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4-H CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT

The Alexander County 4-H girls went out in a big way to help win the war by Food Conservation and Victory Gardens.

With the men and boys in service the 4-H girls found it necessary to help on the farms. This is probably the largest contribution the girls did toward winning the war. Many of them worked long hours in the fields and garden then went into the house to can and conserve the food supply. The Victory Gardens increased production of vegetables for the family or a sharing of labor and garden space with club members. 21,254 quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned from the Victory Gardens.

Fruits and vegetables were also dried to help conserve food. The canning of a great many tomatoes were encouraged for a fruit substitute since the fruit supply was cut short.

No direct credit is given to 4-H girls for collecting paper, but they gathered it up in bundles at home and put it at a convenient place for another organization to collect.

The scrap iron campaign found them wide awake as did other campaigns for they contributed 2,915 pounds scrap iron, 180 phonograph records, 167 pounds rubber, 80 pounds of waste fat and bought \$2,565 worth of bonds and stamps.

Sue Brown of the Hiddenite club was one of the State winners in the "Food For Victory Contest" for which she received a \$25 war bond.