

# Four Winners Chosen In School Children's Essay Contest on War Savings

Prize Articles On How Pupils Earned Money to Buy Thrift Stamps Will Be Sent to Division of Education at Washington.

Omaha school children were asked to write articles on how they earned money with which to buy war savings stamps. These articles were reviewed by a committee and four have been selected to be sent to Dr. George D. Strayer, head of the division of education, national war savings committee of the Treasury department, Washington.

The four prize articles follow:

### "MY THRIFT STAMPS."

(By John Welpton, Windsor School.)

When I first started to save money I had no idea it was destined to help "swat the Hun." The first quarter I received (I did not exactly earn it) was for letting father cut my hair. It was worth it to me, for I wriggled and the scissors nipped my ear. I think I was about 5 years old. As time went on father thought that method of cutting my hair expensive, and I received no more quarters that way.

About five summers ago mother promised me a penny for every 25 flies I killed. I found a piece of old screen, some tacks and with a piece of a broken wagon I made a fly swatter and did to the flies what I would like to do to "Fritz." But after I earned about 25 cents the flies began to be scarce and I extended my fly-swattling territory to the neighbor's porches. As that didn't hurt the few flies on our porch or keep them away, that source of revenue ceased.

Then the dandelions did me a good turn by choosing our yard to grow in. So I got an old knife and earned a nickel per 100 by digging them.

I tried to earn some more money by hauling dirt for the neighbor's gardens, but as the wheelbarrow I used was borrowed, of course, it broke down. If I had owned it I couldn't have hurt it with a load of bricks or pig iron, let alone soft dirt. And, furthermore, I don't think it cost \$1.70 to have it repaired, as the owner was a carpenter. I used his lawnmower and I used his lawnmower and my rake to go into business as grasscutters. That was real work, but we earned \$2 apiece, so the work didn't matter.

Out at Little Pappio garter snakes are numerous, so I caught one for a pet. On the way home I got a "hookey" and sold it to the truck driver for 50 cents.

All this and more money had been accumulating in the bank for about 10 years and when Bill said that "He and Kultus" ruled the world and were different. After the war savings stamps were issued I waited until April 1, when the interest on the money in the bank was paid and then withdrew it and bought 11 war savings stamps. Since then I have earned another 25-cent stamp and am on the road to another \$4.18 stamp.

"How I Earned My Thrift Stamps." By LOUIS TELLMAN.

At Uncle Sam's call for thrift, I responded by saving. Although I do save and do help, others don't see how I help. I do help the government of the United States by saving and lending. It is against the opinion of my father for a child to go off and

save by himself. The reason is, it disunites the family savings and "without union there is no strength." I help my parents buy War Savings stamps by not taking money to spend from them. I also give them support in buying a Liberty bond by saving. "I can do without a new hat, without a new tie, without a new waist." I am a newsboy, and most of the time I have 2 or 3 cents extra, as 53 cents, I save the 3 cents. I gave the 25 I earned by passing out cards calling the people to vote for a certain man as a candidate for being a city commissioner. I take out the rubbish and manure so my father can have time to work.

I with the other members of the family save by unity. Since I am a newsboy I have two or three papers left over each night which, when saved up, bring money for thrift stamps. My father would like to buy a Liberty bond of each loan, but no person can buy a bond without money. Still my family would like to be patriotic. So we saved hard and bought one bond of the third Liberty loan. We also bought thrift stamps. I, in order to get many stamps, greatly reduced my candy eating and gum chewing. By eating less candy I find my teeth bother me less. This proves that thrift stamps and saving not only help the government but the saver, also.

I find how bad Uncle Sam needs the money when I think of the soldiers it has to guard, feed, pay and equip. I am conserving for Uncle Sam by writing on both sides of a sheet of paper. I am doing and will do my best with War Savings stamps in my family and try to have the government have a good sale at my home.

"How We Saved \$50." By Dorothy Littell, Monmouth Park School.

Our class of 15 boys and girls determined to earn \$50 for the war saving fund. Three and one-third dollars apiece. How could we do it? We got our heads together and discussed all the ways we could for earning money.

I earned part of my money by taking care of a lady's baby on Saturday afternoons and Sunday nights, when she was out, and by helping my aunt clean house.

Much of the money was prepared by selling popcorn. We prepared it at home, brought it to school in baskets and sold it on the school grounds. Sometimes we were sold out before we got to school. People often let us keep the change when they did not have the even nickel. Some of the children stood on the street corners near our school and sold it. One enterprising girl made \$1 for her sales at a nearby street car barn on payday. We did not sell much candy because we did not want to use sugar,

but grapes and apples we could get for nothing. Some of the girls took a little sugar and boiled it down enough to harden when it cooled. They washed and stemmed California grapes and inserted a toothpick in each one. The grapes were dipped in the hot syrup and placed on oiled paper to harden. The toothpicks were to prevent our fingers from being burned.

If you don't think these grapes are good, try some. The apples we treated in the same way, but we used meat skewers instead of toothpicks. The children ate them as they would eat all-day suckers.

Some of the class went to the outskirts of the city and got horse-radish from gardeners. They brought it home, grated it and put it in bottles. The next day after school they went from house to house selling it. They disposed of all of it.

The boys collected tinfoil and sold it. This brought quite a sum. Many of us saved on candy, gum and car fare until finally we went over the top with our \$50.

"Thrift Stamps." By Charles Martis, Seventh A. School.

"Think twice before spending your money," is a good slogan to keep for us all that we hold most dear. Many times when I go past a store window and see the good things, I think again that "Uncle Sam" needs our money more than we do. My grandfather, who was having his house torn down, said he needed some help so I volunteered. Every morning of vacation days I was up bright and early and out there at 8 o'clock working until 5 o'clock in the night.

I never was so glad to see snow as I was this winter. Always before snow meant only extra good times for me. But now every time "Old Mother Goose" picks her ducks and chickens up in the sky and shakes down their feathers I say to myself, "Ah! another Thrift stamp for Uncle Sam," grab my shovel and start out to the neighbors to shovel snow off their walks and nickels into my pockets, to be afterwards turned into ammunition against the kaiser, and handed to him with my compliments, for I sure don't like that boy!

# LEW H. KELLY SAYS HUNS' AIR RAIDS MERELY MURDER

Women and Children Victims of Attacks on London, Says Actor Who Witnessed Many.

Lew Kelly stepped out of the burlesque character of "Prof. Dope" at the Gayety last night long enough to talk seriously about war conditions as he found them in London and elsewhere in England. Mr. Kelly spent several months in London, appearing at the Empire theater, and while there underwent the experience borne by all of air raids by the Huns. These raids he characterized as useless murder.

**War on Women and Children.** He told his hearers of the raids and their effect, commenting lightly on his own adventures, but leaving no misunderstanding as to the terrible import of the affairs. Speaking of a day-light raid, when a bomb was dropped on a school house and 27 little children killed, he said such an awful attack could originate only in the mind of a man whose brain was as withered as his left arm. This was greeted with applause that shook the theater. The chief effect of the raids on the metropolis, he said, has been to kill women and children and to make men more determined to fight. He said the bombing of the Charing Cross hospital was deliberately done, as a number of bombs were dropped in that vicinity, where no other objective existed, and the attack was kept up until a hit was registered.

**Hardships of London Life.** Food conditions were explained and some reference made to hardships and privations that are being supported by the people, who have put their all into the war. And this is war

Americans, says Mr. Kelly, of what they must expect to do. The war is not going to end soon, for a "machine which it took 40 years to get in motion is not going to be broken up in a day.

"Americans must wake up," he says. "Our boys are going over there to make the last possible sacrifice, and those of us who stay at home must stick by them to the end. We ought

to buy Liberty bonds so fast that ice water will be needed to cool the bearings of the machines that print them. We must sacrifice, not alone our pleasures, but some of the things we look upon as necessities. It is not England's war or France's war we are fighting, but our own, and unless we conquer the Hun over here, we will have to do it over there. But, with God's help, the American soldiers will

win this war for humanity, and make the world safe and decent to live in."

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Harry Shields of the Wabash has returned from a visit to the general offices of the company in St. Louis. George W. Loomis of the Burlington and Mrs. Loomis have gone to Des Moines to spend Sunday with their sons, Walter, Gilbert and Maurice, who are in the army service at Camp Dodge with the base hospital corps.

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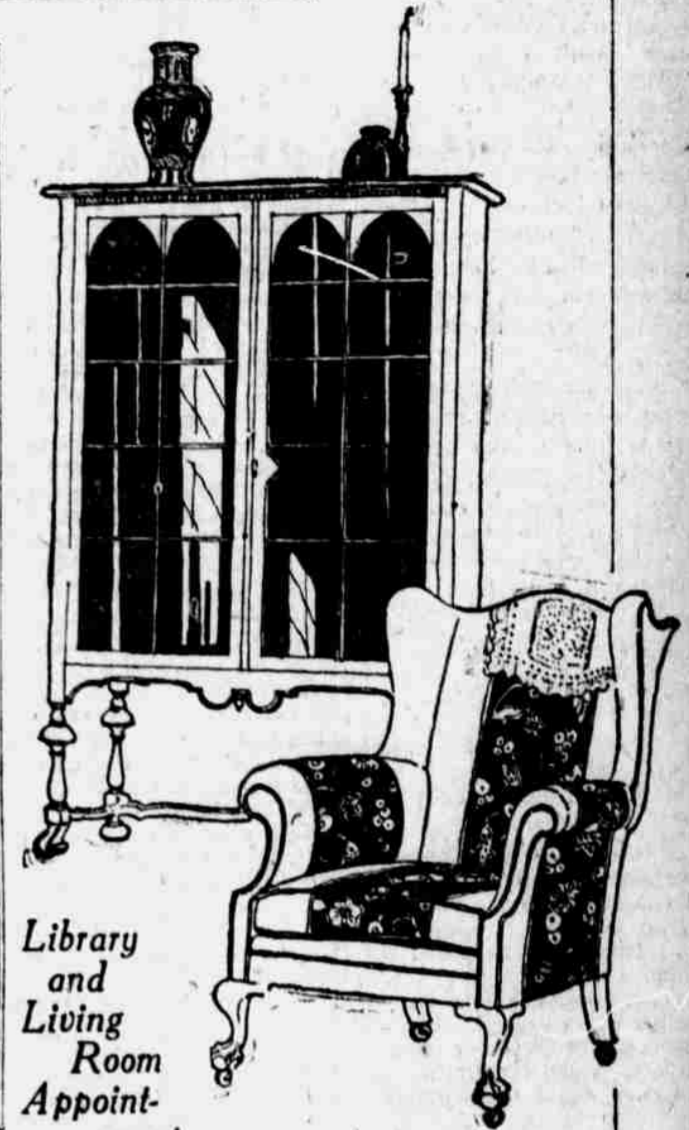
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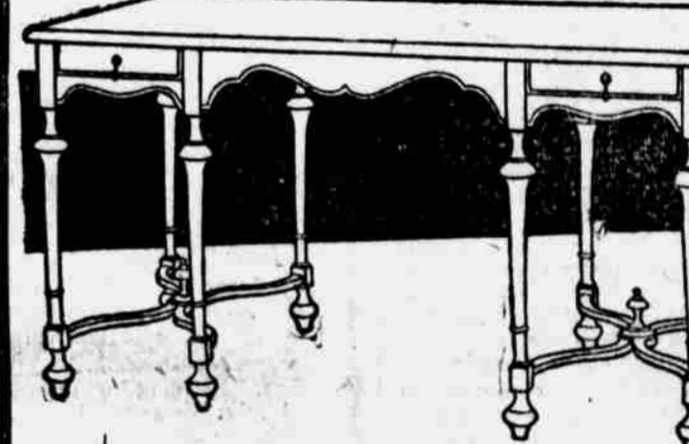


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