

WAR ACTIVITIES

WORLD WAR II--1941-1945

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 brought our nation into war and Young Junior High School began its part in the nation-wide war program.

Waste paper, tin tubes and stamps were collected and donated. A special drive was made to salvage paper, rubber, metals, and rags during MacArthur Week--April 20 to 24. During this week the school raised \$183.12 from the sale of salvaged materials, making a total of \$202.42 for the year's program. This money was turned over to the Children's Fund of the American Red Cross.

A special drive was made to collect equipment for the Soldier's Reading rooms at Napier Field. The following were donated:

825	books
2	bookcases
26	radios
15	lamps
8	tables
9	chairs
1	victrola
150	records

and a large number of games of all types.

The Marionette Club presented their plays to raise funds to purchase the picture "Christ at Gethsemane" by Heinrich Hofmann and two tables which were also presented to Napier Field.

Each month current issues of magazines were collected and sent to the Soldier's Centers both down town and at Napier Field.

During the school year 1942-1943 Young Junior High sponsored, in connection with the Schools at War Program, the following activities:

1. CHRISTMAS AUCTION \$409.65 total receipts. "Money", our charity doll, brought \$169.21 from the Jr. III Class. The money was used as listed below:

Christmas charity.	\$ 71.18
Children's Fund	
Jr. Red Cross	250.00
Crippled Children	50.00
Orphan.	5.00
Magazines	
(For Camp Rucker)	8.00
Former teacher in	
hospital.	25.00

2. KIT DRIVE 251 kits to be given to service men as they embark for foreign service.

3. KEY DRIVE 5626 keys were contributed

- 4 SALE OF WAR STAMPS AND BONDS

Stamps	\$2522.50
12 Jeeps	13983.90

For this a citation was issued by the United States Treasury Department for the "Part Played in Schools at War Jeep Campaign," in May 1943. This was framed and hung in Study Hall.

5. AFGHANS The Knitting Club made two afghans which were presented to the hospital at Napier Field and the Red Cross Center.
6. RUSSIAN RELIEF twenty boxes of clothing were sent to the Russian Relief Organization.

In April of 1943 the United States Treasury Award for Distinguished Service in the War Savings Program was received. This was framed and displayed in the Study Hall.

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In 1943-1944, Young Junior High School took a very active part in the national war program again. The following activities were sponsored:

1. Schools-At-War Treasure Hunt

Albums converted into War Bonds 171

Amount of cash collected to complete albums . . . \$3,312.40
Number of students who sold one or more bonds . . . 118
Number and cash value of War Bonds sold by students
during the Treasure Hunt 171 Bonds--\$25,058.75

2. Sale of War Stamps for 1943-1944 \$7004.65

3. Russian Relief 14 boxes of clothing were sent to the Russian
Relief Organization.

4. AMERICAN JUNIOR RED CROSS GIFT BOXES

Two gift boxes were packed by each of the fourteen advisories for refugee children. Many nice letters of thanks were received from the recipients of these boxes.

5. AFGHAN

The Knitting Club made one afghan to be presented to the Red Cross.

6. PUZZLES AND SCRAPBOOKS

The Junior Red Cross Club made a large number of crossword puzzles and scrapbooks to be used by soldiers in hospitals.

7. MENU COVERS

The Art Club made 250 menu covers for Christmas dinners for the Navy.

The 1944-1945 term again found time for perhaps greater participation in the war effort. During the SIXTH WAR LOAN a total of \$54,504.60 in bonds and stamps was raised by the school. The following purchases of equipment were made from this amount:

2 Jeeps @ \$1,165	1 Amphibian Truck, "Duck". . \$8,275
2 Field Ambulances @ \$1940	2 LCVP Landing Craft @ \$12,000
2 Scout Cars @ \$6,175	1 Artillery Replacement Truck \$4350

When the MIGHTY SEVENTH WAR LOAN was begun earlier in order for schools to participate, an even higher goal was reached--\$71,660.35. With this amount other equipment bearing our name plate was selected as follows:

1 Field Ambulance. . \$1950	1 Caterpillar-Tracked Jeep "Weasel" \$4,815
1 Light Tank \$34,500	1 LVT Amphibian Steel Tractor "Water Buffalo" \$30,000

A total of \$6,250.30 in stamps was sold during this year. For several months the school was able to fly the Minute Man Flag which indicated that ninety per cent of the school had bought stamps during those months. In January of 1946 a citation for "Distinguished Service Rendered in behalf of Schools Saving Program" was received from the Treasury Department. This was framed and displayed in Study Hall.

As always, the school contributed 100% membership to the Junior Red Cross. Then in addition to this other Junior Red Cross activities and war charities were contributed as follows:

For Hospitals

- Posters and Window Trasnparencies for Christmas decorations
- 3 afghans were knitted by the Knitting Club
- Scrapbooks were made by the Junior Red Cross Club
- Crossword Puzzles also were made by this club
- 22 Utility bags were made by the Home Economics classes
- \$20 was contributed for a radio for a hospital
- \$25 was also given to the Camp and Hospital Council for Christmas wrappings.

For Camp Rucker Hospital

- A number of tooth brush handles were collected for art work
- Spools of colored thread were also contributed
- \$500 was contributed to the Children's Fund from the Christmas auction
- 108 Soft toys were made by the Home Economics classes
- 70 Gift boxes for Christmas were packed and sent to war orphans in England, France, and Italy.
- 170 Educational Boxes were sent to school children of war torn areas including pencils, crayons, pens, etc.

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In 1945-1946 an "Original Manuscript Copy of the Bill of Rights" was awarded by the United States Treasury Department in recognition of the "achievement of 90% Participation in the Schools At War Program". This represented recognition for participation during the entire war period.

The first drive of this year was the VICTORY LOAN DRIVE in which the school took an active part again. The total sales amounted to \$71,662.50, with an average of \$148.06 per student. In this drive the schools of the county were in competition to see which could lead in the highest per pupil sales. Young Junior High won for the entire Houston County. The following page shows the award given and the write-up:



DOTHAN EAGLE

Heard Them Say, 'Let Us Go To Dothan'.—Genesis 37:17

DOTHAN, ALABAMA, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1945

Young Junior High Wins Naval Plane Bond Contest Prize

Young Junior High School yesterday was announced as winner of the Navy Helcat fighter plane awarded to the school selling the largest number of Victory bonds in Houston County's current Victory Loan Drive.

The plane was purchased several weeks ago by the City of Dothan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and contributed to the Victory Loan drive for use in its bond-selling campaign.

Clyde Lovern, chairman of the drive, made the announcement that Young Junior High school had won the plane. He said the school chalked up sales amounting to \$71,662.50 in the drive for an average-sale-per-student of \$148.06.

In the county schools, Rehobeth Senior High School came in first in the contest with \$7,968.75 total sales, giving it a \$90.55 average per student.

Businessman sponsor for the Young Junior High School, of which Mrs. Minnie T. Heard is principal, was J. N. Mullins, Sr., and bond officials paid special tribute to his efforts which they said went a long way in assuring the school's success.

Lovern said the county's and city school children, and their teachers and principals, should be complimented for the fine cooperation and results they have shown during the current drive.

Harry Hall, chairman of the plane contest committee said the plane would be delivered to Young Junior High school after the holidays.

Stipulations of the RFC sale are that the plane cannot be used again for flying purposes, leaving it to be used only for educational or memorial purposes by the school.

It was flown to Dothan earlier this week from Norfolk, Va., and since its arrival has remained on the lawn of the old Howell school or North Appletree street awaiting disposition to the highest bond-selling school.

Along with his announcement that Young Junior had won the Navy plane, Lovern reported that today's radio program by J. Albert Logue over station WAGF from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. is expected to wind up the drive in the county and to bring in the additional \$52,000 required to put the county over the top in its \$377,000 "E" bond quota.

Friday's sales topped all other daily sales since start of the drive, with Lovern reporting that the banks and postoffice recorded purchases totaling over \$18,000.

In addition to the county recognition, the sales were sufficient to buy 14 hospital panels to be placed on army, air force and navy hospital beds. These panels were placed on beds of hospitals in Alabama and duplicates were sent to the school. These "Facsimiles of Sponsorship Panels" were framed and hung in the study hall.

The following other post-war activities and charities were carried on during 1945-1946:

1. Defense Stamps Sales \$2253.20
2. Children's Fund of Jr. Red Cross . . . \$250.00
3. Educational and Gift Boxes for
 Jr. Red Cross 130
4. Soft toys to be used for unfortunate
 children in destitute parts of Europe 79
5. Famine Relief contributions \$160.00
6. Boxes of clothing to Foster Parents
 Plan for War Children to be used for
 children in war-torn areas 4