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Ministry of Supply re the setting up of salvage dumps. There are some problems of collection and despatch.

There is a long report on a billeting Conference. The County is to take an overall view of billeting. More entertainment is needed.

Advert

Drink / Fund Raising

Summer Time Extension

Drink All Bright

Always

Through the winter keep up your Summer fitness.

Stroud Brewery Co.

Remember the great need November 11th give generously for Remembrance Day

Kitchen Front / Christmas

Ministry of Food

This week's food hints.

Think of the potato! Think of it as a weapon of War

On the Kitchen front

Potato hint – Remember your Ration Book – Concerning Onions – Patriotic Christmas

Pudding – Cautionary Tale

Those who have the will to win

Eat potatoes in their skin

Knowing that the sight of peelings

Deeply hurts Lord Woolton's feelings.

Advert

Pest Control

Don't let Rats share your Rations use Rodine

Women's Land Army [WLA]

Land Work by Girls Rally at Gloucester

Mrs W S Morrison presided at a rally in Gloucester. She paid tribute to Mrs Bathurst the organising secretary. Mrs Bathurst outlined the scheme.

Since June 1939 they had trained 109 volunteers. Training had also been carried out on Gloucestershire farms when 111 had been trained. Gloucestershire has the 4th largest Land Army in the Country. There are 314 girls. 252 on farms, 27 in market gardening and 35 employed by the Forestry Commission.

Mr Boutflour said that milking cows was not for men in wartime. Women could do this while men ploughed extra acres. Germany kept 90 people from 100 acres. This country with a better climate and soil only 35 per 100 acres. This is due to shortage of manpower. The ploughing of a further 45,000 acres would take all men available. The essential work in the dairy must be done by the WLA

Advert

Shortages

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Spotlight

Fund Raising/ Spitfire Fund / National Savings / Entertainment / Dig for Victory

Spotlight points out that with 2 days to go the Cirencester Spitfire Fund is £20 short of £1,000 let alone £5,000. You can't have your cake and eat it. We in the district are putting so much into savings. Instead of guns or butter the alternative is savings or Spitfire.

(other trumpet blowing on the savings front)

he mentions the controversy over the Vicar of Kemble and permitted light preventing the use of the parish room for the forces although it seems safe for Youth Fellowship, Guides and Brownies.

The Texaco Dances are a successful idea.

The Horticulture Committee will be issuing week by week publicity and advice to encourage the Dig for Victory Campaign.

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

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

CUDC

Fund Raising / NZ troops / Spitfire Fund / Salvage / Pig Club / Black Out

Dig for Victory

A report by the Chairman thanked Major Dugdale for the use of the Abbey Grounds for the New Zealand demonstration of wood cutting and Rugby also the NZ CO Col Elliot for providing the prizes and refreshments for the men. An auction of the timber afterwards raised £18 (auctioneer Mr Charles Allen) gate receipts £39 therefore provided £57 to the Spitfire Fund. Householders have been distributed with envelopes to be collected by women volunteers. It is hoped to get the figure of £1,000 to be sent to the Ministry of Production as Cirencester's contribution to a Spitfire. Mr Berkeley gave a report on the construction of domestic air raid shelter provision. (no detail given).

The Salvage Committee Report

Monies received from salvage during the month. – Paper £21 – 19s , bones £2 – 11s – 9d. kitchen waste £31 – 6s

There had been problems with paper due to transport but a lorry had just collected a load.

The Pig scheme is now under way 15tons 14cwt of kitchen waste had been sold. The average collection was 22 bins per day. They had obtained a small sterilizer but needed to use 2 coppers as well. Sterilized food was more popular than boiled. A large copper was promised. Mr Winstone jocularly advised his colleagues to snap up some of the shares as it looked like being a profitable business.

The Council decided not to entertain minimum street lighting as it was not satisfactory but to go for total Black Out as last Winter.

Mr Matthews speaking to urge on the Dig for Victory campaign said that he hoped next year every garden on Chesterton housing estate would be eligible for one of the prizes offered by the Horticultural Committee. The Council had provided houses for certain people who were earning good money and those people should dig and plant their garden to the satisfaction of

the Council. Mr Berkeley and Mr Boulton hoped the Council would strictly carry out the ruling that it would terminate the agreement of any tenant who did not properly cultivate the garden attached to their Council house.

Orders for the Week

BRCS / ARP

BRCS VAD Glos II Home Nursing lecture Wednesday November 6th at the Memorial Hospital at 8pm. Detachment drill at the Sea Scouts Room Farrell's Garage, Castle Street 7.30pm – Monday November 4th G Walker.

ARP First Aid Party no practice on 4th November, to resume November 11th at HQ Ashcroft Road.

Advert

Sport / Military Welfare

Football

Cirencester Grammar School Ground , Saturday Cirencester Town versus an Army side –kick off 8pm.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending October 26th £7,109

Total since 1st January £310,521

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

List of subscribers given.

Notice –

This fund will close on Saturday November 2nd. Last two days raised £23 – 4s –3d. It is hoped to raise £1,000 to buy a fifth share in an aircraft. Contributions may be paid at principal Shops and Licensed Houses in the town and facilities are being provided for receiving subscriptions in the villages. Subscriptions may also be paid at either of the Cirencester Banks, Lloyds, Midland or Barclays – or to the Chairman of Cirencester UDC Mr W G Tovey, Market Place Cirencester.

Dig for Victory/ Horticultural Society

The Ciceter Horticultural Society was inaugurated at the Municipal Offices on Wednesday October 23rd with Councillor A J Matthews JP presiding. The Committee is charged with the provision of allotments as and when required and with encouraging and fostering by propaganda and other means an increase in garden food crops. The Committee appointed was Chairman A J Matthews JP , Councillor W G Tovey JP, W Adams, S D French and S J Smith with Messrs E A Jefferies, A Derry and F Wood (Chairman of the Cirencester Food Production Committee) Joint secretaries Messrs Wilkinson and R E Arnold, and Messrs R E Arnold and A Derry appointed technical advisors.

The broad aim is to produce food which otherwise would be imported, particularly 250,000 tons of vegetables from the continent. They would be able to provide practical and technical advice and buy in bulk to supply gardeners with cheaper tools, seeds etc. They are also able to call on educational, advisory and research organisations set up by the Ministry of Agriculture and upon a panel of lecturers and demonstrators from the Royal Horticultural Society.

Crime / Military Casualties

Ernest Henry Reilley, 41, Aircraft fitter of 5 Queen Street was sentenced to 20 months hard labour for the manslaughter of William Annis a soldier from Pershore on August 14th at South Cerney (full details of case at Gloucester Assizes given). When the accused smashed broken glass from the car the license was left stuck to it! Frederick Waite, aircraft fitter, 21 of Queen Street was sentenced to 3 months in prison for incorrectly telling the Police that his car which was involved in the incident, had been stolen.

Cirencester British Legion / Military Welfare

Mr Wilkie the Hon Sec of the Entertainments Committee reported that 58 parcels had been sent to members and their sons serving in HM Forces. 58 letters of thanks had been received. It was proposed to present an inscribed silver cigarette case to Mr AV May who had been Hon Sec for some years and now had rejoined the forces. Mr E Oldcorn is to succeed him.

Military Welfare / Entertainment / Dances / NZ Troops

Dances for the troops organised by Mr Runacres

The attendance far exceeded expectations with over 600. The doors had to be closed half way through. The attendance was augmented by many New Zealand servicemen visiting a competition, as competitors, or supporters of the axemen's competition that afternoon.

Among these were Brigadier Harget DSO MC Senior Officer of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Great Britain, Lieut. Waite DSO New Zealand Forces Welfare Officer, Lt Col J G Elliott Officer Commanding the New Zealand Forestry Group and Staff Cpts Collier and Geer of the Forestry Group.

Free use of the Corn Hall was given by the War Office through Lt Col F Fisher SAQC. The Hall was gaily decorated, the music provided by Alec Mattock and his Band. Prizes - spot dances given by Messrs G M Murray and W H Williams of the Texas Oil Company, by the proprietors of "Old Angus" whisky and Mr Bowen manager of the Picture House who also gave free screen publicity. (large list of helpers included in original report) £2 was made in a copper collection for the Spitfire Fund.

Home Front

Home Management Corner – Miss Switch

Advice on ventilating blacked out rooms mentions the Ministry of Home Security leaflet "Ventilation in the Black Out" price 2d. Includes advice on electric fans and extractor fans.

Entertainment / Sport / NZ Troops

(Long Report plus 2 photographs)

1st photo (standing group) shows Reg Grundy of Auckland twice World Champion who won all three competitions.

2nd photo Tiny Coleman of Australia who was second in foreground and Reg Grundy at the 4th log.

Main points of the Report

Over 800 attended despite it being a cold dull day in the Abbey Grounds. The competitors were mainly from the Forestry Group of the New Zealand Engineers plus a few Australians. Official Clerk of the Course was Cpt Burges, Handicapper Major G A Gammon, Judges Capt A M Collier, Sgt McKenzie and Spr Fenton, Announcer and Starter Sgt Lockett, Time Keepers Cpl Chaplin and Spr Henson, Log Stewards Cpl Graves, Spr Emerson, Spr Holloway and Spr Whitehead.

The events were watched with great interest and not a little excitement. Reg Grundy entered 5 of the 6 events and won 4 of them including 3 Army Championships. The logs used were

poplar – very fresh and damp provided by Earl Bathurst CMG. The competitors drew for their logs before each event.

Results

12” Standing Army Championship - 1st Reg Grundy, 2nd R Coleman (Australia),

3rd E Bennett - Grundy’s time 26 seconds

12” Underhand Army Championship - 1st Reg Grundy, 2nd E Bennett,

3rd T Jackson - Grundy’s time 27 seconds

14” Standing Army Championship - 1st Reg Grundy, 2nd R Coleman – Reg Grundy got through the log in 43 seconds. 3 others did not finish.

14” Underhand Chop 1st R Coleman, 2nd T Jackson, 3rd E Bennett – Coleman’s time 48 seconds.

Coleman went off at a great rate to keep up with Grundy who seemed handicapped by a sticking axe. It was close but Grundy failed to give the 2 strokes to finish the chop. Of the 8 competitors 3 were Australian.

14” Standing Handicap Chop – 1st Reg Grundy (scratch 16 seconds behind) 2nd E Bennett (6 seconds) 3rd L Rogers (6 seconds) time 47 seconds.

14” Underhand Handicap Chop 1st E Bennett (4seconds behind) 2nd Sgt Chandler (10 seconds) 3rd W Collinson (6 seconds) time 47 seconds.

There was an exhibition of sawing by E Bennett and W Collinson cutting 14” in 11 seconds.

During the interval a Rugby match was played between 2 New Zealand teams.

Mr Tovey gave words of thanks especially to Brigadier Harget from the New Zealand Provisional Headquarters. £18 was raised from an auction and £57 added to the Spitfire Fund.

Morale / Propaganda

Villagers can take it too – article on carrying on after bombing every night – a lesson for the West.

Letters to the Editor

Medical / CSSD

Cirencester Surgical Supply Depot

Violet Rycroft Hon Sec of CSSD writes to thank supporters. All but £10 (a gift from the Red Cross) towards buying materials has been provided by donations and weekly subscriptions.

In the year 6,989 articles have been made. 783 have been given to local hospitals and first Aid Posts besides 5,421 to the local Red Cross

. Sir William and Lady Marris still give rooms and light and heat free. Thanks are due to Mr H Price for allowing his secretary to do typing and Miss Viner and Mr Francis for lending tables and chairs and Lloyds Bank for keeping the accounts.

Letters to the Editor

Military Welfare

Royal Artillery Comforts

Following Gilbert Frakau’s excellent letter readers may like to know that 4,000 woollen comforts have been made by knitters in Gloucestershire during last year to the Royal Artillery Comforts Fund. Another 100lbs of wool has just been sent to be made up.

Jessie W Gibbon – Ampney Crucis House, Cirencester.

Censorship

Why Not More Air Raid News

The Ministry's explanation is that the restrictions are mainly to limit enemy information gleaned.

CRDC / Rationing / Evacuees / Black Market / ARP

CRDC Food Control Committee report (includes)

J A Hall Food Executive Officer's report - 1,313 people have come to the district, evacuees etc. since August and the necessary exchange of reference leaves has been completed.

6,565 counterfoils in respect of the new registration had been received. 14 new licences to retailers had been issued during the last two months. This was due mainly to the Enforcement Officer "rounding up" persons in certain parishes selling such things as bread, cheese and biscuits etc at pubs and others retailing milk without a licence. 9 new caterers licences had been issued. Applications for sugar for bee keeping had been received and 79 permits issued for 453 colonies i.e. 1 ton 19cwt 7lbs of sugar.

To protect against damage by enemy air raid large numbers of documents, registers etc. are being copied to be kept with a neighbouring food office.

742 permits in connection with the Milk Scheme have been issued. The number of mothers and children having milk in the Rural Area are 786. The WVS is to be asked to encourage others to apply.

Broadcasting / Security

There is poor reception in the West of BBC Broadcasts particularly at 9 o'clock news. This is due to the system of confusion employed to prevent the enemy using the signals as a navigation aid.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Frederick McDougal was fined 5/- plus 3/- costs for having no front light fitted to his bicycle at 8.45pm with lighting up time being 7.37pm. SC Clack reporting officer.

Black Out Offence

Stanley Harry White was fined £1 for permitting a light at his house in Chesterton Lane. He was fined despite the fact that he was on Home Guard duty all night and the room in question was occupied by evacuees. The Bench said that the householder had to take responsibility.

Leslie William Arkell was fined £5 for allowing a bonfire to flare at night at Grange Farm Stratton at 10pm on October 8th. The blaze was in Kelvin left from threshing. The Fire Brigade was called and pumped water 200-250yds from the pond using the trailer pump.

Operated by Captain Fletcher and two men. PC Holtham of Daglingworth reporting officer.

James Alfred Rich a woodcutter was fined £2 plus 6/- costs for having unauthorised headlights in Coates at 8.55pm on October 7th. SC Tugwell of Sapperton reporting officer.

Military Welfare

An appeal for the Lord Lieutenant's Fund gives statistic for the last year including 40,000 woollen articles etc. given to units in the County Welfare Area and the Royal Navy.

Institutes and Guilds

Culture / Food Production

At Ampney Crucis WI Pte Vodak attached to the Amps gave a talk on life in pre war Vienna.

At Fairford WI Hay Box cooking was demonstrated by Mrs W R Gantlett.

At Kemble WI 1,000lbs of jam and jellies have been produced.

ARP / Children

Babies in Raids

Natural feeding is a great advantage. Vacuum flasks will help to solve problems of bottle feeding. Keep a tin of full cream dried milk handy as the milkman cannot always be punctual. Use the modern type of bottle and have water handy in the shelter. It is easier in an Anderson than a public shelter. A basket, box or drawer warmly lined will not only do for baby to sleep but to hold a supply of clean nappies, flask etc. For toddlers a doll or book should be included; and milk, a few biscuits, barley sugar boiled sweets, an apple or orange will be a comfort if sleep is broken. Ear plugs are a great help to older children. The child must be kept warm but not over wrapped to be uncomfortable and sweating.

Entertainment / Military Welfare

The Ashton Keynes Concert in the Village Hall was packed with local soldiers and civilians. The entertainment was by RAF members. With two pianos on stage and full equipment the famous "Cocernut Band" of Grove House (maybe misprint for Cove House) gave the audience a rare treat. Proceeds of the concert went to help finance the local canteen.

9/11/40

Dig for Victory / Allotments

Cirencester Horticultural Committee

Dig for Victory

Your allotment or back garden will form part of the Bulge in the enemy lines a Bulge that will break and through which will flow the torrent of Victory and Freedom. Half a million allotments are needed in Britain. 60 % of imported food is a doubtful policy in peacetime it is fatal in wartime. Every man and woman who can wield a spade and hoe has a part to play.

Ciceter do your part. Go to it, and emulate the example set by Bristol 1 allotment to 10 houses there had been 3,300 extra allotments started since the outbreak of the war.

Make your peacetime hobby a war time duty. Persuade your neighbours and friends to turn to gardening, at home or on an allotment.

Gardening is your sphere of influence.

You who have gardens and allotments plan now for next seasons production and so make every yard of soil give its full yield. Let frost and wind help you to prepare a record season.

Dig Now and Dig Deeply, do not wait until Spring to make a start. There is no Winter of Discontent in a garden.

German thoroughness will grow every ounce of food possible. Beat them to it. The German cannot garden like you can if you will but bend your will but bend your will and your back to the vital task. Gardening is one of the most satisfying of pleasures. Try it and do your bit – and will be a big bit – towards defeating Hitler and his gangsters. Every potato, every carrot, indeed every vegetable is charged with defeat and death to the enemy. Let us Help You to Grow them. Call now at the Municipal Offices. We will provide you with an allotment. To those who already posses a garden or allotment we will give advice and encouragement.

Technical advisers R E Arnold and A Derry – Joint Hon Secs. J H Wilkinson and R E Arnold.

Advert

Retail / Christmas

Bailey's Advert (part)

Save

Save for victory ! Save to prevent inflation and rising prices! Save to shorten this war and avoid ill after effects.

But

Don't forget to save a little for yourself - for the necessities of life. For instance Christmas is but six weeks ahead. – however frugal you may be this year – this will put some extra strain on your purse.

Letters to the Editor

ARP

W Habgood MI STRUCT E Chartered Structural Engineer writes a long letter of advice on flying glass fragments in an air raid. He recommends the use of textile netting with adhesive to fix over windows rather than strips of tape.

Letters to the Editor

Entertainment / Dances

Mr Runacres writes about the success and profit of the Corn Hall dances. As he must limit attendance so that all can dance profits will be reduced or done away with. He appeals for support from townfolk to keep them going. A number have already pledged help. He wondered if traders might wish to give vouchers to trade in at their store rather than a straight donation.

Letters to the Editor

Crime / Black Out

Rev Bryn Thomas reports that his lighting problem lingers on. He makes rather caustic remarks about the Special Constables involved.

Letters to the Editor

Pest Control

The Rat Campaign

As a rule "rat Week" is held in the first week of November but on the present occasion the need for active measures against these food destroyers vermin is so urgent that the Ministry of Agriculture is initiating a sustained Campaign which will, it hopes, be carried on through the coming Autumn and early Winter.

May I therefore appeal to everyone who will be killing rats during the period to do the work humanely; some people are apt to be callous when destroying vermin.

Full particulars of effective and humane rat traps which can be supplied at cost price may be obtained from the RSPCA 105 Jermyn Street London SW1.

Fergus Mac Cunn Captain Chief Sec. RSPCA

He also writes advising people not to let cats stray after dusk and urges people to take precautions well before Black Out.

Military Welfare

Col. P G J Gueterbock County Welfare Officer for Gloucester and Bristol and Chairman of Gloucestershire TA and AF Fund outlines the working of the Lord Lieutenant's Fund.

Drink / Morale

Join The Army of people in all walks of life who drink and enjoy "All Bright" always the Brilliant Brew of the Stroud Brewery Co.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund / Tetbury

Tetbury Spitfire fund is up to £1,000

Black Out / Retail

Shops are to close at 6pm from November 17th to March 2nd with extensions to 7.30pm on one evening per week. The Local Authority will be given the power to allow particular classes of shop to keep open until 8pm on the late night and one other evening. They will also be given the powers to close earlier than Norman. Barbers and hairdressers will normally close at 7pm and 8pm on one evening. The Local Authority may allow them until 8pm on one other evening.

There will be no change in the present hours up to which newspapers, periodicals and tobacco can be sold and restaurants, cooked meat shops, confectioners and other shops not at present required to close at 8pm will not be affected.

Advert

Pest Control

A menace as great as a mine – Rats
Use Rodine

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 10
Domestic vacancies 27

Advert

National Saving

Poster advert with the illustration of a dartboard
Aim for the Double
Appeals for a doubling of savings.

Local Military / POW

Photograph and short report

L/Cpl Richard walker of the Gloucestershire Regiment only son of Mr and Mrs Walker the Pig Farm, Shorcote reported missing on June 13th is now known to be a POW at Amiens France after being taken prisoner at Dunkirk. Official notification was received by his parents on Tuesday last.

Orders for the Week

Black Out / BRCS / Hunting

Black Out Times for this area.

November

Fri	8 th	5.58 pm	7.47am
Sat	9 th	5.56 pm	7.49am
Sun	10 th	5.54 pm	7.50am
Mon	11 th	5.53 pm	7.52am
Tue	12 th	5.51 pm	7.54am
Wed	13 th	5.50 pm	7.56am
Thur	14 th	5.49 pm	7.58am
Fri	15 th	5.47 pm	7.59am

BRCS Dyer Street Lecture

Detachment Parade Cecily Hill Sunday November 10th. Ceremonials with haversack (No medals, badges respirators or lanyards) G Walker

Earl Bathurst's hounds will meet next Tuesday November 12th at the Swan Bibury and next Friday November 15th at Ewen each day at 11am.

Military Welfare / Entertainment / Dances

Second in the Series format as before:

A Dance

Arranged by the Staff of the Texas Oil Company will be held at the Corn Hall by kind permission of the War Office. – Saturday 16th November 1940 7pm – 10.30pm

Alec Mattock's Band - Free running buffet – Admission 1/- single 1/6d double (ladies and gentlemen)

This dance has been arranged for the entertainment of the troops in the Town and surrounding camps. It is hoped that both the troops and townspeople will wholeheartedly support this voluntary effort and thus make it possible for similar dances to be held regularly in future. Any surplus, if any, from these dances will be distributed to local charities.

Local Military / Decorations / RAF

A DFM has been awarded to Sgt Rolls whose wife lives in Cirencester in each of his first two engagements he shot down two enemy aircraft and has in all destroyed six.

ARP

The ARP require volunteers to help man the Report Centre phone. A number of temporary residents have left the district leaving vacancies. Apply to Mr J T Evans Coordinating Officer Municipal Office, Gosditch Street.

Spotlight

Hunting / Supplies

Spotlight comments on hunting continuing and the printing of Christmas cards despite shortages of paper.

Rotary / Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps [AMPC]

Last Tuesday Pte Walter Wodak of the AMPC who is an LL.D Vienna University talked to Cirencester Rotary Club of Austria before and after the coming of the Nazis.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Cycles without lights :

Raymond Walker of 33 Chesterton Lane fined 5/- for no lights at 9.15pm October 18th in Cricklade Street. PC Waldron reporting officer.

Bertram Stevens of Siddington Lodge fined 5/- plus 2/6d costs no lights at 7.35pm October 21st in Silver Street. Reporting officer SC Allsopp.

Unauthorised car lights :

Richard George Clark (tilted headlight) at Kemble 9.55pm September 30th fined 7/6d plus 2/6d costs. SC Purnell reporting officer.

Louis de Lara fined 10/- for the offence in Cirencester Market Place 10.35pm. PWR Legg reporting officer.

Lighting Offences:

Philip Butler and George Thomas Muddiman were fined £1 for showing lights at 22 Overhill Road on September 28th. SC Harvey and SC Short reporting officers.

Ethel Jones of 38 Market Place, over Curry's, fined £2 > she left the light on when she went out. PWR Bowles assisted by Sgt (?) climbed up and put the light out.

Graham Piles of 18 Apsley Road fined 14/- plus 6/- costs for showing a light at 10.10pm on October 23rd. SC Clack and SC Wainwright reporting officers could see his silhouette. James Doherty of 21 Brook Road received the same fine for the same offence at 8.45pm on October 23rd. SC Clack reporting officer. Thomas Joseph Sivens of 20 Lewis Lane was fined (?) for leaving his car without lamps at 7.20pm On October 19th in Castle Street.

Advert

Drink

Work as you have never worked before. But don't forget this point fitness comes first. Red Point Ruby Wine 3/3d per bottle.

Advert

Retail / ARP /Black Out

French and Sons for ARP Fabrics

30" Lightproof Black Italian 1/9³/₄d per yard

40" Lightproof Black Italian 2/3³/₄d per yard

54" Lightproof Black Italian 2/8d per yard

36" Lightproof Satin Casement Cloth 2/11³/₄d per yard

46" Lightproof Satin Casement Cloth 3/11³/₄d per yard in Green Blue Brown and Copper shades

60" Lightproof Rubberised Cloth 2/11³/₄d per yard green only.

Avoid the Danger of Flying Glass – Self Stick Nets

36" 10³/₄ and 1/3³/₄d per yard.

36" Washable Self Stick Net 1/11³/₄d per yard

Regent House

Advert

Retail / ARP /Black Out

Ormonds

Let our Workrooms make your Black Out Brighter. We make you curtains with Rufflette brand tape.

Enemy Action

A fighter pilot "became a local hero" when he crashed his damaged Hurricane into an enemy Dornier 17 Bomber. The Hurricane lost its port wing and most of its engine. He bailed out and saw three jump from the enemy aircraft before it exploded. A second Dornier spun down minus a wing and crashed about two miles from the ploughed field where the Hurricane pilot landed. (as yet no local record of this event)

Home Guard / Invasion

Changes in Home Guard organisation

Commissions for all approved Commanders and suitable compliment of Warrant Officers and NCOs. The Commissions will allow Commanders to take command of all troops in a given locality should emergencies arise.

The Inspector General or Staff of the Commander in Chief to be replaced by the Director General of the Home Guard. Compensation to be paid for loss of wages due to Home Guard whole time emergency service. The present £1 per head is not satisfactory. There will be

rifles, automatic rifles and machine guns and grenades very shortly for 1 million men. Battle dress is to be issued and denims withdrawn. Conditions of service remain the same.

16/11/40

Dig for Victory

Cirencester Horticultural Society – Have you decided?

The sands of time are running out. Autumn will soon be fading into Winter; procure an allotment and prepare now for the Spring planting. Do the first job first and dig and feed the soil now and make a bumper crop in 1941. Apathy is largely responsible for the world conflict. Remove it from your life and provide the answer to the U-Boat menace. You owe it as a duty to the men who are defending our land, who will soon be taking the fight into enemy country. If they know that those they have left “way back home” are well fed they are relieved of at least one great anxiety.

Don't Hesitate

There is NOT time.

Hitler and his Italian jackal have struck mercilessly, suddenly, they will strike again even though the allied forces are slowly but surely drawing their claws and teeth. Put your back into it and help grow food, that food that may well mean – will mean- Victory for us, death to Dictators.

Don't Delay

Come to us at the Municipal Offices now. We will help you in the vital matter, a question maybe of life and death, make no mistake, it is your job - it will be your victory or your funeral.

Delay is Too often Fatal

The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on; not all the piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.

You who have allotments and gardens bring your problems, tell us your difficulties. We are here to help you, we must help you in a cause so vital.

Dig For Victory

Technical advisors – R E Arnold A Derry

Joint Hon. Secs. – J H Wilkinson R E Arnold

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's, 20 Cricklade Street

Advert

Retail / ARP /Black Out

Dark Green Paper Blinds Now in stock in all widths.

These are stout quality and very durable. They make a cheap and effective Black Out

Also

Anti Splinter Net in various widths and qualities.

Mitchell's Castle Street

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 10

Domestic vacancies 21

ARP / Shelters

What do I do to keep my Anderson shelter healthy in Winter.

I keep the earth covering over the shelter firm by beating it with a spade. I slope the floor towards the entrance where I dig a hole for drainage. I cover the floor with bricks and put a layer of lino on them. I clean the shelter completely once a week and spray thoroughly with an antiseptic. I keep the shelter as dry as I can and always take away rugs and blankets in daytime so that they shall not get damp. And I remove all trace of foodstuffs.

Cut this out and keep it - Issued by the Ministry of Information. Space presented by the National Brewers Society.

Crime / RSPCA /Food Supplies

Rabbit trappers Reginald A Gough of South Cerney, Horace Gough of 115 Cheltenham Road and Sidney Evans of Ampney Crucis were fined 5/- plus the costs of the RSPCA when the latter brought a case against them at Gloucester Police Court for using spring traps above ground. The defendants were employed as a firm to cut down the number of rabbits on an estate at Highnam. Their Counsel and a gamekeeper from the estate they were working under the instructions of the WAEC. The latter made strong representations on their behalf. The Bench decided on a small fine. The WAEC have made strong representations to the Ministry of Agriculture urging the suspension of this section on spring traps in the interest of food production. The RSPCA went to Beecham Wood and found 14 traps on the ground, 6 with rabbits in with broken limbs and 1 with a cat. They could hear the rabbits screaming. There were few burrows and most rabbits lived in the undergrowth.

Kitchen Front / Food Preparation

Ministry of Food – This Week's Food Facts

Cabbage without Tears

Potato and Watercress Soup

How to get your new Ration Book

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Tetbury and District Spitfire Fund – Total £1,055 6s-8d

Crime / Punishment

Two 10yr old Penge boys were each ordered 4 strokes of the birch for stealing a clock from a bombed house

Cotswold Bruderhof / Refugees

The Cotswold Bruderhof – part going to South America

It is understood that the Cotswold Bruderhof or part of it is moving in the near future from Ashton Keynes and that members are to make a new home in Paraguay in South America. An announcement to this effect is made in "Peace News". It is stated that about 50 of the present community will remain behind and that there is a possibility that a public utility undertaking will be formed to carry on the management. There has been no definite decision thus far but the idea behind the suggestion is that such an undertaking would provide an outlet for those who because of their pacifist views now find themselves forced to give up their ordinary occupations to take up other work of national importance, such as agriculture.

To a press representative a member of the commune at Ashton Keynes said, "We are still carrying on. There are certain plans about which we do not wish to have any publicity at the moment." The Oaksey part of the Bruderhof estate was recently disposed of by auction.

Agriculture / Food Supplies

Gloucestershire Farmers Union complains of free milk being given to nursing mothers or children under five regardless of income. It was a scandal as the rich could obviously afford it. It reports that the Government is attempting to encourage flax growing 2,000 of the 40,000 national acres to be produced in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire. A factory would be set up. There is also comment on the destruction of rabbits being hampered by the law on above ground trap. The recent case at Gloucester Police Station is referred to.

Blood Sports

Long report on the successful meeting of the Cotswold Coursing Club at Stowell Park (Hon Samuel Vesty)

Letters to the Editor

Blood Sports / Black Out

Lord Bathurst writes to explain that hunting will continue on a reduced scale. Care will have to be taken with farmer's land, walls and fences. Black Out may cause an early end to the day, "on account of reckless motorists and Army lorries."

Military Welfare

J C Tabor Assistant Social Welfare Officer Cirencester District
Trewsbury

Appeals for arm or easy chairs and small tables for an ante-room of the Officer's Mess of a detached Unit. At present the room is unusual for want of furniture and the only ones in the Mess are uncondusive to relaxation after a days work. Antiquity or untidiness of chairs would be no detriment provided they are serviceable. Anyone in the vicinity of Cirencester who can spare such things to write to him, to arrange for collection and delivery to the Unit.

Kitchen Front / Christmas

Home Management Corner – Miss Switch

Christmas is a coming and what about the pudding. The recipe from for a pudding is given – "this good recipe for a wartime Christmas pudding which has the official blessing of the Ministry Food".

Black Out

Black Out times given from November 15th to 22nd.

Orders for the Week

BRCS / ARP

BRCS Lecture Wednesday 20th Dyer Street

ARP First Aid and all casualty services to assemble at their posts Sunday November 17th at 10am for an important practice.

Retail / Black Out

Cirencester Chamber of Commerce – Official closing hours of Cirencester's shops

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6pm

Thursday 1pm

Saturday 7pm except where this is a half holiday

Evacuee Welfare / WVS

Communal Kitchen for Evacuees

About 100 people now come daily to the Cirencester Communal Kitchen at the Church Hall in Cricklade Street. Dinners are served on a cafeteria system and a hot meal of meat and two vegetables followed by pudding is provided at 8d for adults 6d children or 5d and 4d for under fives. The kitchen is equipped with gas cookers and the cooking and service is by the WVS. On Sunday November 10th one of the youngest regular customers presented Mrs Adams the organiser with a bouquet as she is relinquishing her duties due to ill health and pressure of duties.

Spotlight

Politics / Enemy Action / Propaganda

Spotlight comments at length on the death of Mr Chamberlain.

Also - The Gentle German

A short time ago a native of North Cerney formerly well known in Cirencester where he was engaged in business, died as a result of a road accident. He stepped from his car under the wheels of a bus. At his funeral a few days later the mourners had to take swift shelter from a German plane which passed low overhead and proceeded to machine gun the party in the cemetery! Endearing example of "The New Order."

Advert

Agriculture

Farmers Should Know Their "Drill"

See a special feature in this week's - The Farmers Weekly

ARP / Evacuee Welfare / WVS

More Aid for Raid Victims

To help evacuees and people with property destroyed by bombing the Board of trade has issued open licenses allowing supplies registered under the Limited Supplies Order to deliver a number of household necessities without restriction to the WVS. Among these clothing, mattresses, floor covering, domestic pottery and glass ware, cutlery, spoons and forks, domestic hollow-ware, household electrical appliances. The only members of the WVS permitted to buy goods are the General Secretary, Regional Administrators, County Organisers and County Borough Organisers.

Requisitions

The Bingham Library 35th Annual Report includes the fact that despite requisition by H M Office of Works 10 months ago the premises are still unoccupied while the temporary facilities are being stretched to limit.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

The case against John Mc Adam Goddard of Ampney St Peter for showing a light was dismissed as there was doubt in the case. SC Wyman reporting officer.

Other cases for permitting lights:

Sister Rachel Curry of St Michael's School was fined 17/6d plus 2/6d costs for showing a light at 8.10pm on October 21st SC Robinson reporting officer.

Florence June Arthur fined £1 for showing a light at 7pm on October 26th at her Watermoor Road Shop. PWR Witts reporting officer.

Joan Hadded of Claves Hill Chedworth was fined 17/6d plus 2/6d costs for showing a light at 10.30pm on October 23rd. SC Andrews reporting officer.

Hilda Grigg of Thessaly Lodge Stratton fined £1 – 15s plus 5/- costs for showing a light at 10.05pm on October 23rd SC Short of Daglingworth and SC Harvey were reporting officers. Theodore Sanger of Woodfield Caudle Green fined £1 – 15s plus 5/- costs for showing a light on October 31st. S Sgt Boughton of Birdlip was reporting officer.

Lights of Vehicles

John Henry Millard of Woodmancote was fined 5/- for cycling without lights at 7.55pm on October 18th. PC Morgan of North Cerney reporting officer.

Lionel Francis Cooke was fined 5/- plus 4/6d costs for riding a power cycle with an unauthorised lamp at 9.05pm on October 26th. SC Allsopp reporting officer.

Mildred Baggot, staying at the Chedworth Vicarage left her car parked on the wrong side of the road with no front white light or rear red light at 7.40pm on October 26th. She was fined 5/- on both counts. S Sgt Merry of Chedworth reporting officer.

Rationing

Announcement – Remember to get your new Ration Book

Military Welfare / British Legion

Ashton Keynes British Legion held a Whist drive to entertain local troops.

Advert

Retail / ARP /Black Out

Ormonds

Let our Workrooms make your Black Out Brighter. We make you curtains with Rufflette brand tape.

23/11/40

Advert

NZ Troops / Fund Raising / Christmas / Evacuees

Under the Patronage of the CUDC the New Zealand Divisional Band will visit Cirencester tomorrow Saturday November 23rd. They will play in the Market Place between 10.30pm and 12 noon (silver collection)

A Football Match will take place in the Abbey Grounds by kind permission of Major Dugdale NZ Forestry Group V NZ Brigade

Starts at 2.30pm Admission 6d Members of HM Forces Free

Gross proceeds including the collection will be devoted to the local and evacuee children's Christmas Party.

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's, 20 Cricklade Street

Shortages / Recycling

Cirencester Butcher's Association

Owing to the shortage of paper, customers are requested to bring paper or cloths to take away their purchases.

Dig for Victory

Cirencester Horticultural Society – Have you decided?

Wake up Cirencester

It is the plain duty of every able bodied man remaining at home to grow food and yet more food to contribute as much as possible to the Nations Larder. If you fail to accept this duty the war may be prolonged, vegetables may be very scarce and expensive, non existent perhaps to many people. Do not scrounge from your neighbour his surplus will sustain the hospitals, the infirm and aged, the women and children, the bereaved and bombed out strangers in our midst.

Wake Up

Apply for an Allotment Now

Answer the terrible challenge of London, Coventry, of the many bombed cities and towns live up to the glorious action of the Jervis Bay. You must now and here realise the life and death importance of home grown food. Rain bombs on Hitler for everyone received a well stocked allotment or garden is a deadly weapon. The evil men of Germany and Italy will perish; do your bit here at home and hasten the end. Mussolini is already tottering, force him to the ropes and deliver a knockout.

Wake Up Come Now to the Municipal Offices –apply for an allotment and ask for advice.

The one is waiting for you the other will be freely given.

Dig For Victory

Help Nature to Forge her Weapons.

Technical advisors – R E Arnold A Derry

Joint Hon. Secs. – J H Wilkinson R E Arnold

Advert

Retail / Black Out

Materials for your Black Out Blinds and Curtains

Mitchell's Castle Street

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund

Ciceter Spitfire Fund sent a cheque for £1,375 – 12s – 7d to Lord Beaverbrook Minister of Aircraft Production. (Complete list of donors and breakdown of street envelope collection, shop boxes and licensed premises boxes – donors included the Evacuee Children's Hospital, W J and R Lock £10 from the parrot and the Model Aero Squadron)

Rotary / Propaganda

Reprisals?

“Muddled Stupid and Dangerous Sentiment” was the title of an address to Cirencester Rotary Club by Dr A Guirdam MD BA BSc DPM of Bath. Advocating reprisals in a long address.

Advert

Retail / Black Out / Christmas

Books by Rev W Bryn Thomas BA (Hons) of the Kemble Vicarage

The Psychology of Conversion - price 5/-

Favourable reviews quoted from the News Chronicle and Religious Education Quarterly.

An International Police Force - price 3/6d

Favourable reviews quoted from Times Literary Supplement “Public Opinion” and Industrial Christian Fellowship Journal.

Religion : Institutional and Personal - price 2/6d
Favourable reviews quoted from Sydney Morning Herald and The Record

Advert

Salvage

Save Paper : Buy Pre-War Paper at Pre-War prices – Allenson and Co. London or any newsagent.

Advert

National Savings

Large poster advert for National savings consisting of a conversation between a father and son.

Contains no War propaganda

Military Welfare / Religion / Fund raising / Spitfire Fund

Ashton Keynes

In view of the past and present services to H M Forces, rev R H Wells Vicar of Ashton Keynes has been appointed Honorary Officiating Chaplain to the Royal Artillery on Salisbury Plain.

Ashton Keynes sent £33 to Lord Beaverbrook for the Spitfire Fund.

Advert

Pest Control

Sabotage – remove him with Rodine
(Illustration of a rat a house and a factory)

Military Welfare / Entertainment

South Cerney

Report on Concert given in the Village Hall for the Local Forces Comfort Fund by H M Forces in the area. The complete list of the programme includes the Cocoanut Band from Grove House (probably misprint for Cove House) included amongst them Cpl Bob Fitch ventriloquist with Winkie – Compere FO Crittenden - Cocoanut Band, Benny Gilbraith , leader with Hank, Joe and Bert.

Situations vacant

Farm vacancies 3

Domestic vacancies 2

Spotlight

ARP / Enemy Action

From “Ciren” to “Siren”

Spotlight says - Again a crop of complaints have been expressed about the inaudibility of the Siren. General opinion is “Why can’t we have a siren extension in Watermoor.” My own experiences is when I fail to hear the siren I hear the Warden’s Whistle.

So They Were

The German High Command communiqué of Wednesday states: Bombs were scattered on a number of aerodromes such as – Latton where hangars and billets were set on fire and destroyed.

War News

Reports on enemy raids mainly in the Midlands

Orders for the Week

Black Out / ARP / Blood Sports

Black Out Times – November 22nd 5.39pm to 8.11am
to November 29th 5.32pm to 8.22 am

ARP - First Aid as usual at Ashcroft Road

Earl Bathurst's hounds meet at Perrott's Brook next Tuesday and Kemble Friday at 11am.

National Savings

During the year ended November 21st the National Savings Group at the Council School Boys the Children and parents contributed £600.

Sport / Football / Military Welfare

Football – Cirencester Town beat an Army 11 by 4 – 1 at the Grammar School Field. Scorers for the Town were Rimes 3 Tenty 1. Today the Town play another Army side on the Camp Ground.

Crime / Black Out / Aliens

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Cycling without lights :

Douglas Reginald Moore of Daglingworth was fined 5/- for having no light in Ampney Crucis on the Bibury Road at 11.15pm on October 15th. PWR Hoddinott reporting officer and 5/- for the same offence at Ready Token at 11.25pm on October 30th. PWR Legg reporting officer.

Fines of 5/- also for Ellen and Ann Gilding of Ready Token. PWR Hoddinott reporting officer. They had written to the court that they had put their lights out during an air raid warning. The chairman pointed out that they should have dismounted.

Inefficiently screened lights on a car:

Henry John Robinson of Ampney Crucis was fined 10/- plus 5/- costs for the above offence. SC Fawkes reporting officer.

Shop manager Robert Crittenden was fined £2 for allowing a light in Cricklade Street at 6.30pm on November 9th. Four lady customers and a pushchair had been the cause. He said they were at the mercy of customers and shop closing hours should be geared to the Black Out during the Winter. PC Smith reporting officer.

Other light offences:

Elizabeth McKay of Old farm Chedworth fined £1. PC Hughes reporting officer. She blamed it on an evacuee boy.

Dorothy May Greaves fined £1 for a light at Windyridge, Chedworth. PC Hughes reporting officer.

Albert Wedlock of Sheep Street Workshops also fined £1. PC Smith reporting officer.

Joyce Lamb of Old Bank House Gosditch Street fined £1 . SC Bayliss reporting officer. She only struck a match in an unused un-blacked out room.

Megan Crosier fined £1 at Gosditch Guest House. SC Bayliss reporting officer.

Eva Muriel Honour of Manor Farm East Leach fined £1 for leaving a vehicle unattended un-immobilised in Cirencester. PC Trull reporting officer.

Freda Prostack was fined £1 as an ex-Austrian she had failed to register her change of address within 48 hours. She had intended a temporary stay in Cirencester but then decided to make permanent.

Advert

National Service / RAF

RAF recruiting visit

Volunteers for service in the RAF will be interviewed by RAF Officers at the employment exchange in Cirencester on 27th November at 10.30am. Also at Tetbury on 29th November at 2.20pm. On application to Raikes Memorial Hall Brunswick Road Gloucester. Men are wanted as Air Crew, Wireless Operators, Flight Mechanics and Riggers.

British Legion / Remembrance Day / Fund Raising

Cirencester British Legion Armistice Activities. Cirencester and District Poppy Day raised £342-10s-4d . The parade included strong detachments of HM forces in khaki and blue and Dominion Forces. The Home Guard number, composition and bearing was the cause of agreeable surprise.

Institutes and Guilds

At Crudwell WI letters were read from HMS Garry the minesweeper adopted by the WI last year.

Letters to the Editor

Black Out

This column includes a letter from Lord Nuffield on adjusting headlamps.

Letters to the Editor

Evacuee Welfare / Military Welfare

Letter from A E Temple Cole Headmaster and Party Leader of Willesden (Evacuated Schools) The Rectory North Cerney appealing for the loan of a replacement upright piano for North Cerney Village Hall used by his 80 children. The present one loaned is now required for convalescent soldiers.

Advert

Retail / Drink

Work as you have never worked before – but don't forget this Point Fitness comes first. Red Point Rich Ruby Wine 3/3d per bottle.

Education / Evacuees / Christmas

The Board of education say that there is no reason why the Christmas Holidays should not be as usual but reception areas should discourage evacuees from going home. Teachers are to take holidays in rotation in reception areas to allow for the manning of recreation activities.

30/11/40

Advert

Pest Control

County of Gloucestershire – Applications for the appointment of County Rat Catcher Men over 30yrs experienced in various methods.

Salary £170 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £210 plus travelling expenses. Will need own car or motor cycle. Applications to the County Rat Officer not later than 13th December 1940

Richard L Moon Clerk to the County Council

Dig for Victory

Food Supplies

How You may Help

Your allotment or garden is a vital link in the chain of security. The merchant ships on which the whole Empire's vast war effort depends are being sunk at an average of over 270,000 tons a month. Many of these ships contain food. Their loss means a decrease in the available carrying space for food. The area of an allotment and garden in order to ensure replacement of or substitution for these lost food supplies must be enormously increased. Don't ponder this vital question act now, today. Secure an allotment for a great offensive Next Year on the Home Front. Dig Now and Dig Deeply. Just two facts selected from many. We imported 250,000 tons of onions and about 125,000 tons of carrots in 1939. Much land and labour are needed to make good this loss of imported food. How You may help. You may lessen this loss by securing at once an allotment. We have it waiting for you. We will gladly and fully advise you how to cultivate and crop it to the best advantage. Mr Churchill has sounded a warning of heavier U Boat attacks on our shipping next year. Lord Woolton has told us to expect shortages of some foods and has warned to prepare to tighten our belts. Fight the U Boat – Grow more Food and Yet More Food. Present a solid front and you may yet refute Lord Woolton's warning. If there is a shortage of some foods then let vegetables replace the lost commodities. Our population is much increased by refugees from other lands. You can back up our seamen, airmen and land forces by growing more food. You can help to smash Hitler and Mussolini and their criminal adherents.

“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.” The Prime Minister.

Do your bit call at the Municipal Offices. No don't sleep on it. You can help quite a lot to win this war.

Technical advisors – R E Arnold A Derry

Joint Hon. Secs. – J H Wilkinson R E Arnold

Agriculture / GWAEC

To all owners of livestock who have not made Agriculture returns to the Ministry.

This includes small holders with less than 1 acre of land but NOT small pig keepers who are members of pig clubs and poultry keepers with less than 50 birds. The following particulars are required: Size of holding, number of working horses, number of cows in milk, number of other cattle, number of sheep, number of pigs, number of goats, number of poultry.

This must be sent at once and in any case not later than December 7th 1940 to Animal Feeding Stuffs Rationing Officer Berkeley House, Berkeley Street Gloucester.

Write RATIONS on the top left corner of the envelope.

Any person failing to send may be unable to obtain feeding stuffs.

Advert

Retail / Christmas

Bailey Bros

Bailey's Bazaar will be in full swing from Monday December 2nd.

Advert

Retail / Black Out

Materials for your Black Out Blinds and Curtains

Mitchell's Castle Street

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's, 20 Cricklade Street

Advert

Dig for Victory / Food Production

We shall only get those vegetables we grow ourselves. Fruit will probably be scarce. (Daily Paper)

But there is no excuse for any shortage nearly every garden has space for an extra apple tree or two for a row of Black, Red or White currants the same of Gooseberries and why not grow your own Plums, Pears, Cherries, Peaches and Nectarines? We can supply fruit bearing trees of all. Now is the time to plant. Procure your Onions and Broad beans now while seed is available.

John Jefferies

ARP / Medical / Evacuee Welfare

CRDC

At a meeting of the CRDC it was decided to buy a completely new ambulance a Daimler with a new body and reconditioned chassis. It will be a joint venture with the CUDC and priced £785 the cost to be shared plus £20 from hospital funds.

The Civil Defence Committee reported on steps to equip and staff Baunton Mill Hospital. Everything is being done to expedite the opening of the hospital.

Kitchen Front

Home Management Corner – Miss Switch

Keep the Pot A'Boiling.

Hot drinks or soups will help keep you going “ soup in any case should be a regular menu item. Its inexpensive and its good for body and nerves” ----- “ Boil the stock each evening and strain the liquid from solid. You can use bones and meat several times.

Dig for Victory / Food Production

GROW MORE FOOD

What to Do Now – Hints for the novice included

Next week Breaking up New Ground

Dig for Victory – Step on it

R.E.A.

POWs

What do I do to find out about or write to prisoners of war?

If I am uncertain whether my relative or friend is a prisoner, I write for information to the Regimental Office of his Unit in the case of other ranks or to the Regimental Casualties Branch, War Office London in the case of Officers. If I want to write letters or send parcels to a prisoner, I ask at any Main Post Office for leaflet T2280E which will give me full details of how to go about it, I do not use the telephone for enquiry in either case.

Cut this out and keep it - Issued by the Ministry of Information. Space presented by the National Brewers Society.

National Saving / Christmas

Solving the Christmas Present Problem

A beautiful Christmas card. Gift that improves with keeping.

The National Savings Committee has produced a Christmas card which combines utility with beauty. In other words it is a card which will help solve the Christmas present problem from a personal and national point of view. The card bears on the front cover a coloured reproduction of the National Savings Committee's now famous Fiery Cross picture. Inside is an appropriate verse by Owen Seaman reprinted by permission of Punch.

Rejoice whatever anguish rends your heart

That God has given you for a priceless dower

To live in these great times and have your part.

In freedom's crowning hour.

The other part of the card contains 30 spaces to hold 6d stamps enabling the sender to fill in as many as he or she desires as a Christmas Gift – a gift that improves with keeping. The recipient can fill in the remainder. The front cover can be retained when the recipient has used the stamps to buy a Savings Certificate or to make a deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank. This is a most suitable way to start a young person in the savings habit.

The Christmas card has been prepared in response to an enormous demand throughout the country. It is now in the printer's hands and an announcement will be made shortly giving the date when supplies will be available at the Post Office.

Enemy Action / Religion

A suggestion is under consideration that fragments of the altar and roof of St Paul's smashed off by a bomb should be built into the walls of new churches overseas.

Advert

Retail / Drink/ Black Out

Vine Product Ltd British Wines suggest that it is a good thing to send your visitors on their way into the dark night with "One for the road".

Small Advert

Food Supplies

To Let the right to take rabbits on the Ashbrook Estate ; conditions of let can be obtained from and offers received by M Mactaggart Ashbrook Estate Office Cirencester.

Small Advert

Evacuees Welfare

Wanted home for two girls aged 8½ and 7yrs from much bombed area. Write Box 683

Small Advert

Military Welfare

Billiard table wanted on loan for troops in the Fairford area. It would be gratefully fetched from any distance.

Situations Vacant

Farm vacancies 4

Domestic vacancies 17

Letters to the Editor

Black Out

Enforce the Black Out

Sir the reception areas will continue to be almost as dangerous as the evacuated areas so long as the Black Out continues to be unenforced, especially in villages.

Rev S Claude Tickell Vicar of Latton cum Eysey

Letters to the Editor

Black Out

Cirencester's Black Out Disgraceful

Sir I had the slight misfortune on Saturday night that compelled me to stay in Cirencester from 6pm to 10.45pm. I was shocked by the way the townspeople abuse the Black Out regulations. I am surprised the town has not been bombed to blazes. Lights showed from shop windows and underneath doors. Some shops had no Black Out arrangements whatever. Doors opened letting a stream of light shine across the street. People flashed torches about without care, though they had not been dimmed. Cars pulled up in the parking place leaving their headlamp on for 4 or 5 minutes sending a stream of light across the street, lighting up the opposite shops like searchlight beams. Some cars parked and left their side and rear lights on.

I think the Black Out arrangements of the town disgraceful. Nobody can deny the fact that there is ample proof if one would walk around for a few hours. I would be thankful if you would publish this letter for the benefit of everybody.

Roy Reynolds 12 Church Walk Ashton Keynes

Letters to the Editor

Military Welfare / Christmas

Mrs G M Hardy Hon Sec City of Bath Hospitality Committee, the Pump Rooms Bath appeals for Christmas accommodation for Dominion Troops.

Morale / Propaganda / RAF

A Credit Balance (not verbatim)

An Intelligence Officer of an RAF Station in the South has compiled a balance sheet for one Squadron operating from his station. He says they may be conservative about Ju88s and Dornier 17s

Me 109s	(10 @ £3,000)	£30,000
Me110s	(27½ @ £10,000)	£273,000
Ju87	(1 @ £10,000)	£10,000
Ju88s	(6½ @ £15,000)	£97,500
Do 17s	(4 @ £15,000)	£60,000
He 111s	(18 @ £25,000)	£450,000
He113	(1 @ £10,000)	£10,000
Total		£950,000
Hurricanes lost	(26 @5,000)	£130,000
Credit Balance		<u>£820,000</u>
		£950,000

Food Production

Cirencester Home Food Production Society [CHFPS]

An address was given by Dr Redington at the meeting held at the Municipal Offices on Wednesday. Dr Redington is the Horticultural Officer for the Gloucestershire County Society. A long report records the advice given and a letter received from Mrs May Bruce (Hillhouse Sapperton) on Quick Return Compost. (full details given).

Enemy Action

Battle in the air

Last Sunday afternoon people in Cirencester were thrilled to see a German Bomber shot down in flames.

The sudden noise of machine gun fire in the air turned all eyes skywards. There was seen a Ju88 being worried by two Hurricanes.

One of the engines of the Junkers was on fire and soon smoke was seen pouring from its tail. The plane lost height rapidly and appeared to swerve sideways from its course. Burst after burst went into the Junkers and parts of the plane fell away and enveloped in flames the machine fell at the rear of the kitchen of Coates manor just grazing the edge of the roof in its fall.

The heat of the fire cracked some of the nearby windows and scorched the window frames, but no other damage was caused to the house and no one was injured.

The crew of the Junkers, apparently 4 in number were so completely burnt that their was no chance of recognition or identification. What was left of the plane was smashed to pieces in the fall, fragments being scattered over a wide area. A scarf belonging to one of the German airmen was picked up 5miles on the other side of town. The chase started miles away. A Wing Commander instructing two Polish pupils in a practice flight met the Junkers. One of the pupils began the attack and the Wing Commander finished it. (later research has credited the Polish pilot with the kill)

Military Welfare /NZ Troops / Dance / Christmas

Dances for the troops at Cirencester

The third dance run by Mr Runacres was a tremendous success. A special band, the (Broadcasting) Military Band of the New Zealand Brigade consisting of 27 performers under the leadership of Lt Miller. 600 to 700 danced through the evening. At one point just five members of the Band including Bdm Vercoe on piano gave a remarkable performance of "hot" dance music. Bdm Vercoe is acknowledged to be one of the finest jazz pianists in the Antipodes. They concluded with the Maori Farewell Song. The decorations left from Fridays dance were exceptionally lavish. The organisers were honoured during the evening with a visit from Lt Col H Frank T Fisher SAQC through whose good offices the Corn hall was made available. He admired the efforts of the townspeople to entertain the troops and said that the War Office wanted to give every possible help.

The Band played for charity in the Market Place during the morning. An elaborate Christmas party is planned for the dance on 21st December. Mr Runacres hopes to obtain the services of the Band again and the Maori Choir.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Court

Ian James Cruikshank of Kemble's case was dismissed but with 4/- costs because he was the first case under the new regulations concerning the screening of lights. PC Jefferies reporting officer.

Joan Long Ranwick of Stroud for the same offence was fined 10/- plus 10/- costs for having no rear light at 10.30pm on October 27th. PS Howkins reporting officer.

Fuel Supplies / Coal

COAL

Stocks must be conserved. Demands on transport are heavy.

The Winter is coming. Only care now will see us through.

Ask your supplier for a FREE booklet on how to save fuel and watch these hints.

SIFT YOUR CINDERS

SPARE THE POKER

SAVE COAL

Issued by the Mines Department

Orders for the Week

Black Out / Blood Sports

Black Out Times – November 29th 5.32pm to 8.22am
to December 6th 5.28pm to 8.31am

Earl Bathurst's hounds meet at Upper Siddington next Tuesday and next Friday at the Horse and Groom Charlton at 11am.

National Savings

Savings totals - Week ending November 23rd £11,969

Total since 1st January £345,902

Local Military / Decorations / RN

A DSC has been awarded to Naval Lt W N R Warner the nephew of General and Mrs Price of The Beeches Cirencester.

Kitchen Front / Food Preparation

This Week's Food Facts on the Kitchen Front

How to construct a biscuit tin oven. (details given)

Recipe given for Wartime Queen of Puddings.

CUDC Meeting

Evacuees / Salvage/ ARP / Dig for Victory/ Military Welfare

It was confirmed that the Council should use compulsory powers for billeting evacuees but that discretion must be used. This was in view of the Ministry of Health's pressure for more evacuees to the area. The Clerk had drafted a letter to householders who had not yet accepted an evacuee. Mr Winstone said it was essential to support the Billeting Officer who had had rather a rough time at the hands of some householders.

The Salvage Committee reported that the improved transport situation meant that all accumulated stocks of paper and nearly all the scrap metal had been sold. The collection of kitchen waste was successful despite a slight fall in quantity. (Cash receipts given)

The purchase of the ambulance was as reported in the RDC minutes.

The Town's War effort had been reported to Lord Woolton i.e. that the Allotment Scheme had stood at 732 plots and it was hoped to put another 230 plots into cultivation. The Communal Kitchen serving approximately 100 meals daily was also reported and Mr Eden had been informed of facilities for the care of HM Forces in the district.

Mr Rumbol reported National Savings groups now stood at 42 with 1,632 subscribers with the total so far saved £345-10s.

The Streets Committee agreed £153-10s to be paid to Messrs Fletcher and Wilkie to erect a shed to store AFS equipment.

Advert

Retail / Black Out / Christmas

Books by Rev W Bryn Thomas BA (Hons) of the Kemble Vicarage

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Black Out

Our First Defence in Night Raids

A Perfect Black Out

Some hints and observations by an ARP Warden reprinted from the Oxford Times.

(Long article summarised as follows)

- (1) The official ruling is total Black Out
- (2) See your curtains do black out completely
- (3) Do not let light escape from your front door
- (4) Do not let light escape from your back door
- (5) Watch the skylights
- (6) Remember the fire when going out in the afternoon
- (7) Point your electric torch downwards. The light must be screened by two layers of tissue paper.
- (8) Do not use matches outside during an alert. Make sure your torch is regulation
- (9) See that your car lamps conform to the regulations.

War News

Reports on the rout of the Italians in Albania.

Rationing / Food Supplies / Christmas

Lord Woolton Announces that there is every possibility of an increase in the tea and sugar ration for Christmas. Onions and lemons will soon be more plentiful.

Food Supplies

Under the Feeding Stuffs(Licensing and control) order 1940 no one may buy or sell feeding stuffs without a license.

Fund Raising / Spitfire Fund / Evacuees

£12 – 15s was raised at a Minety Village Hall concert for the Spitfire Fund. Evacuees took part.(full cast list given)

Spotlight

Enemy Action

Spotlight includes a parody on Kipling's "If"

If you can keep yourself from going crackers.

At all the things you're advised to do.

When Hitler sends his horrid air attackers.
With squibs and bombs to try and frighten you.
If you can hear the hellish Banshee warning.
Without that sinking feeling in your breast.
If you can sleep in dug out till the morning.
And never feel you ought to have more rest.
If you can laugh at every Black Out stumble.
Not murmur when you cannot find a pub.
If you can eat your rations and grumble.
About the wicked price you pay for grub.
If you can keep depression down to zero.
And view it all as just a bit of fun.
Then sir, you'll be a (something) hero.
And what is more – you'll be the only one!

7/12/40

Dig for Victory
Cirencester Horticultural Society

Dig for Victory
Note the Date Time and Place
On Wednesday next 11th December at the Church Hall
Miss Maye Bruce will talk on “Quick Return Compost Making”

Dig for Victory
Cirencester Home Food Production Society

Will members kindly place their orders with the Society at once for seeds, seed potatoes and fertilizer. Delay is Dangerous Act Now.
Have you applied for an Allotment (further call to protect seamen) “Release ships for Ammo
Join the Food Production Society.
Dig for Victory! Step On it!

Advert

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We shall only get those vegetables we grow ourselves. Fruit will probably be scarce. (Daily Paper)
But there is no excuse for any shortage nearly every garden has space for an extra apple tree or two for a row of Black, Red or White currants the same of Gooseberries and why not grow your own Plums, Pears, Cherries, Peaches and Nectarines? We can supply fruit bearing trees of all. Now is the time to plant. Procure your Onions and Broad beans now while seed is available.
John Jefferies

Retail / Christmas

Large advert for Christmas at Bailey's

Advert

Agriculture

Cirencester and District YFC

A Lecture on Wartime Farming by Prof Boutflour on Tues December 10th 7pm in the Congregational Church Rooms. Members of the Club of the WLA and any person interested in agriculture is invited to be present.

Entertainment / Dance / Fund Raising

Dance

Cirencester Church Hall - Friday December 13th 7.30pm to 11pm

Alec Mattock's Band

Admission 1/- Double 1/9d

In aid of the Guild of St George

Advert

Retail / Drink

Work as you have never worked before – but don't forget this Point Fitness comes first.

Red Point Rich Ruby Wine 3/3d per bottle.

Dig for Victory

Grow More Food

“Breaking up New Ground Practical Hints for the Novice”

A long article by R E A

Advert

Pest Control

The enemy in our midst routed by Rodine.

Christmas / Postal Services / Black Out

Why you must Post Christmas Mail by December 18th

40,000 men have been released to the forces.

Normally 80,000 temporaries would be taken on.

Slow up of road and rail transport by the Black Out.

Deliveries and collections need to be in hours of daylight.

Home based troops and evacuees will increase the quantity of mail.

Food Supplies / Christmas

Thousands of allied troops will celebrate their traditions at Christmas in this country this year.

Geese, Santa Claus and Black Peter for the Dutch.

Carp for the Czechs

Beer and fruit chicken and soup for the Belgians.

Food Supplies / Christmas

Turkey Prices

Housewives should not pay more than this list:

Best Norfolk birds 2/10d per lb up to 18lbs and 2/6d per lb over.

Eire turkeys 2/4d per lb up to 18lbs and 2/- per lb over.

Birds from Scotland, Ireland and England other than Norfolk, maximum prices between the above.

Home Guard

Wife Will Aid Home Guard Number One with social Centres and hot drinks after duty.

(description of Major General T R Eastwood DSO MC the new chief of the Home Guard

Situations Vacant

Farm vacancies 4

Domestic vacancies 17

War News / Morale

Morale booster articles; Proud record of Bomber Squadrons.

Eager Gunners of the Merchant Navy.

Steady Toll of German U Boats.

Britons cheered in Greece.

Orders for the Week

Black Out / ARP

Friday December 6th 5.28pm to 8.31am

Friday December 13th 5.27pm to 8.38am

ARP First Aid practice Monday December 9th 7.15pm Ashroft

Special practice for parties 49 and 50

Moral Rearmament

Anyone wishing to get in touch with the Movement for Moral Rearmament communicate with Box 590 "Standard Office" Cirencester.

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's, 20 Cricklade Street

Crime / Aliens / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

George Richard Schjelderup of Shawswell Rendcomb was fined £1 for failing to register his change of address (as an alien) within 48hrs. He was Norwegian and had broadcast for the BBC.

Showing a light:

Vivian Williams was fined £1 for showing a light at 52 Chester Street at 6.30pm on November 19th. SC Bayliss reporting officer.

Kathleen French of White gates Chedworth was fined £2 for showing a light at 7.45pm on November 18th. PC Hughes of Chedworth reporting officer. There had been previous offences.

Lights on cars:

Walter Day of Hampton Wick was fined 10/- for parking a motor van on the Stroud Road at 9 pm on November 7th without lights on. PC Thorn reporting officer.

Richard Donald Mattock was fined 10/- on each charge of leaving a car unattended and not immobilised in Cirencester Market Place and for using unauthorised side lights at 8.35pm on October 31st. PWR Legg reporting officer. As to the door not being locked, as it was an open car the defendant thought there was no object in it.

Thomas Dagney Watkins of Chedworth was fined 10/- for having unauthorised sidelights in Cirencester Market Place at 8.35pm on November 17th. PWR Legg reporting officer.

Charles Jory of the Bruderhof was fined 7/6d plus 2/6d costs for cycling without lights on the Ashton Keynes Road at 6.35pm on November 2nd. SC Dawe reporting officer.

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Letters to the Editor

Savings

T G Gribble acting director The Economic League 2 Great Peter Street SW 1

Hitler is likened to Attila the Hun laying waste to towns such as Coventry, Bristol, Southampton etc. An appeal is made for savings on the home front to drive him back.

Letters to the Editor

Evacuation / Cirencester Church of England Men's Society [CEMS]

Mr B A Ferriman of 45 Victoria Road the Hon. Sec. CEMS gives an open invitation to members of other branches evacuated to the town to attend the meeting in the Toc-H Room Park Street on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm.

Letters to the Editor

ARP / Sirens

Warnings for Watermoor

Dear Sir "The powers that be" have decided that in the Watermoor district it is not necessary to supplement the sounding of Air Raid sirens with whistles. How do the residents feel about this?

A fair proportion of our ARP services reside at Watermoor and experience has proved that it is often impossible to hear the "bugger" at this end of the town, and for them alone it is essential that some warning be given.

There is also the question of safety of the children. An alert may be sounded during the dinner hour and not heard in certain areas. At the time for the return to school, children could easily be sent out into the streets, their parents being ignorant of the impending danger.

One quite appreciates there are people who have no wish to be wakened in the night but if whistles are blown in all districts the public will at least know a raid is possible and can please themselves what action they take for their personal safety.

It has been decided to blow whistles at Chesterton, why not Watermoor?

Watermoor ARP WORKER

Military Welfare

Winstone

Since the Work Party started a year ago 532 garments have been knitted for the forces.

Spotlight

Dig for Victory / Military Personnel

Spotlight comments on the Dig for Victory campaign and says that the fork used in the garden and the fork at the dinner table may well have a closer relationship before long. On fine example is a blind gentleman in a village not ten miles from Cirencester who because his handyman has been called up, is doing his own for an spade work.

He also notes that the Grammar School has 169 old boys serving in the forces in every department. 65 are in the RAF including Walter Hammond, 29 are in the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. Others are in the Balloon and Searchlight units etc. and one accompanied the Australian Expeditionary Force and one at least is an Army Chaplain. There have been casualties, one on the Royal Oak another on active service, one is missing and two are prisoners of war .

As a group of RAF bomber crew were leaving for a hazardous raid, some colleagues from the Polish Air Force lined up by the door to see them off. Their spokesman stepped forward dictionary in hand and said "God pickle you gentlemen" (English pitfall pickle/preserve)

Black Out / ARP

Electricity ARP

Bombs have caused lights to switch on in empty houses during air raids. The moral for all occupiers of buildings should be whenever the building is left unattended to switch off the lights at the main. Also when the electricity fails at a time when the lights are in use all switches should be turned off immediately to prevent them coming on again when the current is restored maybe during the Black Out.

Advert

The Kitchen Front/ Food Preparation

Don't throw away vegetable water. Try Soup today the OXO way.

By adding 1 or 2 OXO cubes to your vegetable water a delicious soup is quickly made full of extra goodness and nourishment. A welcome addition to wartime meals.

Strengthens The Home Front

Advert

Christmas Gifts / Shortages

Important Notice

Soako Gift Scheme – closes 31st December 1940

Owing to war conditions and increased difficulties in obtaining supplies of gifts. Messrs T H Harris and Sons Ltd announce that the Gift Scheme terminates on December 31st 1940. Ever effort will be made to exchange coupons for the gifts required provided application reach us before December 31st. If gifts are no longer available coupons will be redeemed for cash at ½d for a whole coupon, ¼d for a ½ coupon.

Remember no applications will be entertained after December 31st 1940

Send you application to T H Harris and Sons Ltd, Gift Department, Stratford, London E 15.

Fuel Supplies

Coal

Use Coal Carefully

Be Glad of any Coal

Don't worry about the kind

Your merchants will supply the best they can.

Ask your supplier for a Free booklet on how to save fuel

And watch for these hints.

Lay One Fire Only

Light it Late
Let it Last
Issued by the Mines Department

Medical

Scarlet fever has broken out in Minety

Institutes and Guilds

Christmas / Home Guard / Military Welfare

Ampney Crucis W I had an inspiring address given by Miss Faithfull of Birdlip “ The Differences Made by the War”. After an entertainment it was voted to suspend the meetings of the Institute for 1 year owing to the difficulties of present conditions.

Cirencester meeting included a report on The Produce Guild by Miss Toulmin

East Leach decided not to have a Christmas party but to join with the Home Guard in a Whist Drive to raise funds for the local boys in H M Forces.

ARP / Emergency Feeding

The Ministry of Food having seen the results of its machinery for emergency feeding in Coventry has now made arrangements for the same machinery in every town in Great Britain for supplying hot food, bread and milk.

Military Casualties / Polish Forces

A young Polish Airforce Officer was killed near Tom Long’s Post on the Cirencester – Minchinhampton Road. He was 23 year old Flying Officer Tadeusq Bagrowski . He was killed when his motor cycle hit the verge.

Kitchen Front / Food Preparation

Be on Your Oats

A short article on the benefits of the same as advised by Lord Woolton. Not only use it in porridge but oatcakes, oatmeal bread and scones. It blends well with honey or jam to make a pudding when sugar is short.

Medical / Maternity Facilities

Mention of “The Cotswold” Maternity Hospital Tetbury.

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Personal

Military Welfare

Has anyone a billiard table they would lend for troops in the Fairford Area.

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin’s, 20 Cricklade Street

Situations Vacant

Farm vacancies 4

Domestic vacancies 16

Retail

Black Out

Hartley Motor Cycle and Motor Car Headlamps. Masks, all sizes in stock from 10/6d to 12/6d. Fitted while you wait
W Farrell and Sons, Castle Street

Dig for Victory

Cirencester Horticultural Society

Dig for Victory

Time and Tide wait for no man. We are nearing the end of the year. Another planting season will soon be with us. Are you ready for it? Take time by the forelock and secure an allotment today; it is waiting for you and there is little time to spare. You have much to do and little time to do it in if you would be ready to plant for next year's crops.

Time Presses

Don't let it press – you or us – to the wall!

Every SOS that comes from British or Allied ships telling us that she is being shelled or has been torpedoed is a challenge to the gardener, not less to the farmer – a challenge that permits neither shrinking nor evasion. Time is Passing, the days, hours and minutes cannot be recalled! Secure an allotment before the New Year. Apply at once to the Municipal Offices. There too you can obtain advice – expert and practical – gladly given. Give us the chance to help you. Get on with the digging as soon as possible.

Time Presses! - Dig for Victory! – Step on it!

Technical advisors – R E Arnold A Derry

Joint Hon. Secs. – J H Wilkinson R E Arnold

Pest Control (Large Advert with an illustration of a rat with Hitler's face)

Kill That Rat

Here in Britain is an enemy army of Rats living on us, devouring huge quantities of food, every ounce of which is precious in wartime. Kill these pests now and stop the waste. Rats are filthy disease carrying vermin. They haunt sewers - cess pools – garbage dumps – wherever rotting refuse lies – there are the rats. From wallowing in unmentionable filth these pests invade our larders, our food shops our warehouses gnawing and pawing and wasting food.

Kill Them Now

Trap'em Poison'em Gas'em Hunt'em.

Householders! If you have a single rat set poison or traps today – its your duty.

Retailers! Don't let rats gnaw into your stocks. Set poison or traps today and kill the brutes today.

Mill Owners !

So reinforce and intensify your present ant-rat measures that extermination is swift and complete.

Farmers!

Don't let the Rats rob you. Use poison, traps, gas, ferrets – every possible means to clear granaries and barns. Attack today!

Ask for a leaflet from your local authority. There is one for the householder another for the factory owners and retailers and another for farmers and landowners. This leaflet gives clear directions about the easiest ways to prevent and destroy rats. Everyone can help.

Kill all Rats!

War News

First of three long articles by Alan J Winchester – 1940 in Retrospect

Kitchen Front / Food Supplies

Plain and Healthy Food

Lord Woolton warns that in the second year of the war people will have to live more simply to save shipping space. No waste and look to home grown and simple foods. We will not go short if we adapt our eating habits.

Enemy Action/ Police / Decorations and Awards

Long report on awards given to Special Constables for distinguished conduct when bombs, incendiary and High explosive were dropped near Birdlip. The presentation was made at Birdlip among those present : Special Superintendent Col. A Payley, Special Inspector C C Gouldsmith and Superintendent J H Jotcham (Cirencester) in charge of the Division. Distinguished Conduct awards were given to S Sgt Frederick Oliver John, Head SC Reginald James Hillier and Head SC Ewart Victor James Holman. Meritorious Service awards were made to : SC Arthur Conroy Berry, SC Archie Wilfrid Mills and SC Francis Henry Hayward.

Dig for Victory

Grow More Food – Conserve Existing Stocks and use them to best advantage. Advice by R. E. A. on rotation of greens etc.

Rationing

Despite Lord Woolton's warning that without a new Ration Book rations could not be guaranteed many have still not applied for new books.

Advert

Military Welfare / Christmas

Pears Soap

The British Empire

Beyond Britain lies the mighty power of the British Commonwealth of nations 500,000,000 peoples unitedly preparing to strike the decisive counter blow for victory. Wherever the British flag is hoisted there too will found men from the Mother Country brothers in arms with the Empire Forces waiting for the command. If you have a son, husband, father or friend serving overseas. Think of him today. Send him a Pears Service Pack. He will find it a supremely useful gift.

Send him a Service Pack wherever he is. Pears "Special" Service Pack contains two 5d cakes of soap; a 1/3d Golden Shaving Stick and a 1/3d tin of solid Brilliantine price 3/4d packed in a strong container free and labelled ready for posting to any part of the Empire. From your usual retailer.

Advert

Christmas Gifts / Shortages

Important Notice

Soako Gift Scheme – closes 31st December 1940

Owing to war conditions and increased difficulties in obtaining supplies of gifts. Messrs T H Harris and Sons Ltd announce that the Gift Scheme terminates on December 31st 1940. Ever

effort will be made to exchange coupons for the gifts required provided application reach us before December 31st. If gifts are no longer available coupons will be redeemed for cash at ½d for a whole coupon, ¼d for a ½ coupon.

Remember no applications will be entertained after December 31st 1940

Send you application to T H Harris and Sons Ltd, Gift Department, Stratford, London E 15.

ARP / Shelters

Long article on Air Raid Shelters in Winter

Blood Sports/ Military Welfare

Cotswold Coursing

Excellent Day at East Leach – Good Company and Excellent Sport

At East leach Downs last Friday the hosts provided plenty of good strong hares. The Clubs hosts were Sir Sothern Holland Bart., Major Gen Goschen , Col C Heyworth Savage OBE, Mr A Barton, Mr F Honour and Mr G White (Foyle Fawcett was a steward)

The race names were East leach Stakes, The Downs Stakes, the Macaroni Stakes and the Westwell Stakes. During the lunch interval a collection for the Troops Comfort Fund raised £1-7s-9d. (Total prize money was £60)

Rationing / Christmas

Christmas Food Concessions

There will be Christmas food concessions but no more imported fruit. Bacon supplies may be restricted. During the week beginning December 16th housewives will receive for each ration coupon 12ozs of sugar and 4ozs of tea after that the normal ration continues. To save space for animal feed no tinned or fresh fruit except limited quantities of oranges will be imported for some time. It may be necessary to limit bacon supplies to the equivalent of 12ozs per head in each 4 week period. The ministry asks customers to accept the different cuts without grumbling.

Fund Raising / Red Cross Agricultural Fund

Farmers in England and Wales have subscribed £250,000 to the Red Cross Agricultural Fund.

Orders for the Week

Black Out / ARP / Blood Sport

Friday December 13th 5.27pm to 8.38am

Friday December 20th 5.28pm to 8.43am

ARP all members of Parties 50 an 51 assemble for special practice at 7.15pm Monday next December 16th at the usual place.

Earl Bathurst's Hounds meet Tuesday December 17th at Aldsworth and Friday December 20th at Pope's Seat at 11am.

Retail / Food Supplies / Christmas

Cirencester Butchers Association announce that owing to the present situation they cannot guarantee supplies or deliveries on the Monday or Tuesday prior to Christmas Day as no rations are allowed.

Awards

Mr Waters Station Master of the GWR presented a cheque to Pte B Limbrick of the Gloucestershire regiment who stopped a runaway GWR horse and dray in Cricklade Street on November 11th.

Postal Services / Christmas

Christmas Post for Cirencester

The Public are asked to Post Early and retain mail between December 18th and 25th until after Christmas. Also post during the day to reduce traffic in the Black Out.

December 18th, 21st, 23rd and 24th deliveries 8am and 2pm daily in town and Stratton and in the Rural District one daily delivery starting at 7.15am.

Town Collections – frequent throughout the day.

Rural collections from boxes and Sub Offices in the mornings and afternoons as advertised locally.

Sunday December 22nd

Delivery in all districts and usual Sunday collections. Head Office open at the usual times.

Telegraph Office open for telegrams and sale of stamps 9am – 10am

Christmas Day

One delivery. No collections or dispatches from Head Office. Telegrams and stamps 9am – 10am.

Boxing Day

Usual week day deliveries, collections and dispatches and Head Office open but not Sub Offices. Telegraph Office, including Stratton open 9am – 10am but others closed.

Advert

Entertainment / Dance NZ Troops/ Memorial Hospital

New Zealand Band (27 strong) and Maori Singers in the Corn Hall Gala Dance in aid of the Memorial Hospital by permission of the Commanding Officer Brig J Hargest.

Free running buffet – fully licensed bar

Tickets 7/6d single 12/6d double. From H F Priddy Secretary the Memorial Hospital

Messrs Frdk Boulton 27 Market Place

Dale Forty and Co ltd 23 Market Place

Baily and Woods 19 Market Place

W H Smith 19 Castle Street

Wilts an Glos Standard 74 Dyer Street

War News

Report of the British Offensive in the Western Desert.

Local Military / POW / Decorations and Award

MC for 2nd Lt J A Goschen son of Major General and Mrs Goschen of Macaroni Downs Farm East Leach.

He was taken prisoner at St Valery. He escaped from Lille Prison Camp disguised as a peasant and cycled 500 miles through enemy territory to Switzerland. He was repatriated and is now serving in the Middle East.

Evacuation / Christmas

The mayor and Mayoress of Barking will be staying in Cirencester from Thursday to Sunday and attend the Christmas Party to be held in the Picture House and Regal who have postponed their programmes. The extra accommodation is needed as the numbers have increased from 1,000 to 1,500 to include all children from Cirencester's public elementary schools. The

format will be similar to last year. Subscriptions welcomed by the Hon Treasurer Mr L H C Batt of Barclay's Bank.

Christmas / Postal Services

What Do I Do about posting my parcels and letters this year?

I realise the difficulties of transport but want letters and parcels to arrive on time, so decide have everything parcelled up and ready right away so that I can send them in the next few days. I know I can always write "Don't open till Christmas" on the outside.

Cut this out and keep it - Issued by the Ministry of Information. Space presented by the National Brewers Society.

Advert

ARP / Air Raids

Window Protection

Protect glass with Dufaynet which passes approximately 90% of available light.

Holds splinters and glass together, bought in 21inch rolls of any length. For reglazing use Dufayglass in small windows, Dufayglass Fortified for North lights, roof lights and large windows. Specially prepared to stand snow load.

Pest Control

Government declares total war on Public Pest No1

Rats destroy more than U Boats. All out war is declared by means of Dogs Cats Ferrets Traps Poison and Gas.

Householders should find good rat-traps sufficient. Stop up all holes with cement and broken glass, store food in sealed containers. Three leaflets are available from the WAEC

National Savings /Christmas

To wage earners and others liable to income tax.

Put your savings into Savings certificates.

The only Government security no subject to income tax.

You should not mention your savings certificates in you income tax returns. Nobody needs to know you have any. Interest accumulates in 5years. A 15/- certificate is worth 17/6d in 10 years 20/6d. You can cash them whenever you like. The maximum holding for any individual is 500 certificates at £375.

Save regularly week by week. Go to a Post Office or your Bank and put you money into Savings Certificates or deposit your savings in the Post Office or trustees savings bank. Join a Savings group and make others join with you.

The National Savings Christmas Card – free if you buy savings.

A most attractive Christmas card particularly appropriate to the time. The card has space for 30 6d savings stamps and is novel greeting and gift combined. Solve your Christmas Gift problem by sending this to your family and friends – particularly young friends with as many savings stamps as you can afford. The card is free at the Post Office and should be posted in a sealed envelope. Greet your friends and Help Your Country.

Advert

The Kitchen Front/ Food Preparation

Don't throw away vegetable water. Try Soup today the OXO way.

By adding 1 or 2 OXO cubes to your vegetable water a delicious soup is quickly made full of extra goodness and nourishment. A welcome addition to wartime meals.

Strengthens The Home Front

Fuel Supplies

Coal

Use Coal Carefully

Be Glad of any Coal

Don't worry about the kind

Your merchants will supply the best they can.

Ask your supplier for a Free booklet on how to save fuel

And watch for these hints.

Lay One Fire Only

Light it Late

Let it Last

Issued by the Mines Department

Food Supplies / Cirencester YFC

Prof. Bouffour told Cirencester Young Farmers Club at the Congregational School room on Tuesday evening that we must grow more food. We can grow potatoes on the Cotswolds, it is an easy and profitable crop despite some fears that it will not grow well here.

Women's Land Army / Decorations and Awards

A Milking contest was held at Home Farm, Cirencester Park on Tuesday afternoon, the first in a series in different parts of Gloucestershire. The object was to encourage a high standard from training and bring together girls who often work in isolation. Present were: Mrs W S Morrison Chairman, The Hon Mrs William Bathurst Organising Secretary, Countess Bathurst, Lady Susan Hicks Beach, Lady Victoria Hicks Beach, Lady Ingram, Mrs Robinson and others.

The herd was Old Gloucestershire Cattle. The contest was supervised by Miss A Culnett County Instructress in dairying. There were points for personal cleanliness and suitable dress, General style of approach, management and preparation of the cow, management of fore-milk, skill in milking (grip motion and style) efficient stripping, cleanliness of milk (sediment test) no undue waste of time. There were very narrow margins between three contestants. The winner was Miss Hilda Bristow until recently of Mr Garne's farm at Cocklebarrow now on her father's farm at Hillesley, Wotton-under-Edge. She scored 77 points. 76 points were scored by two runners up, Miss A Ellis working on Mr V Pinchin's farm at Chedworth Laines and Miss Coppin senior working for Mr White at Baxter's farm Southrop. The winners in each section are to compete in the finals in the Spring.

Good Service Awards

The competitors, organisers etc were entertained to tea by Countess Bathurst. Good Service diamonds have been awarded to a number of members for 6 and 12 months good service.

Some received them at tea others will in the near future. Those recently awarded are :-
12 months - Miss A Ellis and Miss Goschen (working for Major General Goschen of macaroni Downs East Leach)

6 months – Miss P Mayo (Sir Orme Clark's farm Bibury Court)

Miss E Morris (Earl Bathurst's Home Farm)

Miss Woodford (Mr J Tippet's farm Overley farm Daglingworth)

Miss Whire (Mrs Mackinon's farm Daglingworth Place)

Crime / Poaching / Black Out Cirencester Petty Sessions

Mr James Flanagan a steel erector of Wroughton working at Kemble was fined 10/- for trespassing on Lord Biddulph's land at Kemble in search of conies. PC Jefferies reporting officer.

Walter Grenville Welsh of Melmore Gardens was fined 10/- for not having a front or back light on the Crudwell Kemble Road. PC Jefferies reporting officer.

Leslie Griffiths of Cotswold Avenue was fined 10/- for not having a front or back light on the Crudwell Kemble Road. PC Jefferies reporting officer.

Phyllis Francis of the Council Houses Kemble was fined 5/- for too bright a light on her cycle. The carbon paper had slipped. PC Jefferies reporting officer.

Mr Frank Hepworth of Warwick was fined 10/- for a similar offence with the off side lamp of his car. PC Trull reporting officer

Stanley Arthur Rimes of Cerney Wick was fined £2 with 10/- costs for allowing a light on his premises. Cecil Webb of Barber's Farm saw the light and shouted "Put that light out" and it went out. PC Waldron interviewed the defendant.

Kitchen Front / Christmas

Home Management Corner – Miss Switch

Christmas fare out of the tin.

Advice on using some of the store of tinned little extras. Also recipes for Strawberry Cream and Christmas Snowballs. Also includes N B The Ministry of Food requests that you do not buy tinned food just now.

Letters to the Editor

ARP Warnings

Colonel Pardoe explains the position in the light of recent complaints about not being able to hear sirens in certain parts.

The idea of just having sirens was to (1) Call ARP personnel to duties. (2) Warn people in the streets to take cover (3) "Allow those who are in their houses and possibly asleep to remain there in peace and quiet if they are lucky enough not to hear them". It has always been realised that the lay out of Cirencester meant that with the limited number of sirens the prevailing wind would prevent the outlying districts from hearing the sirens, This has meant that a system has been and is in existence where key men in the ARP are warned by telephone.

However it appears that from your correspondents letter and other information that a more comprehensive warning is now desired as follows.

- (1) Chesterton , Watermoor and Stratton – Alert on the siren will be taken up by Wardens who will blow their whistles in short blasts of three in quick succession.
- (2) In the Town Centre no whistle is necessary.
- (3) On the outskirts of the town Wardens will use their discretion in accordance with the wind direction etc. If in doubt they will use the whistle.
- (4) On raiders past "All Clear" wardens will blow three long blasts. At about 15 second intervals in all localities where the whistle has been used for the alert.
- (5) The best way to cover the town would be to make sure there are sufficient Wardens in each section which is not the case in some, not without significance the section from which most complaints come. A Warden's job is well within the capabilities of all day workers. Anyone wishing to enrol can give their name and address to their section warden or at the UDC Offices.

Food Preparation / Christmas/ Kitchen Front

Ministry of Food – this week's Food Facts

Includes what to do with your new Ration Book

On the Kitchen Front

War –and–Peace Christmas Pudding (made in Canada during the last war)

Mix together 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of breadcrumbs, ½ cup of suet, ½ cup of mixed fruit and, if you like a teaspoonful of mixed sweet spice. Then add a cup full of grated raw potato a cup of raw carrot and finally a level teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda dissolved in 2 tablespoons of hot water. Mix all together turn in to a well greased pudding bowl. The bowl should not be more than ⅔ full. Boil or steam for at least 2 hours.

Details of permits under the national Milk Scheme given.

A Sweet Story

After December 16th sugar will cost less 1d a 1lb less.

Reflect whenever you indulge.

It is not beautiful to bulge

A large untidy corporation

Is far from helpful to the Nation

Letters to the Editor

Fund Raising / Christmas /Evacuation

Mrs Chester Master appeals once again on behalf of the Children's Christmas Party. Over 15,000 will attend, evacuees, children whose fathers are serving in H M Forces from Cirencester and those whose parents give them a Christmas treat. It is sponsored by the CUDC, Chamber of Commerce, Toc H, British Legion, Old Contemptibles, Rotary, Drama Club, Trades Council and the AMPC [Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps] plus school masters and mistresses.

Entertainment / Christmas

Notice from Mrs Chester Master similar to last year apologising to the patrons of the cinemas for the alteration to schedules due to the children's party. (Gaumont and Regal this year)

Advert

Entertainment / Cinema

The Picture House – Thursday, Friday and Saturday next. The march of Time film, "Britain's RAF".

Casualties / YMCA

The YMCA canteen presented by the TUC and handed over recently at Buckingham Palace fell into the harbour at Canon's Marsh Bristol on Monday. The driver Mrs Cooke of Rodney Cottages was drowned. She had been distributing food and hot drinks to raid victims.

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Retail / Christmas

Cirencester Chamber of Commerce

Shop closing hours

Shops will close at 6pm as usual with no extension for Christmas.

Christmas closing

Perishable good stores 25th and 26th December open Friday 27th

Dry Goods Drapers etc closed 25th 26th and 27th December reopen December 28th.

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's, 20 Cricklade Street

Advert

Retail / Christmas

Large Bailey Bros advert offering Hearty greetings for Christmas and may the New Year Bring Happier Days

Dig For Victory / Christmas

Dig for Victory

Christmas Greetings to All Good Gardeners and Allotment Holders.

(not verbatim) Say it with seeds and tools, plants and trees. Such gifts will convey your goodwill and maybe encourage him or her to bend to the vital task of food production.

Your Christmas will be much happier if you make provision for next year.

Apply for an allotment now.

Followed by a call to keep faith with our boys at sea under the sea and in the armies and the air.

Dig for Victory

Advert

Retail / Dig for Victory

Jefferies and Sons

Christmas Gifts from Jefferies – fruit bushes and tress (and roses) help the national effort for food production.

Advert

Retail / Garden Supplies

Gravel, loam, soil available for filling up holes. Can be shot straight in while the weather lasts – John Smith and Sons Cirencester, Phone 54

Retail

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Personal / Transport

Anyone wanting a lift to Salisbury and back next Sunday ring Cirencester 458.

Situations Vacant

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Dig for Victory

Cirencester Food Production Society

At the meeting of the Society in the Church Hall Cirencester on Wednesday December 11th

Mr A J Matthews presiding, recalled the formation of the CFPS. It now has 99 members. In

the Urban District in 1939 there were 628 allotments. The number taken up as a result of the Dig for Victory campaign in March was 104 making a total of 732.

Miss Bruce of Hill House, Sapperton spoke on Quick Return Compost i.e. compost in a month. This was done by making a bunker preferably from timber and applying a herbal solution which accelerates the breaking down of material. She said she would gladly give the solution to any members of the CFPS or allied Societies in Gloucestershire.

Military Shortages / Supplies

What do I do – if I own a pair of field glasses?

I take them to any optician who displays a poster authorising him to collect prismatic binoculars for the Government. If I can I hand them in as a gift. The optician will give me a receipt and official acknowledgement will follow later.

If I want to sell them I say so when handing them in and the optician arranges for the Ministry of Supply to send me a cheque based on a fair valuation.

If there is no optician near me. I tie a label bearing my name and address and marked “gift” or “sale” and post them to the Regional Binocular Officer 191 Regent Street London W1
Either way I do it now, this very day, because binoculars are urgently needed by our fighting services.

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Kill all Rats!

Advert

Pest Control

Rat Invaders wiped out by Rodine.

Dig for Victory

R E A says Grow More Food. Winter vegetables should be planned. He gives a list of suitable vegetables and planting times.

“Dig for Victory Step on it.”

Military Welfare

Southern Command announces that books can now be sent to troops by just handing them in (without stamp address or wrapping over the counter at Post Offices).

Agriculture

“New Task for Gloucestershire Farmers” by Professor Boutflour.

An address given to Gloucestershire NFU.

You are fighting for your lives.

Feeding stuffs will all be home grown.

Another 15,000 acres will be ploughed in Gloucestershire.

Potatoes must be increased.

Mr Peacock also spoke on how more farm men will be needed by the forces.

Women must be trained. He also gave a tribute to the WLA.

Advert

Retail / Christmas

To all our friends

In past years we have utilised this space to extend Greetings to our numerous friends and in spite of the trying times through which we are passing we are happy to do so again.

For obvious reasons we have not been able to give you the prompt service which you generally expect from us, but we feel sure that you appreciate the difficulties with which we are faced and which we are doing our utmost to overcome.

We must thank you all for your forbearance as a Contribution to Victory and Peace which we all so ardently desire.

Aubrey Rees and Sons

Whiteway Works, Cirencester Phone 75

Spotlight

Local Military / Military Welfare /Christmas

Spotlight refers to three groups of Cirencester lads who are serving in Britain, some in the Shetlands, some at the other end of Great Britain and others in the middle. All three groups

need wireless sets. Also comforts would be welcome. They get some from Cirencester but most from Cheltenham while the RGH get more than they need. He also points out that it will be a lean Christmas in Cirencester but not to let it be a gloomy one.

Local Military

John Parker of Cirencester Sea Cadets spoke to Kemble Youth Club on a camp at HMS Impregnable.

Home Guard / Entertainment / Fund Raising

Brinkworth

No social function for the last 5 years has set Brinkworth alight as much as did the Home Guard Dance in the Parish Hall on Friday. £15 was raised for the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Relief Fund. The band was provided by the RAF by kind permission of the Officer Commanding and Officers.

Orders for the Week

BRCS/ ARP / Blood Sports / Black Out

BRCS VAD Glos 11 duties as rostered.

ARP First Aid Parties. There will be no practice on Monday December 23rd but will be on Monday December 30th at 7.15pm.

VWH Hunt meet at 11am Monday at Perrots Brook, Tuesday at Cecily Hill

Black Out

Friday December 20th 5.28pm to 8.43am

Friday December 27th 5.33pm to 8.46am

Home Guard

At a meeting held in the Corn Hall on Monday evening to which members of the Cirencester Company of the Home Guard had been summoned, Col B A M Hall the Commanding Officer paid tribute to the excellent progress which had been made by the Company in the last 6 months. The meeting was well attended and following the Colonel's introductory remarks, the Company was addressed by Capt. G B Champion 2nd in Command, who reviewed the progress of the war from its inception to the events now taking place. He concluded his remarks by stating the absolute necessity for all members of the Home Guard to continue their vigilance and to make full use of all opportunities afforded them for learning the proper use of their weapons. The meeting concluded with a hearty round of applause from the members of the Company to what had proved to be a very instructive and clever discourse.

Crime / Black Out

Cirencester Petty Sessions

Graham Vivien Sutherland of Tetbury was fined £1 for failing to immobilise his car in Cirencester on November 15th. PC Trull reporting officer.

William Powell-Wiffen of the RAF was fined 10/- for not having his car headlight properly obscured on Burford Road on November 14th. PC Trull reporting officer.

Lights from buildings

George T Ferriman of Victoria Road was fined £1 for showing a light

Maurice Marcus of Ampney Saint Peter was fined £2 for showing a light

William Munday of Ampney Crucis was fined 10/- for showing a light. Reporting officers were PC Trull, PWR Hoddinott, SC Lamb and PC Waldron.

War News

Reported the success in Egypt of the Army of the Nile.
RAF bombing of Berlin and isolated raids by the Luftwaffe.

Evacuation / Entertainment

Crudwell

A concert in the Village Hall was presented by the village school and evacuee children arranged by the Headmistress Miss Hampson and her staff Misses K Wright and M Collins supported by Messrs Borer and Stocks teachers of the evacuee scholars.

Advert

Agriculture

Messrs R A Lister of Dursley and Cirencester announce the 2nd edition of their booklet "Tractor Ploughing in Wartime". It was first published last February and ran out in August. The price of the new edition is 1/-.

Advert

Agriculture

I C I

Your Grassland is growing less - - -
LOOK AFTER IT

Institutes and Guilds

Chedworth held a meeting at the Stable Room at the Vicarage. A meeting was convened for December 18th to discuss the setting up of a Home Food Production Club.

Entertainment / Military Welfare

South Cerney

A concert in aid of comforts was held in the Village hall on Wednesday December 11th. Items included those by Cpl Cyril Johnson piano accordion, vocals by Cpl Kimpton and Cpl Williams. Cpl Kimpton also did impressions and Bob Fitch and Winkie (ventriloquist) also appeared.

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Dig for Victory

Cirencester Horticultural Society

Dig for Victory

A New Year Resolution

Resolve to grow more vegetables. Your New Year Resolution must not be broken.

Take a look at the shops we are growing of food, some foods. Think of the losses caused by submarines and raiders in the air. There is no need to worry if you crop your garden or allotment to full capacity.

The New Year must be a Great Gardening Year the Greatest ever.

Do your bit make 1941 the year of victory the year of peace³. Help secure food for yourself and family, lads in the services, refugees and evacuees. It is a duty a plain and shining duty that you cannot, must not shirk. Secure an allotment now and resolve to work it with all your might. We can all by doing this, give a real meaning and power to the fine and good old

greeting. A happy New Year. Call at the Municipal Offices now for an allotment and the best advice will await you.

Dig for Victory

Advert

Retail / Knitting

Wools

Knit Your Bit with Wools from Godwin's, 20 Cricklade Street

Advert

Retail / Garden Supplies

Gravel, loam, soil available for filling up holes. Can be shot straight in while the weather lasts

– John Smith and Sons Cirencester, Phone 54

Retail

Black Out

Hartley Motor Cycle and Motor Car Headlamps. Masks, all sizes in stock from 10/6d to 12/6d. Fitted while you wait

W Farrell and Sons, Castle Street

Situations Vacant

Farm vacancies 3

Domestic vacancies 12

RDC

Food Supplies / ARP / Evacuee Welfare/ Christmas

The following was considered at the meeting of the CRDC

Milk distribution problems were mentioned. Despite the fact that the cows are milked in the village, Down Ampney has difficulty in obtaining supplies. The Milk Marketing Board is to be written to.

The Chief Air Raid Warden of the Rural District Mr H K Nesbitt of Coates tendered his resignation due to ill health. Col D Macleay volunteered if no one else could be found. The chairman said that Capt Foyle Fawcett was considering a request for him to take over in the meantime Col Macleay agreed to carry on.

Mr Hill Chairman of the Baunton Mill Isolation Hospital Committee said it had at present 8 patients. Thanks were offered for Christmas gifts and toys from Lady Ingram, Miss Scrutton, Messrs Bailey Bros, Master D Hill jnr, Miss Betsy Lush. Col Elwes for the Christmas tree, Mr P Edwards for the loan and fixing of a wireless and Captain Swanwick for a subscription. Mr Hill said that subscriptions for a permanent wireless would be welcome.

Mr H Hayward offered a gramophone and records and Capt Renshaw a radiogram.

Letters to the Editor

Food Supplies

Sir William Crawford suggested that more bananas should be imported as they are food for the working classes. He quotes from his book "The Peoples Food".

Pest Control (Large Advert with an illustration of a rat with Hitler's face)

Kill That Rat

Here in Britain is an enemy army of Rats living on us, devouring huge quantities of food, every ounce of which is precious in wartime. Kill these pests now and stop the waste. Rats

are filthy disease carrying vermin. They haunt sewers - cess pools – garbage dumps – wherever rotting refuse lies – there are the rats. From wallowing in unmentionable filth these pests invade our larders, our food shops our warehouses gnawing and pawing and wasting food.

Kill Them Now

Trap'em Poison'em Gas'em Hunt'em.

Householders! If you have a single rat set poison or traps today – its your duty.

Retailers! Don't let rats gnaw into your stocks. Set poison or traps today and kill the brutes today.

Mill Owners !

So reinforce and intensify your present ant-rat measures that extermination is swift and complete.

Farmers!

Don't let the Rats rob you. Use poison, traps, gas, ferrets – every possible means to clear granaries and barns. Attack today!

Ask for a leaflet from your local authority. There is one for the householder another for the factory owners and retailers and another for farmers and landowners. This leaflet gives clear directions about the easiest ways to prevent and destroy rats. Everyone can help.

Kill all Rats!

Food Supplies

The Ministry of Food announces a subsidy of ½d on a 4lb loaf. There will be no increase in bread prices.

Fund Raising / Entertainment / Welfare

Latton

A whist drive was arranged by officers and men of HM forces for the benefit of the Village School children. It was held at the Recreation Room.

Dig for Victory

R. E. A. Advocates Grow More Food

The Compost Heap is a valuable substitute for manure. (decomposition can be accelerated by the use of calcium cyanide)

Advert

Health / National Savings

Large poster advert for ASPRO includes

Front Line Facts about ASPRO

“Sleep sound as can be”

“ASPRO is a boon in First Aid in the shelter”

“ A Sergeant on overseas service praises ASPRO for colds”

“Nurses use ASPRO in Air Raids”

(Support National Savings)

Advert

Retail / Christmas

To all our friends

In past years we have utilised this space to extend Greetings to our numerous friends and in spite of the trying times through which we are passing we are happy to do so again.

For obvious reasons we have not been able to give you the prompt service which you generally expect from us, but we feel sure that you appreciate the difficulties with which we are faced and which we are doing our utmost to overcome.

We must thank you all for your forbearance as a Contribution to Victory and Peace which we all so ardently desire.

Aubrey Rees and Sons

Whiteway Works, Cirencester Phone 75

Evacuation / Enemy Action

All householders providing temporary accommodation for friends, neighbours or relatives made homeless by bombing may claim 5/- a week for each adult and 3/- per child under 14yrs states the Ministry of Health

Enemy Action / Reconstruction

The Board of Trade have issued a leaflet to help those whose factory or business has been damaged by air raids to obtain materials and licences etc to rebuild.

Pest Control

The Ministry of Food has a drive on to exterminate rats. Rats eat or destroy 40,000,000 pounds of food per annum. Powers have been given under to defence Regulations to Local Food Control Committees to compel owners to rid infested premises of rats.

Black Out

Black Out Times

Friday December 27th 5.33pm to 8.46am

Friday January 3rd 5.38pm to 8.46am

Blood Sports / Christmas

A large crowd met at Cecily Hill for the Boxing Day Meet. The hounds were on parade but no hunt took place because of a foot and mouth outbreak within 15 miles at Buscot.

Awards and Decorations / Local Military

MC for Cirencester Man

Capt (Quartermaster) Randolph Edgar Dix Brasington of the Gloucestershire Regiment, former member of the Church Lads Brigade eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brasington formerly of Cirencester now Bibury has been awarded the Military Cross.

Children's Christmas Party/ Shortages

The town children's party was a great success the format was as last year. 1,045 over 8s attended the Regal Cinema and 446 under 8s at the Picture House. Films were provided free of charge in each cinema. Others on the programme were Bobby the clown with his partner Evelyn also Cpl Bob Fitch ventriloquist and Winkie, the capital Band of the "Amps" including Pte Strauss conjuror plus Miss Doris Windmill with her accordion. With compere at the Regal Sydney Boulton or at the Picture House Mr Leslie Batt with his yellow woolly dog George who could help have a good time. During the afternoon each child received two cakes and an ice-cream. Plans for chocolate had to be abandoned because of shortage of supply.

After 3½ hours children went home with an envelope containing a shilling. The 131 who could not attend because of illness etc received 2/- as consolation. The £18 raised by the New

Zealand Band made the large scale of the event possible. Mrs Chester master was unable to attend due to ill health.

Evacuee Hospital / Christmas

Evacuee Hospital Christmas

14 patients were joined by 40 or so former patients on Christmas Day. Cpl Bob Fitch and Winkie started the day's festivities. Santa had visited well filling the children's stockings. Dinner comprised turkey – a gift – plus pudding and mince pies and extras. In the afternoon Sydney Boulton gave a much appreciated magic show. (very well received) Pte Jacobi and Pte Brindle of the "Amps" with music and song. It was good to hear the young voices shout Roll Out the Barrel.

After tea father Christmas appeared to distribute gifts from the brilliantly illuminated and decorated tree. It was laden with gifts. At 6pm "God save the King" closed a happy day. On Boxing Day Mr Dennis Moss entertained with a talkie show using his Ge Bescope. The matron and staff are grateful for the many gifts received.

Evacuee Welfare /Communal Kitchen /Christmas /WI

Communal Kitchen and Social Centre

123 sat down to traditional Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day of roast beef and plum pudding, Yorkshire pudding, potatoes, Brussels, mince pies and luck 6d in the puddings. The regulars had decorated the Hall with evergreens and crackers. After the meal they listened to the Christmas Under Fire broadcast and the King's speech and joined in lustily with the National Anthem. During the afternoon Mr Wrangler an evacuee produced impromptu entertainment given by evacuee children. After tea provided by the WI there were games for the children and later the adults.

Boxing Day was similar with 100 at the meal. The meals were cooked by Mrs Sackley and her helpers all voluntarily. Mrs Vaughn lent her radio for Christmas Day (perhaps someone would like to donate a permanent one?)

Mrs Chester Master was unable to attend but Mrs Hankey substituted. Cirencester lived up to the Governments request. Mrs E Evans gave tremendous help with costumes for some of the children.

Advert

Agriculture

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Your Grassland will be less - - -

Make the Most of it.

Christmas / Welfare

Meals were provided for 300,000 in London shelters

Food Supplies

Porridge will be cheaper in the New Year

Home Guard

Lt general Auckinleck CB,CSI,DSO,OBE sent a message of thanks to all Home Guard Units in Southern Command as he relinquishes his duty as GOC to go to India

Fuel Supplies

Coal

Use Coal Carefully
Be Glad of any Coal
Don't worry about the kind
Your merchants will supply the best they can.
Ask your supplier for a Free booklet on how to save fuel
And watch for these hints.
Mix Fuels if Necessary
Stop Draughts in Rooms
Breakfast in the Kitchen
Issued by the Mines Department

