



Two AWVS volunteers who picked apples and dug potatoes in Farmingdale, L. I., recently, relax and consume some results of their labors.

VICTORY GARDENERS NEEDED TO COMBAT HIDDEN HUNGER

Opportunity for Extension of AWVS Agricultural Program

(Material for this article was supplied AWVS by H. W. Hochbaum, Chief, Div. of Field Coordination, Extension Dept., U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

Many people are already asking the Department of Agriculture about next year's Victory Garden program. Perhaps it is a little too early to state positively what the program will be. But there are trends which will greatly influence the final shaping of the program.

The Victory Garden program was most successful this year the country over, but there is the necessity for even greater success in 1943. We shall probably have food enough though not always of the kinds and in the quantities which have been so freely available in this great country. Our harvests this year were the most bountiful in our history. But the task of shipping food abroad for our Allies, providing for our military forces all over the world, as

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WPB Conservation Director Endorses AWVS Salvage Drive

CORONADO HOME SERVICE VISITORS COLLECT DATA

AWVS Unit in California Sets Up Model Block Plan

In case of disaster in Coronado, Cal., information on the whereabouts of all children, helpless people and emergency equipment will be immediately available to the authorities, thanks to the far-sighted energies of the AWVS unit in this town. Working with the OCD, a plan was outlined and followed through as follows: Coronado was divided into seven precincts of four to six sectors, of four blocks each. 155 permanent Home Visitors have been enrolled with a leader for each precinct and a Senior for each sector. Each Senior has the responsibility of keeping records up to date.

The Home Visitors are required to 1) Call on new families moving in; 2) Fully inform them of Air Raid Precautions and Air Raid Warden's name; 3) Inform them of salvage arrangements; 4) Secure list of all people in the house and place of employment of every adult; 5) Make record of all helpless persons and children with full data concerning them; 6) Obtain address of relatives outside of Coronado to be notified in case of disaster fatalities.

Home Service Visitors are also instructed to promote a calm, cooperative neighborhood spirit and are cautioned that they have no duties during an emergency.

NEW SERVICE

From the New York Daily News' column "How He Proposed," was culled the following: "My service uniform needed altering, so I brought it to an AWVS station. I fell in love at first sight with the girl who altered my uniform, and I looked her up on each furlough. On one visit, I purposely ripped my sleeve, and when she 'caught on,' I said: 'How about your sewing my clothes for life?'"

Rosenwald Praises AWVS Activity

In a letter just received at National Headquarters from Lessing J. Rosenwald, Director of the Conservation Division of the War Production Board, the AWVS National Salvage Program is heartily endorsed and is assured of the highest degree of cooperation from his department.

Mr. Rosenwald also states that he hopes the action of AWVS will stimulate and encourage all other war relief and civic groups to organize similar programs.

Reports from all over the nation indicate the tremendous scope the AWVS Salvage Program has assumed.

New York, accustomed to being taken for granted because of its size, came through with more than 500 tons of scrap metal in one month! This astonishing amount (all the more astonishing when one realizes that most New Yorkers don't have attics or barns) was collected entirely by AWVS members, exclusive of

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A Junior enlists the services of a friend to examine donations to her scrap collection.

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PERSONALITIES

One of the underlying purposes of the AWVS is to achieve a unity of women's efforts which will eliminate the difficulties of personalities. Any organization or any community starts with a conglomerate mass of personalities, tastes, religions, backgrounds and interests. It is only when an idea or an ideal seems important enough to sweep away the differences of opinion or of tastes that a coordinated body can emerge as a whole.

Too often after the first enthusiasm for the ideal has taken hold of our imaginations we are brought face to face with the every day reality of having to work side by side with "that awful Mrs. Brown." Possibly Mrs. Brown has previously shared a similar opinion of us—but there is no question that our mutual opinions will be bettered by our conscious effort to forget them and to keep the ideal and purpose for which we are jointly working always in mind.

We must remind ourselves that this organization was not established as a stepping stone for personal aggrandizement, nor as an opportunity to gossip about our neighbors and their capacities—or lack of capacities. We are all in this war together; and we will all be coming out of the war together. We are fighting for the Greens and the Jones and the Whites just as much as we are fighting for the preservation of our own families.

Let us not lose sight of this fact. Let us not lose this opportunity for knowing and working with and finding out the best about our neighbors. Let us not obliterate the forest by our occasional bumps with the trees. We are fighting Hitler and Hirohito—not ourselves.

**WANT TO SEE THE
BULLETIN EACH ISSUE?**

Many unit chairmen have sent us lists of active members' home addresses so that they may receive the National Bulletin directly. If you are not receiving yours, send a post card requesting that you be put on the list to

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A Canteen Corps member dispenses one of the 30,000 cups of coffee served by AWVS to workers in the N. Y. scrap drive last month.

**CANTEEN CORPS PLAYS
BIG ROLE IN N. Y.
SCRAP METAL DRIVE**

**Mayor Praises AWVS Feeding
Of Sentries and Workers**

The AWVS Canteen Corps of Greater New York was one of three groups called upon by Mayor LaGuardia to provide food and hot coffee for thousands of Salvage Sentries and Sanitation Department workers during the city's intensive scrap metal drive in October.

Five borough collection days were scheduled for the drive. On those days the Sanitation Department trucks picked up the piles of scrap throughout the city and took them to special depots, usually on large vacant lots, where the metal was dumped prior to its sorting. The men and women on the trucks worked night and day until the job was done, and it was the task of the canteen corps to see that these workers were provided with the ammunition of food and drink.

The AWVS alone was assigned eight depots in four boroughs and took care of at least 1,500 trucks carrying five workers apiece. On the first day the schedule called for service between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., but so great was the salvage haul that the hours had to be extended to an eleven hour shift, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Undaunted, the corps pitched in, secured additional supplies, and before the drive was over had served at least 19,300 meals and 30,000 cups of coffee.

During the Manhattan drive alone, on October 15th, the AWVS Canteen Corps dispensed over 6,000 hot dogs, and on one kitchen 750 cups of coffee were poured out to the thirsty workers in the short space of an hour and a half. Four mobile kitchens, two owned by Greater New York, one by the Beekman Hill Unit, and one by the Bensonhurst Unit, and four sta-

tion wagons to carry supplies were used during this assignment.

One of the kitchens was gratified to receive a visit from Mayor LaGuardia and Manhattan Borough President Edgar J. Nathan, Jr., who sampled the hot dogs and coffee. They had high praise for the excellence of food and service, expressed satisfaction at the handling of the whole assignment and the Mayor is reported to have remarked: "You women have done a grand job and from now on you can have anything you want from me."

WHY DON'T YOU—?

From time to time since early in September, the AWVS unit in Omaha, Nebraska, has operated a novel and interesting method of getting free cigarets for the kits they are continuously making up for service men and for the boxes that they send every month to a far outpost in the Aleutians where tobacco is scarce.

Booths were set up in department stores, drug stores, etc. — wherever the manager had a tobacco license and was willing to cooperate. For every two flat fifties of Camels* sold for 70c, the customer received a free package, and a free package went to the AWVS. The girls in the booths then turned on their greatest charms to persuade the customer to give back his free package as a donation for soldiers, sailors, coast guardsmen or marines. Usually they were successful.

The store, of course, lost its own possible cigaret sales on these days, but many managers felt that the interest the AWVS girls created and the instances in which they actually drew customers into the store, were well worth the loss of sales.

*In Omaha, the Camels manager was particularly cooperative, although other cigaret companies also participated.

NEW ORLEANS RECREATION ROOM GETS FLYER'S PLAUDITS

By FRED R. COOK*

Off the main stem of traffic, on Gravier Street between Carondelet and Baronne, there is a small sign carrying the notice "Recreation Room for Service Men—AWVS."

Here at the head of a narrow flight of stairs is a large room, cozily furnished, where 60 to 70 soldiers, sailors and marines gather each day and evening to while the hours away. For the most part, they're "the same old gang"—the boys who are stationed in or near New Orleans, and who know of this clubroom. Occasionally a newcomer, a visitor to the city, brought in by one of the "gang" or one who just happened to drift by and stop in, will make an appearance. Once is enough—they always come back because the hospitality extended to service men is in their own words "the best ever."

Hostess in chief, guardian of the icebox and general pal to everybody is Mrs. Lucy Collins, who is in charge of the room. But to service men, one and all—she is just plain "Mom." They confide in her, they give her their money to keep, they heckle and kid her and find that she'll give gag for gag.

To "Mom," they're all her kids and she worries over each and all of them as a mother hen fusses over her brood of chicks. And do the "kids" ever love it.

For sport there's ping pong, cards, pool and what not. There's books to read, a phonograph and radio to play, stationery for those who want to pen letters home or to the girl friend and for hungry lads there's always free coffee and doughnuts.

It's a cozy club room for the lads, this retreat on Gravier Street—it's more than that, it's a real home away from home.

So, soldier, sailor, marine or merchant seaman—if you're feeling a little lonesome or downhearted, drop around and chase away those blues.

*American Eagle with the R.A.F. Squadron both in England and the Pacific; now temporarily grounded at the Merchant Marine Training Station for Officers in New Orleans.

MOTOR TRANSPORT ORDERS

Notes: COLORADO, Denver, (100*): Mrs. Helene Soule, Public Relations officer, has been appointed a chairman of the Camp & Hospital Committee to work with the Red Cross. NEW JERSEY, North Bergen: Rose Brady commissioned Capt. NEW YORK, Huntington, L. I. (53): Isabel W. Good commissioned Capt.; Queens County: Mrs. Helen Voris, Mrs. Dorothy Berman, Mrs. Cornelia Van Sicken, Mrs. Rochelle Rattner, Mrs. Marion Hamburg commissioned 2nd Lts.; Staten Island (34): Mrs. William Sherb commissioned Capt., replacing Mrs. Mildred Graziano who joined the WAACS. TEXAS, Galveston (184): Mrs. Willard Cooke, acting head of Motor Unit, replacing Mrs. William Sealy who has left the city.

New Units: OHIO, Cleveland, Huron County, Wickliffe.

*Approximate number of members in Motor Unit.

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VICTORY PASTIME DIVISION FILLS REQUESTS SPEEDILY

N. Y. Division Proud of Its 48 Hour Service Record

Several times a week, army trucks stop outside Greater New York Headquarters, 11 East 58th Street, and carry off large quantities of recreational material to be sent overseas or to local service camps.

Impressed with the urgent need for all types of recreational material during the Victory Book Campaign last January, in which 2,000 AWVS women collected about 600,000 books in New York, the Victory Pastime Division was reorganized for permanent service along these lines, with Mrs. Zachary Goldston as chairman.

As many other AWVS units have done throughout the country, this division has outfitted numerous army and navy day rooms, supplying equipment ranging from ping pong tables to ironing boards and vacuum cleaners. They have found that books and magazines not suitable for distribution to service men have found a welcome at local hospitals. They have also been called upon to fill requests from the armed services for technical books and other specialized equipment.

One interesting activity of the Victory Pastime Division has been the collecting of libraries of victrola records to be used for classical or modern concerts at local camps and overseas posts. Several such libraries donated by Arturo Toscanini, Leopold Stokowski, and Lawrence Tibbett have been shipped to Iceland and Greenland.

Besides answering requests from military authorities, this division is proud of its assistance to other organizations such as the Citizen's Committee for the Army & Navy,



Two members of the Jamaica Victory Pastime Committee leave a house well-rewarded.

Bundles for Britain, Bundles for America, and the Hospital Library Bureau. They hope to maintain their established record of fulfilling all requests to date within 48 hours.

Recently they have been furiously preparing kits for Christmas gifts to men in the services who might not otherwise receive them. Although it is too late to donate packages for men overseas, there is still time to reach men stationed in this country. The parcels are not addressed to anyone in particular, but their distribution is left in the hands of morale officers.

Besides the articles requested for these Christmas kits—cigaretts, chewing gum, razor blades, hard candy, stationery, sewing kits, soap and tooth brushes—technical books for military detachments and engineering corps, new novels, good detective stories and current magazines are in special demand.



Helping to co-ordinate women's wartime activities in Gary, Indiana, are (left to right): Mrs. R. Morris Standley, in charge of typewriter collection; Mrs. H. B. Snyder, unit chairman; Miss Frances Martin, Motor Transport head; Mrs. R. B. McClelland, finger-printing director.

PLANNING COMMITTEE HEAD OUTLINES DUTIES

Evelyn Blewett Sees Opportunities for Present and Post-war Services

Fate had to knock the bottom out of the stock market to create, 13 years later, the reorganization plan recently approved unanimously by the Executive Committee of the American Women's Voluntary Services.

When capricious 1929 had finished nudging bankers and brokers out of Wall Street skyscrapers, she pointed a long finger in the direction of Berkeley, Calif., and at a blonde pre-med student, Evelyn Blewett.

Miss Blewett quit the campus of the University of California without a whimper. Today, instead of M.D., she is qualified to place after her name the compound accomplishments of a yet young career—author, economist and public relations expert.

For the past 20 months she has been associated with AWVS, and during the past year, while on sabbatical leave from the Vick Chemical Co., she combined lectures on social and economic problems with missionary work for AWVS on a 25,000-mile tour of the United States. She estimates she spoke before at least 45,000 persons.

Explaining the organization of the National Planning Committee, of which she is chairman, Miss Blewett emphasizes that "the function of the committee is to appraise the needs of AWVS and to note trends that permit wider opportunities for service from our organization, and to develop plans to meet such needs and opportunities.

"The committee recommends policy and plans to the Executive Committee. It takes no final action itself. The planning committee should obviously do everything the title im-

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CONSUMERS TO BE AIDED BY AWVS UNIT

A Consumer Information Center was opened at 4107 Broadway, New York City, last month, by the 13th New York Division. The purpose of the center is to distribute information on anti-inflation measures, price control and rationing; to act as mediator, wherever possible, in disputes between retailers and consumers; to direct inquiries on social problems to the proper agencies for solution; to arrange for speakers and group discussions; to distribute literature.

Supplementing the information distributed at the Center, round table discussions are held every Thursday evening at the Broadway Temple. Mrs. Anne Fink and Mrs. Harriet Mayers are chairman and co-chairman, respectively, of this worthy activity.

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well as feeding our home population, is a tremendous job. The requirements for our military forces and our Allies will be greater, too, in the year to come. Labor shortages, transportation difficulties, restricted supplies of some materials and disturbed conditions generally will greatly affect the supply of some foods.

Of especial concern is the need for certain protective foods, the carriers of vitamins and essential minerals. We shall not have much hollow hunger as in war-torn Europe and Asia. But hidden hunger, hunger for vitamins and minerals we have too much of even in normal times. Good food habits require that everyone eat from 4 to 7 servings of vegetables and fruits every day.

The Victory gardener can and should produce as large a supply of certain vegetables and fruits as possible to supplement other protective foods. Thus he insures for himself and his family more adequate supplies of fresh and preserved essential foods, and releases both processed and fresh vegetables and fruits for military and lend-lease purposes.

Our 1943 Victory gardeners must have bigger and better gardens, productive from early spring to the hard freezes of winter. Everyone who has sufficient open sunny space and fertile ground should have a Victory garden sufficient for the family's needs—both fresh and preserved—of at least the green leafy vegetables, tomatoes and yellow vegetables. If there is not enough space in the home lot, community plots accessible by bus or street car should be made available.

The problem of the successful organization and direction of Victory gardens in our metropolitan areas is acute in many places. Too often the amateur gardener learns "the hard way" instead of availing himself of

Not content with the enthusiasm of AWVS over the marching song "American Women for Defense," written for them by Mercedeeds Jordan (Welker), she has now finished a song for the WAACS, of which she is a newly inducted member. The AWVS march is still available from Mrs. Louise Levi at National, 181 Madison Ave., N. Y. C.

local experience, the resources of the Department of Agriculture, the State Extension Service, the county extension agents, or garden clubs and volunteer organizations. A local committee on which are represented garden clubs, horticultural agencies, volunteer agencies, garden experts and extension agents is needed in many centers. Such a committee can survey the needs and opportunities, make garden plots available, give instruction at the gardens, and in the local press, distribute garden circulars, distribute plants, and in general serve as a local garden bureau or center.

The AWVS is in a strategic position in many places in helping to make the local Victory garden movement bigger and better. In cooperation with other services and agencies mentioned, the AWVS can help build on needs and objectives, a far reaching local Victory garden program. This organization can do much in establishing a garden center to aid gardeners in getting the most for their effort, not only in gardening but in taking care of the food produced. The service of such a center can also be extended to provide fresh and processed vegetables and fruits from nearby surpluses for school lunches or welfare institutions.

The AWVS is doing these things here and there over the country. The opportunity exists for a much larger extension of service in cooperation with garden clubs, councils of defense, women's and men's local groups and the educational agencies.



Mrs. Anne Fink gives some information to a puzzled housewife at the Consumers' Information Center.

SALVAGE ENDORSED

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the assistance they gave during the five official days of the city's scrap collection. Even baby carriages, bedecked with AWVS insignia were utilized to cover door-to-door collections in some places.

Butte, Montana, with an excellent all-round record made by its 1750 AWVS salvagers, reports 1,000 lbs. of silk and nylon collected for use as powder bags and other war materials. Butte has also instituted a program of collecting metal coat hangers for resale to cleaning establishments. Incidentally, the AWVS State Chairman of Montana has been appointed to the State Salvage Committee. A letter from the Executive Secretary of State Salvage states: "I want you to know that your organization is being highly complimented from coast to coast for the splendid work it is doing."

AWVS in Galveston, Texas, and Xenia, Ohio, called every family and business telephone subscriber in the city in their quest for scrap.

Kearny, N. J., has conducted a house-to-house campaign to educate housewives in properly preparing fats for salvage, telling them what metals to save and how to process tin cans.

Cleveland Heights, Ohio, reports three large cartons of furs collected. More vest linings for our Merchant Marine!

The AWVS in Ridgewood, N. J., is handling both the Salvage Headquarters and the Fats Program for the entire community.

And so, on and on; these are typical, but by no means exclusive examples of the salvage work, both in collecting and in setting up Salvage Depots, performed by AWVS units all over the country.

Mr. Rosenwald, however, in his letter to Mrs. Mortimer Hess, AWVS

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOUR ARMS

With Christmas shopping days fast approaching, Joseph B. Eastman, Director of the Office of Defense Transportation, Washington, D. C., has requested women's organizations to cooperate in encouraging all women to carry ALL small packages.

This office warns that stores have been ordered to cut deliveries 25%. Even so, there are just so many trips left in each truck's tires. How much more important to save them for milk, bread, and essential deliveries than for Willie's ties and Grandpa's socks!

"Carry little things now—or you'll be carrying big things later!"



Busily finger-printing all school children in Springfield, Ohio, are volunteers under AWVS supervision.

National Director of Salvage, stresses the necessity for an ever-increasing salvage drive that should be the responsibility not only of the salvage committees but of every individual citizen of our nation. The maintenance of the needed goal of critical scrap material necessitates the use and intensification of all-out efforts from all groups and each individual.

In view of the exceptional contribution AWVS has already made, he asks that all local AWVS units immediately make their services available to the chairmen of local Salvage Committees. In this way the necessary phases of coordination and uniformity of action will fit in with the WPB's permanent plan for organization operations.

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plies—anticipate problems and be ready to meet them before they happen."

As head of the planning committee, Miss Blewett can draw on a wealth of experience in the field of organization, consumer research and public relations for solutions to current and post-war problems which will face the AWVS.

She has worked as research director and account executive in West Coast advertising agencies, as director of Consumer Relations for the Don Lee Network and has served as vice-president of the Foundation for Consumer Education. At the Vick Chemical Co. she concentrated on public relations with employees, stockholders and consumers.

She sees a most productive post-war period for AWVS, and feels that the new reorganization plan, which she helped to formulate, has eliminated some bottlenecks which previously had hampered efficient administration.

TREASURY CITATION GOES TO WAR SAVINGS STAFF

The Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York was jammed with uniformed AWVSers and friends one noonday last month to celebrate the presentation of a special citation from the U. S. Treasury Dept. to the members of the Manhattan War Savings Staff. Praise for the work of this staff who, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Boris G. Orlove, Jr., had sold over \$30,000,000 worth of stamps and bonds, came from many celebrated speakers. Among them were Miss Harriet Elliott, National Executive Chairman of the Women's Division of the U. S. Treasury, Lt. George Emerson Cox, Jr., one of the four survivors of MTB Squadron 3, stationed at Bataan, Quentin Reynolds, war correspondent, and Col. Richard C. Patterson, chairman of the New York State War Savings Staff.

Besides their daily work in department stores, movie theatres, hotels and lobbies in business buildings, Mrs. Edgar Leonard, chairman of AWVS for Greater New York, called attention to several interesting services performed by this staff. Notably: working on the docks at Staten Island to make sales to longshoremen every pay day; meeting all commuter trains both morning and evening in Queens; refurbishing an abandoned shack into an attractive and permanent sales booth in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

The Manhattan War Savings Staff has set itself the goal of \$50,000,000 by January 1st. Judging from their past performance, they'll make it. And, in the words of Lt. Cox, "Keep going—for God knows we need it."

WAACS WANT AWVS DRIVERS

The War Department last month requested the National Transportation Dept. of AWVS to furnish applicants to be WAAC drivers, feeling that our training would make them more proficient than the average applicant. Ten such volunteers are already receiving their basic training at Fort Des Moines.

The War Dept.'s feeling is given credence in a letter from one of our former members who writes: "I talk of the AWVS whenever I get a chance. As today when we had map reading I was able to answer a question that had not been discussed and bragged of having had it before!"

UNITS AT WORK

CALIFORNIA

Carpinteria—This unit has set up a system of serving milk to school children. Some members are working full time in lemon packing houses where help is much needed.

Coronado—The Canteen operated food stands at a Fiesta given at the Hotel de Coronado. A lieutenant who was formerly in charge of boys located nearby brought Army cooks and equipment and made doughnuts for AWVS to sell, by way of showing appreciation for the Canteen's nightly trips to them with coffee and food.

East Bay—A Housing and Hospitality Bureau has been set up to help service men find either permanent or temporary housing for their wives and families in this overcrowded area. Listings are kept of homes where rooms are available for rent and homes where service wives will be welcomed as guests. Another activity of this department is arranging dinners and visits for service men in private homes.

Gilroy—The Chamber of Commerce requested AWVS to make a canvass of business houses to ask merchants to close their stores two mornings and allow their employees to go out and help with the prune harvest. Cooperation was 100% perfect.

Glendale—This unit staffs eight Victory Booths for War Bond sales, day and night, with over 100 women working weekly. They also have three very active Mobile Sewing units which go to camps, sometimes taking along pies and cakes for the boys' supper.

Greater Los Angeles—The Agricultural Chairman reports that among the 163 workers sent out to pick grapes were two sisters aged 76 and 72 years. They worked so well and helped camp morale so much that they were allowed to volunteer again even when their ages were discovered.

Millbrae—This unit has kept a comprehensive file not only of women who have completed AWVS courses but of those who have taken OCD and Red Cross training as well.

Oakland—Hospital kits and cigarettes have been provided each week for the Navy Hospitals. The unit also takes an entertainer to the hospitals each week, such as Anna Neagle, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Sophie Tucker—to name a few who have already served.

San Francisco—A monthly bulletin, "News and Views," has made its first appearance. The purposes and accomplishments of the unit are ably recorded and the bulletin is jam-full of inspirational and practical information.

\$2,500,000 worth of War Bonds & Stamps were sold by this unit in September, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the previous month.

Stockton—The community erected a small building here for special AWVS drives and Bond & Stamp sales. It has proven a coordinating center for all women's war activities.

COLORADO

Denver—This unit is proud of the way they have followed through on Bond & Stamp sales to the construction gang at Buckley Field. The contractor furnished a Bond Wagon and cooperated by issuing two checks to each worker—one for 10% of his wages and the balance separately. The girls climbed up on the bulldozers and down in the ditches and have averaged sales of 11.6% of wages.

The negro unit here has entertained 208 negro soldiers in transit.

DELAWARE

New Castle—Each week a group of women mend and alter various articles of wearing apparel for men located at a nearby Army Air Base.

Besides the usual overcoats, jackets, shirts, etc., even mattresses have been repaired. One volunteer told about this service on the radio program "Women in the News" over the local station.

Rehoboth—The Civilian Post Canteen opens at dawn and closes at dusk, catering to at least 70 men and 8 women daily. Balanced meals are served, nominal prices charged. Sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks, etc., are available at all hours. Army and Navy planes stop daily and at times over 30 men from these planes have also been fed at noon.

GEORGIA

Atlanta—For the armed forces this unit has supplied recreation for convalescents at Lawson General Hospital. The Motor Corps daily delivers bonds sold over the air by radio station WATL.

DeKalb County—60 AWVS registrars have been appointed as members of the Selective Service Advisory Board. They help men fill out their questionnaires.

INDIANA

Gary—Under the guidance of the Chamber of Commerce, 28 members of the Citizens Defense Corps Headquarters Motor Staff, AWVS affiliate, engaged in a government campaign to locate and purchase typewriters for the use of the army and navy.

ILLINOIS

Chicago—The Navy Public Relations Department and the WAVES are enthusiastic about the services rendered them by the Motor Transport division here. Over 40 volunteers have been trained in fingerprinting and are being used by the Chicago Police Dept. This rather new unit has also received the enthusiastic cooperation of the Women's Bar Assn. who will establish a Legal Advice Bureau in the AWVS offices.

KANSAS

Stafford—Some members of this unit cooperated in arranging a display of pictures of all the boys who are in service from this county. These were exhibited in a booth at the County Fair.

LOUISIANA

Lafayette—The colored branch here has 63 most active members—out of a total of 75. They sew and make bandages with enthusiasm after their regular day's work.

New Orleans—AWVS handled a fur salvage drive here, manning eight booths in the business area. Vests for merchant seamen are lined with the furs. In appreciation, the National Maritime Commission asked an AWVS member to speak at their annual meeting about the work of our organization.

MARYLAND

Towson—Volunteers have given



Some committee members of Omaha's Unit smile at the birdie: Helen Anderson, Marjory Pollock, Anna Lee Yates, Helen Kuppinger, Myrtle Cameron, Till Hinchcliff, Kay Master, Jasmine Metz.

350 hours of service in various clerical positions with the Office of Price Administration.

MICHIGAN

Detroit—Out of a total of 2,963 members 1,358 have graduated from the ARP course.

Grosse Pointe—The Junior Auxiliary has started community registration of all young people between the ages of 10 and 18. They have also successfully sold tickets for Army & Navy Relief Benefits.

Lincoln Park — From an enrollment of 73 members, 60 volunteers have been placed in jobs such as office work, driving, Bond & Stamp sales, recruiting, instruction, etc.

Port Huron—To stir up interest after the summer let-down, a general rally meeting was called for old and prospective members. Each chairman reported on the activities of her department and future plans were outlined.

River Rouge—This unit is servicing four stamp booths and the U. S. Treasury office for Retail Merchants.

Wyandotte—AWVS has been highly complimented on two occasions by the Merchants' Assn. of Wyandotte and by the head of the OPA office for "cooperation and splendid work."

MONTANA

Billings—The rag collection drives have been an extensive project of this unit. In one week five tons of rags were collected in one section of the city.

Butte—The following is from a letter from a Corporal who benefited by the Troop Train Service here: "Dear Folks: I could think of no one who deserves better than you all a word of thanks. . . . Because I am from the East, I was naturally amazed at the vastness of your territory, but I can see now, the good Lord made it so big so you could have room to let your hearts beat!"

Conrad—This unit has been cooperating with the Red Cross in making up kits to send to service men for Christmas. AWVS is furnishing at least 100 of them.

Kalispell—Various local clubs are working with the AWVS chairman in making afghans from woolens and other scrap materials.

Livingston — The Train Service here has organized high school girls to appear in true Western costume to greet the men. Boots, jeans and ten gallon hats make quite an impression!

Three Forks—The AWVS has had splendid support from the Three Forks Herald. The newspaper gave the unit 25% of all subscriptions during one week last summer.

NEBRASKA

Douglas County—"Do your bit and fill a kit" is still the slogan here. It takes a lot of fund raising to send 1,200 of these per month to service men from the county.

of the AWVS



AWVS Hollywood members wash up after serving men at isolated Searchlight Batteries. Left to right: Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Robert Friedman, Miss Mona Berls, Miss Gracie Allen and Mrs. Wesley Barrett, Jr.

NEW JERSEY

A temporary State Committee has just been formed for the State of New Jersey. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Charles Robbins, Chairman; Miss Katherine Beach, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Victor Kilkeny, Assistant to Miss Beach; Mrs. Alan Kissock, Chairman of Extension; Mrs. Harry Bilek, Chairman of Northern New Jersey; Mrs. Paul Micelli, Chairman of Southern New Jersey; Mrs. Harold Ressler, State Extension Chairman of Courses; Miss Jean Torrance, Secretary and Treasurer.

State headquarters have been established at 314 Market Street, Newark, with the consent of the Newark State Defense Council. Opening November 4th, it will serve as a clearing house for New Jersey Chairmen.

Harding Township—At a Harvest Frolic, more than 500 people were gathered for square and modern dancing. Proceeds came to about \$400.

Early in September a plane crashed in Morristown and about 3 p.m. one member heard that the Guards on duty had not eaten since breakfast. The Mobile Kitchen chairman's offer to feed the soldiers was gratefully accepted. The officer in charge for the day later wrote a most appreciative letter to the unit.

Millburn-Short Hills—Draftees that leave for Camp Dix are presented with trench mirrors as a gift from the unit—a monthly project. The fourth issue of "Tattle" was sent to 306 men in the armed services from Millburn. Each week AWVS members entertain officers from the Air Corps stationed at Newark Airport and provide five tickets for the theatre.

North Bergen—The Junior Auxiliary, organized in June, now has 82 members who have done wonderful work during the summer, under the supervision of Mrs. A. Powers, Chairman. 2000 books and 4000

magazines which they collected have been distributed to the Seaman's Home in New York and the AWVS Library Fund. Scrap Books were made and sent to the Fort Dix Hospital.

West New York—A card party to raise funds for their station wagon was reported a great success by this newly opened unit.

NEW MEXICO

Grant—An unusual way of raising funds was a "Coat Hanger Coffee." Each cup cost 10 coat hangers, which were redeemed by local dry cleaning establishments for one cent apiece.

Jal—This community of 2,000 people has no hospital, no doctor, not even a registered nurse. Courses in First Aid, Home Nursing and Nutrition taught by instructors from Hobbs, 41 miles away, have particular value for the 60 AWVS members who have participated.

NEW YORK

Albany—The AWVS unit sent 44 Juniors to the Ten Eyck Farms to pick pears. 620 bushels were picked in one day. The girls were transported by their Motor Corps.

East Greenbush—This unit is cooperating well with the Aircraft Warning Service and helped to furnish the new Observation Post which was dedicated last month.

Sidney—The Mobile Kitchen has been used to good advantage by the Diet and Canteen groups. At the last blackout sandwiches and coffee were served to the Wardens and First Aiders.

GREATER NEW YORK

Gramercy Park — The unit has given two successful send-off parties for selectees from the local draft board. Each man was allowed to bring any three relatives or friends of his choosing to enjoy the refreshments, dancing and entertainment provided.

Greenwich Village — Congratulations to this unit for the splendid



Ready for use in emergency are some scooter ambulances at Bellevue Hospital, N. Y. C. AWVS Ambulance Drivers are on 24-hour duty at the hospital prepared to man the scooters in time of catastrophe.

Bulletin they recently sent to their members. "The Volunteer" was so informative and inspiring, it made us feel like going out and signing up all over again!

LONG ISLAND

Port Washington—A new course has been originated at Port Washington, Long Island called, "Outline of Course in Office Procedure for Training of Office Aides". This course has been passed nationally and mimeographed copies may be had from National Headquarters.

Huntington—The AWVS cooperated in the mobilization of all branches of the Huntington Civilian Protection Organization for public inspection which took place at a large field demonstration. An aerial attack upon the community was simulated with various kinds of damage being taken care of by the various divisions of Civilian Protection.

Syosset—31 members are enrolled at the Control Center of the OCD. They are responsible for the center from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Monday through Friday and 7 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday.

St. James—The Motor Transport Services have been driving for Civil Defense, delivering local blackout information and regulations to the fire departments and fire wardens. They are servicing the Holtsville Clinic.

Montauk—This unit is awaiting official permission from the WPB to purchase the ambulance-equipped station wagon for which they raised money recently. Barrels have been set up in a central location for the collection of scrap metal and rubber in cooperation with the Salvage Committee of the Civilian Defense Council.

Locust Valley—An auction sale given to benefit not only this unit

but the North Country Community Hospital, Glen Cove, and Army & Navy Relief, was most successful. For about a month, Mrs. Warren James and a committee worked hard making arrangements for the sale, collecting almost 400 articles for the auction and obtaining the services of a professional auctioneer. \$698 worth of donated articles were purchased, and the sum was swelled to \$823 by cash donations.

Long Beach—The Chairman of Salvage has been appointed by the War Council as Director of the Salvage Plan for the city. An Assistant Director also an AWVser, is coordinating the information to the public from the office. A plan was worked out whereby school children were asked to spot and collect scrap each day after school; their reward will be a half-day holiday, at which time they will get their salvage to the trucks.

OHIO

Elyria—52 AWVS members took collections in the movie theatres for Christmas gifts for service men at the request of the Elyria Civic Military Committee.

Lima—Official approval has been given for plans of this unit to operate a canteen for service men in the Pennsylvania Station here. They will be prepared to serve 300 to 400 men daily.

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa—AWVS is a member of the Camp Gruber Council of Tulsa which is trying to furnish as many as possible of the 185 Day Rooms there. At last reports, AWVS had completely furnished two rooms and most of a third, each of which accommodates 200 men and cost AWVS about \$16.

PENNSYLVANIA

Allentown—This unit is affiliated

with the "Junk Your Jalopy Club" in the collection of scrap which is sold to Bethlehem Steel Co. They have sold 25 tons here and have also sent a load of scrap to Philadelphia.

TEXAS

Austin—AWVS Motor Corps is manning the naval recruiting hut in front of the Paramount Theatre here, under the sponsorship of Travis Post No. 76, American Legion. The USO asked the AWVS to undertake the management of the Snack Bar, and Canteen workers plus volunteers have taken over.

Galveston—The Junior Auxiliary was authorized to collect keys for the scrap drive here and spent two very busy days at the job.

Houston—A horse show was held for the benefit of the Motor Transport here. Its success made possible the purchase of a station wagon for ambulance and canteen work. It has also been pressed into service for the collection of scrap.

An inspiring and hard-hitting first issue of the Houston AWVS News has been received. It's informative, friendly and pulls no punches.



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