

*"The only thing needed for us to win the European war in 1944 is for every man and woman from the front line to the remotest hamlet . . . to do his or her full duty."*

—GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

# NEPTUNE CITY

IN

# World War II



A REPORT TO THE CITIZENS

*of*

NEPTUNE CITY, N. J.

*By*

THE LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL

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THE WAR RECORD

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## THE HOME FRONT

**W**HILE United States forces have been waging total war on many fronts for more than two years, the American home front has been keeping its feet firmly on the ground. In fact, when the final record of this war is written down in history years from now, it should—and will—show that all of the soldiers weren't in uniform.

That is to say, here on the home front, in little communities like Neptune City, there has been no shirking of duties. In a dozen ways, the civilian, too, has taken up arms against the foe.

The primary interest of a report like this is, naturally, the Civilian Defense activities. Here in Neptune City there has been full and adequate mobilization of civilian forces, preparing for any war emergency. Bombs and gas have not been unleashed among us on these shores. There may not be any battlegrounds here or in our skies. But we have been prepared.

At the same time, in Neptune City there has been a fine record of war production among our industrial firms. War materials have gone from here to every front. War installations elsewhere have been served by some of our firms. Our school and our church have kept in step with the times, augmenting their programs along lines helpful to the cause.

These pages will review some of the Civilian Defense activities, aims and accomplishments in Neptune City. You will also find herein a review of some of the important war work in this typical American town.

**Your Local Defense Council has not accomplished everything it has sought. At times, there has been a definite lack of interest and willingness to serve. This is frank but it is also true. Probably, it is only natural that 100 percent cooperation cannot be expected in view of the fact that we seem to be so far away from the actual war.**

Let us be just as frank in saying that this report to the citizens of Neptune City is intended as propaganda. Its purpose is to give credit to those who have served and are serving and to tell all the people what is being done in this community to preserve the American way of life.

The reader will find herein Neptune City's Honor Roll of World War II. If you save and treasure this little report for no other reason, you will keep it in order to have before you always the names of these stalwart young men and young women.

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It is the intention of the Local Defense Council to give the citizens of Neptune City another report on Neptune City in World War II. It is hoped that that report will be made after the war is won, revising this record and bringing it up to date.

### THE WHY AND WHEREFORE

Civilian Defense in a community like Neptune City has two definite jobs.

First, your local Corps trains men and women to handle important protective jobs during an emergency. In the following pages, you will read what some of those jobs are. There is no end to the drilling and practice carried on by the Corps members. They have been taught to mobilize quickly in an emergency, to take necessary precautions for the protection of our residents and our property, and to care for any who might be endangered or hurt during an emergency. High authorities have inspected the preparations in Neptune City and given us the stamp of approval.

Secondly, the Local Defense Council has supervised a dozen war jobs of a non-emergency nature. For instance, there is the continual salvage campaign. Activity in the interests of consumer protection, enforcement of the former dimout rules, and sponsorship of bigger and better truck gardens are also responsibilities of the Local Defense Council.

### FOR THE BOYS

**T**HERE'S a splendid program of post-war planning going on in Neptune City.

This planning is the work of the Neptune City Victory Committee. Organized a few months ago, this group has representatives from every organization in our Boro. Few municipalities in the state can boast of such a group. The committee is raising funds to defray the expenses of a fitting tribute to be paid to our members of the armed forces when they bring home the Victory.

Every citizen should back this hard-working organization to the limit.

The members of the group are Frank Newby, Richard Predham, George Tantom, Mrs. Laura Temple, Mrs. W. Thomas Bennett, Stanley G. Ayres, Henry W. Newby, D. Vincent Cottrell, Raymond Gerling, Mrs. Frank Dugan, Mrs. Raymond Gerling, Richard F. Gibbons, Mrs. Roy P. Boothe, Mrs. George C. Clay, Mrs. Frank Parkins, Clarence Bell, Eugene McLaren, Charles Weber, George Ambrose, Harold Lippincott, Earle Conklin, Herman Lankenau and Mrs. Willis Rose.

### LETTERS FROM HOME

One of the projects of the Neptune City Defense Council that has been highly successful has been its monthly letters to every local man and woman in service. Chatty, neighborly and informative, hundreds of these letters have been dispatched to Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guards and Wacs from Neptune City, stationed in all parts of the world.

## CONTROL CENTER

HENRY W. NEWBY.....Commander  
FORREST COTTRELL ..... Sr. Deputy Commander  
FRANK HULSART ..... Jr. Deputy Commander

**T**HE CONTROL CENTER is the nerve system of the Citizens Defense Corps.

At a blacked-out room, a staff of men assembles as soon as the first warning of a possible air raid or drill is received. Here are the Commander and his deputies. Here also are the directors of the emergency forces being mobilized as the siren sounds.

A huge map of the Boro is one of the important appurtenances of the Control Center. Symbols on this map record the presence of any dangers. Other symbols show at a glance where every piece of emergency equipment is located.

The map shows the Commander and his deputies just what is going on in the town at all times.

A private telephone receives calls from the Wardens and Police who patrol the Boro. These calls tell the Commander whether aid is needed. All incidents involving danger to life or property or actual injury or damage are reported immediately. The necessary service forces are dispatched to the scene by the Commander.

The Chief Warden, who is the Incident Officer, visits the scene of major incidents, taking charge of operations and releasing the emergency forces when their work is completed.

The Neptune City Control Center is subordinate to the Area Control, which is under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Office of Civilian Defense Director. If aid of the type we can supply is needed in another municipality, and if it is available at the time, it might be dispatched from Neptune City to the outside trouble point on orders from Area Control. At the same time, Neptune City may call Area Control for help from the outside if a serious situation arises here.

In the latter part of 1942, the Neptune City Control Center was inspected in the midst of a stiff drill by Alfred N. Beadleston, Asbury Park Area Administrator of the New Jersey O.C.D.; Ralph W. Fountain, his Deputy, and T. Barr Stevenson, also of the Administrator's staff. Many incidents were simulated. As a result of the inspection, your Local Defense Council received a certificate of approval of its Control Center.

It might be appropriate at this point to list the statewide drills in which your local Corps has participated. Several times, the state leaders have selected Neptune City units for special assignments during these drills.

Daytime drills have been held on these dates: July 9, 1942; Nov. 23, 1942; May 12, 1943, and Sept. 22, 1943.

Other test blackouts have been conducted on: June 1, Aug. 18, Oct. 2, Nov. 9, all in 1942; Feb. 18, March 9, April 9, April 27, April 29, May 28, July 19, Aug. 23 and Dec. 2, 1943.

Of course, the first test blackout in which Neptune City participated was the practice of the night of Feb. 27, 1942.

These were not all of the tests called here. On Sunday, May 24, 1943, the Army called a three-hour alert. Other Army alerts were ordered for

all of New Jersey on Sept. 7 and 22, 1942; Oct. 9, 1942, and June 8, 1943.

The records show that whenever there has been an alarm in Neptune City, there has been an ample mobilization of the Civilian Defense forces. Also, with few exceptions, the public has responded to the alarms with alacrity.

In those few exceptions, it has been necessary to invoke the law and bring violators into court. Convictions have been obtained in all cases where complaints of violation of air raid rules have reached the court.

It is to be expected that tests will continue. Only the evil minds of the enemy can decide whether we are going to feel the weight of bombs. Until the armistice, the Control system and its allied forces will drill and drill.

## POLICE RESERVES

CHIEF FORREST COTTRELL, Chairman

**T**HERE is no community in the United States in which the regular police force would be adequate to handle the manifold problems arising from a belligerent emergency. Everywhere, it has been necessary to organize Police Reserve units which mobilize in an alert and augment the regular force of officers.



Neptune City has been extremely fortunate in the organization of a Police Reserve of 40 members plus a Police Auxiliary. The latter organization is made up of women. Both groups have taken considerable important training. Both the Police Reserve and the Police Auxiliary have uniformed themselves. They are a well-trained, good-looking corps.

In an emergency, the Police Reserves have full police powers. Tests have showed that in an emergency, Neptune City is patrolled and protected by an efficient police organization.

Enforcement of emergency restrictions is one of the important Police Reserve jobs. Guarding of vital bridges and buildings is another assignment. Police Reserves also aid in facilitating traffic movement and they give assistance to the protective forces of the Air Raid Precautions (Wardens) organization. In the event of damage to homes or buildings, the Police Reserves stand ready to prevent looting.

With the help of our two-way police radio hook-up, our Neptune City police are in almost instant communication with trouble points. This type of organization is our guarantee that no situation should get out of control.

The reason for organization of a ladies' Police Auxiliary is obvious. In a residential municipality like Neptune City, most of our men are at their work outside the Boro during the daytime. Many can speed to their posts here in an emergency. To substitute, however, for those who are not available in the daytime and to guarantee adequate patrols during the daytime hours, our Police Auxiliary was organized. These feminine

aides have received real police training. They constitute one of the most important auxiliaries of the civilian defense system.

The roll of members of the Police Reserve and the Police Auxiliary is as follows:

### POLICE RESERVES—

William T. Ackerman  
Stanley G. Ayres  
Chester W. Boud  
Bernard Brugger  
George C. Clay  
Harry E. Clayton  
George B. Cochrane  
Earle Conklin  
John Costa  
Thomas Cottrell  
James R. Deibler  
Jerry Fiore  
Daniel Gettler  
William Hardy  
Kimball Harvey  
Melverson Havens  
Joseph S. Hewitson  
Fred C. Hurley  
Harold Keim  
Herman Lankenau  
Ensley Leming  
Ernest Leming  
Max Madnick  
John A. Miller  
William Oliver  
Richard Predham  
Ralph J. Rotunda  
William L. Rowland  
Richard Ruppel  
Charles W. Struble

George L. Tantum  
William Taylor  
Robert Trimble  
Frank A. VanHorn  
William L. Warden  
Hugh White  
Wilton Wilkins

### POLICE AUXILIARY—

Fostina Anderson  
Hazel Bates  
Ruth Bates  
Ann Bennett  
Ruth E. Clay  
Ruth B. Conklin  
Anne Davison  
Ethel Deibler  
Margaret Forshay  
Blanche Foster  
Mae Gettler  
Clair Hewitson  
Marie K. Jones  
Dorothy Keim  
Marie Lyon  
Sadie Newby  
Mildred Rose  
Helen Sofield  
Beatrice Strohm  
Decima Struble  
Laura Temple  
Mildred Warden

## BOMB RECONNAISSANCE

Few men outside of the armed forces can readily identify various types of bombs.

Experiences in the arenas of conflict have shown that the enemy is capable of devising many types of deadly explosives. It has been found that prompt classification of unexploded missiles is of extreme importance. A "dud" lying near a factory or residences may prove to be a time-set explosive.

Army personnel can't be everywhere during a raid. The Army has had sufficient confidence in Civilian Defense forces, however, to leave identification of unexploded bombs in the hands of the local Corps.

Neptune City is especially fortunate in having two trained Bomb Reconnaissance Agents.

These two men are Frank Newby, of the Fire Department, and Daniel Gettler, of the Police Reserves. Both are graduates of an Army School of Bomb Reconnaissance.

## DEMOLITION, RESCUE AND REPAIR

ROBERT P. TRIMBLE, Chairman

**B**ECAUSE its work is more drudgery than sensation, few residents realize that a Demolition, Rescue and Repair Squad worthy of a larger town operates in Neptune City.

This Squad has been organized for many months. It is well equipped and has proved its worth in various tests. No Civilian Defense organization would be complete without such a band of trained specialists.

Here are some of the things our Neptune City squad is prepared to do in an emergency:

- (1) Rope off four street intersections and barricade one street.
- (2) Take care of water, gas and plumbing breaks.
- (3) Demolish wrecked buildings or repair structures.
- (4) Clear debris from streets and sidewalks.
- (5) Install warning signals on six streets.

This squad has the use of four trucks.

The Squad consists of several men, all experienced in handling heavy motor vehicles. There is an electrician. There are also a plumber, a street repair expert, a sewer expert and carpenters.

**We can take care of practically any damage that might be caused by enemy explosives.**

Most of the valuable equipment used by the Neptune City Demolition Squad has been assembled by the members. They are:

Irving H. Bennett	Walter Hansen
Ernest E. Boetticher	Rigo Wagner
	Lester Worth

## AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

GEORGE NARR, Chief Warden

**E**VERY resident of Neptune City should know his or her Air Raid Warden.

The Warden is the eyes and ears of the whole civilian defense system. All the protective services, such as fire apparatus, first aid equipment and rescue equipment, are at his beck and call during an emergency.

Your Boro is divided into zones and the zones are divided into sectors. Each sector has its Warden or Wardens. These Wardens have specialized training for their work.

In an alert, the Warden is the man or woman of authority in the respective sector. The Warden has studied his or her sector carefully and knows where dangers may develop during an air attack. It is the Warden's job to prevent catastrophe wherever possible by taking all precautions. In the event explosives, fire or gas invade his sector, it is the



Warden who gives the alarm. The Warden is the first to give first aid. The Warden is the one to telephone to the Control Center.

If an alert occurs at night, the Warden's first duty is to see that his area is blacked out. He is not allowed to make exceptions. The rules call for absolute darkness when the signal is sounded and the Warden has the right and duty to call for police help wherever a blackout cannot be effected immediately.

Here are some of the responsibilities of your Warden: 1. Observing lights showing from outside during a blackout and warning occupants of the building or police; 2. Aiding persons on the street in getting to safety; 3. Observing and reporting to proper authorities any fallen bombs; 4. Reporting fires and assisting in fighting incendiary (fire) bombs; 5. Administering elementary first aid; 6. Assisting persons in damaged buildings; 7. Detecting and reporting the presence of poison gas.

At all times, the warden sets an example of cool efficiency, which is of prime importance during those hectic moments when panic is lurking around the corner.

In bombed England, many heroic deeds have been performed by the Air Raid Wardens—these volunteer workers who have devoted countless hours to training and long days and nights to a vigilant guard over their sectors.

We have not been bombed. We pray that we shall not experience this horror. But we cannot relax our vigilance. Our Neptune City Air Raid Wardens do not feel that they are wasting time and effort. On the contrary, they subscribe to the theory that they are building an impregnable home front here in America.

The Deputy Chief Warden is Charles Weber. Members attached to the Air Raid Precautions unit are:

Jacob L. April  
Edward H. Archer  
Clarence R. Bell  
Elizabeth Boothe  
Roy P. Boothe  
Charles H. Brown  
William C. Brown  
Anthony Bruno  
Lionel Clayton  
Rebecca Clayton  
Thomas Curto  
Elsie Emmons  
W. Earl Emmons  
Alfonso Freda  
Louise Gant  
Catherine Gerling  
Edward Hazler  
Burtis Heullitt  
Charles H. Howlett  
Gilbert A. Insley  
Julius Jensen  
Bradford Kearney  
Ruth Kearney  
Frances Lippincott

Dwight M. Loomis  
William Martin  
LeRoy McKelvey  
Gene McLaren  
George Narr  
Mrs. John Ogle  
Arnold J. Patterson  
William M. Poland  
Max Rothschild  
George E. Sandberg  
Edward E. Smith  
Charles H. Taylor, Jr.  
Norman Taylor  
W. Arthur Taylor  
Helen L. Todd  
William Todd  
Laura E. Truax  
Earl E. Williams  
Frederick A. Williams  
Mary Jane Williams  
Charlotte Woolley  
Jesse L. Woolley  
Edna Worth  
William Wright

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

DR. VICTOR KNAPP.....Chief  
DONALD WORTH, Sr.....Chairman

**W**HAT SERVICE would be one of the first to be fully mobilized if war were visited upon our Boro? What volunteers would probably be the last to leave the job when the emergency ended?



You guessed it. We would turn to our First Aid men. In Civilian Defense parlance, First Aid work is designated Emergency Medical Service.

Neptune City has for many years been favored with an outstanding volunteer First Aid Squad, which has performed valuable services month in and month out since its organization. When total war came, this fine Squad turned over all its facilities to Civilian Defense use in emergencies. Thus, Neptune City had a great head-start in developing an Emergency Medical Service branch.

In every test, a full First Aid unit has been mobilized quickly. What a relief it is to know that a crew of highly-trained, time-tested emergency medical workers, with one of the most modern ambulances, is at hand. The lives these men would save in a catastrophe here!

To supplement this Squad and to provide ample bases for their work, the Local Defense Council in 1942 established two Emergency Dressing Stations. These stations were equipped with important first aid material at great expense.

These stations are, in reality, emergency operating rooms. Rooms of this type in sections of the world that have undergone air attack have been the scenes of dramatic triumphs over death.

Nothing has been spared to provide Neptune City with the most adequate emergency medical facilities.

### THE MEMBERS:

Douglas Cole  
D. Vincent Cottrell  
Frank Dugan  
Raymond A. Gerling  
John M. Gibson  
Clifford J. Henry  
Clifford I. Jones

Carleton M. Lane  
Harold R. Lippincott  
Joseph V. Malone  
NURSES—  
Eunice J. Ackerman  
Carrie A. Clayton  
Bessie Frazee  
Mrs. Horace Ruch

## COMMUNICATIONS

THOMAS B. TIGHE, Chairman

**I**F there were no telephones or radio, probably the only means of communication between various points in our Boro would be the good old-fashioned runner. Just as the Greek armies of centuries ago calling on their fleetest men to be couriers, we would have to call on our youths to deliver important messages by foot.



Determined to prepare for the worst, your Local Defense Council

has created a Messenger Corps. Several of our fine youths have volunteered for this service. In simulated emergencies, they have proved their worth.

The protection forces must keep in touch with the Control Center at all times and the Messengers have proved valuable in getting their messages back and forth. The Messenger Corps constitutes a vital link in the communications chain.

Another problem that was solved early by the Communications Committee was the establishment of an air raid warning system. Every citizen has become acquainted with the alarm system. It has proved adequate for warning all sections of the Boro that an alert or blackout is under way.

Messengers attached to the Communications department are:

John T. Amey	John Miller, Jr.
Robert J. Beyer	Donald G. Poland
Bernard Brugger	William M. Schmeider
Ralph Fountain, Jr.	Alan Smith
David H. Keim	Wilton A. Wilkins

## SALVAGE

HENRY W. NEWBY, Chairman

**T**ONS of valuable scrap have poured from cellars and garrets of Neptune City into the machinery of ordnance of the United States.

The Salvage campaign is a continuing campaign. The importance of converting old metals and paper into war material cannot be over-emphasized. We have learned that not one iota of valuable materials should be destroyed or cast away. Several Boro-wide collections have been staged successfully. There will be others.

Scrap collections began in March of 1942. It would appear that our 2,500 residents have turned out every available rag, piece of iron or aluminum and tin, every scrap of paper. Anything less than 100 percent cooperation, however, will not be satisfactory.

The collections have been staged, from time to time, by the Local Defense Council, the Police Reserves and the Boy Scouts. The proceeds from the sale of collected scrap to jobbers have gone to the treasuries of the respective organizations.

Listed below are figures showing the amount of salvageable material sent by Neptune City into the war machines of America:

Rags .....	1,912 pounds	Rubber .....	8,340 pounds
Paper .....	10,485 pounds	License plates .....	1,410 pounds
Aluminum .....	1,235 pounds	Cardboard .....	3,680 pounds
Iron .....	25,750 pounds	Prepared tin .....	4,600 pounds

There have been many long hours devoted to amassing this stock of scrap and seeing that it gets to salvage depots where it will do the most good.

A great deal of credit should be given to the Boro of Neptune City, the Krueger Brewing Co. and Charles Precheur, who have been among those who have kindly donated use of their trucks, and the workers who man these trucks and work so hard to collect this valuable material.

# NEPTUNE CITY ROLL OF HONOR

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jack Warner, Seaman, First Class**

Killed in Action November 15, 1942

**Albert Dugan, Apprentice Seaman**

Killed in Action, June 11, 1942

**Vernon J. Auen**

Died in Service of His Country, 1944

W. W. Ackerman  
Robert Agamennone  
William I. Amey  
Earl W. Andrews  
Lester Andrews  
Carl Archer  
Raymond C. Auen

Raymond Barkalow  
Reuben F. Bell  
Charles E. Bennett  
Chester Bennett  
Donald Bennett  
Earl Bennett, Jr.  
Gerald Bennett  
James Bennett  
Ralph Bennett  
Richard M. Bennett  
Richard W. Bennett  
Vincent A. Bennett  
W. Thomas Bennett  
Lawton Bentzen  
Frederick Berges  
Arnold Berghoff, Jr.  
Edward Berghoff  
George Berghoff  
Frederick C. Beyer, Jr.  
Albert Bittner  
Jack Bodine  
Harold J. Borden  
John L. Braly  
Warren D. Brant  
James Brighton  
Charles W. Brower  
Vernon C. Bryan  
Frank Buonano

Lester J. Campbell  
Carl A. Carlson  
Calvin E. Carr  
Marie L. Carton  
James Cavanaugh  
Harold Chambers  
Frederick P. Clayton  
George L. Clayton  
Lionel Clayton  
Roger K. Clayton  
Walter A. Clayton  
Francis Cole  
George Collison  
Vincent B. Conklin  
Eugene D. Conner  
Dudley S. Cook, Jr.  
Leon W. Cottrell  
Richard Cramer  
William A. Crammer

Frank D'Ambrisi  
Durward B. Davis  
Vernon De Bow  
John Donald  
Lester J. Dugan

Raymond Earlin  
C. O. Eberly  
H. H. Eberly  
Edward Ehring  
Robert W. Ehrling  
Palmer Ennis  
Bernard Epstein  
Michael Epstein  
Edward Ervin

Edward Fields

Raymond Forshay  
Gordon Forsyth  
C. Arthur Foster  
Raymond Fowler  
Charles Fraser  
Ferdinando Freda  
Guiseppa Freda  
Omodio Freda  
Charles Fredericks  
Laurence Freirich

Jay Gant  
John Gant  
Frank Gassner  
Charles G. Gerber  
John Gibson, Jr.  
James T. Gibson  
Theophilus Gifford  
William Gillan  
Alfred L. Gilmore  
Harold Glassford  
James W. Glover  
Allan Goldstein  
Samuel Goldstein  
Robert E. Gray  
William B. Gray

R. D. Hains  
Howard M. Halsey  
Lloyd Halsey  
Walter Hansen  
Ralph Hartranft  
Harold Havens  
Harry Havens  
Donald C. Henderson  
Vernon Henderson  
Charles F. Heullitt, Sr.

Howard S. Heullitt  
Bruce Hewitson  
William H. Heyser  
Charles J. Hoffmann  
Charles Hoffmann  
Robert House  
A. Nora Howes  
C. H. Howes  
Clifford Hurley  
Leonard Hurley

Ralph H. Jackson  
George Jacobs  
Frank A. Jernstedt  
James A. Jernstedt  
Walter Jernstedt  
Allen S. Jobes  
Robert N. Jobes

John Kacandes  
John R. Keating  
Everett Keim  
Richard J. Keim  
John Kelly  
Eddie King  
Daniel Kirby  
Horace Kirkpatrick

Ray Lankenau  
Jeannette Lankenau  
Everett S. Leming  
Earl Levers  
Joseph Levinski  
George Lewers  
Robert C. Long  
Harvey D. Lungren  
Jesse Lungren

Frank McLaren  
Robert McLaren  
Joseph E. Mac Dougall  
George Mansfield  
Marvin Megill  
David H. Meredith  
Ken Meredith  
Robert Metz  
Garrett Midgette  
Thomas Miles  
John A. Miller, Jr.  
Robert Miller

Spencer C. Miller  
Charles W. Mooney  
John R. Mooney  
George W. Morey  
George Morris

Charles E. Newman  
Lester Norcross

Charles L. Oakerson  
John O'Donnell  
J. Crawford Ogden, Jr.  
Robert Oliver  
Charles H. Olsen  
Thomas L. Olsen

Raymond Pakka  
Daniel H. Palmer  
Donald Palumbo  
Robert P. Palmer  
Walter Palmer  
Warren L. Palmer  
Dominick Palumbo  
Charles T. Parkin  
George A. Parkin  
Arthur H. Patten  
Franklin Pettit  
Howard Pettit  
Charles H. Poland  
James R. Predham  
Norman J. Predham  
R. G. Predham  
Anthony Prevatta

Milton Reed  
Kenneth H. Riley  
Walter H. Riley  
Andrew J. Robinson  
Victor Rush

Michael Salustro  
Ralph Sams  
Sidney Schreiber  
Edward A. Schumacher  
Alex Scott  
Charles T. Scott  
Frank Scott  
Raymond L. Scott  
Robert A. Scott  
Thomas Scott  
Walter Seeley

Frederick V. Shible  
Eldon S. Slocum  
Norman Slocum  
Michael Sommers  
Charles Smith  
Marvin A. Smith  
William K. Smith  
James W. Smock  
Francis Sofield  
Alfred Soles  
Edward Soles  
Arthur Steelman

Norman Taylor  
Raymond Tilton  
Joseph B. Townsend  
Harry Truax  
Robert S. Truax

Donald VanNote  
Thomas E. VanNote, Jr.  
Michael Vignola

William Wendt  
Francis J. Wiegartner  
Elwood White  
George T. Williams  
Edgar C. Wolcott  
Walter T. Wolcott  
William Woodworth  
Jesse Woolley  
William Worden  
Leon Worth  
Elwood Wright  
Frank Wright  
Walter Wright  
William Wright, Jr.

Robert K. Yetman



## YOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH

STIMSON R. SMALLEY, Pastor

**M**EMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH holds a unique place in Neptune City. The war has made demands on it that were not anticipated in peace times. It has become more than a denominational institution. It is the "Community's necessity". It is a vital life-giving source that contributes to every phase of civic and moral enterprise.



More than fifty of Neptune City's young people in the service are directly related to the Church. We are proud of our sons and daughters who are keeping the religious tradition of Memorial alive around the world. This tradition has had a share in the morale of our youth wherever they have gone. If we are to judge by the correspondence from them, it is significant that their devotion to the "home church" has increased.

It has been the plan of the church to retain ties with all of our youth as they go from us. Where it has been possible, testaments have been presented before induction to each of the youth. We have also made provision for spiritual overseeing to those of the Hebrew faith.

A monthly correspondence is carried on with each of Memorial's youths in the form of a pastoral letter. Many of the replies to these letters show their value to the men wherever they may be.

Each week in the Church Messenger the address of a youth in the service is published. The congregation is urged to write to that person. A few very interesting incidents resulted which are worth telling. Charles Eberly in Africa tells of the day in which he was most in need of encouragement, shortly after arriving. Before he went out on detail he received 13 letters from the Church and then when he came in more were waiting for him. He had been our "Youth of the Week" some weeks before and the congregation had not forgotten. Richard Keim also reported that nothing pleased him more than upon arriving at port to find a stack of mail from his Church and ours. And so it goes. Regardless of the present religious affiliation our Church has ministered to our youth in contacts and ties.

The ministry of the Church has done more than keep contacts. In times of breavement the Church has eased the shock to the boy out on the field. One writes home, not of our membership, that the letter from the Church was the one source of strength to him in the sad news he received. Any item that is of serious concern to our youth is of concern to the Church.

Most of the boys consider the parsonage a place where they must stop when on furlough. When away from home they are urged to attend a church and send a copy of the service to the pastor for his collection. This provides an incentive to be regular when possible and motivates interest.

Our Women's Society of Christian Service has mailed to all of our youth cards to serve as introduction to other churches wherever they may go. These cards entitle them to recreational, social and religious privileges because they indicate that they are youths connected with a church.

Christmas presents are sent to all of our youth from the Church, and a contribution from the Church was made to the community effort. Occasional cards are sent together with religious literature from the Church or some society to provide reading material.

One of the most vital contributions that is being made by the Church is the attention to those left behind by the boys. As far as possible families are constantly contacted and the best news is transferred to the youth. One writes that the letter from the Church concerning his wife was a "load off his mind" because he had heard that she was ill. To know that the Church is caring for their loved ones serves as a great morale builder to many of them.

Not alone are we concerned with the youths in the service, but also we are seeking to readjust those who are discharged for one reason or another. Interviews and counseling have served to save many a youth from despondency and discouragement. A challenge to serve is provided and the youth receives a consciousness of usefulness. When information on such cases is available, the ministry seeks to step in and help where needed.

Such a report would not be complete without stating what we are doing in preparation for the day when the boys come home. A committee has been formed in the Church to collect information contributed by any person that might be of use to the Church. Mr. Stanley Ayres has ably served as the chairman of this committee. He has seen to it that an Honor Roll, fitting and properly beautified, hangs in the Church for our youths. In addition to the roll, a flag has been erected in the Church by this committee with a star for each youth in the service. The committee has cooperated with the community committee in planning for a "Welcoming Home" party for the boys.

Attitudes and opinions are of great importance at any time, and especially in a time of war. The Church has tried to present to the community a sense of brotherhood and to train the coming generation against the tragedy of another debacle. It has held an informed and intelligent voice in national and international affairs. Through its periodicals the Church has circulated information of vital importance to all that would not have come otherwise. Public meetings have been intensified, rather than curtailed, to create a social and community morale in order to break the tension of the hour. A sincere program has been inaugurated by the Church to advance youth work and children's programs, to assist in the making and molding of a better community.

An inter-faith committee has been sponsored by the Church for a post-war program covering youth interests and home arts, together with a religious education program. This committee is now active and some projects are being launched. We are not crusading but rather purposing to make the best possible community for the time when the best youth of our land shall again return to find that the "Lights are on again" in Neptune City. Lights of welcome, warmth and eagerness to serve them because we have not forgotten that they sacrificed in order that our community, schools and Church might carry on.

## FIRE RESERVES

JACK CRAMER, Chairman

**T**HE obligations of the volunteer fire departments in the United States have increased a hundred-fold in wartime.

First, the manpower shortage on the home front struck the volunteer companies. Industrial hazards increased at the same time. Steps had to be taken to prevent sabotage. Then, there has been the ever-present threat of bombings. It all means that there has had to be a lot of important training in a short time.

Towns, cities, counties, states and the national government have worked together to develop a united fire defense front. Trained men whose full time work is in this line have stepped in and donated many of their hours to teaching and drilling firemanics.

Every trainee has been tutored in use of all types of fire equipment. Each fireman has a working knowledge of all the duties to be carried out in fire-fighting.

At the same time, munitions, airplanes, gases, incendiary bombs and hundreds of other combat items had to be studied so that firemen were familiar with them.

Exempt firemen have been called back into the companies. Junior fire-fighting units have been organized.

The Neptune City Fire Department has been able, by dint of hard work and with the aid of public donations, to build and place in service an auxiliary fire truck. This new piece of apparatus was added to the regular fire equipment of our Boro to give us a total of three trucks and it accommodates much of the equipment that must be on hand in an air raid alert.

Members of our regular fire department have been contributing their services by giving lectures to school and factory assemblies. Our firemen are glad to devote their time to a program of preparedness, which will have great value even in the peace times to follow the war.

**Fire is a weapon that has done more damage to home front installations in this war than any other weapon. Neptune City has prepared to meet this foe with the best defense attainable.**



**THE MEMBERS:**  
George Ambrose  
Edwin J. Amey  
Robert W. Amey  
Carl Archer  
Lester C. Archer  
Walter Archer  
Edward S. Brand  
Howard J. Brand

Samuel Celli  
Willard Dennison  
Ralph Fountain  
Jack Henry  
Louis R. Hoffmann, Jr.  
Frederick A. Murray  
Frank A. Newby  
Harold J. Rowland  
Walter W. Wright

## OUR RATION BOARD

**SUGAR IS RATIONED.** So is meat. Processed foods, butter, and other staples are on the ration list. Tires, automobiles, and gasoline, too. For Neptune City residents, the problems of rationing are in charge

of the consolidated War Price and Ration Board at Avon. Our Boro is represented on the board.

When rationing became necessary at the outset of the war, Neptune City had its own local rationing board. Charles Weber was the first local rationing authority.

Considerable time and study is devoted by the Ration Board members in their work. They receive no pay for this important home front job.

Others who have represented Neptune City on the Rationing Board are Everett Brown, Floyd Woolley, Earle Conklin, Raymond Forshay and Kenneth Russell. The present Neptune City members of the board at Avon are O. William Ehring and Howard Heullitt.

## COMMUNITY WAR SERVICES

CHARLES WEBER, Chairman

### Victory Gardens

**V**ICTORY GARDENS have occupied the attention of the Neptune City Community War Services department.

In 1943, there were approximately 350 Victory gardens in our Boro. This was not as many as there should have been, considering the necessity for an enlarged food production program and the amount of space available. If more of our people had been convinced of the importance of truck gardens, the results might have been better.

Many of the gardeners had little or no practical experience. When this fact is considered, the result achieved was very satisfactory. A conservative guess would be that each garden produced sufficient fresh and canned vegetables for about six months of the year. Assuming that the yield were worth \$2 per week for 26 weeks, or about \$50 for the year, a total of \$17,500 would have been realized.

This is a tidy sum for a population of 2,500, or about 700 families. True, this was not all profit, when the cost of fertilizers, tools, plowing and other expenses is reckoned, but profit was not the aim.

Although the result was satisfactory, the experience gained combatting insects and learning cultivation and the care of crops will pay a greater dividend next year and in years to come.

The principal crops grown here were: Tomatoes, beans (string and limas), cabbage, turnips (white and rutabages), carrots, onions (from sets), peppers, swiss chard, corn, squash, peas, sweet corn and sweet potatoes. Most housewives made a specialty of canning tomatoes and corn and preserving green peppers and tomatoes.

Many of the gardens in 1943 were new. By this it is meant they were in sod and had not been cultivated before. They were, therefore, naturally sour. Most gardeners used a plentiful supply of lime but there had not been sufficient time for the lime to become assimilated and the real benefit from this treatment of the soil will not be felt before next year. That should encourage those who were not quite satisfied with the first results. They should try again.

No gardener who has the space should neglect to plant some sweet

corn. In order to secure a good supply for himself he should plant a liberal amount for the birds. They are up early and work fast when the corn is matured.

Much credit should be given for the assistance afforded by the various agricultural agencies and for all the data furnished in the Rutgers University College of Agriculture Victory Garden publications.

## SUPPLIES

HARRY E. CLAYTON, Chairman  
(Treasurer of the Local Defense Council)

NEPTUNE CITY has invested between \$1,200 and \$1,300 in Civilian Defense.

At the time of this report, Dec. 26, 1943, there had been spent \$977.43 of tax monies and \$307.52 of funds raised by the Local Defense Council thru the collection and sale of scrap materials.

Actually, the Mayor and Boro Council have made \$1,450 available for Local Defense expenses, but economical management and use of funds raised from the salvage campaigns has made it possible to turn back \$472.57 to the Boro Treasury in two years.

What are Local Defense Expenses?

In Neptune City, which has not received one cent of Federal Civilian Defense allocations, it has been necessary to buy the first aid equipment for furnishing two emergency dressing stations. Also, helmets have been purchased for Air Raid Wardens, flashlight batteries for our personnel who must be on duty in blackouts has been purchased, there have been bills for stationery and other printing. Other expenses have been advertising, purchase of armbands, equipping a demolition crew and acquiring uniforms for the Police Reserves.

## THEY ALSO SERVED

In its earlier days, the Local Defense Council was fortunate in having the services of many men who have since resigned for one reason or another. Among them are W. Thomas Bennett and Harvey D. Lungren, both of whom are now in the service.

Other former members have been Burt G. Metz, William H. Somerville, George C. Clay, Norman Carver, John W. Hopper, Douglas Cole, Charles Precheur, John W. Nolan, John M. Gibson, Sr., Harold Stillwell, Fred G. Clayton, Armand Jean, Clarence Matthews, Walter Archer and Robert A. Foster.

## EVERYBODY SERVES

Everyone has a job in Civilian Defense. There are nearly as many women as there are men actively associated with the Citizens Defense Corps in Neptune City. The Corps could not survive without this feminine membership. At the same time youth serves in vital jobs. Our entire Messenger Corps consists of older boys. In our Fire Department, there is a contingent of Junior Firemen who have proved a valuable adjunct to the Company, which has sent many members into the armed forces.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross has long been recognized as the leader in its field. When it comes to disaster relief and welfare work, this great organization has set the example for all the world.

In Civilian Defense, the Red Cross has both passive and active roles. The New Jersey directors of Civilian Defense have received invaluable aid from the Red Cross and important phases of the home front preparedness program have been left entirely in the hands of the Red Cross.

Neptune City has an earnest, active group working with the Red Cross.

More than 1,000 articles of clothing have been made and 75 kit bags have been filled by this work unit.

These women work every Tuesday from 10:30 A. M. to 4 P. M. at the Boro Hall. All women of the Boro are welcomed at the work meetings. Mrs. J. Arnold Keepers is the Chairman.

Does Neptune City support the work of the Red Cross in all parts of the world?

For answer, let us turn to the report of Mrs. W. Thomas Bennett, Chairman of the 1943 War Fund drive in our Boro. A total of \$1,500 was contributed here. The Neptune City drive was held in connection with the Asbury Park branch, Monmouth County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

## AN OUTSTANDING RECORD

THE MIRABELLI COMPANY, the leading and largest firm in our town—and, in fact, in this immediate vicinity—has its entire organization engaged directly in war work, manufacturing clothing for our armed forces. High officers of the United States forces have lauded this Neptune City business for its record. More than ten million dollars' worth of war material has been produced here.

To get an idea of the importance of Mirabelli's products, read the following telegram received from the Navy Department, signed by W. B. Young, Rear Admiral, Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Washington, D. C.:

"Mirabelli Co.

"Dramatic testimony from men in the fleet as to the efficiency of Jungle Cloth Special Winter Clothing is contained in a recent combat report from the North Atlantic. The Supply Officer of a ship that was wrecked on the Newfoundland coast stated that the survivors were soaked by heavy seas and exposed without shelter in a blinding blizzard. Those that were best able to take care of themselves after thirty gruelling hours in sub-zero temperatures were wearing Jungle Cloth Special Winter Clothing outfit. Those men possibly owe their lives to that equipment, reported the officer. To you who are providing our fighting men with this vital equipment the Navy extends sincere thanks."

The Mirabelli Company is operating the former Steiner-Liberty plant at Fourth and Railroad Avenues, Neptune City, which has 90,000 square feet of floor space. The plant is equipped with 350 of the most modern power sewing machines and employs approximately 400 workers.

The building is now owned by the Fourth and Realty Co., a subsidiary of the Mirabelli Co. The building has been vastly improved.

This firm has another plant in Elizabeth, N. J., employing about 250 workers. In addition, Mirabelli's also supplies work, which is cut or otherwise gotten ready for sewing, to the following sub-contractors: Anchor Clothing Co., Red Bank, N. J.; F. and D. Mfg. Co., Long Branch, N. J.; Neptune Cutting Co., Neptune City, N. J.; Atlantic Pants Mfg. Co., Elizabeth, N. J.; all of which employ a total of about 300.

The firm is composed of Mario G. Mirabelli and Michael A. Mirabelli, brothers, both of Elizabeth, N. J., and immediate members of their families. Mr. Michael A. Mirabelli is in charge of all production and Mr. Mario G. Mirabelli represents the firm in all matters with the U. S. government, takes charge of all purchases and sales and, in conjunction with his brother, decides the policies of the concern.

The efficiency of the organization is attested to in the following telegram from E. L. Cochrane, Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy:

"To the Men and Women of Mirabelli Co.

"Your splendid cooperation in fulfilling, at short notice, a Navy order of a large quantity of one-piece garments designed for our Amphibious Forces merits high commendation. This equipment was required for immediate shipment overseas, and your ability to meet a most difficult delivery schedule aided in the successful execution of an important Naval operation. The Bureau of Ships extends thanks to your entire organization."

The size of the organization and the part played by it in furnishing vitally-needed clothing to the armed forces can best be shown by an analysis of the number and types of garments delivered to the armed forces since hostilities began. During the interval, the Mirabelli Co. delivered the following garments:

Quantity	Type
152,267	Sheepskin Lined Coats
4,577	Chin Straps for Aviators
675,025	Trousers, Khaki
59,968	Alpaca Lined Coats
179,988	Shooting Pads, for Marines
21,220	Rainsuits, Parka
21,220	Rainsuits, Trousers
342,859	Jackets, Jungle Cloth
342,764	Trousers, Jungle Cloth
438,487	Helmets, Jungle Cloth
731,339	Mattress Covers
17,817	Blast Helmets
409,402	White Dungaree Suits
4,868	Aviator's Helmets
27,170	Ear Phone Mountings for Aviators
15,000	Shooting Coats
35,000	Service Coats
100,000	Mackinaws
25,000	Overcoats

These articles have an aggregate value of \$10,876,764.12.

No soldier, sailor or marine could put forth his best effort unless he had the proper clothing.

Also, in manufacturing this tremendous quantity of material for the

armed forces, the Mirabelli Co. has had a payroll in Neptune City of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 weekly. This money is spent by the workers in Neptune City and nearby communities and has had a very beneficial effect on the economic structure of the community.

It is the announced intent and purpose of the Mirabelli Co. in settling in Neptune City to make this permanently their main plant and office, and in conjunction with a policy of long-range planning, the company is now considering all angles of post-war economy. Preparations are now under way to make sure that there will be no slump during the period of re-adjustment after Victory is ours.

## COAST CITIES COACHES

MARTIN HEPPINSTILL  
Chairman of Transportation

WARTIME TRANSPORTATION for this area has depended in no small degree upon the facilities of Coast Cities Coaches, Inc., one of Neptune City's largest business concerns.

This company's problems have been many and not easy of solution, but the company has strained every effort to give the best possible service to the greatest number of people, the handicapped by equipment and manpower shortages. Mr. Louis J. Carr, General Manager of Coast Cities Coaches, has had the help of an able, trained and loyal group of workers in office, maintenance and operating departments.

Coast Cities Coaches maintains routes that run from North Long Branch to Brielle. The company operates 74 buses. There has been need for more buses, but conditions have diverted motor coach manufacturers into other construction. Besides the regular bus traffic, our local firm has been transporting thousands of workers to the army Signal Corps centers in this area. To list a few, there are the North Long Branch Training School, Camp Evans in Wall Township, Hotel Grossman in Bradley Beach, Camp Edison in Sea Girt and Steinbach Building in Long Branch. Special service to the naval Ammunition Depot at Earle, N. J., was inaugurated recently. Special transportation problems for the Royal Navy men of H.M.S. Asbury have also been handled by this Neptune City concern.

During the school season, 1,500 pupils are transported to and from 17 schools by Coast Cities Coaches.

Maintenance of equipment has been one of the important factors of carrying on transportation in wartime. Replacement parts are scarce. Great care is used to protect equipment from wear. Buses must be run day and night to cope with today's demand for transportation. Yet, at regular intervals, each bus is taken off the road for a thoro inspection. Schedules must be juggled in order to give buses their needed rest without hindering regular service.

Conservation of vital materials has been the bus company's public responsibility. This means that every piece of equipment must be kept at its highest efficiency.

Mr. Carr feels that the public has had the proper attitude of cooperation for these times. Riders have learned the rules of cooperation. Adequate runs on all routes have been maintained.

## 100 PER CENT WAR WORK

THE PARK STEEL AND IRON COMPANY, one of the larger industries in Neptune City, is operating 100 per cent on war work and has been doing so for some time.

Because the enemy would like to know just what this active firm is doing and just where its products are going, the full record cannot be told at this time. Suffice to say that this Neptune City company turns out structural steel and miscellaneous iron work for buildings for the Army, the Navy, and the Coast Guard. Thousands of ship parts have also been made here for the Maritime Commission. These latter have been shipped to all parts of the country. In fact, parts made by Park Steel and Iron are on practically every Liberty and Victory ship.

One batch of important truck parts made right here was installed aboard ship later just preparatory to an important invasion.

Besides manufacturing strategic materials for military installations, this local business has completed many jobs for manufacturers who are making war materials.

Voluntary censorship forbids telling more of this great story at this time. Neptune City citizens should know, however, that here in our Boro is a very important war industry.

### LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL\*

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*"Citizens are partners in this war. Our recent victories have failed to affect in any vital degree the strength of our enemy."*

—ROBERT B. PATTERSON, Undersecretary of War

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