

# *Victory Corps Activities*

This year, the students of Woodward are engaged in many activities bearing direct relation to the war effort. Most of these activities are sponsored by student organizations under the guidance of the Victory Corps.

The Student Wartime Council, composed of home-room representatives, plans the Victory Corps activities and outlines a plan of action. Charles Baird, 201, is president of this council. The development of committees to carry forward the work of the Victory Corps has taken careful planning and organization. Through the Student Wartime Council and our council of teachers, these have been developed with the idea of directing our student power into productive channels.

A large number of the activities of the Victory Corps bears direct relation to the war effort. The Victory Corps has worked hand in hand with the Red Cross. This latter organization has made many requests for cooperation in their activities. First Aid classes have been organized here at Woodward and were very successful as to numbers and accomplishment. Home Nursing and Child Care classes have been offered and were enthusiastically received. Various groups have worked at making surgical dressings and making bags for the Tubercular Hospital.

One of the most serious of these activities in cooperation with the Red Cross is that of donating blood to the Blood Bank. The students who have done this not only have sacrificed time and energy, but have given their own blood for the soldiers on distant battlefronts. This service is open only to those over eighteen who have obtained their parents' consent. There was, therefore, only a small group at Woodward who could participate in this, but their spirit and enthusiasm made up for their lack in numbers.

The work of various of our clubs has been very commendable. They have undertaken the collection of the different items which the government, the U. S. O., and the Red Cross have requested. The Spanish Club has been tireless in their efforts in gathering suitable books and magazines for the men in the Armed Forces. The girls of the G. S. W. Club have worked hard in collecting bottles which are so vitally needed at this time. The Hi-Y groups whose members are students at Woodward have combined their efforts in the collection of games to be sent to army camps. Other collection campaigns have been carried on by the Victory Corps as a whole—such as the collection of silk stockings for the purpose of salvaging silk and the collection of pencils for use in war industries.

Working with the Victory Corps and connected with the Civilian Defense Corps, the Air Raid Wardens' Committee is one of the outstanding Committees. The volunteers in this group will be in charge of our school in case of air attacks and will assist in securing shelter for the students when this is necessary. At the present time they are operating as directors in charge of air raid drills and are in charge of the various air raid shelters.

The Camouflage Committee, under the guidance of Miss Clark, is training boys and girls for an important work with the armed forces. Camouflage is used extensively by the Air Force. Any preliminary training which our students receive will be just that much preparation for the vital work which they may be called upon to do later.