

Schools AT WAR

A REPORT TO THE NATION



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SCHOOL St. John's Catholic 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 St. John's

Address 310 E. Washington Ave.

Mc Alester, Oklahoma

Enrollment 31 (High School) Grades 120

No. of Teachers 6 No. of Classrooms 7

Size of Community 12,000 + (About 8,000 more defense workers)

Cash Value of War Stamps and Bonds sold during SCHOOLS AT

WAR Program \$93.75 bought by school

\$3,982.80 bought privately by students

Clippings from "The Sixen", our school paper

In The Scrap



Gang Up On Axis Collecting Scrap

Calling all kids . . . collect scrap
. . . buy war stamps . . . prevent
waste . . . serve your country . . .
calling all kids now. . . .

In compliance with the Schools at War Program, St. John's students are getting in the scrap to help beat the Japs. On October 5th they joined all public, parochial and private schools of the nation in a campaign to show what Young America can do to collect old metal. The contribution of the schools will be permanently acknowledged through the presentation by the Treasury to each state of a Liberty Brick, one of the original bricks of historic Independence Hall, Philadelphia. Other valuable prizes will be awarded to the schools collecting the most scrap per student.

Joan Park had the honor of starting the scrap heap. Special mention is also due Pat Pezzetti, Kevin, John and Jerry Bob Troy for hauling heavy loads of iron after school hours. Each room is keeping a record of contributions made by its members. The higher the pile gets, the better.

St. John's collected 8,000 pounds of scrap iron and rubber, one of the highest per capita ratings in McAlester. The Students collected 10,000 pounds of scrap paper. They have discontinued collecting paper, however, because there is no means of selling it or disposing of it here in McAlester.

Our Boys in Service

For God And Country

October, 1942

St. John's Parish proudly displays thirty stars on its service flag, symbols of the thirty young men who are serving America on land, on sea, or in the air. Twenty-seven of these boys were listed in "The Siren" last May. The three who have joined since then are: Harold Match, with the Marines on the West Coast; M. P. York, overseas with the Army; and John Martin, somewhere in an army training school for telegraph operators.

James McCaull and Edward Smith have signed up and will report for

duty soon, James to the army air corps, Edward to the navy.

Some of our alumni from Krebs are in the service: Angelo De Giacomo, Joe Hynal, Anthony Ross, Victor Moye, John De Frange and John Zavonia.

Many of the boys have sailed to distant lands—England, Alaska, the Philippines, and other strategic points. Censorship regulations make it impossible for us to print their addresses. We are with them in spirit, and we pray daily for their safe and victorious return.

For God And Country

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| 1. Cabell C. Cornish | 21. Bernard Minnehan |
| 2. William A. Cornish | 22. James Powers |
| 3. Jack C. York | 23. Ray McNerney |
| 4. Thomas M. Vaughn | 24. John Patrick Fogarty |
| 5. Walter Steidley | 25. Clifford Walker |
| 6. John B. Wilson, Jr. | 26. Henry Cabell |
| 7. Bernard Derichsweiler | 27. Dan Petite |
| 8. Edgar Conn | 28. J. Joe Gleese |
| 9. Eugene Kuehner | 29. Augustine Chioni |
| 10. Fred Goodspeed | 30. Harold Match |
| 11. Vincent Goodspeed | 31. John Warren Martin |
| 12. Patrick Painter | 32. Matthew P. York, Jr. |
| 13. Joseph Gosinski | 33. Bert Tua |
| 14. Dan McCafferty | 34. Ames Gill |
| 15. Hugh Pettingill | 35. Leon Caloney |
| 16. Johnny Duca | 36. Joe Fabry |
| 17. Paul Duca | 37. Ben Hamilton |
| 18. Johnny Santine | 38. Frank McSherry |
| 19. James Roland | 39. Edward Smith |
| 20. James Hager | 40. Edward Massaro |
| | 41. Robert Duca |

December, 1942

Nine others are now in service. James Wenhamer has gone to the Navy, James McCaull and Matthew Derichsweiler to the Air Corps. The army has taken John Fabry, Andrew Carletti, Danny Lalli, Frank Fabry, Bill Cooper, and Bob Layden.

The eighteen year old draft law touches two of our three senior boys. Three other boys intend to enlist at the close of the present school term.

February, 1943

ASSIGNMENT FOR VICTORY



St. John's Entertains Soldiers At U. S. O.

"Elmer," a one-act comedy, was the contribution of St. John's students to the entertainment for the soldiers at the U.S.O. center last night. An enthusiastic reception was reported.

James Steidley played the title role, that of a typical modern youth who is always getting himself into trouble. His twin sisters (Betty Jo Conn and Gertrude Marino) are frightfully spoiled by their doting mother (Catherine Kuehner) at the expense of their little sister (Loretta Stizza). Other members of the cast include Nicholas Finamore, Leo Derichsweiler, Florence Short and Geraldine Match.

A Message To The Boys And Girls Of America

"War is costly, but freedom is priceless. To deserve freedom, we must fight to keep it. Freedom is a thousand times worth all the money, all the effort, all the sacrifices that we must put into the struggle to win it. I know that the United States can count on its 30,000,000 young Americans, to whom an unshackled future is particularly important, to enlist 100 per cent in our fight for freedom—by buying War Savings Stamps and Bonds whenever they can and by doing every other thing that a boy or girl can do to speed the day of victory. By participating fully in this School At War program, they can tell the world: 'We are ready—ready for war, ready for victory and ready for peace!'"

Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Prayer For Soldiers and Sailors

O God, I beseech Thee, watch over those exposed to the horror of war, and the spiritual dangers of a soldier's or sailor's life.

Give them such a strong faith that no human respect may ever lead them to deny it, or fear to practise it. Do Thou, by Thy grace, fortify them against the contagion of bad example, that, being preserved from vice, and serving Thee faithfully, they may be ready to meet death

whenever it may happen; through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sacred Heart, inspire them with sorrow for sin, and grant them pardon.

Mother of God, be with them on the battlefield during life and at the hour of death, and obtain for them that they may die in the grace of thy Son. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for them.

May their guardian angel protect them. Amen.

"Fillers" Used in "The Siren"



You help your fighting brother, father, uncle and friends when you buy War Bonds and Stamps by providing them with adequate weapons.

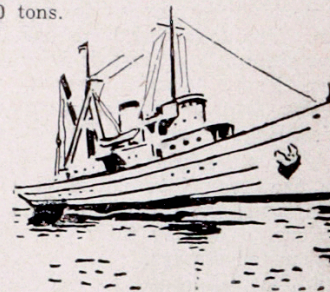
Six 25c Stamps will pay for one **HAND GRENADE**. Thanks to baseball, American soldiers know how to make good use of hand grenades. Help send them plenty.

Eight 25c Stamps will pay for one **MESS KIT**. One of the most important items a soldier carries—pan, plastic canteen and cup, fork, knife and spoon, all in a canvas cover.

HE USED TO BE an object of contempt—the shabby junkman with his rickety wagon and bony horse. Today he is in the limelight, for from his scrap heap come tanks and guns and gas masks and surgical equipment and hundreds of other items necessary for winning this war. His cry has become the war cry of the nation; "Any rags, any iron, any rubber today." Start house-cleaning at once. Bring all scrap to the school or call 1693 and we'll send for it. All material collected will be promptly delivered to Adolph.

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What You Buy With
WAR BONDS
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Naval tugs are used for the same purpose that the Army uses mules . . . that is for all purpose hauling. They work around piers and Navy yards and tow large lighters. They are also used as service vessels and for other purposes. The small district tug is approximately 65 feet long with a displacement of about 70 tons.



The district tug carries a crew of from 8 to 10 and costs about \$95,000. Your purchase of **War Bonds** will enable the Navy to build the tugs necessary for the tremendous job which faces them in our harbors and coastal waters. All of us, joining together, buying **Bonds** regularly every **payday** will give the Government sufficient money to prosecute this war successfully. Buy from your bank, postoffice, your radio station or at some retail store.

U. S. Treasury Dept.

Nine More St. John's Boys Enter Service

Number In Service Mounts To Fifty

Again St. John's young men have answered the nation's call to arms. In addition to the forty-one listed in the last issue of the "Siren," nine others are now in service.

The Navy has taken JAMES WENHAMER, JOHN FABRY, ANDREW CARLETTI, DANNY LALLI, FRANK FABRY, BILL COOPER, and BOB LAYDEN have joined the Army. JAMES McCAULL AND MATTHEW DERICHSWEILER have chosen the Air Corps.

Late reports state that JOHN MARTIN and EDWARD SMITH have finally sailed the seas. John is in England, Edward at Pearl Harbor.

JOHN DeFRANGE writes from an unnamed spot in the Pacific. He has climbed as far as he can go in the Quartermaster Department.

PAT PAINTER writes from somewhere in the Pacific: "The island is very beautiful. From the mountains, we can look out across fields of many colors in the valleys, fields of sugar cane and pineapples. Beyond, you can always see the ocean with the white surf breaking on the beach."

HAROLD MATCH was home from the west coast on a fourteen day leave during January. He brought with him all the various and sundry Marine uniforms to mystify and fascinate the public.

EUGENE KUEHNER, now stationed at Tulare, California, was married recently to Marjorie Templeton. They are making their home in Tulare where Eugene is in cadet training.

According to letters JACK YORK writes home, he must be enjoying life, at least between times.

"Capt. Carbo and I went to a place close by for tea Sunday afternoon, and I'm invited to go fishing one of these evenings. I sure wish you could see the country here as it is very beautiful and well-kept. I want to go to London some day and also up to Wales where the coal mines are. The country here is a lot like that in the show 'How Green was My Valley'."

LEONARD DOMINIC, back from Akron, is impatiently waiting his call from Uncle Sam. "I can't enter service until March," he says, "so I suppose I'll have to get a job."

ALUMNI IN U. S. SERVICE



Upper Row, Left to Right:—Edward Massaro, Eugene Kuehner, Walter Steidley and John Martin.

Lower Row, Left to Right:—Pat Painter, Harold Match, Edward Smith, Edgar Conn and Joseph Fabry.

INSURE YOUR HOME AGAINST HITLER!



Buy WAR SAVINGS BONDS & STAMPS

Ladies of Parish Organize Red Cross Sewing Circle

Betsy Ross has some worthy followers in the group of patriotic women who meet in the parish hall each Wednesday afternoon to do Red Cross work. They aren't making flags, but the articles they are turning out are vitally important to the success of the war.

Blankets and clothing are being made for men in service and for civilian use. The ladies who cannot sew are well supplied with other jobs equally essential.

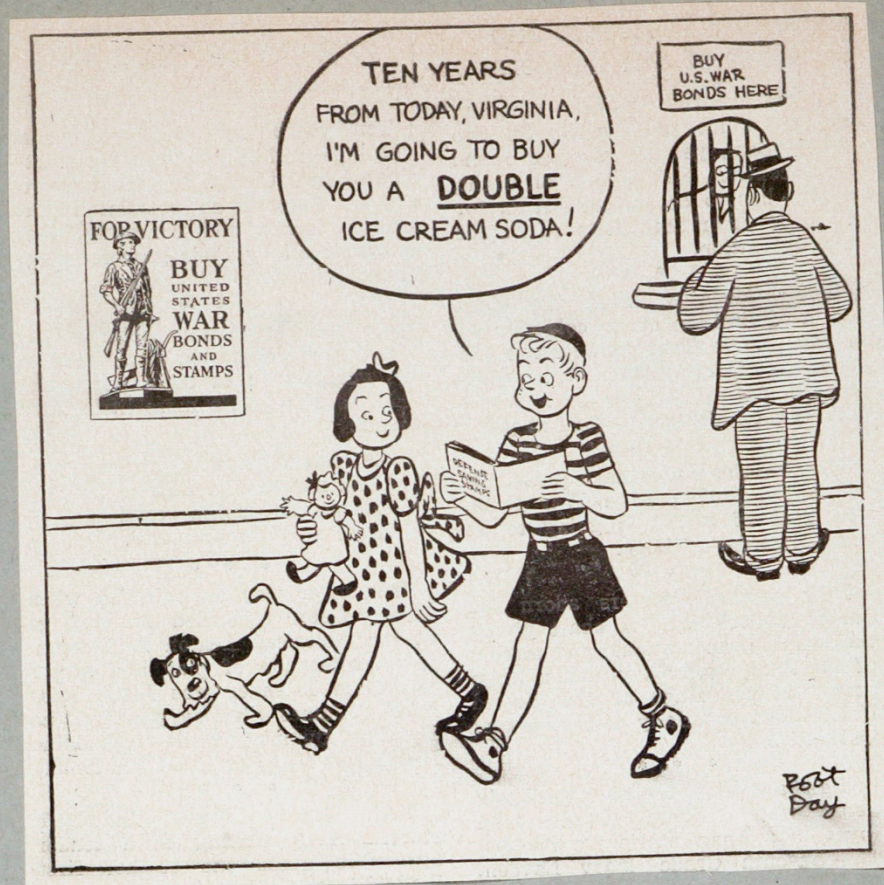
Sickness and bad weather have cut the average attendance to five each week. The following women have given generously of their time and effort: Miss Emily Schieg, Mrs. J. V. Joyce, Miss Minnie Cambron, Mrs. Jack Corley, Mrs. Edith Burr, Mrs. Calonkey, Mrs. Schoeman, Mrs. Kaieser, Mrs. Louis Fiorette, Mrs. V. L. Chantiles, Mrs. Steve Massaro, Mrs. Joe Shearn, Mrs. Helen Gosinski, Mrs. Rosso, Mrs. Kohler, Mrs. Higgins, and Mrs. McCaull.



Back Them Up With War Bonds and Stamps



Clippings from February issue of "The Siren."



Save! Serve! Conserve!

(The following suggestions will help every man, woman, and child, to do his bit toward winning the war.)

SAVE money to buy War Savings Stamps and Bonds. This isn't asking too much. Everyone has a brother, father, or friend in the armed forces and he's depending on you to supply him with weapons.

SERVE your school, the community, the nation by training for first aid, life saving, or auxiliary police. Volunteer for Red Cross or Junior Red Cross work.

Boys can make model airplanes for Army and Navy. Girls can make sweaters, surgical dressings, and clothes. There is plenty of work for everyone.

CONSERVE all materials. Collect scrap metals, rubber, fat drippings. If you don't want to give them away, sell them for money to buy War Stamps.

Mend and wear your old clothes. Patches are in style.

If you slam doors, don't. Hinges are scarce.

Don't monopolize valuable telephone wires. You may delay an important war message.

Handle all library books with care. They will give years of pleasure if taken care of properly. If destroyed, they may be impossible to replace.

Don't neglect or harm the typewriters you use. You may thereby delay the training of dozens of other students whose help may be needed to win the war.

Use left-overs. They make tasty stews. Add a few ingredients from your own Victory garden.

It's up to you. Do your part to win this war.

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