Pelham

Rehearsal for Blackout to Be Held Tomorrow

(Pelham, April 11) Permission has been granted the Pelham Civilian Defense committee by the approval of the First Interceptor Command to hold a blackout in this town on April 26 from 9 to 9:20 p.m., notice to be given by public alarm system. A full report will be made of this blackout test. Blackout will be held in the city of Nashua and the town of Hudson at this same time.

A daylight practice by town will be held tomorrow evening to familiarize all air wardens, policemen, firemen and other assisting officials with their exact duties and particularly the wardens with the routes assigned them to cover at the first alarm.

The firehouse siren will be sounded and each warden and other office of the alarming force has been supplied with a six-volt siren to be used on his route to spread the alarm. The area of this town is about 25 square miles which includes approximately 450 dwellings, camps and summer cottages widely separated in location throughout. The problem of alarming the whole town immediately following the general alarm signal, involves much messenger service in addition to the siren, which is not at all times adequate owing to prevailing winds. Therefore individual sirens will be used mounted on messenger automobiles. Large bells will be installed at Gumpas and Island ponds. Also each telephone line will have a warning signal agreed on by its party members, which will be carefully checked.

The committee is asking that all co-operate faithfully in this practice mobilization Sunday evening that the test blackout April 26 may prove 100 per cent efficient.

Miss Ethel Koehler, a junior at University of New Hampshire invited to join the Pel Timland, honorary home economics society, was recently initiated a member.

Recent recruits in U.S. service from Pelham include Harold E. Moore, U.S. marine; Paul R. Herbert, enlisted in marines, will be inducted Tuesday, and Elmer Goldthwaite Raymond, in flying cadet corps, goes to camp April 27. Eight of the Pelham boys are on foreign service, seven in Australia, and one in Iceland. Also Lt. Dolores Ducharme of the army nurses corps is in foreign service.

Rev. Clifford W. Lawn of Westford, Vt., reported for duty at Fort Devens Friday and will serve as chaplain with the rank of lieutenant. Rev. Mr. Laws family will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Atwood. For the past four years he has been pastor of the Upper Misquamicut parish which includes churches in Westford, Troy and Lowell, Vt., from which he has received an indefinite leave of absence.