

Schools AT WAR

A REPORT TO THE NATION



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SCHOOL Bethel, [☆]District #8
ADDRESS R. R. #1 Jennings, Okla.
STREET TOWN STATE

Jennings
Box 2

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 Bethel, District #8
Address R. R. #1, Jennings
Pawnee County, Okla.
Enrollment 40 Grades 1-8 incl.
No. of Teachers 2 No. of Classrooms 2
Size of Community 50 families
Cash Value of War Stamps and Bonds sold during SCHOOLS AT
WAR Program Community all to-
gether have purchased
over \$600 worth.

Schools at War Program

Our school first became interested in the "Schools at War Program" when the Schools' Scrap Drive was announced in the newspapers along the first of October, 1942.

Each child was to bring his own weight in scrap to the school building the following week.

After collecting it, however, we found that we had exceeded our goal enormously.

Note: - This letter explains the delay, in sending to state office (Co. sup. of schools)



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WAR SAVINGS STAFF

OFFICE OF STATE ADMINISTRATOR

211 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February , 1943

Dear School Members: *(Mr. & Mrs. John Merchant, Bethel School)*

We appreciate very much the scrapbook you sent to us recently. We think it is an excellent piece of work, and know that it is an outstanding example of the participation of your vicinity in the "Schools at war" program.

This scrapbook is being returned to you because it is to be submitted to your county superintendent of schools, who will in turn choose ten or twelve from his district to be mailed to the state office for exhibition in the Historical Building here in Oklahoma City, after February 22.

We suggest that you have your scrapbook on display at your school before giving it to the county superintendent by February 12.

Thank you for your interest in this program. Keep up the good work.

Yours for Victory,

H. C. Jones

H. C. Jones
State Administrator
War Savings Staff

Dear Mr. Benson:

This is the letter we received about the scrap-book.

Mr. and Mrs. Merchant

*"Bethel" Dist. # 8, Pawnee Co.,
RR#1 Jennings Okla.*



Newspaper Stories of our Scrap Drive

Bethel School
 The Bethel school scrap drive is well under way. Each school child is bringing in his own weight in scrap and several additional pounds have been added by others in the neighborhood.

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 Oct. 9, 1942

Bethel School
 The Bethel school's scrap drive has been completed with a total of over 1,000 pounds of scrap per child being sold. The school wishes to thank everyone in the district who helped in any way to make the scrap drive a success.
 As a reward for their splendid help in the school's scrap drive, the school children enjoyed a wiener roast last Friday afternoon near Lagoon creek.

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 Oct. 23, 1942

BETHEL
 (Mrs. Maude Hutcheson)
 The Bethel school scrap drive is progressing nicely. Quite a pile of scrap has been collected the past week. Mr. Merchant secured his brother's pick-up truck for the week and he and the school boys collected junk from nearly every home in the community. Especially large amounts of scrap were contributed by John Blanchard, Earnest Sweet, John Floyd, and Luther Embry.
 Wagons and trailers were also used to bring in the scrap for Uncle Sam. L. G. Embry, Arley Coke, and Mrs. R. E. Wells, each hauled in a wagon load, with Cleo Coke and Clarence Dunlap bringing in a trailer load each.
 The scrap drive is being sponsored as a part of the school's "War Program Activities."

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 Oct. 16, 1942

Bethel Scrap Collectors First in Pawnee County
World's Own Service
PAWNEE, Oct. 21.—More than 1,000 pounds of scrap per pupil was collected by the 38 students of Bethel school, located between Jennings and Maramec in Pawnee county, in the recent school scrap drive, it has been reported by Robert H. Breeden, county chairman.
 The 38 students in the school collected 38,041 pounds of rubber and metal, making the per capita average 1,001. Second in the drive was the school located in the small town of Hallett, which with 109 pupils collected 90,310 pounds, or 828.5 per capita.
 Pawnee city schools ranked third with 201,927 pounds of scrap, averaging 388.3 pounds per head for the 520 pupils.

From the "Tulsa World" Daily Newspaper

OVER HUNDRED TONS OF SCRAP GATHERED BY PAWNEE STUDENTS
 Pawnee Citizens, fathers and mothers and every body in general should be proud of the students of the Pawnee school district.
 They started out to do a job in the typical American way and put it over in great style, bringing honor to themselves, their teachers, superintendent and to their city.
 This job was collecting scrap metal, rubber and rags in the statewide contest sponsored by the Newspapers of Oklahoma closing last Saturday.
 Detailed report of the Pawnee Student's activities reveals some wonderful feats.
 First, 442 of the 520 children enrolled in the Pawnee school system brought in scrap metal.
 There were 239 Distinguished service awards made which was for bringing in a certain number of pounds of scrap metal, which graduated in weight, according to age.
 Every member of the eighth grade class received the Distinguished service award.
 In total figures, here were 199,178 pounds of metal collected; 2082 pounds of rubber and 667 pounds of rags.
 The Senior class carried off the individual class honors when reports showed the Seniors collected 60,829 pounds of the total which averaged 1106 pounds per student. This is remarkable and the seniors are to be congratulated.
 The average for the entire student body was also exceptionally high, same being 388.3 pounds per student in the entire school.
 When one considers the fact that this scrap was collected within the Pawnee school district, it shows there is still plenty of scrap in the county if it could only be collected.
 The report for the entire county shows 113,051 pounds was collected.
 Less than one third of the school districts are included in the county report, but much good work was done among the outside districts.
 Highest honors goes to Bethel situated southeast of Pawnee, which shows that 38 pupils are credited with 38,041 pounds, or over 1000 pounds per student.
 Second honors went to Hallett with 828.5 pounds per pupil and a total of 90,310 pounds; Third place went to High Grove where 21 pupils were credited with 11,445; Fourth place goes to Grand View with 13 students and 6,167 pounds or an average of 474.3 pounds; Pawnee was fifth with 388.3 pounds per student; Cleveland was sixth with 196.6 pounds and a total of 135,087 pounds; Skedee was seventh with 171.1 pounds average with a total of 16,099 pounds.
 Other schools reported up to Monday morning with no individual averages were: Maramec, 5,500 lbs.; Ralston, 12,000; Indian school, 24,000; Dixie, 3,365; Sinnett, 1,550 and Terlton, 20,755.

From local county papers.

Million Pounds Scrap Collected; Schools Gather Tons Of Metals

Bethel Is First, Hallett Is Second; Man Sells 12 Tons

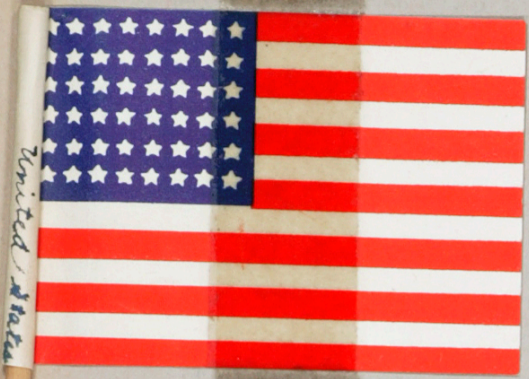
More than 1,000,000 pounds of scrap, mostly iron and steel, was collected in Pawnee county during the drive that closed Saturday, Oct. 17, according to Robert H. Breeden, Cleveland, county chairman in charge of the newspaper campaign to gather salvage for war purposes.
 Assisting in the campaign was the regular county salvage committee headed by Ted Lusk, Pawnee. Working together this huge pile of scrap was collected to be sold to be used in the manufacture of munitions of war.
 The schools of the county were the greatest force in this drive. Nearly every school cooperated fully, many permitting the older students to take trucks and haul in the metals and rubber from the homes, farms and oil fields.
 Bethel school, between Jennings and Maramec, was the winner having collected more scrap per pupil than any other school. This school with an enrollment of 38, gathered 38,041 pounds, more than 1,001 pounds per pupil.
 Next was Hallett with 828.5 pounds to the pupil; High Grove was third with 474.3 pounds for each child enrolled. Grand View was fourth with an average of 474.3 pounds to each pupil and Pawnee was fifth with 388.3 to each pupil.
 Not all schools had reported when this was written and there may be others that have passed these totals and will crowd the reported schools from the high rankings.
 The high individuals in the drive were W. C. Milam, Cleveland, 24,230 pounds; Tom Ingle, Cleveland, 21,085 pounds and Violet Cox, Pawnee, 9,400 pounds.
 Here are the figures available as of Monday morning:
 Sold in Cleveland to Ajax Pipe, 558,260; sold in Pawnee to Charles

Topper, 242,992; sold between Sept. 28 and Oct. 17 to these two dealers, 801,252.
 Indian school drive, in yard, 24,000; Maramec school, in yard, 5,500; Ralston school, in yard, 12,000; Bethel school, sold to A. Moore, 38,041. Total these schools, 79,541.
 Hallett, sold at Oilton, 61,958; Jennings, sold at Oilton, 9,300; Hallett, sold to A. Moore, 2,330; Hallett, sold to H. R. Neeley, 4,050; Cleveland American Legion, sold to H. R. Neeley, 9,540. Total, 87,178.
 (Above is known scrap gathered in county and sold outside.)
 Total collected from original owners, 967,971.
 WPA scrap near tracks at Pawnee, bought Oct. 12, by Charles Topper, 248,000.
 Total bought by dealers from all Pawnee county sources, 1,215,951.
 High Individuals — Tom Ingle, Cleveland, 21,085; W. C. Milam, Cleveland, 24,230; Violet Cox, Pawnee, 9,400.
School Summary
 Bethel school, 38,041 pounds scrap, 38 pupils, 1,001 pounds per capita.
 Hallett school, 90,310 pounds scrap, 109 pupils, 828.5 pounds per capita.
 Pawnee schools, 201,927 pounds scrap, 520 pupils, 388.3 pounds per capita.
 Cleveland schools, 135,087 pounds scrap, 687 pupils, 196.6 pounds per capita.
 Maramec, 12,000 pounds scrap.
 Ralston, 12,000 pounds scrap.
 Indian school, 24,000 pounds scrap.
 Skedee, 16,099 pounds scrap, 94 pupils, 171.1 pounds per capita.
 Grandview school, 6,167 pounds scrap, 13 pupils, 474.3 pounds per capita.
 Dixie school, 3,365 pounds scrap.
 Sinnett school, 1,550 pounds scrap.
 Terlton school, 20,755 pounds scrap.
 High Grove school, 11,445 pounds scrap, 21 pupils, 545 pounds per capita.
 (The above are all the schools that had reported by Monday morning.)

Pictures of our Scrap



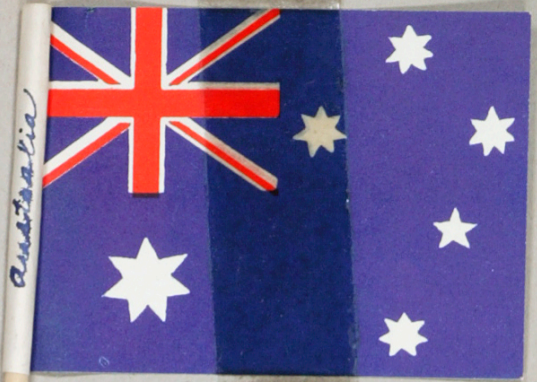
The flags of the 29 United Nations were used in our Christmas Pageant given on December 22, 1942.



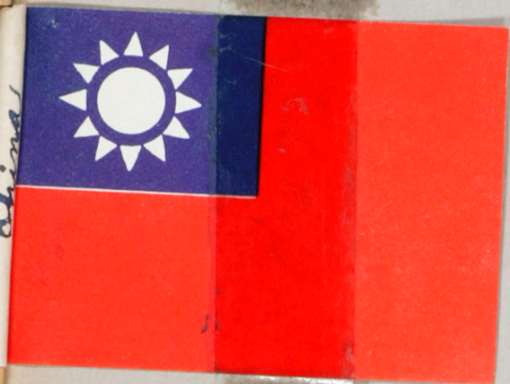
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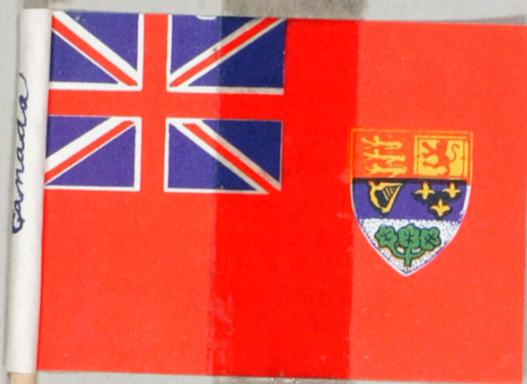
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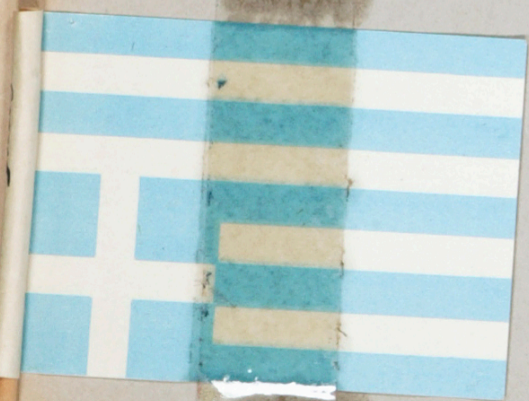
China



Canada



Russia



Greece



Poland



Cuba

WAR SAVINGS PROGRAM

Ten dollars of the money received from the sale of our scrap was used to buy each school pupil a twenty-five cent war stamp and a war savings stamp book. At this time each child pledged himself to buy at least one stamp a week in order to continue filling his book. To date this has amounted to \$130.00. The children plan to continue this savings program throughout the war's duration.

Ten cent war stamps have also been given the children having perfect attendance for each six week's period of school. A twenty-five cent war stamp was given each child having perfect attendance for the first semester of school. There were eight of these, and thirty-seven of the ten-cent stamps given as prizes or awards for perfect attendance.

All of the students of our school, both of our teachers, and almost all of our parents have taken part in our war savings program.

Christmas Presents

Each child made a paper poinsettia for his Mother's Christmas present containing three ten-cent war stamps, one in the middle of the flower and one in each leaf. The flower was placed in a paper cup to represent a flower pot and was filled with Christmas candies. These stamps were bought with part of our scrap money. They amounted to twelve dollars.

Correlation

We have tried to correlate our War Savings Program with all of our school work wherever possible. We have emphasized good health, democratic ways of living, community and national unity, understanding of the problems of welfare, security, and employment, the building of school and community morale, the conservation of natural resources, and better use of our land. "Save! Serve! and Conserve!" have been uppermost in our minds at all times.

United Nations' Flags (Continued)



EL Salvador



Czechoslovakia



Honduras



SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa



Nicaragua



Panama



Guatemala

Guatamaula



Netherlands

Netherlands



India

India





MEMBERSHIP ROLL

AMERICAN JUNIOR RED CROSS



WE BELIEVE IN SERVICE FOR OTHERS, FOR OUR COUNTRY, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR SCHOOL, IN HEALTH OF MIND AND BODY TO FIT US FOR GREATER SERVICE, AND FOR BETTER HUMAN RELATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE HAVE JOINED THE AMERICAN JUNIOR RED CROSS TO HELP ACHIEVE ITS AIMS BY WORKING TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS EVERYWHERE IN OUR OWN AND OTHER LANDS.

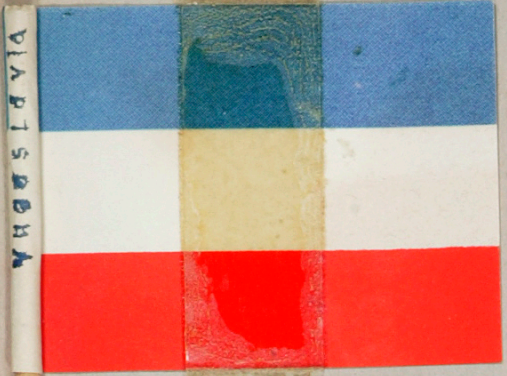


<u>Ruth Akins</u>	<u>Esther Sue Adkison</u>	<u>Florene Carpenter</u>	<u>Mary Margaret Carpenter</u>
<u>Dovie Haworth</u>	<u>Eugene Carpenter</u>	<u>Leroy Coke</u>	<u>Carol Cody</u>
<u>Royce Lambdin</u>	<u>Carolyn Lambdin</u>	<u>Bobby Morris</u>	<u>Loretta Cody</u>
<u>Idella Mae Akins</u>	<u>Mary Lou Morris</u>	<u>Junior Patten</u>	<u>Jackie Dunlap</u>
<u>Orvil Akins</u>	<u>Betty Ann Smith</u>	<u>Fred Caudle</u>	<u>Laura Lee Graven</u>
<u>Betty Cody</u>	<u>Wanda Smith</u>	<u>Charlie Floyd</u>	<u>Fay Rush</u>
<u>Bonnie Coke</u>	<u>Helen Wells</u>	<u>Flora Mae Wells</u>	<u>Barbara Wells</u>
<u>Joan Haydock</u>	<u>Mary Full</u>	<u>Wynona Fae Akins</u>	<u>Robert George Dunlap</u>
<u>Alta Mae Potts</u>	<u>Darlene Wallace</u>	<u>Glen Buntin</u>	<u>Virginia Morris</u>
<u>Hubert Potts</u>	<u>Mary Wallace</u>	<u>Betty Lea Carpenter</u>	<u>Asie Struble</u>

Junior Red Cross
Both rooms of Bethel school have enrolled in the Junior Red Cross and are looking forward to doing something very useful in the war effort.

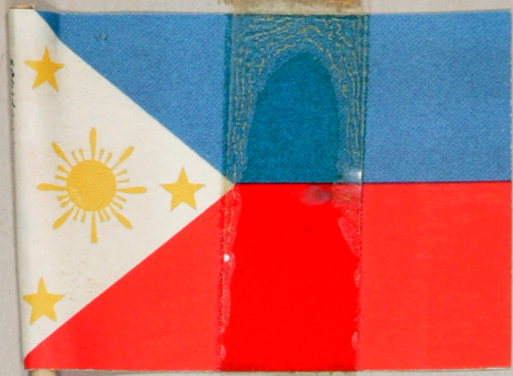
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United Nations' Flags (Continued)



YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia



Philippines



Norway



Dominican Republic

Dominican Republic



Haiti



Luxembourg



New Zealand

New Zealand



Costa Rica

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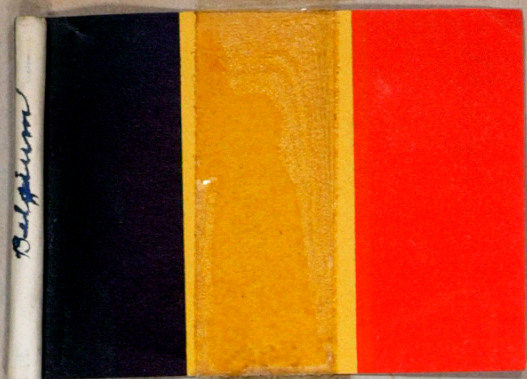


Brazil

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A special "Victory Program"
given to the public at our
annual box supper Oct. 22, 1942.



Belgium



Mexico

AN ORIGINAL ACROSTIC

Given by the third and fourth grade girls in their "Victory Drill"

V is for victory for which we are fighting

I is for initiative to keep us sighting

C is for courage, a lot of which it takes

T is for tact, a good soldier it makes

O is for the oath that every soldier takes

R is for the right and for all the rest

Y is for our youth who are giving their best.

Children in the "Victory Program"



Pictures of the "Victory Drill"



"Keep 'Em Flying"
Song

"God Bless America"
Song



"Soldier Boy"
Song

Other Programs

God bless our soldier boys wherever they may be,
Give them courage in the battle
To preserve men of earth's liberty.
We remember proud Pearl Harbor
And a sneaking treachery.
God lead our soldier lads to victory.

Words sung to "God Bless America" on
our Armistice Day Program



"Pilgrim Maidens" wearing their Pilgrim
hats worn in our Thanksgiving Program

4-H CLUB

Our 4-H Club has just recently been reorganized. We are again especially stressing the seven-point program for national defense which the 4-H Clubs have adopted. Each member is also planning to buy as many war stamps and bonds from his money made on his 4-H projects as it is possible for him to do so. We feel that we are serving our country well when we carry out our 4-H work such as sewing, gardening, canning, and working on the farms at home.

4-H Club Program



BUY WAR BONDS

← This poster and similar
other posters have been exhibited
on our bulletin board during
the "Schools at War Program."

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