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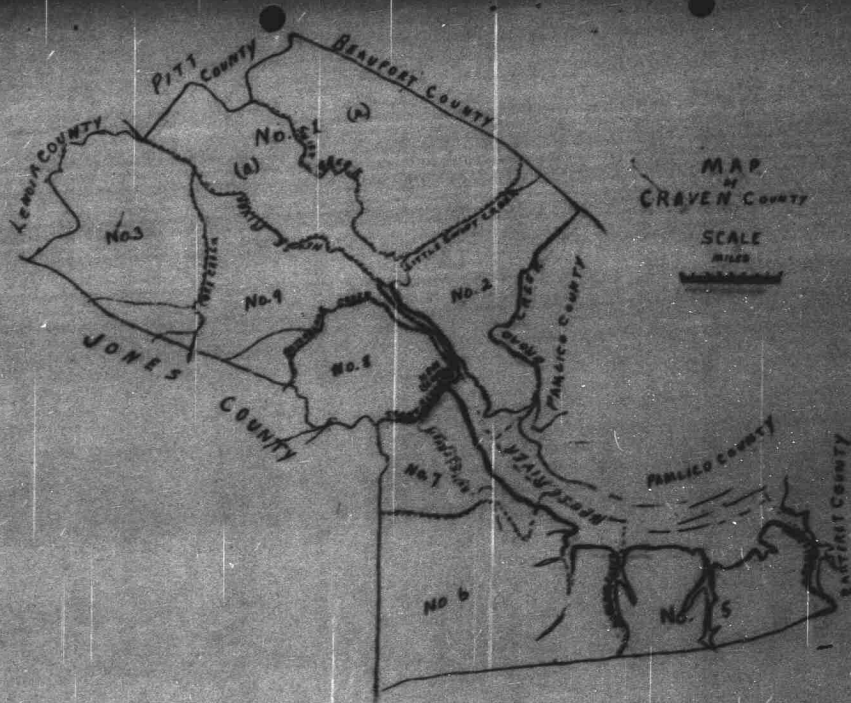
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1942

GRAVEN COUNTY

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IV SUMMARY

Craven County farmers produced a fair crop this year despite dry weather during most of the growing season. The price of tobacco averaged much higher this year than in 1941. This was especially true of lower grades.

The yield of cotton was good, however the price was low in proportion to production cost and the prices that farmers have to pay for the things they have to purchase.

The corn and hay crops were very short. Dry weather during the growing season cut the corn crop to about 50% of a normal crop, while a long rainy period in the Fall caused most farmers to lose practically their entire hay crop.

There was a larger acreage of small grain, particularly wheat, harvested in 1942 than in 1941. There has been a still larger acreage of small grain planted this fall, and with the purchase of 10 new combines in the County during the past year it appears that Craven county will continue to increase its small grain acreage for a number of years.

There was also quite an increase in the acreage of soybeans this year in the County, which were planted for oil. The Government paid the farmers \$1.50 per bushel for No. 1 beans of the green and yellow varieties.

The people of Craven County have played their part well in response to the Defense Program.

The greatly increased demand for milk for the naval and military camps in this section has induced quite a number of our farmers to go into the dairy business. Many dairy cows have been purchased.

The greatest problem facing our farmers at the present time is a shortage of farm labor. Those who have not been called into selective service have left the farm and gone on defense projects where wages much higher than the farmer could afford to pay are being received. This condition has grown so critical that it has reached the point of practically forcing many of our farmers out of business.

In the face of these conditions and with an increase in the demand for more and heavier type of farm machinery to take care of the changes that are being brought about in our farming system, Craven County has been allocated only about enough farm machinery for 1943 to equip two 100 acre farms.

There will be much greater emphasis placed during the coming year on the production of food and feed crops. Our farmers who produce the necessary vegetables and livestock products back on the home front will play just as important a part in winning the battles of the present conflict as our boys who are firing the guns and manning the ships on the front lines of the foreign battlefields.

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V AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

The work of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration through the Soil Conservation Program in this County is summarized below:

A. COMPLETING THE 1941 PROGRAM

No. Farm Plans (Form 573) worked with	1916
No. Farm Plans signed by producers	1642
No. Applications made for payments	1758
No. Farms under such applications	7955
Amount of payment received for County	\$166,774.63
Average payment per application	93.78
Average payment per payee	53.89

B. 1942 ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>No. Farms Under Allotment</u>
Cotton	3,466.8	1053
Peanuts	166.3	39
Potatoes	343.9	58
Tobacco	10,284.1	1762

C. 1942 SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

No. Farm Plans (Form 615) worked with	1863
No. Farm Plans signed by producers	1807
No. farm units measured for compliance	2254
No. farms eligible for payment	1770
Total acreage in farms in County	201,199.9
Total acreage cropland in County	61,672.3

(The acreage in farms and of cropland in the County is reduced because of acreage in area taken over by the Government for the Marine Base at Cherry Point.)

CONSERVATION MATERIAL

Interest in obtaining Grant of Aid materials increased in 1942, but it was not possible to secure all such materials requested. Many of the farmers used these materials to make up their soil building units.

A summary of the conservation material used in the County during this year is shown by the tabulation below:

No. Producers receiving Conservation Material	600
No. receiving Austrian winter peas	596
Quantity of A. W. peas received	50.14 tons
Acreage planted	5,345 acres
No. receiving 19% Superphosphate	79
Quantity of Superphosphate received	65 tons
Acreage treated with Superphosphate	430 acres
No. receiving Agri. Ground Limestone	44
Quantity of Limestone received	226 tons
Acreage treated with Limestone	300 acres
No. receiving Italian Ryegrass seed	19
Quantity of Italian Ryegrass seed received	8,615 lbs.
Acreage planted to Italian Ryegrass	215 acres

There were 217 farmers giving assignments to various companies and individuals for marl, oystershell and seed furnished them in 1942, of these

No. receiving oyster shell	68
Quantity of oystershell received	390 tons
Acreage treated	400 acres
No. receiving marl	4
Quantity of marl received	41 tons
Acreage treated	40 acres
No. receiving seed	115

Agricultural Program

COTTON PROGRAM - 1942

Through November 15 there were ginned for Craven County producers

511,005 lbs. cotton, consisting
 1,483 bales lint cotton, and
 186,100 lbs. seed cotton

being 805 lbs. per acre yield for the
 3,146.8 acres allotted to the
 1,053 cotton farms in the County.

COTTON REFERENDUM

The Cotton Referendum was held on December 12, 1941. This referendum being in charge of the following personnel:

County - L. R. Wernona, Chairman County Committee
 J. L. Smith, Vice-Chairman, " " "

<u>Township</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Pollholders</u>
No. 1	Vanceboro	J. P. Williams J. H. Smith Odie Spear
No. 3	Fort Barnwell	W. R. Newell G. C. Casper
Nos. 2, 6, 7 and 8	New Bern	J. W. Miller John L. Hardison J. M. Tyndall
No. 5	North Harlow	H. H. Harris T. E. Taylor D. R. Williams
No. 9	Jasper	H. E. Wilcox L. W. Cook C. J. Hines

The result of the Referendum is shown below:

Total number votes cast	288
Total favorable votes	283
Total adverse votes	5
Percent. favorable	98.3
Percent. adverse	1.7

A.A.A. PROGRAM - 1942 COMMITTEES

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>VICE-CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>REGULAR MEMBER</u>	<u>FIRST ALTERNATE</u>	<u>SECOND ALTERNATE</u>
County	L. R. Serrano R-1, Dover	J. L. Smith Bachelor	Glyde Johnson R-1, Vanceboro	G. C. Casper R-1, Cove City	John Whitford R-3, Vanceboro
Community: Hamp-34-A	John Whitford R-3, Vanceboro	John E. Smith R-3, Vanceboro	Ernesta Taylor Ersul	J. T. Ipeck Ersul	Arthur Whitford Ersul
" 1-B	Jack Laughinghouse Vanceboro	Lawrence Wilson Vanceboro	Bill Clevé Vanceboro	J. J. Williams, Jr. Vanceboro	Clifton Laughinghouse Vanceboro
" 1-C	H. H. Lewis R-1, Vanceboro	Robert Barrow R-1, Vanceboro	L. S. Butler R-1, Vanceboro	J. B. Barrow, Jr. R-1, Vanceboro	William Butler R-1, Vanceboro
" 1-D	Odie Spear R-2, Vanceboro	M. R. Bland R-2, Vanceboro	W. F. Laughinghouse R-1, Grifton	J. H. Joyner R-1, Grifton	J. A. Clark R-1, Grifton
" 1-E	J. W. Huff R-2, Vanceboro	Ralph C. Hill R-2, Vanceboro	Rutherford Tripp R-2, Vanceboro	Mark Mills R-2, Vanceboro	Barney Franks R-2, Vanceboro
" 2	F. S. Morris R-1, New Bern	J. T. Britz Ersul	J. M. Tyndall R-1 New Bern	M. A. Wetherington Ersul	W. B. Boyd R-1 Ersul
" 3-A	F. H. Lane R-1 Dover	H. Wilson R-1 Cove City	F. L. Barwick R-1 Dover	E. W. Ormond R-1 Dover	Guy Civile R-1 Dover
" 3-B	W. R. Howell R-1 Dover	Leonard Brown R-1 Dover	J. H. Humphrey R-1 Dover	J. A. Ormond R-1 Dover	George E. West R-1 Dover
" 3-C	G. C. Casper R-1 Cove City	Hubert Daugherty R-1 Cove City	Walter McCoy R-1 Cove City	I. L. Heath R-1 Cove City	G. W. McCoy, Jr. R-1 Cove City
" 5	T. E. Taylor Bachelor	H. H. Harris North Harlowe	Douglas Williams North Harlowe	D. K. Purifoy Bachelor	Ralph C. Temple North Harlowe
" 6 & 7	J. J. Hughes R-4 New Bern	W. J. Wyans Havelock	J. L. Harrison R-4 New Bern	Mile S. Fisher R-4 New Bern	E. C. Hays R-4 New Bern
" 8	C. C. Dunn R-3 New Bern	J. C. Ipeck R-2, New Bern	J. M. Miller R-2 New Bern	W. C. Parker R-2 New Bern	Joe T. Ipeck R-2 New Bern
" 9-A	H. E. Wilcox R-2 New Bern	L. W. Davis R-2 New Bern	W. J. Dail R-2 New Bern	Geo. S. Cook R-2 New Bern	M. B. Simpkins R-2 New Bern
" 9-B	J. M. White Cove City	H. C. Ipeck R-1 Cove City	W. T. Atkinson R-1 Cove City	S. A. Register R-1 Cove City	S. A. Sutton R-1 Cove City

COMPLIANCE WORK

County Supervisor	- E. Bruce Ward
Computer-Datacenter Cgr.	- Sydney K. Davis
Computer-Datacenter Cgr.	- Doris Morris
Clark	- Evelyn K. McCutcheon

Field Supervisors:

Township No. 1

- Eber Harrow
- Joe Bright
- John A. Clark
- Bill Cleve
- Willace Cleve
- Robert F. Cox
- Bernay Franklin
- James S. Huff
- Clifton Laughinghouse
- H. H. Lewis
- S. W. Lewis
- Gerald McLamborn
- Edwin Robinson
- S. A. Sutton
- Lawrence Wilson
- J. T. Wilson

Township No. 2

- Oscar Kreschel
- G. J. Heath

Township No. 3

- Leonard Brown
- John W. Connor
- Dalton Babanks
- Robert Leigh
- Larry McCoy
- W. E. Howell
- D. W. Ormond
- Ralph Ormond
- Geo. B. West

Township No. 5

- H. K. Davis
- McKree Purifoy

Township Nos. 6 & 7

- Ernest Poston

Township No. 8

- L. W. Davis
- Darryl M. Ferrest
- Malcolm McWhorter
- Thos. Guthrie
- G. S. Cook
- S. A. Register
- Archie White

Township No. 9

CRATER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

1942

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers	President	- L. E. Sorrens
	1st Vice-President	- J. L. Smith
	2nd Vice-President	- Clyde Johnson
	Secretary	- L. G. Mathis
	Treasurer	- Mrs. Jessie P. Ellis
Members	Township No. 1A	- John Whitford
	" " 1B	- Jack Laughinghouse
	" " 1C	- H. E. Lewis
	" " 1D	- Odie Spear
	" " 1E	- J. W. Huff
	" " 2	- F. S. Morris
	" " 3A	- F. H. Lane
	" " 3B	- W. H. Sewell
	" " 3C	- C. C. Casper
	" " 5	- T. B. Taylor
	" " 6 and 7	- J. J. Hughes
	" " 8	- C. C. Dunn
	" " 9A	- H. E. Wilson
	" " 9B	- J. M. White

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Chief Clerk	- J. C. Lane
Principal Clerk and Comptometer Opr.	- Baily J. Denting
Fayrell and Rating Com. Clerk	- Jessie P. Ellis
Senior Clerk-Steno.	- Jane Marshall Jenkins
Junior Clerk-Steno.	- Doris Morris
Junior Clerk-Steno.	- Margaret Lamb
Cotton Clerk	- Evelyn E. McCutcheon
Tobacco Clerk	- Sydney M. Davis

VI A.A.A. MATTRESS PROJECT

MATTRESS PROJECT

The A. A. A. Cotton Mattress Program which began in Craven County in 1940 was completed in October of this year.

During this period 1,604 families made 2,134 mattresses and 1,371 comforters. Centers in which the work was carried on were opened in six communities, namely New Bern, Jasper, Beahler, Dover, Cove City and Swarth.

This Program has served a very worthy purpose by allowing low-income families to replace their old worn-out mattresses with new ones.

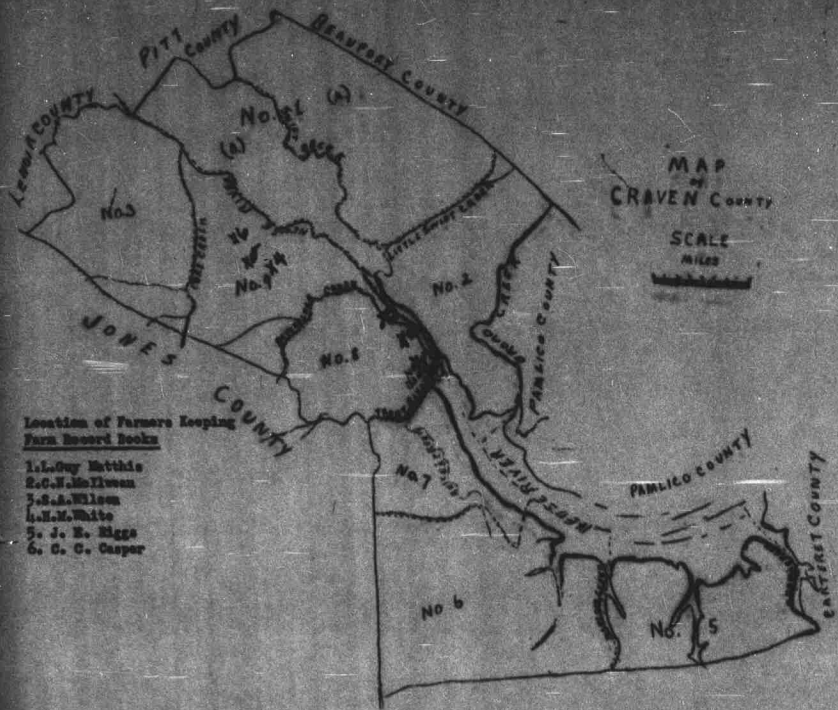
VII AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Many farmers were given advice in regard to farm buildings, drainage, etc., and were furnished with blue prints and bulletins whenever possible.

Several painting demonstrations were given in the County with Mr. E. S. Mills, Extension Engineer, assisting the local Agents. The paint used was prepared from burned cylinder oil mixed with red mastic color. This was used to paint barns on the farms of Farm Life School at Fenneboro, C. S. Spruill of Spruilltown, F. A. Gaskins at Atkins, and W. C. Gaskins at Forrest.

This is a very inexpensive method and will preserve the wood for a long time. However, with the rationing of tires and gasoline causing a drastic decrease in the use of automobiles the availability of a sufficient quantity of used oil might be a limiting factor in the use of this kind of barn paint for the duration of the war.

Assistance was given in the installation of one home water system. Others have been installed in the county.



MAP
of
CRAVEN COUNTY

SCALE
MILES
1

Location of Farmers Keeping
Farm Record Books

1. L. Guy Matthis
2. C. H. McIlveen
3. S. A. Wilson
4. H. M. White
5. J. E. Riggs
6. C. C. Casper

VIII AGRICULTURE

CORN

Due to dry weather the corn crop in this section fell short of normal yields.

A corn fertilization demonstration was conducted on the farm of A. H. Murphy of Olive's Creek, where corn was planted in a field following a crop of velvet beans turned under, and also where none were turned.

This fall the corn was gathered from a plot on each field, and the following results were found:

39.6 bus. of corn were gathered where velvet beans were turned, while 45.9 bus. of corn were gathered where 100 pounds of soda per acre was used.

No nitrate of soda was applied to the plot where velvet beans were turned.

FARM RECORDS

With the rapid changes that are taking place in agriculture at the present time, and the growing demand that our farming class of people be able to supply certain types of information relative to their farming operations, it appears that the time has arrived when of necessity all successful farmers will be forced to keep an accurate record of their farming operations.

Six farmers, viz, L. G. Matthis, S. A. Wilson, C. E. Mollweag, C. G. Casper, J. H. Riggs and H. E. White kept a complete record of the various enterprises on their farms for the first time this year. These men have done a fine job of keeping their records, and these books will be summarized and sent in to Raleigh just as soon as all crops are harvested.

IRISH POTATOES

An Irish Potato Seed Treatment demonstration was conducted last Spring on the farm of J. T. Wite at Aikins. The purpose of this was to control the bacterial diseases that attack the Irish potato crop during the growing season. A solution of Bouillan-Bel was used for this purpose, and was applied to the seed cuttings prior to planting.

At digging time it was found that there was a definite difference in the quality of the potatoes where the seed had been treated. They were free of disease and were also much smoother.

Due to dry weather conditions, Mr. Wite only harvested 90 bushels of No. 1 potatoes and 15 bushels of No. 2 potatoes.

Mr. Wite and a number of his neighbors state that the treatment is too inexpensive to take the chance of producing diseased potatoes next year.

PEANUTS

Two peanut salubor dusting demonstrations were carried out on the farms of John Willford of Vanclore and Frank Williams of Hill Oak. Neither of these demonstrations has been picked at time of writing this report; however, at digging time, it appeared there would be a noticeable increase in both hay and nuts.

SMALL GRAIN

There was a considerable increase in the acreage of small grain, viz wheat, oats and barley, in the County this year.

42 farmers in the County produced their home supply of wheat this year in comparison to only 5 farmers last year. These families are well pleased with the idea of having an ample supply of home-grown wheat, which they say is quite a saving in the year's grocery bill.

10 new combines were purchased in the County during the past year.

A small grain rust control demonstration was conducted on the farm of L. B. Tate at Spring Garden. The grains tested in this demonstration were wheat, oats and barley, and the treatment used was new, improved cereasan. This proved to be very effective. Repetitions of these treatments were used in order that more accurate information might be obtained.

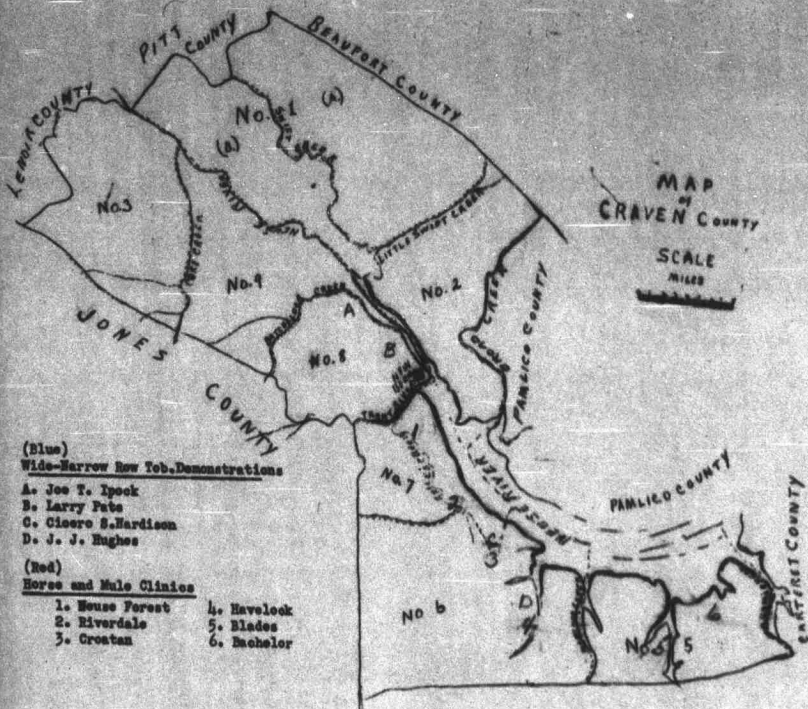
SOYBEANS

A soybean fertilizer demonstration was carried out on the farm of S. A. Wilson in the Spring Garden community. The object being to find out the effect of various plant food elements on the yield of soybeans.

Four plots were used in this demonstration. Lime was applied on all of the plots at the rate of 1 ton per acre, and the results obtained are as follows:

Plot No.	Kind of fertilizer applied	Amount of fertilizer applied(per acre)	Yield per acre of soybeans
1	Potash	65 pounds	16.2 bus.
2	Potash and acid	65 " (potash) 200 " (acid)	20.2 "
3	Acid	200 "	16.0 "
4	0-12-12 (ready mixed)	200 "	16.0 "

There were more than 4,000 acres of soybeans planted in Craven County this year, which is a considerable increase over last year. The dry weather during the growing season has cut the yield to approximately 50% of a normal crop.



MAP
of
CRAVEN COUNTY
SCALE
MILES

(Blue)
Wide-Narrow Row Tob. Demonstrations

- A. Joe T. Ispock
- B. Larry Pate
- C. Cloere S. Hardison
- D. J. J. Hughes

(Red)
Horse and Mule Clinics

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. House Forest | 4. Havelock |
| 2. Riverdale | 5. Blades |
| 3. Crostan | 6. Bachelor |

Tobacco

Two plant bed seed control demonstrations were conducted in the County on the farms of T. J. Worthington of Jasper and F. E. Gaskins of Hills Oak. Gypsum fertilizer was applied to these plant beds at the rate of 500 pounds to the 100 square yards. The plant beds were prepared about three months before the time of sowing, and the soil was not materially disturbed when the beds were sown. Last Spring, during the growing season, these beds were visited a number of times and a noticeable decrease in the quantity of weeds present was observed in comparison with beds where no gypsum was used.

It seems in Craven, and in most of the other tobacco producing counties where these demonstrations have been carried out correctly, that the results have been favorable. Last year a carload of gypsum was ordered to be used on plant beds, but this year it will be impossible to secure it for this purpose.

Four wide and narrow row method of planting demonstrations were

conducted this year, on the farms of Joe T. Ipeck of Bellair, Larry Pate of Spring Garden, and Cicero S. Hardison and J. J. Hughes of the Greater community. The rows in this demonstration were bedded 8 feet apart three weeks before setting the tobacco, which was set 2 feet apart in the rows. Half of the fertilizer was applied between the rows and half under the tobacco.

Mr. Joe T. Ipeck reports the greatest increase in returns from these demonstrations, with 1,554 pounds of tobacco per acre in comparison to 1,348 pounds per acre from regular plantings; and \$614.00 as compared to \$476.00 per acre cash returns.

Mr. J. C. Ipeck and Mr. Larry Pate each planted a tobacco plant bed in rows about 8 inches apart. Both of these farmers state that by allowing more sunlight in to the plants they grow stronger and healthier plants to transplant into the field.

In an effort to control the tobacco wilt definite crop rotations were followed this year by Woodrow Gaskins, and Fanny Hart of Vanceboro section; and Lester Arthur of Ernal community. It will be necessary for this demonstration to be followed for a number of years in order for these farms to be able to grow tobacco successfully.

WINTER LEGUMES

A winter legume demonstration has been started on the farm of Ray Gaskins near Akins. Austrian winter peas were planted on a half-acre plot at proper time of seeding, another half acre was planted one month later, and a half acre check plot was left. On all of these plots corn will be planted next spring. The object of this demonstration will be to determine the effect of time of seeding on the growth and value of winter cover crops when turned under to the yield of the following crops.

IX SHEEP, CATTLE, SHEEP AND WORK STOCK

BEEF CATTLE

Archie and Glenn White of Cove City were assisted in the purchase of a pure-bred Hereford bull and 8 Hereford heifers; also in purchasing some dairy type heifers.

Larry Fats and D. L. Ward of Spring Garden section were also assisted in purchasing a pure-bred Hereford bull.

SHEEP

A pure-bred ram was placed on each of the following farms: Paul Ipeok, Harvey L. Cox, J. A. Ipeok and Edward Ipeok of Asbury, and J. Glen Ipeok of Bellair. Paul Ipeok purchased 5 pure-bred ewes, and Edward Ipeok purchased 12 purebred ewes.

Other flock owners in the County are M. A. Horner, T. A. Grantham both of House Forest community, and Mrs. Mark McCoy of Cove City.

The information below is taken from three flock demonstration reports.

Owner	'No. of Lambs'		'Value'	'Lbs. Wool'		'Value'	'Gross income per ewe'	'Estimated cost per ewe per year'
	'Raised'	'of Lambs Sold'		'Wool'	'Wool'			
M. A. Horner	12	13	\$115.00	95	\$42.75	\$ 13.14	\$ 5.00	
J. C. Ipeok	18	17	112.00	150	60.00	6.80	7.50	
J. P. Ipeok	12	4	25.00	100	40.00	9.58	4.00	
Totals	42	34	\$252.00	345	\$142.75	\$ 29.52	\$ 16.50	
Average per farm	14	11.3	\$ 7.41	115	\$ 47.58	\$ 9.83	\$ 5.50	

WORK STOCK

Horse and Mule Clinics were conducted in the County early in the year, under the direction of Sam L. Williams from the Office of Animal Husbandry Extension, and with the assistance of Dr. B. E. Moore, local Veterinarian. These Clinics were held at Bachelor, Blades, Havelock, Greaton, Riverdale and House Forest communities.

Work stock was treated and the owners given advice regarding better management of their animals. A nominal charge was made when treatment was found necessary, to pay for medication; but no charge made for examination or advice. Two of the troubles most frequently found were defective teeth and internal parasites. 24 animals were treated.

These Clinics seem to be growing in popularity, and are appreciated by most owners. We have scheduled another to be held in February 1943.

X DAIRYING

We feel gratified with the progress which has been made during this year in our Dairy Program here in Craven County. A great impetus has been given to dairying in this county because of our location in a defense area, and approximately 1,500 dairy cows have been brought into the County in 1945.

However, the increased demand for fluid milk, caused by the close proximity of military camps and marine and naval bases as well as defense projects, has made a shortage which has not yet been overcome. Mr. H. L. Barnes, owner and operator of the local milk plant, the Harkin Milk and Ice Cream Company, states that there is at present time a shortage of 1,500 gallons of fluid milk and 1,500 gallons of processed milk in this section. Despite the fact that the number of cows mentioned above have been added to the dairy herds in the county, Mr. Barnes is importing around 3,500 gallons of milk from New York every three or four days.

The dairymen of the county are at present time faced with a serious problem of feed shortage. A long rainy spell in the fall destroyed practically 80% of our hay crop, and this same rainy weather also damaged the early sown fall grazing crops so that the dairymen have not realized a normal amount of grazing from these crops.

Adding to their problem is the increase in prices of dairy feeds which have advanced from 20% to 25% of what they were selling for a year ago; also a scarcity of labor, as good dairy hands are almost impossible to find. The price for labor on the dairy farms has more than doubled what was being paid a year ago.

The scarcity of labor, and high prices and shortage of feed, coupled with the obviously low price of milk has already forced many dairymen throughout the country out of business; but not any of the dairymen of this County have quit as yet, although a number of them are becoming very discouraged over the situation.

Ouy L. Arthur of Brice's Creek, and Daniel Gaskins of Askins, are the only new dairymen who have been added to the list this year. However, most of the old dairymen have added quite a number of cows to their herds this year. These two men are each planning to start the construction of a new "A" grade dairy barn in the near future.

County Agent L. G. Matthis, of Oaks Road community; G. Tall Richardson of Bellair, Roy Wetherington of Clark, and Charlie Keener of near Bridgeton, have each completed the construction and equipment of their new "A" grade dairy barns. Charles J. Hines of Tuscarora has nearly completed his dairy barn.

Not much emphasis is being placed on permanent pastures by the local Agents as there is on temporary pasturage. We feel that under normal weather conditions our dairymen can produce an adequate supply of grazing for practically the year round from their temporary grazing crops. Therefore we are encouraging the planting of such crops on all dairy farms.

XI HORTICULTURE

HOME ORCHARDS

Many farmers were given assistance in pruning and spraying their fruit trees. Assistance in the treatment of the peach tree borer was given to G. T. Richardson, Hellair; H. E. Wilson, Spring Garden; C. C. Crump, Brice's Creek; E. L. Taylor, C. C. Smith and J. F. Smith of Bachelor.

The apple orchard of H. C. Macdonald bore a bumper crop of fruit this year. Some assistance was given Mr. Macdonald in the care of this home orchard.

Most of the home orchards lack proper attention with regard to pruning, spraying and fertilization.

III FOURTH

Blue prints were furnished and assistance given in the construction of poultry houses to J. A. Lancaster of Spring Garden, Larry E. French and W. J. Dail of Jasper, and to T. Bates Matthews of New Bern.

Assistance in the construction of a poultry range shelter was given to J. C. Barker of Oaks Road community. Mr. Barker kept a flock of 250 chicks on range all summer. This flock was well developed and in a healthy condition when placed in the laying house this fall. Mr. Barker has started a flock-record-keeping demonstration for the first time this year.

Mrs. Becky Brown of Lane's Chapel and W. J. Dail of Jasper each did a fine job with their flock record-keeping demonstrations this year. The details of these demonstrations are shown on the following page. They are going to continue keeping records another year.

W. J. Dail of Jasper, C. F. Jordan of Vanceboro, and C. T. Flowers of New Bern are all operating hatcheries and supplying small chicks to the farmers in Craven County.

A number of flock-owners were given assistance with the vaccination of their flocks against fowl pox, among these were: C. T. Richardson, Mollairy J. A. Lancaster, Spring Garden; H. E. Wilcox, Spring Garden; J. H. Allpart, Rhoads; L. M. French, Jasper; Becky Brown, Lane's Chapel, and J. C. Barker, Oaks Road.

The prices of poultry and eggs have been good all this year, and especially this fall. Live hens have been bringing around 25¢ per pound, while eggs have ranged from 45 to 50¢ per dozen. H. E. Wilcox of Spring Garden, who owns a fine flock of New Hampshire Reds and produces a good quality of eggs, has been retelling his eggs for 60¢ per dozen.

We are encouraging our farmers to practice better management of their flocks in order that the maximum production may be obtained from these flocks. A program of better housing, sanitation, and feeding with an ample supply of green feed, must be followed for better results.

XIII COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

GRAVEN MUTUAL EXCHANGE

This Cooperative, organized in 1928 to buy and sell farm supplies, produce, feeds, seeds and fertilizers, has been practically put out of business by circumstances incident to the war. Their manager, Wallace Whitehurst, went into service in the Naval Reserve and the land on which their building was erected was being absorbed by the Harbour Boat Works, the local shipyard which is engaged in building mine-sweepers for the Government. Not being able to obtain a location to which the building might be moved they were forced to sell it to the Boat Works, and are doing business in a very small way elsewhere. No report is available of the volume of business transacted.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

The Five County Cooperative Livestock market, through which hogs are sold from Craven, Curberet, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico counties, did the following business during the year:

Month	No. Hogs Sold	Weight	Gross Price Paid	Commission Deducted	Net Sales
Dec. 1941	557	121,605	\$ 12,193.08	\$ 238.83	\$ 11,701.93
Jan. 1942	826	176,805	18,324.07	366.49	17,957.58
February	772	161,340	16,189.63	323.78	17,865.85
March	1,062	223,190	26,786.99	535.74	26,251.25
April	1,092	218,113	27,563.83	551.26	27,012.57
May	750	151,595	19,598.74	387.98	19,210.76
June	761	152,213	19,955.25	399.10	19,556.05
July	432	87,533	12,160.86	243.22	11,917.64
August	409	88,980	12,700.23	254.01	12,446.22
September	565	119,653	16,563.21	326.27	16,236.94
October	543	105,130	14,769.95	295.39	14,474.56
November	317	65,050	8,435.37	168.73	8,266.64
Totals	8,106	16,714,445	\$ 205,239.81	\$ 4,120.80	\$ 202,636.59

Sales made by Craven County farmers, included above, were as follows:

Month	No. Hogs Sold	Weight	Gross Price	Com. Deducted	Net Return to Sellers
Dec. 1941	53	189	\$ 3,885.43	\$ 77.63	\$ 3,805.80
Jan. 1942	67	401	8,831.18	177.79	8,653.39
February	63	372	8,309.89	166.57	8,143.32
March	107	469	11,534.42	229.94	11,304.48
April	83	485	11,809.02	236.44	11,572.58
May	54	216	5,436.83	107.13	5,329.70
June	49	330	8,307.56	161.27	8,146.29
July	22	109	2,933.91	48.57	2,885.34
August	27	153	4,513.32	90.39	4,422.93
September	29	199	5,722.69	114.66	5,608.03
October	17	124	3,405.84	68.03	3,337.81
November	15	91	2,041.09	41.08	2,000.01
Totals	586	3,138	\$ 76,729.18	\$1519.31	\$ 75,209.88

XIV. FARM CREDIT

A number of farmers in Craven County obtained funds at low cost with which to finance their farming operations, from the organizations shown below:

1. Farm Credit Administration (Emergency Crop Loans)

9 loans \$ 1,810.00

2. Farm Security Administration

85 loans made \$ 35,000.00
Loans repaid 17,000.00

3. National Farm Loan Association

165 loans \$337,265.00

4. New Born Production Credit Assn.

11 loans (to dairymen) \$ 37,307.00

XV COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' COUNCIL

The membership of this organization is composed of representatives from the Agricultural Extension Service (both white and negro Agents), the Farm Security Administration, National Farm Loan Association, the Production Credit Association, Vocational Agricultural and Home Economics Teachers, County Welfare Department and U.S. Employment Service.

The Council has met once each month during the year. The President is Mr. R. F. Allen, Secretary of the Production Credit Association; and the Secretary is Miss Jessie Trowbridge, Home Demonstration Agent. At the meetings problems of agricultural importance have been discussed, and plans made for cooperation with other organizations and for distribution of special information to people of the County.

This is a fine organization through which to work out and put across to the people certain phases of the county Program of Work.

FARMERS CLUB

In December 1941 this Club held a reorganization meeting at Jasper, and elected officers for the year, viz; President, L. B. Fato; Vice-President, E. R. Igoek; Secretary-Treasurer, F. M. Cox, and plans were made for subsequent meetings.

The January meeting was held at Dover, with Mr. L. T. Weeks, Ext. Tobacco Specialist as principal speaker; the February meeting was in the form of a fish-fry at Ham. The Secretary, F.M. Cox, having been called into military service his successor as Assistant County Agent, Mr. R.M. Williams, was elected to the position of Secretary for the Club.

Meetings continued to be held through April, when tire rationing which was quickly followed by gas rationing interrupted the schedule. Because of these restrictions on travel, the Club has suspended meetings for the duration of the war.

RADIO STATION

Station WHIT located in this County, near New Bern, went on the air in April of this year; and since it began operations the local Agents have received splendid cooperation from this Station in getting Agricultural information to the farmers of the County.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS ASSOCIATION

The committees set up under the Land Use Program have been continued as the Neighborhood Leaders' Association, although the organization has not been fully perfected. However the leaders and members of the committees have given splendid cooperation in the various drives and programs. Boundaries were defined for 13 communities and 39 neighborhoods, and members of the Agricultural Workers' Council were assigned the committees, who in turn contacted the neighborhood leaders and those their committees. The leaders were asked to make up lists of all families within their boundaries.

The set-up of this Association is given on the following page.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEMBER	COMMUNITY	NEIGHBORHOOD	LEADER & COMMITTEE	
L. G. Matthis County Agent	- BACHELOR	- Bachelor	- D. K. Parifoy, Chas. H. B. King Mrs. R. P. King " W. L. Harris	
		- Graven Corner	- Clifton Taylor Jim Ward	
	- HENSL	- Ashino	- F. G. Robinson Mrs. Katie Arthur Mrs. L. W. Toler J. T. Britz	
		- Caton	- M. A. "etherington I. E. Whitford Mrs. Mabe Toler	
		- Hrsul	- Mrs. Noah Gaskins D. L. Heath G. W. Ipeok Mrs. G. W. Ipeok	
		- Truitt	- J. D. Parifoy Mrs. J. D. Parifoy " W. J. Dunn	
		- Willis Neek	- H. P. Willis John H. Smith	
		- NORTH HARLOWE- North Harlowe	- Mrs. Bessie Williams Ralph G. Temple Eush Williams Phillip Taylor	
	Jessie Trowbridge-NEW DEEN Home Dem. Agent		- Heuse Road	- Mrs. M. J. Carraway Ceoil Sawyer
			- Oaks Road	- Mrs. Geo. Sanders Mrs. W. H. Dinna
		- Trent Acres	- Wade Meadows R. A. Humm	
- EPWORTH		- Epworth	- E. H. Eland R. O. Lancaster Mrs. M. F. Aldridge Mrs. S. K. Lancaster	
		- Juniper Chapel	- G. A. Anderson Odie Spear Mrs. Mary Wilson	
		- Pitch Kettle	- John Huff H. W. Franks	

COUNCIL NUMBER	COMMUNITY	NEIGHBORHOOD	LEADER & COMMITTEE		
J. A. Harris, Mildred Joyner, F.S.A. Supervisors.	- NEW BERN	- Brian's Creek	- Mrs. J. D. Williams Guy L. Arthur		
		- House Forest	- Mrs. Gray Wheeler J. H. Leamy		
		- BRIDGETON	- Bridgeton	- Mrs. C. L. Powell Mrs. C. D. Paul	
			- Forrest	- Mrs. W. O. Gaskins J. L. Hartley	
		- BERN	- Bern	- Mrs. F. L. Hooker G. C. Dunn C. J. Heath R. M. Kermegay Mrs. C. C. Dunn " Agnes Simmons	
			- GREATAN	- Greatan	- T. W. Haywood Miss Bettie Tolson J. J. Hughes E. C. Hays
	- Riverdale	- H. C. Wood Milo S. Fisher Mrs. J. M. Wilcox " Milo Fisher			
	- HAVELOCK	- Havelock		- W. J. Wynne Hugh Trader F. R. Simmons Mrs. J. R. Piner Mrs. Louise Jackson	
		- COVE CITY		- Cove City	- W. R. Heath Miss Cora McCoy R. R. Leigh C. C. Casper Mrs. I. L. Heath
				- Wintergreen	- Guy Civile Raymond Wood Mrs. John Daugherty
	- JASPER			- Asbury	- R. R. Ipeck H. L. Cox Mrs. J. A. Ipeck, Sr.
			- Tuscarora	- S. H. Moore L. W. Cook Mrs. F. W. Stewart	

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>LEADER & COMMITTEE</u>
G. B. Robertson, Voc. Agri. Teacher.	- DOVER	- Daugherty's Chapel	- George E. West Jim Griffin Mrs. W. E. Grand " D. C. White
		- Dover	- E. L. Brinkley J. E. Humphrey Mrs. Douglas Smith " W. A. Wilson
A. V. Thomas, Voc. Agri. Teacher.	- FORT HANWELL	- Fort Hanwell	- E. L. Sermans L. E. Sermans W. E. Nowell Mrs. Oscar Sermans Mrs. L. E. Sermans
		- Lane's Chapel	- Mrs. Rocky Brown J. F. Braxton
		- Bellair	- W. S. Richardson J. T. Ipeok Mrs. J. C. Ipeok
		- Clark-Hyman	- G. E. Stewart Mrs. A. E. Wetherington
		- Jasper	- T. J. Wetherington Mrs. H. E. Beaman
B. L. Edmott, Voc. Agri. Teacher.	- JASPER	- Spring Garden	- E. A. Adams H. E. Wilcox Mrs. L. B. Fate
		- Dudley's I Rd.	- A. F. Wood C. E. Barrow Mrs. F. T. Lanester " W. J. Butler
		- Maul Swamp	- C. E. Laughinghouse Mrs. W. S. Dunn
		- Mile Oak	- Mrs. Clyde McLaughorn
		- Palmetto	- Guy Wilson George Lewis Mrs. L. E. Hudson
		- Vanceboro	- Jasper Wetherington Mrs. J. E. Bryan A. R. Blow Mrs. D. W. Coppage
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Thos. Dubois, Voc. Agri. Teacher.	- VANCEBORO	- Dudley's I Rd.	- A. F. Wood C. E. Barrow Mrs. F. T. Lanester " W. J. Butler
		- Maul Swamp	- C. E. Laughinghouse Mrs. W. S. Dunn
		- Mile Oak	- Mrs. Clyde McLaughorn
		- Palmetto	- Guy Wilson George Lewis Mrs. L. E. Hudson
		- Vanceboro	- Jasper Wetherington Mrs. J. E. Bryan A. R. Blow Mrs. D. W. Coppage

IXI NATIONAL DEFENSE

The local Agents of the Extension Service have devoted considerable time to work in connection with the various phases of National Defense, sending out letters and bulletins to individuals, contacting Leaders and holding meetings to get out all information possible to the people of the County. In this work they have had the cooperation of the Neighborhood leaders in all parts of the County.

HOME GROWN FOOD AND FEED SUPPLY

Check sheets on the home grown food and feed supply were sent out to 1,115 farmers in the County who had indicated their intention to cooperate in this Program by producing 75% or more of their food and feed requirements for a balanced home grown supply. During 1941 there had been 2,500 sheets sent out giving the farm family food and feed requirements. Only 38% of the check sheets were returned, and from that number only 18 farmers were qualified to receive a certificate.

Certificates signed by Governor Broughton were awarded to the qualifying families, which were given out at the Annual Spring Federation meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs which was held in New Bern in May. No doubt there were many others who were eligible to receive these certificates, but who failed to return their check sheets.

FARM MACHINERY REPAIRS

Circular letters were sent out to all farmers, a series of meetings were held throughout the County in which information regarding this Program was given out, and Posters were put up at key points. Many farmers gave their attention to repairing their farm machines and getting them into good condition.

VICTORY GARDENS

Every effort was made to get full cooperation of the farm families in this Program. Meetings were held in the County, letters were sent to all farmers in which were enclosed a garden calendar and planting schedule recommending certain vegetables for a year-round garden, and arrangements were made with a local Seedman to make up the Victory Seed Collection to furnish to all those wishing to follow the recommended planting schedule. Every farmer was encouraged to provide a year-round garden, with a larger variety of vegetables; also better fertilization and cultural practices were emphasized. We feel that our farmers have responded well to this Victory Garden Drive.

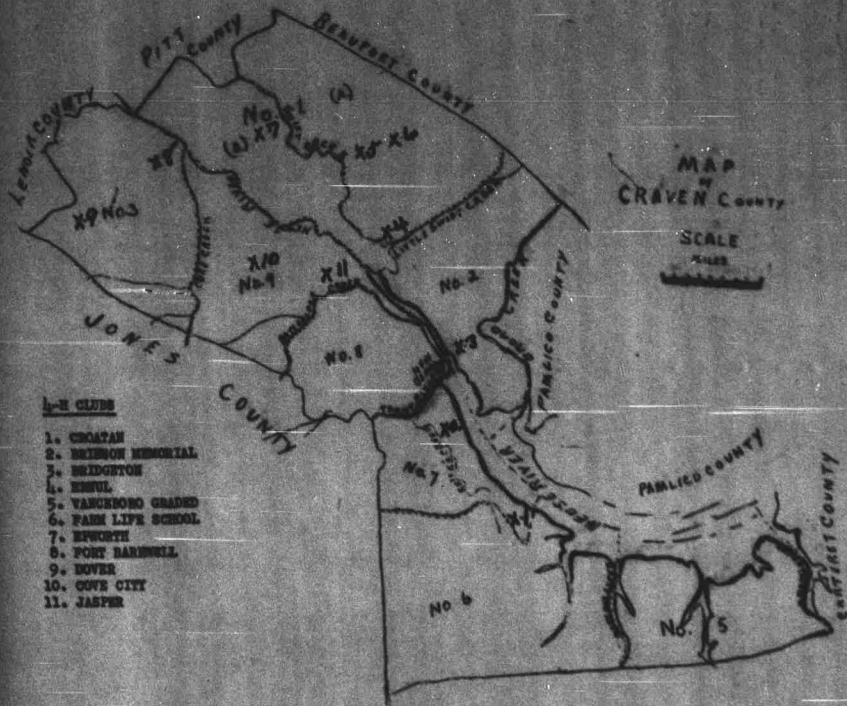
OTHER PHASES

The Extension Service personnel has also given their cooperation to other phases of National Defense, among which were the Price Control and Cost of Living Program, Rationing of Farm Machinery, applications of priorities for farm building construction, war necessity certificates of farm trunks, farm labor, and have assisted farmers in preparing many of the various forms required in connection with rationing and other phases of the national war effort.

In the Price Control and Cost of Living Program a series of meetings were held in the county with the Neighborhood Leaders, in an effort to get them to visit and carry this information to every family on their lists.

In connection with farm labor, all assistance possible has been given. Early in the year under the direction of Mr. Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician from Raleigh, a committee of 50 farmers selected at random over the County, was set up to assist in the collection of information which could be used in the Raleigh office of the Crop Reporting Service of the U.S.D.A., to study the farm labor situation.

The local Agents have also attended a number of meetings of the Red Cross, Civilian Defense office, and other Departments of the County and City.



MAP
of
CRAVEN COUNTY

SCALE
10 MILES

4-8 CLUBS

1. CROATAN
2. BRIDSON MEMORIAL
3. BRIDGTON
4. KENUL
5. VANCEBORO GRADED
6. FARM LIFE SCHOOL
7. EPWORTH
8. FORT BARNWELL
9. HOVER
10. COVE CITY
11. JASPER

XVII 4-4 CLUB WORK

ORGANIZATION

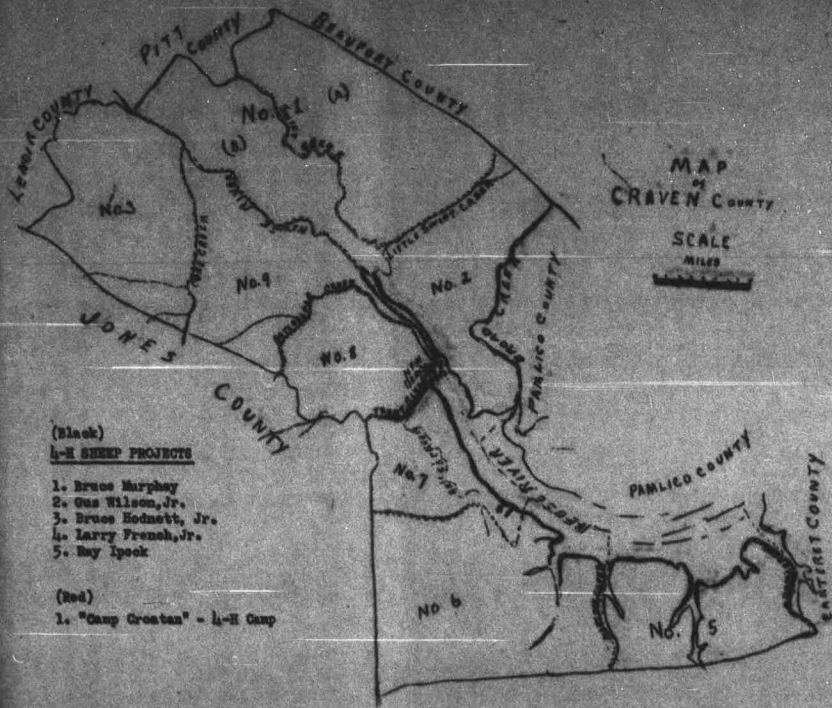
There are 11 4-4 Clubs, being 10 junior and 1 senior, in Crown County with an enrollment of 1455 members. Meetings are held once each month in the schools during the school year. Joint programs in which the Club members take part are held at the beginning of each meeting, after which the boys and girls are separated for project discussion.

Officers elected for the 1941-42 club year were:

Club	President	Vice-President	Secretary
Bridgeton	Dorcas Rice	Edith Powell	Andrew Hess
Brines Memorial	Jimmie Long	Jack Matthews	Cheryl W. Boyd
Devo City	Andrew Heath	Edna Hopkins	Vera Sutton
Crown	Thomas Connor	Curtis Hardison	Alton Bryan
Dever	Clall Heath	Jane Connor	Joyce Ward
Lyons	Bessie McWilliams	Frances Thomas	Vilma Bland
Ernal	Regal Ippack	Sara Frances Toler	Sara P. Jorubee
Vera Life	J. C. Jarman	Berethee Bee Clark	Jeanette Lilly
Port Maxwell	Leslie Lee Joyner	Billy Jelley	Beulah Hill
Jasper	Hal Humphrey	Wilson Parker	Frances Debrahl
Vanceboro Graded	Pauline Wiley	Dorothy Wilson	Nancy Sue Cleve

PROJECT WORK

Project	No. Members		Size of Project	Production or Yield	Value
	Enrolled	Completing			
Corn	38	30	42 acres	240 bu.	\$ 840.00
Cotton	1	1	1 "	550 lbs. lint	99.00
Calf (Beef type)	3	3	3 animals	2400 " weight	360.00
" (Dairy ")	18	14	14 "	9100 " "	910.00
Peanuts	1	1	1 acres	Not completely harvested	
Garden	39	34	25 1/2 "	No record	2,550.00(est.)
Pig	56	45	62 animals	25 sold, avg 225/2813.10 cwt 31 brood sows	736.87 913.75
Poultry	28	23	1385 birds	1385 mature birds	1,987.00
Sheep	5	5	30 animals	30 sheep	240.00
Tobacco	8	6	3 acres	3750 lbs.	1,400.00
All other (National Defense, etc.)	15	9	(collected scrap, etc.)		
Totals	212	171			\$10,036.60



Mr. W. L. Bradshere, Tobacco Marketing Specialist, met all of the 4-H Clubs at one month's meetings, and discussed tobacco grading, Government grades and types. He used samples of tobacco to illustrate his lectures.

SHEEP PROJECT

The purchase of animals in a sheep project in the amount of \$1500.00 is being sponsored by Sears, Roebuck & Company in cooperation with the Extension Service Department of Animal Husbandry and the County Agents of Craven, Duplin, Greene, Lenoir, Jones and Onslow counties.

Five projects have been placed with 4-H boys in each of the above named counties. Each of the five boys in these counties received 5 ewes and 1 ram, making a total of 30 sheep in the County. Each boy, and their parents, signed an agreement to replace these sheep with lambs which will be passed on to other Club boys. The rams, however, belong to the project rather than to the boys and will be transferred from one project to another to prevent inbreeding.

Four of the boys carrying this project in this County attended a banquet given by Sears, Roebuck & Co., at State College in Raleigh for boys in the Sheep projects, and the Baby Beef projects, also those in the Pledment section with pig projects which are sponsored by this Company.

HEALTH CONTEST

A 4-H Health Contest was participated in by all Clubs in the County. Each member was encouraged to observe all the rules for better health, in order that they might develop into stronger boys and girls. We feel that this is a very important phase of our Club work, as Club members must first develop themselves physically before they can accomplish the most mentally.

The County Health Department cooperated with the local Agents in checking each Club member twice during the year. At the time of the last check a local King and Queen were selected to represent each school in the County-wide contest. The ones so chosen were asked to come to the County Health office, where they were again examined to determine the County King and Queen of Health. Those selected for county honors were Clyde Eborn of Greater Club for King, and Evelyn Mills of Farm Life Club for Queen.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS

In connection with the Health Contest a local Achievement Day was held in each Club.

The Annual County Federation Day was held on May 9th at the New Bern Women's Club in conjunction with the Home Demonstration Clubs' Federation Day and Flower Show. At this meeting a Health Pageant was given, featuring a large "y" as a background, which was participated in by the local Kings and Queens. As a finale, the County King and Queen of Health - Clyde Ehorn and Evelyn Mills - were crowned by Archie White of Cove City who was State Health King for 1943.

Local Achievement Days were observed in each Club in the Fall, when a pageant was presented entitled "4-H Club Members do Their Part in National Defense". This was presented by four boys and four girls assisted by Miss Ironbridge, Home Agent, and myself. At this time Victory Certificates were presented to the Club members in recognition of their activities in the National Defense Program, also certificates for the satisfactory completion of a number of years in Club work were given out at this meeting.

CAMP

The annual 4-H summer encampment was held jointly with Pamlico County at the new organization camp near Riverdale which was just opened this year and is named "Camp Croatan". This camp was held from August 18 through the 21st. There were 26 members from Craven and 40 from Pamlico County who attended this camp. Specialists present and the subjects they taught were:

Miss Ruby Shels, Ext. Service, Raleigh	- Food Preservation
J. D. Elickle, " " " "	- Wood working
W. J. Barker, " " " "	- Forestry,
Miss Genevieve Burton,	
County Health Dept. New Bern	- First Aid
Mrs. H. E. Lane, " " " "	- Malaria Control

Each Club member was given a food quota to bring to Camp, and each paid a fee of \$1.25 to take care of additional expenses. Members from Craven County furnished their own transportation since the camp is located in this County, while Pamlico County members came by bus.

Despite rain for practically the whole period of the camp, which curtailed the activities, those attending seemed to have a very good time.

The new camp has many advantages, and when fully completed will be quite an ideal place.

FORESTRY PROJECT

Thomas Connor of Creston Club, and Bill Britz and Bill Falzer of Rural Club were members choosing a Timber Thinning Project and entrants in a contest in which the winners were to be awarded a trip which was to take them from the woods right on through the operation of making pulp and the completed product, or might choose a cash award.

Thomas Connor's project was rated third in the South-eastern District, and he participated in a cash donation of \$50.00 awarded by the Plymouth Pulp Company. Thomas' part in this sum was \$4.00 which was given to him in war savings stamps.

FORESTRY PATROLS

At the October meetings of the Clubs the boys and girls put on a very interesting and instructive program on Forest Fire Prevention, and large posters were displayed on this subject at all schools. The importance of forest fire prevention has been greatly stressed and the destructive damage caused by forest fires to timber important for use in national defense at this present time has been emphasized.

In each Club during this month Forestry Patrol leaders were selected by the boys. Those selected are as follows:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Captain</u>
Creston	Thomas Connor
Brinson Memorial	Charley Long
Bridgton	Herbert Caten
Cove City	Woodley McGuy
Sover	Merrill Lekey
Rural	Hoggie Smith
Epworth	David C. Dixon
Fort Barnwell	Henry Procter Sermons
Farm Life School	David Gankins, Jr.
Jasper	Wilson Parker
Vanceboro Graded School	Richard Ipeck

Each Patrol is to select an adult Leader in their community.

Since organization 69 troopers have distributed 2,200 leaflets and 2,200 book markers.

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

The I-H Club boys and girls in Craven County have given their full cooperation in the Victory drives they have been asked to put on.

I-H Mobilization Week was observed in all Clubs. During this week each Club member, as well as non-members, were asked to sign a pledge indicating their intention to take part in the National Defense drives. Each one who signed this pledge and assisted in any way in the defense efforts was awarded a certificate of achievement at our fall I-H Achievement Day Program.

Club members have taken an active part in the collection of scrap iron, scrap paper, and scrap rubber, which was taken to the schools from which points it was gathered up by junk dealers. They assisted in growing Victory gardens throughout the County. As a result of this drive, which we not only encouraged through our I-H Clubs but through every farm family in the County, a greater variety and quantity of vegetables were grown than ever before; better kept gardens have been observed throughout the year, and a much greater amount of vegetables and fruit stored for winter use than usual.

Club members have also purchased war savings stamps and bonds in good numbers.

There were 10 entrants in the Food for Victory contest of the Chilean Nitrate Company, although not all of these were Club members.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

I-H Sunday was observed by Club members in most of the Clubs, by taking such part as they could in the Church services as well as by attending services.

A number of members have taken Red Cross courses in First Aid, and most of them contributed to the Red Cross, making their contributions through the schools.

OUTLOOK

Interest in I-H Club work is well sustained in all Clubs in the County. There is one school in which no Club is organized. An effort was made last year to establish one there, but without success. It is hoped that we may be able to do this during this coming year.

The number of applications received for the 1942-43 Club year has been gratifying, and the outlook for all Clubs in the County is very bright.

I think the Club program has a very good influence on the public. It is surely the type of training all of us want for our boys and girls, and it is a type of training that will lead its influence greatly in the lives of these boys and girls. Personally I do not believe there is any better influence or training that a boy or girl gets while in school than that which they receive through their Club activities.