Inventory of the World War Two Civil Defense Literature Collection
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Title: World War Two Civil Defense Literature Collection
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Physical Description: 1 box
Physical Description: .42 Linear Feet
Date (inclusive): 1941-1960
Abstract: This collection includes booklets, advertisements, pamphlets, leaflets, and ephemera related to World War Two Civil Defense. Subjects include advertisements on Blackout products, Civil Defense literature and decal products, and World War Two ephemera.
Language of Material: English.
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Biographical / Historical
The Office of Civilian Defense (OCD) was established by President Franklin Roosevelt in May of 1941 to create safety measures and procedures to protect citizens in the case of air raids, blackouts, and other war-related attacks. The office was also in charge of the morale of the citizens and for the creation of a citizen volunteer recruitment or what would eventually be titled the Citizen's Defense Corp. Citizens were encouraged to join through Citizen's Defense volunteer offices who would assign roles and train volunteers for positions such as driver, messenger, auxiliary police, as well as other volunteer positions. After a volunteer had completed training, they were able to wear an armband or uniform with the insignia of the position they were trained for. The OCD continued throughout the war to establish safety measures and assist in volunteer recruitment. The program officially concluded in June of 1945.
Scope and Contents
The World War Two Civil Defense Literature Collection (1939-1960) consists of .42 linear ft of booklets, pamphlets, leaflets, advertisements, and ephemera related to World War Two Civil Defense. This collection includes literature with information about Civil Defense and Citizens Defense Corps as well as advertisements and posters for war-related products and efforts.
Processing Information
Processed by Jennifer Hill in 2018.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War, 1939-1945
Civilian-based defense
Civil defense warning systems
Civil defense

box 1, folder 1
Booklet and leaflets for Dresser Repair Products 1939, circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 2
Advertisement for book entitled "The Specter of Sabotage" by Blayney F. Matthews December 23, 1941
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 3
"The Flag of the United States of America - A Supplement to the July-August, 1942 issue of Army Ordinance" [poster] July-August 1942
Language of Material: English.
"Red and White Hy-Lites - Vol. 10, No. 8" August 1942
Language of Material: English.

Promotional material and handbook for "Fire Prevention Week" October 4-10, 1942
Language of Material: English.

"Homemaker's War Guide" [poster] 1942
Language of Material: English.

"Small Town Manual for Community Action! Industrial Series No. 4" [booklet] 1942
Language of Material: English.

"Acme Process News Issue No. 6" and "Acme Steel Strap" [advertisement] circa 1942
Language of Material: English.

"The Glue Fast Glue Spreader" [advertisement] circa 1942
Language of Material: English.

Broadside entitled "Soda for Wartime First Aid", [two copies] circa 1942
Language of Material: English.

"Celanese Corporation of America" poster and pamphlet circa 1942
Language of Material: English.

"Control Systems Tacks - For use by Citizens Defense Corps" and "Hagstrom's Maps and Control System Tacks for use by Citizen's Defense Corps" circa 1942
Language of Material: English.

"The Army and Navy with Sound Scriber" [leaflet] circa 1942
Language of Material: English.

First Aid and Emergency Medical Services [posters] 1942, 1943
Language of Material: English.

Language of Material: English.

"Identification Service Corp." [bulletins] June 1943
Language of Material: English.

"Warfair Ideas-Proven Suggestions for your Guidance" [brochure] August 1943
Language of Material: English.

"Dairy Councillor - Ice Cream Builds Fighter's Morale" October 1943
Language of Material: English.

"A Personal Message to the Mothers, Wives, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and Friends of Service Men" [pamphlet] 1943
Language of Material: English.

"Community Action for Post-War Jobs and Profits - Industrial Series No. 6" [booklet] 1943
Language of Material: English.
"Nudelman Bros" [advertisement] circa 1943
Language of Material: English.

"Emergency Vehicle Alarm" [advertisement] circa 1943
Language of Material: English.

"First Quality (varnished) Hickory Police Clubs" [advertisement] circa 1943
Language of Material: English.

"Practo-Bomb" [advertisement] circa 1943
Language of Material: English.

"Introduction to the Army - Suggestions for Pre-Induction Informational Meetings"
[booklet] Feb. 1944
Language of Material: English.

"Don't Travel - Unless Your Trip Helps the War" [poster] June 1, 1945
Language of Material: English.

"The Homesavr" [advertisement] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

Advertisements for Blackout products. Includes material on what to do in a Blackout circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

"Spink Scale Company - Sand Bag Fillers" [advertisement] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

Advertisement for "Sniff Kit" [two copies] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

Advertisements for "Food Processing Kits" posters circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

"War Damage and Bombardment Insurance" [advertisement] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

Booklets entitled "Use the Paper Trooper Campaign Materials to Energize Your School Waste Paper Collections" and "Your Scrap Paper is Needed", [broadside] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

Civilian Defense material including "Manual for Civilian Deference" [booklet], and "Fighting the Fire Bomb" [brochure] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

"Indian Fire Pumps" [advertisement] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

"Stirrup Pumps" [advertisements] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.
box 1, folder 37  Advertisement for “Gothic” font circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 38  Advertisement for “What is Inflation?” published by Lipman, Wolfe and Co. and posters entitled “In Which We Serve”, [two copies] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 39  Advertisement for air raid alarms and horns. Includes broadsides entitled "What to do... In an Air Raid" [two copies] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 40  Advertisements for the home circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 41  Civilian Defense Corps decals, insignias, and identification products and advertisements circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 42  "Artists for Incorporated Victory" [envelope] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 43  Flyer for "Morale the Secret Weapon that will Win the War", [two copies] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 44  Leaflet entitled "Protection Against Glass Shrapnel", [two copies] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 45  Ration coupons and stamp pledges circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 46  Poster entitled "The Institute for American Democracy Inc. Announces a Series of Original Full-color 24 sheet Outdoor Posters on themes of Interfaith Unity" circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 47  "More WACS needed - for 155 types of vital army jobs" [poster] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 48  "Photo Center News" [advertisement] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 49  "Victory Begins at Home" [postcard] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 50  "Jaco-Lac Decals" [advertisement] circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 51  Advertisements for business circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 52  Steel and Safety Helmet Advertisements circa 1940's
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 53  Pamphlet entitled “Target Oregon” published by Oregon Civil Defense Agency June 1960
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box 1, folder 54

"Slide Projectors - Directions for Use" [pamphlet] undated

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