

## 4-H CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WAR EFFORT

### ANSON COUNTY

The 4-H Club Program in Anson County was adjusted to meet the emergencies caused by the War in every way possible. The theme adopted was "Together We Work, Save and Serve."

Work - Club members learned the importance of work, and the value of the service they could render. The labor shortage on the farm was met with a determination to meet the situation and overcome it. Club members worked with food production in the fields and in the gardens; they assisted in planting, in cultivating and in harvesting the crops. They helped with poultry and egg production, with turkeys, and with milk production. In many cases, club members were the main source of labor on the farm, and they were happy and content in doing their part. They performed man-size jobs and took the place of older brothers and sisters in service or working in defense plants. Club boys and girls worked at community canneries with preparation of fruits and vegetables and operation of the canning equipment.

When the local schools had school gardens 4-H members planted, cultivated and gathered fresh vegetables for the daily lunch rooms and for canning. 4-H members conducted the "Feed a Fighter" project in which they endeavored to raise enough food to feed a soldier.

The 4-H girls did a good job in saving the surplus foods at their own home, and also assisted neighbors with canning. Anson County had the record of producing and saving the largest crop of food and feed during the year 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945 in all its history. Not only were the families well fed, but much food was grown for market and this effort of the rural people created a sufficient and we might say an abundant supply of vegetables, eggs, meats, and fruits for people engaged in other occupations.

Saving - 4-H Programs, during the period of the war, emphasized saving and conservation. Programs and projects were conducted on the conservation of clothing, emphasizing the care of clothing, remodeling, and extending the life of garments for making over for other members of the family. Splendid reports and exhibits were made of coats relined, garments made over, boys suits mended, garments cut down for others. 4-H girls and boys took a pride in this project and results showed better grooming as well as improved general appear-

ance. 4-H Club members learned to repair and to give better care of household and farm equipment, and felt a greater responsibility towards observing safety rules on the farm, in the home and for their own health.

Service - 4-H Club members responded almost 100% to the Infantile Paralysis Drives and Red Cross. They assisted with War Bond Drives, collection of salvage, of scrap metal, fats and used clothing. Club members formed good habits of spending and learned the value of using and saving their earnings. Almost every branch of service was included in our 4-H draftees and volunteers. In every case they went forth bravely. Some have returned, but many are still in occupation centers.

TOTAL PRODUCTION FOR YEARS 1943, 1944 and 1945 by Anson County 4-H Members

		<i>Total.</i>	
Acreage in gardens	225.0 221.0 196.0		636.0 acres
Eggs - No. doz.	430 300 420		1,150 doz.
Meats - lbs.	20,000 34,800 18,000		72,800 lbs.
Milk - gals.	920 1,315 675		2,910 gallons
chickens - number	13,085 26,050 18,000		57,135
Garments made	2,676 2,376 2,200		7,252
Garments Repaired and made over	872 3,012 936		12,720
Equipment repaired	26 38 40		104
No. carrying out safety practices	95 242 290		527
Salvage	scrapmetal 58,000 9,270		67,270
	Rubber 860 920		1,780
	Fats 310 535		845
Wild Life Conservation	236		236
4-H Church Sunday Services	36 29 14		79
Members	837 851 547		2,235
Bonds and Stamps	3,000 7,000 14,000		44,000