

# *Schools* AT WAR

A REPORT TO THE NATION



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SCHOOL DOWNING

ADDRESS Rural Route 1, Yonkers, Oklahoma

STREET

TOWN

STATE

Yonkers

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 Downing  
Address Rt. 1  
Yonkers, Oklahoma  
Enrollment 28 Grades 1-7  
No. of Teachers one No. of Classrooms one  
Size of Community \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Value of War Stamps and Bonds sold during SCHOOLS AT  
WAR Program unknown  
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## SCRAP IRON DRIVE

Approximately 12,000 pounds of scrap iron has been sold or donated from the Downing community

The contributors are as follows: Roy Stepenes, Troy Ogden, Ada Morris, Silas Claxton, W.P. Anderson and family, Harve Collins, Auther Moore, Aldo Compton, Tom Reader, and Roach family.

The largest contributor was Roy Stepenes who sold and donated 7500 pounds. (Picture Below)

Due to the cooperation of Roy Stepenes, and Lewis Downing we were able to borrow a team, and wagon on the date of Feb. 2, 1943

For the school boys to use in our later scrap drive. We collected around 1000 lbs. that day.



(ABOVE), Roy Stepenes

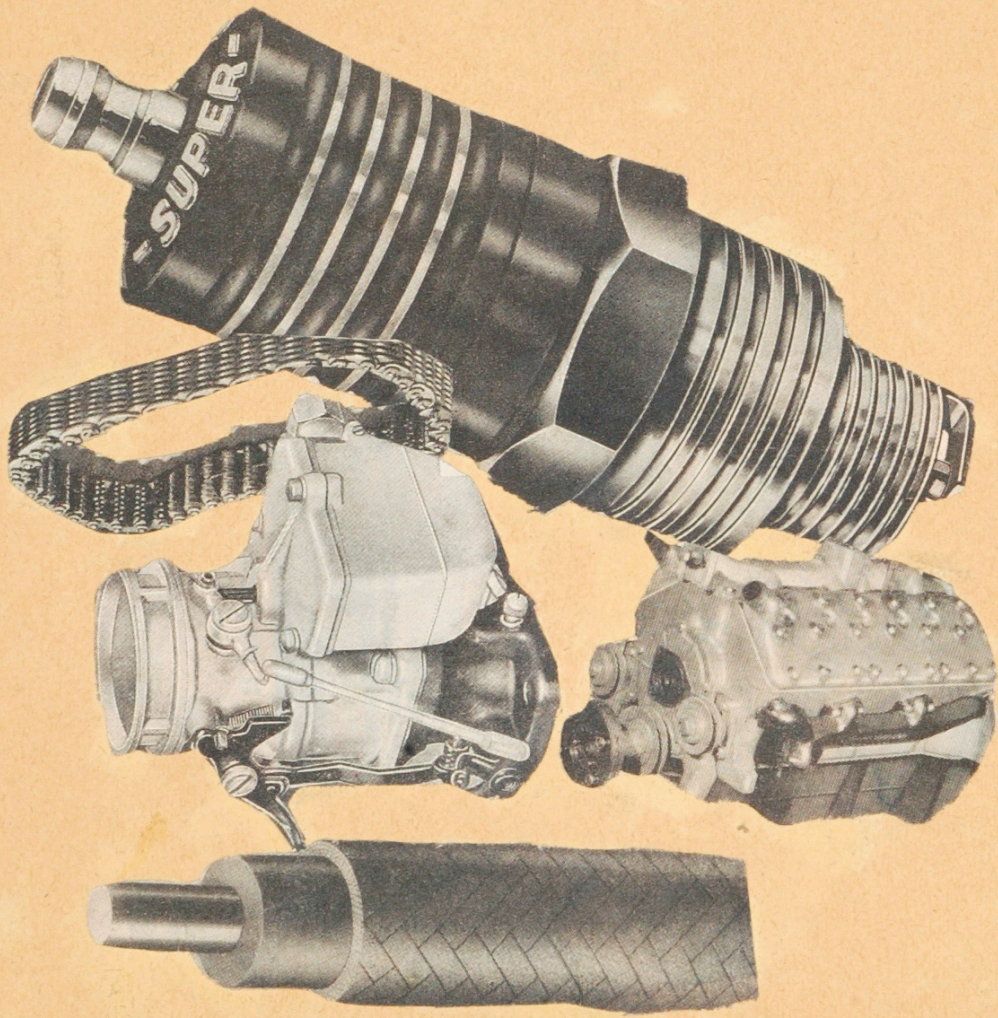




**WE NEED YOUR  
HELP**



# SCRAP THE JAPS





## FARM MOBILIZATION DAY

Farm Mobilization Day Was Jan  
12th, 1943.

We had a Farm Meeting at our School. Mrs Maude Claxton of the School Board, and Mr Roy Stepenes, who are both Community Leaders, were directors of the Farm Meeting.

The meeting was brief but to the point, and I do believe, as a citizen of this district, that that little Meeting has caused many of the farmers of this community to realize the need for food for our armed forces, also for the civilions of our own and other countries.

Let's all strive to raise more.

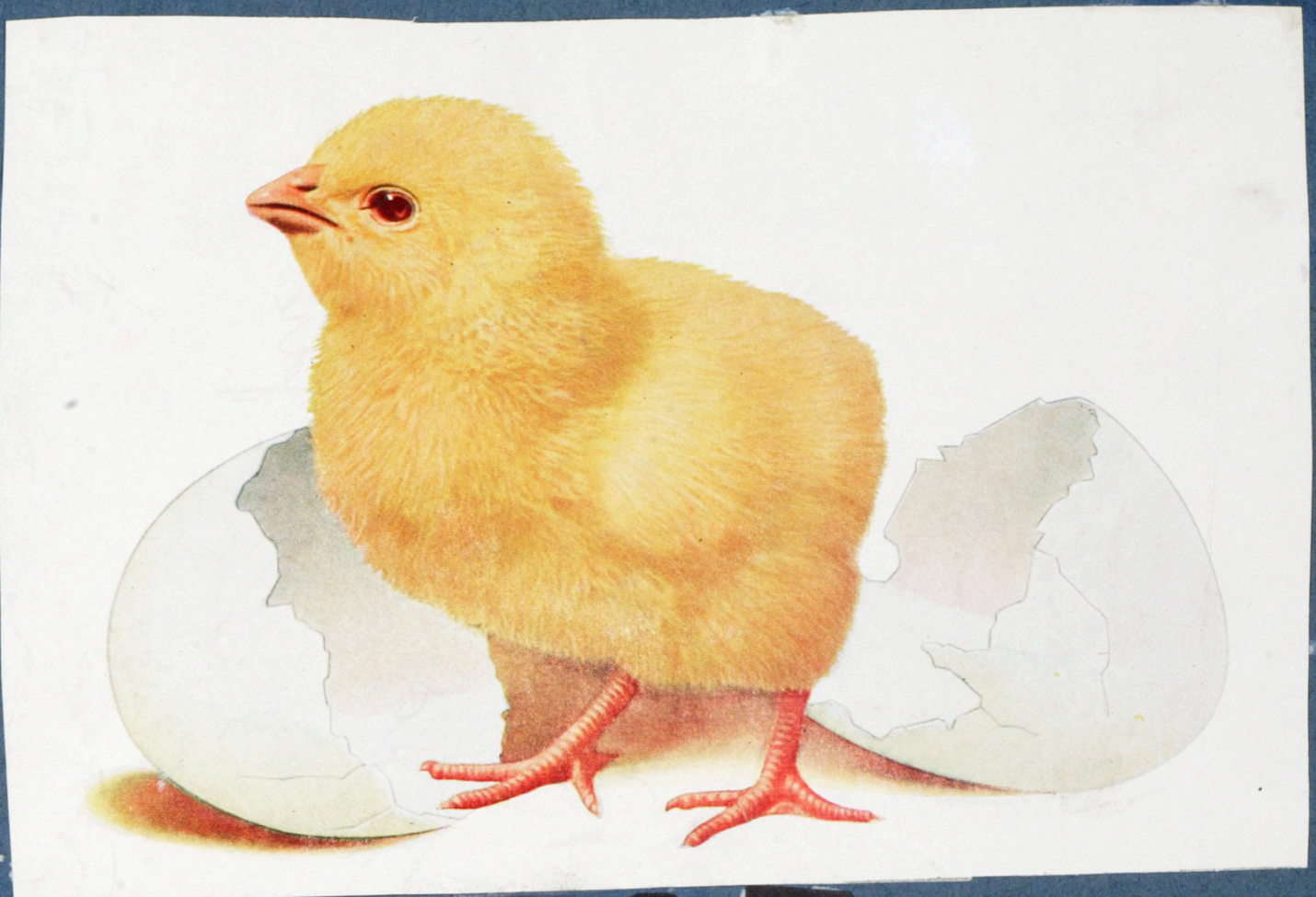




**FOOD FOR  
HEALTH**



11" x 14"



FOR  
SCRATCHI VICTORY



# VICTORY 4 H CLUB

The entire school from eight years on up has joined the Victory 4H Club. We are designing a service flag for the men and boys of Downing Community Serving in various branches of our Armed forces.

The following is a list of the men from our community: Aldo Compton, Bim Claxton, Ray Ogden, Jefferson Batt, Tuck Roach, Luke Roach, Hoy Anderson, and Willard Moore.

We are collecting pictures of men in service related to Downing Residents. They will be framed and hung in the school room.

We will also assist in alleviating the farm and labor problems by doing certain specified work on the farm or in the home.





RAISE PORK  
FOR VICTORY



## OUR SCHOOL NURSE

A nurse came out from the Health Center at Teleguah, Okla, on January 14th, and 26th.

She gave the toxoid immunization for Diphtheria to the children 6 and under, and gave the Shick test to the ones who were over six.

She gave the Smallpox vaccination to the ones who hadent had it the previous year.

She also gave the Typhoid vaccine to all the people, and tested our eyes.

She will be back in March.





KEEP EM  
SHOOTEN



## SCRAP RUBBER DRIVE

We have had our Rubber Drive just the same as the scrap Iron Drive.

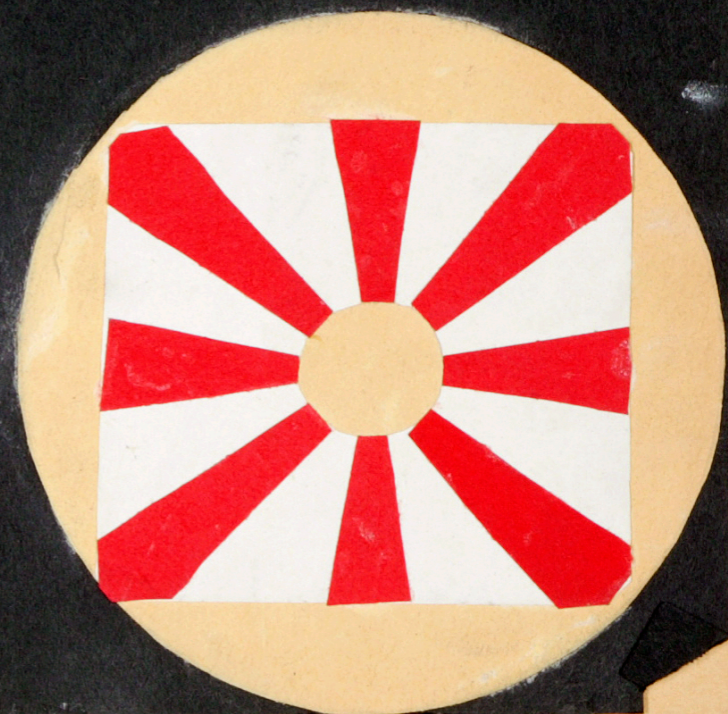
This community has sold and donated 1400 lbs. of rubber. The two largest contributors were Roy Stepenes, and W.P. Anderson family.

We are proud of the amount we have contributed.

## BOOK DRIVE

We made a book Drive, and collected twenty some odd books, for Soldier recreation centers.

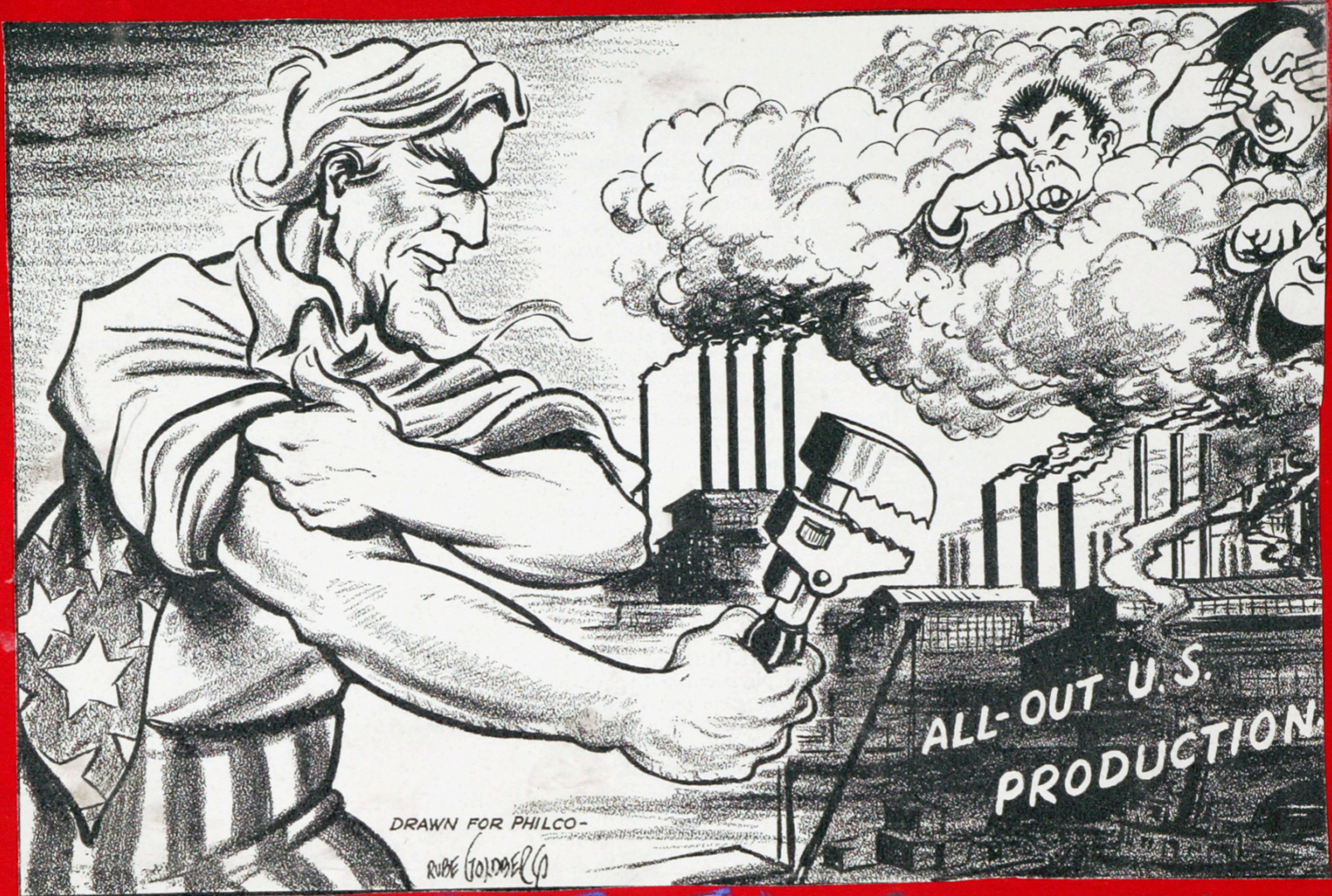




**DOWN WITH  
THE AXIS**



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ALL-OUT U.S.  
PRODUCTION

MORE, BETTER, SOONER  
PRODUCTION

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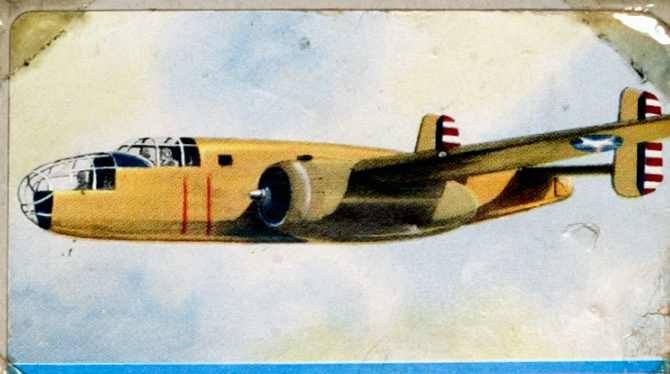


# WAR BONDS

We are unable to tell the amount of money that has been invested in War Bonds from this community. Of fifteen men, who are or have been, working at the Powder Plant: All are required to invest 100% of their income in Bonds.

The only school pupil who has invested in bonds is Fred Morgan Jr.

Our teacher has invested in War Bonds, too.

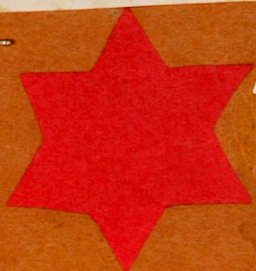


NORTH AMERICAN B-25 • United States





BUY  
WAR  
BONDS



11" x 14"

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Buy Defense Bond



Art Drawing



# AMERICAN JR. RED CROSS

Part of the school has joined the American Jr. Red Cross, to achieve its aims and to render greater service to our fellow Americans. We have to learn the pledge before we can join.

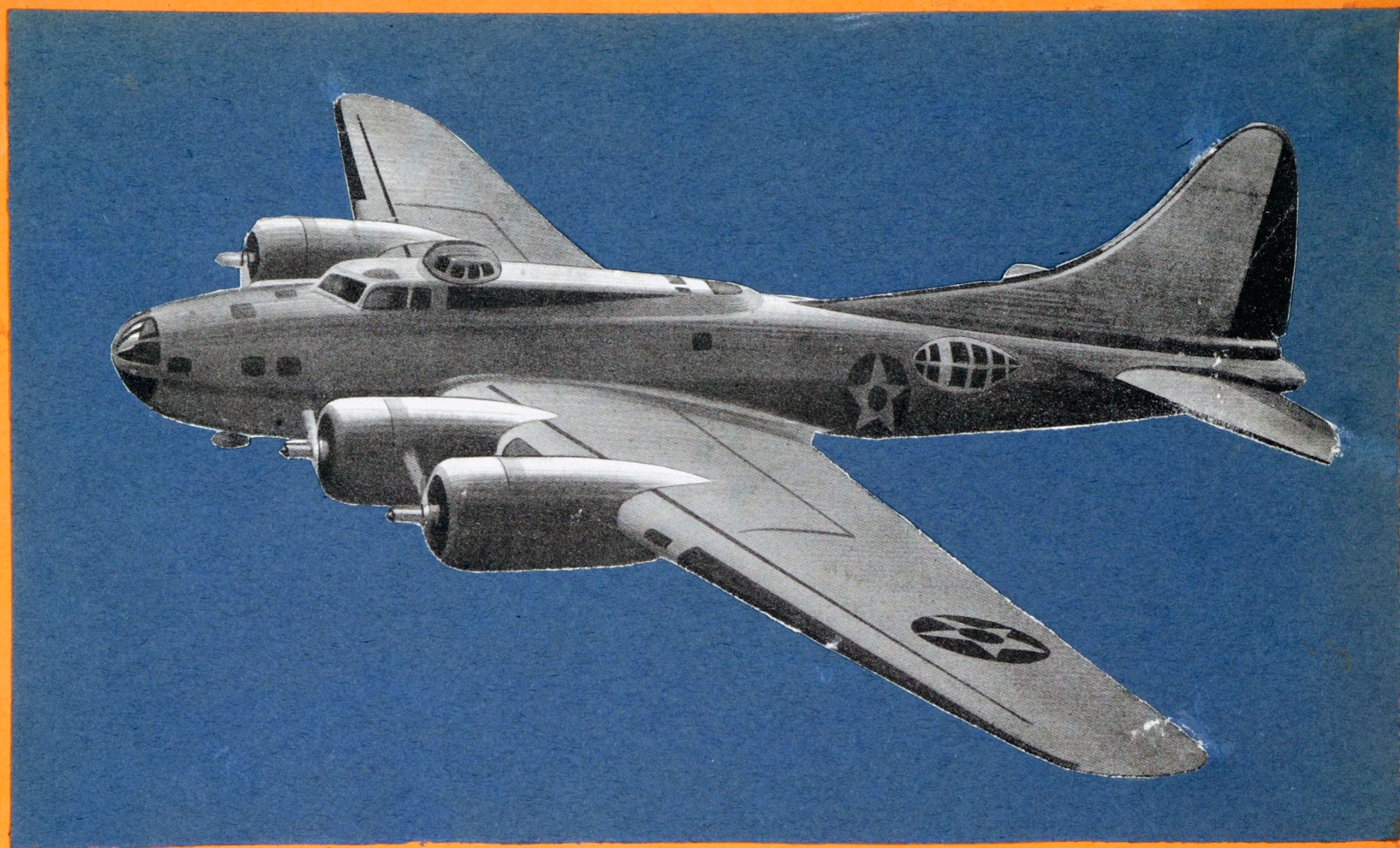
The smallest boy in school has learned the pledge. Nine Primary and four upper grade pupils have learned it also.



Downing  
School Group



11" x 14"



**KEEP EM FLYING**

11" x 14"



# School Spirit

The pupils of Downing School are learning to save, serve, and to conserve at home, in school and in the community.

At home we are assisting our parents by caring for younger brothers, and sisters.

We are learning to cook, sew, and mend, to assist with chores, and in general work for our parents.

At school we are trying to understand the war in our studies. We make posters on war subjects. We are trying to save, serve, and conserve our school supplies.

We realize that we are handicapped in our war effort by our isolation, and distance from any towns. But we are eager and willing to do all we can to further the war effort in any way we can.

We have done other things besides these recorded here. But time and space do not permit of recording them.





For Victory, Buy United States War Bonds!

**'FIGHTING'...** *Every Working Minute!*





Hold High the torch  
OF LIBERTY



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