

Guilford

4-H MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR EFFORT FROM PEARL HARBOR TO V-J DAY
QUILFORD COUNTY -

From the very nature of their 4-H club training boys and girls of Guilford County 4-H clubs were prepared to lend a hand and do their part for the War Effort.

Membership has averaged 1085 strong - 475, 619 girls. Two thousand ^{hands} / have turned off much work to relieve the farm and labor shortages and to produce the much needed food and feed supplies.

Girls alone grew 159.5 acres of home gardens during the period from Pearl Harbor to V-J Day in addition to helping with the family plot.

Produce from these gardens was sold, shared with friends, served the family or canned. A total of 54,836 quarts of canned food was reported from these gardens for the four years.

Garden produce was not alone in food supplied by 4-H members. Turkeys, chickens, eggs, beef and pork were provided by the boys and girls.

Every effort was made to use up available materials. Girls remade a total of 1,031 garments, making them into attractive wardrobes and putting money saved into war stamps and bonds.

Campaign contributions in 1942 were most outstanding. With everyone doing his best 158,014 pounds of scrap metal was collected; 61,250 pounds of paper, rags, etc.; were invested in war bonds and stamps by members. Two hundred and three members enrolled for first aid and a large number of girls rolled bandages, sewed and knit for the Red Cross.

The service in the armed forces must not be forgotten for boys and girls who could be spared from the farm home joined the ranks and served us well.

Peggy Howser, twelve-year old Nathanael Greene Club girl, who won the 1943 "Feed a Fighter" contest has a good story to tell about what she has done for the War Effort this year. ¹⁹⁴⁵ She reports * "We raised 200 layers and 400 turkeys. The

biggest turkey weighed 25 pounds at five months. We raised five acres of corn and seven acres of hay and three acres of oats. I helped raise it all. We raised two acres of sweet potatoes. I had a very nice garden this summer.

I am now raising a 4-H calf which weighs 910 pounds. I will show him at the Greensboro Fair October 2.

I am starting my 3rd year in 4-H and if I enjoy this coming year like I did the other years I know I will learn a lot and have a lot of fun.

We have two hogs and ten shoats weighing 250 pounds each and eight little pigs. We raised eighteen ducks and about twenty-five guineas. We have two milk cows and one little calf and one cow that will come in fresh for the first time soon. I milk the two cows twice a day.

I raised about a fourth of an acre of tomatoes and made \$50 profit, and we also canned over 100 quarts of tomatoes out of the same crop. We canned 500 quarts of food this summer.

We raised 3000 fryers this year and I raised 1000 of them. I kept them until they weighed 2-3/4 pounds a piece.

The following is Jeanette Stallings' 1942 Victory garden story:

My Victory garden seemed to know just what was expected of it this year. It furnished food for our entire family and all our neighbors who work in town and couldn't have a garden of their own. It saved us enough on food bills to help send my older sister to college and give my younger one music lessons. What we save this winter on food we are planning to put in War Stamps.

The insects were a great deal worse this year than a few years ago, and it would have been impossible for me to get rid of them had it not been for a hen and her brood who cleaned them for me. Early every morning and late in the evening they could be seen going to the garden.

My garden yielded enough so that we will have to buy no vegetables or potatoes which will be saved for our allies. I also saved enough seed from my garden to plant one next year.