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BATH COUNTY CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION, BATH POST #42 (American Legion, Dept. of Kentucky; National American Legion), Owingsville. Commander, Clyde Alexander, Owingsville. Telephone 32. Adjutant, W. C. Lacy, Owingsville. Telephone 42. Terms expire July, 1943. Ninth District Commander, Dr. J.W. Lester, Owingsville.

Membership: 66. Open to all honorably discharged veterans of World War I.

Committees: Finance, W. C. Lacy; Service, Dr. J. W. Lester; Publicity, Historian and Records, J. S. Piper, all of Owingsville. Child Welfare, Earl A. Thompson, Sharpsburg; Chaplain, Rev. Harrison Howard, Olympia.

Purpose: "For God and Country". Americanism, patriotism, Service and unselfish devotion to duty.

Normal Civic Activities: Salvage drives, encouraging enlistment in the armed forces, Cooperating with Red Cross and 100% cooperation with local Civilian Defense. Prepared for emergency or disaster.

Defense Activities: Interested in Air Raid Warden Service, Red Cross Assistance, First Aid.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, BATH UNIT #42 (American National Legion Auxiliary), c/o Mrs. Tom Campbell, Owingsville. Founded 1922. President, Mrs. Tom Campbell, Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Lester, Owingsville. Terms expire August, 1943.

Membership: 6. Open to wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Legionnaires.

Committees: Executive, Boss Caudill; Child Welfare, Mrs. Frank Hart; Publicity, Edna Vanlandingham, all of Owingsville.

Purpose: To aid and cooperate with the American Legion.

Normal Civic Activities: Assisting in Red Cross work and salvage work of the American Legion.

Defense Activities: Engaged in Sewing and Preparation of Surgical Dressings, Red Cross Assistance, Typing and Other Clerical Assistance, First Aid. Interested in Salvage Demolition Service, Collection of Scrap Metals and Other Metals, Teaching Literary Classes for Aliens and Others.

Local Publications: None.



AMERICAN RED CROSS, BATH COUNTY CHAPTER (American National Red Cross), Owingsville. Founded 1914. Chairman, Rev. Henry Ficklin, Owingsville. Telephone 86. Executive Secretary, Miss Mary E. Gudgell, Owingsville. Terms indefinite.

Membership: 300. Open to all persons contributing one dollar or over annually.

Committees: Production, Mrs. H. J. Lacy; Home Service, Mrs. Joe Thompson

Junior Red Cross, Mrs. George Lathram; First Aid, Lyman V. Ginger, all of Owingsville.

Purpose: To provide aid and temporary relief in the event of emergency or disaster.

Normal Civic Activities: Furnishes welfare service to Army and Navy personnel and their families. Home Nursing Service and First Aid.

Defense Activities: Engaged in First Aid, Sewing and Preparation of Surgical Dressings.

Local Publications: None.

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, BATH LODGE #55 (Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M.), Owingsville. Founded 1819. Master, Lacey H. Byron, Owingsville. Telephone 49-2. Secretary, D. L. Thompson, Owingsville. Telephone 68. Terms expire December, 1942.

Membership: 72. White male adults of excellent reputation and approved by members.

Committees: Sickness and distress, C. F. Martin; Finance, E. L. Byron, Rev. Geo. C. Frey, J. R. Thompson, all of Owingsville.

Purpose: Fraternal, social and benevolent.

Normal Civic Activities: Aids in the support of local and national defense and charitable programs.

Defense Activities: Interested in Red Cross Assistance.

Local Publications: None.

OWINGSVILLE AIR RAID WARDEN UNIT, Owingsville. Chief, C. L. Gullett, Salt Lick. Assistant Chief, Arthur Barber, Owingsville. Founded 1941. Terms indefinite.

Owingsville Air Raid Warden Unit (Continued)

Membership: 15. Open to qualified and patriotic Americans who are willing to volunteer their services.

Committees: None.

Purpose: Taking and enforcing air raid precautions and assisting in air raid shelter work.

Normal Civic Activities: Cooperates with all public services.

Defense Activities: Engaged in Air Raid Warden Service. Interested in Auxiliary Fire Protection.

Local Publications: None.

OWINGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, c/o Lyman V. Ginger, Owingsville; Founded 1941. President, Lyman V. Ginger. Secretary, Robert Clark, Owingsville. Terms expire April, 1945.

Membership: 35. Qualifications, any reputable business or professional man of Owingsville and Bath County.

Committees: Project, J. S. Caudill; Membership, Joe R. Thompson; Investigating, Salvage, C. F. Martin, all of Owingsville.

Purpose: The promotion of industrial development and community advancement.

Normal Civic Activities: Cooperates with all local worthy enterprises, including charity programs, particularly those affecting indigent children. Sale War Bonds and Stamps.

Defense Activities: Engaged in Collection of Scrap Metals and Other Metals.

Local Publications: None.



OWINGSVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB (Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs), c/o Mrs. C. F. Martin, Owingsville. Founded 1919. President, Mrs. Fassett Botts, Owingsville. Telephone 64-J1. Secretary, Mrs. C. F. Martin, Telephone 62. Terms expire May, 1943.

Membership: 38. Open to women of good standing interested in civic and cultural improvement.

Committees: Civic, Mrs. Espy Goodpastor; Literary, Mrs. Edna Byron; Benevolence, Mrs. W. B. Arnold; Nutrition, Mrs. Bascom Thompson; War Service, Mrs. Leslie Shront; Safety, Mrs. Lyman Ginger, all of Owingsville.

Purpose: Benevolent and social. Civic and cultural advancement of the community.

Normal Civic Activities: Student loans, crippled children, cancer and tuberculosis control, free lunches to indigent school children. Sale of War Bonds.

Defense Activities: Engaged in Collecting Books, Red Cross Assistance. Interested in Sewing and Preparation of Surgical Dressings, First Aid.

Local Publications: None.

PUBLIC RECREATIONS AND EDUCATION, Owingsville. President, Clyde Honaker, Owingsville. Secretary, Lyman V. Ginger, Owingsville. Telephone 68 & 8. Terms expire 1944.

Membership: 5. Must be 24 years of age or older, plus 3 years citizenship, district voter, completed eighth grade education and holds no city or county official position.

Committees: Transportation, Buildings and Grounds, Clyde Honaker.

Purpose: Cooperating in the operation of schools.

Normal Civic Activities: Cooperates with churches, Red Cross and P.T.A.

Defense Activities: Engaged in Collecting Books, Collection of Scrap Metals and Other Metals. Interested in First Aid (3 courses in First Aid completed).

Local Publications: None.

TYPES OF DEFENSE ACTIVITIES LISTED

Air Raid Warden Service  
Ambulance Service  
Auxiliary Fire Protection  
Auxiliary Police  
Child Care  
Civilian Aircraft Warning Service  
Collecting Books  
Collection of Scrap Metals and Other Metals  
Consumer Protection Activities  
Discussion Leaders  
Drafting  
Emergency Repair Service  
Entertainment  
Family Social Service in Industrial Areas  
First Aid  
Hospital and Clinical Assistance  
Interpreting  
Interviewing  
Library Service  
Motor Corps Service  
Operation of Canteens  
Preparation and Serving of Food  
Public Speaking  
Radio Operation and Repair  
Recreation  
Red Cross Assistance  
Research Assistance  
Salvage Demolition Service  
Sewing and Preparation of Surgical Dressings  
Signal Services  
Teaching Americanization Classes for Aliens and Others  
Teaching Classes in Mechanical Skills Needed in Defense Industries  
Teaching Classes of Map Reading and Sketching  
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"Interested in."  
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AIR RAID WARDEN SERVICE

American Legion, Bath Post #42, C-1; American Legion.

AUXILIARY POLICE

Owingsville Air Raid Warden Unit, C-2.

COLLECTING BOOKS

Owingsville Woman's Club, A-4; Public Relations and Education,  
Owingsville, A-4.

COLLECTION OF SCRAP METALS AND OTHER METALS

American Legion Auxiliary, Bath Unit #2, C-1; Owingsville  
Chamber of Commerce, A-3; Public Relations and Education,  
Owingsville, A-4.

FIRST AID

American Legion, Bath Post #42, C-1; American Legion  
Auxiliary, Bath Unit #2, A-1; American Red Cross, Bath  
County Chapter, A-2; Owingsville Woman's Club, C-4;  
Public Relations and Education, Owingsville, C-4.

RED CROSS ASSISTANCE

American Legion, Bath Post #42, C-1; American Legion  
Auxiliary, Bath Unit #2, A-1; Free and Accepted Masons,  
Bath Lodge #55, C-2.

SALVAGE DEMOLITION SERVICE

American Legion Auxiliary, Bath Unit #2, C-1.



SEWING AND PREPARATION OF SURGICAL DRESSINGS

American Legion Auxiliary, Bath Unit #2, A-1; American Red Cross, Bath County Chapter, A-2; Owingsville Woman's Club, C-4.

TEACHING LITERACY CLASSES FOR ALIENS AND OTHERS

American Legion Auxiliary, Bath Unit #2, C-1.

TYPING AND OTHER CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

American Legion Auxiliary, Bath Unit #2, A-1.

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