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4-H CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAR EFFORT

4-H Club members accepted the challenge to make the best better during the war emergency and redoubled their efforts to their pledge:

- I PLEDGE:
- My Head to clearer thinking;
- My Heart to greater loyalty;
- My Hands to larger service; and
- My Health to better living for
- My Club, my Community, and My Country

4-H Club members were given more and more responsibility on the farm and at school as they replaced brothers who were immediately called into the armed forces, following the Declaration of War by President Roosevelt. Tom Ray of Leaflett Community assumed his brother's chores at home, such as caring for the livestock and helping his father grow tobacco. Tom was an active 4-H member during his high school days, and developed talents for greater usefulness and joined with other club members for work, fun, and fellowship.

Charles Bain, a Junior club member of the Anderson Creek 4-H Club, conducted a corn demonstration using Hybrid corn and his own local variety of corn. The Hybrid corn was planted along side of the local variety used by Charles' father, with the following results: the Hybrid corn yielded 65.2 bushels per acre, and the local variety yielded 48.1 bushels per acre, making a difference of 17.1 bushels per acre more produced on the Hybrid corn plot than on the local variety plot.

The preparation seeding fertilizer and cultivation of this corn was identical, the same on both plots.

In addition to conducting the above corn demonstration, Charles plans to utilize the corn in feeding a 4-H Baby Beef for a spring show and sale.

Ellen Page, a 4-H member of Buies Creek, assisted the war effort by growing food to help win the war. Ellen assisted her father with the family garden and canned over 400 quarts of fruits and vegetables. A canning budget was completed by Ellen for her family and she fulfilled the requirements of

the 4-H Food Preservation Project for three years. Ellen is now serving as a citizen in maintaining world peace.

Rozella and Calvin Mangum of Friendly Community are 4-H Club members and have been busy during the war years, creating better homes for better living. Rozella has assisted her mother in all phases of homemaking and released a soldier on the home front by helping her father in the tobacco fields. She has made a real contribution to the war effort by seeing that the Mangum family was well fed. Calvin, age twelve, is president of the Buies Creek 4-H Club, and has joined with regular club members of Harnett County with the aid of special members that joined the clubs as a result of our 4-H mobilization program in making the following contributions to the war effort:

240 boys and girls raised enough in 1943 to feed a soldier for one year and redoubled their efforts in 1944 and 1945.

Corn	130 acres	- Value	\$6,427.25
Small grain	25 acres	-Value	685.00
Potatoes	85 acres	-Value	45,275.50
Cotton	75 acres	-Value	7,650.00
Tobacco	40 acres	-Value	25,408.00
Gardens	985 acres	-Value	477,725.00
Poultry	25,185 birds	-Value	50,370.00
Dairy Cattle	145 head	-Value	8,700.00
Beef Cattle	120 head	-Value	14,400.00
Sheep	140 head	-Value	1,750.00
Swine	740 head	-Value	22,200.00

51,125  
42,750  
93,875

Bonds & Stamps bought by 4-H Club members	\$51,125.00
Bonds & Stamps sold by 4-H Club members	42,750.00
Scrap Iron collected by 4-H Club members	225,000 lbs.
Rubber collected by 4-H Club members	9,852 lbs.
Grease & waste fats collected by 4-H members	8,795 lbs.

Thinking of all that 4-H means to club members, which includes taking failures courageously and successes graciously, 4-H'ers will join with other Americans in preventing wide-spread hunger among our neighboring countries. 4-H Club members have tried and will continue "To Make the Best Better" in Harnett County.