

# Civil Defense

To some it appears to be a very remote possibility that enemy bombs will ever be dropped in this section. There are many enemy objectives in this area, the signal corps at Avon, the ammunition storage plant now under construction in Madison County, the new Lexington Airport, Fort Knox. Even Fort Knox, Charlestown, and Cincinnati are just a few minutes from Lexington by plane. At any rate, the Office of Civil Defense considers it is far better to have an air raid organization and not need it than not have it.”

- *Lexington Leader*, May 3, 1942

“Lexington’s air raid warning system has been enlarged by the installation of five additional signals”

- *Lexington Leader*, May 5, 1942

Lexington, like many other cities trained volunteer civilians to act as air raid wardens. Wardens were required to take the standard 20 hours of Red Cross first aid training, and trained to fight incendiary bombs, recognize poison gas, and how to protect people from a gas attack.

Groups such as the Oleika Shrine Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the American Legion offered their services for civil defense.

