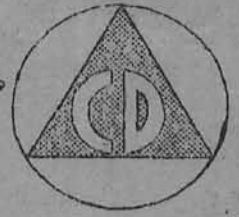


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YOUR BLOOD CAN SAVE LIVES

On June 11th, at the high school, the residents of Millburn will have another opportunity to contribute to the Red Cross Blood Bank. All of us realize the vital importance of this particular war effort, but few of us can visualize the battle-front conditions under which this blood plasma is frequently used or the almost miraculous saving of human life which has come to be expected in this war as the normal recovery average.

On a night in Africa, some weeks ago, four hundred soldiers badly burned by flaming oil, were brought into a field hospital between midnight and eight a.m. The hospital was well-supplied with sealed packages of dried blood plasma and the sterile water and apparatus to reconstitute and infuse it. Of the four hundred terribly burned soldiers, only six died. Plasma saved the lives of the rest.

Traumatic or surgical shock is often the greatest menace to a badly burned man, to one whose flesh and bone has been mangled by bursting steel, or who is seriously hemorrhaging. It often renders impossible the immediate surgical care that may be necessary to save such men from death or permanent mutilation. The yellow-gold, flaky powder prepared from blood collected by the Red Cross (and the more recently developed serum albumin) reduces shock with dramatic swiftness and gives the surgeons their chance to start operating at once.

It would have been well-nigh im-

possible, in that North African hospital, to have found four hundred blood donors, typed their blood and that of the burned soldiers, and performed four hundred transfusions in time. This would have been necessary in the last war. In this war, sealed pasteboard cartons containing everything needed for the administration of plasma are available at once ---- aboard ship, at dressing stations under fire. The plasma can be administered under almost any conceivable condition of warfare.

In "Into the Valley", John Hersh relates how he saw plasma being administered on a Guadalcanal ridge by a naval medical officer working under a blackout tent fashioned from ponchos, while his marine patients' comrades were still being pounded by Japanese mortars in the jungle valley below. Major Simon Warmenhover, director of American Medical Services on New Guinea, testifies: "Our medical men of 1917 and 1918 simply couldn't believe what we are doing in this remote jungle. Plasma is being used at first aid stations within enemy range." Ten minutes after a man is wounded, we give him plasma and save his life."

The blood that we donate in Millburn may serve with equal efficacy on some new war front. No Millburn resident in good health and within the age limits of 21 and 60 can afford to pass up the opportunity of such giving!

SIGN UP NOW!

PERSONNEL OFFICER

In order to comply with new rules and regulations effective last month, governing the payment of compensation awards to members of the Protective Forces of Local Defense Councils for death or injury incurred in the line of duty, Mrs. Veit, Secretary of the Millburn Council has been appointed Personnel Officer.

The Personnel Officer will have charge of all files and records of members of the protective forces of the Local Council, and will have to do with the handling of claims for compensation.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE WORKER SECURITY

Many inquiries have been made concerning the type and kind of liability coverage for persons injured in civilian defense work. The following rules and regulations are quoted from a statement issued last month by Civilian Defense Headquarters, in Trenton, under the title "Temporary War Civilian Security Program":

Civilian War Medical CareResponsibility of injured civilian defense worker injured on official duty

1. Must obtain immediate medical care and necessary supplies and attention.
2. Within 24 hours, if possible, injured civilian defense worker, or relative, or friend, must give notice to Personnel Officer of his Local Defense Council, naming the physician or hospital selected by him.
3. In every case, notice must be given within seven days after the injury.
4. If injury occurred prior to 4-1-43 notice may be waived.

Conditions governing payments

Surgeon Generals' determination is

final on all bills. Rates must not exceed minimum rates in a community for similar services or supplies.

Where applicable, rates in common use under Workmen's Compensation State Law; Laws administered by the U.S. Employee's Compensation Commission or Veteran's Administration will be used as guides.

Payments must be adequate to furnish, without cost to patient, relative, or friends, all medical services and supplies.

Reasonably Necessary

Payments will be made only when no charge is being made to the patient, relatives, or friends for same services and supplies.

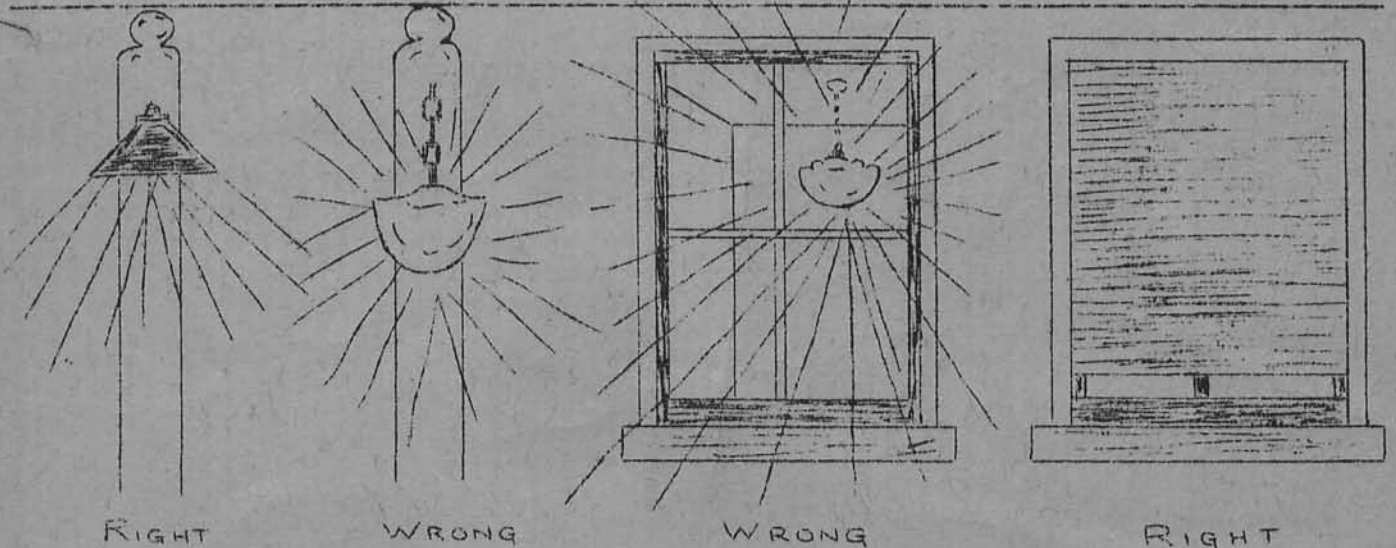
If Special Services or Supplies are requested in excess of those reasonably necessary for treatment the Public Health Service will pay for only those reasonably necessary and additional will be at personal expense of patient, his relatives, or friends.

VICTORY GARDENS

Now, when the first enthusiasm of early planting is past, is the time that we must guard against that lagging effort which dooms so many well begun tasks. If it was important that we plant victory gardens, it is doubly so that we give the growing vegetables the care and attention which alone will carry them through the summer to a successful harvest. Some vegetables must be sprayed to ward off insect pests, all must be cultivated, and during dry spells, all must be watered.

Keep at the job --- for your own sake, as well as your country's.

Mr. Wm. J. Stevenson, Baltusrol Way, is the new victory garden chairman. Mr. Craig had to resign due to illness.



ARE YOU OBSERVING THE DIMOUT?

The observance of the dimout in Millburn township is showing, we feel, a slow but steady improvement. There are a few consistent violators who should be brought into line, and there are others, who, either through ignorance or carelessness, do not fully comply with the regulations.

Outdoor illumination should be limited in all instances to lights shaded to a forty-five degree angle downward, and should, in no

case, exceed ^{1/8} ~~one-tenth~~ watt per cubic foot. This regulation applies to all porch, yard and drive way lights.

Inside illumination should be so shaded that no direct rays reach the outside.

A little more care in the observance of these regulations will, we are sure, make Millburn an almost perfect example of what the well dimmed out community should be.

PERSONNEL NEWS AND NOTES

Mr. Fred Seymour, Lake Road, has been appointed Chairman of Community War Services. This is the department that takes in Victory Gardens, Salvage, Child Care, Block Leaders, Consumer Interest, etc. This appointment also puts Mr. Seymour on the Defense Council. Mr. Seymour has been active in Civilian Defense - was originally Sector Warden in Zone 5, Sector D -- was made Zone Warden when Kimball

Prince went with the O.P.A.

Mr. John J. Van N. King is taking over as chairman of Communications since Mr. E. Weston Roberts is moving to Connecticut. Mr. Roberts has done a very capable job. Mr. King organized War Emergency Radio Service for Millburn Civilian Defense. Communications takes in Messenger Service, telephone and Radio.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTES

The Auxiliary Police soft-ball team is being organized by Capt. Wright to play in the league at the Millburn Recreation department. Ted Cavanaugh will be captain of the team. Games will be held once a week.

RECRUITS NEEDED

Recruits are still needed for the Motor Corps, for the Medical Division, and for the Chemical Warfare Division. Will you, if you are qualified for any of these services, and can possibly spare the time, consult with Mr. Woolley or Mrs. Veit, for advise as to where your services are most needed?

ARE YOU FULLY QUALIFIED?

Some zones are still sadly behind in the effort to achieve one hundred percent official OCD qualification of personnel. If you have not, as yet, taken all required courses, it is absolutely essential that you make a determined effort to obtain the necessary special knowledge.

GET BUSY TODAY!

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takes command.

9. On arrival of Army personnel, turn command over to the officer in charge and thereafter assist only at his direction.

DEFENSE WORKERS

The local AWVS has undertaken the worthwhile job of recruiting house wives for defense work. Will you tell your neighbors of this new campaign? And if you know of anyone whose household duties will allow her to work any of the full or part-time shifts, tell her to contact Mrs. R.M. Bozorth or AWVS

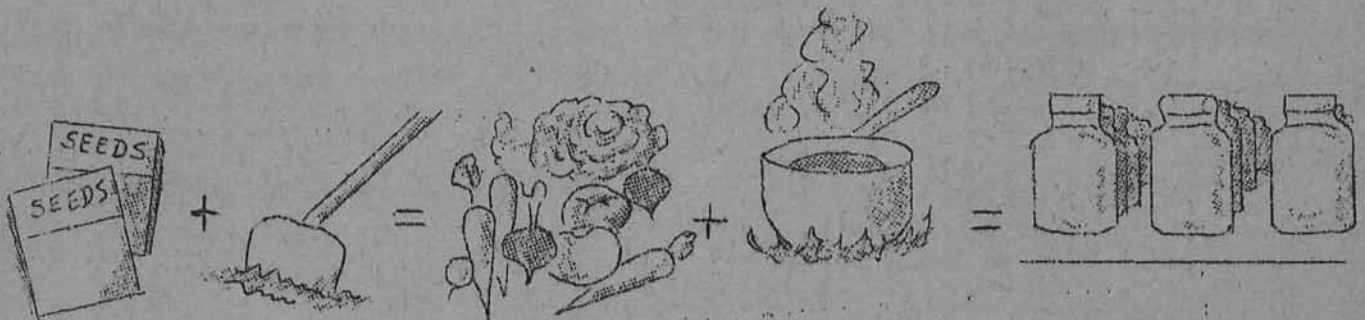
Headquarters.

American man power, strained and dislocated by the exigencies of all-out war, needs the reinforcement of women workers.

MOTOR CORPS

Our motor corps, an important auxiliary service in time of disaster, is doing a swell job of helping out the various government services every day of the week. This service needs new recruits. If you have free time and want to help in this worthwhile undertaking, please contact Mrs. Hooley.

G A R D E N F R E S H V E G E T A B L E S



VICTORY GARDENS

The simple life which our grandfathers used to reminisce about and which some of us have longed for in times of stress, is making a totally unexpected come-back in these war years.

With only enough gasoline to get us to and from our work; with the oil shortage making wood fires a daily necessity instead of an occasional relaxation; and finally with the food shortage promising to make farmers of us all, we are relearning some of the sturdier virtues of self reliance and self denial. The inconvenience and the minor irritations of getting along

with less may have produced some grouching here and there, but it is also producing a friendlier spirit of neighborly cooperation.

All of us have been reading of the desirability of planting Victory Gardens this year. Not all of us as yet realize the vital importance to individual families of such an undertaking. A monthly ration of forty-eight points for canned fruit and vegetables, dried vegetables and dried fruits may supply the minimum necessities of diet, but they certainly fall far short of the balanced, health giving meals to which the people of America have been accustomed. Each can we purchase, each pound of

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dried fruits taken from the larder of the nation, means that much less for the traveling kitchens of our fighting forces.

The planting and care of a Victory Garden, therefore, means more than pleasant, tasty additions to your larder of rationed foods. It is a patriotic effort which, engaged in by enough families, will go far toward relieving one of the most vital problems of the whole war effort.

Have you made application for that plot of land you've decided to plant? If not, contact Mr. R. C. Craig immediately. Have you ordered your seed? If not, go through your catalogue tonight, and make your selection. Mr. Craig, Mrs. Fellows or Mrs. Howe will be glad to confer with you on those types and varieties which are best suited to your own particular needs.

If you missed the Victory Gardens lectures at Washington School, there are other courses and lectures being held in nearby communities.

Such seed companies as Stump and Walter have prepared charts showing the amount of each kind of seed needed for various sized groups, and you may obtain booklets on gardening from the Department of Agriculture.

There are enough gardening tools to fill all needs, though we suggest that whenever possible neighbors arrange to share the use of their gardening tools rather than purchase a complete line of duplicates.

Block leaders and all OCD workers are urged to spread the gospel of the Victory Garden among their neighbors.

KEEP ON SAVING PAPER - FOR A COLLECTION DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER!

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