

4-H CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAR EFFORT

In the year following Pearl Harbor, the Mobilization for Victory Campaign in Haywood County 4-H Clubs brought 281 enthusiastic boys and girls to the defense of our Country. Under food production the girls reported having 31 acres in Victory Gardens - 23 acres in soybeans - 39 acres of other foods or feed crops, 465 chickens, 73 pigs, 24 dairy calves, 22 baby beeves and 4 sheep. They put a money value of \$2,134.79 on the above projects.

Members saving for Victory have collected 16,548 lbs. of scrap iron, rubber, aluminum and waste paper. Money received for scrap was given to the Red Cross, school and to buy bonds and stamps for themselves. This group owns \$268.75 worth of stamps and bonds.

Six members were enrolled in defense program, 33 girls had taken the first aid course at school. The girls have rolled bandages, made 36 garments and three complete layettes for Red Cross.

The spirit of these boys and girls was expressed by Martha Best, "I sewed for the Red Cross, planted a Victory Garden, bought War stamps and bonds, collected aluminum, iron and paper. I can do more if anything else needs to be done."

"Food for Victory" program inspired the 286 members to sign up to carry out 324 projects for 1943. Members saving for victory have collected 30,000 lbs. of scrap iron, 5,000 lbs. of rubber, and 35 lbs. of waste fat. Money received for scrap was given to the school, Red Cross and to buy war bonds.

98% of the Junaluska Club members contributed their share in the Ambulance Fund Drive.

The continued Victory Program for 1944 inspired the 584 members to carry 696 projects.

Edith Noland has done her part in producing food to feed the members of the armed services. She says of her project - "For the past four years I have had poultry for my 4-H project" - with the proceeds from the poultry project Edith bought a choice Hereford yearling calf. Upon selling the steer she bought ten yearling steers. After selling these her total income from poultry and baby beef was \$1455.32.

Club members in the same year collected 113,100 lbs. of scrap iron, 14,790 lbs. of rubber and 40 lbs. of grease. They have sold \$3,500 worth of bonds and bought \$17,072 worth. The club members have learned to take care of the things they have and have worked harder than ever before. They are willing to work harder to help win the war. The boys and girls have furnished much of the labor on farms during the summer and fall.

Added responsibilities continued in 1945 - to which the 4-Hers responded willingly. Hilda Crawford reports, "This year more than ever I have really been working hard to help at home and also to buy every war bond I possibly could. This year I have been trying to live by and uphold the ideals of the 4-H club. As a result, I'm having a better life, a better family, a better home and better community. I have been trying very hard to make the best better."