

Schools AT WAR

A REPORT TO THE NATION



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SCHOOL Booker Washington
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Idabel
Box 5

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 Booker Washington
Address Edabel, Oklahoma

Enrollment 383 Grades 1-12

No. of Teachers 10 No. of Classrooms 9

Size of Community Population of Edabel 3688

Cash Value of War Stamps and Bonds sold during SCHOOLS AT
WAR Program Stamps \$ 278.00

Bonds \$ 575.00

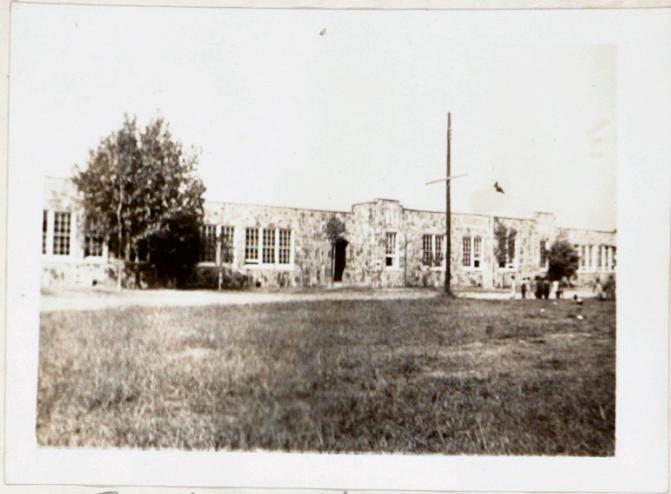
1st grade

The
1st grade
Class

year 1942-'43



Our School



Booker Washington

Our Principal



T. L. Inghram

1st grade

Our Class



1st grade

Our Teacher



S. M. Burr

Our Poem

The first grade class went
on a Scrap Hunt,

To gather scrap to save
our front;

We worked very hard although
we're small, —

We asked each one, we
asked them all.

Aluminum, copper, old
rubber heels,

Zinc, lead, brass, iron
and steel;

These are the things we
scrapped to get,

And those ole' Japs haven't
got us yet.

We'll buy war stamps, we'll
do our part —

We'll help to end something
we didn't start.

We're in this fight, we'll
use every tool, —

We're the first grade
class of the
Booker Washington School.

S. M. Burr — teacher

2nd
SECOND AND THIRD

Willing Workers



BRIGADIER GENERAL BENJAMIN O. DAVIS,
HIGHEST RANKING NEGRO OFFICER



OUR SCRAP-DRIVE RHYTHM BAND

AMERICA



GRADE CLASSES

We all are young, it's true;
yet not too young to do our part today,
We proudly wear a V
We always try to be
Striking for Victory in
EVERY way

All young Americans
Daughters and Loyal Sons,
With us now stand
Ready today to start
Ready with hand and heart
Ready to do our part

For our DEAR LAND



Fourth Grade Privates



Capt. A.F. Mathews Nolan



Fifth Grade Privates

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Fifth Grade - B.W. Grade School
Mary Joe Barham October 19, 1942

How Scraps can Help Win The War

Scraps can help win the war if we gather them and send them to the boys in the war to help make bullets, tanks, and other things. It will also be joyous to them to know that the teachers and students of Booker Washington Grade school are trying to do their part of helping win this war.

We the 4th and 5th Grades of Booker Washington Grade school are trying to do our part by bringing all the zinc, aluminum, iron, lead and rubber we can so that we may help win this war. We are so anxious to win this war that we took off half of our school day looking for scraps. I know we can help win the war by looking for scraps.

We the 4th and 5th Grade girls and boys can not go over there to fight. Even though we are little we feel we are helping win this war by hunting for scraps. The boys of our class may some day go and fight and the girls will have to be on the Red Cross. But while we all little we still feel we are doing our part by hunting for scraps.

6 Grade Class

By Georgia Marie Gaines

Japs And Germans must do Right.

We scoured the streets and homes in time,

To gather scraps and iron,

To furnish our boys with materials,

To keep those japs in line,

We purpose to do our best and not rest,

Until japs be confined to their little homes in the sea,

So we can win at any time,

So be the matter what it may,

We are in the war to stay,

Until the japs and Germans will do right,

To give us victory in the fight,

W. W. Ward

Sponsor

Our Scrap Trip

We left school about 2:15 and went to our scrap-territory, Rose Hill Addition. We divided ourselves into ~~Companies~~ in order to completely cover our territory. We made several piles of scraps here and there, but later gathered it into two piles.

Everyone got thirsty and went to a house for water. The water was cool, but the taste was terrible; however to our dry throats it tasted like spring-water.

We left our territory when we had cleaned it and went into a pasture. There were several cows and a Brahma Bull grazing there. A number of the girls were wearing dresses of a reddish hue, and as we were not anxious to excite the bull we changed our minds.

A strong feeling of patriotism was seen in a somewhat bloody and sandy bout over a copper bell. The conflict came in. "I saw it first."

We gathered a lot of everything that can help to wipe out no good axis forces. We say: "Keep the Star Spangled Banner free to wave!"

8th Grade
"Let's Help Bring Our Boys Through"
Daisy Ella Ross

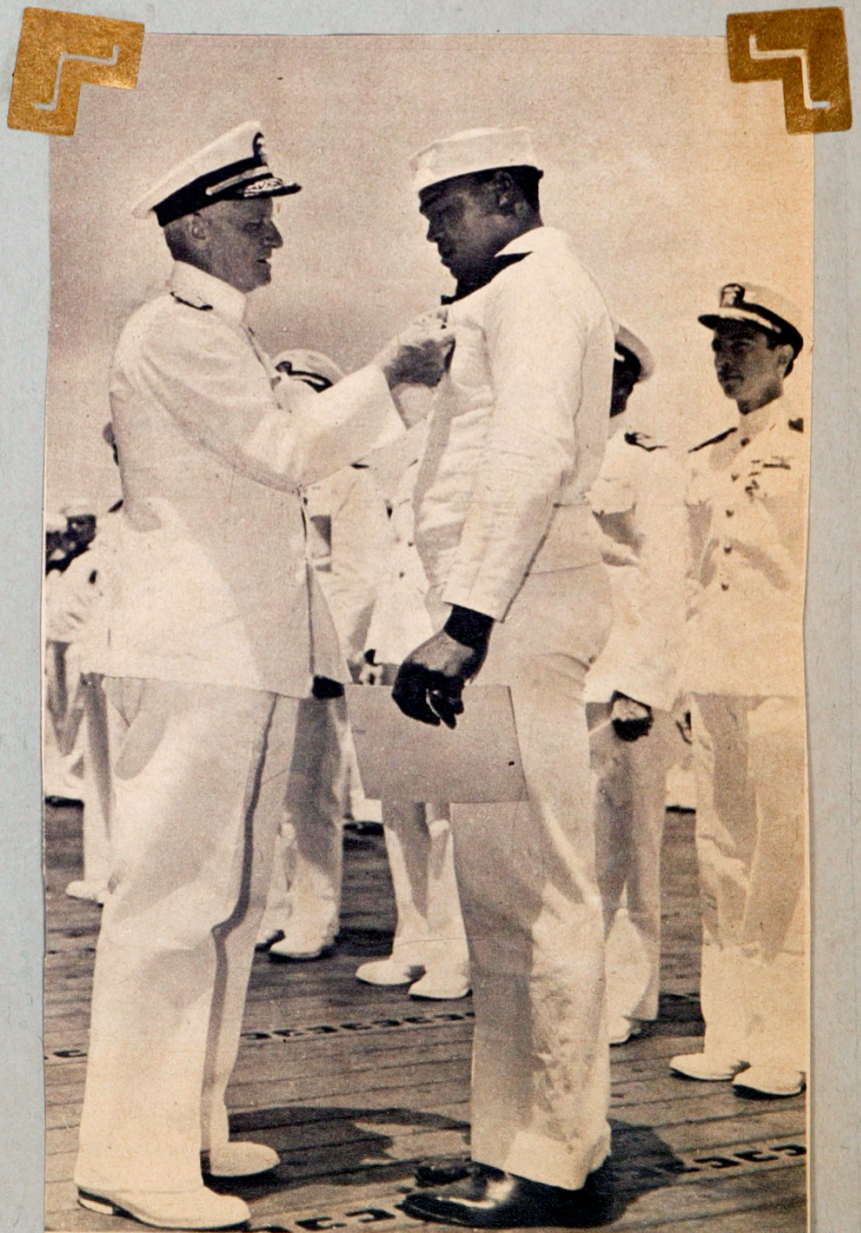
They are buried deeply in this world wide war. And we, as true Americans, have a duty to perform. We cannot put this duty off another minute, it has to be done now, and by us. We can bring in iron, copper, zinc, old rags, newspapers, and many other things that will help our boys to come back safely shouting Victory! It has occurred to you how our boys across the seas are being shot down, taken as prisoners, beaten and driven like dumb animals, just because they are trying to save us?

Every bomb and bullet that our boys drop on the enemy countries come from the iron, copper and other things we gave, but if we fail to do our part our boys will have nothing to fight with.

We all remember "Pearl Harbor!" That is an important event in our minds that will never be forgotten. That event is making us sacrifice our all. We want to save food, clothes, buy war bonds and stamps so our boys will have a plenty, and I, as a full fledged American, pledge to my country to do my share.

- Sgt. Della Mae Shelton
- Pvt. Mae Elyn Jones
- Pvt. Daisy Ella Ross.
- Pvt. Myrtle A. Simms
- Pvt. Thelma Galbert
- Pvt. Opal L Shoods
- Pvt. Helen Barber
- Pvt. Mildred Diggee
- Pvt. Catharine Carpenter
- Pvt. Christine Smith
- Pvt. Cleon Mitchell
- Cpl. Luncy J. Williams
- Cpl. Billie Ruthen Bristol

William Lee
Capt.



ADMIRAL C. W. NIMITZ DECORATING DORIE MILLER, HERO OF PEARL HARBOR, WITH THE NAVY CROSS

9th

Importance of Scrap Drive.

We cannot discuss, in full, the importance of the "Scrap Drive", but we can give you some of the most important things.

As you know we are in war, and we are a member of the Allies force. We want to win this war - and, we must. To win this war, we all must do our share and I'm sure every American boy and girl, as well as, men and women will try to do his part.

We have men in our country whose duties are to plan things for the people to do in order to help at home as well as our men on the fighting fronts.

Among these things discussed we find one - very important, "The Scrap Drive."

Have you ever stopped to think just what scraps can do in helping to win this war? Well, it is time for us to do so, not only to think but work.

As Americans, we have to fight for our Independence. We are an Independent

J. S. Waugh
Capt.

and it is our duty to remain that way.
One way to do so is to save our scraps.

The Booker Washington High School of Idabel, Oklahoma set aside one special day for the purpose of gathering scrap.

The Freshmen class had been gathering scrap all alone, and we did not stop. The entire school contributed around 6,000 pounds of scraps.

These scraps are to help us win this war.

Our motto -

"Save your Scrap to Beat The Japs!!!"

Written by - - - Bettye Jeanette Haggney

"The Freshmen of 1942-43"

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Capt.

NEGRO COLOR GUARD AT CAMP UPTON, NEW YORK



11" x 14"

11" x 14"

Our Scrap Drive

My, what Soldiers our Armed Services are Producing, what Navy Personnel, what Bravery our Men of the Marines are showing in the Solomons. And it is Rumored among high officials that a second front is to be opened.

"What is the meaning of a second front" a 10th. Grade student asked, another replied, "as near as I can understand the news it means another Battle front to occupy the axis Nation, to Relieve some of the pressure on our allies, to free Europe and to help the countries that have been overrun by axis nations to fight for themselves along with the allies nations if they throw their lot in with them."

Well, well, can we do that? "From all appearances that a great Job," says one.

Indeed it is we can help by gathering scrap, like old rubber, aluminum, Iron, Copper, Zinc, and lead. That is material that we are not using or have no immediate use for may be classified as Scrap," the spokesman explained.

Well if we are doing this for the Army lets organize as one we need Privates, Corporals, Seargents, Lieutenants and a Captain. Whose duty it will be to collect all scrap in a given area as the marines would say 'mop up'. That will mean we are giving the axis a blow and get some of the material that Industries do not have time to mine as they formerly did because of the manpower shortage."

We must have a goal let us make ourselves responsible for 250 lbs. each that's privates ranking first class and more will maybe promote us.

Good! Good! went up from all, and the Great Scrap drive was on.

Organization helped we worked late and hard even had $\frac{1}{2}$ day from our school work. And did it count in the afternoon though very much tired we were Happy having produced at the pile near a ton of Iron, lead and Alumian, and 78 lbs of Rubber.

We the 10th. Grade are still helping and working, we feel that buying Defence stamps helps, and also contributions to organizations.

Red Cross, U.S.O. our parents and teachers have pledged to become members of the 10y. Club. Through our efforts of persuasion.

We feel proud and hope the boys in the Armed Services will be able to fight better. We have organized the 3rd front, the Home front and we must keep the axis ship and planes sinking and burning.

1st Sgt. John E. Green

2nd Sgt. Oliver Woods

Cpl. Maggie Lee Dillihanty

~~1st Sgt.~~ Versie Mac Ford.

Lieut. Jewel Baker

Pvt. Leroy Hill

" . M. C. Lewis

" . Norma J. Barham

" . Baby Ruth Ellis

" . Lovelune Jones

" . Ruthel Moore

Pvt. Charlene Shelton

" . Loretta Smith

" . Loretta Linnins

" . Bertha D. Whitney

Captain O. M. Williams

The Band Proper showed to the City of Idabel that they had the spirit and were thinking of the boys in the armed service too.

Along with the band the 11th Grade Class got into the "Scrap Drive" with the aim of helping our boys to bring the Axis planes down and sink the Axis ships.

Band Proper

Bobbie Wilson
Gercy Moore
Jal Simpson
William Thompson
Lorenzo Williams
Willie Baskerville
Ldrayne Wilson
Mable Young
Loretta Finnie
Junior Mc Kinley
Howard Lee Wilson
Junior Carpenter
Diz Williams
Bettye Jean Gaffney
Junior Shelton
Earl Grant
Sunny Boy Woods

Charles Bizyelle

11th Grade Class

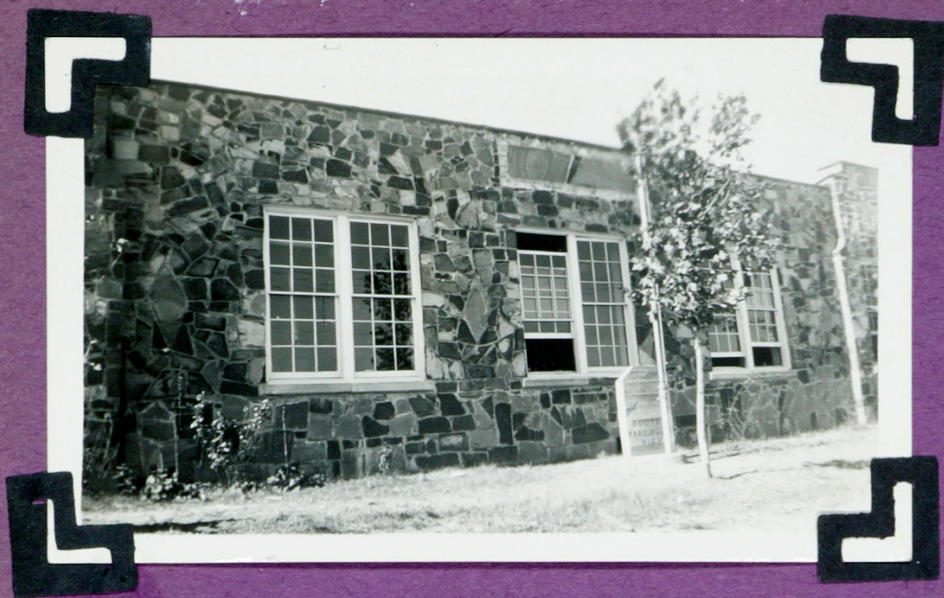
Juanita Ross
Bobbie Wilson
Flay Williams
Hazel Briscoe
Lillian Graves
Christine Edmondson
Juanita Harwood
We Esther Kentry
Cover Lee Walker
Española Caldwell
Natie B Washington
Annie Mae Cooper
Lula Mae Scroggins

Bernice Mallard
Mauralee Graves
Frank Ford
Lorenzo Williams
Gercy Moore
Jal Simpson
William Thompson
Darnell Watson
L. J. Lewis

G. R. Overby - Sponsor

Manual Training Shop — Captian Wooten

Booker Washington High School.



Old Booker Washington is a Patriotic School
With every shop student ~~st~~ sticking close
To the rule,

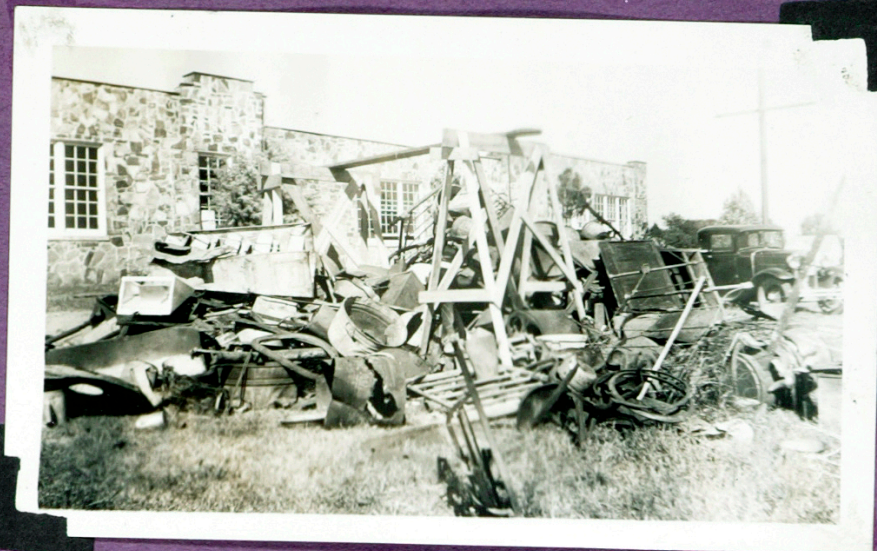
We know the symbols which we all remember
That happened the 7th. of December

Left -

Lt. B. Barnes,
Pvt. M. Dillahunty
Cpl. M. Young
Sgt. M. Samuels



The Senior Class Top the drive
with 2,000 lbs. of Scrap Iron.



Lt. B. M. Barnes,

Captain - H. L. Lilly.
Lieut. B. M. Barnes
S/Sgt. Marjorie Moore
Sgt. M. Sameuls
Cpl. Fish McKinley
Pvt. Lorraine Wilson
" Martha Pearson

pvt. Billy Cayles, Pvt. R. M. Washington
" M. F. Briscoe
" Mable Young
" J. Chavis
" H. L. Wilson
" Tolia Butler
" ~~A. J.~~ Frost, Adell
" L. Edwards
" G. Varber

THE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS AT TUSKEGEE
INSTITUTE.



In the background is a statue of
Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee and

pioneer educator. Many of these cadets will
see active war service as officers in the United
States Army.

Booker Washington High School
has and is conducting an enthusiastic
campaign which began in September, 1942,
and at present has attained a goal of more
than eight-hundred dollars (\$800⁰⁰).

The school maintains a war stamp
depository from which not only the
students, but the entire community
is furnished with stamps.

T. W. Inghram — (Principal)

9,676 pounds of scrap iron
were collected.

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