

Schools AT WAR

A REPORT TO THE NATION



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SCHOOL Newkirk High School ★

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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 Newkirk High School

Address Newkirk, Oklahoma

Enrollment 250 Grades 250

No. of Teachers 20 No. of Classrooms 20

Size of Community 2300+

Cash Value of War Stamps and Bonds sold during SCHOOLS AT

WAR Program \$ 7111.95 Students +

\$ 5000. Teachers = \$ 12111.95 Total

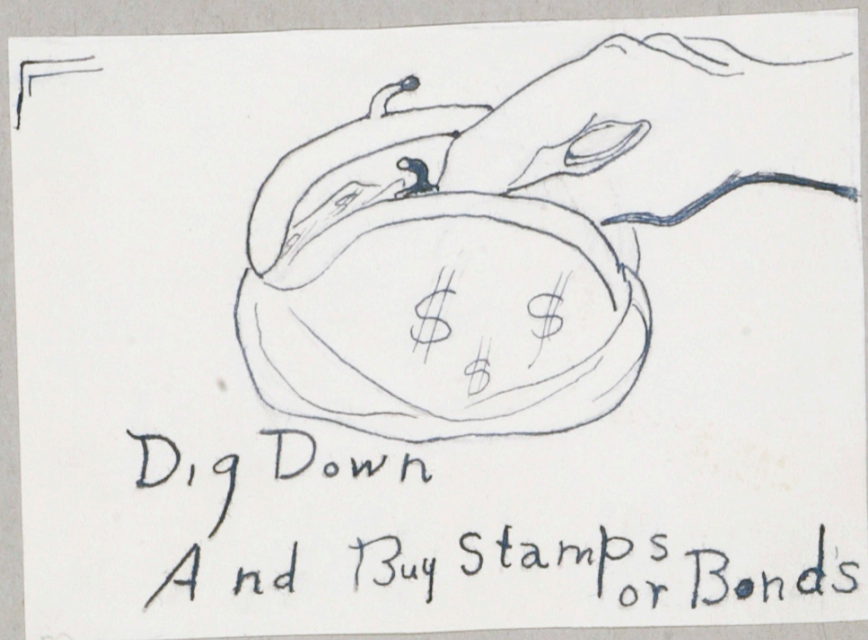


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SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER

GRADE SCHOOL COLLECTS METAL

The sixth grade of the Newkirk Grade School began collecting scrap metal shortly after the opening of school. A box was placed in the corner of the room to put the articles in. Each child has brought things from his own home and has asked some of his neighbors for valuable scrap metals. In all, the students of the sixth grade have collected several pounds of old razor blades, keys, radio tubes, light bulbs, and knife blades. All the students in the grade school took an active part in the scrap drive conducted by the entire school.

PATRIOTIC HALLOWEEN HELD AT NEWKIRK

In chapel last Friday, E. H. Bingham, superintendent, suggested that each pupil make this a patriotic halloween, every one be constructive and not destructive.

Howard Dearing, senior class president, made a very timely talk in favor of this suggestion.

Each class met in home room with their sponsor at 3:45 to make final decisions.

The results were: 8th, patrol duty for Boy Scouts; the rest of the class collected 38 pounds of magazines for library; 10th, individual work at home; 11th, found 12 jobs in Newkirk, gave part to class treasury; 12th, part of class on patrol duty.

This project was a success as a whole.



NOVEMBER

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are trying to reach as many boys through major sports as we possibly can this year. Our major sports for the first semester were Football and Basketball.

Through these two sports we have managed to reach about 35 boys. During football season we stressed calisthenics before each practice period, and before each game. In addition to the major sports we are devoting part of the first hour each day to physical exercise, and military drill. Our major aim in this program is to condition the individual student, and introduce the military discipline, and commands used in military drill. Every boy and girl who are physically able are engaged in this physical fitness program

We find that through our daily routine in calisthenics and military drill that the interest is growing among the student body. We try to give the students an opportunity to act as commanding officer at various times.

We have planned a more diversified program for the second semester. In addition to the major sports we plan to have some wrestling, soft ball, baseball, tennis and possibly an obstacle race. We plan to follow the programs outlined by the Army and Navy as nearly as possible.

We feel that in order for a boy to be a good soldier he must have perfect coordination of mind and muscle. In addition to their physical condition, it seems that through our program the boys and girls are becoming more alert and are able to take commands in order and together.



Tough men, that's what we want
Men who are rough as can be.
Fellows developed by sports and such
Will lead us to victory.

Football, track, and wrestling, too,
Are wonderful for recreation.
And the men who take part in these
Will be the saviors of our nation.

For in this war strength and health
Are needed for every action.
And the various sports our schools have
Are the greatest of any faction.

So give us track and basketball
To quicken our stride and minds.
And give us some more of physical ed.
To prepare us for the lines.

Let us march in our physical ed.
Let us ward off attacks in sports
So we won't be at a fatal loss
When we hear those gun reports.

In football we learn to really be rough
And to make the leather crack,
To use our minds as well as our strength
To defend--to block--to attack.

"PHYSICAL FITNESS"

ASSEMBLY

During this war time it is the duty of each individual to become physically ready for the difficult tasks that are before them. With this in our minds the seventh grade of Newkirk grade school under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Mary A. Gilmour put on the assembly program for Jan. 28, 1943

We had our opening exercise which consisted of:

Scripture reading and The Lords Prayer.

Flag Salute and singing of America the Beautiful.

Play--Prescription of Success.

Folk Dancing--by 18 girls.

Pyramid Building--by 16 boys.

**THE ROYAL AIR
FORCE QUARTET
TO SING HERE**

Headliners of Bond Frolic
Program Saturday
Night.

Among the entertainers at the big Rotary club War Bond Auction and Frolic, to be held in the Newkirk community building Saturday night, will be the four singing cadets from the RAF School in Ponca City. These boys have been heard over the radio and have become quite famous for their unusually fine harmonizing. The show, which will begin at 7:45 p. m., will include a tap dance solo, entitled the "Flag Dance," by Jackie Troupe, 10, who has been a WBBZ dance and song artist since she was eight years old.

Admission to the frolic is actually free, since the 25c war stamp, which you will be asked to purchase upon entering, will be yours to add to your collection toward buying a bond. Children will be required to buy a 10c stamp.

The program will also present local entertainers as follows:

Annabelle Hunnicutt: Vocal solo, "Dearly Beloved" and "Blues In The Night."

Leland Scott: Vocal solo, "Paper Doll."

Mary Ellen Brown, Mary Ann Love and Anna Leor Shurtz: Trio with Brown at piano, Love at the cello and Shurtz singing "Perfect Day."

Don Leavitt: Piano solo, "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Night and Day."

Margaret, Mary Louise and Nancy Gamsjager: Two violins and the piano, "Silent Night" and "Whispering Hope."

Billy Lee Cliné: Reading.

Maxine Sutton, accompanist, Mary Ann Love, Annabelle Hunnicutt and Anna Leor Shurtz: Vocal trio, "White Christmas" and "Serenade in Blue."

P. T. Michael and George Tarpening will be auctioneers for the unique auction to be held as part of the program.

High
School
Students
furnished
the
PROGRAM

DECEMBER

HIGH-SCHOOL VICTORY CORPS

Home Ec. Girls Look to Future

Develop Home Arts and Responsibilities

To train girls for present and future responsibilities and to develop some manipulative skills needed by the average homemaker, Newkirk highschool offers three classes in home economics under the supervision of Miss Mary Eula Smith, which gives them that necessary training.

This week marks the end of the first semester during which the students have learned of synthetic fibers made of milk, the best daily diets and food substitutes, and many other subjects that will be of practical use both in wartime and in peace.

Homemaking No. 1 is required of all girls graduating from the Newkirk highschool. This group has studied related arts and food, the basic elements of art, principles of design, floral arrangements preparing and serving simple menus, with special emphasis placed on how to be well fed, sugar substitutes and meat substitutes and extenders.

Homemaking II is composed of sophomores. They have spent their time on clothing textiles and construction.

The third year class is for juniors and seniors and gives to the girls more of the responsibilities which they encounter in life. They study child care, personality development, clothing selection and the control of emotions, in addition to general homemaking.

Each girl enrolled in homemaking is carrying out a home project which will give her actual and practical knowledge of home responsibilities.

HOME EC. GIRLS TAKE UP RED CROSS WORK

May Help In Home Labor Shortage.

The Home Economics classes of Newkirk highschool, under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Mary Eula Smith, are taking up Junior Red Cross work for the second semester. Their work will also include homemaking, the study of health and home nursing and some instruction in first aid.

In their Red Cross work the girls will make bedroom slippers for men and women, pillow covers, bed jackets, bean bags and scrapbooks. They have no definite quota to fill but will average three articles per girl.

The Homemaking II class is taking up child care and training for the second semester and when through some of the girls will be able to care for children in homes where the mother is employed. This will help in the household labor shortage in Newkirk as many who have previously done that work are now in defense plants and it is difficult to obtain satisfactory help.

Homemaking III girls are beginning clothes construction. One of their requirements is making over one old garment, a practice which may become practical and useful before the war is over. The eighth grade group is now starting on their homemaking courses. The first semester was devoted to spelling and penmanship.

All of the classes are carrying two home projects, additional ones being optional. They cover all fields of homemaking and Miss Smith will make visits to the homes to inspect the projects which are ones the girls do not have time to do in school hours.

TEACH RENOVATION OF OLD FURNITURE

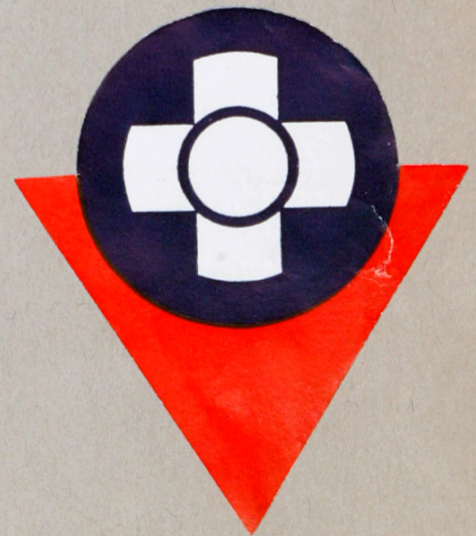
Miss Smith May Also Conduct Sewing Class.

An adult class in furniture renovation will be taught in Newkirk by Miss Mary Eula Smith, home economics teacher. The class is for women who wish to renew furniture and will be held at the highschool.

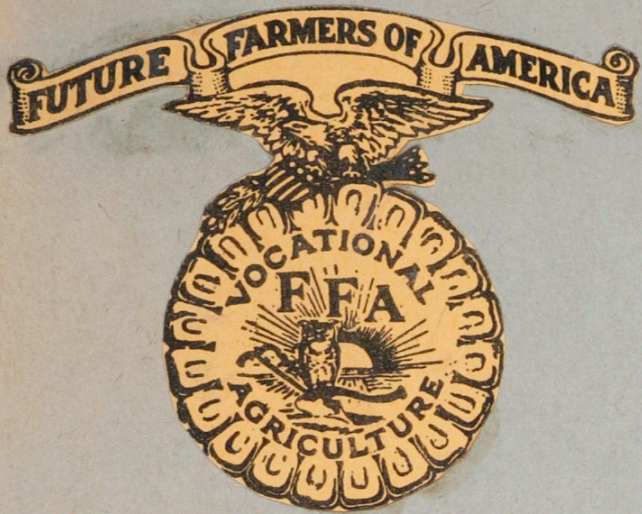
Miss Smith said the course would be free except for what materials each woman wished to buy. They will learn to tie springs, place padding, refinish wood, make slip covers and many other tricks in refinishing furniture.

The first meeting will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the highschool in Miss Smith's room. All women who would be interested in taking the instructions are asked to meet and the meeting time and other details of the class will be worked out. Miss Smith said anyone could call her at the highschool or at her home at 321.

If enough women would be interested in sewing, Miss Smith would also start an adult class in sewing and said she would be willing to teach that class after night, if there was sufficient interest to start one.



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100% of Vocational Agriculture Boys are conducting "Food for Victory" Projects.

100% of Vocational Agriculture Boys are conducting improvement projects on their home farms.

90% of Vocational Agriculture Boys are planning Gardens for this Spring.

100% of Vocational Agriculture Boys have taken part in scrap and Bond Drives.

75 Hogs are Now on feed

Boys own 15 Brood sows

Boys plan to graze and feed 30 Steers

Future Farmers of America Members averaged 920 pounds of scrape iron each.

56 Gardens are being planned.

All farm students are being taught to cull hens and control of diseases of livestock.

PUPILS COLLECT MORE THAN 70 TONS OF SCRAP

Per Capita Average for All
Students Totals Over
281 Pounds

Loyal school students in Newkirk's junior army collected more than 70 tons of scrap metal before the close of the school salvage drive at 5 o'clock Friday evening, according to E. H. Bingham, superintendent.

In a patriotic answer to the country's urgent call for more scrap, Newkirk students delivered salvage metals to the gigantic figure placed at 140,719 pounds.

Bingham announced the total for all classes after a hurried count at the close of the drive. He pointed out, however, that a number of weight receipts had not been turned in and these will be added to the final official tally early next week.

Friday's results showed the seniors leading all other classes with a total of 36,650 pounds. Freshmen were more than 4,000 pounds behind but were holding down second place with 32,508 pounds.

Sophomores rallied to take an unchallenged place as third contestant among highschool and eighth grade classes with a total of 19,808 pounds. Juniors were next with 13,830 pounds and eighth grade fifth with 8,658 pounds.

Bingham's figures showed the seven lower grades at the same marks registered in an official count Thursday, but the superintendent pointed out that minor changes were made in a number of these classes before the contest ended.

These tallies gave the seventh graders 6,336 pounds, sixth graders 4,511 pounds, fifth graders 2,590 pounds, fourth graders 5,762 pounds, third graders 2,700 pounds, second graders 3,200 pounds, and first graders 4,547 pounds.

The highschool and eighth grade classes collected a total of 111,454 pounds, and the first seven grades had weight receipts amounting to 29,265 pounds in the figures announced Friday night.

The total gave the entire school a per capita average of more than 281 pounds for the eight days' collection since the start of the contest Thursday afternoon, October 8.

As soon as final tallies have been completed, the students will receive payments for their scrap deliveries in war stamps. The highschool class that led the five upper grades will be given \$5 in war stamps and the top ranking class among the seven lower grades will receive a similar award.

Leaders in each class will be given free tickets to the local picture show.

16 Districts In Poultry Shows

Show Series End, 12 in All;
51 Schools Took Part

Last week 16 school districts took part in the schoolhouse poultry shows with 128 trios of chickens, 10 pens of turkeys and 55 dozen of eggs being exhibited and judged, according to W. R. Hutchison and Miss Minnie Hamilton, county farm and home agents. Approximately 500 people attended the shows.

At each of these meetings, a picture show was shown, "The Battle Is In Our Hands" which shows a need for every rural family to produce more food. The community organization was discussed and a program was given by the school children.

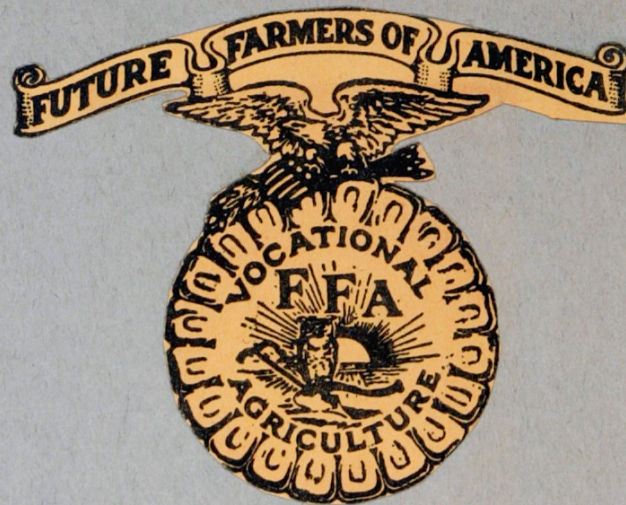
Champion pens from districts participating in last week's shows were:

Merle Randall, Kaw City, district 53, White Rocks; Allan Houston, Kaw City, district 54, White Rocks; Larry Cook, Uncas, UG-1, White Langshans; Boyd Buter, Kaw City, district 85, White Rocks; J. D. Pappan, Kaw City, district 91, White Rocks.

Charles Lane, Kaw City, district 97, Buff Orpington; Letha Daugherty, Kaw City, district 94; Leonard Barrick, Ponca City, district 55, Buff Rocks; Wendell Peterson, Ponca City, district 56, Buff Minorcas; San Vanderpool jr., Newkirk, district 33, Buff Orpington; Eugene Hollen, Newkirk, district 50, Rhode Island Reds, and John Adams, Newkirk, district 28, Buff Minorcas.

This ends the series of shows for this year—12 in all with a total of 51 school districts taking part and with 373 trios of chickens, 23 pairs of turkeys and 171 dozens of eggs being exhibited.

With the advancing importance of poultry as a meat product as well as for egg production, it is found that rural people are taking a great interest in the care and management of their flocks. Eggs are needed in large quantities and the best way to get eggs is through full feeding of the laying



TEACHES CLASS IN ELECTRIC WELDING

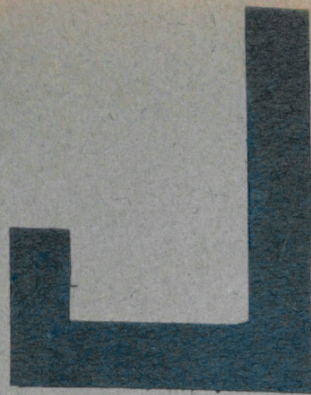
Local Shop Has Conducted Course
For Four Months.

P. K. Read has started another class in electric welding at his shop, his third in four months.

The class is government sponsored and is free to anyone past highschool age and there is no age limit. The course covers all phases of farm machinery and automotive work and requires 160 hours to complete it.

The group is doing sheet metal work, mechanical work and any repair jobs which they bring in to class from the farm, including tractors, trucks, combines and trailers. So far they have not done much electrical work but if a car is brought in they check it and test it to determine what is needed.

Mr. Read has conducted the school for three years. A number from last year's class now have jobs as welders in defense plants, others have taken defense employment in mechanical departments, and one now is a foreman in a defense plant in St. Louis.



JANUARY

PRE-FLIGHT COURSE IN NEWKIRK SCHOOL

C. E. Cowles Will Be Instructor;
Instructions Starts Today.

Supt. E. H. Bingham has announced the inauguration of a pre-flight course in Newkirk highschool for the second semester, beginning today.

The course will be taught either the second or sixth hour and C. E. Cowles will be the instructor.

Science and mathematics will be the chief subjects taught. The purpose of the course is to give boys a pre-study of aviation enabling them to make more rapid progress in aviation schools, which phase of the army most of them plan to enter after graduation next spring.

Fifteen boys have signed up for the course and more are expected to as soon as they can rearrange their classes. Several girls have indicated they would be interested in taking the work and may be permitted to if the class is not over crowded.

CHAPEL PROGRAM AT HIGH SCHOOL THIS MORNING

The Boys Pep club of the highschool sponsored the chapel program this morning in the auditorium and showed three pictures, "The Battle of the Atlantic," "War on the Desert," and a water sports film.

O. Soucek, highway patrolman, will speak to the students Friday morning on gases and will demonstrate the use of a gas mask.

Each class at the highschool will hold home room meetings today so that students may have the opportunity of buying bonds and stamps. They are making a special effort to promote sales this week in co-operation with the American Legion.

FATS VS. LEANS TO AID 'MARCH OF DIMES FUND'

Three Lively Games Promised for Small Admission Fee

Basketball lovers will have a chance to get their money's worth Friday evening at the highschool gym where three basketball games are scheduled for the benefit of the infantile paralysis fund.

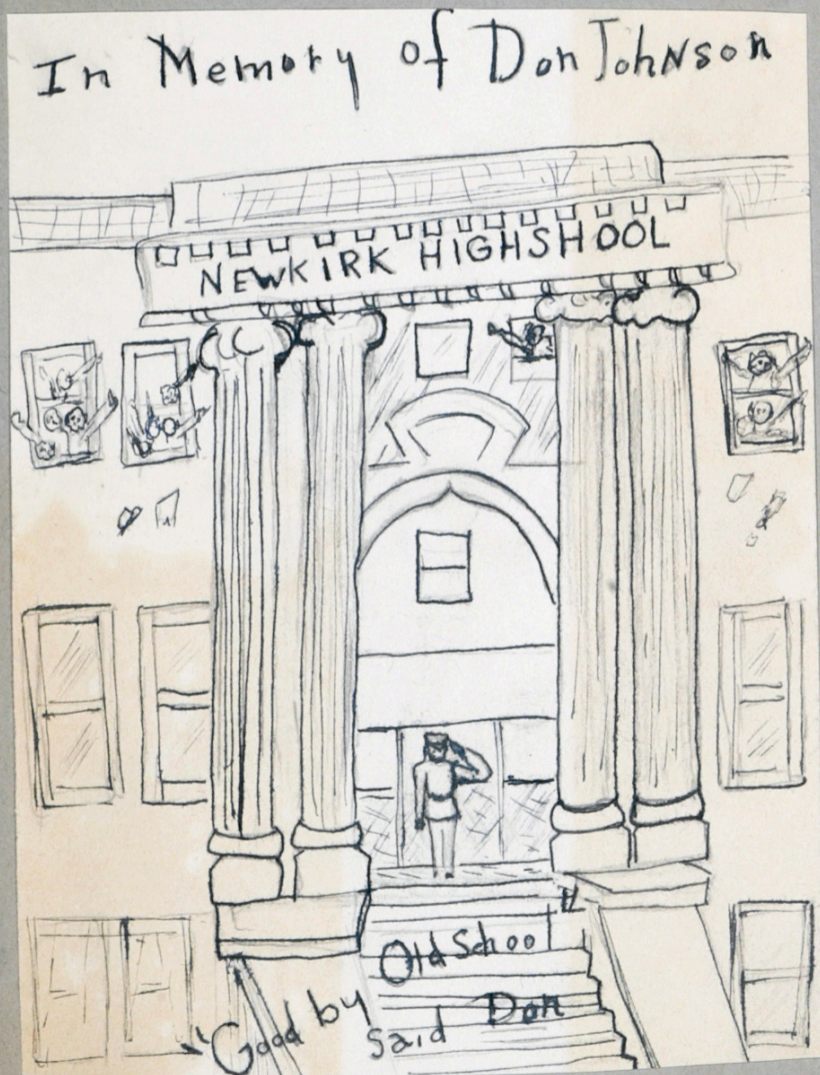
The three teams playing are the Fats vs. Leans, the Court House Girls vs. a Business and Professional girls team and Highschool Squad vs. Town team. The games will start at 7:30 and the admission price is two dimes for each adult and one dime for each child.

Most of the players, except the high-school group and a few others who play occasionally to keep in trim, have not participated in a game for a long time, and it is expected that the play will be hard and entertaining.

From the following list of men will be picked the lean and fat teams: Everett Horton, Dean Hoye, Dale Heltzel, Bill Timbers, Joe B. Pierce, Howard Rutledge, Ed Bingham, Lester Welch, Wayne Stevens, D. F. B. Harsh, Donald Adams, John Maxey, Archie McClung, Marion Due, Jack Frazier, Clarence Weber, Charles Lane, Darrell Fulton, Orville Sherrrod, John Stuemky, Harold Allen, Mel Leavitt, "Pop" Cowles, Willis Cross and Lawrence Leasman.

The Court House girls are: Mary Ruth Chappell, Pattie Engles, Nancy Welch, Jeanette Sherrod, Virginia De-laughder, Marcelle Gosting, Gladys Stinson and Mary Brooks. Their opponents will be Esther Schlapbach, Mary Gilmore, Virginia Austin, Mrs. Clarence Yoesting, Mrs. Betty Hollowell, Mrs. Alice Birdsong and Sadie Lou Steele.

Everyone is urged to attend the games Friday evening for real entertainment and also to make a contribution to a worthwhile cause.



Don Johnson
was called
to the Army

BASKETBALL GAMES ADD \$30 TO 'DIMES FUND'

Crowd Gets Money's Worth
and Players Enjoy
It, Too

The three basketball games at the highschool gym Friday night added \$30.40 to the infantile paralysis fund and provided a lot of entertainment to the good sized crowd.

The game which was expected to be the most entertaining, the Fats vs. the Leans, failed to materialize because not enough of the players showed up to make two teams. The few who did, with the addition of men teachers and highschool boys played two games, but they switched players and sides so often to make up the games that it kept the crowd guessing who was playing on each team and which way they were going. Some of them had been out of practice for some time and going was pretty hard for them but, for the most part, they played hard games and enjoyed it as much as the audience.

The girls game was equally as good and hard played. The Court House team lost to the Business Girls by 8 to 20. Most of the girls had not played for several years and many changes in rules since they played on the courts were responsible for many fouls during the game. Mrs. George Mefford, who at one time ranked high in state basketball play was the high scorer for the girls. She rolled her balls through the hoop with apparently no effort. The Court House girls did not have as many substitutes as the others and they played hard through the whole game.

The Court House girls were: Mrs. Emily Jeanette Sherrod, Mary Ruth Chappell, Mrs. Don Gosting, Gladys Stinson, Virginia Delaughter and Patty Engles.

The girls who made up the other team were: Vivian Preston, Sadie Lou Steele, Virginia Austin, Alice Birdsong, Nadine Meeks, Mrs. George Mefford, Colleen Koenke, Mrs. Betty Hollowell and Ramona Brandon.

Clarence Yoesting, Marion Due, Jack Frazier and Cecil Horton were referees.

ANOTHER NEWKIRK YOUTH ENLISTS IN NAVY

Eugene Leroy Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tate, who has volunteered his services in Uncle Sam's navy, left Monday for Oklahoma City for his final examination, from which place he expects to be sent to San Diego, Calif., or the Great Lakes for training.

Eugene passed his first examination in Ponca City Monday of last week.

PATROLMAN EXPLAINS GASES TO STUDENTS

O. Soucek Says Chemical
Warfare Most
Humane

O. Soucek, highway patrolman of Ponca City, talked to the student assembly at the highschool Friday morning on chemical warfare and described it as the most humane way of fighting.

Patrolman Soucek said less men died if fighting were done with gas, rather than with guns, and those who recovered were cured completely and not maimed or disabled. He explained how it was fired from artillery guns and that when the shells explode the gas is thrown over a 40-yard area. Most gases at first sink to ground level and as they evaporate they rise to higher levels. In doing this, they cover most all points for effectiveness and one gas explosion can cover more territory than a single gun. Some of the gases which are heavier fall to the ground and those escaping must seek higher points. Others act in the reverse, and from these people seek shelter in cellars and low places.

Four planes can completely cover a square area in a gas raid. The central portion which is usually the most vital point gets the full effect of the gas as each plane passes over that section.

The patrolman demonstrated how to wear a gas mask and told the students that a gas mask for every citizen in the United States was in secret storage, ready to be given out when needed.

He carried with him "sniff sets" of gas, most of them synthetic, so the students could acquaint themselves with the various types. The tar gas was genuine and brought tears to the eyes of a few student "sniffers" who inhaled too deeply.

Mustard gas, which leaves blisters on the skin it contacts, was exhibited and Patrolman Soucek explained how soldiers carried with them a medicated salve or oil which they applied to the affected parts, which prevented the blisters, or burns, from appearing.

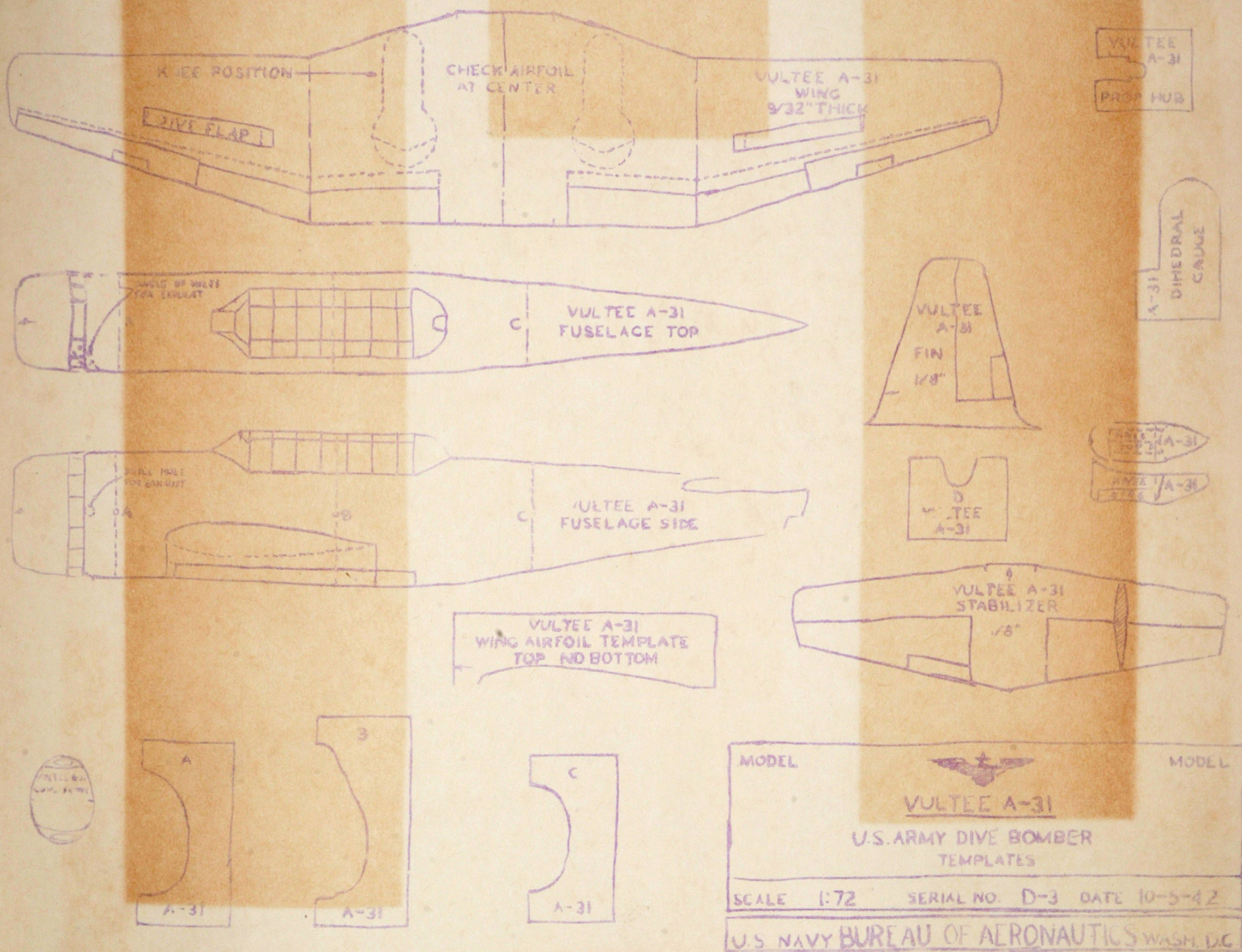
One gas which the students examined had the sweet odor of gardenias and another smelled like hay. When gases are used in warfare the types are frequently changed so that those being attacked will be confused and not know what to do.

The patrolman spoke in schools over the county all last week, from Monday through Friday.

Industrial Arts

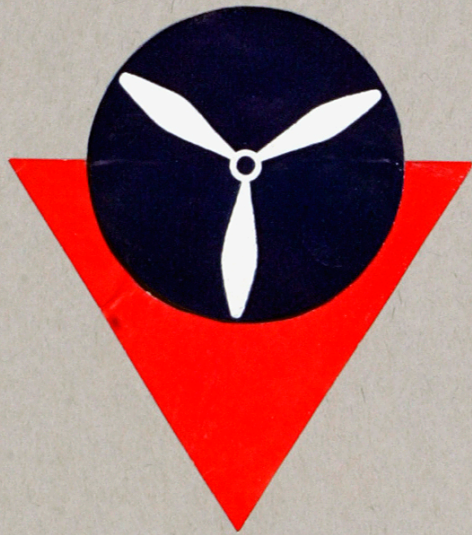
Making a quota of 30 model Airplanes.
 We hictographed plans from originals
 and are making planes as one of first
 woodworking projects.

Also teaching some of Shop work
 from book "Training for Victory."



Newark N. J.

Pre-flight Class
Has enrollment of 14 pupils all interested
in aeronautics. We are condensing the
course to one semester and will cover
all the principles in Aerodynamics and
Meteorology and Navigation with a few of
the air regulations.
All are enrolled in Air Service for Schools
and are getting emblems.



FEBRUARY

LOCAL SCHOOLS BUY BONDS AND STAMPS

\$7,111.95 Invested Since Sales First Started.

Newkirk highschool and grade school students have purchased \$7,111.95 in defense stamps and bonds since the sales first started.

The schools have set aside one day each month as sales day when all the students can bring their money to school to purchase the bonds and stamps, and have made several special efforts for the sales. If they can encourage 90 percent of the pupils to buy at least one defense stamp each month the schools will receive a recognition award from the treasury department.

The school classes have purchased the bonds and stamps as follows:

First Grade.....	\$ 143.50
Second Grade.....	188.75
Third Grade.....	600.00
Fourth Grade.....	471.50
Fifth Grade.....	613.20
Sixth Grade.....	295.80
Seventh Grade.....	500.00
Eighth Grade.....	392.00
Ninth Grade.....	850.00
Tenth Grade.....	338.20
Eleventh Grade.....	1,089.00
Twelfth Grade.....	1,630.00
Total	\$7,111.95



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