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III. Scope of Work

A. Home demonstration clubs

No. 11 Membership 385

Other groups sponsored by home demonstration clubs:

No. Clubs - (White) 5 Membership 60

(Negro) 2 Membership 16

B. 4-H Clubs:

No. 13 Membership 218

C. No. reached through special classes taught by agent 450

D. No. families reached through neighborhood and community leaders 1000

E. Estimate total number families reached 1850 Number farm families in county 2,035

IV. Organization

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

The membership of this organization is selected each year in the following manner: The newly-elected presidents of all the home demonstration clubs automatically become members of the county home demonstration committee, a few old members are retained because of their influence in their respective communities. The Co-Chairman of the County Agricultural Board remains a member of this committee until a new Co-Chairman is elected by the Agricultural Board to take her place.

The function of the county home demonstration committee is to plan and see that the home demonstration program of work is carried out for the year. It also makes recommendations to the county agricultural board for county-wide projects and helps sponsor the project chosen each year.

This year, a production and conservation program was carried through with good results. The Home Food Supply Campaign, sponsored by the County Agricultural Board, was carried out through the neighborhood and community leaders reaching nearly every family in the county. Approximately 800 families sent in requests for information on improving home production. The home demonstration committee had an active part in reaching these families because they were serving as co-chairmen and leaders in their respective communities.

B. County Agricultural Board

This Board was organized in February 1941. The professional workers met and organized the county on a community-neighborhood basis. A large county map was used, and the county divided into nine communities, using mountains and rivers to designate natural boundary lines. A Chairman and Co-Chairman were selected at this meeting for each community.

The professional workers were grouped in pairs (a man and a woman) to organize the communities. Meetings were held in the homes of the community chairman. These meetings proved a real revelation to those present. Having the leaders trace on the county map every road, stream and house in their community sold the neighborhood leadership system to them, and they were eager to do everything possible to keep their neighbors informed on important matters for the duration of the war.

With each community broken down into nine to fifteen neighborhoods, the community chairmen were ready to select

neighborhood leaders personally to explain the setup to them. The map was carried to them so that they could clearly understand the boundary lines of their respective neighborhoods. With their neighborhoods definitely in mind, they set to work to list their families. A complete list of families in the county, numbering 9,993 people, was filed in the County Agent's office while each leader kept a copy. The nine communities are made up of 105 neighborhoods, with 210 leaders, including 14 negro leaders.

All county problems of an agricultural nature have been carried through by the community-neighborhood system. The Home Food Supply Campaign reached every family in the county, with approximately 800 families returning their pledge cards asking for further information in improving their food production and conservation program this year.

To follow up this Campaign, canning demonstrations were given in each community, and many of the neighborhoods through the co-operation of the professional workers and the home demonstration club members.

The Leaders' Digest, a monthly publication, reaches the neighborhood leaders regularly, and they in turn have passed on much valuable information to their families.

A few changes have been made in leaders, due to some moving out of the county and others having taken on war jobs. Assistant leaders have been asked to help their respective leaders in many cases, due to the travel situation and gas shortage. These leaders are doing a good job of keeping the people in the county informed and are

willing to accept their responsibilities when called upon. Seven of the nine community co-chairmen are home demonstration club members. Approximately one-third of the neighborhood co-chairmen are club members. This organization is functioning about 75%.

C. Professional Workers' Conference

The Agencies represented on the Professional Workers' Conference are as follows: Farm Security Administration, Agricultural Adjustment Agency, Public Welfare, Superintendent of Schools, Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics, Co-Ordinator of Defense, County War Board, the War Rationing Board, and the County Agricultural Board.

Three meetings have been held during the year to discuss problems of county-wide interest. Each profession represented at the meetings told what it was doing to solve the problems and suggestions were pooled so that there would be no overlapping.

The Food Production Program and Labor Problems have been discussed at every meeting. The Home Demonstration Agent and the representative of the Home Economics in Schools have stressed better nutrition and food preservation and have correlated their programs so as to reach the greatest number of families.

V. Leadership

A. Adult Work

The club officers, including the presidents, vice-presidents, and secretaries, have been very faithful in carrying out their duties this year. The presidents have

improved in presiding at their group meetings. A written order of the business of the previous meeting is discussed with the secretary before the meeting is called to order. These presidents have missed very few meetings during the year and if it was impossible for them to attend, the vice-president was always in place to take charge.

The club secretaries are to be congratulated on the minutes kept of each monthly meeting. This was forcefully brought out at their annual achievement day program when they told in their own words what had been accomplished this year. One secretary told how much confidence the office had given her. Before she took over her duties, she had thought she could not stand the embarrassment it would cause her to have to get up before her fellow club members and talk. After the first attempt, she said she had no fear and enjoyed it.

The project leaders have been the ones to receive the real value of their efforts. Two project leaders in each club have worked together to give demonstrations. Fifty per cent of the leaders have attended all three of the county leader training meetings and have given two or more demonstrations without the agent during the year in their local clubs.

The project leaders have been responsible for arranging supplies for demonstrations and assisting the home agent in giving the demonstrations. These leaders have

given approximately 100 days of their time to preparation and the giving of demonstrations. As a result of the "Fix It For Victory" demonstrations given in eleven clubs, club members reported 500 pieces of furniture and other articles repaired to look better and last longer. In one club, the project leaders went to the home of a neighbor and retied the springs in her living room furniture after they had given the demonstration in their local club. With suggestions from the home agent, this homemaker slip-covered her repaired furniture, and now is enjoying her "new" furniture.

The Federation Goal Chairman reported to the County Goal Chairman accomplishments on the health goal. The County Chairman in turn summarized club results and sent them to the State Chairman.

The community and neighborhood leaders followed up the Family Food Supply Campaign by giving special canning demonstrations. They also assisted the home agent in reaching the 4-H Club girls during the summer months. In several instances neighborhood leaders gave canning instructions to club girls by inviting the girls into their kitchen when they were canning. The home agent helped these leaders plan for their meetings by sending canning information for distribution and by giving them a list of the 4-H girls in their neighborhoods. Other girls also attended these meetings.

B. 4-H Club Work

There are 18 organization leaders and sponsors. There

are 88 club officers serving as leaders, with 15 older girls serving as project leaders.

It has been difficult to get adult leadership in the county. The teachers served as organization leaders during the school months, and the neighborhood leaders helped carry on the project work during the summer. They helped the girls by giving canning demonstrations to their neighborhood girls in their own kitchens.

The adult leaders have given approximately fifty days to 4-H Club work. The junior leaders gave approximately 103 days to their club work. The home agent gave training to these leaders through personal home visits, since it was impossible to hold county leader training meetings on account of travel.

C. Older Youth

There is no older youth organization in the county.

VI. Results

A. Home Demonstration Clubs

1. Project work:

a. Food

(1) Production

As a result of the Food Production Program, the Home Demonstration Club members have done an excellent job this year. Every home demonstration club member grew a Victory Garden. In most homes, the farm women had to make the gardens, with the help of their children. In a great many instances, the women had to work in the fields to help produce the farm crops. At the February Club meeting,

each member figured out her family food budget and then set to work to fulfill that goal.

Heavy rains and a late spring were very discouraging to these gardeners but, in spite of handicaps, they produced good crops. Fortunately, this county was not considered in the drought area of the State. A greater variety of vegetables were grown this year. More green and yellow vegetables were planted and edible soybeans were grown by many families for the first time. Interest in this crop was increased after the meat substitute demonstrations when the homemakers realized the health value of the soybeans as one of our best substitutes for meat.

More poultry has been raised this year. Egg production has increased, due to better management and feeding of the home flock. One club member reports on her home-flock production as follows: 170 pullets, six-months old, have laid 2,110 eggs during the month of October, averaging about 68 eggs per day. She sold 235 hens and 200 broilers since April, 1943. She feels that her egg and poultry contribution to the war effort has paid her well. She expects to join the home-flock demonstrators in the county for another year.

Because of the labor shortage, some of the club members went into the fields and sowed oats and lespedeza seeds and helped with the other crops.

Milk production has been increased, and more families are using more milk in the diet as a health measure. Cheese making has been popular. Some families made cheese

during the months of June and July and have stored it for winter use. Cheese demonstrations have been given in three clubs this year, as a follow-up of demonstrations given in seven clubs last year. Individuals are still calling for directions in making cheese.

(2) Conservation

The home demonstration club members reported a total of 36,735 quarts of food canned this year at a value of \$10,787.00. This was an increase over last year of over 1000 quarts. Most of this food canned was vegetables and meats, since the fruit crop was almost a failure this year. Bushels of potatoes and other root crops have been stored for winter use. There has been a decrease in the amount of food dried. A few members took advantage of the electric dehydrators operated at the consolidated schools in the county. 2,132 pounds of fruit and vegetables were reported conserved in this manner. Due to the apple shortage, very little fruit was dried this year as compared to past years.

Six home-made electric dehydrators were in operation during the canning season. These dehydrators are still being used to dehydrate sweet potatoes by many families. Only one individual family owns and operates a dehydrator. All six of the dehydrators operated in the county were made according to blueprint instructions from the V. F. I., Agricultural Extension Department. The dehydrator promises to be popular with more families for another year. The family owning the dehydrator expresses it in this

manner, "We believe every family will avail themselves of the use of a dehydrator next year, if they ever get a chance to eat some dehydrated food. There is no comparison in the flavor, not saying anything of the food value saved by this method."

Canning and drying demonstrations were given in every community and most of the neighborhoods through the cooperation of the Home Economics teachers, the Farm Security Administration Supervisor, Home Demonstration Agent, and the Home Demonstration Club members. Approximately 260,000 quarts of food have been canned by all farm families in the county.

Home demonstration club members reported that they helped others can 4,000 quarts of vegetables this summer and passed on canning information to over 500 individuals.

Each club pledged to give at least one canning demonstration to a non-club group. Nine such groups were met, reaching approximately 150 women.

One club did an exceptionally good job by giving four demonstrations in four different neighborhoods in their community. Eight club members grouped themselves in pairs to give these demonstrations. Reports of the meetings sent to the home agent showed that they reached approximately 75 non-club members. The home demonstration club sponsoring these meetings ~~was~~^{are} favorably impressed with the results obtained and it hopes to "mother" these same groups for another year, by meeting with them a greater number of times. The club feels that this is one of the most worthwhile

projects they can carry to help the war effort. These families are not in walking distance of the home demonstration club, and many of them could not be reached in any other manner. The neediest families live in this section of the county.

Another club felt that their efforts had been well spent when they gave a canning demonstration to a group of colored women. These club leaders were astonished to find that these colored women had never known that it was necessary to sterilize their jars. They were thoroughly convinced that the lack of sterilization had caused the spoilage of their food in the past. They had never seen a pressure cooker before. Other home demonstration club members went into the home of a member sick in the hospital and spent two days canning to save her vegetables. Neighbors were called in to help, thus learning much valuable information which they later applied to their own home canning.

Storage demonstrations were given in every community, showing the pit method of storage. These demonstrations were given in homes having a good type of inside storage. As a result of these meetings, four new storage rooms were built. The women have taken a greater pride in arranging their canned foods on the shelves so as to make it easier to reach them. Good storage helped the families to evaluate their canning. Some families had never before bothered to count the jars filled. One colored woman built a bank storage room, which she uses for other purposes; such as,

the storing of eggs, butter, and milk during the summer months.

The majority of the farm families in the county have used the mound or pit method of storage for years. It was not a new method to them.

(3) Nutrition

There has been a carry-over of the nutrition program from last year. The demonstrations on "Meat Substitutes" were helpful in that they showed the value of dried beans and peas for meat substitutes. The nutritional value of the soybean was discussed and as a result, several families grew them for the first time this year.

The demonstrations on "Cooking With Less Sugar" showed the families that they could do with less sugar by using molasses and honey for many desserts. Fewer cakes and sweets are being served in the homes now. The homemakers' experience of cooking with less sugar has improved the families' health by causing them to eat more of the essential foods.

Green and yellow vegetables were grown in abundance this year. The club members show by their knowledge of nutrition that they are making a greater effort to have better-balanced meals for their families.

b. Clothing

(1) Consumer problems

(a) and (b) Buying and Care

Wise selection of clothing in buying helped the members to recognize what's new in ready-made garments. Labels

and consumer information are being read before buying clothes. Much thought has been given to buying garments that will last for the duration; thus, fewer clothes have been bought but of a better quality. This has especially been true of buying shoes since they were rationed.

(c) and (d) War production regulation
and Substitute fabrics

Discussions in the clubs have helped the members to recognize the changes in clothing brought about by the War Production regulations. Instead of buying new garments in many instances the members have stream-lined their last year's models to conform to the new regulations; such as, slimmer skirts, plain sleeves and the use of better shoulder pads.

(2) Conservation

(a) Woolen garments

Better care has been taken of woolen garments through better storage and laundering. One member has found it a time saver to launder her daughter's sweaters in the spring of the year and store them by wrapping each sweater separately in heavy brown paper and labeling each package, according to the color of sweater it contained.

(b) Sewing machine clinics

(None were held)

(3) Construction

(a) New garments

2963 new garments were reported made by club members

this year as compared to 1398 garments made last year. This proves that the homemakers think it wiser to make the family clothing rather than buy it ready-made, if time will permit.

(b) Remodeling clinics

A remodeling clinic was held in eleven clubs, with a total of 514 garments remodeled as a result of these meetings. This showed an increase over last year's remodeling of 285 garments. Old dresses were brought to these meetings for suggestions by club members. In many cases, these members returned home with their dresses completely changed, having done the work at an all-day clinic. The cutting of new collar patterns added interest to the meetings when one member failed to bring a garment to remodel.

c. House Furnishings

(1) Furniture and furnishings

Repair and Care

Five hundred (500) pieces of furniture were repaired as a result of the "Fix It For Victory" demonstrations. Better care has been taken of all household furnishings to make them last longer.

A number of discarded chairs were put back into circulation after the members learned how to glue and brace furniture. Most of the members renewed their furniture by the linseed oil and pumice stone treatment.

(c) Furniture clinics

(None were held)

(2) Construction

(a) Slip covers

One club made slip covers for their church parsonage before the arrival of their new minister. A demonstration was given in the local club by the home agent for instructions before this project was undertaken.

d. Home management

(1) Kitchen arrangement

The demonstration on "Planning Your Time for Victory" was held in ten clubs. Since the kitchen was the place homemakers spent most of their time, the demonstrations were held there, actually demonstrating better arrangement to save steps, and raising working surfaces.

Laundry equipment and better arrangement were discussed since a great number of homemakers in this county still use the "tub and board" method of washing. Several new ironing boards have taken the place of ironing on low tables, as a result of this demonstration.

(2) Storage

Better storage has definitely resulted from home visits. One member made built-in cabinets in her kitchen, thus improving the appearance of the room and saving many steps for herself. Six portable woodboxes were made for the kitchen. These were designed, by the blueprint from V. F. I., Extension Department.

(3) Home accounts

The home demonstration members are not keeping complete home accounts, but they have done a good job of keeping records of products sold from the farm. They have

kept accurate account of food conserved and clothing made for the family.

(4) Home and farm unit demonstrations

There are two farm unit demonstrators this year. One demonstrator is new this year. Plans have been made with this family to do some remodeling in the home. This family produces practically all the food for home consumption on their farm. The family is large. They hire no help and are out of debt. This homemaker takes an active part in community activities. She served as president of her local home demonstration club this year and is also neighborhood co-chairman in her community.

2. Home demonstration club activities:

a. Federation goal

Health was chosen as the federation goal. Each club held a "First-Aid" demonstration. These demonstrations were given by a Red Cross First Aid Instructor. First aid in the home was stressed. Practical kits (first aid) were made to show how the essential equipment could be had by the average family with very little cost. As a result, of these demonstrations, much helpful information was gained. Three classes in First Aid were taught in which home demonstration club members participated.

b. Campaign

Victory Gardens was continued as the co-wide campaign. Every farm family in the county made a greater effort to produce better gardens. Some families, with low incomes, were families furnished with seeds by home demonstration

members and given help in planting their gardens. This Campaign merged into a "Home Food Supply" campaign early in the year and was sponsored through the community-neighborhood system. Approximately 800 families entered the campaign and half this number indicated they wanted help through the Extension Agents. These requests were followed up by helpful bulletins or home visits for instructions.

c. Other special activities

Other activities have helped to make the club program interesting. The members enjoyed books from the Patrick County Library. These books were circulated in the clubs and returned for more books. One club reported 59 books read by its members.

One hundred and fifty-three (153) Red Cross garments were made by club members. One club reported having made twenty garments and felt it a worthwhile project. Each member was given a garment to make, and when completed, it was turned in to the War Service Chairman. The War Service Chairman did an excellent job of returning their work to the County Red Cross Chairman.

The home demonstration clubs were represented at the State meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. The county delegate brought back an interesting account of the meeting, which she gave at the county home demonstration committee meeting.

An Annual Achievement Day Program was held at the county seat. Every club except one was present to give

reports of their outstanding accomplishments during the year. Fifty homemakers attended the meeting. The program was held on Saturday, so that no extra gasoline was used for travel.

3. Brief account of year's work by club member.

A member of the Stella Club accomplished outstanding work during the year. She canned 687 quarts of vegetables, fruits, juices, and preserves. She gave a canning demonstration to a colored group and reported having canned snap beans, butter beans, corn, tomatoes, and apple sauce. She loaned her pressure cooker to two neighbors, helping them to can meats.

She helped one member, her neighbor, plan her kitchen for convenience in her new home. As neighborhood leader, she passed information on to forty families. She produced, canned, dried, and stored enough vegetables from her victory garden to feed a family of eight. She also exchanged vegetables with her neighbors for fruit which she did not have at home.

She sold about \$50 worth of vegetables. She gave a number of plants and seeds to families who could not afford to buy them.

She raised sixty-eight New Hampshire pullets, which are now seven months old and producing eggs enough to buy necessary groceries. She has packed lunches for and kept five children in school.

Her son, twelve years of age, joined the 4-H Club and with her help bought 150 baby chicks. 146 were sold when two months old at a profit of \$77. She encouraged him to

buy a \$25 War Bond after investing in a pig for next year's project.

Besides her food and conservation program, she made 289 garments (some from feed bags), remodeled seventy-one, and mended ninety-seven garments. She also found time to quilt six bed covers and knit two sweaters.

This homemaker feels that she has done her share on the home front in helping to win the war. Her many home duties did not interfere with her serving as president of her Home Demonstration Club. She was selected as farm unit demonstrator this year and plans to make some improvements in the home in the near future.

B. Agricultural Boards

The home agent helped the Agricultural Board to sponsor the Home Food Supply Campaign. This program was explained to the Board by the home agent. She also helped train the community and neighborhood leaders for their part in putting across this program.

Victory pledge cards were distributed to all the neighborhood leaders, through the community chairmen. The communities were divided among the professional workers of the county, each group of two workers, made home visits to the leaders in their respective communities to give them special training. Approximately 800 of the pledge cards were returned. The results of these were tabulated by the home agent and sent to the State Office. She also followed up this campaign by cooperating with the F. S. A., Supervisor and the Home Economics

teachers in giving canning demonstrations. Every community was reached, and most of the neighborhoods, with the canning program.

C. 4-H Clubs

1. Project Work

a. Food and nutrition

The 4-H Club girls chose preservation of foods as their Victory project this year. A canning demonstration was given in every club with the help of 4-H leaders and neighborhood leaders.

Before school closed, the enrollment was checked and the girls grouped in their respective neighborhoods before plans were made for this project. The neighborhood leaders were sent a list of their neighbor girls and asked to invite them to their home for a canning demonstration. To train these leaders, the home agent sent them simple canning instructions, also helpful materials for distribution to the girls. In some instances mothers, and other girls in the neighborhoods were reached. As a result of this canning project, 12,046 quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned by the girls. Every girl who canned at least twenty-five quarts of food, alone, was awarded a Victory 4-H pin.

The Health Chart was checked by every girl seasonally at Club meetings and better nutrition discussed. Individual diets of the girls served to show the importance of eggs, milk, and green vegetables in the diet. Better meals were planned. 403 meals were reported planned by

the girls, with 492 served by them. Each girl was asked to learn to eat at least one new food this year.

b. Clothing

Care and repair of clothing was stressed in all the 4-H Clubs. Demonstrations were given on mending, darning, laundering, and storage of clothing. Laundering woolens, especially sweaters, was met with much success. Most of the girls took great pride in caring for their sweaters and stored them properly for the summer months. This need was felt from a patriotic standpoint and on account of the wool shortage for clothing. Better care of shoes was noticeable, due to the rationing. More personal accounts were kept by the girls. The cost of clothing and the amount spent has led many of the girls to keep more accurate accounts for another year.

One hundred and forty-eight new garments were made by the girls, with fifty-four remodeled. Socks have worn better because of the darning lessons given.

c. Gardening

Most of the 4-H members helped with the family Victory Garden to produce more food.

The negro 4-H girls - sixteen in number, took gardening as their project. This is a new club organized this year, and results of their work was reported to the negro 4-H Agent at Chatham. Eight of these girls were out of school and were older girls. The colored neighborhood chairmen served as leaders for this club.

2. Health

Better nutrition and posture were stressed as health measures. Better care of the hair and teeth were noticeable, due to the health discussions at club meetings.

3. Community activities of the Club.

The 4-H members did their share in buying defense stamps and bonds. Each club had a War Service Chairman whose duty it was to keep a record of stamps and bonds bought monthly and a report was asked for at each meeting. This proved an incentive for the members to raise their quota monthly.

The members took part in the salvaging of old records and reported approximately \$15 worth sold, as their part on the American Red Cross Ambulance, bought by the Virginia 4-Hers.

They collected scrap metal and took part in the National 4-H Mobilization Week, by sponsoring patriotic programs to enlist new members.

Five senior clubs trained teams to enter the County Milking Contest. The County Contest was held and the winning team, consisting of one girl and two boys, entered the District Contest held at Rocky Mount. Patrick won first place in this contest, and also had the three highest individual scores for the best milkers in five counties. This team won fourth place in the State Contest held at Lynchburg.

4. Brief account of work done by one Club.

The Woolwine 4-H Club has done outstanding work this

year. The Club had an enrollment of thirty-five members, with two local leaders. 75% of the members completed their projects.

The girls canned 415 quarts of fruits and vegetables alone. They made 230 new dresses and remodeled and mended 114.

Two members of the County Milking Team were from this club, one boy and one girl. One canning demonstration was held with the assistance of the leaders. The Sears and Roebuck pigs were placed with five of its members. In this Contest, the winning boy received a Guernsey heifer calf, and two boys received 100 baby chicks as projects for next year.

One girl entered the Food For Fighters Contest, canning 80 quarts of food alone and helped with the family canning and gardening.

The Club bought more Defense Stamps and Bonds than any other club in the county and donated liberally of old records to the Ambulance Drive.

This Club is well organized and has faithfully carried out its plan of work. The leaders deserve much credit for the success of the club work in this community.

D. Older Youth

There is no older youth organization in the county.

E. Other Work Done by Home Demonstration Agent

1. County home economics worker

The Home Agent has co-operated with the home economics workers in the county to further the hot lunch program.

She also worked closely with them in the canning program during the summer months to see that there was no duplication of work done in neighborhoods. They were furnished lists of club members who were invited to attend their canning meetings. This same procedure was carried out with the F. S. A., Home Supervisor.

As a result of this close co-operation in the Food Conservation Program practically every neighborhood was reached with canning and drying demonstrations, with approximately 100,000 quarts canned.

A demonstration was given to a Home Economics class on retying springs in furniture at the request of the home economics teacher. As a result, the girls retied the springs in the living room furniture in the home economics department. Two girls fixed furniture in their own homes.

The Home Agent gave a demonstration on repairing furniture, at the request of the F. S. A., Supervisor. As a result of this meeting, a home demonstration club was organized. A conference was held with the home economics workers to discuss plans of work by both agencies thus avoiding any duplication in teaching.

2. County nutrition committee

The County Nutrition Committee sponsored the share-the-meat campaign in the county. It has held three meetings during the year to discuss nutrition and the conservation program.

3. Office of civilian defense

The Home Agent co-operated with the C. C. D., in the

education program for the share-the-meat campaign and the food fights for freedom campaign. In each case, the co-ordinator called a meeting of the professional workers to launch the program.

4. Salvage Committee

The Home Agent worked with the Salvage Committee to inform the families of the fat shortage and the collection of waste fats.

5. Rationing Board

The Home Agent has served on the community service panel to inform rural families of rationing. This information was spread through special War Rationing Chairmen in the local home demonstration clubs. Weekly news letters from the Rationing Board has helped to keep the communities informed.

6. War Bond Committee

The Home Agent served on the Women's Division of the county war bond committee and helped promote the sale of war bonds.

7. School Lunch

The Home Agent worked with the home demonstration clubs in two communities to sponsor the school lunches. One Home Demonstration Club held two special canning days for their respective school. Surplus vegetables were brought to the school and canned by members of the club. Three 4-H Club girls helped the home economics teacher can string beans for the lunches in this same school.

8. Red Cross

The Home Agent took Red Cross garments to nine home demonstration clubs. 153 garments were made by Club members. A War Service Chairman appointed in each club had the responsibility of distributing and collecting the garments. The Home Agent was then responsible for turning them over to the County Red Cross Chairman. A note of appreciation was sent each Club, thanking them for their co-operation.

Several sweaters were knit by the Home Demonstration members and older 4-H Club girls.

VII. Appraisal of Most Significant Contribution to the County Meeting War Needs Made by the Home Demonstration Program This Year.

The most significant contribution to the county, made by the Home Demonstration Program, has been the Food Production and Conservation work. Home Demonstration members felt they were greatly rewarded for their efforts in the Food Program, since most every family in Patrick will have enough food stored to take care of their family needs.