

# *Schools* AT WAR

A REPORT TO THE NATION



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SCHOOL

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*ALVA HIGH SCHOOL,*

ADDRESS

*800 FLYNN, ALVA, OKLA.*

STREET

TOWN

STATE

Alva

# WE REPORT TO THE NATION

We herewith submit a bird's-eye view report of our  
SCHOOLS AT WAR Program. It includes factual and pictorial  
accounts of our War Savings Program and other outstanding  
war activities. It is tangible proof of the resourcefulness, skills,  
activities and the will to win of every student, teacher and  
parent enlisted in our SCHOOLS AT WAR Program.

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Name of School ALVA HIGH SCHOOL

Address 8<sup>th</sup> AND FLYNN, ALVA, OKLAHOMA

Enrollment 347 Grades 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

No. of Teachers 15 No. of Classrooms 20

Size of Community APPROXIMATELY 5200

Cash Value of War Stamps and Bonds sold during SCHOOLS AT  
WAR Program \_\_\_\_\_



SCRAP ALVA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DRIVE



SCRAP WASHINGTON GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS DRIVE

### ALVA HIGH IN WAR WORK

Alva high first entered into the hustle of the war activity on Oct. 5, when the senior class led out on a week's scrap drive. The other classes followed day-by-day until the scrap pile netted 20 tons of valuable war material. The proceeds of the sale of this scrap was donated to the Woods County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

On Oct. 16, the city of Alva declared that day a city wide holiday for the cleanup scrap drive. Alva high was dismissed to do its share, and each student was required to bring in 10 pounds.

In a special assembly held Monday, Nov. 9, the bond and stamp drive began. The goal for Alva high was set at \$1500, and in three hours \$97.35 of stamps and bonds had been sold to the students. At this assembly Barbara Baker, senior, explained the purpose of the plan and gave reasons why all students should participate, and Norman Vetter outlined the sales program.

The high school stamp booth is open every day during the two activity periods and once a week stamp sales talks are given by students in every room.

Almost every member of the student body enrolled in the Junior Red Cross. There was no enrollment fee, but students contributed what they could. This amounted to \$10.50.

Every day the bond and stamp sales increase. At present the total exceeds \$850.00. The goal of \$1500 is to be reached within a short time, stamp salesmen believe.



**Olive Nickell and Helen Blumberg**  
— Typewriters—bed springs — hot water bottles, well at least reasonable facsimilies, and various other things far too numerous to mention have been brought in from all corners of this vicinity and placed in the scrap pile.

Everyone was eager to help, not only because they got out of class, but to aid their country in this nation-wide campaign to gather everything which is not in use, and can be put to use to win this war.

People aren't "burying the hatchet" anymore, they are throwing it in the scrap pile, as another blow to the Japs.

The boys weren't the only helpful ones; a bunch of girls got together and had a tete tete, they brought their crow-bars and knitted a barbed-wire fence.

Some patriotic student contributed his school books to help scrap the Japs, but his teachers scrapped him first so he retrieved them.

Warning to all boys who own jalopies. You better not park them too close to the scrap pile. I'm afraid it would be rather hard to distinguish them from the scrap.

Members of the faculty also did their part. Mr. Geis was quite taken back when some student jacked him up and stole his rubber heels, but it was for a worthy cause, cause they needed them for the scrap drive.

Miss Harzman was little more than surprised when she slammed the front door and the house fell apart. The seniors went around it with magnets and removed the nails. Every little bit counts you know.

Coach Simon stepped out to "wash out a few things" only to discover his tub was gone. So he decided he'd iron them and let them go at that, but unknowingly he had also contributed his iron. In great despair coach cried, "Oh dear, this is a very pressing situation."

Miss Donley was being very patriotic and offered to donate a bath tub to the scrap drive. She was

## Bonds and Stamps Reach \$494.20 In Two Weeks

Four hundred and ninety four dollars and twents cents worth of war bonds and stamps have been sold from November 9 through November 23. Approximately two-thirds of the sales have been stamps. Monday is stamp day. Students will go from room to room the first hour after dinner.

There is a stamp booth on the second floor. This is open the two activity periods. Arlene Crawford, Barbara Breford, Janet Card, Loreen Randell, and Doris Schwenesen have been selling in the booth.

Thermometers have been placed in each room showing the sale of stamps. There has been a slogan committee chosen consisting of Estelle Crouse, Pat Julian, Mary Olive Yohn, Bill Thomas, Vernon Eckels.

The goal for War Bonds and Stamps is fifteen hundred dollars.

swept off her feet by the tidal-wave when some students disturbed her bubble-bath and proceeded to remove her tub. Has a lady no privacy? She didn't mean the one in the house.

Pussy cats are very much in demand. Now that we've all thrown in our mouse-traps, to help catch those "rats."

Mr. Korn's theme song is "Home, Home on the Range." He couldn't be referring to the kitchen range, cause it looks as if they are all in the scrap pile.—Korny wasn't it!

There is a good excuse for staying up all night now. Since we've all contributed our bed-springs, the slats would be rather hard sleeping.

To put it in plain English (I said plain not good) the scrap drive has been very successful, and we all hope the Japs will "kick the bucks" we have scrapped.

## School Gives Red Cross \$85

### Check Presented During Assembly

The Woods county chapter of the American Red Cross was presented a check for \$85, gift of Alva high school, in a special ceremony during the high school's Education week assembly program this morning.

Roy McCormick, Red Cross chairman, received the check from Orville Korn, high school principal. The money represented receipts from the high school's participation in the Oklahoma Newspaper Scrap drive which ended October 17.

Bob Lee Kidd, Jr., editor of the Review-Courier and chairman of the drive, gave a brief message to the student body, expressing the appreciation of his committee for the school's work during the drive.

The program also marked the opening of a consistent war stamp buying plan which is being set up in all city schools this week. Miss Barbara Baker, senior student, explained the purpose of the plan and gave reasons why all students should participate, and Norman Vetter outlined the setup.

## ALVA HIGH TAKES ACTIVE PART TO WIN THIS WAR

Alva high school is definitely doing its part in the war effort. All students are behind the projects 100 per cent.

The entire student body put across the scrap drive which netted 20 tons of essential scrap from the high school alone. The two city grade schools also participated in this drive. Eighty dollars, obtained from the sale of this scrap was donated by the students to the American Red Cross.

The Junior Red Cross gained a number of new members when A. H. S. joined this organization almost 100 per cent. There was no enrollment fee, but students con-

tributed what they could. This amounted to \$10.50.

On November 9, a bond and stamp drive began. In three hours \$97.35 of bonds and stamps had been sold to members of the student body. Every day shows an increase in the sale of bonds and stamps.

The students are now preparing a "School in War" scrapbook. This gives information concerning Alva high's war effort. It includes pictures, articles, etc., which show the actual achievements of our work. This scrapbook, when completed, will be entered in a national contest with other schools.

## WAR STAMP DRIVE BEGINS AT ALVA HIGH

Dig brother dig! Dig out the old family sock and bring those nickles and dimes to school to buy war stamps and bonds.

Every Monday the fifth hour, appointed students will go from room to room selling war stamps and bonds. Every day at the activity periods, 10:30-11:00 and 3:00-3:40, you may purchase stamps and bonds at the stamp booth in the west end of the upstairs hall.

The war stamp committee, with Mr. Korn as chairman, consists of four faculty members, Miss Donley, Miss Brimer, Mr. Simon, and Mr. Weigand, and in addition three members from each class chosen by the class president. They are as follows, Seniors: Bill Brunsteter, Norman Vetter, and Onvema Yohn. Juniors: Bob Baker, Pat Julian, and Bill Thomas. Soph: Janet Card, Arlene Crawford, and Vernon Eckels. Fresh: Ray Haley, Estella Crouse, and Dick Brunsteter. Eighth grade: Virginia Hayward, Leroy Hollis, and Harold Heaton.

Those students in charge of the sale of stamps for the first four weeks are: top floor—Janet Card and Arlene Crawford, 2nd floor—Norman Vetter and Bill Thomas, basement floor—Pat Julian and Bob Baker.

## OUR SCRAP PILE ESTIMATED 15 TONS BY KORN

The scrap pile of Alva high school is so large that it looks like the city dump. But far be it from trash. Every little scrap of tin and rubber is one more step toward victory.

As it will be a month or more before the scrap can be sold, the exact tonnage is not known; however, Mr. Korn estimated the pile to weigh at least 15 tons.

The seniors started the drive Monday morning, Oct. 5, then the juniors the next day and so on down the line to the eighth graders on Friday.

As "Captain" Taylor was ill Thursday, his group did not work but they went out to do their share this last Monday morning.

The "captains" or the sponsors of the different classes appointed their "lieutenants" and "sergeants" as follows:

Eighth grade: Lieutenants, Bill Welch, Bill Simon, and LeRoy Hollis. Sergeants: Oscar Eshleman, Dorothy Jo Brown, Elizabeth Potuznik, Harold Koppitz, Donald Owen, Marion Corr, Lorraine Couch, Harold Heaton, Rosa Lee Henderson, Virginia Hayward, Jo Ann Walcott.

Freshmen: Lieutenants: Ray Haley, Lorraine Lane, and Bob Rodkey. Sergeants: Thelma Hassinger, Harold Kamas, Tom Treece, Jim Pierce, Bonnie Hayden, and Emerson Wheeler.

Sophomore: Lieutenants: Curtis Riggenbach, Barbara Breford, and Ernest Maxwell. Sergeants: Patricia Sims, Anne Beckham, Ronald Nelson, Donald Clark, Bill Summers, and Orpha Ewert.

Junior: Lieutenants: Bob Baker, Bill Thomas, and Wilmer Kinzie. Sergeants: Kenneth Baker, Ray Boatman, Bob Ludlum, Bill Saunders, Bobby Tatro, and Perry McCosker.

Senior: Lieutenants: Bud McClure, Dale Dotter, and Bill Hale. Sergeants: Olive Nickel, Wayne Oshel, Doris Brown, Ed Hazard, Norman Vetter, and Earl Prigmore.



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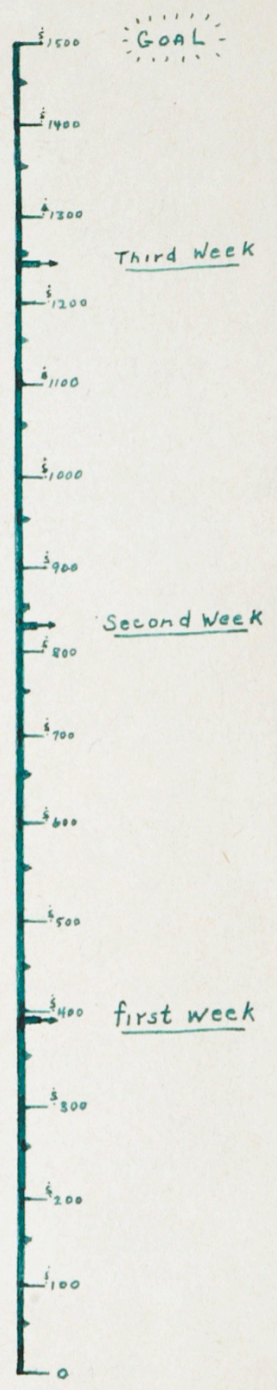
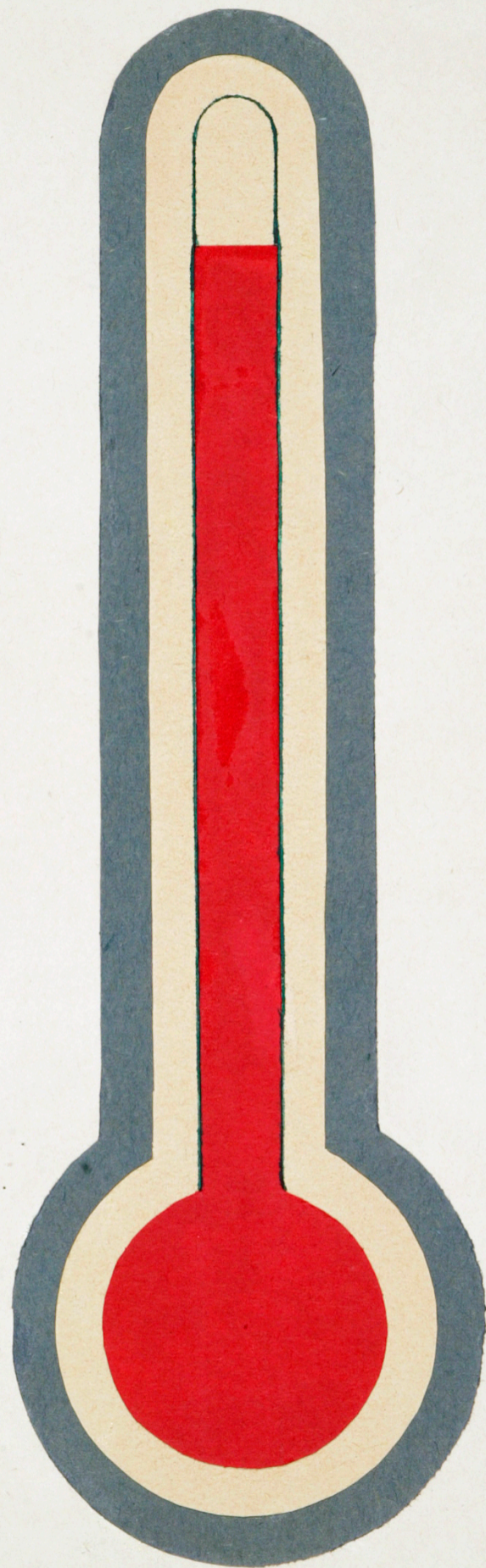
FOOTBALL SQUAD



ANNE  
HOUGHTON

HOMA  
LEE  
JONES

Since this thermometer was completed Alva High students have reached their goal of \$1500 and have surpassed it by a good margin. The office now reports at present a sale of over \$2600 sold to members of the student body.



Thermometer of War Stamps and Bonds Sales





Phyllis Dodd

Grade 2

Longfellow School

## I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE !

### Story of the Play

Time and again in recent years we've heard America's enemies boldly proclaim that democracy is dead or dying and that we are all smug, complacent and soft. If you'd like to hear an American's answer to these charges here is your opportunity, for Basil Ring answers all of our critics in his inspiring and patriotic play which he calls "I Pledge Allegiance !"

This play lays down a challenge to our enemies and at the same time it will make every man, woman, and child who sees it thrill with pride and joy at being Americans. Never before has any playwright striven more valiantly to present a true picture of America's epic fight in her determination to retain those things that are so precious to us all.

Young Chet Walter, a schoolboy, doesn't seem to take any interest in the affairs of his country. However, Chet soon proves to be the best detective in the family as he captures a German agent who is working against the United States.

Chet tells his mother, "You know, Mom a guy never re'lizes what a flag can mean to him until that flag is in danger !"

## Alva Declares Holiday Clean-up

Friday morning, Oct. 16 was declared a city-wide holiday for the cleanup scrap drive. Alva high was dismissed to do its share, each student being required to bring 10 pounds.

The boys met at the school building at 8:30 to take it to the selling depot.

Mr. Geis estimated that we sold over 36,580 pounds at \$ .30 per hundred pounds. From the scrap that was sold Friday we received \$141.23.

Mr. Geis said that we have approximately 15,000 pounds left, most of which is tin.

Grade schools were also to clean up Friday morning. Longfellow made \$68.00 and Washington \$41.00.

## World War Costly, Report Officials

### History's Most Costly War

From the Education Section, War Savings Staff, Treasury Department, comes the report that this war will be costly—costlier than any we have ever been engaged in. Compared with other wars in our history:

1. The War of the Revolution cost approximately \$104,000,000.
2. The War of 1812, cost approximately \$130,000,000.
3. The Mexican War cost approximately \$64,000,000.
4. The Civil War (North only) cost approximately \$3,500,000,000.
5. The Spanish-American war cost approximately \$582,000,000.
6. World War I cost approximately \$35,413,000,000.

As of September, 1942, it has been estimated that this war will cost the United States at least 350 billion dollars. This is close to \$3,000 for every person in the country. This amounts to nearly six times the cost of all the wars in our history put together.

At the beginning of this year President Roosevelt called for:

60,000 planes in 1942; 125,000 in 1943.

45,000 tanks in 1942; 75,000 in 1943.

20,000 anti-aircraft guns in 1942; 35,000 in 1943.

8,000,000 tons of merchant ships in 1942; 10,000,000 in 1943.

Many of these goals have since been boosted upward.

War Savings Bonds and Stamps will help to pay the costs of history's most costly war.

## THREE SCHOOLS REACH \$1,162 IN STAMP SALE

The report was made Thursday, December 3, that \$1,162.00 of bonds and stamps had been sold in the high school and two grade schools since November 9.

The High school has invested \$662.45 in stamps and bonds, Washington students purchased \$240.15, and Longfellow pupils bought \$239.50.

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