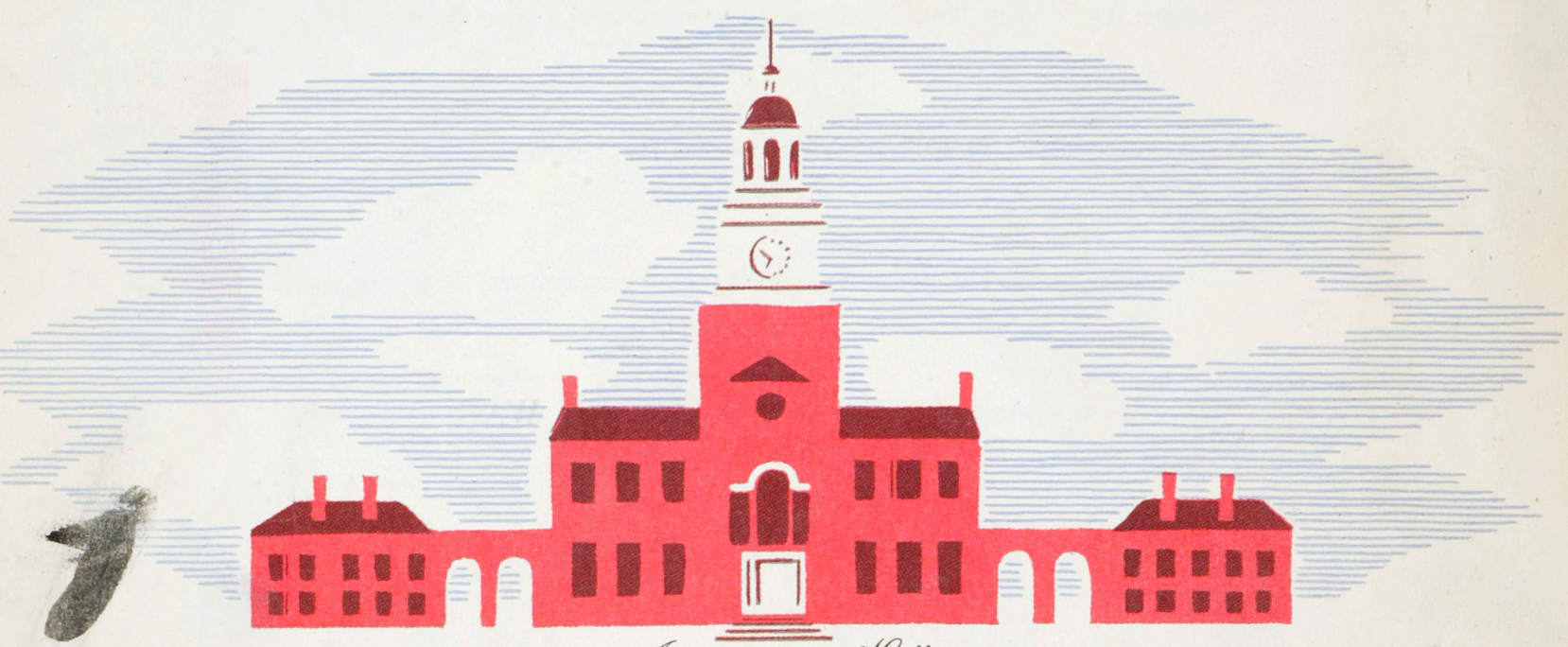
Schools AT WAR

A REPORT TO THE NATION



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SCHOOL CUSTER CITY PUBLIC

ADDRESS CUSTER CITY OKLA
STREET TOWN STATE

Custer

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 CUSTER CITY, OKLA.

Address CUSTER CITY OKLA

Enrollment 276 Grades 1-12

No. of Teachers 13 No. of Classrooms 16

Size of Community POP. of CITY - 698

Cash Value of War Stamps and Bonds sold during SCHOOLS AT WAR Program SINCE JAN. 1, 1943 $12,675.00

WATER COLOR - SENIOR

CUSTER CITY DRIVE FOR VICTORY

We, the students of Custer City School, have done a great thing for our country, and for our brothers and friends in the army. We might have saved our brothers lives by bringing in scrap. We also received a good sum while helping our country. This we put to good use by buying war stamps, books for our library, etc.

We also had much fun while gathering scrap iron. At the beginning we were a private like boys who enlist in army. Then if we brought over 200 pounds, we were raised to a higher rank as in the army and navy, and many students worked up to Sergeant's place.

Custer is a small town so I think we did considerably good for our size but we were beaten by several towns which were larger. The original scale starting from 1st. to 12th is in order. First, 1,527 lbs,; second, 2,072 lbs,; third, 3,104 lbs.; fourth, 5,013 lbs.; fifth, 4,268 lbs.; sixth, 7,745 lbs.; seventh, 9,644 lbs.; eighth, 19,323 lbs.; ninth, 1,492 lbs.; tenth, 2,207 lbs.; eleventh, 5,149 lbs.; and seniors 7,671 lbs. The eight grade did some real hunting for scrap like they do on Easter Day for they collected 19,323 lbs, most of all in Custer School.

By Willie Blankenship

Sophomore

ART CLASS AT WAR

When we were having our scrap drive all of the art students made posters about the scrap, and put them down town in the store windows. Some of them were very comical. Others had little articles on them such as, "The job is only half done," or "Get in the Scrap to Make Sap Out of a Jap." Some drew a picture of a skillet with the Japs in it and Uncle Sam holding it over the fire.

We had been lettering, and the other day we printed posters or mottoes about the war. Some of them were: "Save Tin to Can the Japs," and, "Don't Be a Nagger Be a U. S. Bragger." Some of them were comical and others were serious!

By Leon Senters

Sophomore

GET IN THE SCRAP

SCRAP POSTER - ART CLASS

LIFT POSTER FOR THEME ON SCRAP-ENGLISH

THE CUSTER CITY SCHOOL SCRAP DRIVE

The Custer City School Scrap Drive started about the first of October, 1942. All the children were asked to co-operate with the teachers by bringing scrap iron and scrap rubber to spur our war program to a higher production. "We can all help to win this war even if it is just picking up scrap and bringing it to school," all of our teachers explained and so we all started to working.

They arranged us in ranks like they have in the army. At first we were all a Buck Private. After we had brought in a certain amount of scrap we were raised to the next higher rank. When we had brought two thousand pounds we became a General.

Our drive ended on November 12, and we sold our scrap, each class receiving the money for the scrap it had brought.

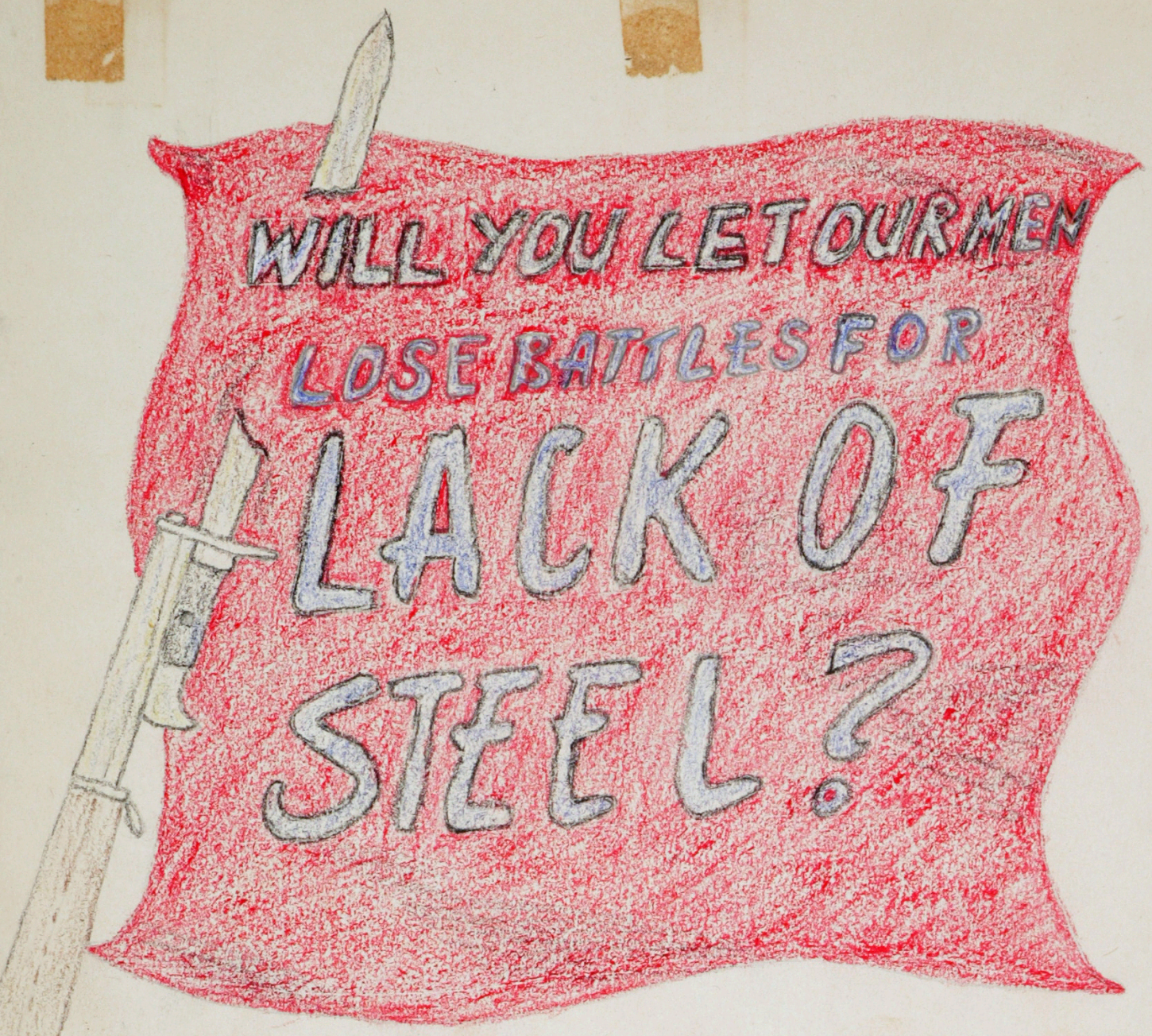
At the end of the drive, we found that the eighth grade had won the honor of bringing the most. The following totals show the amount gathered by each class:

12th.	7,671 lbs.
11th.	5,149 "
10th.	2,207 "
9th.	1,492 "
8th.	19,323 "
7th.	9,644 "
6th.	7,740 "
5th.	4,268 "
4th.	5,013 "
3rd.	3,104 "
2nd.	2,072 "
1st.	1,527 "
Total	69,216 "

We thought these numbers were all considerably large for the number enrolled in the classes.

Vanda Lee Sherbourne, Sophomore

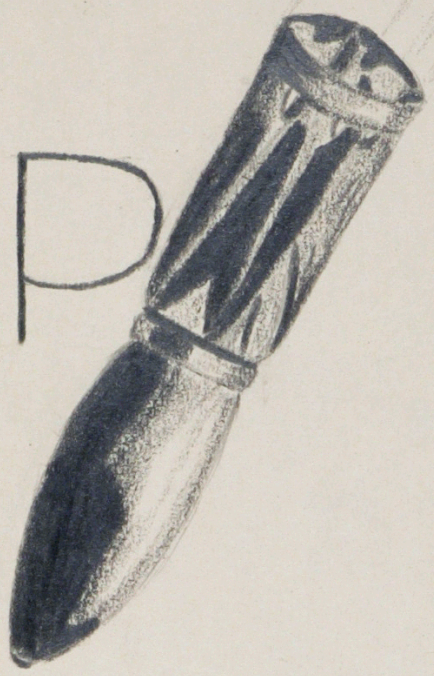
SCRAP POSTER - ART CLASS
LIFT POSTER FOR THEME ON SCRAP-ENGLISH



WE NEED
SCRAP IRON
NOW

KENNETH MATTHEWS

OLD SCRAP



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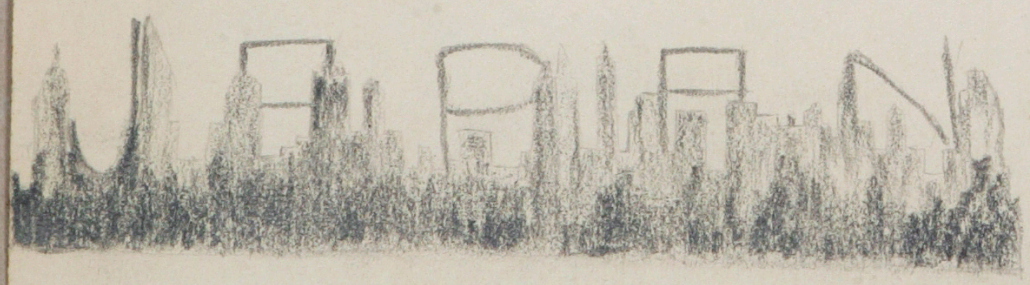

Eula Holladay.

OUR COUNTRY IS CALLING

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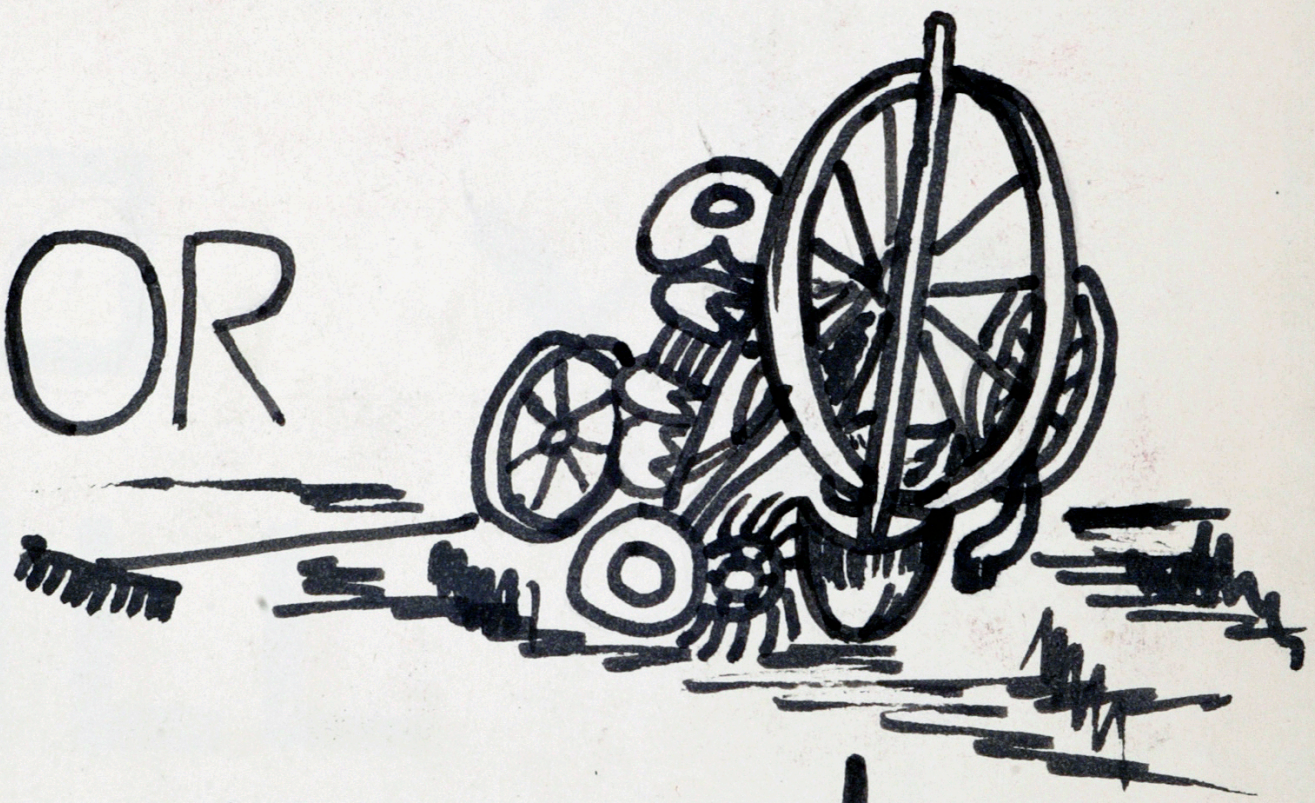


JUNK !

Florence

POSTERS ON SCRAP - JUNIORS, SENIORS

IT TAKES

TO KILL A JAP

POSTERS ON SCRAP - JUNIORS, SENIORS

HEY! THE JOB'S ONLY HALF DONE

SAVE YOUR SCRAP TO BEAT THE JAP

EULALIA

POSTERS ON SCRAP - JUNIORS, SENIORS

Trooper to Hold Two Schools On Incendiary Bombs

Trooper Vernon Sisney from El Reno highway patrol headquarters, an expert on incendiary bombs, will put on three schools on the handling of these devices in Custer county Thursday and Friday, it was announced today by Lieut. Gene Clark, district patrol head.

Trooper Sisney will conduct a demonstration at Custer and Thomas highschools Thursday. At 9:15 a.m. Friday, the students of Clinton highschool will have a special assembly at which the patrolman will demonstrate protection against the bombs, which are the most common devices used by the enemy in air raids over civilian centers.

Sisney has made an intensive study of incendiary bomb control and has conducted schools in their control throughout the country, have recently made a trip to New Orleans, La., for this purpose.

Custer Introduces Pre-Flight Course

A course in pre-flight aeronautics has been introduced in Custer City highschool, it was announced today by Pete Chapman, superintendent of schools.

The course is taught by Oren Beale. The latter is well-qualified for the work, Chapman pointed out, having studied meteorology and physics at the University of Oklahoma. He also took private flying lessons from Maj. H. R. "Bob" Gilchrist when the latter, who is now in Africa, was in charge of the courses at Southwestern Tech.

Survey Reveals County Bond Sale Progressing Well

Custer county has passed the half-way mark in its $117,180 war bond quota for January, Kiah Hodges, county war bond chairman, announced Wednesday.

A preliminary check of bond issuing agencies made on January 15. revealed the following totals since the first of the year:

Thomas, $6,045.
Custer City, $12,675.
Wetherford, $12,500.

Another check made Jan. 18 showed that Arapaho agencies had sold $1,550 in bonds and that Clinton bond-issuing agents had sold a total of $35,815, No report has been received from Butler.

This unofficial check gives the county $68.535 in war bonds sales already this month, Hodges said.

Legionnaires and other bond workers are urging those people who have stamp books to fill them before the month is gone, so that they be converted into bonds andd counted in the January bond total for the county.

Our School Flag! Custer City

MISS BARKER-SECOND GRADE-TEACHER GAVE FLAG AWARDS TO EACH "LITTLE SOLDIER" WHO BROUGHT 300 LBS. OF SCRAP.

School Bus Arrives, Stops to unload Scrap!

Grade children Unload Scrap, Brought from Country

100% American, - and Proud of It!

Weighing the Scrap! Both High School and Grades "Chip in"

7th Grader helps unload this tub after weighing!

The Girls are not to be outdone - the more, the Merrier

Practically deserted! Classes called!

PHOTOS OF SOME OF OUR PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCRAP DRIVE

ART POSTER - FRESHMAN

CUSTER
FARMERS
GROW COTTON
COTTON MAKES FIBER
FIBER MAKES TIRES
TIRES WIN THE WAR

VARIOUS THEMES ON WAR ACTIVITY OF COMMUNITY

11" x 14"

RAISING LIVESTOCK FOR WAR BENEFIT

We as Oklahoma farmers are trying to raise more hogs, cattle, and chickens and also sheep to help out with the war. We are trying to feed them for the best results, that is, we are trying to get them bigger and better or fatter and to get them ready for market in the best shape as soon as possible.

We feed our cattle almost double what we did before the war; so they will give more and better milk and cream for our America Armed Forces in all parts of the World. As we give them more and better feed, the milk is a lot richer than it was when we gave them less feed.

In raising cattle we keep our best heifers and fatten the rest for market and raise more and better cattle and calves from our heifers. We feed the heifers the best kinds of grain and hay to make the best cows out of them for milk and cream for production and to raise the best calves for market.

When we gave our hogs less feed they did not get ready for market as soon as they do now and the meat was not nearly as tender as it is since we fatten them out for the market in a lot less time than we did before the War. We save a few of our best sow pigs to raise more and better hogs when they are grown and sell the rest of our hogs to the packing houses.

In the poultry fine we have fixed up our henhouses the best we could considering the war condition. We feed them the best feed that we can to make them lay bigger and better eggs for the benefit of the war.

We are also trying to produce more wool by raising more sheep. This will insure wool for clothing for the American Armed Forces and also of all of our allies.

By Floyd Smith

Sophomore

VARIOUS THEMES ON WAR ACTIVITY OF COMMUNITY

VICTORY GARDENS

By the posters and so forth that are on display the people would be inclined to think that Victory Gardens were for the city people alone, but they are meant for the people who live in the country even more so. The people of Custer Community can and are planning to grow bigger and better gardens for the spring and summer of 1943.

In raising all or nearly all the fruits and vegetables we need, we won't have to buy all the canned foods in the stores. By canning our own foodstuffs we can help in two ways: First, by saving tin, and second, by buying war bonds and stamps with what we save.

Farmers have been urged to grow peanuts for the oil which is needed rather badly at the present. There is always room for a few more plants, especially if you live on the farm. Also the city people might grow a small garden in this vacant lot or yard.

Cecil Harrall, Sophomore

VARIOUS THEMES ON WAR ACTIVITY OF COMMUNITY

LECTURES ON INCENDIARY BOMBS & GASES

Trooper Sisen, accompanied by Lt. Clark of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol gave some very interesting instructions on gas bombs and incendiary bombs. Trooper Sisen has had special training at a school of Chemical Warfare. Things on which he spoke were as follows:

GAS MASK Masks are of several types--civilian, Army, Navy, and those for small children. The civilian type is a mask with a can fastened to the front, which purifies the air that contains poison gas. The Army type is a mask with a hose which goes to the can in a bag at the wearer's side. This enables a person to crawl. The Navy mask, know as the Frankenstien Mask, has two hoses going over the shoulder to a can at the back of the neck. Children's mask, much like the civilian mask, is called a "Mickey Mouse" because of its long nose. Babies are put in a box which must be pumped by a bellows.

GASES Mustard gas and Louisite are very heavy gases which blister the skin and lungs. If no mask is available, get as high as possible in a building and close all doors and windows.

GAS GUN A tear gas gun was passed around for inspection by the students. Tear gas is a harmless gas that makes your eyes sting and water.

INCENDIARY PENCIL This is a common looking pencil that contains magnessium which burns at 3600°F. This is set off by acid in the top of the pencil. This pencil, left in a waste-paper basket, in a warehouse, or on a ship will start a fire that will do a great deal of damage.

ENGLISH CALLING CARD Phosphorus is a chemical that has so low a kindling temperature that it must be kept under water or it will ignite. A paper soaked in a solution of phosphorus, when dried out, will burn. British propaganda and rimes printed on such paper were dropped over Germany. Many Germans took them into their houses and when they dried out they started many fires.

GERMAN INCENDIARY BOMBS The German incendiary bomb is 14" long, 9" of which is made of magnesium and the 5" is the tail of the bomb. Magnesium burns with a hot white flame. If one is dropped in a room, to put it out, you must stay out of the room and spray the floor around the bomb with water and anything else that is burning.

PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING INAUGARATED AT CLUSTER
WAR EDUCATION BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BY SERIES
OF LECTURES

The bomb will burn itself out in two minutes. Do not enter the room because some of these have a charge of T.N.T. fastened to the end. The bomb can not be put out, because magnesium contains its own oxygen.

JAP INCENDIARIES Japs use a 100 pound incendiary bomb which is very wasteful for a small bomb will start a fire just as quickly as a large one.

THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH BOMB American and British incendiary bombs are hexagonal in shape and are long and slender. It is much the same as the German bomb in effectiveness.

All small incendiary bombs are dropped from a plane in a container called a "Molotov Breadbasket" which at a certain altitude springs open, scattering the bombs over a wide area.

PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING INAUGARATED AT CLISTER
WAR EDUCATION BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BY SERIES OF LECTURES

TRAINING PILOTS OF THE FUTURE

We have just inaugarated a course of Pre-Flight training in our high-school at Custer City, Oklahoma. The main purpose of the course is to give our students of near--draft age an opportunity to prepare themselves for the Army Air Corps and the Naval Air Force, and we have several students who are planning to take actual flight training in the near future.

In this course we learn the theory of flight, navigation, meteorology, and other subjects related to flying. We have learned what makes an airplane fly, how to maneuver a plane, what instruments are in a plane, what they do and how they work, and many other interesting, as well as educational things.

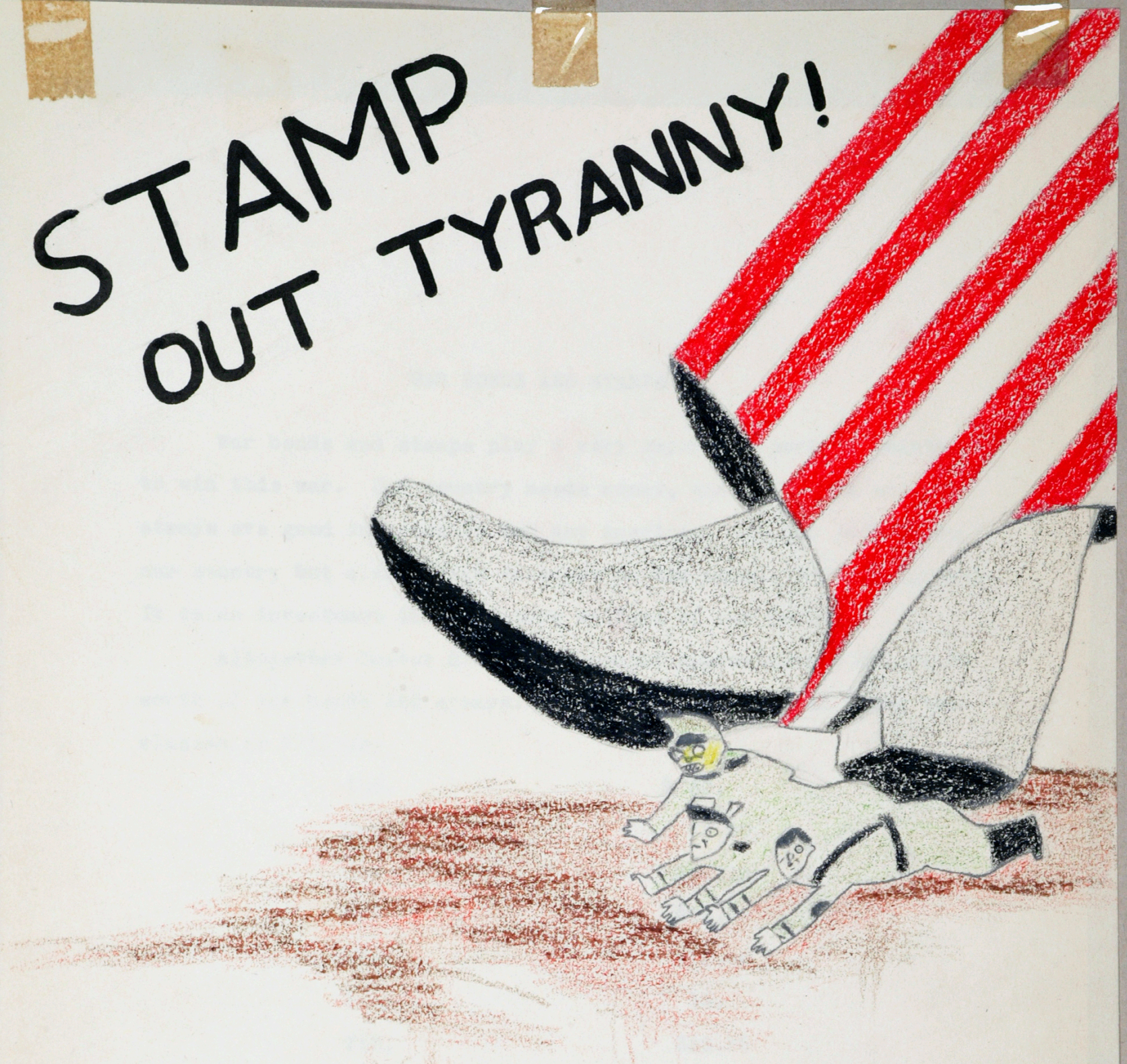
In hundreds of schools all over the country, thousands of pilots of the future are being trained now to take their places in real fighting planes of our armed forces when they are needed. We are trying to do our part in our National Defense Program by preparing to meet whatever the future may bring, and I am sure that the training of the teen--age boys and girls in aviation will be a big help in this direction.

By Kenneth Drake

Sophomore

PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING INAUGARATED AT CUSTER
WAR EDUCATION BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BY SERIES OF LECTURES

STAMP OUT TYRANNY!



BUY WAR SAVING STAMPS

Lorene J.

LIFT FOR DATA ON STAMP BUYING - SCHOOL ONLY

WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

War bonds and stamps play a very important part in helping to win this war. Our country needs money, and war bonds and stamps are good investments for any American. It not only helps our country but also brings interest on the money that one invests. It is an investment in the future welfare of our nation.

Altogether Custer School has bought approximately $2,168.60 worth of war bonds and stamps. This amount is divided among the classes as follows:

1st.	$ 30.
2nd.	73.50
3rd.	237.15
4th.	202.95
5th.	212.40
6th.	13.
7th.	333.55
8th.	496.60
Freshmen	75.50
Sophomores	93.75
Juniors	108.70
Seniors	225.25
Superintendent	61.25

Billie Bea Hoyt, Sophomore

LIFT FOR DATA ON STAMP BUYING - SCHOOL ONLY

11" x 14"

LETTERING POSTER - JUNIOR

GOD

BLESS

AMERICA

Mo

WHY FOOD RATIONING IN WAR TIME IS NECESSARY

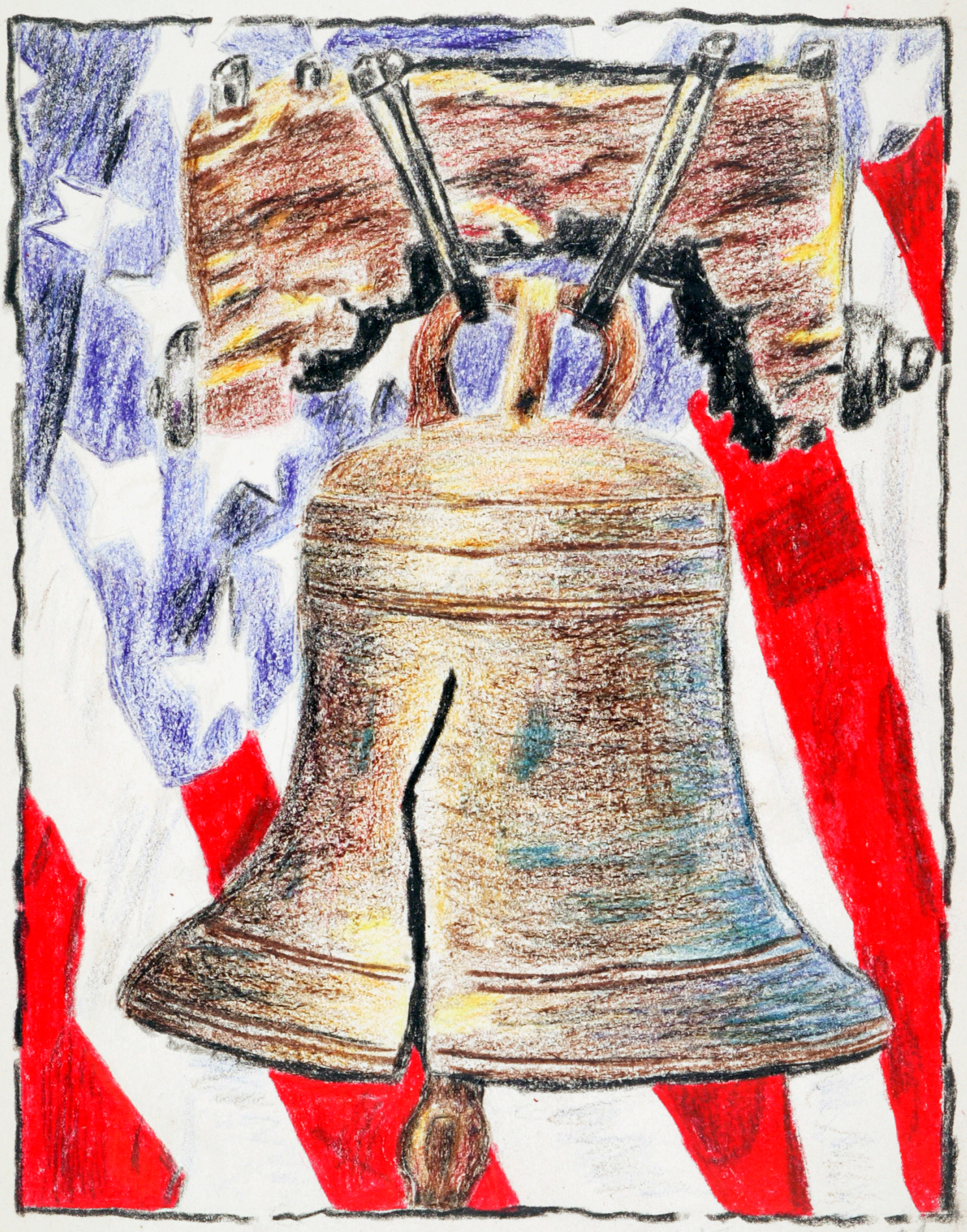
The average soldier consumes approximately two pounds more food per day now than when in civilian life. We, the people of the United States, today, should be willing to conserve all the food we can for the benefit of our soldiers who are fighting to defeat the Nazi powers.

The officials of the United States Government are far-sighted enough to know that the supply of food is limited while the average civilian cannot understand why food rationing is necessary.

Then there is the problem of metals for war time production. The metal previously used in manufacturing tin cans for the preservation of foods is now being used in some way to aid in the war effort.

Bill Goins, Sophomore

ART POSTER - THEMES -- FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES



Betty Menzer

ART POSTERS -JUNIORS, SENIORS

LIFT FOR THEMES ON CUSTER RED CROSS

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LIFT FOR THEMES ON CUSTER RED CROSS

THE RED CROSS

The Custer High School building opened the Home Economics department to the Red Cross ladies of Custer City. With Miss Blanche Harding, City chairman, January 11, 1943.

Last week four ladies from Clinton, Oklahoma came to give instructions such as: tying, packing of banadages. They elected nine ladies for supervisors and inspectors. They were Mrs. McIain Rogers, Mrs. Harry Bartlett, Mrs. L. A. Britton and Mrs. R. B. Stien.

Monday, January 11, there were twenty-nine present. Up to January 20, they have wrapped 3,226 bandages.

The ladies half to wear clean print dresses every day.with a clean cloth about the head made of cheese cloth. This will prevent any hair from getting in the bandage. They also are not to wear nail polish and rings or watches. Because one little partical might cause a death of one of our boys.

The ladies meet every afternoon from two to five o'clock.

By Mildred Brown

Sophomore

Sophomore

LIFT FOR THEMES ON CUSTER RED CROSS

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Custer City School co-operated nicely with the Junior Red Cross. The grades hit the top notch by scoring 100% enrollment. The high school had fair enrollment. About one-third of us joined. The money collected was given to Mrs. Harding, the secretary of the Red Cross of Custer City. I'm sure this money will be put to a worthy cause as I believe the Red Cross is an organization worthy of all we students, as well as parents, can do to help it.

Glenn Foreman, Sophomore

of any kind and no rings or watches.

I think these ladies are doing worthwhile work; they, too, want to do something for their country and for the boys who are in the services doing their part.

These ladies meet every afternoon at the High School building from two to five o'clock.

By Virginia Lee Sherbourne

Sophomore

LIFT FOR THEMES ON CUSTER RED CROSS

THE RED CROSS

Custer opened the Red Cross Surgical Room January the eleventh at the Custer High School building in the Home Economics Room, with Miss Blanche Harding, City Chairman.

Four instructors came from Clinton to give instructions in tying, inspecting, and packing of the bandages. These were Mrs. McLain Rogers, Mrs. Harry Bartlett, Mrs. L. A. Brittain and Mrs. R. B. Steen.

These ladies who came from Clinton elected nine ladies for supervisors and inspectors.

They have a very dependable group of workers. On Monday January, the eleventh they had twenty-nine present. They have wrapped 3,226 bandages in nine days.

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By Virginia Lee Sherbourne

Sophomore

LIFT FOR THEMES ON CUSTER RED CROSS

BE A
RACER

DON'T
NA
BE A U.S.
RACER

PATRIOTIC MOTTOES - ORIGINAL IDEAS - ART CLASS

11" x 14"

PATRIOTIC MOTTOES - ORIGINAL IDEAS - ART CLASS

WE ARE WILLING TO RATION TO SAVE THE NATION

Ethel

11" x 14"

PATRIOTIC MOTTOES - ORIGINAL IDEAS - ART CLASS

DON'T BE A HOARDER YOU'RE STILL A U.S. BOARDER

PENCIL SKETCH - FRESHMAN

11" x 14"