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# COUNTY AND HOME AGENTS' REPORT - 1942

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TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DANE COUNTY:

Gentlemen:

In presenting this annual report to your Honorable Body, we ask that you bear in mind that the activities of the County Agricultural and Home Agent's office are many and varied. Dane County is large; it has an area of 1237 square miles, with a population of 130,660 people, 6,200 farm families working about 750,000 acres of crop land. Therefore it is impossible to show in a brief report all the ways in which the county agents' office has been of assistance to the agricultural interests of this county.

Problems arising from the war have necessitated changes in some activities of this office. We are asked to help with programs which affect rural people. This will explain our close tie up with the U.S.D.A. War Board and the various service activities of the Civilian Defense organizations. In addition we must maintain all the major activities on our program which contribute to greater farm production, as outlined by our Agricultural Committee.

Each year requests for the service of this office have increased. Realizing the impossibility of meeting all farmers and other interested people personally, your county agents have attempted to meet as many as possible through organized farmer and homemakers meetings, crop, live-stock, clothing and foods demonstrations, over the radio, and by letter and group conferences.

Problems incident to the war bring new requests every day. We are glad to meet these requests with whatever information and service we have to offer.

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORK  
FOR  
THE YEAR OF 1942

The Agricultural Committee, consisting of Alfred Mueller, chairman, Miss Esther Krakow, secretary, Frank Ballweg, Leonard Kuhl, F. A. Stewart, Miss Blanche Losinski, met on November 1, 1941, with Mr. B. F. Rusy, Asst. State Co. Agent Leader, R. V. Hurley, County Agr'l. Agent, J. W. Clark, Asst. County Agent, and Miss Violet Blodau, Home Agent, and outlined a program of work for the year of 1942. About 15 people, representing various organizations in the county, were invited to help in this program planning meeting. The following projects as listed below were selected:

<u>Major Problems</u>	<u>Phases of Work</u>	<u>Goals or Achievement</u>
1. Youth Organizations	4-H Club Work, Junior Leadership, Cooperate with F.F.A.	800 club members, 35 clubs, 80% achievement. Develop junior and adult leadership. Junior and State Fair activities. Stress projects for Nat'l. defense.
2. Maintain Soil Fertility	Soil testing, lime and fertilizer program. Pasture improvement.	Test soil on 300 farms. Apply lime on 1000 farms. Wise use of fertilizers and lime. Cooperate with S.C.S. in work plan for district.
3. Crop Improvement, Weed Control.	Economical grain production. Legume silage, corn husking contest, weed control.	Variety tests on grains. Advise use of legumes and sorgums for silage. Soybeans for seed and protein feed. Urge control of Canada thistles, Creeping Jenny and leafy spurge.
4. Economical Production of Meat, Milk, and Poultry Products.	Dairy Herd Improvement, Quality milk Program. Better Herd Sires, Swine, Sheep and Poultry Improvement.	Maintain 8 DHI Associations. Organize 1 new if necessary. Work on Quality Milk Program. Better herd sire campaign through 4-H & F.F.A. bull project. Increase use of dairy products. Improve sheep, swine and poultry.
5. Farm Family Income	Farm and Home Management of Flocks and Herds, Food and Clothing.	Better care & feeding of all livestock and poultry. Home production, preservation and storage of good quality food. Care and repair of family clothing.
6. Better Living on the Farm.	Good gardens, meat, fruits and vegetables. Care of health. Home grounds beautification.	Demonstrations on gardens, cutting, curing, canning and drying of meats and vegetables. Improve homes.
7. Correlate County Extension Program to National Agricultural War Program.		

4-H CLUB WORK IN DANE COUNTY  
1942

For many years 4-H club work has been one of the major projects on the county agents' program of work in Dane County. Club work offers an opportunity for many farm boys and girls to get a practical education in a type of farm and home work where they actually "learn by doing".

There were 355 boys and 402 girls, or a total of 757, enrolled in 4-H club work in Dane County this year. Of this number 81%, or 609, completed their projects and were awarded 4-H achievement pins at the Achievement Program held on Saturday evening, October 24. Of the 43 organized 4-H clubs, all members in 25 clubs completed their projects and the club was awarded a 100% achievement certificate.

- Dane County Junior Fair -

About 650 members of the county 4-H clubs, Future Farmers, Future Homemakers and 80 rural schools cooperated to hold the annual Dane County Junior Fair at Stoughton, August 8-9. A comparison of the number of exhibits in each project over a four year period is shown as follows:

Department	1939 <u>Exhibit</u>	1940 <u>Exhibit</u>	1941 <u>Exhibit</u>	1942 <u>Exhibit</u>
Dairy Calves	142	191	226	236
Swine	107	108	92	51
Sheep	73	72	71	55
Poultry	67	163	136	152
Grain	83	82	78	73
Garden	451	635	611	910
Potato	57	70	61	30
Handicraft	146	145	136	140
Clothing	542	692	659	702
Foods	321	439	408	289
Canning	324	660	630	485
Total exhibits	<u>2330</u>	<u>3262</u>	<u>3130</u>	<u>3173</u>
Estimated value of all exhibits	-----			\$31,650.00
Premiums paid by Dane County Junior Fair	-----			2,223.20

During the past four years the Dane County Junior Fair has been conducted in cooperation with the Stoughton Festival. We believe that the benefits to both organizations have been mutual.

- Junior State Fair -

Clara Wittwer, Mt. Horeb, member of the Perry 4-H Club, won the State Dairy Calf Showmanship Contest in which about 200 contestants took part.

21 dairy calves were shown and received the following placings: Seven firsts, four seconds, eight thirds, and two fourths.

As county agents we wish to credit a great share of the success of 4-H club work in Dane County to the fine spirit of cooperation of the local club leaders, the agricultural and home economics teachers and also the loyal cooperation of the parents of these boys and girls. (see next pages for list of 4-H club senior leaders)

DANE COUNTY 4-H CLUBS - 1942

	Roxbury 37	9 Dane 10	21 Vienna 24	13 Windsor	Bristol	York
Mazomanie 17	12			39	16	
Black Earth	Berry 3	Springfield 38	36 Westport 20	4 Burke 31	Sun Prairie 27	18 Medina
41 Vermont	8 Cross Plains	29 Middleton 22	Madison 42	Blooming Grove	33 32 7 Cottage Grove 14	Deerfield 11
Blue Mounds	34 Springdale	43 Verona	6 Fitchburg	Dunn 19	Pleasant Springs 15	5 Christiana 40
28 Perry	23 Primrose	26 Montrose 2	25 Oregon	35 Rutland	30 Dunkirk	1 Albion

1. Albion
2. Belleville
3. Busy Bees of Berry
4. Burke Station
5. Cambridge
6. Camp Badger
7. Cottage Grove
8. Cross Plains
9. Crystal Lake
10. Dane
11. Deerfield
12. Halfway Prairie
13. Happy Hour
14. Hope
15. Kegonsa
16. Maple Knoll
17. Mazomanie
18. Marshall
19. McFarland
20. Mendota
21. Morrisonville
22. Middleton
23. Mt. Vernon
24. Norway Grove
25. Oregon
26. Paoli
27. Pierceville
28. Perry
29. Pheasant Branch
30. Pleasant Hill
31. Pumpkin Hollow
32. Ridge
33. Seminary Springs
34. Springdale Center
35. Starr-Flint
36. St. John's
37. St. Norbert's
38. St. Peter's
39. Token Creek
40. Utica
41. Vermont
42. Summit
43. Verona

DANE COUNTY 4-H CLUBS AND SENIOR LEADERS

- 1942 -

Leader	Club	Address
Gilman Nelson	Albion	Albion
Stanley Marsden	Albion	Edgerton
Mrs. Edith Fischer	Belleville	Belleville
Clarence Fritz	Belleville	Belleville
J. Warren Deppe	Belleville	Belleville
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Sanftleben	Berry	Black Earth
D. E. Kelsey	Burke Station	R#1, Madison
Mrs. Kenneth Harvey	Burke Station	R#1, Madison
Mrs. Harry Olson	Burke Station	Sun Prairie
Sanford Anderson	Cambridge	Cambridge
Mrs. Ole Gyland	Cambridge	Cambridge
Mrs. Ole Volenberg	Cambridge	Cambridge
Mrs. Leslie O'Brien	Camp Badger	R#3, Madison
Mrs. Walter Batker	Camp Badger	R#3, Madison
Mrs. R. J. McCarthy	Cottage Grove	Cottage Grove
Miss Luella Lunde	Cottage Grove	Stoughton
Mrs. W. A. Bain	Cross Plains	Cross Plains
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hooker	Crystal Lake	Lodi
Mrs. Gust Schmitt	Dane	Dane
Miss Ruth Hillestad	Dane	Dane
Mrs. Arthur Anderson	Deerfield	Deerfield
Robert Peacock	Deerfield	Deerfield
Mrs. Earl Seston	Half Way Prairie	Mazomanie
Mrs. Alvin Schumann	Half Way Prairie	Mazomanie
Conrad Belda	Happy Hour	DeForest
Laurence Heisig	Happy Hour	DeForest
Helen Viken	Happy Hour	DeForest
Mrs. M. Schultz	Happy Hour	DeForest
Mrs. H. Bischoff	Happy Hour	DeForest
Barbara Storck	Hope	McFarland
Mrs. Fred Korfmacher	Hope	McFarland
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Chandler	Hope	McFarland
Mrs. J. P. Quam	Kegonsa	Stoughton
Mary Krebs	Maple Knoll	Sun Prairie
Mr. & Mrs. John Parman	Mazomanie	Mazomanie
Mr. & Mrs. Ream Turk	Mazomanie	Mazomanie
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Winn	Marshall	Marshall
Olga Ottum	McFarland	McFarland
Mr. & Mrs. John T. Hoffman	Mendota	R#1, Madison
Mrs. Ervin Barkhahn	Middleton	Verona
Howard Dosch	Middleton	Middleton
Mrs. John Bischoff	Mt. Vernon	Verona
Mrs. Carl Wittwer	Mt. Vernon	Verona
Bennie Bowers	Norway Grove	DeForest
Lyle L. Nelson	Oregon	Oregon
Caryl Maher	Oregon	Basco
Ed Zimmerman	Paoli	Basco
Mrs. D. W. McCarthy	Pierceville	Cottage Grove
John Schlimgen	Perry	Mt. Horeb
Mrs. Otto Kahl	Perry	Mt. Horeb

4-H Clubs Continued

<u>Leader</u>	<u>club</u>	<u>Address</u>
Mrs. H. E. Skott	Pheasant Branch	Middleton
Helmer Holte	Pleasant Hill	Stoughton
Elaine Joranger	Pleasant Hill	Stoughton
Mrs. Clarence Bostad	Pumpkin Hollow	DeForest
Wilma Lundeberg	Ridge	Deerfield
Mrs. C. O. Lampman	Seminary Springs	R#1, Madison
Mr.&Mrs. Curtis Baker	Springdale Center	Mt. Horeb
Olga Ottum	Starr-Flint	McFarland
Alvie Nelson	Starr-Flint	Stoughton
Mr.&Mrs. Henry Reis	St. John's	Waunakee
Vincent Marx	St. Norbert's	Lodi
Mrs. Jos. C. Adler	St. Peters'	Middleton
Mrs. Ruth Kroncke	Token Creek	Sun Prairie
Mrs. Rupert Strommen	<b>Utica</b>	Cottage Grove
Oscar Nelson	Utica	<b>Cambridge</b>
Mr.&Mrs. Grant Skalet	Vermont Beavers	Black Earth
Mrs. Bert Barsness	Vermont Beavers	Black Earth
Mrs. George Briggs, Sr.	Summit	R#3, Madison
Mrs. George Briggs, Jr.	Summit	R#3, Madison
Elmer Gordon	Verona	Verona
Mrs. Wm. Kunstman	Verona	Verona

DANE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTORS  
- 1942 -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>School</u>
Earl Vandrell	Stoughton	Stoughton Vocational
Harold J. Morrissey	Oregon	Oregon High School
J. Warren Deppe	Belleville	Belleville High School
Owen Owens	Mt. Horeb	Mt. Horeb High School
Ivan Lay	Mazomanie	Mazomanie High School
Howard Dosch	Middleton	Middleton High School
Clarence S. Grundahl	DeForest	DeForest High School
Leonard Winn	Marshall	Marshall High School
Robert Peacock	Deerfield	Deerfield High School

DANE COUNTY HOME ECONOMICS INSTRUCTORS  
- 1942 -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>School</u>
Mrs. Sarah Leslie	Stoughton	Stoughton Vocational
Miss Agnes Anderson	Oregon	Oregon High School
Miss Alma Marquardt	Mazomanie	Mazomanie High School



## PASTURE IMPROVEMENT WORK

Pastures provide the cheapest home grown feed for cattle -- especially dairy cattle. Dane County farmers, with nearly 90,000 head of dairy cows producing annually about 500,000,000 pounds of milk, depend upon their pastures to produce milk and dairy products economically. About 40% of the annual milk production can be credited to pasture feeding.

Unfortunately 40 to 50% of our 60,000 acres of permanent pastures here in Dane County have been drained of much of their fertility through erosion, white grub injury and continuous over-grazing. Most of these pastures need LIME - PHOSPHATE - POTASH and NITROGEN. They need to be RE-JUVINATED - or RENOVATED and reseeded to a good mixture of legumes and drouth resisting grasses.

### - Steps in Renovation -

1. Select a portion of the pasture with the poorest sod.
2. Test the soil. Apply lime and fertilizers as needed.
3. Work up the sod thoroughly with disk or field cultivator.
4. Sow early in the spring, using either of the following mixtures:
  - (a) 10 lbs. alfalfa; 5 lbs. red clover; 3 to 4 lbs. timothy.
  - (b) 12 lbs. sweet clover; 5 lbs. red clover; 4 lbs. timothy.
5. Harrow after seeding. Do not over-graze the first year.

### - Results from Pasture Renovation -

Nearly 4,000 acres of worn out pastures have been renovated here in Dane County in the past four years with the following results:

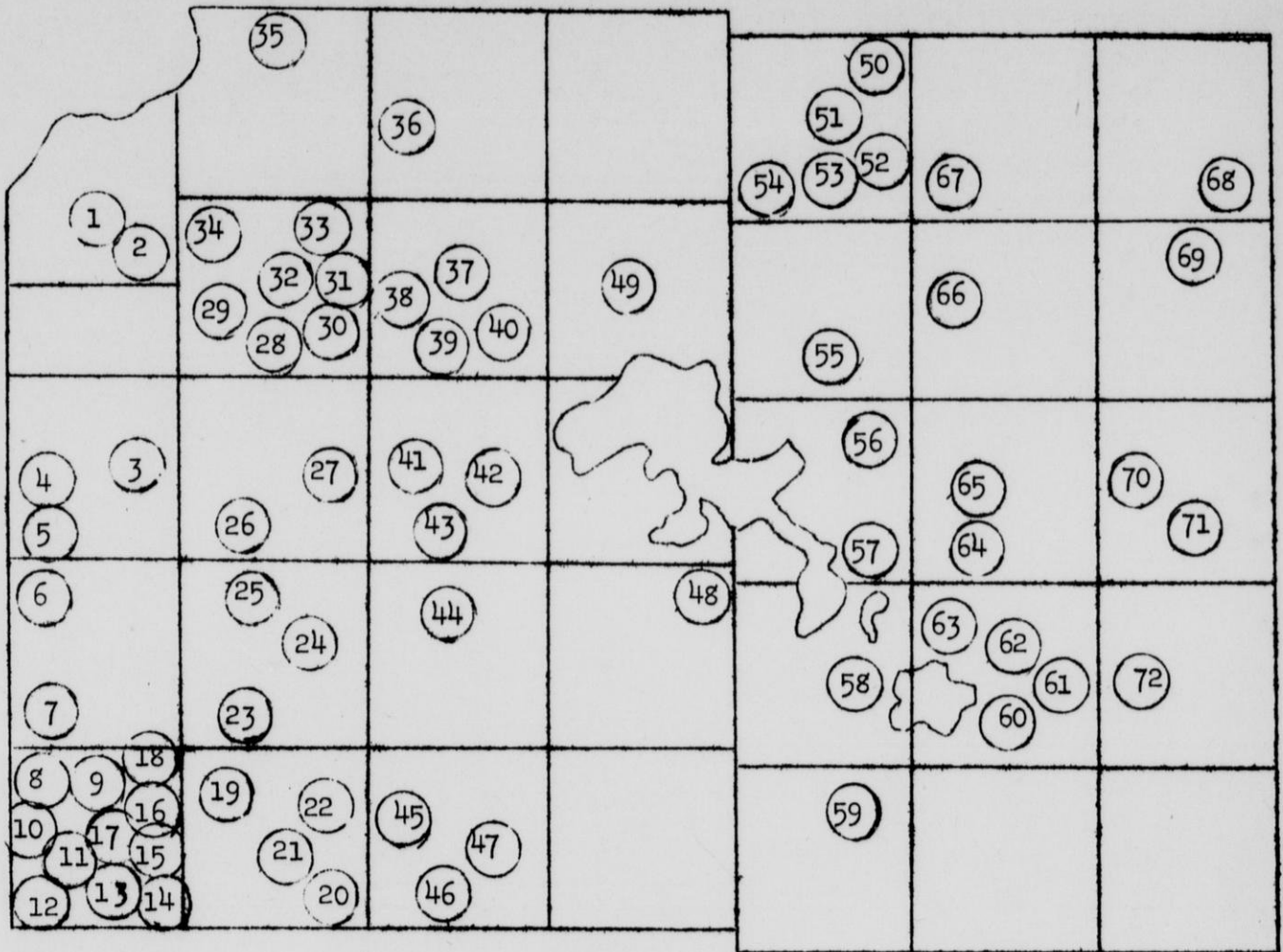
1. Assures succulent forage during July and August.
2. Increases carrying capacity and reduces over-grazing.
3. Provides high protein feed at a low cost.
4. Protects against white grubs and controls weeds.
5. Corrects soil acidity - rebuilds worn out soils.

## SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Dane County farmers are fortunate in that the entire county is now a Soil Conservation District with the County Agricultural Committee as supervisors of this district. Due to this set-up, the Federal Government provides the free services of B. D. Blakely, Soil Conservationist, A. J. Wojta, Engineer, and C. W. Skaife, C. V. Pond and A. A. Lattimer, Planning Technicians.

The county agents have charge of the educational part of this soil conservation program. The map on the following page shows 72 farms where pasture renovation has been carried on in 1942.

PASTURE RENOVATIONS - 1942



- |                      |                      |                          |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ream Turk         | 25. Alvin Grimstad   | 49. Tom Gilligan         |
| 2. D. L. Schuman     | 26. M. Suckowatey    | 50. C. Belda             |
| 3. Albert Bakken     | 27. V. Ubersetzig    | 51. E. Meixner           |
| 4. Robert Handel     | 28. Herman Eisner    | 52. Louis Egge           |
| 5. Martin Flood      | 29. John Marx        | 53. R. Nelson            |
| 6. Chas. Brigham     | 30. Louis Meier      | 54. Louis Hersig         |
| 7. Milo Thronson     | 31. Leonard Theis    | 55. C. K. Onsgard        |
| 8. Tommie Anderson   | 32. Paul Ketelboeter | 56. L. Ziegler           |
| 9. Kenneth Bjelde    | 33. John Michels     | 57. Morris Peterson      |
| 10. Selma Syfstad    | 34. Inez Seston      | 58. M. A. Hemfsing       |
| 11. M. Gystol        | 35. Arthur Haas      | 59. E. M. Gunsolus       |
| 12. Otto Paulson     | 36. Wm. Loper        | 60. Sina Jordan          |
| 13. Theo Kittleson   | 37. Joe Meffert      | 61. Ole Kong             |
| 14. Abel Swenson     | 38. M. Meinholz      | 62. Oscar Nelson         |
| 15. Clarence Jelle   | 39. Chris Meinholz   | 63. R. Lunde             |
| 16. Alvin Hanson     | 40. H. Meinholz      | 64. F. Torgerson         |
| 17. Milton Swingem   | 41. Elmer Brumm      | 65. Peter Haack          |
| 18. Alice Brattrud   | 42. Rudy Mandt       | 66. John Drunasky        |
| 19. Alf. Mueller     | 43. E. G. Welke      | 67. Wm. Renk             |
| 20. Lundy and Bowers | 44. Emil Dreger      | 68. Wayne White          |
| 21. J. P. Danielson  | 45. Glen Showers     | 69. Waterloo Canning Co. |
| 22. Ray Bakken       | 46. Fred Wilde       | 70. G. D. Ziegelman      |
| 23. Herman Rindy     | 47. W. Morehead      | 71. Ray Mann             |
| 24. W. A. Smith      | 48. Chas. Busse      | 72. A. Gyland            |

## DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT

### 1942 Breeders' Program of Work

The county agent's office cooperated with the Dane County Holstein and Guernsey Breeders' Associations in carrying out the following program of work in 1942.

1. Promotion of calf club work.  
Breeders furnished 36 registered bull calves to 4-H and F.F.A. members. Said calves were cared for by club member for 8 months, exhibited at the Dane County Junior Fair and sold at public auction. Breeder and club member shared 50-50 in net proceeds of sale. (complete explanation given below).
2. Two hundred and thirty six animals were exhibited at the Dane County Junior Fair and 22 animals exhibited at the junior state fair.

- Better Herd Sire Campaign -

#### The 4-H and F.F.A. Bull Calf Project

Twenty five interested and progressive breeders of registered Holstein and Guernsey cattle in Dane County again sponsored the bull calf project in 1942.

The 36 bulls in this project were sold at a cooperative sale at Stoughton, Saturday, November 8, for a total of \$5,362.50, or an average of \$149.00 each. The breeder and the 4-H and F.F.A. boys shared equally in the net proceeds of this sale.

The county agent's office has been very glad to cooperate with the breeders in this project for three main reasons:

1. It provides a practical plan for getting better sires into the dairy herds in this county. Each year several of the fathers of these boys have bought the bull which his son had in this project to head his herd of dairy cattle.
2. It provides a profitable project for our 4-H and F.F.A. boys -- thus interesting them in the farm and good livestock.
3. It promotes the breeding and sale of better dairy cattle. The growth of this project is shown in the following figures.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Bulls</u>	<u>Total Sale</u>	<u>Average Price</u>
1940	19	\$1,472.50	\$ 77.50
1941	31	4,003.00	129.00
1942	36	5,362.50	149.00

The Dane County breeders of registered dairy cattle plan to continue this project in 1943.

## QUALITY MILK PROGRAM

A county-wide campaign on a Quality Milk Program in Dane County was launched early in March in cooperation with the College of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture.

The campaign was organized as follows: Two large launching meetings were held to select two local leaders from the 231 school districts in Dane County. Results of the two launching meetings were as follows:

March 9	- Delegates from western Dane County	- - - - - 142
March 10	- Delegates from eastern Dane County	- - - - - 116
	Dane County Dairy Plant Operators	- - - - - 67
	Total attendance at launching meetings	- - <u>325</u>

Attendance at four leaders' training meetings:

March 16	- 1:30 PM, Sun Prairie, leaders attending	- - 105
March 16	- 8:00 PM, Stoughton, leaders attending	- - 87
March 17	- 1:30 PM, Cross Plains, leaders attending	- 85
March 17	- 8:00 PM, Verona, leaders attending	- - - - 107
	Total leaders attending training meetings	- - - - <u>384</u>

General results to date on the Quality Milk Program:

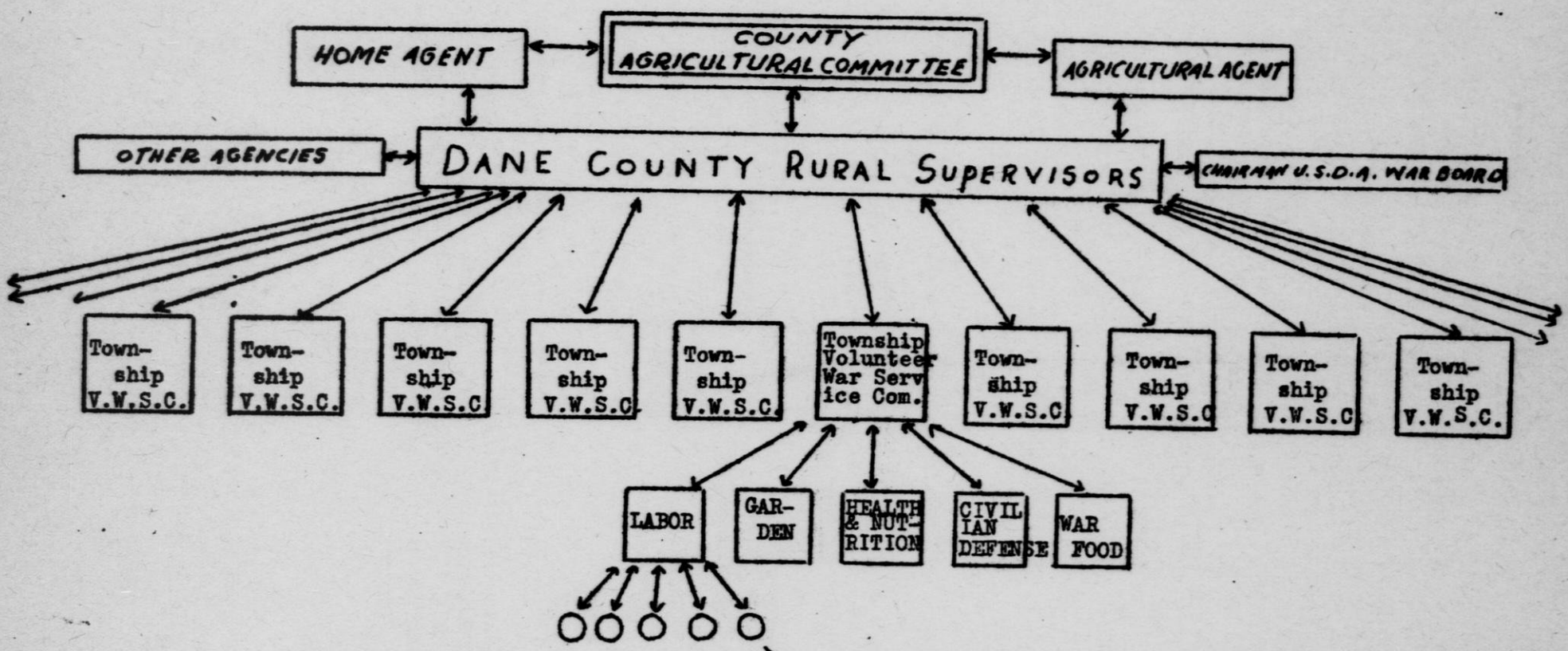
1. Greater interest on the part of Dane County dairy farmers in regard to care and handling of milk, resulting in better quality dairy products produced at milk plants and cheese factories.
2. More interest on the part of plant operators in checking up on quality of milk delivered to milk plant, creamery or cheese factory. Many plant operators gave more aid to farmers in caring for their milk on the farm. This educational program should result in better quality dairy products.

### DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT WORK

The county agent assisted in the reorganization meeting of the seven Dairy Herd Improvement Associations. Due to the war, the fieldmen who were in charge of the associations marked with a \* have enlisted in the service of their country -- thus depriving 112 farmers of this important service. This problem may be partly solved by bi-monthly testing where one fieldman can serve two associations and also by a closer cooperation with the Agricultural High School departments offering a modified form of this service.

<u>Association</u>	<u>Fieldman</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>
Cottage Grove	Donald Ubbelohde *	Cottage Grove	28 farmers
Belleville	Carl Gall	Belleville	20 farmers
			12 cheese factories
Stoughton No. 1	August Baumann *	Stoughton	28 farmers
Stoughton No. 2	Carol Loofboro *	Milton Junction	29 farmers
Verona-Middleton	Wallace Harris *	R#1, Madison	26 farmers
Mt. Horeb	Thos Dolohanty	Mt. Horeb	27 farmers
Sun Prairie	Milton Wright	Sun Prairie	27 farmers

# ORGANIZATION FOR SERVICE WAR-TIME AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS



Subcommittees may be appointed if necessary

## WAR SERVICE WORK

New and serious agricultural and economic problems have arisen this year because of the world war. The county agent's office has tried to meet and solve some of these problems.

Early in 1942, through the advice and with the cooperation of the U.S. and State Departments of Agriculture, it was deemed wise to set up "Volunteer War Service Committees". With the aid of the county agricultural committee, chairmen for each of the following committees were selected in each of the thirty five townships in Dane County with the approval of the rural supervisors:

1. Labor; 2. War Food; 3. Garden; 4. Nutrition; 5. Civilian Defense

In order to carry the information and aid to each of the 6200 farm families in Dane County these Township Volunteer War Service Chairmen also appointed a committeeman in each school district; therefore, completing the "Neighborhood Service Plan".

We will discuss briefly the service rendered by these various war service committees. Some of this service somewhat parallels the work of the War Board which will be discussed later in this report.

### LABOR -

The county agents' office assisted the township labor committees' as follows:

1. Early in May of this year sent "farm labor wanted" questionnaires to all high schools in Dane County.
2. Result: 63 high school boys signed up for farm labor.
3. Cooperated with County U.S. Employment Agency in making the names of these boys and other workers available to the farmers in Dane County.
4. Held six district meetings with Labor Committeemen and farmers to help plan how to handle the labor shortage on farms.

### WAR FOOD -

The work of this committee included the economical production of both food for human consumption and feed for livestock. The county agents assisted these committees:

1. By arranging community meetings where important information was given in regard to:
  - (1) Economical production of food and feed
  - (2) Economical buying of food, feed, grains, livestock and dairy products.
  - (3) Economy of buying Government grains, for example Wheat for Food and Feed.
  - (4) Advised the proper use of commercial fertilizers to increase the production of food, feed and fiber.

#### GARDEN -

Due to the anticipated shortage of certain imported foods, fruits and some vegetables, the work of this committee was to encourage every farm family:

1. To grow a well planned garden.
2. 4-H club members to raise a family sized Victory Garden.
3. To store or preserve an ample supply of vegetables for winter use. (see circular next page)
4. To keep the family well by using the proper amount of good fruits and vegetables and thus aid our country in this great war effort.

#### NUTRITION -

The work of the nutrition committee, closely correlated with that of the garden and war food committee, will be discussed by Miss Violet Blodau, Home Agent, in her part of this annual report.

#### CIVILIAN DEFENSE -

The work of the county civilian defense committee has been well organized with the chairman of the County Board and the Mayor of Madison as co-chairmen. The regular civilian defense organization had already made town chairmen responsible for civilian defense activities. Therefore, to avoid duplication, the volunteer war service committee asked these supervisors to serve as chairmen of this work in their respective townships.

The principal work on civilian defense done by the county agents' office, in cooperation with the civilian defense committees, may be stated briefly as follows:

1. Discussed at joint meetings of labor and civilian defense committees practical methods to prevent inflation (see enclosed sheet)
2. Upon the advice and recommendation of the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the civilian defense committeemen, important information and check sheets on a county-wide campaign to Prevent Farm Fires was sent out to all farm families through the rural and graded schools in Dane County.

## ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

R. V. Hurley, County Agricultural Agent

### 1. DIVISION OF TIME AMONG PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Days</u>
4-H Club Work	63
Cereals, Grain Crops	24
Legumes, Forage Crops and Pastures	32
Potatoes, Gardens and Special Crops	21
Livestock and Poultry	18
Dairy Herd Improvement, Dairy Products	54
Insect and Weed Control	8
Forestry and Soil Conservation	12
Extension Organization, Community Activities	38
Work with Federal Agencies, Miscellaneous	26

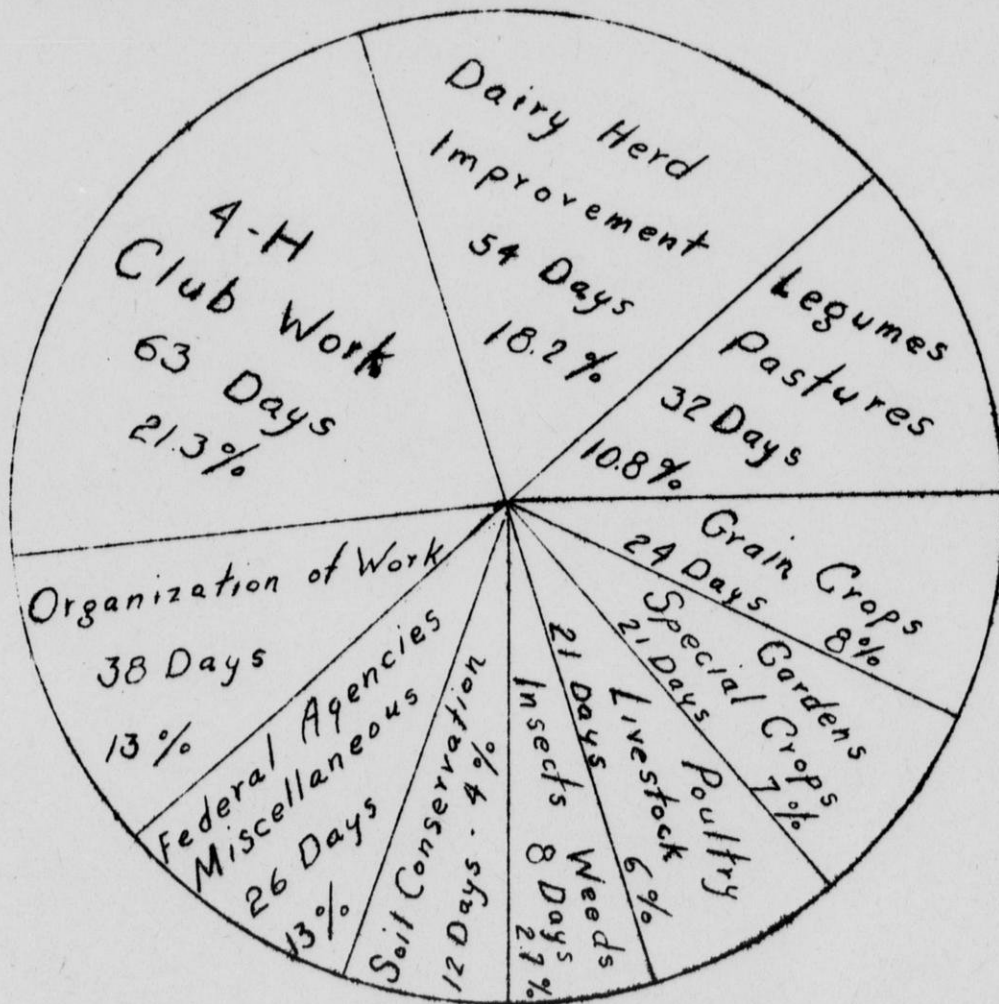
### 11. MANNER IN WHICH TIME WAS SPENT:

Days in Office	143.
Days in Field	152
Days Vacation	7
Days Sick Leave	2
Miles Traveled	10,581
Telephone Calls	4,421
Office Calls or Interviews	1,044
News Articles Published	95
Radio Talks Given	24
Farm Visits	706
Personal Letters	2,178
Circular Letters (total copies)	12,655
Bulletins Distributed	8,240
Total Meetings Held	341
Total Attendance at Meetings	18,804



DIVISION OF TIME AND LABOR  
of  
R. V. Hurley, County Agent,  
During 1942

The chart on this page illustrates quite accurately the number of days and the percentage of time spent on each major project. Emergencies often arise during the year, such as a sudden outbreak of plant or animal diseases and various war time programs which require immediate attention, thus taking time from major projects.



Each year more time is required for the planning of programs of work for these work projects. Meetings of committees or group conferences are necessary if the work is to be done effectiently and the best results obtained for the expenditure of effort and labor.

## WAR PROBLEMS AND THE WAR BOARD

During the past year, the County Agents' program has been geared to meet new needs arising from the war. Many of these needs are met through the U.S.D.A. War Board. Others are not.

Agricultural War Boards were set up at the request of the Secretary of Agriculture in each county in the Nation. Members of the Dane Co.

U.S.D.A. War Board:

Joseph C. Adlor, Agr'l Cons'n. Comm. - Chairman  
R. V. Hurley - representing County Agents  
B. D. Blakely - Soil Conservation Service  
R. J. Hogan - Farm Security  
Alfred Nordlie - Farm Credit Agencies  
J. W. Clark - Secretary to the War Board

The Board engages in activities considered necessary for the prosecution of the war effort upon request of the Secretary of Agriculture.

The spirit of cooperation among members of the Dane County War Board has been excellent and every member has pitched in and done his part. To date, some of the most important activities have been:

1. Food for Freedom Campaign - October 1941.  
Approximately half the farm families in Dane County attended school-house meetings where production quotas were explained and local leaders explained a few simple methods of increasing food production.
2. In November and December, 1941, we inaugurated the first "farm scrap" metal drive. This was done preliminary to later drives by the Civilian Defense Organizations.
3. Farm Machinery Repair Campaigns  
In cooperation with 26 implement dealers, we launched a vigorous information campaign urging farmers to repair machinery early and to order repair parts during the winter months. Check sheets were distributed and other practical aids given.
4. Conservation of Materials  
The War Board has been responsible for advising with all farmers who wished to engage in residential construction in excess of \$200.00 or other farm building construction in excess of \$1000.00.
5. Dairy Industries Transportation  
The Office of Price Administration has warned that the system of transporting milk from farm to factory is wasteful of rubber because of duplication and overlapping. O.P.A. insists that some of this inefficiency be eliminated. The War Board took the load in advising the Industry in this county of O.P.A.'s attitude and has since assisted the Industry

in an attempt to work out a plan which will conserve rubber and satisfy tire rationing officials.

6. Conducted a series of meetings to discuss Labor Problems and the Inflation Danger.
7. Advised with Selective Service Boards on various occasions about the shortage of man power which has been developing in rural areas because of the draft and industrial demand for more workers.

#### WAR FOOD

Agriculture occupies a strategic position in the war effort because food is as essential as guns and bullets.

Generally speaking, 1942 was a good crop year and despite difficulties, Dane County farm production of critical foods has increased despite an increasing shortage of farm man power. We predict the shortage of both labor and farm machinery will make itself evident in 1943 production. Many well informed individuals are predicting that if 1943 is an average crop year, Dane County farm production will fall off as much as 25% from the high established in 1942.

With the assistance of the State Crop Reporting Service, I have prepared the following estimates for a few vital war foods produced in Dane County:

	1941 Estimated Production	1942 Estimated Production	Percent of Increase that 1942 Production is above 1941
1. Milk	553,800,000 lbs.	570,414,000	3%
2. Hogs	215,000 pig crop	237,000 pig crop	10%
3. Eggs	79,000,000	90,000,000	14%
4. Soy beans (bu.)	27,450 bu.	*(56,000 bu. (?) )	104% (?)
5. Soy beans acres (all uses)	1,830	3,970	117%
6. Canning peas	11,142,000 lbs.	14,500,000 lbs.	30%
7. Sweet corn	12,725 tons	14,000 tons	10%
8. Alfalfa hay	129,048 tons	148,000 tons	15%
9. Alfalfa hay acres	53,770 acres	54,850 acres	2%

\* Doesn't take into consideration damage done by early frost.

## SOIL CONSERVATION AND THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The County Agents' Office has always devoted considerable time to problems of erosion and soil fertility depletion and has conducted demonstrations and distributed information on proper land use.

Since the creation of the Dane County Soil Conservation District two years ago, we have joined our efforts with those of personnel working in the Dane County Soil Conservation District. The County Agricultural Committee is the supervisory board in charge of the District. The County Agents are responsible for educational work whereas technical assistance to farmers and field operations are the functions of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

B. D. Blakely, Madison, is District Conservationist and working with him are five other technicians, all U.S. Department of Agriculture employees, but responsible to the Supervisors of the District for carrying out the program of work.

Dane was the 13th county in Wisconsin to become a soil conservation district. Since that time, other County Boards have taken similar action until there are now 30 districts in the State.

Genuine progress has been made in assisting farmers with erosion problems under the District Organization. In brief, here are a few of the accomplishments of the District:

No. of agreements (To November 1, 1942)	227
Total acres	29,169
No. of trees planted (259 acres)	25,900
Acres of conservation surveys	131,100
Miles of terracing (approximate)	5
Acres of pasture improvement	2,400
Drainage surveys	10 farms
Acres strip cropped	3,100
Approximate number of farmers assisted by District personnel	550

The District enables land owners and farm operators to undertake community and county-wide problems of erosion control. It also

makes State and Federal assistance available to individual farmers in solving their individual erosion problems.

Farmers may secure the following service and assistance from district personnel:

1. The District will provide detailed soil surveys of farms showing various land classifications and recommendations.
2. The District personnel will assist in planning erosion control programs on individual farms.
3. The District personnel will assist communities in developing control programs which demand community action.
4. The District personnel will assist farmers and actually put erosion control plans in operation.
5. The District personnel will assist farmers with special erosion problems even though they have entered into no agreement with the District.

## AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION

The Agricultural Conservation Program affects in some way or another most of the farmers in Dane County.

Direct responsibility for administration rests in the hands of a farmer committee consisting of Joseph C. Adler, Middleton; Andrew J. Mell, DeForest, and John Fluckiger, Jr., of Verona.

As Secretary and ex-officio member of the County Committee, it is our duty as County Agents to conduct a broad program of education and information which familiarizes farmers with the program, and to assist individual farmers make the adjustments necessary for participation.

Estimated payments to Dane County farmers participating in the 1942 program follow:

1. No. farms participating	5,000
2. Estimated total of all A.A.A. payments (1942)	\$1,090,000.00
3. Amount of total which represents corn parity payments	360,000.00
4. Amount of total which represents tobacco parity payments	90,000.00
5. Amount of total paid for carrying out recommended soil building practices	174,000.00
6. Amount of total which represents regular Agricultural Conservation payment	460,000.00
7. Amount of total which represents wheat parity payments	6,000.00

The long time effect of the A.A.A. program upon our agriculture is good:

1. It has made farmers more "soil conservation minded".
2. The acreage of legumes and other hay and pasture crops has increased under the program.
3. More farmers have been encouraged to apply ground limestone and commercial fertilizer.

All these represent contributions to the permanent improvement of land and the community.

## LIME AND FERTILIZER

Lime is essential to the growing of legumes on most Dane County soils. Experience of recent years also indicates that many soils are deficient in phosphate or potash or both.

The only practicable way for farmers to determine the amount of lime or fertilizer required on any field is by testing the soil. Several agricultural teachers do testing, the University laboratory is available to Dane County farmers, as are also the facilities of the Dane County Soil Conservation District with headquarters at our office.

By far, the greatest part of the lime delivered during the past year was delivered under the Conservation of Materials set-up operated in conjunction with the Agricultural Conservation Program. According to the records, 35,000 tons of limestone were delivered under the Conservation of Materials program between October 1, 1941 and October 1, 1942. We estimate that 15,000 additional tons were delivered under private contract.

In making recommendations for liming materials, we have consistently recommended finely ground material. A minimum of 40% should pass through a 60 mesh sieve.

Most farmers buy fertilizer from private dealers. During the past two years, however, some fertilizer containing phosphate and potash has been made available to farmers under the Conservation of Materials set-up. Because this fertilizer is somewhat cheaper than that bought by farmers commercially, the uses to which it can be put are limited.

Last year only three carloads totalling 100 tons of fertilizer were distributed under the Conservation of Materials program. This year, 20 carloads totalling 800 tons will be distributed between October 1 and January 30.

AVERAGE  
LIME PRICES  
CONSERVATION OF MATERIALS PROGRAM  
OCTOBER 1941 to OCTOBER 1942

	Roxbury	Dane	Vienna	Windsor	Bristol	York
Mazomanie	(1) \$1.50 (2) \$2.00	(1) \$1.50 (2) \$2.00	(1) \$1.40 (2) \$1.90	(1) \$1.40 (2) \$1.90	(1) \$1.40 (2) \$1.90	(1) \$1.50 (2) \$2.00
(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.50	Berry	Springfield	Westport	Burke	Sun Prairie	Medina
Black Earth	(1) \$1.25 (1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.50	(1) \$1.40 (2) \$1.90	(1) \$1.50 (2) \$2.00	(1) \$1.35 (2) \$1.85	(1) \$1.30 (2) \$1.80	(1) \$1.30 (2) \$1.80
Vermont	Cross Plains	Middleton	Madison	Blooming Grove	Cottage Grove	Deerfield
(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.50	(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.75	(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.50	(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.50	(1) \$1.30 (2) \$1.80	(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.75	(1) \$1.30 (2) \$1.80
Blue Mounds	Springdale	Verona	Fitchburg	Dunn	Pleasant Springs	Christiana
(1) \$1.10 (2) \$1.60	(1) \$1.10 (2) \$1.45	(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.50	(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.50	(1) \$1.50 (2) --	(1) \$1.40 (2) \$1.90	(1) \$1.40 (2) \$1.90
Perry	Primrose	Montrose	Oregon	Rutland	Dunkirk	Albion
(1) \$1.20 (2) \$1.75	(1) \$1.15 (2) \$1.50	(1) \$1.35 (2) \$1.75	(1) \$1.25 (2) \$1.60	(1) \$1.30 (2) --	(1) \$1.35 (2) --	(1) \$1.50 (2) \$2.00

Legend:

- (1) Price Delivered to Farm  
(2) Price Delivered to Farm and Spread on Fields



## RADIO

The County Agents' Office is responsible for getting information to rural people. Sometimes it is necessary to reach large numbers of people quickly. To this end, we use circular letters and news stories, but one of the quickest and most efficient methods of reaching out into our rural areas is the radio broadcast.

We put on a regular program over Station W I B A each Wednesday, at 11:45. Farm people are notified of these programs in advance and from letters received and comments made, we are certain that we have been successful in reaching a large audience.

Subjects presented on the regular weekly broadcast cover a wide range. Here are just a few of the topics discussed during the past year: 4-H Club Members Select Victory Projects; Not Sugarless But Less Sugar; What Shall We Do With Soybeans and Sorgum; What's a Good Buy in Feed and Soed; Farm Machinery Shortage in 1942; News From the Farm War Front.

A monthly broadcast presented by five women active in rural affairs has been an especially interesting feature and deserves special mention. The women who have so generously donated their time and effort to this feature are: Mrs. C. Howard King; Mrs. Isabel McCarthy; Mrs. George Mitchell; Mrs. John Langer; and Mrs. Cornelius Sorenson.

In addition to our regularly scheduled broadcasts, we have always received courteous consideration from the Madison radio stations which have broadcast many announcements and spot news items for us upon request.

**ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT**  
 (J. W. Clark, Ass't. County Agr'l. Agent)

**I. DIVISION OF TIME AMONG PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Agricultural Conservation Program	86½ days
Soil Conservation and Erosion Control	37
Community Activities (Radio-Recreation, group meetings, etc.)	20
Lime and Fertilizer	33
4-H Clubs and Junior Fair	17
War Board and War Problems	96
Miscellaneous and Administration	14

**II. MANNER IN WHICH TIME WAS SPENT**

Days in office	163
Days in field	138.5
Days sick leave	1
Days vacation	10½
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Number office calls or interviews	3754
Number of telephone calls	2559
Number of personal letters written	2050
Number of bulletins distributed	3347
Number of different news stories published	61
Number of farm and home visits made	155
Number of radio talks made	42
Number of different circular letters written	138
Total volume of circular mail	33,298
Total number of meetings held	190
Total attendance at meetings	13,379

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:  
Dane County, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit to you the second annual report of the County Home Agent, for the year November 1, 1941 through October 31, 1942.

The Home Agent conducts her work as authorized by the Smith-Lever Act, 1914 -

"That cooperative agricultural extension work shall consist of the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics to persons not attending said Colleges in the several communities and imparting to such persons information on said subjects, through field demonstrations, publications, and otherwise; and this work shall be carried on in such a manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture, and State Agricultural College or Colleges receiving the benefits of this Act--."

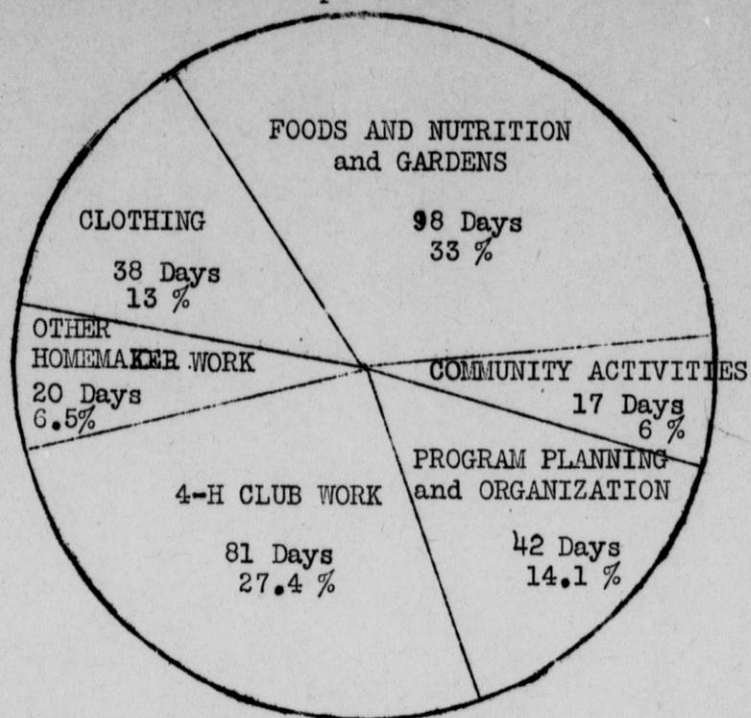
This department hopes to help rural families in every corner of the county. While it is impossible to reach them all individually, efforts are being made to meet as many requests as possible through demonstrations, discussions, radio, newspaper releases, conferences, and bulletins.

Respectfully submitted,

*Violet V. Blodau*  
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Dane County Home Agent

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOME AGENT'S ACTIVITIES

Emphasis placed upon various projects by the County Home Agent shows more clearly the 1942 activities of this department.



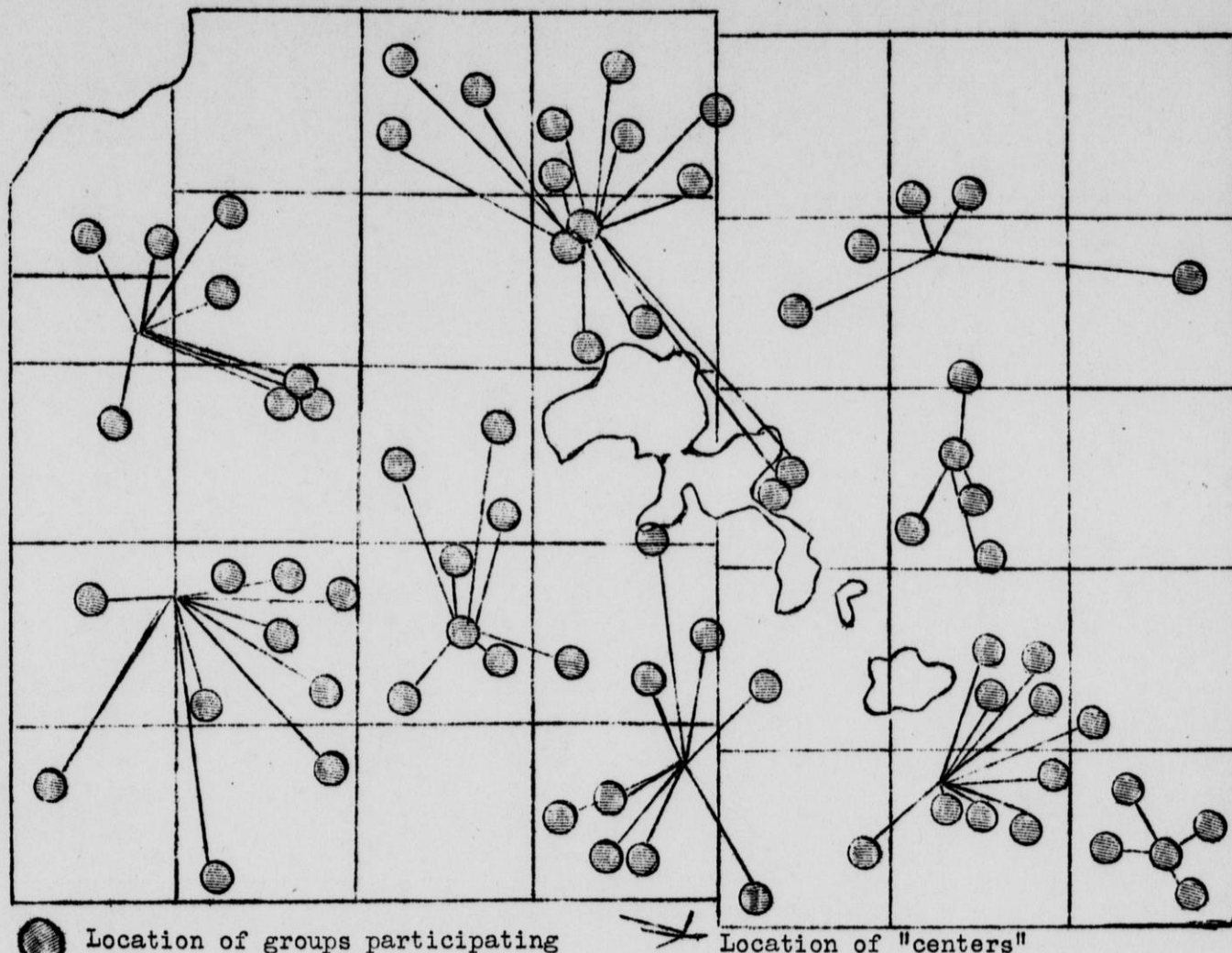
Growth of the work and changes necessary to meet war-time problems as they occurred have required careful planning of work to be done, and how best to do it. However since much time was given to planning and beginning the work of this department in 1941, the first year it was established, less time was needed for program planning and organization this year, although these still remain a large and important part of the program.

Much time was devoted to working with homemakers and their problems, particularly those of food and clothing for the family. The entire family has realized that this year more than ever, they needed to depend upon a good home garden and a well-filled cellar for good meals, and upon careful buying and repair of clothing for the best welfare of their family and their country.

Of equal importance was work with boys and girls through 4-H Clubs. Emphasis was placed upon making this year's club work a part of the jobs needing to be done because of the shortage of extra help on many farms.

More time was given to homemaking work with both adults and juniors this year to meet war-time needs. For this same reason less time was devoted to other community activities. Most of such activities were carried on in cooperation with other agencies/promoting educational work.

## ORGANIZATION OF HOMEMAKERS' WORK



The above map shows the location of the groups now participating in the Home Demonstration program and the "Centers" to which their representatives are sent for training. Groups in the northeastern and northwestern corners of the county have indicated they plan to establish "centers" in their areas soon.

All groups of women interested in better homemaking have been urged to take advantage of the help offered by the Home Economics Extension Service of the University of Wisconsin through the county representative, the Home Agent.

The table below indicates progress made in this phase of the work:

November, 1941	- 29 groups participating	-	650 homemakers in projects
January, 1942	- 37 " "	-	790 " " "
March, 1942	- 45 " "	-	975 " " "
October, 1942	- 70 " "	-	1,500 " " "

The following page is a copy of a letter sent to leaders in every rural school district which further explains how this program is being carried on.

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
CO-OPERATING

AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION  
SERVICE  
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL  
REPRESENTATIVE WORK

353 West Johnson Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
September 16, 1942

Dear Nutrition Leader, or Club Officer:

These are days when keeping our homes cheerful and our equipment in good order are particularly timely in view of the war. So the County Agricultural Committee has approved this program which was requested by homemakers' representatives last spring:

CLEANING AND ADJUSTING THE SEWING MACHINE --- in January

CONSUMER INFORMATION (prices, shortages, substitutes; buying, saving, etc.)  
-- in March

HOUSECLEANING HELPS (paint and varnish finishes, wallpaper, metals, upholstery and other furnishings; methods; recipes for cleaners) -- in February

BRAIDED RUGS (using discarded cloth, and needing no special equipment; including planning of colors and pattern) -- in October and November

This program was arranged with the help of the University of Wisconsin Home Economics Extension specialists. Now we need your help to fit this work to the needs and wants of our Dane county women. The Homemakers' Executive Committee therefore invites your neighborhood (or club) to send representatives (president and secretary, if yours is a club) to make plans with us. At these short meetings you will help decide where and when leader training centers will be held, and other important matters. Your representatives will want to come to the most convenient meeting:

Marxville - Thursday, Sept. 24  
Sun Prairie - Friday, Sept. 25  
Verona - Tuesday, Sept. 29  
Cottage Grove - Wednesday, Sept. 30

Mt. Horeb - Thursday, October 1  
Stoughton - Friday, October 2  
Oregon - Tuesday, October 6  
Waunakee - Wednesday, October 7

This program is for every part of Dane County -- every family. Last year we had forty-five groups sending leaders to get information.

During summer nutrition leaders reached about 5,000 families. This year your women may want to get all of the program or only parts of it. They'll want to decide that after these meetings. So we're counting on you to come or send someone.

Sincerely,

*Violet V. Blodau*

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Dane County Home Agent

P.S. Plans will necessarily be tentative. But, if we know you and neighbors are interested, we'll find ways to get this information to you if driving becomes a greater problem.

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## HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Home Demonstration Council is composed of the presidents or chairmen of all the local groups which are sending representatives to Home Demonstration meetings.

At the spring Council meeting the 1941-42 project program was planned to meet the needs and desires of the homemakers, and this plan was presented to and approved by the County Agricultural Committee.

Local groups are reached through district meetings, each district being called a "center." Each group is represented at the center meeting by two leaders who bring the information back to their own neighborhood. Each center has its chairman, elected by members of the clubs in the center. At the fall Council meeting final plans for carrying out the program were made, as indicated on the preceding page in the letter sent to leaders of local groups.

Eight centers were organized at the fall council meeting, and a ninth has been added since that time. Center chairmen serving for 1942-43 are:

Black Earth-Mazomanie-	
Cross Plains center	- Mrs. George Cairns - Mazomanie
Cottage Grove center	- Mrs. F. Torgerson - Cottage Grove
Mt. Horeb center	- Mrs. C. A. Sorenson - Mt. Horeb
Oregon center	- Mrs. Claude Lyons - Route 4, Madison
Stoughton center	- Mrs. Ralph Lunde - Stoughton
Sun Prairie center	- Mrs. Walter Gregg - Route 1, Madison
Verona center	- Mrs. J. L. Burke - Verona
Waunakee center	- Mrs. James J. Kennedy - Waunakee
Albion center	- Mrs. Lawrence Marsden - Albion (temporary)

These center chairmen make up the Executive Committee of the Dane County Homemakers. This Committee is invaluable in the operation of the homemakers' program. They meet twice a year in regular session to act upon matters requiring immediate attention and to refer other matters to the centers or the Council. Members of the Executive Board of 1941-42 were: Mrs. R. J. McCarthy, Cottage Grove - President; Mrs. C. A. Sorenson, Mt. Horeb - Vice President; Mrs. M. L. Tubbs, Cross Plains - Secretary; Mrs. Walter Gregg, Route 1, Madison; Mrs. John Mell, DeForest; Mrs. Claude Lyons, Route 4, Madison; Mrs. W. L. Witte, McFarland.

Present members of the Executive Board for 1942-43 are:

President -	- Mrs. C. A. Sorenson, Mt. Horeb
Vice President -	- Mrs. Walter Gregg, Route 1, Madison
Secretary	- Mrs. F. Torgerson, Cottage Grove
Historian	- Mrs. Claude Lyons, Route 4, Madison
	Mrs. George Cairns, Mazomanie
	Mrs. J. L. Burke, Verona
	Mrs. Ralph Lunde, Stoughton
	Mrs. James J. Kennedy, Waunakee
	Mrs. Lawrence Marsden, Edgerton (temporary)

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK

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AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

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CO-OPERATING

AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

STATE OF WISCONSIN

353 West Johnson Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
October 9, 1942

WE HAVE A JOB TO DO



Dear Homemaker:

By now you are familiar with the county Home Demonstration program through the work carried on last winter and through the War Service nutrition and garden work done this summer and fall.

This is how Dane county women are this fall again requesting and getting help through this service: In some instances a group of "just neighbors" are going to meet together. In other places mothers' clubs, sewing circles, church groups, community clubs, etc. are going to participate.

Each group is sending two of its women to get information, pamphlets and suggestions for a demonstration. Centers for the training of these leaders on "Braided Rugs" are being held soon. The two local leaders sent to the center most convenient for them to attend, will have charge of later giving this demonstration at their own local club or group meeting.

In January, February and March, leaders will be trained in "Cleaning and Repairing the Sewing Machine", "Housecleaning Helps" and "Consumer Information." Some groups may wish to have all demonstrations, while others may want only one or two of them. Each group may select what it wants.

Has your community planned to send two leaders to bring back demonstrations for you and your neighbors? If you have a group of interested women, return the enclosed card. Please return it IMMEDIATELY so we may send your leaders more information.

Sincerely,

*Violet V. Blodau*

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Dane County Home Agent

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## FOODS AND NUTRITION

With food and nutrition playing such an important part in the national war effort at home as well as abroad, it has been urgent that all families in our county be reached with the newest and best information.

A major project in the Home Demonstration foods program this past year centered around planning the use of plenty of vegetables for the family's needs. The "Food Value and Preparation of Common and Less Known Vegetables" was stressed. Reports from leaders showed that many families are using more vegetables and also planted more and a greater variety in their gardens this year.

In keeping with the national program, nutrition and garden leaders were trained as a part of the Volunteer War Service program. This is discussed further under that topic.

At various Farmers and Homemakers Days demonstrations and discussions were given related to "Freezing Fruits, Meats, Vegetables," "Vegetable Cookery," and "Planning the Family Food Supply."

"The Role of Nutrition in the Victory Program" was discussed at several groups meetings in spring, among rural groups as a means of developing interest in producing and storing food and among city groups to stimulate further interest in well planned meals.

## CLOTHING

To aid the families in Dane County to be well dressed and well groomed through careful use and care of clothing was the basis of the clothing work. "Planning and Re-Making the Family's Clothing" included suggestions based on the national pledge for civilian defense - to buy carefully, take good care of what we have, and waste nothing. Leaders reported an increasing interest in this project as materials and ready-made garments became less readily available.

This was followed by demonstrations on "Pressing of Men's Suits and Women's Dresses." Probably one of the most popular topics of the entire program, interest in it has been kept up throughout the year. Leaders are still giving demonstrations to groups of women who did not attend earlier meetings. Time saving methods which

do not give a "home pressed" look to clothes, and directions for making inexpensive equipment at home are the points stressed.

An exhibit of women's wartime work garments was made and shown at numerous adult and 4-H Club meetings during spring. These garments were designed to be comfortable and safe for women and girls to wear at the many new jobs they have had to take on as a result of the labor shortage.

#### OTHER HOMEMAKER ACTIVITIES

Home grounds improvement schools were held at Cambridge, Oregon, Cross Plains, Bower School (Primrose township) and Middleton with the assistance of J. S. Elfner, extension landscape specialist. The series of four meetings held with each of these groups dealt with planning the grounds, trees, shrubs, and flowers. In April planting demonstrations were conducted.

#### CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The Home Agent has been serving as a member of the County Civilian Defense Council, in charge of consumer interests. A committee was chosen to represent both rural and city groups and it has been attempting coordinate work being done by other agencies, and to make available recent information related to our wartime economy. Some of this has become a part of the rural homemaker program, including the fat salvage campaign information. Study groups have been organized for city women. This committee was in charge of one of the Civilian Defense booths at the Wisconsin State Fair. Radio programs and newspaper releases have also been a part of their work, as well as talks before interested groups such as the Badger Girls State.

Cooperation has also been given to projects of the nutrition committee of the Civilian Defense Council.

#### PUBLICITY

Radio broadcasts from stations WIBA and WHA have been used with all projects. Some of the topics used were "A Homemakers' Program for Your Community" by members of the Homemakers Executive Board; "Food Fads and Fancies" in cooperation

with the Civilian Defense nutrition committee; "Consumer Problems of the Homemaker" by the Civilian Defense consumer interests committee; "Conserving Clothing" with clothing specialist; "Good Gardens are a Wartime Necessity" with Agricultural Agent; "To Control Inflation - Be Self Sufficient", "Dane County at the State Fair" with 4-H Club members. Announcements of local meetings, especially for Volunteer War Service work, have been generously made by WIBA.

Both local and city newspapers have been very cooperative in publishing items related to this work.

Circular letters and a Christmas newsletter have also been employed to aid in serving as many homes as possible.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

In cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture and the Dane County Federation of Rural Clubs, a county dairy recipe contest was sponsored in November, 1941. The same rules and judges were used as those for a similar contest being conducted by the state at the same time. These and the recipes winning the state contest are to appear in a cook book to be published by the State Department of Agriculture.

Use and food value of dairy products was discussed with a group of the American Association of University Women.

Assistance was given to adult vocational classes at Mazomanie and at Roxbury.

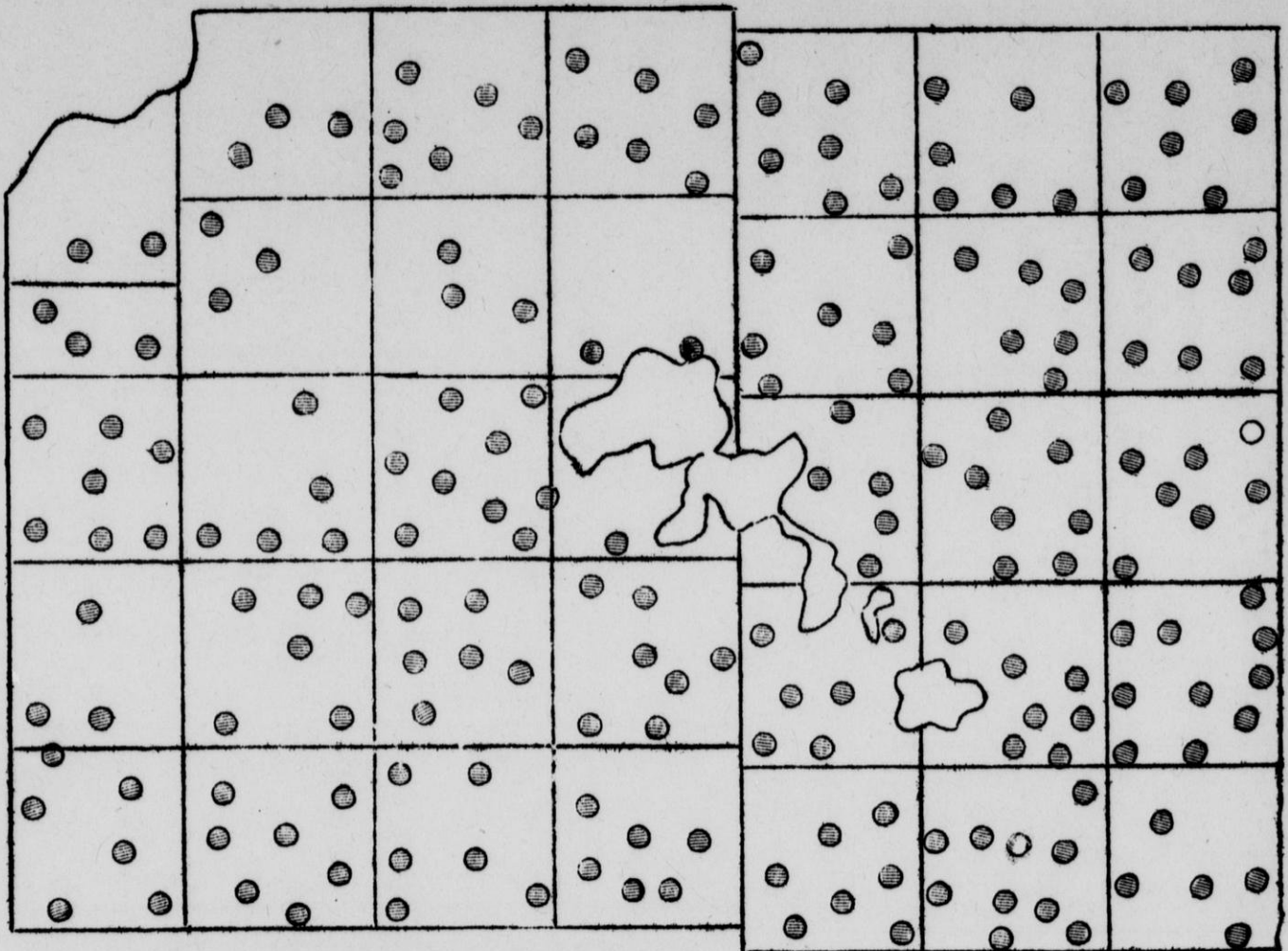
Food preservation related to source of supply, equipment available, and adequate storage in city homes was discussed at the Madison Nutrition Center.

A discussion was conducted and exhibits shown of wartime clothing and food problems at a meeting with wives of A.A.A. community committeemen.

Assistance was given at the University with a Farm and Home Week exhibit and a Public Affairs Institute.

Nutrition was discussed with local city groups such as Parent Teachers' study groups, community clubs, etc.

VOLUNTEER WAR SERVICE WORK



● General location of neighborhoods where the nutrition leaders reported use was made of the nutrition information.

An explanation of the purpose and organization of the War Service work was given on a foregoing page in the Agricultural Agent's portion of this report, The Home Agent's department worked most closely with nutrition and garden leaders.

Township nutrition leaders appointed a leader in each school district, closed and village school districts included. Cooperation of the county nurses, county superintendents of schools, Farm Security home supervisor, county Civilian Defense Council nutrition chairman, and vocational home economics teachers aided in the promotion of this project.

Reports from the canning information given in June were reported by school district and township leaders:

- 250 -- Leaders trained by Home Agent
- 125 - No. Local meetings held by leaders
- 5,197 - Total families receiving this information (through meeting or otherwise)

Reports of use of material given in September to garden and nutrition leaders on drying, sulfuring, brining and storing of food are not completed, but indications are that results will approximate the above reports.

## ORGANIZATION

A county map indicating the location of 4-H Clubs, and a list of their leaders, as well as a summary of some of the results of Club work, has been given in the Agricultural Agent's preceding portion of this report.

One of the sidelights was the close working relationship between the newly organized homemakers' groups and 4-H Club work. The letter reproduced on the following page was sent to leaders of all the groups which had participated in the homemakers' 1941-42 program, asking them to assist in creating interest in local 4-H Club work. As a result some new clubs were established. Some of these women also became leaders of their 4-H Clubs or acted on the advisory committee for them. Many rural and village teachers also assisted in much the same manner.

Since ten new clubs were organized this year and many older clubs had new leaders, district meetings were held with all leaders to discuss the Club program.

## DEMONSTRATIONS

Twenty-one demonstrations were given at the county demonstration contest. Barbara Storck, McFarland, and Amelia Ann Thompson, Lodi, were selected as county representatives in the 4-H demonstration contest held at Milwaukee. These and other 4-H demonstrations have also been given at various local events.

Five girls were selected at the County Junior Fair judging contest to participate in the state foods, canning and clothing judging contests held at the State Junior Fair.

## STYLE DRESS REVUE

Two style revues were held. One Hundred and thirty-one garments were worn in the county dress revue by the girls who had made them. Twenty-nine of these received blue ribbon awards, and these modelled their dresses again at the County Junior Fair. From this group two girls represented Dane County in the State Junior Fair dress revue. There first place in the state was awarded to Louise Keenan, Oregon, in the school wash-dress division.

## STATE JUNIOR FAIR

Fifty-five State Fair awards, including twenty-four firsts and seconds, were received by Dane County girls on their clothing and foods exhibits.