

PLAN FOR BLACK-OUT OF
FARMINGDALE, L.I., N.Y.

TIME: 10:30 PM to 11:00 PM (Daylight saving time)

DATE: Monday May 16th, 1938

AREA: The area within a circle which has a radius of 2 1/2 miles measured from the center of the Village of Farmingdale, New York.

THE REQUIREMENTS:

In order to assist the War Department in its effort to provide adequate protection against an enemy bombing attack during war, all individuals within the above mentioned area are requested to extinguish all lights both indoors and outside for the period of one half hour at the time and date shown above.

SIGNALS TO BE GIVEN:

At the start of the period the Farmingdale Fire Department will blow three blasts, of their siren, this signal will be repeated. In addition to the siren signal, the anti-aircraft search lights will flash their lights three times. These signals will be an indication that the BLACK-OUT period is to begin and all individuals should comply with the requirement.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE PERIOD:

The GHQ Air Force bombers will attempt to locate the area after which they will drop 100 flares and the anti-aircraft search lights and guns will open up. Flares will be dropped over the area to the East of the town of Farmingdale. The 36th Pursuit Squadron at Seversky Field will take off in an attempt to intercept the bombers.

PLEASE COOPERATE WITH YOUR WAR DEPARTMENT; CITY, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIALS, AND THE NEW YORK STATE PARK OFFICIALS, TO MAKE THIS THE FIRST AMERICAN BLACK-OUT, 100 PER CENT SUCCESSFUL.