

130 Wilton People Share Defense Load

Volunteer Bureau Reports 548 Men and 582 Women Volunteers

More than 44 per cent of Wilton's residents are engaged in the type of community defense activity, according to a report of James Farr III, Director of the Volunteer Bureau. In summarizing the work at the meeting of the Defense Council at its Town office last Friday, Mrs. Farr announced that the files of Wilton's potential defense workers are now complete.

These files contain a total of 1,130 names, of whom 548 are men and 582 are women. Culled out of a population of 2,900, they bear testimony to the community spirit of the town. The names include social workers and telephone assistants at the Volunteer Bureau; retail as girls scouts, airplane mechanics, garden club member, Red Cross workers and members of the American Legion and other organizations.

Thus the files list all men and women in Wilton who are engaged in any form of community activity as well as all who have signed volunteer enrollment cards. In the cabinet of the Volunteer Bureau each individual is represented by a card on which is listed the various activities in which he or she is engaged.

Mrs. Farr explained that when the bureau enrolls personnel for war work, it endeavors to contact those individuals who are not readily signed up for other defense jobs.

A new office was created to handle financial contributions to the Defense Council. David H. Hatch-

Selections in New Canaan Concert Choral Club Sings Five "Elijah"

Five selections from the Elijah were sung by the Wilton Choral Club at the concert of the New Canaan Community Orchestra last Friday.

The concert, which was held at the Henry W. Saxe Junior High School, opened with a group of four numbers by the orchestra, the most ambitious of which was the first movement of Franck's D Minor Symphony. The orchestra, which is entirely an amateur organization, showed how much it has gained in skill and musical coordination, under William O'Shaughnessy's direction during the past year.

Following an intermission, the Choral Club sang "Be Not Afraid," the trio, "Lift Thine Eyes," sung by Leona Bodenmiller, Ethel Hughes and Jeanette Oliver, "He Watching Over Israel," "He That Shall Endure To The End," and the final chorus, "And Then Shall Your Light Shine Forth." The beautiful piano accompaniment of Gladys Grove Weinberg contributed greatly to the final result. Mrs. Weinberg, a professional accompanist of note, has played for the rehearsal for this and other concerts of the group, and the Choral Club owes more to her assistance than is generally realized.

The singing was followed by a group of three numbers by the orchestra, and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, led by Katherine Macy.

The Choral Club's next project will be Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Yeomen of the Guard," which will be given May 29 and 30. Rehearsals started Monday evening and anyone interested in joining the group is urged to make application as soon as possible. The next meeting of the Choral Club will be Wednesday, March 25.

One of Dana Birds Is Minus Its Head

Birds live perennially on the roof of Mrs. Charles A. Dana's garage and woodshed on Nod Hill Road. Their plumage is always gay, winter and summer, and they never have been known to change their position.

The other day a passerby observed that one of the birds had lost its head. Its stance is still as chipper as ever, but the Danas will probably get a new wooden head to make it look alive again.

Book Drive Ends With 1,005 Gifts

Wiltonians Prove Generosity in Donations for Servicemen

The Victory Book Campaign closed Saturday with a total of 1,005 books in the Wilton collection to be sent to American servicemen. Mrs. H. D. Ingram, co-chairman of the drive, states that more books are acceptable but will not be shipped until after another short drive in June when several homes will be opened for the summer, the owners of which wish to make their contributions.

Once more Wilton has shown its generosity, donating more books than were collected in the city of Norwalk. Those who worked for the success of the campaign were Mrs. Roy Sterne and Mrs. Ingram.

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Rain Spoils Salvage Collecting Saturday

Donald Douglas 1st in the Draft

Architect and Four Other Wiltonians in First 50 Called

Donald M. Douglass of Evans Lane, might be called Wilton's No. 1 draftee. He was the first man drawn in town, although his order number was 10 and his serial number 359.

Mr. Douglass is a prominent architect, with a wife and two children, Nancy, 12 and Donald, 9. He will claim no exemption, however, and stated last evening he was anxious to do whatever he could in the defense of his country. Mrs. Douglass said she knew her husband was quite pleased and had been talking of enlisting for sometime. His late activities of many in Wilton have been the designing of the building of Dominic DeBenigno on Route 7 and his own development, just adjacent, of small houses.

Next in Wilton came the name of Alfred H. C. Schroeder, order number 15, serial number 1,218. The other men drawn in town were Archer St. John, Wolfpit Road, order number 19, serial number 1,831; Earl Foster, Gramman Hill, order number 37, serial number 1,608 and James V. Tito, Millstone Road, order number 47, serial number 233.

These five men were drawn in the first 50 order numbers. There were 6,998 numbers taken from the Goldfish Bowl and since there are 219 men listed for call in Wilton, more will find themselves included in the capsules. Draft board heads, however, state that the official lists will not be available before March 23. Mistakes in order numbers have already been traced in Washington and requests are made by the boards to await the official lists which will be posted at all Draft Boards.

Board Votes 12-Mill Tax Rate Again

Financiers Make Additional Appropriations for Current Fiscal Year

Wilton's tax rate upon which May 15 bills will be estimated, will again be 12 mills if the adjourned annual town meeting in April ratifies the action of the Board of Finance as it customarily does without debate.

The board, meeting last week Monday at the town hall estimated that the 12 mill rate on the basis of the 1941 grand list would raise sufficient revenue to meet the town's budget appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31.

Lewis R. Hurlbutt, chairman of the board, presided at the meeting. Present also were: George L. Warncke, clerk; Charles O. Eskland Jr., Thomas H. Dickinson, Chester H. Geopier, J. Clarence Jackson and Milton Lacey.

Before setting the tax rate the board voted two additional appropriations: \$300 for the maintenance of the two airplane observation posts operating here on a 24-hour basis in cooperation with the U. S. Army; and \$100 to pay an additional premium for group insurance for members of the Wilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Tax bills will be due and payable on May 15 but one month's grace is allowed before 7 percent interest is charged on delinquent accounts.

Janet R. Kelloog's Paintings in Show

Paintings submitted by Janet Reid Kelloog of "Lilac-leaf" Wil-

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