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Box 512
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Mr. L. R. Harrill
State 4-H Club Leader
State College Station
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Harrill:

Enclosed herewith you will find a report on activities participated in by 4-H Club members of Person County during the duration of the war, as requested by your letter of February 7, 1946.

Sincerely yours,

Charles J. Ford
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Negro County Agent
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4-H MOBILIZATION

In carrying out the intensive food production, scrap iron, rubber, etc., it was necessary for all of the people to work. To this end the State 4-H Club Leader, Mr. L. R. Harrill initiated a special 4-H Mobilization Program, that is, there were several hundred boys and girls in the County who were not Club members, but who had a special interest in the war because they had relatives on every fighting front. These boys and girls were asked to become members in order to put the job over. The 4-H Club membership in Person County increased from 500 to about 1,000, or half of the boys and girls of club age in the County.

PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

It was discovered that it took twice as much to feed a soldier as it does to feed a civilian. In order to do this production had to be stepped up. 4-H Club boys in Person County increased the production of corn on their acres to 42.2 bushels compared with the County average of 20 bushels per acre. They produced 59,395 lbs. of pork, 49,318 gals of milk, 25,600 lbs. of broilers, stored 24,465 lbs. of dried foods, produced 59,607 lbs. of pork and beef, sold 35,776 lbs. of scrap iron and 1,284 lbs. of rubber. The girls canned 21,744 quarts of fruits and vegetables.

The Agents' efforts were supplemented by the assistance of 116 neighborhood leaders trained in 147 meetings to do special jobs among 4-H Club members in production and conservation.

CLOTHING CONSERVATION AND COLLECTION

During the war period clothing material was hard to get. In attempting to make the same last longer two specific measures were taken by Club

members in Person County, making over and mending. 465 garments were made over and 287 garments mended. The girls also collected 497 garments in the National Clothing Drive and made 315 articles for the Red Cross.

THRIFT

Before the war there was no national agitation as to thrift. The war had to be financed, wages were going up, prices of commodities increased and women and men in the armed forces had to be fed, and the national government needed their aid. Out of this necessity grew the nation-wide stamp and bond program. Boys and girls in Person County bought \$13,461.00 in bonds and stamps and sold \$20,759.60 worth of bonds and stamps, making a total of \$34,220.60 in bonds and stamps bought and sold.

AMBULANCE DRIVE

4-H Club members of Person County answered the call of the State 4-H Club Leader in raising their quota of \$15.00 to be applied on the purchase price of an ambulance which was donated to the war effort by 4-H Club members of North Carolina. In other words, Club members of Person County took part in all activities to support the war effort during the duration of the war.