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III. SCOPE OF WORK

A. Hemp Demonstration Clubs:

Number.....	11
Membership.....	163

Other Groups Sponsored by Hemp Demonstration Clubs:

Number of Clubs

White.....	2
Membership.....	25

B. 4-H Clubs:

Number.....	8
Membership.....	243

C. Older Youth Groups:

Number.....	0
Membership.....	0

D. Number reached through special classes taught by agent. 142

E. Number families reached through neighborhood and community leaders.....1.....2,300

F. Estimate total number families reached.....2,700

Number Farm Families in county..... 4,303

IV. ORGANIZATION

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

The County Home Demonstration Committee of Mecklenburg County is composed of the President of each of the 11 Home Demonstration Clubs with the Home Agent, who acts in an advisory capacity, and County Officers consisting of a County President, County Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. There are 4 County Chairmen, the County Federation Goal Chairman who is the Citizenship or War Information Chairman, County Poultry Leader, County Garden Leader and County Recreational Leader. The County officers are elected every two years. A nominating committee is appointed by the County President. This committee meets and reports first to the County Committee where it reports for approval, then again at the Annual Achievement Day program. Here the entire group of Home Demonstration Committee members vote in their new officers.

Meetings

This Board has had three meetings this year and functions only in regard to the Home Demonstration Committee program. All county business, county program planning and assistance in war programs is carried out through this County Home Demonstration Committee.

Again this year as the last two, due to the gasoline and tire shortage, we have tried not to call many special meetings of the County Home Demonstration Committee, but have held short business meetings in connection with other necessary called meetings. In this way time, gasoline and tires were saved.

County Committee Meetings:

In March a meeting of the County Committee was called in order to keep our organization functioning, have a program check-up and make general plans. The general county plans were reviewed for 1944, definite plans made for various phases of the year's work, delegates appointed to the State Federation meeting and a training meeting was held for club presidents on how to conduct a meeting. This meeting was well attended. All of the eleven clubs were represented but three, a total attending amounting to 14.

County Program Planning:

The County Home Demonstration Committee, Club Leaders, Secretary and representatives of the Professional Workers, District Agent and Home Agent met in October to transact County Achievement Day and general county plans and program for 1945.

The Home Agent had given much time and thought in preparation previous to this meeting. Discussions were held in all Clubs for several months prior to this meeting, as to the interests and needs of the members. As a result every Club representative came with many good suggestions. From these a program adopted to the wartime needs of the people was made out. Goals for 1945 were set up.

Another meeting was held in connection with the Achievement Day program held in November to take care of the special business.

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B. County Agricultural Board

Before 1940 there had been no thought given to the division of the County into communities and neighborhoods. In 1941 a county survey of Mecklenburg County was made. Soil analysis shows approximately ten social and economic areas. This mapping with livestock surveys, social and economic surveys and crop data has been and is the basis of agricultural planning in Mecklenburg County.

The county was mapped and divided into ten communities and various neighborhoods. Then an Agricultural Board was set up with a man and woman chairman representing each community and neighborhood. The function of this Board is to plan and help carry out an Agricultural and Home Making program working with all Agricultural and Home Making agencies in the county. The man and woman chairman from each of the ten communities plus the professional workers make up the County Board of Agriculture.

The woman's section of the County Agricultural Board is made of all community Chairmen, The president of the Home Demonstration Club Committee and the Woman Professional Advisor of the Farm Security, Home Economics and Extension work.

This Board is to meet at the call of the president whenever the Agricultural program of the county demands it. This Board provides a channel through which all County work may flow to rural people in the direct contact with their neighborhood chairman, who are in touch with their Community Chairmen who are members of the County Board of Agriculture.

The ten communities were subdivided into 72 neighborhoods, each of these also having a man and woman leader.

These leaders had been provided with the names of the families in their neighborhood for whom they were responsible. In the various programs put on by the board, the information had been routed through the County Board of Agriculture down to the neighborhood leaders, who then carry the information to the individual families.

Since the 72 neighborhoods in the county in most instances contained too many families for the leaders designated, the Board, two years ago, assisted in dividing the county into 235 neighborhoods, instead of the 72, and selected additional neighborhood leaders for each of the 15 to 18 families; that is, one neighborhood committee man and one committee woman, together with a negro assistant was selected for practically all of the 235 neighborhoods.

Number <u>Committees</u>	Number <u>Committees</u>		Neighborhood <u>Leaders</u>		Negro <u>Assistants</u>		Number <u>Neighborhoods</u>
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	
10	10	10	231	215	109	45	235

This division and assigning fewer families to a leader has meant that our educational programs and war programs were handled more efficiently by the Agricultural Board.

The County Board of Agriculture being the planning board for the County, has participated in many and various programs in carrying out important and vital programs in the County.

NOTE: For detailed County Program see VI. Results, B. Agricultural Boards.

C. County 4-H Council

In the past the County 4-H Council has been called together to make the general county plans for all 4-H Clubs in the County. Also to make

general plans for this years monthly programs and demonstrations. This year, due to the tire and gas shortage no general county meeting was called but individual conferences held by the Home Agent with each Club's leaders and officers. In this way plans were relayed to all clubs by the Home Agent. This demanded more time of the Home Agent but met the present need.

It is hoped that in the near future to again held the County 4-H Council.

D. Professional Workers' Conference

The Professional Workers' in Mecklenburg County reorganized in 1942. Regular meetings were held every two months, along with some called meetings. Last year, due to the War Program they were called when necessary. This year the membership is made up of representatives of the various Agricultural Agencies as follows: Extension Service, Home Economists and Vocational Agriculture Teachers, Farm Security, Welfare and Soil Conservation. This year 1 meeting-several conferences were held.

V. LEADERSHIP

A. Adult Work

The success of Home Demonstration Club work depends to a large extent upon its Club Leaders.

First they must be chosen to fit the type of work to be done; they must be interested and dependable.

Mecklenburg County has been fortunate in having such leaders. They have been faithful in attending leaders training meetings and putting on the demonstrations back in their communities, or carrying back the information to all farm families.

However, it has been harder this year for all leaders to attend all Leader Training Meetings due to the gasoline and tire shortage. The various leaders assisting with the Agriculture Extension Program are as follows:

County Home Demonstration Club Officers

County President

County Vice President

County Secretary, who also acts as reporter

County Treasurer

County Citizenship, or War Information Chairman

County Poultry Chairman

County Garden Goal Chairman

County Recreation Chairman

<u>Home Demonstration Clubs.....</u>	11
Presidents.....	11
Vice Presidents.....	11
Secretary-Treasurer.....	11
Reporter (Secretaries are taking over this duty).....	0
Citizenship, or War Information Chairman.....	11
Poultry Chairman.....	11
Garden Goal Chairman.....	11
Recreation Chairman.....	11
<u>Neighborhood Leaders</u>	
Committee Women.....	10
Neighborhood Leaders.....	215

Training meetings have been held for all leaders giving them information and material to carry out their various programs.

Training Meetings

The major training meetings sponsored by the Home Demonstration Agent were as follows:

<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Poultry	Poultry	2	15
Garden	Garden	2	15
Recreation	Recreation	1	11
<u>Home Demonstration Club Leaders</u>			
	Slip Cover Clinics	4	72
	Food Preparation	1	17
	Furniture & Furnishings	1	18
	Kitchen Utensils	1	18
	Furniture Repairs & Upholstering	1	15
County Committee	County Planning Meeting	3	47
County Chairman	Organization	3	51
County Officers	Organization	3	33
4-H	Organization	2	33
Neighborhood	Food Preservation & Conservation	14	177
Total for Training Meetings		39	522

(Note) For details of these meetings refer to Project Work and Home Demonstration Club Activities.

It is estimated that 793 days were given by 335 different leaders to carry out their various demonstrations and programs in 1944.

A brief summary of their demonstrations and meetings is as follows:

Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers

Held twelve meetings during the year.

Poultry Leaders

Gave a five minute report at ten Club meetings on timely poultry problems.

Attended ten Poultry Training Meetings, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Garden Leaders

Gave a five minute demonstration and information at ten meetings.

Attended two Leader Training Meetings, one on spring gardens and one on fall gardens.

Home Demonstration Leaders

22 Leaders gave 7 demonstrations during the year.
(2 leaders to a club)

Neighborhood Leaders

Assisted with the two county wide programs, and especially programs in connection with food production and conservation.

To me, as Home Agent it seems the most outstanding results of a year of leadership training is the continued assuming of responsibility taken by the leaders.

Due to present conditions, extra programs and demands, the Home Agent has given or assisted with all training meetings and the club leaders have been responsible for their club demonstrations.

They have given 7 of the 10 demonstrations, the Home Demonstration Agent giving the other 3. The leaders have felt this responsibility and have given well planned and interesting demonstrations throughout the year. This develops their sense of responsibility and aids their leadership ability. A fine spirit of cooperation still exists; every leader showing her willingness to assist in all extra government programs as well as her own club program.

B. 4-H Work

Adult Club Sponsors and Leaders

4-H Club Sponsors were sometimes women in the community but mostly teachers in the school act as leaders and sponsors.

All clubs had leaders, making a total of eight leaders. In most instances their leaders act as project leaders. Some clubs, however, have asked a Home Demonstration Club member or community woman to assist with project work. Most of the mothers are willing to cooperate. Only a few assistant leaders have been lost due to war work, as they are either teachers, who if leaving have been replaced by the new teacher, or they are older married community women.

Junior 4-H Officers and Leaders

All eight 4-H Clubs have their club officers of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Program Chairman, Song Leader and Reporter.

This year the same as the last two, one training meeting was held in each club on the duties of the various officers, how to conduct a meeting and parliamentary law.

Hence each officer knows his duties and always takes charge at every meeting.

The outstanding accomplishments of our leaders are shown in their dependability, ability to carry on club work for the elder leaders and willingness to do what they can by the new leaders.

Both adult and junior leaders have cooperated in all programs, both 4-H and Agriculture programs trying to make the best- better.

NOTE (For detail accomplishments, see 4-H Clubs.)

C. Older Youths

There is no organization for our older youths. Most of these, as before mentioned, are away participating in defense work, or away attending college.

These here, we try to interest in 4-H Club work giving them added responsibility, getting them interested in Home Demonstration Club work or participating in the County Agricultural Board Programs.

VI. RESULTS

A. Home Demonstration Clubs

To meet the present existing need in Mecklenburg County the County Program Committee met to plan the program for 1944. Our District Agent was present to aid in planning a war time program. Stress was placed on the fact that Home Demonstration Clubs were to enrich home and family life of rural families; that now more than ever there was a need to continue a high standard of work. World conditions, and the responsibility of our rural people and their opportunities to continue meeting the present needs were shown.

The various clubs had made a study of outlook information for 1944 and were ready with suggestions for a worthwhile program. As a result the program for 1944 was selected to help meet the needs of farm families for better living during the coming year of turmoil and strife; to help our rural women meet various responsibilities and situations and to aid them in doing their part to put over an educational program on Citizenship, Food, Production and Home Making.

The Home Demonstration Program for 1944 was selected as follows:

December.....	Christmas in War Time. Meeting of Garden and Poultry Specialists.
January.....	Variety Ways of Serving Home Canned Food. Slip Cover Clinics - 2(two)
February.....	Sources of Vegetable Proteins Preparation
March.....	Dehydration Check Canning Equipment and supplies...Agent
April.....	Study of New Types available Paints and Varnishes including color harmony in the home.
May.....	Cleaning and Care of Furniture and Furnishings.
June.....	Kitchen Utensils...Agent (Selection and care of New Type)
July.....	Stain Removal Laundry Hints
August.....	Community Recreational Program
September.....	Use of Soybeans and Soybean products...Agent
October.....	Furniture Repair (Tying Springs)
November.....	Re-election Setting up Program for 1945

County Goals:

1. Every Club have planned recreation. Devote a few minutes at every meeting to recreation.
2. Double Club Enrollment.
Slogan - "Every Member - Get a New Member".
3. Garden Goal - Every Member have (or start) a Strawberry and Asparagus bed.

1. Project Work

a. Feed

(1) Production

All Home Demonstration Clubs were again assisted in promoting a year round food supply.

(NOTE: For detailed County Garden and Poultry Report see Campaign and Poultry Program b. (1 & 2) under 2. Home Demonstration Activities.)

(2) Conservation

(a) Preservation

The Home Agent has spent much time again this year on conservation through food preservation. Information has been given out to people all over the county on the latest time tables and the latest methods in canning. Demonstrations on canning fruits, vegetables and meats. The Home Agent has had more office calls and visits this year than previously, due to the interest in late canning and preservation methods. The Home Agent has continued demonstrations on the proper use of the new type jar lids, and gave 11 demonstrations on their proper use to 163 Home Demonstration Club Members. Also gave 11 demonstrations on various types of canning equipment. Home canning budgets and new time table sheets were given out and explained to every Home Demonstration Club Member.

Information and demonstrations on how to use the pressure cooker has also been given by the Home Agent to many other people not club members.

160 Home Demonstration Club Members made out a family food plan and a family canning budget. This aided many to see the necessity of planting sufficient gardens, and getting in a sufficient supply of canning equipment. Interest in canning seems to grow. Home Demonstration Leaders have continued to assist rural women, carrying the latest methods in canning to the women in their neighborhood.

It was reported by the Home Demonstration Members that they canned 69,183 quarts this year; 941 quarts of meat are to be canned late this winter.

(For details see Food Preservation Results.)

Emphasis has also been placed on correct storage facilities.

(b) Dehydration of fruits and vegetables has been stressed again this year as a follow up of last years dehydrated food demonstrations in each Home Demonstration Club. A dehydrator was available in the county office for the Home Agent. This was demonstrated by the Home Agent to at least 25 families not belonging to Home Demonstration Clubs and loaned, and demonstrated to rural families throught the year. Many fruits and vegetables were dried as a result of this program.

It was reported that 2,467 pounds of food was dried. One family purchased a dehydrator - 2 plan to make one and 7 families used other new methods of drying. (Note: For details see Food Preservation Results.)

(c) Community Canneries

There have been four Community Canneries established in the county, through the schools this year. The Home Agent has assisted in the educational program, especially giving explanations pertaining to the cannery, who can use it - where to use it and when to use it.

All Home Demonstration Club Members have been urged to use the Community Canneries whenever possible, as a time and labor saving device. As a result these Home Demonstration Clubs reported having used the Canneries,

and 10,280 quarts were reported being canned in the canneries this year.

(Note: For detailed report see Food Preservation Results which follows.)

FOOD PRESERVATION RESULTS

	Fruits	Vegetables	Meats & Fish	Totals
Quarts canned	21,987	19,992	27,204	69,183
Gallens brined	120	280	5	405
Pounds dried	1,498	969	0	2,467
Pounds cured	0	0	33,100	33,100
Pounds stored	3,300	38,275	3,830	45,405
Pounds frozen	0	0	0	0

Number of Families using the Community Cannery? 95

- (a) Am't Fruits canned in Community Cannery? Qts. 3391
- (b) Am't Vegetables canned in Community Cannery? Qts. 4189
- (c) Am't Meats canned in Community Cannery? Qts. 2700
- (d) Am't Meats to be canned in Community Canneries. 941 Qts., as previously reported.

This table shows approximately what the rural women have canned, preserved and stored in 1944.

Helpful information and leaflets were given on all phases of production and conservation, and many timely and helpful newspaper articles were written on these phases reaching around 2000 people.

(Note: For other details of the program see County Conservation under B. Agricultural Board.)

The Home Agent has given approximately 50 demonstrations in fruit preservation to the 11 Home Demonstration Clubs in 10 communities with about 150 ladies assisting.

(3) Nutrition

For the past four years the Home Demonstration Clubs in Mecklenburg County have had an all out nutrition program. At first the Nutrition Program was planned to meet out County needs then in view of present world wide conditions and the Country's need for stressing a National Nutrition Program,

even more stress has been placed on Nutrition in all our Club Demonstrations. This year we felt there was a need to continue and follow up our nutrition work and so although other vital demonstrations were added to meet war time needs, four Club meetings were given over to a Food and Nutrition program as follows:

(a) Variety Ways of Serving Home Canned Food.

This was added that the canned food on the cellar shelves might be served in different and more appetizing ways. This gets more foods in the 7-Point Program in the diet. 70 families reported using approximately 215 of the suggested ideas.

(b) Sources of Vegetable Proteins.

This demonstration was added to assist with the shortages of meats. Vegetable proteins were discussed such as beans - peanuts and peanut butter and how they could be served attractively to replace meats in the diet. 50 families reported using the approximate 100 ideas.

(c) Dehydration

The high food value of dehydrated foods were reviewed. Also the best methods were discussed on retaining the food value of dried or dehydrated foods.

(Note: For results see Food Preservation Results.)

(d) Use of Soybean and Soybean Products.

Due to the high food value of the soybean and since the Home Demonstration Club Members of Mecklenburg County have been growing soybeans, this demonstration was added, to add soybeans in new ways to the diet such as soybean sprouts, casserole dishes, etc. Also the food value of soybean products was demonstrated. Various products were shown with ideas on how to

serve, such as soybean crackers for tea or for a nutritious food for children in between meal snacks. Soybean flour was demonstrated and how it can be added to the daily routine of cooking - building up a high protein content in the diet. 4 families reported using the flour. It has recently been taken off the market in this locality and is not attainable. 163 women were given the information and are working with the merchants to get the soybean products. All families have been cooking the soybeans - but 27 reported using approximately 75 new ideas and methods.

(e) Cheese Demonstration

Cheese making has been stressed for the past two years and many demonstrations given, at least one in every community. However, this year the Home Agent in Cooperation with the Farm Security Supervisor gave and demonstrated to a group of rural women not previously reached. Both the making of Cottage cheese and American cheese was demonstrated.

Many of these women reported the making of good cheese, approximately 20 pounds of American Cheese being made and 12 families now making Cottage

Cheese.

(f) Club Demonstrations

The Home Demonstration Club leaders gave two of these demonstrations after attending a leader training meeting arranged by the Home Agent. The Home Agent gave the other 10 demonstrations to the 11 Clubs, and also assisted the Club Leaders when ever assistance was needed. The Home Agent devoted 19 days to home food production and 40 days to the proper preparation of foods in the diet of farm families.

b. Clothing and Conservation

(1) & (2) Consumer problems and Conservation

For details of these programs see A 2. Home Demonstration Club Activities- a.

c. House

See A. 2 Home Demonstration Club Activities - a.

d. House Furnishings

(1) Conservation

(a) Woolens

Due to the fact that woolens have gone to war for the past two years the Home Demonstration Clubs have made a study on the cleaning of rugs and the proper storing of woolens. Approximately 180 families put in to practice the proper methods of care of conserving woolens. These practices have been continued this past year.

Upholstering

In addition a demonstration was given this year on the proper method of cleaning upholstery. 11 demonstrations were given to 163 families. Results were ever satisfactory and many old chairs made to look like new.

(b) Furniture and Furnishings

Since the factories are being used for the war effort and not so much furniture and home furnishings are available for the home maker, or if available of inferior quality, the County Committee felt it advisable to include in this years program, demonstrations on conserving the furniture and furnishings now in the home.

Repair and Care

43 different demonstrations were given on the repair and care of furniture and furnishings to 163 farm families. Approximately 325 families were assisted as follows:

Paints and Varnishes

11 demonstrations were given by the Home Agent or Agent assisting the leaders

on paints and varnishes. This included a study of the new paints on the market, how and when they should be used in the home.

Color Harmony in the home was another study, how to blend furnishings and colors into a harmonious unit. Demonstrations were given on how to mix paints to give a soft greyed effect. Painting of the linoleum was also demonstrated. The Home Agent gave these demonstrations to 11 Clubs and 163 women. As a result of these demonstrations 24 families reported mixing paints for some plan of their home furnishings. 10 reported painting their linoleum and 41 have made plans to use some phrase of the color harmony demonstration in beautifying their homes.

Cleaning and Care of Furniture

These demonstrations proved to be one of the most popular during the year. Demonstrations were given on glueing furniture together. 22 families reported mending various pieces of furniture - by glueing. Many of these were good pieces of furniture that had been out of use because they were not strong or had come apart.

The other popular demonstration was the cleaning of furniture and its care. Demonstrations were given on how to remove dark and white spots on furniture and how to make furniture polish that would clean, polish and preserve the wood. 47 reported using the furniture polish, 41 had removed spots on their furniture.

One Club cleaned their entire church with the furniture polish and approximately 30 others in that community were now using the polish in their homes. One restaurant heard of this demonstration and asked for the receipt and now uses this polish in their walnut booths.

The Home Agent arranged for the training meeting for the leaders and although these leaders were responsible for the demonstration. The Home Agent assisted them when they felt they needed assistance.

(c) Furniture Clinics

Following up the need of keeping our furniture in repair a county wide furniture clinic was held. This clinic was to train the Club leaders so that they could go back to their communities and held similiar training meetings.

Demonstrations were given in all of the 11 clubs to approximately 163 members, on how to glue chairs, how to tie springs, how to put on upholstery etc. Two community furniture clinics were held. Other clubs here made plans to held furniture clinics at their communities at a later date.

These furniture clinics aroused a great deal of interest. Many valuable pieces were repaired, also old rocking chairs that were sturdy but old were made into lovely occasional chairs.

The Home Agent assisted with all these clinics and is helping arrange for the others. As a result of these Furniture Clinics 24 chairs were repainted, 8 chairs with springs were repaired, 8 pieces of furniture were upholstered, 11 chairs remedled. 34 report definite plans for repairing or upholstering pieces of furniture.

(2) Construction

(a) Furniture

As previously reported 11 pieces of furniture were remedled, 3 old rocking chairs were made into interesting and comfortable occasional chairs. One old but interesting love seat was entirely made over and upholstered. Others are planning to construct occasional chairs out of old rocking chairs.

(b) Slip Covers

Much interest has been shown in the making of slip covers. Slip covers will be valuable for the duration to make our homes livable and colorful. The chief purposes of holding Slip Cover clinics and making slip covers now are to tie unrelated pieces of furniture together into a colorful harmonious unit, making it possible to modernize lines of unattractive pieces and make them usable and cover shabbiness of worn furniture of good lines. This is especially important since new furniture is so hard to get. With this in mind two slip cover clinics were held in two sections of the county. These were open clinics to all those interested, however, each club was asked to send a representative who could act as leader in their community. Nineteen of the eleven clubs were represented with 60 attending.

Slip covers were demonstrated, fitted and made for seven chairs, six chairs were repaired, one chair, (old) completely remodeled from an old rocking chair to a Club type upholstered chair slip covered at these clinics.

Much interest was shown in these clinics. These women acted as leaders in their community in assisting others in making slip covers. As a result of these slip cover clinics, besides the results previously shown at the clinics, 13 have reported making slip covers, covering 29 pieces. 6 reported showing other families how to make slip covers with 7 pieces covered. 22 report they plan to make slip covers as soon as they can get appropriate material.

The Home Agent assisted with all clinics and helped to make individual plans as to selection of material, help plan color harmony and arranged for groups to purchase materials.

Much interest was shown in all these Home Furnishing Demonstrations. The women are again beginning to think about their homes, as more money is available. The Home Agent has devoted 35 days to the Home Furnishing Project in 10 communities with the assistance of 48 Home Demonstration Club leaders.

e. Home Management

(1) Household Equipment

The Citizenship Chairman with the assistance from the Home Agent and also the leaders have kept the Home Demonstration Club members informed all during the year with the latest new releases on household equipment - outlook information. Articles that will and will not be available. A study of war unit models compared to the possibility of post war equipment has been made.

(2) Kitchen Utensils

One of the outstanding studies made in this line was on Kitchen Utensils. One demonstration was held on kitchen utensils, their selection and care, in each of the 11 clubs to 163 farm women.

The Home Agent gave these demonstrations. The objective being to familiarize our farm women with the new type kitchen utensils on the market, to study the most practical kind and style now available as to durability of the war time utensils.

Many women did not have to make purchases immediately but 160 reported the study enlightened them on the type of kitchen utensils to buy for efficiency. 42 reported being assisted in the immediate purchasing of kitchen utensils.

(3) Home Laundry Demonstrations were given in all 11 clubs to 163 people on Laundry Hints, by the Home Agent and the Club Leaders. The Agent giving the Leader Training Meeting and also demonstrating to clubs where leader was unable to attend. The objective was to assist the farm women in saving time and labor in their laundry. Owing to the labor shortage many of the women are having to do their own laundry, many for the first time. With the added demands on the time of our farm women they felt a study of laundry would be beneficial to them.

This demonstration proved to be of interest to all clubs the women getting many new ideas and helpful hints. Reports show these ideas are being put into practice. In reporting the ideas that were more helpful - 1 club reported the correct height and adjusting of the wash tubs and tables; 2 reported way of hanging clothes. 4 clubs reported the hanging of sheets on the line; 3 clubs reported the making of soap jelly most helpful.

Other ideas reported that were helpful and had been put into practice were: sorting clothes, taking clothes to line, stain removal and a study of water softeners. Approximately 325 families were assisted with laundry problems, and household equipment information.

f. Consumer Problems

See 2. Home Demonstration Club Activities, a. Federation goal- Citizenship- War Information.

2. Home Demonstration Club Activities:

a. Federation Goal-Citizenship-War Information

Citizenship was again chosen as the Federation Goal for 1944. At this time when our Country is engaged in world wide conflict our people felt that they should be kept informed on world wide events as well as National, State and County. So Citizenship was again chosen in order that the rural

families should have this war information and outlook information, explanations of how the various programs and events would or could affect the farm families, in their every day rural living.

A Citizenship Chairman was again appointed in every club. At every meeting she gave at least five minutes to timely information on war rationing, its affect on the farm family, and war information. All programs on the OCD were explained and Home Demonstration Club members participated in the scrap iron, tin, rubber, waste fat drives etc. This information was given to 163 Home Demonstration Club members when turn gave it on to other rural families.

Conservation Problems

The Citizenship Chairman kept all the members informed on Conservation problems pertaining to clothing and the home. Latest information on buying, care, war production regulations-substitute fabrics were given in all 11 clubs to 163 people. Conservation of woollen garments, their care and storage was also given. Sewing machine clinics were given last year, so follow-up work was continued with individual help.

Problems pertaining to the house were also discussed. Type of material on the market available, wise purchasing. Purchasing of War Bonds for future buying power-when better material and furnishings are available were discussed. House repair was urged and home safety devices given.

The Home Agent sent information monthly to all club Citizenship leaders, keeping her up to date and seeing that all programs were presented. Instructions as when to deliver these materials were given.

The Neighborhood Leader Digest was also sent each month. All Home Demonstration Clubs helped with all County Agricultural Board programs.

The leaders themselves showed initiative in being on the lookout for interesting information from our Extension News, magazines and newspapers.

The Citizenship Chairmen from the various clubs reported 69 members purchased War Bonds; 51 bought in the amount of \$18,450.00 while 18 purchased bonds but did not report amount bought. 36 members reported having collected 27,100 pounds of Salvage scrap metal; 15 reported collecting 755 pounds of Salvage rubber; 36 members helped collect 3250 pounds of Salvage paper, rags and burlap while 34 members collected 247 pounds of salvage fats;

Fire Prevention Activities

Two clubs reported having cleaned all premises; 8 clubs reported cleaned trash and checked pipes; 2 clubs reported cleaned chimney and stove pipes; 1 club reported repaired wiring; 1 club observed all activities; 4 reported cleaned attics, yards and wires.

Red Cross Work

64 members reported having rolled bandages; 45 members knitted sweaters; 50 members reported sewing and bandages; 2 packed sea bags.

U. S. O. Work

14 reported contributing funds; 4 serving meals and entertaining service men twice during the year; 7 acted as hostess, while 7 made sandwiches and cookies.

Monthly War Information and Current Events

The various clubs reported having studied voting, good citizen^{_ship}, news paper clippings and radio program information, of interest to farm families.

26 members studied first aid or home nursing; 17 acted as air-raid wardens; while 6 members cooperated with local defense agencies in other defense activities. 115

The people have received so much valuable information that has been of help to them in being better citizens with an understanding of the present day programs that they asked to have the Citizenship Goal continued again in 1945.

Thus with a better understanding of war time activities-programs-and how and why they affect the farm family our Home Demonstration Club members feel they can be of better service on the home front being and helping others to be better citizens.

b. Campaign-Poultry

Poultry was still stressed in 1944 and assistance given to all Home Demonstration Club members to help them meet existing poultry problems.

A poultry chairman was appointed in each club and a few minutes was given each poultry chairman at each Club Meeting for timely reports and poultry information.

Poultry Leaders had two meetings with State Specialists during the year. One being held in January, giving information to the leaders to present to their clubs up until May. In May another Leaders Training Meeting was held for all Poultry Chairmen with information to present monthly to their clubs for the remainder of 1944.

In January it was stressed that the laying flock be culled very rigidly and non or poor producers be used, canned or marketed, and only what young birds put in that could be well cared and fed.

Feed prices have been and are extremely high during the year and the feed is hard to get and inferior in quality to what it has been. This has held down production of our laying flock and retarded the maturity of our young flock, thus reducing the net income. Information was given on supplemental

home grown feeds for the flocks, recommending grazing and feeding home grown grains. It was stressed that Home Demonstration Club members keep records to know what they are doing. It was recommended that owners who found it profitable should continue in poultry raising and ones who did not should get rid of the birds and thus reduce feed bills.

Gathering eggs often and keeping them fresh was stressed as better prices can be demanded by having clean fresh eggs.

Sanitation

Sanitation and disease control was also shown. The house, management and ventilation being important factors in the health of the birds.

All members were urged from time to time to cull and keep culling the young flock as well as the old. As a result the summary from the clubs of the county is as follows: 17 families reported that they purchased more chickens with an increase of 50%; 27 families purchased less chickens; 11 poultry houses were improved and 4 new houses were built. To meet the present situation of high prices and feed shortage 26 members culled their flock; 15 reported that they reduced their flock by canning while 15 members reduced their flocks by selling their poultry. One club reported using home feed with purchased feed to an advantage.

Culling and canning of chicken has been started in the county and we hope to keep the work going and bring poultry back on a profitable basis in the near future. The Home Agent assisted all Poultry leaders by giving poultry information, assisting them in stressing important phases. Gave to all Club members information on canning poultry.

c. Other Special Activities

(1) Garden Program

The necessity for more and better gardens was again felt this year. The shortage of canned goods as well as fresh vegetables and rationing made it important to continue to emphasize the year round garden for every farm family in 1944. It was with this feeling that our garden program was again continued this the fourth year, with our goal being a year round garden with every farm family. Special emphasis again was placed on fall and winter gardens this year.

A garden chairman was appointed in each club, and a few minutes were given them at each monthly club meeting for timely garden practices.

During the year Garden Leaders had two county meetings with the State Specialists. One being held in January which gave information up until May. Then in May another meeting was held and information was given to present to clubs monthly for the remainder of 1944.

For the past 6 or 7 years we have been working on and stressing an adequate year round garden. The last two years special emphasis and stress have been placed on fall and winter gardens.

Soybean Project

The soybean project which was started last year in the County was continued this year. People not growing soybeans last year were urged to grow them this year. The garden chairman ordered soybeans for the entire club and distributed these among members not having seeds. Information on how to plant and grow soybeans will again be given to all clubs by the Home Agent. Demonstrations on various ways of cooking soybeans and the use of soybean products were given in all the clubs this year.

Garden Program results are as follows: There were 102 additional families who planned a more adequate garden for their families this year than last year. New vegetables reported grown this year for the first time were soybeans, carrots, okra, egg plant, parsnips, broccali, head lettuce and rhubarb and new varieties of tomatoes.

There were 63 who planned a Fall and Winter Garden in addition to those already having their fall gardens. 59 reported having a strawberry bed, and 29 had asparagus beds. There were 42 members who grew soybeans this year in addition to those already growing them.

Under the conservation program 14 installed shelves for better storage facilities for canned foods this year. 3 had doors put on shelves and 2 new cupboards were reported. 6 planned to use some type of out door storage this fall, being brick and frame buildings.

There was more interest shown this year in the canning and preservation of garden products, especially among the Victory Garden families than ever before. Their gardens were planned to have a surplus for canning and dehydration. The Home Agent gave much assistance to these families especially in dehydration.

The Home Agent devoted to the entire Home Production program of the family 19 days of work in 10 communities with approximately 54 leaders assisting.

(2) Recreational Program

Club Recreation

Due to the fact that war time living makes for extra duties, puts a stress on every day living; The County Committee felt the need for regular planned recreation in every community.

The County Goal was to have planned recreation at the end of every club meeting. Every club enthusiastically accepted this goal. Plans and suggestions were sent out or given out to each club recreation leader. Plans were also made for a leaders training school to be held for recreational leaders.

The Home Agent assisted with all these training meetings and assisted the recreation leader in getting ideas to the clubs for the various monthly programs. As a result all clubs carried out a planned recreational program at every meeting. Types of recreation reported were as follows: 7 clubs reported using contests; 7 reported games, 3 reported a special emphasis in singing, 2 reported using stunts, reading and literature were also used.

All clubs reported that recreation added to their meetings and asked that the goal be continued next year.

Summer Socials al
Another feature of the County Recreation Program is the summer social held by every club for their community. These are in the form of stews, fish fries, picnics etc. The entire family attends and some community speaker is usually asked to speak.

This getting together of community people tends to develop a better spirit of cooperation.

Christmas Parties

Another Recreational Program sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs is the Annual Christmas Party. The husbands are usually invited to these affairs- and a nice social evening is planned. This helps the husbands to become familiar with the Home Demonstration Club organization and helps create a social function so much needed by our rural people.

Home Demonstration Club Frolic

As a conclusion to this years recreational program A November Frolic was planned in connection with our Annual Achievement Day Program.

A recreational leader was invited in to take charge of the recreation hour. Get acquainted and ice breakers were used at first, then old time folk games were played. This program was ended by the Virginia Reel and the Grand March. Old and young participated. A good time was enjoyed by all.

More of this type of program should be sponsored by rural groups for rural people. As a result of this program one of our local ministers made plans for similar type recreation for the young people of his various rural churches.

The Home Agent devoted 18 days to this County Recreation Program. Recreation was conducted in all 10 communities with approximately 165 leaders assisting.

(3) Other Activities

As previously mentioned the Home Demonstration Clubs took part in all O.C. D. programs, helping in all scrap rubber, iron, tin cans and waste fat drives.

(Note: For detailed report see Citizenship a., under Home Demonstration Club Activities.)

- (4) Home Demonstration Clubs cooperated with all O. P. A. programs. All the club Citizenship Chairman again explained the ration point system, price ceiling program, the consumer pledge etc., and all of interest to farm families.
- (5) They have also assisted in the various County programs as follows: Farm Production Programs, County Community Meetings, have acted as leaders in giving out educational information to other rural families, have given in-

formation on canning of vegetables and meats to neighborhoods.

These are some of the important programs that the Home Demonstration Clubs have assisted with. The Home Agent feels that these women should be commended on their faithful and tireless efforts to do what ever they can to assist in the present war program, to meet existing war situations, to carry on, on the Home Front.

(6) Organization

In order to further the Agricultural program the Home Agent organized one new club this year. This group is in one of the best farming areas and can be benefited as well as being^a help to all their rural people in their community through such an organized group.

Another organization meeting was held in another community this year with several leaders present. They definately wanted a Home Demonstration Club.

The Home Agent made several home visits to a community to re-organize a Home Demonstration Club. This club had stopped meeting when gasoline ration started as they were so scattered. Now they are all ready to reorganize. The Home Agent is also making foundation for the organization of a Home Demonstration Club in still another community.

(7) The Home Agent has given material and information to all clubs, whos leaders have in turn given this information to their members. Over 4095 bulletins have been distributed and over 29 Newspaper articles have been published and 313 home visits have been made to assist in carrying out the Home Demonstration Club program.

B. Agricultural Boards

The County Agricultural Board is an organization to facilitate all rural Agricultural Educational programs.

(Note: For County Organization see B. County Agricultural Board under IV Organization.)

This organization is functioning in Mecklenburg County as the County has been surveyed and the organization set up and working for the past few years.

1. County Meetings

a. General

The Home Agent attended and assisted with the general meetings of the Agricultural Board held this year, attended the Professional Workers' Conference and assisted with Sub-Committees appointed by both organizations: planned the womens program which was presented and voted on at the Board of Agriculture Meeting.

b. Board of Agriculture

The Board of Agriculture met, elected officers for the year and made general plans for the years work. Due to the gas and tire shortage they did not wish to meet again unless necessary.

Plans were made for a series of Agriculture meetings to be held over the County during the year in each community.

AAA Goals for 1944 were discussed and a Garden Committee appointed.

The Home Agent acted as Secretary during the absence of the Secretary.

c. County Garden Committee

The County Garden Committee assimilated all material and information for the spring and summer garden. The early garden being selected because last year a similar leaflet was assimilated for the fall and winter garden. This information was given to all county committee men and neighborhood leaders; to all Home Demonstration Club members and 4-H Club members.

The Home Agent conferred with the Garden Committee and assisted them in formulating their leaflets.

d. Community Meetings

In March the first series of 10 community meetings were held in various parts of the county for all Neighborhood Leaders and Community Chairmen. Food production and conservation were stressed.

A moving picture was shown on food and nutrition entitled, "This Too is Sabotage". The family food plan was presented by the Home Agent urging every one to have an adequate food supply by proper planning.

In connection with this, the Home Garden was discussed and garden leaflets presented containing varieties and time of planting for Mecklenburg County. These had been made up by the County Garden Chairman Committee. 142 Neighborhood Leaders attended these meetings in March.

Also the poultry situation was discussed. Every one was urged to purchase poultry early and from certified hatcheries.

Material and information was given out on getting ready for and the care of baby chicks.

Separate meetings were held for the men and women after the general meeting. The Home Agent discussed with the women neighborhood leaders and community chairmen the General types of meetings scheduled for 1944 - assistance that was needed in the various neighborhoods - and arrangements were made for possible demonstrations needed in each community.

Another series of 5 county community meetings were held in various places over the county again in April. These meetings were also for all Neighborhood Leaders and interested neighbors.

Stress was placed on the Farmer's part on the home front. The farmer's part being aptly shown by the moving picture, "Soldiers of the Soil".

Separate meetings were again held for men and women. The men discussing timely problems. The women discussing food preservation and outlook information. The Home Agent demonstrated the various types of canning equipment, jars, tops, canners and pressure cookers and their proper use, also latest approved methods of canning and dehydration were discussed and demonstrated.

The Home Agent gave approximately 42 demonstrations, 28 general talks to the groups and 28 talks to the rural women at these County Community meetings in each of the 10 Communities.

Other series would have been carried on in the fall but the County Agents saw that the gasoline and tire shortage problems were keeping too many leaders away, for us to continue. However, we felt these 10 county-wide series of meetings were quite worth while and a good educational means.

d. County Agricultural Meeting

The Home Agent attended the County Agricultural meeting for all agricultural agencies. Agricultural problems and post-war problems were discussed. This type of meeting is excellent for all leaders to get an overall picture of situations and become more familiar with the County Goals, which had been presented to the farmers and discussed in January.

The Home Agent devoted a total of 21 days to County Agricultural planning with approximately 20 meetings held and approximately 222 volunteer leaders and committee-men assisting.

C. 4-H Clubs

The 4-H Clubs re-organized in 1944 with the regular club officers, in 8 communities. The total number of 4-H members were 243, of these 93 were boys and 150 were girls. There were more enrolled at the beginning of the year but a revised list was made late in the year of active members giving us these figures.

1. Project Work

a. Breads

Girls project work was selected, this year, to help the girls become better bread makers, all girls taking the bread making project.

The Home Agent gave demonstrations to all girls on the various phases of their project work. Regular project work meetings were held in connection with their regular monthly club meeting.

The girls in this section are to scattered to try to hold effective summer project meetings, even by small groups. So the Home Agent made this special effort to give all demonstrations to all girls.

The Home Agent planned and made all arrangements for these monthly project work meetings. Approximately 1 1/2 - 2 hours were given each month to girls project work.

Demonstration

The Home Agent gave 40 Bread making demonstrations to 150 to 167 girls in the 8 clubs as follows: 8 demonstrations were given on bread standard and correct measuring; 8 demonstrations on the making of biscuits and their variations. 8 demonstrations were given on the making of muffins, speen bread and griddle cakes; corn breads and corn muffins. 8 demonstrations were given on the making of yeast breads and their variations.

25 girls assisted the Home Agent at various demonstrations. In this way they develop leadership.

Each month's demonstrations given on one phase of the project was to be completed before the next month's project meeting. The Home Agent made a monthly check-up on project completion. The leaders were asked to check each week and encourage the girls to complete her project assignment each month.

Judging

Each month the 4-H Girls were asked to bring 2 or 3 pieces of the kind of bread made the previous month, to exhibit. Some very interesting exhibits were held. These were numbered and judging demonstrations were held and contests.

This aroused much interest and gave a better understanding of good quality bread-raising the standard of baking.

115 girls assisted in this judging of breads.

Results

It was surprising the interest that was shown, and the results reported from these various demonstrations. Many girls had never made bread- some had made bread at home but did not know the standard of good quality bread. Many had never eaten corn griddle cakes. So it was interesting to get the various reactions.

Leaders were very helpful in helping the Home Agent supervise and check on project completion during the month.

The Home Agent wrote to all 4-H girls' mothers-telling her about her daughter's project, its requirements and asking her cooperation.

145 girls took the Bread Project, 100 completed this project. Approximately 100 girls made loaf bread, 145 biscuits, 110 muffins, 145 corn bread. These breads were made approximately 5,700 times. 25 girls assisted with bread demonstrations and 115 assisted and participated in the judging of breads and 103 exhibitions.

b. Canning

Canning was selected by some for the summer project. The Home Agent contacted all canning girls during the summer months giving them first all canning information and material needed for their projects. Each girl was given a family canning budget and asked to fill this out with her mother. Thus knowing how much should be canned for health.

Later in the summer additional canning material was given them.

Demonstrations

The Home Agent gave 36 demonstrations to the 4-H Girls on canning. 6 demonstrations were given on the correct use of the various types of jar tops now available, 6 on the correct use of the pressure cooker and 6 on canning of fruits and vegetables.

Results

45 girls took a canning project and 45 girls completed this project.

Reports show that the 4-H Girls have canned or helped can 12,818 quarts of food. The summary of the girls canning project is as follows: 18 girls made the canning plan; 1,668 quarts were canned by 4-H girls alone, 1,029 quarts being tomatoes and 639 quarts of vegetables. They helped can 11,150 quarts of fruits and vegetables. These girls dried 319 pounds of fruits and 85 pounds of vegetables, brined 61 gallons and cured 46 pounds of fruits and vegetables.

c. Family Food Plan and Preservation

All the 150 4-H Girls were given a family food plan and canning budget.

They were asked to take these home and make out the family canning budget with their mothers.

Community Cannery

The Home Agent explained the Community Canneries to all the 243 4-H Club boys and girls, in Mecklenburg County, as this was the first year the canneries operated. They were all urged to take this information home and to make use of the canneries with all services offered.

Results

As a result 20 4-H Girls reported their families having used the community cannery and had canned 387 quarts of fruits, 897 quarts of vegetables.

The 4-H Girls assisted with the above mentioned food canned in the canneries.

The Home Agent asked all 4-H Girls to bring in a report of all foods canned in their homes this year. Results of reports brought in were as follows:

Food Preservation 4-H Girls'-Family

	Fruits	Vegetables	Meat & Fish	Totals
Quarts canned	5606	7,700	260	13,566
Gallons brined	62	123	-	185
Pounds dried	264	58	-	322
Pounds cured	85	-	-	85
Pounds stored	193	1,545	75	1,813
Canned in Community Canneries:				
Quarts canned	457	1,256	570	2,283

d. Gardening

Every member was urged to assist with the home garden, to urge planting sufficient vegetables for home use and for storage and canning. At this time the previously mentioned canning budgets were given to all members for their mothers to use in planning the family food supply.

Other Garden information was given to 4-H members to assist them in a

better home garden program. The garden leaflets, provided by the County Garden Committee was also given them.

2. Health

The health has been stressed in every 4-H Club. Especially health through good nutrition. The 7-point food program has been explained and the Guide to Good eating given to every 4-H member.

3. Community Activities

a. War Activities

The most important activities of all the 4-H Clubs has been in connection with war activities stressed under Citizenship.

All 4-H Clubs participated in buying war bonds and in aiding in the scrap metal, rubber and paper drives. Some 4-H members who had the opportunity assisted in the first aid and Home Nursing Programs, and other defense programs. Activities and results reported on War Activities by the 4-H Members were as follows: 87 members reported buying \$3,545.00 in war bonds and stamps; 100 took part in salvage scrap metal collecting 42,725 pounds; 17 collected 1,920 pounds of rubber; while 100 collected 9,327 pounds of paper, rags and burlap. 8 reported having rolled bandages. 27 took first aid or home nursing and 12 acted as air-raid wardens.

b. Other Activities

Socials

Many Clubs have had socials of various kinds. Some have been held in connection with their Club Meetings, especially if those clubs met at night. Other interesting socials held have been summer picnics, wiener roasts, fall picnics and watermelon feasts.

The parents usually attend these which tends toward a better understanding of 4-H Club Work.

State Short Course Four boys and one girl attended the State Short Course at Blacksburg. Two representatives of the girls were unable to go because of the labor shortage on the farms.

4-H Camp

Fourteen girls and seven boys attended the Holiday Lake 4-H Club Camp. Much interest was shown in camp and more had planned to attend, but due to restrictions of camp registration were unable to do so.

This type of State meeting and camp life tends to develop leadership. It is broadening to the girls and boys ideas and develops lasting friendship.

To assist in their war activities program and also to serve as a social event one club presented a play let "This is worth fighting for" at this club meeting. This dealt with citizenship or the part every American should take today in doing his share to win the war on the home front, and preserve Democracy.

D. Older Youth

We do not have a special program for Older Youth but the older youth are interested whenever possible to assist with 4-H clubs, invited to be members of Home Demonstration Clubs and assist with the work of the neighborhood leaders.

E. Other Work done by the Home Demonstration Agent

The Home Agent has assisted in many other programs besides the ones already described. Assistance was always given in any way possible to any Government program, Food and Nutrition program, Health program and other programs. A brief account of some of these activities is as follows:

1. County Home Economics Worker

The Home Agent has cooperated with all County Home Economics workers, assisting with nutrition work whenever possible. The Home Economist have been invited to the County Agricultural Board Meeting and to assist with the Agricultural Campaigns.

There are many new Home Economist again this fall and the Home Agent as Chairman of the County Home Economist groups plans to call a meeting soon where by all may get acquainted and plan how we can best be effective in assisting with the 1945 program. The Home Agent has written to all Home Economist pertaining to various phases of the work and Home Economics meetings.

2. The Home Agent has acted as County Nutrition Chairman, emphasizing the County Nutrition program and helping all agencies put over and continue their program this year.

3. Community Canneries

To meet the present need of food preservation assistance there have been four Community Canneries built in the County this year under the supervision of the schools.

The Home Agent has assisted with this program by giving educational information to all rural families such as Home Demonstration Club groups, 4-H Club groups and Community Neighborhood Meetings.

The cannery and its use has been explained-how and when to make use of this for their home canning. Instruction and preparation of food, making appointments, etc. has been given.

The Home Agent has also asked the Vocational Agricultural Teachers to come and talk to the Home Demonstration Club groups on the use of the cannery. She has made several visits to the various centers.

The farm people are beginning to use the canneries and see their value as a time and energy saving method, and by next year the Home Agent feels many more of the rural families will take advantage of this opportunity.

Results

An illustration of results this first year can be seen by the summaries given by two of the four canneries. One cannery reports that over 500 families had worked or received instructions in their cannery and had canned over 22,000 cans of food. The other cannery reported 208 families participating, canning over 26,147 cans.

This shows that they are doing a good service for the rural families.

The Home Agent feels that any work she can do to assist with this program is time well spent.

4. Office of Civilian Defense and Salvage Program

Every assistance in every way possible has been given to the OCD by the Home Agent. Special plans have been worked out in each Home Demonstration Club to help carry out the various drives in the different salvage programs. Assistance has been given to the scrap iron drive, waste fat program, scrap rubber, tin can etc.

For results of this program see Home Demonstration Club Activities, Citizenship. Information on all these drives has been sent to the neighborhood leaders.

5. There has been a good spirit of cooperation between the Rationing Board and the Home Agent. Last year a member of the Rationing Board was asked to speak to the Home Demonstration Club County Committee, explaining the ration point system and how it affects the farmer. This year the Home Agent has continued to assist in giving and explaining this educational information to all rural families.

6. Assistance was given the War Bond Committee

All Home Demonstration Clubs^s and 4-H Clubs and neighborhood leaders were urged to assist in the War Bond Drive.

7. The Home Agent has encouraged ^{the} the lunch room projects when ever possible- visiting many of them. All Home Demonstration Clubs have been urged to assist with the school lunch program. Many have canned food and donated for the school lunch.

The Home Agent helped arrange for one Home Demonstration Club to assist with the canning of surplus supplies for the School Lunch Program at one of the Community Canneries. They offered their services for two days and canned several hundred quarts.

8. Assistance was given when ever possible to the Red Cross. Assisted with Red Cross bandage rolling.

9. The Home Agent has always cooperated with the War Board. Assisting in any way when ever asked.

10. The Home Agent has had splendid cooperation from the Farm Security supervisor, working together on County Agricultural Board programs and with Neighborhood leaders, giving cheese and canning demonstrations.

11. The Home Agent has attended all District and State Meetings of the Extension Division, Department of Agriculture.

VII Contribution by Home Demonstration Clubs

The Home Demonstration Clubs have planned their entire program so that it will contribute in some way toward meeting some phase of the war needs.

This entire report deals with a description and summary of these programs.

To make an appraisal of the most significant contributions of the Home Demonstration Clubs to the war effort we would list them as follows:

1. Assumed leadership in all educational programs to rural families.
2. Assumed leadership in the Food for Freedom Programs, stressing all production programs such as poultry, milk, eggs, and especially the year round garden and conservation program.
3. Assumed leadership for all scrap and waste drives among the rural people.
4. Assumed responsibility for getting all war information to rural families, explaining how this would effect them in every day living and how to best meet the various problems that arose by such war time programs.

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Hardships have again arisen/this year of war time activities, it has been again hard to hold meetings due to the gasoline and tire shortage. A shortage of labor has made many extra tasks for the women, members of their families have gone to fight for democracy but regardless of these facts our leaders and Home Demonstration Club women have been faithful in carrying on the Home Demonstration Club Programs.

They have attended leader training meetings whenever possible and are continuing to assume leadership in their clubs.

They have accepted the war time challenge and plan to continue doing their part on the home front with^h renewed zeal for accepting club leadership, and assisting with the County War Program, giving vital information to all rural families, and helping them to keep a balance in every day living.

This spirit of cooperation of accepting leadership in the face of labor and time shortages and still being able to look ahead to 1945 with a feeling of faith - this spirit of the Home Demonstration Club people is to the Home Agent the most significant contribution.