

VIRGINIA

GREENE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT Annual report 1943

Index		Page
4 b 2	Cheese making .....	11,26
8 a 2.63	Local leaders - junior work .....	9
8 h 3.5	Motion pictures .....	25
10 b 5.3	Meal planning - family .....	13
10 d 15	Food preservation - storage .....	12
13 a 6.2	Furniture - refinishing and renovation .....	15

nj 6

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT  
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK  
GREENE COUNTY

1943

Elenor H. Whorley

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

December 1, 1942--November 30, 1943



TABLE OF CONTENTS CONT'D

	<u>Page</u>
<b>VI. RESULTS CONT'D</b>	
<b>A. Home Demonstration Clubs Cont'd</b>	
3. Account of Outstanding Club Member ....	17
<b>B. Agricultural Boards</b> .....	19
<b>C. 4-H Club Work</b>	
1. Project Work	
a. Personal .....	20
b. Clothing .....	21
c. Gardening .....	22
2. Health .....	22
3. Community Activities .....	22
4. Brief Account of Work Done by One Club.	22
<b>D. Older Youth</b> .....	23
<b>E. Other Work done by Home Demonstration</b>	
Agent .....	23
1. County Home Economics Worker .....	23
2. County Nutrition Committee .....	24
3. Office of Civilian Defense .....	24
4. Salvage Committee .....	24
5. Rationing Board .....	24
6. School lunch .....	25
7. Red Cross .....	25
8. Others .....	25
<b>VII. Appraisal of the Most Significant Contribution</b> <b>to the County by the Home Demonstration</b> <b>Program</b> .....	26

111. Scope of Work.

A. Home Demonstration Clubs:

<u>No Clubs</u>	<u>Membership</u>
9	188

Other groups sponsored by home demonstration clubs:

	<u>No Clubs</u>	<u>Membership</u>
White	3	35
Colored	1	6

B. 4-H. Clubs:

<u>No Clubs</u>	<u>Membership</u>
14	273

C. Older Youth Groups:

<u>No Clubs</u>	<u>Membership</u>
0	0

D. Special Classes taught by Agent:

<u>No. Classes</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
0	0

E. No families reached through neighborhood and community leaders

533.

F. Estimate total number families reached 800. No. of farm families in County 905.

#### IV. Organization.

##### A. County Home Demonstration Committee

The County Home Demonstration Committee did not make any definite changes in organization. One new member was added as a new club had been organized, and the president of this club was added to the membership of the committee.

An executive meeting was held in July to select a delegate to attend the Federation meeting in Blacksburg. The Chairman of the Home Demonstration Committee could not attend the Federation meeting because of illness. The committee selected one outstanding club member and paid her expenses to and from the Federation meeting. A summary of the Victory Home Food Supply Campaign was given to the executive committee.

In September the committee met with Miss R. Belle Burke to plan the program for 1944. Five of the nine clubs were represented with eight members present. A very practical and interesting program was planned for 1944.

##### B. County Agricultural Board

The County Board of Agriculture has made no changes in its set up except to replace one community chairwoman and chairman. A few of the neighborhood leaders selected assistants to help them in making contacts with their families.

The Victory Home Food Supply Campaign was conducted in the County by the women neighborhood leaders. Thirty-three women neighborhood leaders cooperated. These leaders contacted three hundred and sixty-two families in the Campaign.

A canning demonstration was held in the Buckersville district to train the white neighborhood leaders in that District. All but one neighborhood leader was present. The neighborhood leader in the Quinque community made all the arrangements for the meeting and assisted with the demonstration. Families in the Quinque community were invited to the demonstration. The community chairwoman of the Buckersville district notified the neighborhood leaders of the meeting.

The neighborhood leaders in the Monroe district received their training in canning at the demonstration given by the representative of the Ball Glass Company.

Two demonstrations in canning were given to a neighborhood leader's families by the Home Demonstration Agent and the Farm Security Worker.

#### C. Professional Workers' Conference.

The Professional Workers met regularly on the second Saturday morning of every month up until July. At that time the Farm Security office in Greene County was closed and since then meetings have been called whenever a professional worker felt it was necessary to confer on a particular topic.

The Farm Labor situation of Greene County was thoroughly discussed at several of these meetings. The Victory Home Food Supply Campaign

was explained to the professional workers by the Home Agent and their cooperation was asked in the launching of this campaign. They cooperated to the fullest extent in this campaign. The Soil Conservation Program, which was new in this County, was thoroughly discussed and each professional worker was enlightened as to which farms were under soil conservation supervision.

V. Leadership

A. Adult Work

Twenty home demonstration club members have served as officers during the 1942-43 term. These members have given about forty six days to their duties as club officers in the past year.

There were fourteen people serving as Home Demonstration project leaders during the year. Two leader training meetings were held with an attendance of thirty three person. The remodeling and dry cleaning of clothes was the demonstration given at the first leader training meeting. The training meeting on the repair of furniture was conducted at a club meeting and leaders from other clubs were invited to attend. Three clubs were represented with project leaders at this meeting.

The vegetable garden specialist gave talks to two communities in February. Five clubs were represented at these two meetings.

In June the garden specialist returned to the County again and made talks to two clubs. Other club members were invited to attend these meetings. Five clubs were represented at these meetings.

The project leaders have been very active in six clubs. It must be remembered however, that two of the Home Demonstration Clubs in Greene County are made up of mountain people. Very few of these people are able to read and write.

Assistance has been given to the agent by the project leaders at all the club meetings. Project leaders have conducted demonstrations in four clubs without the assistance of the Agent. Approximately forty-eight days were given to the Home Demonstration Club work by the leaders.

The Home Demonstration Committee failed to appoint a Federation Goal Chairman in Greene County for the 1942-43 year.

The neighborhood leaders make up the largest group of leaders in Greene County. There are thirty-three women neighborhood leaders and three community chairwomen. All of these leaders were active in the Victory Home Food Supply Campaign. Three training meetings were held for the leaders during the year. In one district the leaders were trained by the County Home and Farm Agents in conducting the Victory Home Food Supply Campaign. In the other two districts the leaders were contacted personally by the Farm Security, Welfare and Extension workers. Leader training meetings were held in two districts on the canning of non acid vegetables and chicken. The home agent gave one of these demonstrations and a representative from the Ball Jar Company gave the other.

B. 4 H Work:

Ten women and two men served as organization and project leaders in the 4 H clubs of Greene County during the year. Eight of these women are school teachers and two are homemakers. The two men are school teachers.

One training meeting was held with these leaders and eight 4 H club members present. This training meeting was a canning and dehydrating demonstration.

The leaders trained the officers of the clubs in correct parliamentary procedure, assisted with the planning and preparation of the programs; promoted the drive for the Red Cross Ambulance; encouraged the buying of war stamps; assisted with the project work; created interest and encouraged 4 H club members to enter contest and promoted 4 H club work in the community.

Thirty 4 H club members have served as officers during the past year. In addition to the usual president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, the clubs had thirty members to act as song leaders and club reporters.

The officers were very efficient in conducting their meetings during the year. Most of the credit for this efficiency goes to the leaders as they did an excellent job in the training of the officers.

C. Older Youth:

There is no organization of older youth in Greene County.

VI. Results:

A. Home Demonstration Clubs

1. Project work:

- (a) Food
- (1) Production

The Home Demonstration Club women in Greene County made a special effort to increase their garden yield this year. 80% of the women report that their garden yield was increased. The percentage would have been much higher had there not been a drought. However, the percentage would not have been as high had the women not practiced successive plantings. The Agent has seen a definite improvement in the fall gardens.

The garden specialist visited the County in February and gave the club members valuable information on their early gardens. In June, the garden specialist returned to the County again. At this time the women were very discouraged with their gardens. The specialist encouraged the planting of fall gardens. Many women have attributed the success of their fall gardens to Mr. Beamer.

Sixty-six club women report that they gave information on gardening to one hundred and twenty-seven families.

Three clubs selected poultry leaders for the year. These leaders kept the clubs informed to a certain extent on the production of poultry. It is hoped that much more time can be given to poultry during the coming year. Fifty-four club women reported that they increased their

their poultry production; forty two reported increases in egg production and information was given to forty two families on poultry.

Thirty eight home demonstration club members report an increase in the production of milk.

Six demonstrations on the making of American cheese were given. One was conducted by Dr. Flora with an attendance of twenty seven women.

The other five were given by the Home Demonstration Agent with the assistance of an outstanding club woman at two of the demonstrations. Forty nine club women attended these demonstrations. One club member has given six demonstrations and information to thirty five families on the making of American cheese.

A member of the Cecil Mission club has made forty pounds of cheese in one month. In a period of three months this club member made eighty pounds of cheese. The cheese is to be used in school lunches.

Another club member is making her cheese in small molds in 1½ and 2 pound sizes. These are to be given to friends for Christmas gifts.

Nine women report that they have made one hundred and eighty two pounds of cheese. Nine women reported that they gave information to fifty five families on the making of American cheese.

## (2) Conservation

The people in Greene County have done a good job of conserving the food produced this year.

Sixty three club women report that they have canned 6,215 qts. of fruits; 4,835 qts. of tomatoes; 7,326 qts. of other vegetables,

344 qts. of other things, such as pickles etc. Thirty-eight women have canned 1,416 qts. of meat. Most of these summaries were made before the butchering in the fall, so a large sum of the meat canned would be poultry.

These figures are somewhat lower than last year, and well it might be expected, as the freeze in the early spring effected the fruits and the drought in the summer effected the vegetables. The farm and home agents feel that the farm families made a special effort to conserve all foods produced.

Very little drying was done as the majority of the women had nothing to dry. Fourteen women reported that they dried 174 lbs. of vegetables and eleven women reported that they dried 121 lbs. of fruit.

The home demonstration club members have stored many root vegetables. A few families report that they have improved their storage spaces for winter. However, it is hoped that many families will have theirs improved in the coming year. Fifty-one women report they have stored potatoes for winter; twenty five report they have stored turnips. Other vegetables reported stored for winter are apples, carrots, onions, pumpkins, beets, squash, salsify, parsnips, and celery. Many report they have made sorghum for use during the winter.

### (3) Nutrition:

The women in general are taking a much keener interest in nutrition as time goes on. This increase in interest can, to a large extent, be

contributed to the school children and the school lunches. The children eat nutritive meals at school and insist on having the same things at home. The Buckersville home demonstration club did much for the school lunches by canning food and raising money. The Stanardsville, Dyke and Lever Pocossan home demonstration clubs have promoted school lunches in their communities.

Although the rural families in Greene County have not had so much use for their ration books, they were anxious to have some information on alternates for foods that were scarce. One demonstration was given on meat alternates and at this time the importance of eating the basic foods every day was stressed. Conservation was also emphasized at this demonstration as the two dishes prepared were ones that could have been left over foods.

The war has made many of the rural families in Greene County conscious of good nutrition because some of their boys were turned down because of mal nutrition. The agent was quite surprised to find that a large number of families had no milk all winter long. This is especially true of the mountain families. One reason so much interest has been shown on the making of american cheese is because of its importance as an alternate for milk. A few of the home demonstration clubs have played Vitamingo. This game was taken to all of the club meetings and shown to the members and suggested as a nice game for Old Santa Clause to bring to the whole family. The women were anxious to know where they could get the game.

b. Clothing

(1) Consumer problems

Each club was informed as to the latest war production regulations in buying ready made garments.

Information was also given to club members on substitute fabrics and how to care for these fabrics. Most of the home demonstration club women have used what clothes they had rather than buy new ones.

(2) Conservation

The month of May was devoted to the dry cleaning of garments and materials and the storage of woolens.

Two hundred and four garments or articles have been dry cleaned during the year. Information on dry cleaning and storage of woolens was given to fifty families by home demonstration club members.

Sewing machine clinics were held in four communities. Fifteen sewing machines were cleaned and adjusted in these communities. Two more clinics are to be held in the very near future. Individual help on cleaning and adjusting sewing machines has been given to four families.

(3) Construction

Three hundred and fifty eight garments were made by home demonstration club women. Four hundred and ninety four garments were made for the Red Cross.

Remodling clinics were held in the clubs in the early spring and early fall. One hundred and nineteen garments were remodled.

Information and help on sewing and remodling has been given to twenty families. Thirty two women report that they used information gotten at club meetings on construction and remodling of clothing.

The agent has found that the women are quite interested in learning the simple steps in sewing. Many have not had an opportunity to learn to sew.

C. House furnishings  
(1) Conservation

A furniture clinic was held in the Ruckersville and Ridge communities in April. Fourteen women were present for the meeting. Four chairs were reseated; two pieces of furniture glued; paint was removed on two pieces of furniture; stains and spots were removed from several pieces of furniture, springs were tied in two cushions and two chairs were sawed off and made more comfortable. Fifty nine pieces of furniture were remodded, repaired or refinished. Information and help on remodeling, repairing and refinishing furniture was given to several families.

One demonstration was given on the making of slip covers. Twelve people attended this demonstration. Twenty nine pieces of furniture were slip covered and information was given to twenty two families on the slip covering of furniture.

2. Home Demonstration Club Activities  
a. Federation goal

Health was the federation goal selected this year. The January and February meetings were devoted to health. At the January meetings Home Care of the Sick was discussed. Club members were informed as to where they could get essential equipment in case of severe illness. A movie was shown at the February meeting. It showed the correct procedures in bed making, how to substitute blankets without exposing the critically

ill patient, how to turn the patient and help to keep her comfortable, how to give a sponge bath and alcohol rub, how to prepare and serve appetizing foods and ways of keeping the patient occupied during the long weeks in bed.

One home demonstration club took a course in First Aid. Eight members completed this course.

Twenty four members report that they used information gotten at club meetings on home care of the sick, first aid and other measures to improve health. The women have been rather fortunate in not having so much sickness during the past year. Information was given to twenty two families on the home care of the sick, first aid and other measures to improve health.

#### b. Campaign

The Victory Home Food Supply Campaign was launched in the County in the early spring. The three districts cooperated. Thirty three neighborhood leaders contacted their families and the three community chairwomen cooperated to the fullest extent. Three hundred and sixty two families were contacted. This campaign was followed up with demonstrations in the preservation and conservation of food in the late summer and early fall.

#### c. Other Special Activities

Four of the home demonstration clubs sponsored the Cancer Drive in the County. Greene County was asked to raise \$50.00 and this was done through the clubs.

All of the clubs gave money on special gifts to the Woodrow Wilson Veteran's hospital in Staunton.

Four clubs held achievement days on the community level. There was an attendance of around three hundred people at the Ruckersville-Ridge

Achievement Day. Around \$90.00 was raised for the Ruckersville school lunches at this affair.

The Cecil Mission club's achievement day had an attendance of around 26 people. The exhibits were made up of canned vegetables, meats and fruits; pickles, preserves; fresh vegetables; farm products and milk. The exhibit of milk, cream, butter, cottage cheese and american cheese was most outstanding.

The Bacon Hollow achievement day was unusually successful. There was an attendance of around sixty people. The program consisted of games, contest, singing and special music, play by school children and two speakers. Canned, fresh and dried goods, cheese, clothing and school work made up the exhibit

### 3. Account of Outstanding Club Member

A member of the Geer Home Demonstration Club was an outstanding member during 1943. This club member did much in producing and conserving food.

Her garden space was composed of three-fourths of an acre. With the exception of the help received from a physically unfit veteran of World War 11 and the plowing of the garden, this club member did the work in her garden. There were forty three different kinds of vegetables in her garden; fifteen of these being different kinds of green leafy vegetables. These fifteen green leafy vegetables made up the majority of her fall garden. There will be some greens in her garden all winter long. Garden information was given to twenty five families. This club member was supervisor of a garden being produced for the church.

She has canned one hundred and sixteen quarts of fruits, eighty two quarts of tomatoes, thirty four quarts of soup mixture, one hundred and eighteen

quarts of other vegetables, fifty three quarts of meats and twenty quarts of pickles and relishes. Information on canning was given to twenty five families.

Twelve pounds of fruits were dried by this lady. Also, the following vegetables; carrots, dark and light lima beans, string beans and soy beans. Information was given to fifteen families on drying.

She stored her canned goods in a cellar under the house which has nice sturdy shelves and is well ventilated. Her dried foods were stored in the attic. The following other foods are stored; pumpkins, long neck squash, acorn squash, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, beets, carrots and turnips. For the first time this club member is using a barrel for the storing of her carrots, beets and turnips. Information on storage has been given to two families.

Information on food alternates that might be used was given to ten families.

Six demonstrations on the making of American cheese were given by this club member. She made fifteen pounds of American cheese for her own use and gave information on the making of cheese to thirty five families. At the present time she is milking two cows. During the summer months the cream sold from the milkings amounted to two dollars per week.

The poultry flock of this club member is composed of thirty three (33) white leghorn and seventeen plymouth rock hens. The white leghorns are producing twenty four eggs per day and the rocks nine eggs per day. Poultry information was given to ten families.

One hog was raised for use in the home and three were put on the market. One demonstration has been given to a group of women on the canning of meat by this club member and a number of families have requested help when they butcher.

Twelve garments were made by this club member for the red cross and she supervised the making of sixteen other articles.

Not only has this club member produced food and conserved food, but she has also done much in the conservation of her time, furniture and home.

Three pieces of furniture were repaired during the year. A new well was made, water put into the house and the house stuccoed in order to conserve heat.

Since June this club member has cared for a veteran of World War II, off and on all along. Much of the time this boy has been in bed.

The Geer Home Demonstration Club has been very successful for a number of years due largely to the efforts of this club member. She has attended the majority of the meetings this year; attended the county planning meeting; meetings with the vegetable garden specialist, the poultry specialist and the meeting of the County Board of Agriculture conserving the Victory Home Food Supply Campaign.

Information on the production and conservation of food was given to one hundred and twenty four families in this county by this one club member.

#### B. Agricultural Boards

The Agricultural board sponsored the Victory Home Food Supply Campaign which has been described in detail under heading IV B.

Preparation is now in the making for the launching of the Food Fights for Freedom Campaign. This is to be conducted by the community chairwoman and the women neighborhood leaders. A film strip on Food Fights for Freedom will be shown at the training of the neighborhood leaders and at the schools.

The neighborhood leaders will give information to their families on What Rural Families Should Know about Rationing and Price Control, and give them a food quiz leaflet which answers many questions on our food situation.

C. 4-H Club Work

1. Project Work.

Practically all of the girl 4-H club members took foods as their project this year. The 4 H club members at the Blue Ridge Industrial School did take Care of Clothing as their project however, as a foods project would overlap with their home economics program.

Four important food subjects were emphasized at the project meetings, namely; how to include that quart of milk, how to prepare and eat fresh fruits and good vegetables; how to make biscuits and how to can. One meeting was devoted to including the quart of milk in the diet and one meeting to preparing and eating of fresh fruits and vegetables. Two meetings were devoted to making biscuits and canning. In the making of biscuits the girls learned the basic recipe and correct measurements.

Two whole days were given to canning in the summer months. The members canned in the pressure cooker and boiling water bath. The members were taught how to select vegetables and fruits for canning, how to prepare these vegetables and fruits and how to operate the pressure cooker.

The Ruckersville 4 H club spent one whole day canning for the school lunch room. Thirty one quarts of string beans were canned, four quarts of beets and three pints of squash. They gathered, prepared and canned these products under the supervision of the leader and home agent.

A summary of the work done by 4 H club members shows that 1,039 quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned during the summer months by these members alone. They helped can 5,703 quarts of fruits and vegetables. This help was given in various ways; some washed and sterilized the jars; some gathered and prepared the vegetables; some did the actual canning along with their mothers.

The 4 H club members have learned rapidly how to use a pressure cooker. Many have selected canning as their project for next year.

Nutrition was stressed at every club meeting. The 4 H club members played Vitamingo at the first of the year and some have played many times since then. This has been one of the most practical ways of teaching good nutrition. Club members have reported that they have learned to like anywhere from one to seven new foods during the year.

b. Clothing

Very few girls took clothing as projects this year. Nineteen of the Blue Ridge Industrial School club members took care of clothing as their projects.

They had demonstrations on laundering sweaters, pressing special fabrics such as velveteen, wool and silk or rayon. They also had a demonstration on the dry cleaning of clothes.

Fifteen other 4 H club members took clothing along with their foods project. Twenty one garments were made by these 4 H club members, 14 garments were remodeled and 20 garments darned or mended. Club members not taking clothing as a project report that they have made and remodeled 41 garments and mended

and darned 45 garments. All have helped with the family laundry.

c. Gardening

The members of the boys 4 H club have taken gardening as their project. Quite a bit of time and discussion was given to the plans for gardens in the early spring. Emphasis was put on the importance of having a year around garden; the thorough preparation of the soil; the selection of good seeds; the importance of making several plantings; how to cultivate and how to control insects.

2. Health

Many of the 4 H club programs during the winter months centered around health. Club members gave talks on How to Care of the Teeth; What to do in case of ear ache or tooth ache; How to treat cuts and scratches; How to treat burns; How to take care of colds; How to eat to prevent colds; Care of sprains and bruises and care of poison ivy. Different club members gave talks on these subjects at the meetings and then it was turned into a discussion and all club members added something to the subject.

3. Community Activities

All of the club members practice buying War Stamps whenever they can.

Four of the clubs have sponsored programs in their communities in order to raise money for the schools and school lunches.

4. Brief Account of Work Done by One Club

The Ruckersville 4 H club has done outstanding work this year. They had unusually good attendance to all twelve meetings. The meetings were conducted nicely at all times by the officers of the club. Preparation was always made in advance and scripture, songs etc. selected. During the winter months

different members took part on the program. Three all day meetings were held during the summer. At the first meeting the members made biscuits, the second meeting was devoted to canning, and it was at this meeting that the members did the canning for the school lunch room which was mentioned under project work. Everyone brought their lunches and the lunches were eaten in picnic style on the lawn. There were thirty one members on roll and the summer meetings had an attendance of seventeen at the first meeting; twenty one at the second and ten at the third.

Every member of the club entered either the Food For Fighters Contest or the Victory Home Food Supply Contest. The County winners in these two contest were Buckersville 4 H club members. None of the members of this club were old enough to enter the canning or clothing contest.

These club members not only did outstanding work in foods as many of them made attractive garments.

This club had a most attractive exhibit at the Buckersville--Ridge Achievement Day.

Five dollars was given by the Buckersville Home Demonstration Club, for the buying of gifts for those girls having the nicest exhibits in clothing, canning and needle work. Quite a few first, second and third prizes were bought and a number of club members went away with happy looks on their faces.

#### D. Older Youth

No work has been done with older youth.

#### E. Other Work done by Home Demonstration Agent.

1. County home economics worker.

The only other home economist in the County is the F.S.A. worker. The home

agent and F.S.A. worker, with the assistance of a few homemakers and some outstanding high school students, had information tables in the three white schools and the one colored school, on the use of War Ration book 2. The training of these homemakers and students was done by the F.S.A. worker and home agent. The home agent assisted the F. S. A. worker with a cheese making demonstration and two canning demonstrations.

#### 2. County Nutrition Committee:

The agent cooperated with the chairmen of the Nutrition Committee in all activities undertaken by the committee. An outstanding nutritionist was obtained from Richmond to speak to the P.T.A. The agent urged the home demonstration club members to attend this meeting.

The home demonstration clubs and the agent have cooperated with the nutrition committee in promoting school lunches.

#### 3. Office of Civilian Defense

Greene County has no coordination of Civilian Defense. Much of the information goes to the County Agent and in turn to the home agent. The home agent cooperated with the Office of Civilian Defense in working at the observation post.

#### 4. Salvage Committee:

The home agent has urged the club members to save waste fat. Many of the farm families are anxious to save tin, scrap metal and waste fat, but find it very hard to get these materials to a centralized location.

#### 5. Rationing Board

The home agent cooperated with the rationing board in the issuing of War Ration book two by explaining in detail the correct procedure in filling out

the declaration forms to her groups and by giving educational information to the families as they made applications for this ration book.

The home agent gave information to her groups on the filling out of the application for War Ration Book III. She assisted many families in the filling out of these applications.

6. School lunch

The work the home agent has done in connection with the school lunches has been explained under VI - A.

7. Red Cross

The agent took a course in advanced First Aid under the instruction of a representative of the National Red Cross. She encouraged and worked up a First Aid class in one of her clubs. She has helped with the cutting of various patterns for the Red Cross sewing room and has made several articles for the Red Cross.

8. Others

The agent has cooperated to the fullest extent with the University of Virginia Extension division in their Adult Education program. A representative of the University of Virginia Extension Division taught a group of people, gotten together by the home agent, how to use a slide film projector, a silent movie machine and a sound movie machine. The home agent learned to use all three of these machines and has found them very helpful in her work. The Extension Division has been very helpful to the agent in many ways. They gave her much information that was useful in home demonstration and 4 H club work. Many interesting and educational movies have been secured from the University Extension Division.

5

VII. An Appraisal of the most significant contribution to the County in meeting war needs made by the home demonstration program.

Through the efforts of the home demonstration program the majority of the families in Greene County have produced their own Family Food Supply. In spite of the drought, 80% of the families reported an increase in their garden yield. In order to produce their own Family Food Supply, the men and women had to plan for and practice successive plantings.

The families have conserved the food produced and put on market any surplus food. Not only have they canned and stored foods to conserve their food, but they have also tried to prevent as much food waste as possible by using all left-over foods. One example of food conservation is that of making american cheese. In the summer when milk was plentiful the homemaker was anxious to conserve the surplus milk for winter's use when milk was not quite so plentiful. Cheese making demonstrations have been given to ten white groups by a specialist, the home agent and club leaders. One negro group has seen the cheese making demonstration and another group has requested one in the very near future.

One hundred eighty two pounds of cheese have been made in the County since July.

The women are not only conserving the milk that might be wasted, but they are also providing adequate diets for their families during the winter months when milk is not available and they are leaving more cheese on the market for their city friends.

Through the dry cleaning of their clothes, farm women have saved money that could buy War Bonds or Stamps and pay off debts. Greene County has no dry cleaning

establishment and transportation with the limited supply of gas and tires has been slowed up quite a bit. Consequently it has been hard to get articles of clothing to and from a dry cleaning establishment.

The farm families of Greene are anxious to do their part in speeding up Victory. They are producing, conserving, sharing and playing square. They are buying war bonds and stamps, paying off their debts and pushing for Victory!