

# National Defense Activities

The events of December 7, 1942, precipitated the entrance of the United States into the great war in which the world is involved today. With the entrance of our country into this great conflict, it became the patriotic duty of every one to do his part in national defense. A challenge was offered to each man and woman, to each boy and girl, to every school, church group, and club organization — a challenge to forge ahead in activities which would make the United States of America first in war so that she may be first in peace. Woodward High School — her teachers and students — accepted the challenge and at once embarked on a program aimed at the highest possible accomplishment in national defense. The success we have had in this endeavor has been such that we feel it is worthy of recognition in the Annual where the account can be forever recorded.

A campaign for the promotion of the sale of defense stamps was launched immediately and met with whole-hearted cooperation on the part of the students. Posters urging the purchase of defense stamps were prepared by students of the Art department. Sales were encouraged through home-room promotion. Miss Grace Darrah was placed in charge of the sale of defense stamps, assisted by Mr. Frank Floyd and Mr. Robert Duffy.

A committee of student helpers was selected. This group, composed of Winston Sundlin, James Schwarberg, Bob Maples, John Kottsy, Tony Iacabucci, and Wilma Guirck, has worked diligently and faithfully each month, making prompt deliveries of stamps to the purchasers. Woodward can be proud of the response of her students in the purchase of Defense Stamps. Many students are now the owners of United States Defense Bonds bought with their accumulated defense stamps.

When the government sent out the plea to conserve paper and metal and urged the collection of all excess paper supplies and scrap metal, provisions were made to comply with this request. Under the able promotion of Miss Jeannette Eppinger, assisted by the boys of home-room 206, and the members of her classes, Woodward's paper drives were carried to greater heights of success because now there was the two-fold incentive of money for the Woodward Fund and aid to national defense through the collection of paper which might otherwise have been destroyed.

Mr. Lyons was placed in charge of the collection of scrap metal. Each Friday, barrels were placed at all entrances to school and patriotic boys and girls deposited in these containers any old metal of which they desired to dispose. Assisting in this work were James Daniels, Ralph Roach, Marvin Lovett, Bruce Helton, Robert Means, and John Pelfrey.