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Wartime Council

The Victory Corps was organized in Woodward High School in nineteen hundred and forty-three at the request of the National Education Association in cooperation with the United States Office of Education. Its purpose was to direct the eagerness of the students to do their share in winning the war into areas of critical need where their action would be most effective. The work of the Victory Corps is considered so important that it has been given a prominent place in the school program.

The director of the Victory Corps at Woodward is Dr. Peaslee. He has appointed Miss Curry as faculty advisor to the Corps, with Miss Aikin, Miss Schwartz, Mrs. Nantz, Mrs. Helmers, and Mr. Rusher to assist her. The work of the Corps is, however, carried on by the students and directed by a council elected by the student body.

In the first years of its existence, the Victory Corps was especially interested in initiating and organizing projects that would assist in the war effort. Needed activities were suggested to homerooms and club groups. These activities were not only successfully carried out, but also stimulated the interest of individuals in continuing to work toward the end of the war. Appeals for help from community agencies engaged in wartime activities were always heeded, and the students of Woodward gave assistance wherever it was needed to the best of their ability. A wide variety of projects, some temporary, some extending over a long period of time, were undertaken in the first years of the Victory Corps. During this time, the members of the Victory Corps Council gave freely of their time to direct this work and guide the enthusiasm of the student body into channels where it would be effective.

As it does to all vital organizations, change has come to the Victory Corps. Originally, membership was limited. Today every student belongs to the organization by virtue of his enrollment at Woodward. Early efforts were expended in beginning and carrying through to a successful end a multitude of projects. Now, that the need for initial impetus and centralized direction of activity has passed, the council acts as a co-ordinating agency for all wartime activities which the different groups in the school carry on. The name of the council, itself, has undergone some change. Victory Corps Council has become Wartime Council. The future will probably see other changes.

The thinking of the students as expressed through the council has expanded since its inception. Not alone are wartime activities stressed and co-ordinated. From the work of the council, the thought has emerged that we serve our country when we preserve and strengthen, even in the midst of war, the ideals upon which our nation was founded. Much of the work of this year's council has been organizational. The first constitution of the group has been written and a permanent organization has been established. The council of 1944-45 has looked toward the peace to come and has laid a firm foundation upon which the future may build.

WARTIME COUNCIL

First Row: M. Tate, A. West, F. Mack, V. Oliver, J. Amareno, H. Friar, V. O'Dell, J. Kirk, J. Borgman, J. Orr, A. Howell.

Second Row: R. McGuff, B. Mahaffey, C. Shafer, J. Baker, D. Snyder, L. Mueller, I. Kettler, D. Beard, T. Allison, J. Wooley, J. Mazzei, S. Peppers, G. Brown.

Third Row: O. Gaston, B. Green, D. Schooley, J. Crouse, H. Sallee, J. Peppers, L. Holmes, C. Davis, Z. Coaston, I. Murphy, W. Parker.

Absent when picture was taken: S. Odens, D. Kuhlman, K. Sutton, A. Howard, M. E. Williams.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Seated: Shirley Peppers, Janet Borgman, Janet Baker, Joanne Wooley, Beatrice Mahaffey, Dorothy Snyder, Dorothy Beard.

Standing: Carl Shafer, Zedric Coaston, Demus Schooley, Herman Sallee.