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## THE JOB OF THE EXTENSION AGENT

The program of work for the agricultural extension agent is planned by the ~~committee on agriculture~~ of the Wood county Board of Supervisors, with the advise and suggestions of local people. The purpose of extension work is to provide assistance in agriculture and home economics for farmers, their wives and families in order to better enable them to do a better job of farming.

The job of the extension worker is to carry out the program of work as outlined by the committee on agriculture in cooperation with the College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin and the United States Department of Agriculture. The program of work is carried out by the use of educational methods using method and result demonstrations, personal visits, personal letters, circular letters, the press and radio. It is from the method and result demonstrations and through the use of local leaders that information is made available to farm families in the county. It is impossible to visit or contact each farmer in the county and local leaders and demonstrators have been set up to further extend the information as it has been tried and proven in the research laboratory of the University.

The county extension worker is a liaison officer between the research laboratory and the farm. The office of the county extension worker is an arm of the United States Department of Agriculture, the state University and the county board of supervisors, and can be used by either of the cooperating agencies to further the development of agriculture and home economics in times of war as well as in times of peace.

WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM FOR 1942-43

The following program of work has been adopted jointly for Wood county for 1942-43 by the Wood county agricultural committee, county extension agent, and extension supervisor, for agriculture.

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MAJOR PROBLEMS:

1. Food for War
2. Health and Morale
3. Conservation of men and materials
4. Long-time Improvements
5. Rural Youth

PHASES OF WORK:

1. More milk, pork, eggs, canning crops
2. Herd and Flock Management
3. More and better grain, hay, pastures
4. Quality improvement
1. Gardens, fruits, home food supply and preservation.
2. Civilian Defense
1. Labor problems, substitutes, rationing
2. Machinery, buildings, Equipment problems
3. Disease, insect, fire prevention and control.
4. Forest and woodlot utilization
1. Farm organization - Cooperatives
2. Soil Improvement, Conservation and land use.
3. Farm and Home Management
1. 4-H Clubs

## PROGRAM OF WORK FOR WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

### I. FOOD FOR WAR

A. Milk, Pork, Eggs, Poultry and Canning Crops: Quotas for milk production in 1942 were set at 217,000,000 pounds by the United States Department of Agriculture. This is an increase in production of approximately 27,000,000 pounds. The production in 1941 was approximately 175,000,000 pounds. Local food for war committees were selected in each township and school district. These local leaders were called in for two educational meetings. They were given instructions on the methods to be used in holding and conducting a food for war educational program in their own school district. Twenty-two hundred farmers attended the meetings held in each of the rural schoolhouses in the county. Printed material was made available to every farmer in the county so that he could balance his rations efficiently and produce the maximum amount of milk from his dairy herd as economically as possible.

These local food for war committees also carried information to their neighbors relative to the production of pork, poultry and eggs. The quotas called for an increase of 2,000 180-lb. hogs and more than 150,000,000 eggs.

The war production board offered a premium to the producers of some canning crops and the largest acreage of canning crops in the history of the county was planted. Long and continued rains and a cool season influenced the production of peas and beans and other canning crops to such an extent that the production was possibly smaller in 1942 than in previous years.

B. Herd and Flock Management: With the inauguration of a heavier feeding schedule for the production of more milk, many farmers experienced difficulty with garget in their dairy herds. Careful management of herds as well as poultry flocks was necessary in order to prevent losses to the



Donald Trowbridge, Milladore, had a 90 bushel per acre corn crop on his 100 day hybrid corn planted on well fertilized and well drained soil.

herd, production and incomes. Farmers owning dairy cows producing seven to 10,000 pounds of milk annually were unable to push the production much higher. Most of the increased production has to come, necessarily, from the low producing herds. Many of the low producers are not economical to keep and are "boarders" on the rest of the herd. Many "boarders" have been culled and sent to slaughter in order to save feed and increase efficiency of the dairy herd. The official cow testing association in the county as well as the mail order system and testing done by Smith-Hughes instructors has done much to assist farmers in eliminating their poor producers. In order to increase production of the dairy herd it is necessary that farmers either purchase feed or produce it on their own farm. The annual feed bill for the dairy herds in the county was approximately \$750,000 annually.

C. More and Better Grain, Hay and Pasture: Enterprising farmers have attempted to save the money they spend for feed and have purchased many thousands of tons of limestone in order to sweeten their soil and make it possible to grow a better legume hay crop. Due to the demonstrational work that has been done in the past by the extension service the use of limestone has been accepted as a general farm practice by farmers in the county. As a result farmers have ordered large amounts of limestone through the AAA. The subsidy on the limestone material amounting to approximately \$2.00 per ton or its equivalent, has further encouraged farmers to use liberal amounts of this material.

The use of fertilizers has followed the use of limestone on many farms, particularly since 100 rural youth demonstrated the feasibility and economy of using fertilizers on grain several years ago. Some of the fertilizer material ordered by farmers in some localities, who have not used this material before, probably was not applied according to recommended and approved practices. Farmers experienced in the use of fertilizers,

QUALITY MILK ENDORSED BY WOOD COUNTY DAIRY PLANT OPERATORS

We, the undersigned, dairy plant operators, in Wood county hereby wholeheartedly endorse the Quality Milk Improvement Program which has been inaugurated in Wood County.

We feel that we can improve the quality of cheese, butter and condensed milk if we can have the whole-hearted cooperation of milk producers in the county. We have pledged ourselves to keep our dairy plants "kitchen clean", and milk haulers will keep their trucks clean and haul nothing but milk.

~~Amos Barthel~~ J. Millenthin  
 R. H. Greunk Ed Kaufmann  
 Jacob Hertel J. A. Boehlen  
 Linda C. Buehler Anil Hammel  
 Larry Cassin  
 Herman F. Stiedel M. B. Heller Joseph Henseler  
 Erick F. Erickson White House Milk Co. Inc.  
 Peter Sticka Clarence Swenson  
 L. A. Gross Ann A. Dickman  
 Paul B. Kufner Elmer Aschenbrenner  
 J. H. Muel A. M. Wisner Paul Zeitel  
 Fred Lebeck Walter A. Brei  
 E. J. Adams Frank Kadler  
 Herman Demulling H. F. Gifuntroy  
 Grant Sweet Jim Byrnes  
 F. C. Gundersen

particularly phosphate find that they get the best results when this material is well incorporated into the soil in drill rows at the time the grain is sown in the rotation. The use of phosphate has been found the most valuable when it is well incorporated into a soil that has been sufficiently well limed to prevent "locking up" of the phosphate by the iron and aluminum salts found in acid soils.

D. Milk Quality Improvement Program: The milk quality improvement program was continued with five district meetings in April and May. These meetings were attended by approximately 1500 dairymen. Forty dairy plant operators cooperated with the extension service in conducting this series of five educational meetings. Only about 10% of the producers of dairy products were found to be delivering milk of poor quality. The extension service found it easier to demonstrate the necessity of following a sanitary milk production program when the Surplus Marketing Administration refused to purchase only No. 1 cheese. A price differential would have further speeded up the program. Enterprising farmers realize that their barns and milk houses are food factories and are doing everything possible to produce milk on their farms in the most sanitary way possible. Several farmers installed concrete cooling tanks, while others were able only to install a make-shift arrangement. Several milk houses were built according to approved plans. Forms for the building of concrete cooling tanks were made available to several farmers through the dairy plant operators. The state department of agriculture and its representative, Mr. James Bolen, who is dairy inspector for Wood and some adjoining counties is to be commended for courageous work in enforcing the regulations necessary for a quality milk improvement program.

## II. HEALTH AND MORALE

A. Gardens: Records in the AAA office show that Wood county farmers use only about 1,000 acres for gardens, which probably includes potatoes.

A survey conducted by the extension service in the county in 1938 revealed a shortage of fruits and vegetables carrying minerals and vitamins necessary for health.

A Victory Garden Council was appointed by the committee on agriculture consisting of the following members: George Kunding, Mrs. George Kiesling, Frank Tomczyk, Mrs. Carl Vohrs, Mrs. Don Waters, Mrs. O. W. Rewey, Mrs. Laura Brooks, Mr. Lee Turley, Mrs. H. H. Kruoger, Miss Bernice Johnson, Mrs. Ann Ganster, Miss Elizabeth Sansum and Frank Green.

In addition a garden chairman was appointed in each township in the county and in many towns a garden committee of three or more was appointed in each school district to carry information to their friends and neighbors. Two garden leader training meetings were conducted in the county with the assistance of Professor R. E. Vaughn, Plant Pathologist. Demonstration gardens were established in several towns in the county by local leaders. The use of dust guns, wheel hoes and a Victory hoe were demonstrated by the extension service. The matter of securing garden seeds handicapped many gardens. Several gardens had to be replanted two and three times due to the severe cool and wet weather. Nineteen forty-two was not an ideal garden year, yet many farmers were able to produce a sufficient supply of garden products to adequately feed their families.

The value of home produced food on many farms amounts to as much as \$300.00 when properly planned and cared for. Practically every garden soil in the county will produce more and better crops if it is adequately fertilized with a good fertilizer. The extension service has tested the soils of many Wood county gardens and prescribed a suitable fertilizer. Better results have been obtained where fertilizer was applied.

Information on vegetable storage was supplied each of the garden leaders in the county.

a branch of the United States Employment Service located in the county and staffed by competent personnel. The supply of farm labor has been diminishing constantly during the past fifteen years. Farm boys and girls have left the farm for higher wages in the city. As a result the average age of farmers and their wives is nearly 58 years.

The supply of farm labor in Wood county is extremely small. A large number of farm boys have been inducted into the armed forces and in addition many farm boys have filled the gaps in industry when city boys were inducted into the armed forces. The rural areas have been nearly drained dry of young able bodied farm help schooled in the skillful operations of agriculture.

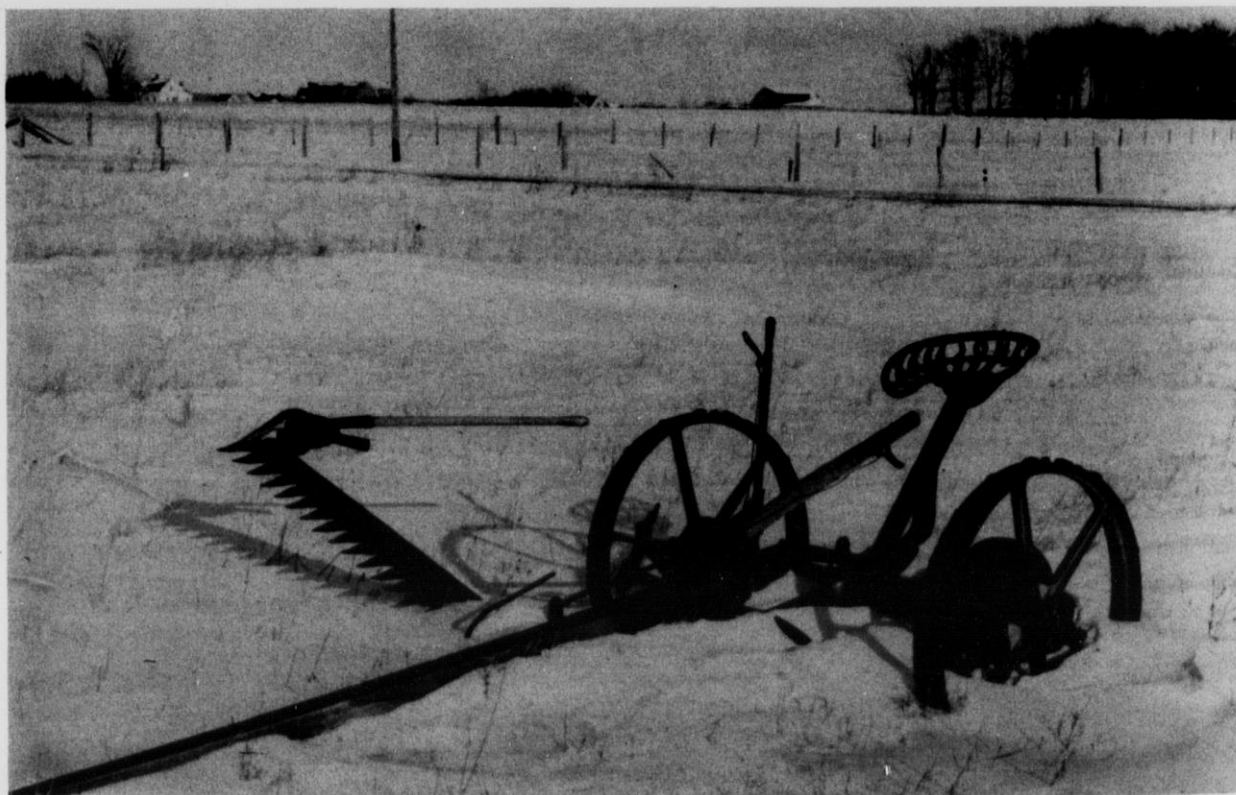
The extension service has attempted to find help where possible for the harvesting of crops. There has been much changing of help and farmers have shown the finest type of cooperation between themselves and their neighbors.

An unusually large number of farm auctions have been held this year due in part to labor shortage, but due very largely to the farmers growing old with no one to take their places. High prices offer an opportunity for farmers to get out from under heavy debt loads and to provide themselves with a little cash for their remaining years. Several enterprising and far-sighted farmers have counceled with the extension service and decided to sell at high tide.

B. Machinery: Due to the demand on industry due to the war effort the production of farm machinery has been curtailed so that in 1943 farmers will only be able to secure about 40 to 50% of their normal production. Many articles used by farmers are not being produced. Farm machinery, building material and many types of equipment used on the farm and in the home are being rationed. The extension service has conducted meetings and provided information on the economic use and proper care of farm machinery



3. Colony hog house with brood sow and litter, Ervin Moll farm, Grand Rapids. Inexpensive hog houses provide adequate protection.



Out where the rust begins. Every piece of machinery should be under cover this winter. Convert, conserve and curtail.

B. Civilian Defense: Civilian defense leaders have been appointed in each township in the county by the agricultural committee. These leaders were assigned the job of giving information to their friends and neighbors on the subject of inflation control. Two district meetings were held in the county by the extension service, assisted by Dr. Asher Hobson of the department of Agricultural Economics, Wisconsin College of Agriculture. Local leaders in the county were invited into the discussions. Printed information was given local civilian defense leaders on the matter of inflation control in order that they might encourage their neighbors to refrain from attempting to purchase articles the production of which is being decreased. Increased purchasing power in the hands of consumers will "sky rocket" prices when the production of goods is increased. Consumers might bid up the price of goods, the production of which is decreasing, but would get no more goods for their additional money. Federal estimates indicate that there will be an excess of purchasing power of at least \$17,000,000 in 1942 over that of 1941.

Inflation can be controlled if this excess purchasing power is "mopped up" or "drained off" by the purchase of war bonds, savings, life insurance and heavier taxes.

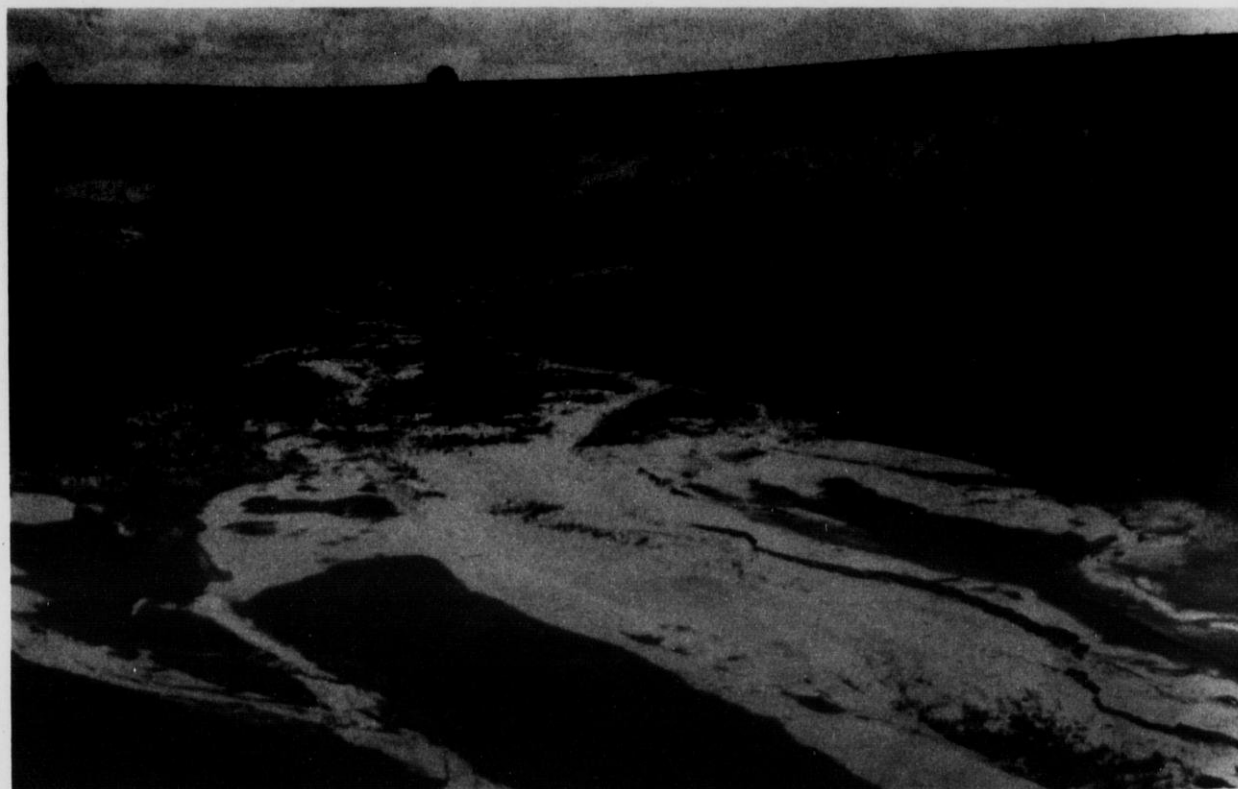
Civilian defense leaders in townships have materially assisted their communities and the war effort by collecting scrap iron, scrap aluminum, scrap rubber, funds for war and community chests, and in the sale of war bonds. These civilian defense leaders have also assisted their neighbors and friends in explaining to them the need for the rationing of goods that are scarce.

### III. CONSERVATION OF MEN AND MATERIALS

A. Labor: The county extension agent has been made county chairman of the labor committee. Wood county citizens are fortunate that they have



Everybody loses when farm buildings burn. Food, fiber, critical materials and years of effort are destroyed. Many farm fires can be prevented.



Erosion caused by heavy rains in June on long sloping grain fields.

# Wisconsin Farmstead Check Sheet for FARM FIRE HAZARD REMOVAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_

Date Inspection \_\_\_\_\_

## The Home

### CHIMNEYS

Is there an opening in attic so flues can be inspected? \_\_\_\_\_

Are chimneys free from cracks and breaks? \_\_\_\_\_

Do chimneys rest on the ground? \_\_\_\_\_ on brackets? \_\_\_\_\_

wood? \_\_\_\_\_ metal? \_\_\_\_\_

Was chimney cleaned this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Is chimney equipped with a spark arrester? \_\_\_\_\_

### HEATING EQUIPMENT

Are stove pipes passing through walls equipped with ventilating thimbles? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all stove and furnace pipes at least 18 inches from wood? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, is the wood insulated with asbestos? \_\_\_\_\_

Are wood floors under stove protected with asbestos and metal? \_\_\_\_\_

Are ashes placed in metal container? \_\_\_\_\_

Are they dumped outside away from combustible material? \_\_\_\_\_

### ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS

Type of circuit protection. Fuse box \_\_\_\_\_ circuit breaker \_\_\_\_\_

Are all fuses in lighting circuit of 15 ampere rating? \_\_\_\_\_

Are extension cords in good condition? \_\_\_\_\_

Are oil lamps in good repair? \_\_\_\_\_

Are electric motor housings kept clean and free from all combustible material? \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCUMULATED RUBBISH

Is attic free from combustible material such as paper, clothing, rags, wood? \_\_\_\_\_

closets? \_\_\_\_\_ hallways? \_\_\_\_\_ cellar? \_\_\_\_\_

Are oily rags kept in metal container? \_\_\_\_\_

destroyed after use? \_\_\_\_\_

Has grass or weed growth been removed from house? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a cleared area around house for distance of 25 feet? \_\_\_\_\_

in order to make it last longer than in peace time. A machinery rationing committee has been set up by the war board of which the county extension agent is a member. The war board also considers applications for building materials.

C. Diseases and Insects: Potato blight occurred about a month earlier in 1942 than in recent years. Fifty to 75% of the potato crop was ruined by blight. The cost of spraying potatoes in small areas is excessive. Too much and too expensive equipment is necessary to make it practical for the average farmer with one or two acres of potatoes to effectively spray against blight.

Oats smut and rust run rampant on oats fields in 1942 with the exception, in most cases, of those fields planted to Vicland oats. Oats that were treated thoroughly, escaped smut, but on many fields the losses due to smut run as high as 20% on the total crop.

D. Forests: Wood county has 6,908 acres in private forest crops and 29,633 acres in county forest crops, federal lands comprise 3,119 acres, while state land is only 684 acres. Wood county owns 29,589 acres, 3,662 additional acres are tax exempt, making a total of 73,790 or 15.5% acres of tax exempt land. The total acreage of the county is 490,823 of which 417,033 are assessed.

School forests have been planted by the Babcock school where approximately 10,000 trees are growing well.

Wind breaks have been established on more than 300 farms in the northern part of the county. During the last 10 years an ever increasing number of farmers in towns 21 and 22 have been planting three to five rows of trees north and south across their forties known as "shelter belts". The 1942 allotment of trees which could be lifted for Wood county by the state

## CLEANING FLUIDS

Are inflammable cleaning fluids used? ..... Are they stored away from house? .....  
Are they used only outside in the open? .....

## The Barns and Outbuildings

### BUILDINGS

Are buildings far enough apart so the burning of one will not set fire to the others? .....  
Is barn equipped with lightning rods? .....  
Are they in good state of repair? .....

### POODER HOUSE

Does stove set directly on sand? .....  
Are electric brooders cleaned regularly? .....  
Are light bulbs high enough so chicks do not come in contact with them? .....

### GASOLINE

Is gasoline kept underground? .....  
In special building or shed? .....  
If in a shed, is it at least 25 feet from other buildings? .....  
Is tractor, truck or car stored on concrete or dirt floor? .....  
If stationary gasoline engine is in building, is it mounted on metal or concrete base? .....  
  
Does exhaust pipe extend at least a foot out beyond building? .....  
Is exhaust pipe insulated from wood wall? .....  
  
Are hay and straw well cured before storing? .....  
Is hay checked after storing to see if it is heating? .....

## Facilities for Fighting Fire

Is there a telephone in house? .....  
Is there a fire extinguisher ready for use? ..... In barn? .....  
In house? ..... When last inspected? .....  
Is there a ladder handy to reach eaves of house or barn? .....  
Is there a good water supply available? ..... Well? .....  
Is there a fire water tank? ..... Drums or barrels? ..... Pond? .....  
Is there a pressure system on the farm? .....  
Are threaded faucets on outside of house or barn? .....  
Is hose available? .....  
Is there a box of sand and shovel near or in shed with gasoline and oil? .....  
In garage or machine shed? .....

**All Members of the Family Know What to do in Case of Fire?** .....  
Do your neighbors know what equipment to bring to your home if they are called to fight fire? .....



Wisconsin Rapids Boy Scouts planting 3,000 trees at Camp Sacajawea, Grand Rapids. Twenty-five thousand trees were planted by Wood county rural youth.



A typical shelter belt on the Martin Helke farm in the town of Grand Rapids. Shelter belts help to keep the soil out of the sky.

nursery had to be reduced. A total of 151,505 trees were planted as shelter belts this year. The number of trees planted per township is as follows: Grand Rapids 65,910, Port Edwards, 24,165; Saratoga 29,380; Seneca 17,850; Dexter 4,000; Hiles 7,000 and Remington 3,200.

The county extension agent has taken the orders for trees and assisted in the distribution. The county extension agent has assisted the Superintendent of Schools, S. G. Corey in the establishment of school forests and planting of trees in the North and South school forests.

#### IV. LONG TIME IMPROVEMENTS

A. Cooperatives: The county extension agent has assisted cooperative in their organization work and in the management of their organizations. The type of assistance given these cooperatives depends to a large extent on the state of their growth and development. Cooperatives need more assistance in their early stages of growth than when they are well established. The following cooperatives have been assisted by the county extension agent: Livestock shipping associations, wool growers, bee keepers, fruit growers, milk producers, cheese factories, feed and implement, and cranberry growers.

These cooperatives have a large membership in the county and for the most part are successful in their operations.

B. Soil Improvement: The soils of Wood county are largely of igneous origin and as such are usually extremely acid, low in available phosphate and potash. The supply of organic matter is limited in many of the soil areas in the county. Large acreages of the farming area of the county is known as "pancake" with only 1/2 to 1 1/2% of slope. Drainage is a problem on those farms, especially during wet years. In other parts of the county one will find long steep slopes which are subject to erosion by water. The type of top soil as well as subsoil varies considerably. Recently soil mappers have found that there are as many as ten or more different soil



Ed Zettler, Richfield, helps blaze the trail in the soil drainage problem. He is shown building a terrace.

types in the county and practically all of the soil in the northern part of the county has a very tight and impervious subsoil. With heavy rain fall the top soils move readily and sheet erosion occurs. In the southern part of the county the soil type is largely composed of sand and in this area wind erosion as well as water erosion is a serious problem.

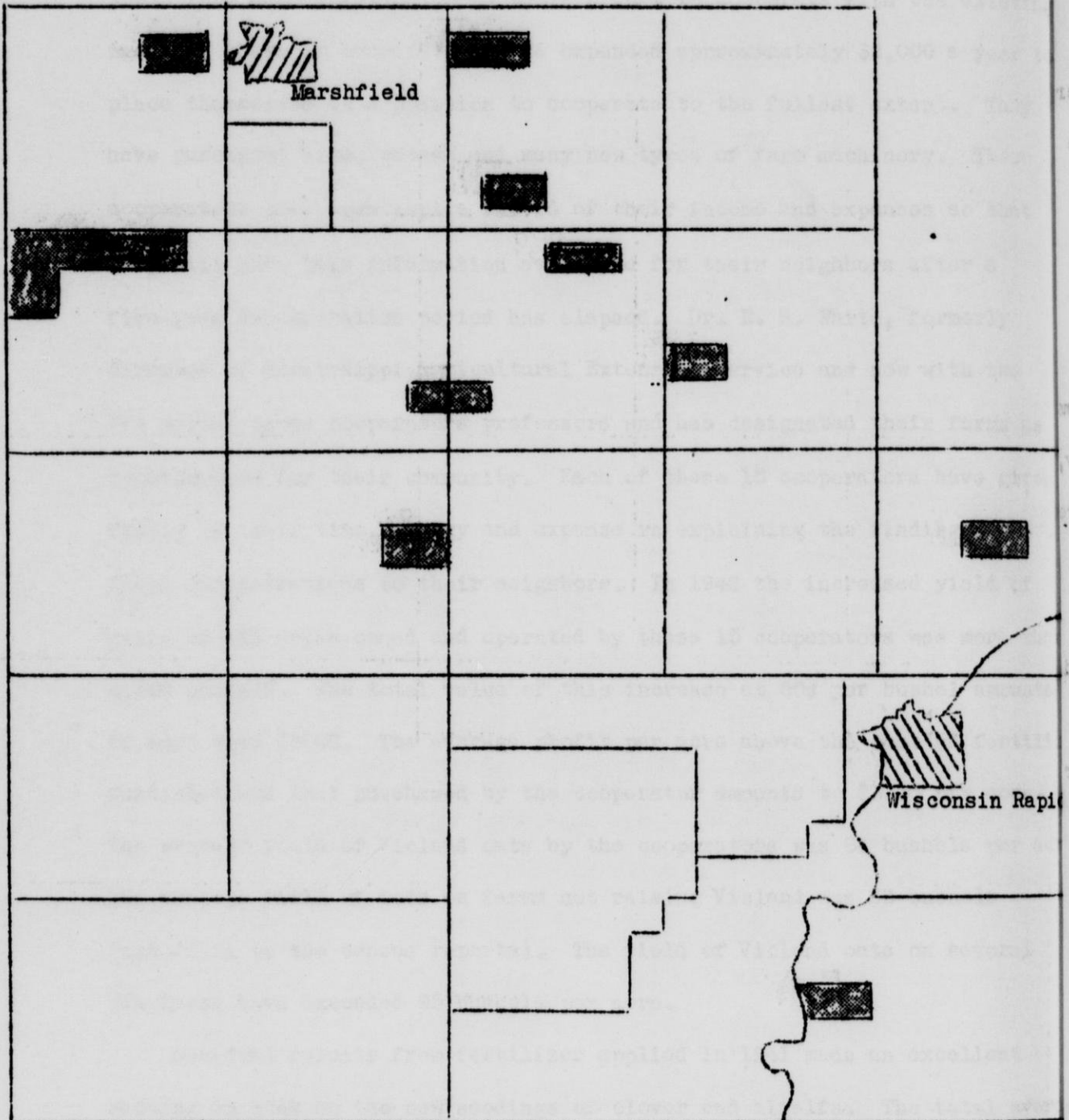
Wood county has been made a soil conservation district by action of the county board of supervisors at the November 1941 session. Mr. Jack Densmore, staff conservationist has been assigned to the district. Mr. Ed Hill has been appointed district supervisor. The policies and programs for the district have been determined by the supervisors:- Dick Greenaway, chairman, Ed Zettler, Vice Chairman, Wm. Dix, Ralph Roberts and S. G. Corey, Secretary. The county extension agent has been made executive secretary. Mr. Densmore has been equipped with office space and supplied with the necessary pieces of equipment to enable him to do a splendid job of planning the farm practices with 66 cooperating farmers since July 1st. Mr. Densmore's work has been very well received here in Wood county. In order to save on tires, gas and man power, farm planning as well as the farm mapping has been done in districts from which a majority of applications for service have come.

#### SAVE OUR SOIL

Countless worn out farms remind us,  
We must farm our soils to stay,  
And departing leave behind us  
Farms that have not washed away.

For when our sons assume the mortgage  
On these farms that have our toil,  
They'll not have to ask the question--  
Here's the farm but where's the soil?

Fifteen Wood county farmers have been cooperating for two years with the Wisconsin College of Agriculture and the Tennessee Valley Authority on



Map of Wood County showing soil erosion problem areas where soils have been mapped.



legend mapped area.

whole farm demonstrations. In their effort to cooperate with the existing agencies these 15 cooperators have expended approximately \$2,000 a year to place themselves in a position to cooperate to the fullest extent. They have purchased lime, potash and many new types of farm machinery. These cooperators have each kept a record of their income and expenses so that they will have this information available for their neighbors after a five-year demonstration period has elapsed. Dr. E. H. White, formerly director of Mississippi Agricultural Extension Service and now with the TVA called these cooperators professors and has designated their farms as schoolhouses for their community. Each of these 15 cooperators have given freely of their time, energy and expense in explaining the findings of their demonstrations to their neighbors. In 1942 the increased yield of grain on 465 acres owned and operated by these 15 cooperators was more than 4,500 bushels. The total value of this increase at 50¢ per bushel amounts to more than \$2500. The average profit per acre above the cost of fertilizer furnished and that purchased by the cooperator amounts to \$3.35 per acre. The average yield of Vicland oats by the cooperators was 86 bushels per acre. The average yield of oats on farms not raising Vicland was 33 bushels (according to the census reports). The yield of Vicland oats on several TVA farms have exceeded 95 bushels per acre.

Residual results from fertilizer applied in 1941 made an excellent showing in 1942 on the new seedings of clover and alfalfa. The total average increase due to 0-20-20 fertilizer on 21 fields was \$287.09, hay valued at \$10.00 per ton. The value of the average increase in hay was \$13.67 from the first cutting. The straw from the grain in 1941, nor the second crop of hay in 1942, nor the pasture in the fall of 1942 was not figured in the total profit due to fertilizer. The total returns from the grain and the

first cutting of hay the following year amounted to \$16.20 per acre. The residual value of the fertilizer will carry over into 1943, which will further add to the profit from the original \$5.00 investment per acre.

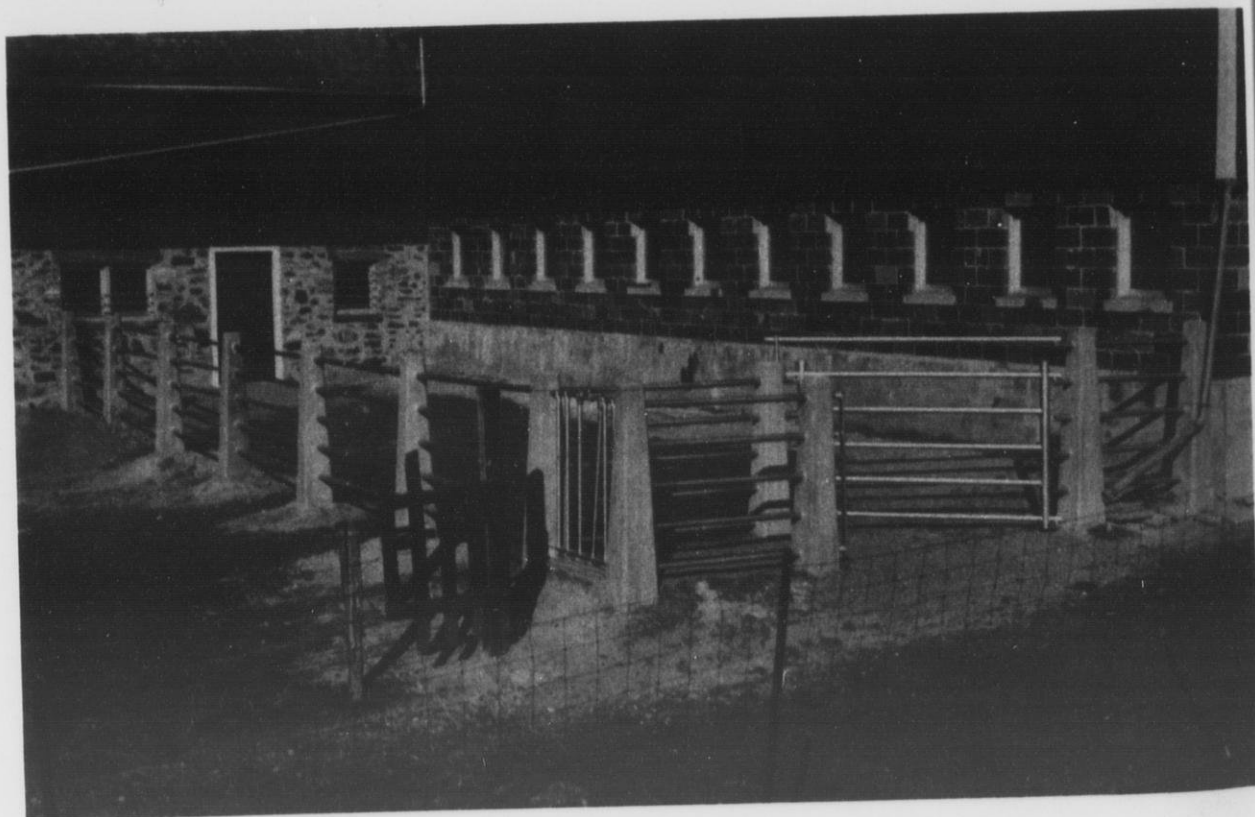
C. Farm Management: The reason for greater successes on some farms than on others is due to a combination of good livestock production and greater efficiency in the use of feeds coupled with reduced farm expenses and far sighted operators. Without farm records it is difficult for farmers to know which way they are heading as far as their income and expenses are concerned. Farmers who have their fields arranged so that they can do their farm work as quickly as possible have time for other things. Likewise farmers who have their farm buildings and farmsteads arranged according to a time saving plan can do more work with less effort. Farmers who grow high yields of grain and hay per acre can operate fewer acres and make more money than the farmer who has low producing fields, even though the acreage may be large. The drought in the early thirties threw many farmers off schedule as far as their rotations were concerned and many have not yet been able to get their fields properly arranged for the most efficient management. Some farmers are beginning to strip crop, which also necessitates rearrangement of some fields.

Horse power on farms has been declining in number as well as quality. Because of the ease and convenience of operating farm tractors many farmers have allowed their horse power to grow old without replacement. With a prolonged war, horse power is bound to return to a far more important position on farms than it is today. There is still unusually keen interest in a horse pulling contest or a colt show. Many farmers are paying their taxes with the sale of a colt.

In 1942 the weather was extremely favorable to the growth of quack



Three thousand turkeys on the Clifford Albrecht turkey ranch, Sigel town.



Bull pen on Rudolph Weinfurter farm, Sherry. A bull pen of this type enables dairymen to keep and handle vicious bulls with perfect safety.

grass and canada thistle. Quack grass eradication programs have been conducted to point out to farmers the feasibility and the practicability of controlling this farm nuisance with the use of quack diggers or field cultivators. Hundreds of farmers now have these machines and are using them to good advantage before they plow pasture sod or hay land for corn. Canada thistles can best be controlled by following clean cultivation in corn and by cutting grain or hay before the thistle seeds mature. Where alfalfa can be grown and left in the rotation for several years the canada thistle becomes less bothersome.

Diversity of Income - One Wood county farm operator sold \$4150 worth of milk from 26 cows in 1941. In addition he sold \$350 worth of cattle, \$850 worth of eggs, \$55 worth of hogs and \$98 worth of miscellaneous farm products, making a total income from his 65 acre farm of more than \$5,000. In addition he had an increase in inventory of more than \$2,000. This farmer's feeding efficiency on livestock per \$100 worth of feed was \$271. Some operators are adding to their dairy income with turkeys, others with hogs, poultry and cash crops. The successful farmers "carry their eggs in more than one basket".

In war time as well as in peace time it is essential that every farmer do the best job of farming that he knows how or can find out how to do. It is essential to his own welfare as well as to the nation that he get the highest yield possible from each acre operated and that he get the maximum efficiency from each animal unit that he keeps.

The aim of extension work is to find ways and means for farmers to increase their income with the hope that they will spend the increased income wisely and have a better standard of living for themselves and their families.

# REPORT OF TVA FERTILIZER TEST PLOTS (GRAIN) WOOD COUNTY 1942

Fifteen cooperators were selected by the Agricultural Committee to demonstrate the use of phosphate and other fertilizers on a five-year basis. High analysis phosphate fertilizer was furnished by the Tennessee Valley Authority through the Wisconsin College of Agriculture. Fifty percent of the potash necessary was furnished by the American Potash Institute. Soil samples were taken and tested and farm plans made by the County Agent. Rotations, seeding, crop varieties and other adjustments were made where necessary. Plots were harvested by County Agent, H. R. Lathrope and representatives from the Soils Department, College of Agriculture. Samples were threshed and weights computed by Professor C. J. Chapman and Forest Turner, Soils and Crops Specialists, Wisconsin College of Agriculture. Total acreage fertilized on demonstration farms was 465.8. On the Ross and Jackson plots potash and nitrogen are probably limiting factors. Test demonstrations will be conducted during the next three years in an effort to determine the approximate amount of kind of fertilizer required for maximum yields and economic costs.

Cooperator	Twsp.	Field Letter	Acre	Kind of Grain	Fertilizer Treatment	Yield per acre	Increase over check per acre	Increase for field	Value of increase for field at 50¢
Dibble, G.	Wood	A	18.0	W. C. Oats	Check	48.9			
					150 0-20-0	61.0	12.1		
				Vic. Oats	300 0-20-20	63.0	14.1	253.8	\$126.90
					300 0-20-20	78.4	29.5	532.0	266.00
Grassl, M	Aub.	B	10.1	St. P. Oats	Check	54.2			
					150 0-20-0	65.1	10.9		
				Vic. Oats	300 0-20-20	75.7	21.5	217.1	108.25
					300 0-20-20	65.9	11.7	118.2	59.10
Heuer, W. G.	Dext.	F	13.3	Kher. Oats	Check	70.2			
					150 0-20-0	57.5	-12.7		
					300 0-20-20	81.2	11.0	143.3	71.65
		L	12.1	Kher. Oats	Check	55.3			
					150 0-20-0	71.3	16.0		
					300 0-20-20	78.5	23.2	280.7	140.35

Cooperator	Twsp.	Field Letter	Acres	Kind of Grain	Fertilizer Treatment	Yield per acre	Increase over check per acre	Increase for field	Value of increase for field at 50¢
Krohn, P.	Lin.	C	10.2	Vic. Oats	Check	43.9			
					150 0-20-0	52.7	8.8		
					300 0-20-20	57.8	13.9	141.8	\$ 70.90
Jackson, L.	Sea	V	12.6	Kher. Oats	Check	57.4			
					150 0-20-0	53.0	-4.4		
					300 0-20-20	56.9	- .5	-6.5	
		A	12.1	Kher. Oats	Check	54.8			
					150 0-20-0	76.6	21.8		
					300 0-20-20	75.2	20.4	246.8	123.40
Meyer, F.	Cery	C	20.2	Oats	Check	50.8			
					150 0-20-0	67.6	16.8		
					300 0-20-20	70.1	19.3	389.8	194.90
Peterich, H.	Hansen	A	10.0	Kher. Oats	Check	50.0			
					150 0-20-0	67.8	17.8		
				Vic. Oats	300 0-20-20	79.2	29.2	292.0	146.00
					300 0-20-20	60.2	10.2	102.0	51.00
Snortheim, O.	Mfd.	D-2	3.0	Kher. Oats	Check	49.2			
					150 0-20-0	48.9	- .3		
					300 0-20-20	55.1	5.9	17.7	8.85
		B-2	6.8	Chequamen Wheat	Check	14.6			
					150 0-20-0	24.5	-9.9		
					300 0-20-20	27.3	12.7	86.4	43.20
Ross, C.	Sara.	(No Report)							
Tomczyk, F.	Sigel	K	8.6	Min. Oats	Check	25.5			
					150 0-20-0	46.6	21.1		
					300 0-20-20	42.3	16.8	144.5	72.25

Cooperator	Twsp.	Field Letter	Acres	Kind of Grain	Fertilizer Treatment	Yield per acre	Increase over check per acre	Increase for field	Value of increase for field at 50¢
Tomczyk, F.	Siegel	I	4.2	Min. Oats	Check	38.4			\$
					150 0-20-0	48.7	10.3		
					300 0-20-20	46.4	8.0	33.6	16.80
				Vic. Oats	300 0-20-20	71.1	32.7	137.3	68.65
Trowbridge, D.	Mill.	A-2	3.9	Vic. Oats	Check	81.9			
					150 0-20-0	73.4	-8.5		
					300 0-20-20	90.0	8.1	31.6	15.80
		U	4.0	38 Barley	Check	48.2			
					150 0-20-0	39.9	-9.2		
					300 0-20-20	55.8	7.6	30.4	15.20
Vruwink, E.	Arrin	A&J	10.4	Kher. Oats	Check	36.8			
					150 0-20-0	28.1	-8.7		
					300 0-20-20	43.3	6.5	67.6	33.80
Weinfurter, R.	Shy.	A2B	9.4	Vic. Oats	Check	61.6			
					150 0-20-0	95.7	34.1		
					300 0-20-20	99.8	38.2	359.0	179.50
Wellman, L.	Rock	Jl&2	21.2	Kher. Oats	Check	36.7			
					150 0-20-0	43.2	6.5		
					300 0-20-20	67.5	30.8	652.9	326.45
		A	22.4	Kher. Oats	Check	50.4			
					150 0-20-0	58.8	8.4		
					300 0-20-20	78.5	28.1	629.4	314.70
Zettler, E.	Rich.	I	10.0	Kher. Oats	Check	47.8			
					300 0-20-20	61.3	13.5	135.0	67.50
*Greeneway, D.	Shy.	E-1	2.0	Kher. Oats	Check	53.9			
					300 0-20-20	72.3	18.4	36.8	18.40
				Vic. Oats	300 0-20-20	88.9	35.0	70.0	35.00
									Total \$2574.55

\*Not a TVA cooperator

Total Yield 4185.7 bushels

Average yield per acre 66.4 bushels

Average increase per acre of fertilized plot over check plot 17.1 bu.

The approximate cost of 300 lbs. of 0-20-20 is \$5.00 per acre. The

average net profit per acre due to 0-20-20 fertilizer is \$3.55 figuring oats at 50¢ per bu.

# HAY YIELD DATA - T.V.A. DEMONSTRATION FARMS

Cooperator	Twsp.	Acres	Field Letter	Kind of Hay	Fertilizer Treatment	Green Wght. 3 Sq. yds.	Yield per acre lbs.	Lbs. increase per acre over check plot.	Value of Increase @ \$10 per T.
Dibble, G.	Wood	20.5	B	Rd.Cl.	Check	4.6	1830		
					0-20-0	7.8	3240	1410	
					0-20-20	14.2	5914	4084	\$20.42
Feit, J.	Mill.	4.1	H	Rd.Cl.	Check	3.6	1500		
					0-20-20	13.8	5750	4250	21.25
				Sw.Cl.	0-20-0	9.4	3917	2417	
					0-20-20	16.0	6666	5166	25.83
Grassl, M.	Auburn.	6.9	D-2	Rd.Cl.	Check	4.6	1908		
					0-20-0	13.5	5625	3717	
					0-20-20	15.5	6458	4550	22.75
Heuer, W.G.	Dexter	12.8	J	Al.Sw.	Check	12.5	5205		
				Rd.Cl.	0-20-0	15.2	6350	1145	
					0-20-20	15.9	6624	1419	7.10
Hoefner, F.	Linc.	11.5	A	Rd.Cl.	Check	9.8	3250		
					0-20-0	17.0	5666	2416	
					0-20-20	15.8	6582	3332	16.66
Jackson, L.	Seneca	6.4	B	Rd.Cl.	Check	6.25	2604		
					0-20-0	8.5	3541	937	
					0-20-20	12.5	5204	2600	13.00

Cooperator	Twsp.	Acres	Field Letter	Kind of Hay	Fertilizer Treatment	Green Wght. 3 Sq. yds.	Yield per acre lbs.	Lbs. increase per acre over check plot	Value of Increase @ \$10 per T.
Jackson, L.	Seneca	11.2	V	Clover	Check	6.3	2625		
					0-20-0	11.5	4791	2166	
					0-20-20	13.0	5416	2791	\$13.96
		6.6	W	Alf.	Check	11.5	4791		
					0-20-0	12.9	5375	584	
					0-20-20	11.7	4875	85	.43
Meyer, F.	Cary	11.4	B-2	Rd.Cl.	Check	9.5	3958		
					0-20-0	11.5	4791	835	
					0-20-20	16.0	6666	2710	
					0-20-20	15.5	6458	2502	12.51
Ross, C.	Sara.	9.6	R-1	Alf.	Check	3.8	1583		
					0-20-0	4.2	1750	167	
					0-20-20	6.4	2141	558	2.79
		2.4	C	Alf.	Check	3.0	1250		
					0-20-0	3.2	1333	83	
					0-20-20	3.6	1500	250	1.25
Snortheim, O.	Msfd.	3.5	D-1	Rd.Cl.	Check	7.5	3125		
					0-20-0	9.8	4083	958	
					0-20-20	12.4	5166	2041	10.21
Tomczyk, F.	Sigel	3.5	O	Rd.Cl.	Check	6.2	2083		
					0-20-20	12.6	5250	3167	15.84
		7.8	P	Rd.Cl.	Check	2.9	1208		
					0-20-20	6.5	2708	1500	7.50

Cooperator	Twsp.	Acres	Field Letter	Kind of Hay	Fertilizer Treatment	Green Wght. 3 Sq. yds.	Yield per acre lbs.	Lbs. Increase per acre over check plot	Value of Increase @ \$10 per T.
Tomozyk, F.	Sigel	7.0	H	Rd.Cl.	Check 0-20-20	10.5 17.5	4370 7294	2924	\$14.62
Vruwink, Ed.	Arpin	15.4	B&C	Rd.Cl.	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	9.6 10.4 11.4	4000 4333 4750	333 750	3.75
Weinfurter, R. Sherry		19.1	A-42	Rd.Cl.	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	10.4 13.0 15.0	4333 5416 6250	1083 1917	9.59
Wellman, L.	Rock	17.4	C	Rd.Cl.	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	4.8 5.0 12.5	2000 2167 5208	167 3208	16.04
Zettler, E.	Rich.	10.0	A	Rd.Cl.	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	5.75 8.9 14.5	2310 3708 6041	1398 3731	18.66
		6.5	G	Rd.Cl.	Check 0-20-20	8.6 13.8	3583 5750	2167	10.84
		9.8	F	Rd.Cl.	Check (t.p) 0-20-0 0-20-20	7.4 15.5 18.0	3083 6458 7500	3375 4417	22.09
Total									\$287.09
Average value per acre - - - -									13.67

## 12 T.V.A. FARMS IN WOOD COUNTY

During the year 1941, 12 farmers kept farm account records in cooperation with the T.V.A. fertilizer and whole farm improvement project.

The following page shows the financial summary and comparison of the important factors affecting the size of the labor income. The main points shown are size, production, feed efficiency, and distribution of cash income and expenses. The net earnings are expressed as labor income for the average farm, for a group of least profitable farms, and a group of most profitable farms to compare with the record of your farm.

The six high profit farms have an average labor income of \$1790, while the six low profit farms show an average labor income of \$597. This means that one group got nearly \$150 per month for their time, while the other group got nearly \$50 per month. The average farm shows \$1194 labor income after deducting 5% interest on the investment along with all other farm costs. Difference in inventories at the beginning and end of the year shows up as income or expense, which over the case may be. The reasons for these wide differences are brought out by a comparison of the different factors with the various groups.

SIZE- The group of high profit farms had smaller farms than the group of the low profit farms as shown by 15 acres less crop land. They kept about the same number of cows and animal units per farm. The investment on these two groups of farms show about \$1200 difference. In spite of this smaller farm they were more profitable.

PRODUCTION -On the high profit farms butterfat sales were 54 pounds more per cow, but with a lower price the cash income from milk was \$500 more. On a cow basis each cow produced \$25.00 more milk during the year. The value of crops was \$2 more per acre.

FEED EFFICIENCY- The livestock on the high profit farms returned 37% more for each dollar's worth of feed used. This is due to higher production per cow.

FARM INCOME- The cash farm income was nearly \$600 more on the high profit group of farms, with the dairy herd contributing 67 and 68 per cent. There was an increase in inventory on both groups of farms.

FARM EXPENSE - Usually the increases in net earnings are not obtained by means of reducing expenses as much as through means of increasing production and other efficiency methods and practices.

In summarizing, the reasons for the greater success of some farms are due to the combination of good livestock production and by greater efficiency in use of feeds together with reduced farm expenses.

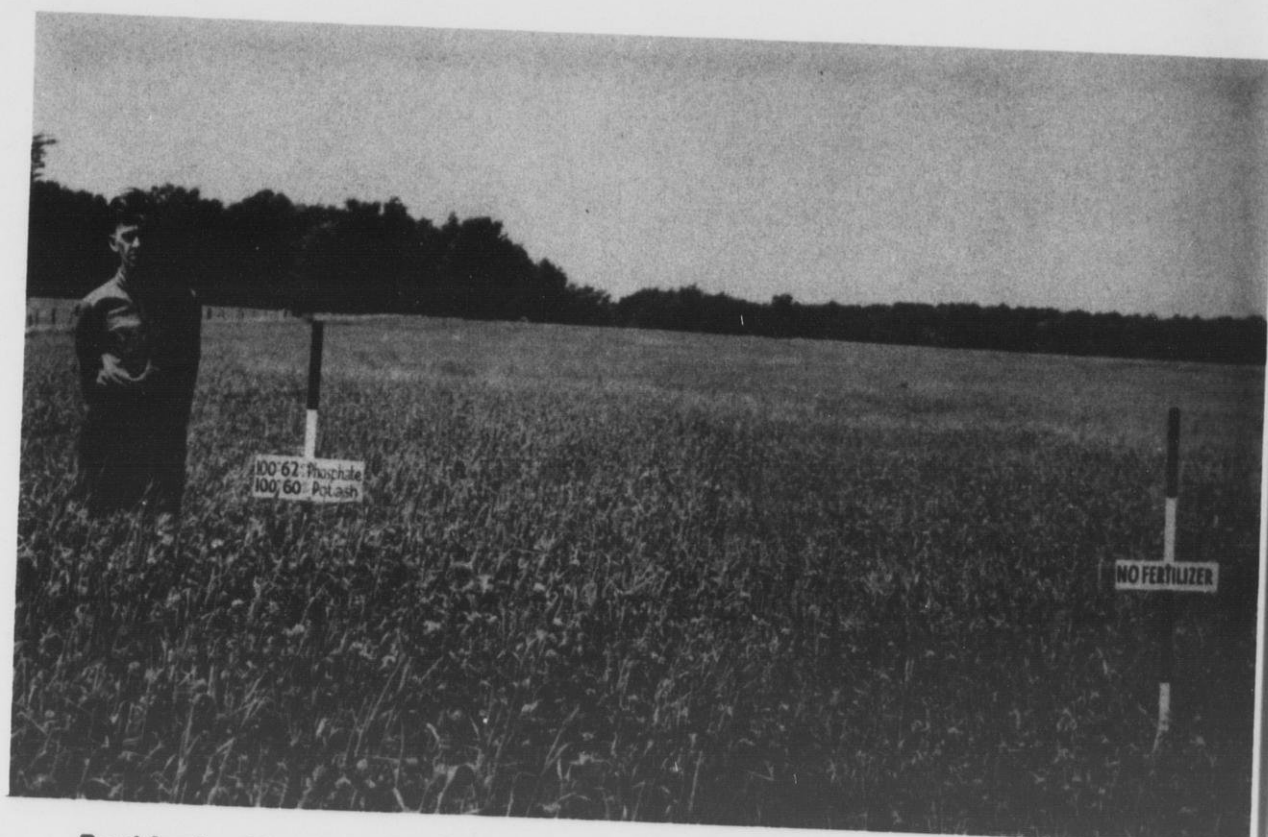
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FINANCIAL AND SUMMARY STATEMENT  
12 T.V.A. Farms in Wood County

	12 Farms Average	6 Low Profit Farms	6 High Profit Farms	Your Farm
<b>SIZE</b>				
Total acres - - - - -	161	193	129	
Crop acres - - - - -	72	80	65	
Number of cows - - - - -	19	19	20	
Number of livestock units - - - -	29	29	29	
Capital invested - - - - -	\$14786	\$15380	\$14191	\$
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
Butterfat sold per cow - - - - -	257#	229#	283#	
Price of butterfat - - - - -	52¢	54¢	50¢	
Value of crops per acre - - - - -	\$16	\$15	\$17	\$
<b>FEED EFFICIENCY (Livestock returns per \$100 worth of feed used) - -</b>				
	\$251	\$232	\$269	\$
<b>DIVERSITY OF INCOME</b>				
Per cent of income from milk - -	68%	67%	68%	%
Milk - - - - -	\$2628	\$2376	\$2879	\$
Cattle - - - - -	418	440	393	
Poultry and eggs - - - - -	184	115	254	
Hogs - - - - -	156	106	205	
Sheep and horses - - - - -	25	21	29	
Crops - - - - -	80	149	11	
Miscellaneous - - - - -	454	405	502	
Increase in inventory - - - - -	653	496	813	
Total income - - - - -	4598	4108	5086	
<b>FARM EXPENSE</b>				
Feed - - - - -	518	461	574	
Equipment - - - - -	291	379	202	
Livestock - - - - -	73	82	64	
Real Estate - - - - -	31	31	32	
Crop - - - - -	360	358	362	
Labor - - - - -	125	118	132	
Taxes - - - - -	167	155	179	
Miscellaneous - - - - -	86	86	86	
Total cash operating expense - -	1651	1670	1631	
Livestock bought - - - - -	184	128	240	
New Equipment - - - - -	417	488	345	
Farm improvements - - - - -	247	198	296	
Unpaid family labor - - - - -	166	258	75	
Decrease in inventory - - - - -	--	--	--	
Total expense - - - - -	2665	2742	2587	
<b>NET FARM INCOME - - - - -</b>				
	1933	1366	2499	
Interest on investment at 5% - -	739	769	709	
LABOR INCOME - - - - -	1194	597	1790	



Rudolph Brandl, Auburndale, in barley fertilizer demonstration plot in 1941. Rudolph's increased barley yield was \$8.00 per acre.



Residual effects of fertilizer on clover, Rudolph Brandl plot in 1942. Rudolph's increased hay yield was worth \$12.50.

# HAY YIELD DATA - DEMONSTRATION FARMS

Cooperator	Twsp.	Acres	Field Letter	Kind of Hay	Fertilizer Treatment	Green Weight 3 Sq. Yards	Yield per acre lbs.	Lbs. increase per acre over check plot	Value of Increase @ \$10 per T.
Accola, D.	Wood	1	E	Rd.Cl.	Check	8.4	3500		
					0-20-20	16.5	6875	3375	\$16.88
Brandl, C.	Mill.	1	G2	Clover	Check	5.7	2375		
					0-20-20	10.7	4458	2083	10.42
Brandl, R.	Auburn.	1	F	Rd.Cl.	Check	3.4	1416		
					0-20-20	9.4	3916	2500	12.50
		1	D	Rd.Cl.	Check	6.2	2583		
					20-0-0	10.4	4333	1750	
Breheim, A.	Linc.	1	Q	Clover	Check	8.5	3541		
					0-20-20	12.8	5333	1792	8.96
Bruening, B.	Mill.	1	F	Tim.	Check	7.7	3208		
					20-0-0	10.4	4333	1125	
		1	E1	Clover	Check	5.5	2291		
					0-20-10	10.3	4291	2000	
Bushway, J.	Mill.	1	C	Clover	0-20-20	11.0	4583	2282	10.41
					Check	6.0	2500		
					0-20-20	10.4	4333	1833	9.17
Bymers, H.	Wood	1	C	Rd.Cl.	Check	6.2	2483		
					0-20-20	15.4	6416	3833	19.17

Cooperator	Tract	Acres	Field Notes	Kind of Hay	Fertilizer Treatment	Green Weight 3 Sq. Yds.	Yield per acre lb.	Lbs. increase per acre over check plot	Value of Increase @ \$10 per T.
Hilgart, C.	Aub.	1	L-2	Rd. Cl.	Check 0-20-20	12.4 17.8	5166 7416	2250	\$11.25
Rayhorn, R.	Line.	1	F	Clover	Check 0-20-20	5.4 8.8	2250 2666	416	2.08
Reiman, H.	Sara.	1	G	Alf.	0-20-0 0-20-20	3.5 6.0	1458 2500	1042	5.21
Rutz, A.	Rem.	1	C-1	Rd. Cl.	Check 0-20-20	9.0 13.5	3750 5625	1875	9.38
Schmidt, G.	Pt. Edw.	10	F	Alf.	Check 0-20-20	1.0 7.8	414 3250	2836	14.18
Tenpas, G.	Sigel	1	F	Clover	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	5.8 9.7 13.2	2466 4041 5500	1575 3034	15.17
Trowbridge, D.H.	Mill.	1	M	Cl. Tim.	Check 0-20-20 0-45-0 20-0-0	9.8 12.75 12.8 12.8	3266 4250 4266 4266	984 1000 1000	4.92
		1	K	Cl. Tim.	Check 0-45-0 0-20-20	4.5 6.0 8.8	1875 2500 3400	625 1525	7.63
Reiman, H.	Sara.	1	A	Tim. Alf.	0-20-20	12.0	5000	3125	15.63
				Alf.	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20 0-20-20	3.2 3.2 4.5 6.4	1333 1333 1875 2666	542 1333	2.71 6.67
Total									\$182.34
Average value per acre									12.15

Wartime Agricultural Committees appointed by Wood County Committee on Agriculture and approved by the College of Agriculture and the State Executive Office. Neighborhood leaders have been selected by committee chairman to assist them in school districts and local neighborhoods. This staff of well trained rural leaders stand ready to serve in their capacity in any emergency.

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Victor Garbisch  
James McConnell  
Clarence Searles  
Ed. Keenan  
William Corcoran  
Wm. Bottensek  
William Cole  
Emil Blum  
Ward Merdith  
Joe Cervený  
Carl Plenge  
Theo. Janks  
Anton Christenson  
Lindsey Clark  
Norman Monson  
D. C. Woodard  
Arthur Hafferman  
Lloyd Fruin  
Rudy Steenbeck  
John Thedens

These War Time Service Volunteers have made valuable contributions to the war effort and to their own communities. The services of these leaders cannot be replaced by any other agency. They will continue to serve.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Days in Office . . . . .	135 $\frac{1}{2}$
Days in Field. . . . .	122 $\frac{3}{4}$
Days in Attendance at Meetings Outside of County . . . .	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miles Traveled . . . . .	14,349
Days Vacation. . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Days Sick Leave. . . . .	0
Days Devoted to AAA Work . . . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number of Farms or Homes Visited this Year . . . . .	331
Number of Office Calls and Interviews. . . . .	1845
Number of Telephone Calls. . . . .	1861
Number of Individual Letters Written . . . . .	2391
Number of Bulletins Distributed. . . . .	6785
Days of Specialist's Help in County. . . . .	53 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number of Different Circular Letters Issued. . . . .	166
Number of Meetings Held. . . . .	148
Number in Attendance . . . . .	10,499
Number of Events at Which Exhibits Were Made . . . . .	1
Training Meetings Held for Local Leaders . . . . .	2
Number in Attendance . . . . .	225

Specialists from the University of Wisconsin and Others Assisting  
in Wood County Agricultural Extension Program.

Chapman, C. J.  
Nusbaum, Dave  
Stenehjem, Gwen  
McNeel, W.  
Wileden, A. F.  
Mucks, Arlie  
Vergeront, Glen W.  
Schweers, Marv.  
Zeasman, O. R.  
Werner, Geo.  
Burcalow, F. V.  
Rusy, Ben

Weis, Paul  
Hall, I. F.  
Turner, F. H.  
Lacey, James  
Swanton, Milo  
Vaughn, R. E.  
Gee, Lowell  
Rasmussen, H.  
Gutgesell, Howard  
Bolen, James  
Hayes, J. B.  
Hull, H. H.  
Carter, Roy

Lunz, Henry  
Genis, Sander  
Green, Joe  
Erickson, Roy  
Beach, B. A.  
Hobson, Asher  
Rowland, Walter  
Trenk, F. B.  
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Rowntree, Grace  
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WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUB WORK

1941-42

(Combined report of Extension  
workers, Cecelia M. Shestock  
and H. R. Lathrope)



#### 4-H BOYS AND GIRLS - RURAL YOUTH

Four hundred eighty Wood County boys and girls were enrolled in 25 organized clubs. Each club has its general and project leaders and its own officers and advisory committees. One hundred five farm, fathers, mothers, older brothers or sisters provided the leadership for these clubs. Each organized 4-H club held a general meeting once each month and project meetings usually every two weeks from March until October.

These 480 boys and girls have learned in their competition that it takes more than money to win 4-H club honors. Money might buy the best equipment to work with, but 4-H'ers know that it takes the combined skill of minds and hands and diligence on their part to excell and win prizes or club honors. No 4-H club member ever got anywhere in club work without these qualifications. There never was a time in history when the country was as much in need of honest, sincere and cooperative effort and the application of minds and hands to the job before us as is exemplified by the membership of the 4-H club organization.

Not all of the 480 club members can be winners, but often times the margin between the winners and second place is a very narrow one. Those 4-H club members who have had the privilege of attending state Club Week at Madison or the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee are always gracious and considerate of those who were less fortunate in their efforts and were left at home.

It has been an extreme pleasure to have had the opportunity of working with the Rural Youth of Wood county during 1942. Each year the standards are raised just a little higher so that those keen and energetic youngsters can aspire to do their very best. Not all 4-H members achieve their goals. Some are handicapped in one way or another. It is gratifying in war time to have 75% of the membership complete their project, make a public exhibit, attend regular meetings, keep a good record, write a good story, and submit their record book for approval.

SUMMARY OF 4-H ENROLLMENT IN WOOD COUNTY AS OF JUNE 1, 1942.

1. By Clubs

There were 25 clubs with 26 men and 61 women adult leaders;

also 11 boys and 17 girls in Junior Leadership project.

There were 266 boys and 217 girls making a total of 483 enrolled.

Victory Projects

Clothing I 51, II 28, III 15, IV 13, V 6, VI & over 3 Total 116.

Food Preservation: I 31, II 16, III 7, IV 5, V & over 4 Total 73.

Foods & Nutrition: I 28, II 10, III 18, IV 9, V & over 4 Total 69.

Beef: I 1, II 0 Total 1

Dairy: I 39, II 12, III 5, IV 7, V 5 Total 68.

Garden: Victory 120, I 120, II 28, III 21 Total 169.

Pig: I 18, II 5, III 2, Total 25.

Poultry: I 33, II 8, III 3 Total 44.

Sheep: I 10, II 2, III 4, IV 1 Total 17.

Other Projects

Agricultural Engineering: I 5, V 1, Total 6.

Colt: I 3, III 2, Total 5

Corn: I 14, II 6, III 1, Total 21.

Forestry: I 16, II 2, III 3, Total 21.

Farm Records: 2      Home Records 1      Bees: 5

Grain: 25      Fruit: 0

Handicraft: I 15, II 8, III 3, IV 2, Spec. 1, Total 29.

Home Improvement: I 5,

Home Grounds Beautification: I 5, II 2, III 1, Total 8.

Potato: I 14, II 5, Total 19.      Home Service: 1

Soil Conservation: 0      Insect Study: 3

Wild Life Management: 0      Geese: 1      Ducks: 4

### VICTORY PROJECTS

Five 4-H club projects have been set as Victory projects in 1942; clothing, food preservation, garden, poultry and dairy.

In 1942 4-H club members were encouraged to take only those projects which would produce food or fiber as a contribution to the war effort. The total value of all 4-H projects amount to \$21,120.00 according to summaries obtained from local club secretaries record books. A total of 24,000 hours were spent by 4-H club members in conducting the project work.

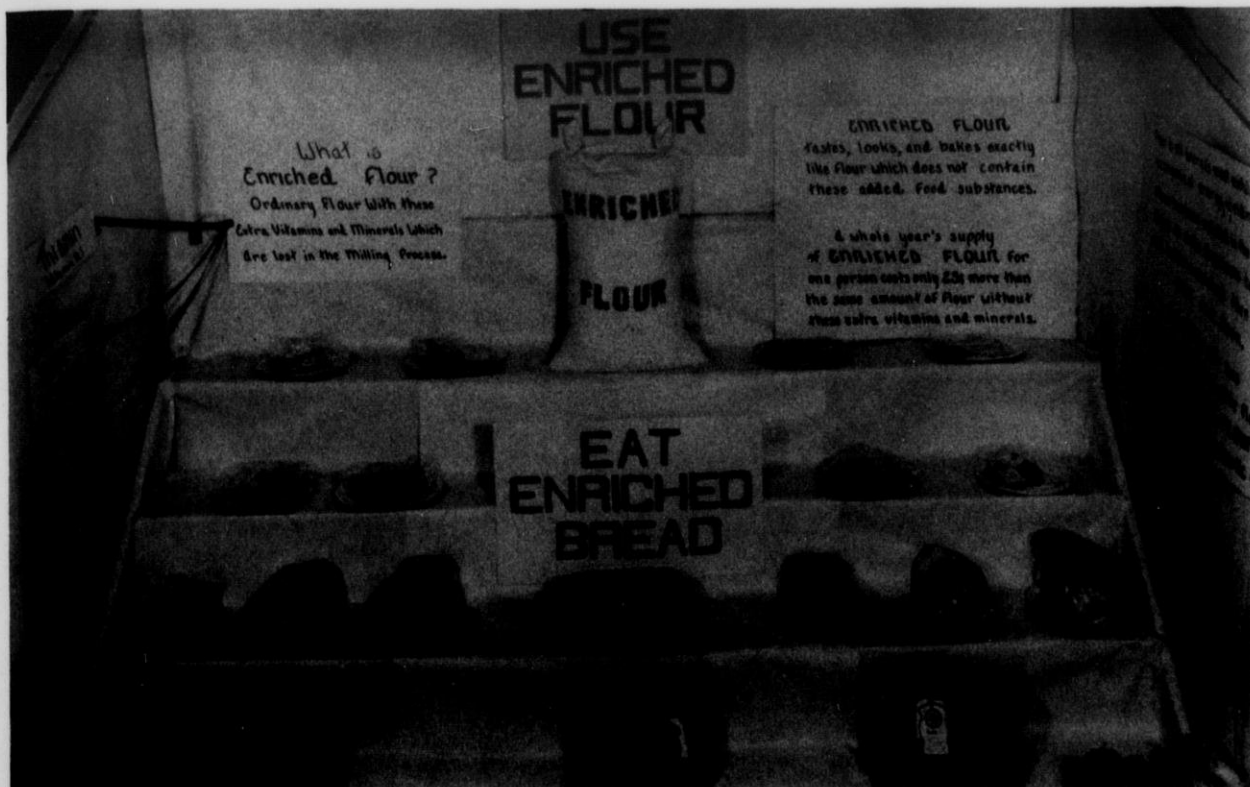
Clothing: The clothing project is a project in which any 4-H club girl may enroll. Care of clothing and clothing construction take on new importance during wartime. Special emphasis was placed on made-over garments and wartime work garments as part of the war effort. Each girl is required to make four articles for her project. Achievement records show an average saving of \$6.55 for each member. The past year there were 116 members enrolled - with a total value of articles made \$1,805.84. The saving involved was \$759.80.

Style Revue - Thirty clothing girls participated in the style revue held as part of the Junior Fair contests at Arpin, July 31st. Miss Grace Rowntree judged the revue and selected Wood county representatives to the State Fair at Milwaukee.

Thirty-two girls participated in the style revue held as part of the 4-H club exhibit at the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

Judging contests - A clothing judging contest was held as part of the Junior Fair contest. Thirty-five girls participated. Two girls were selected as county representatives to the State Fair at Milwaukee.

Food Preservation: Food preservation was more important than ever the past year. It was especially stressed as a Victory project since much



**Foods and Nutrition booth shown by Auburndale 4-H Club at Central Wisconsin State Fair. Forty additional booths were exhibited.**



**Lila Bean, extreme left, Vesper 4-H club, Wisconsin's champion Foods and Nutrition, shown at Stevens Hotel, Chicago with champs from Oregon, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma and Colorado.**

of the commercially canned food is needed for the armed forces. Seventy-three girls and boys enrolled in this project the past year. Approximately 7,146 quarts of food was canned by these members, which is valued at \$1,786.50. The saving, according to achievement records shows about \$650.00.

Judging contest - Eleven girls participated in the food preservation judging contest at the Junior Fair contests in Arpin. One girl was selected as the Wood county representative to the State Fair.

Junior Fair Contests: The Junior Fair contest for Wood County rural youth organization was held July 31st at the Arpin Community Hall. Over a hundred boys and girls participated in the contests. Only contests in clothing judging, food and nutrition judging, food preservation judging, health and dairy queen were held. All other contests were eliminated as a result of the war.

Winners in the contests were as follows:

Clothing - Frances Hoogesteger, Vesper

Lois Holtz, Vesper

Food Preservation - Myrtle Hansen, Nasonville

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Food & Nutrition - Dorothy Rokus, Vesper

Bonna Jean Fink, Lindsey

Health - Joyce Tenpas, Vesper

Dairy Queen - Joyce Tenpas, Vesper.



**Ervin Moll, Grand Rapids truck farmer. Intensive cultivation coupled with good management can bring large returns per acre.**



**A typical Wood county 4-H boy garden club member. One-hundred sixty nine 4-H gardens were planted and cared for by club members, enabling the parents to produce more food for war.**

Victory Gardens: Probably the largest contribution made by any group of project members was that contributed by the 169 members taking the garden project. A more adequate supply of home produced food, high in minerals and vitamins was grown by these club members.

Dorothy Rokus, Sigel, member of the Vesper club lives on a farm and cared for 1,680 square feet of garden. Her total garden expense was \$13.00. The record of yields from her garden was, peas 3 bushels, lettuce 4 bushels, beets 6 bushels, string beans  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels, tomatoes  $9\frac{1}{2}$  bushels, sweet corn 1 bushel, cucumbers 3 bushels, onions 2 bushels, green peppers 1 bushel, carrots 5 bushels, beans 4 bushels, cabbage 10 bushels. The produce from Dorothy's garden was valued at \$60.75. In addition she won \$2.25 in prizes making the value of the garden \$63.00.

Dairy: Sixty-eight 4-H club members took the dairy project. The outstanding dairy member was Norbert Koller of the Auburndale club who in eight years has developed a splendid Ayrshire 4-H club herd. Norbert's ambition has been to obtain a four-year college education. This fall he sold his dairy herd. He is using the proceeds from this herd to finance his education.

Poultry: The department of agriculture has called for an increased production of both meat and eggs. Club members have done their part in producing an additional supply of poultry products to meet the lease-lend demands for more eggs. Several club members have produced meat birds, either capons or roasters for sale in October.

Dairy Queen: Wood county selected its sixth dairy queen at the Junior State Fair contest at Arpin. The dairy queen contest was open to any farm girl between the ages of 17 and 21. The judges of the contest were,



Joyce Tenpas, Wood county dairy queen and health champion, Vesper 4-H club. Joyce represented Wood county at the Wisconsin State Fair.



A typical 4-H garden girl club member. 4-H club girls are learning to plan and care for a good garden producing vitamins and minerals necessary for health.

Professor Dave Nusbaum and Grace Rowntree, University of Wisconsin. Miss Joyce Tenpas, Sigel Town and member of the Vesper 4-H club was selected from those participating in the contest. Queen Joyce was crowned Wood County's Dairy Queen at the evening grand stand show of the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield by Mr. Dick Greenaway, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee. Joyce represented Wood County at the Wisconsin State Fair and has assisted in the promotion of the sale of Wood county's dairy products.

Fairs and Exhibits: More than 5,000 exhibits, including garden, clothing, handicraft, foods, canning, livestock and poultry projects were exhibited at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. More than \$1800.00 in prizes was won by club members exhibiting. Enthusiastic club members filled to capacity all of the space available for youth exhibits.

Assistance to 4-H Clubs: Club meetings held by each of the 25 local clubs in the county were visited by the home agent or county agent for the purpose of giving help and assistance to the club members and club officers in conducting their local club meetings. Educational material in addition to regular project material was supplied clubs. A leadership banquet and conference was held at the beginning of the club year. Recognition has been given the local leaders for their meritorious service.

Due to transportation facilities and the reduction in the state fair budget, 4-H judging contests were eliminated at the state fair and also at the Junior county fair contest in 1942. Transportation to and from Madison was provided for 42 club members and leaders who attended the state club week in June at the University of Wisconsin. All judges and contest participants at the state fair were also provided with transportation.

Seventy-five hundred trees were provided for 21 forestry club



Clarence Gotz with his prize winning ewe lamb, Wisconsin State Fair.  
Clarence won more than \$500.00 in prizes at five fairs this fall.

members in addition to trees which they had previously planted in their own nursery beds.

All calves belonging to 4-H club members which were to be exhibited at the Central Wisconsin State Fair were tested for Bangs disease by a licensed veterinarian, the cost of which was borne by the extension service.

Achievement: Two achievement programs were held to accommodate club members and leaders. Both programs were conducted on October 31st. Approximately 500 members and their parents attended the Marshfield meeting and 150 attended the meeting at Wisconsin Rapids. Achievement pins were awarded to club members who submitted their record books and completed their project requirements. The books were checked and achievement pins awarded on recommendation of local leaders.

Special honors and recognition was given to outstanding club members and to efficient secretaries. Special Victory certificates were awarded those members who did an outstanding piece of work with their projects. Citizenship certificates were awarded to five club members.

Club members and leadership of these clubs have enjoyed the whole-hearted support and cooperation of the civic and commercial clubs in the county. The achievement program at Marshfield was made possible through the Marshfield Commercial Club.

The following is the statistical summary of two representative 4-H clubs:

Club and No. of members	No. of projects	Hours spent	Total expense or cost	Total Value	Value of prizes won	Profit	Average profit per project	
Vesper	36	55	1154	\$457.14	\$359.51	\$77.20	\$394.33	\$7.17
Riverview	23	34	1275	1479.42	2125.40	54.40	651.41	19.10

4-H and National Defense: Four-H club members have contributed to the war effort. Members have collected scrap aluminum, scrap paper, scrap

iron and scrap rubber. Club members have assisted their communities in prevention of fires by checking fire hazards on several adjoining farms. Insurance companies operating in the county have recognized the effort put forth by these club members and have awarded \$40.00 in prizes to club members who have written worthwhile essays on the methods of prevention of fires by reducing hazards.

Sixty-four 4-H club boys have joined the armed forces of the country. Many of them are serving overseas, in Ireland, Iceland, Egypt, and Australia. On November 1st two had been lost in action and one is possibly a prisoner of the Japanese.

#### 4-H CLUB GENERAL LEADERS

Arpin - - - - -	Rev. E. A. Finn
Auburndale- - - - -	W. A. Drollinger
Clovernook- - - - -	Albert Stoflet
Ebbe- - - - -	Mrs. Loy Rayhorn
Green Elm - - - - -	Edward Hoekstra
Hewitt- - - - -	Mrs. Joseph Strupp
Hill View - - - - -	Mrs. Arthur Nieman
Lindsey - - - - -	Mrs. Albert Bredemann
Lynn Creek- - - - -	Mrs. Richard McLean
Maple Grove - - - - -	Mrs. A. Ward
Mara-Wood- - - - -	Mrs. Jos. Felten
Marshfield Central- - - - -	Elmer J. Nelson
Mill Creek- - - - -	Mrs. John Wenzel
Nasonville- - - - -	Mrs. Ross Kiddoo
Pearl- - - - -	Mrs. Carol Barto
Pleasant Corners Blue Ribbon-	George Dibble
Richfield - - - - -	Frank Green
Pittsville Wide-Awake - - - -	Mrs. Tony Behselich
Riverview - - - - -	Martha Wendt
Shady Nook- - - - -	Mrs. H. Pleckham
Vesper - - - - -	Mrs. G. H. Horn
Victory Club of Pleasant View	Mrs. E. J. Berg
Wazeecha- - - - -	Mrs. W. H. Miller
West Cary - - - - -	Mrs. Louis Wagner
Wittenberg- - - - -	Edwin Larson

The Extension Service in Wood county desires to pay tribute to the 105 leaders who have given of their time, energy, gas, oil and tires to be of material assistance to the rural youth in their communities. No finer demonstration of good citizenship can be expected than that displayed by Wood county's 4-H club leaders.

LE ROY ALBERT

ROY BARRELS

GLEN BECKER

RAYMOND BEHLING

VICTOR BEHLING

EDWIN BLATT

CLAYTON BLONEN

CLIFFORD BRANDT

CHARLES BREY

PAUL BREY

HAROLD CHRONIS

DONALD CONKLIN

JOEY CURTIN

ALFRED CURTIN

WILLIAM CURTIN

ROBERT DANNE

ARLIN DE BOER

GORDON DOHERTY

VERNE DRAKE

LAWRENCE EWER

JOSEPH FEISCHMAN

LEE GRIMM

PHILIP HAASL

GEORGE HARTSOUGH

LAWRENCE HALLSCHILD

RAYMOND HAYES

LESLIE HEATH

CHARLES HLADILEK

GEORGE HLADILEK

OMAR HUSTEDT

LEONARD JACOBSON

JOHN JUST

DONALD KROMANAKER

DANIEL A. KRUGER

EDWIN LARSON JR.

SIDNEY LEOPOLD

RAY MAXWELL

LE ROY MORGAN

NORMET NEUMAN

BERNARD PEASLEE

CLAUDE PEASLEE

GEORGE PEK

MELVIN PETERS

NORMAN PETERSON

PAUL RADUE

ANDREW RIGAS

RALPH ROBINSON

LAWRENCE R. ROGERS

JOHNS RIDE JR.

BERETT SCHILLER

EARL SORLE

VICTOR SORLE

KENNETH SPECHT

KENNETH SNOPE

WILLIAM TE KIMPE

GLEN TESSER

LISLE TROWBRIDGE

ROBERT TROWBRIDGE

LYNN UNDERWALKER

LAWSON VAN KEMER

EARL WADE

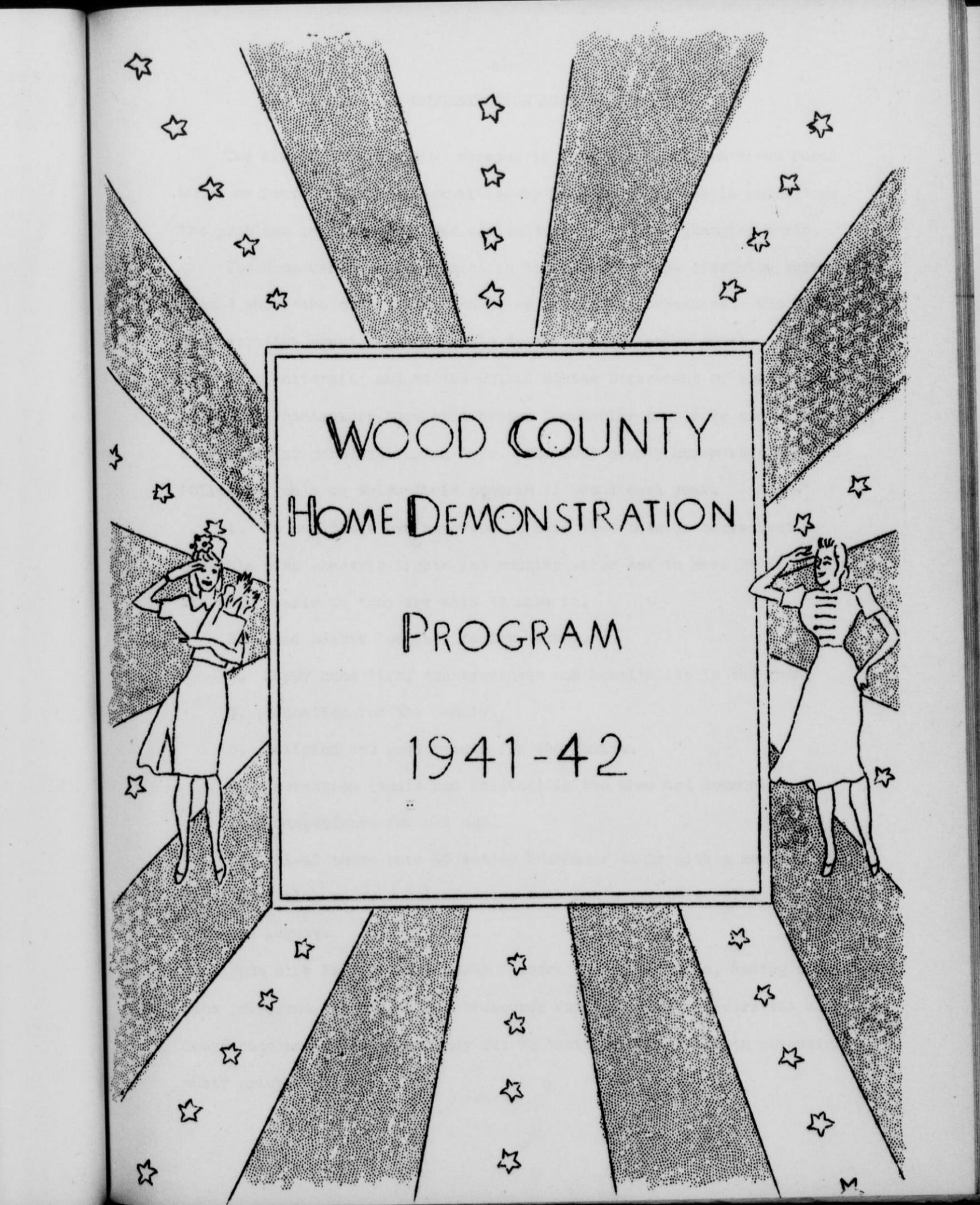
JACK WIEGARTEN

ROBERT WUNDOE

## HONOR ROLL

KERMIT ZOPHI

Sixty-four 4-H club members had enlisted or were inducted into the armed forces of the United States on October 15, 1942. Four-H members are serving in Egypt, Australia, Iceland, Ireland, Alaska and on other foreign fronts. Two have been lost in action.

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WOOD COUNTY  
HOME DEMONSTRATION  
PROGRAM  
1941-42



## THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S JOB

The aim of the extension service is to preserve the American rural homes on farms and rural communities by helping rural people understand the problems in homemaking and agriculture in an ever changing world.

The home demonstration agent is the person in the extension service around which the county Home Economics program is organized. The home demonstration agent is responsible to the County Agricultural Committee, the State University and to the United States Department of Agriculture.

Rural homemakers know that better homemaking practices contribute to a happier and more satisfying life. The Wood county homemakers have the following goals on which their program is based each year.

1. To own their own home and to have that home as convenient as possible with electric lights and running water and to have it as beautiful and comfortable as they are able to make it.
2. Good health for each family member.
3. Happy home life, courteousness and hospitality in the home.
4. Education for the family.
5. Religion and good morals for the family.
6. Recreation (music and reading) in the home and community.
7. Independence for old age.

In 1941-42 there were 43 active homemaker clubs with a membership of 710. Each club meets regularly once each month except possibly in June, July and August.

Each club is: an independent democratic organization, having a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and any other officers the club deems necessary. Each club may set up their own constitution governing their group.

A home demonstration council, made up of presidents and secretaries of all home demonstration clubs in the county serves as a policy-maker in Wood county. The council meets twice a year - once in the spring to make recommendations for the program and once in the fall to recheck the program and plan details for carrying it on. The Wood county council adapted a constitution in 1940-41 which will govern the work of the council unless amended.

An executive committee which is composed of the center chairman of each home demonstration center, acts in an advisory capacity during the year. The committee for 1941-42 was as follows:

President - Mrs. Wm. Bymers, Arpin Center

Vice President - Mrs. Ervin Moll, Wisconsin Rapids Center

Secretary & Treasurer - Mrs. Ben Schambureck, Marshfield Center

Historian - Mrs. Harrison Krueger, Pittsville Center

The executive committee met at various intervals during the year and questions of importance to the home demonstration program were discussed and decided by them. The fair booths and the achievement day program are planned each year by the executive committee.

The home economics extension program is conducted on the local leadership basis. Two local leaders are selected for their interest and skill in particular subject matter fields. These two leaders from each club are trained by the home demonstration agent who is assisted by a state specialist from the College of Agriculture Extension Service.

For the convenience of the local leaders, Wood county is divided into four centers. A training school for leaders is held in each of the four centers. Following the training meetings at the centers these leaders take charge of the subject matter demonstration for their own local group.

The leader training meetings are planned as all day meetings, starting at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and continuing until 3:30 in the afternoon. Each meeting was begun by reading the Homemakers Creed and concluding with the Prayer Creed.

Leaders are encouraged to participate in the discussion at the meetings wherever possible. Group reading where everyone reads in unison or where each one reads in turn, keeps the interest of all leaders. Leaders may be asked to assist in the demonstration if it lends itself to such assistance. The discussion must be made interesting and practical so that leaders do not lose interest.

Serving a "planned lunch" at noon is a solution to the lunch problem at most leader training meetings. The menu is planned at a preceding meeting and each club volunteers to bring one course for the meal. Each leader brings her own plate, cup and silver.

The chairman of each center presides at a business meeting following the lunch hour and all business relative to lunch, program and meeting place is decided on at that time. The chairman assumes responsibility for ventilation, heat and seating arrangements at the training meeting. The chairman is not expected to be a leader from her club.

A short period of entertainment is usually planned for each of the leader training meetings. The entertainment may consist of a game or stunt of some kind, or singing. The program for 1941-42 was divided into three fields as follows:

Home Furnishing Projects:

The two project phases for the year 1941-42 were:

- |               |            |                         |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Woven Rug: | October 31 | Arpin Center            |
|               | November 5 | Pittsville Center       |
|               | November 6 | Marshfield Center       |
|               | November 7 | Wisconsin Rapids Center |

PITTSVILLE

From Rags to Rugs -

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Booth at Central Wisconsin State Fair by Pittsville Center, showing use of rags in making hand woven rugs.

- |                  |            |                         |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2. The Good Bed: | January 13 | Marshfield Center       |
|                  | January 14 | Pittsville Center       |
|                  | January 15 | Arpin Center            |
|                  | January 16 | Wisconsin Rapids Center |

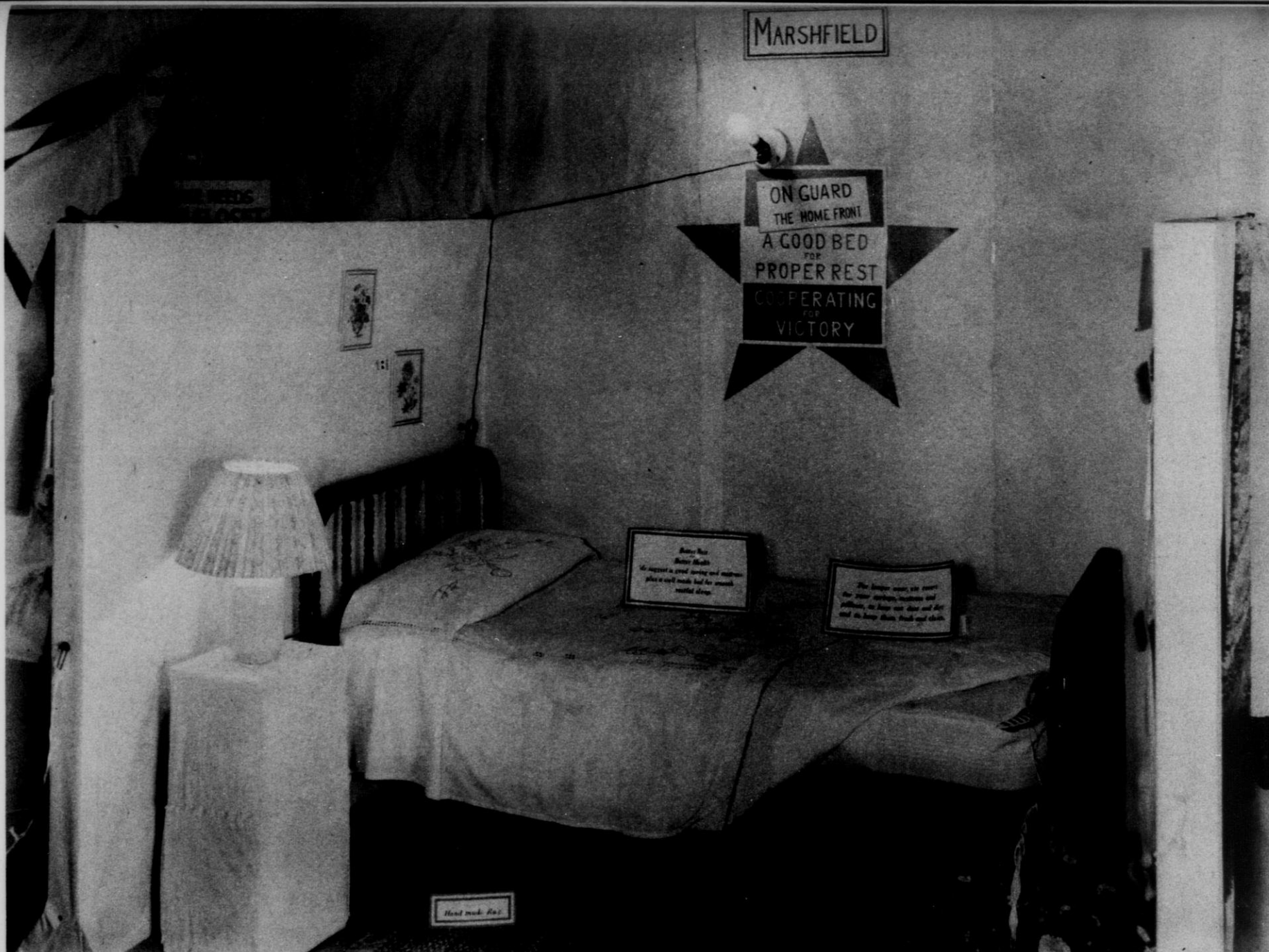
About 60 Wood county homemakers attended Farm and Home week at Madison in February 1941 and saw a wonderful display of woven rugs which had been made by homemakers over the state. By discussing these rugs with their club members and since women are naturally interested in rug making, a great deal of interest was present in rug making when the program planning meeting was held.

The good bed project was a natural outgrowth of the mattress and comforter project conducted in the county. Twenty-five hundred mattresses and twenty-five hundred comforters were made by Wood county rural people as a result of the Surplus Cotton Program. It was expected that people should know more about selecting and caring for beds and bedding as a result of this program.

Objectives - The goals set up by the Wood county homemakers for the above projects were:

1. Long time.
  - a. To make our homes as attractive and comfortable as possible.
2. Goals for 1941-42
  - a. To learn the procedure of making the hand woven rug.
  - b. To learn to make the best use of materials that one has at home.
  - c. To learn to make wise selections in buying beds and bedding equipment.
  - d. To learn good procedure in caring for bedding.
  - e. To learn to make a bed properly.

Procedure - Four leader training meetings were held for each of the above projects. Two leaders from each club were requested to attend a



Booth at Central Wisconsin State Fair by Marshfield Center, showing principles of a good comfortable bed.

training meeting in their respective center.

The home agent attended a training meeting for home agents at Juneau in Dodge county to learn the method of weaving rugs by hand. Miss Wealthy Hale, specialist, gave the instructions. A training meeting on "The Good Bed" was held at Wausau for home agents with specialist, Clara Jonas giving the instructions.

The home agent presided at all of the leader training meetings held in the county on the above projects.

Two booths - one on rugs and the other on the good bed were set up by the Pittsville and Marshfield centers respectively. The booth on the woven rug placed first and on the good bed third.

A fine display of rugs was on exhibit on achievement day.

The following summary of accomplishments was given on achievement day in June:

Woven Rug:	<u>Wis. Rapids</u>	<u>Marshfield</u>	<u>Pittsville</u>	<u>Arpin</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. To how many outside the club did you give any part of this lesson?	77	69	63	36	245
2. How many rugs did you make?	74	25	51	32	182
Good Bed:					
1. Did you increase your knowledge of buying springs and mattresses?	58	36	83	55	232
2. How many pillow protectors & comforter bibs did you make?	79	96	171	88	434
3. How many spring covers and mattress protectors did you make?	51	19	53	38	161
4. To how many outside the club did you give any part of this meeting?	67	36	44	28	175

Clothing Project:

The project phase for the year 1941-42 was:

Pressing:	November 25	Arpin Center
	November 26	Pittsville Center
	November 27	Marshfield Center
	November 28	Wisconsin Rapids Center

Many phases of clothing construction and clothing selection have been studied by Wood county homemakers in past years. Mention was often made at clothing construction meetings of the importance of ironing and pressing. At no time was the process demonstrated. Pressing correctly is so very important in the proper care of clothing that the homemakers decided to include it in their program of work since it was becoming more important to preserve clothing as a defense measure.

Objectives - The goals set up by the Wood county homemakers for the above project were:

1. Long time

Every group member assist her family in maintaining suitable standards in dress in spite of low income.

2. Goals for 1941-42.

- a. To make a set of good equipment suitable for pressing garments.
- b. To learn the technique and procedure of pressing correctly.
- c. To keep all clothing in the best shape possible by pressing correctly.

Procedure - Four leader training meetings were held to teach leaders from each club the correct procedure in pressing. The specialist, Miss Gladys Meloche, spent one day with the home agent and demonstrated the process. The home agent presided at all of the four training meetings. Four hundred fifty pressing beaters were made by a local mill work shop and sold to leaders and members at 10¢ each.



The home agent attended several local meetings of clubs at which pressing was demonstrated.

A booth on pressing showing equipment necessary and methods used was set up by the Arpin Center. It received second place.

The following report of accomplishments was given at achievement day in June:

Pressing:	<u>Wis. Rapids</u>	<u>Marshfield</u>	<u>Pittsville</u>	<u>Arpin</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Did you make yourself a set of pressing clothes?	45	21	47	36	149
2. Did you make yourself a set of tailors cushions?	32	11	21	23	87
3. Did you improve your pressing methods?	82	41	62	51	236
4. To how many outside of the club did you give any part of this meeting?	160	80	89	42	371

#### Housing and Home Management Projects:

The two project phases for the year 1941-42 were:

1. Closets:
 

February 13	Marshfield Center
February 17	Pittsville Center
February 18	Arpin Center
February 19	Wisconsin Rapids Center
2. Housecleaning Helps:
 

March 10	Pittsville Center
March 11	Arpin Center
March 12	Wisconsin Rapids Center
March 13	Marshfield Center

Homemakers in Wood county are always interested in making their homes more convenient and comfortable. A survey made among homemakers indicated that many of the older homes were without suitable storage space. It seemed important to the homemakers on program planning day that some help on closet arrangement and provision for storage when no closets were available be included in the years program of work.



Booth at Central Wisconsin State Fair by Wisconsin Rapids Center, showing a cleaning closet with housecleaning suggestions.

Housecleaning is an ever present chore among all homemakers and most Wood county women look toward it reluctantly. Any help which they can get to make the work easier for them is always welcomed. Homemakers voted unanimously to have the project on housecleaning helps as part of their year's work.

Objectives - The goals set up by the Wood county homemakers for the above projects were:

1. Long time.

To make our homes as attractive and comfortable as possible.

2. Goals for 1941-42.

a. To learn how to arrange closets more conveniently.

b. To learn how to provide storage space when no closets are available.

c. To learn methods of housecleaning which will save time and effort in the home.

d. To learn to identify household pests and means of controlling them.

Procedure - Four leader training meetings were held for each of the above projects. Two leaders from each club were requested to be present at their respective center training meetings. The specialist, Miss Gladys Meloche, was present at the first training meeting on closets. The home agent presided at the other three meetings. Several local club meetings (when closets were discussed) were also attended by the home agent.

The home agent attended a project meeting at Wausau at which time housecleaning helps were discussed and demonstrated by the specialist, Mrs. Margaret McCordic. The home agent presided at four leader training meetings on housecleaning helps. Several local meetings at which housecleaning helps was presented by local leaders were attended by the home agent.

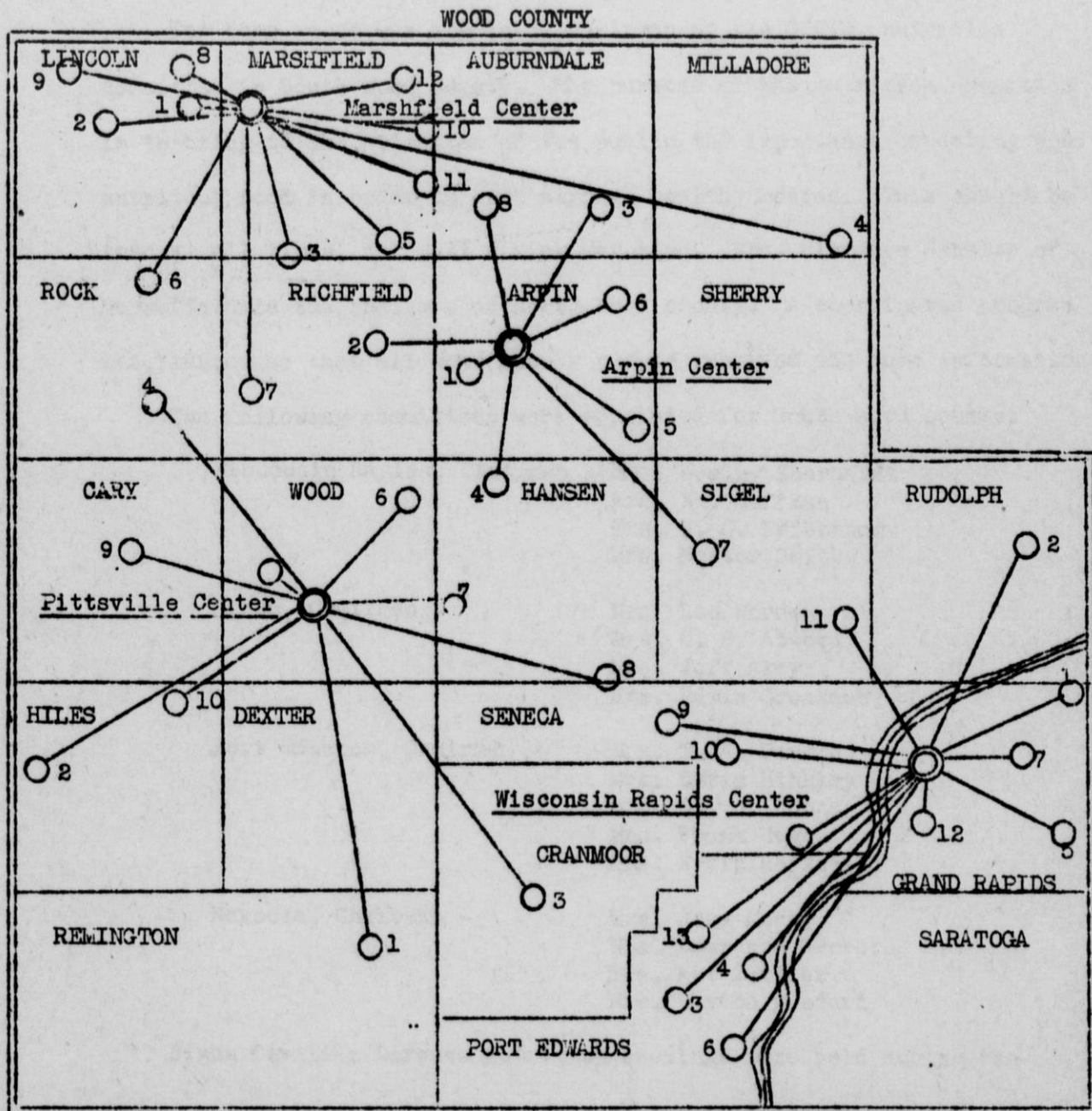
A booth showing a suitable cleaning closet and many housecleaning hints was set up by the Wisconsin Rapids Homemakers at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. It received fourth place.

The following summary of accomplishments was presented on achievement day in June:

Closets:	<u>Wis. Rapids</u>	<u>Marshfield</u>	<u>Pittsville</u>	<u>Arpin</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Did you read circular on closets & storage space?	99	40	59	56	254
2. Have you increased storage space since the meeting?	41	26	31	9	107
3. How many pieces of closet accessories do you have?	261	76	84	82	503
4. To how many outside the club have you given any part of this meeting?	156	37	17	14	224
Housecleaning Helps:					
1. Has this meeting helped you to organize your methods of housecleaning?	79	40	43	46	208
2. Have you adopted any of the recommended methods?	78	38	68	43	227
3. Have you benefited from the study & suggestions on household pests?	75	38	41	40	194
4. To how many outside of club have you given any part of this meeting?	145	34	49	39	267

Farm and Home Week - Fifty-three Wood county homemakers attended one or more days at Farm and Home Week in February, 1942. One bus was hired on two consecutive days to transport the group. The Executive Committee spent several days attending the programs.

Approximate location of Homemaker Clubs 1941 - 1942  
and Their Centers Showing the Number of Members in Each Club



MARSHFIELD CENTER

- 1 Clover Leaf (New)
- 2 Ebbe (6)
- 3 Klondike (17)
- 4 Milladore (18)
- 5 Mill Creek (10)
- 6 Nasonville (17)
- 7 Richfield (12)
- 8 Sunshine (17)
- 9 Shady Lane (24)
- 10 Village Center (10)
- 11 Webster (5)
- 12 Weigelsdorf (12)

ARPIN CENTER

- 1 Arpin (14)
- 2 Bethel (18)
- 3 Clovernook (11)
- 4 Crescent (14)
- 5 East Arpin (19)
- 6 No. Arpin (16)
- 7 Vesper (24)
- 8 White Oak (11)

(The number after the name of the club indicates the number of members enrolled in the club)

PITTSVILLE CENTER

- 1 Babcock (21)
- 2 City Point (11)
- 3 Cranmoor (22)
- 4 Oak Leaf (21)
- 5 Pittsville (21)
- 6 Pleasant Hill (16)
- 7 Pleasant Valley (16)
- 8 So. Hansen (12)
- 9 West Cary (10)
- 10 West Veedum (10)

WIS. RAPIDS CENTER

- 1 Biron (12)
- 2 Hillview (14)
- 3 Lynn Creek (12)
- 4 Nekoosa (20)
- 5 No. Kellner (34)
- 6 Plank Hill (11)
- 7 Flover Road (36)
- 8 Port Edwards (34)
- 9 Seneca Corners (13)
- 10 Seneca Social (15)
- 11 Sunny Side (27)
- 12 Two-Mile (29)
- 13 Wood Avenue (11)

O. C. D. NUTRITION PROGRAM

The home agent was appointed chairman of the O.C.D. nutrition committee in South Wood County. The purpose of the nutrition committee is to bring to the attention of the public the importance of eating good nutritious food in order to have strong, healthy bodies. This should be true at all times, not just during war-time. Mrs. Clarence Schulte of Marshfield is the chairman of North Wood county. A coordinated program was planned so that all Wood county people received the same information.

The following committees were appointed for South Wood county.

Wisconsin Rapids, Chairman - Mrs. Wesley Eberhardt  
Mrs. Wm. Huffman  
Mrs. W. C. Pribbanow  
Mrs. Nestor Smith

Biron, Chairman - Mrs. Leo Worden  
Mrs. C. B. Atwood  
Mrs. Jeff Akey  
Mrs. Edwin Groskaus

Port Edwards, Chairman - Mrs. T. A. Pascoe  
Mrs. Ervin Hinkley  
Mrs. Oliver Koonz  
Mrs. Frank Hegg  
Mrs. Ervin Hofschild

Nekoosa, Chairman - Mrs. Jess Mosey  
Mrs. Lawrence Grover  
Mrs. Art Zettler  
Mrs. Dayton Woodard

Eight Civilian Defense Nutrition meetings were held during the summer and early fall in the South Wood county district, as follows:

Wisconsin Rapids	- 2
Biron	- 1
Port Edwards	- 4
Nekoosa	- 1

# ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The county home demonstration program was climaxed by having a county-wide achievement day program at the Arpin Community Hall, June 9th. Since it had already become necessary to curtail driving in order to save rubber, the spring program planning meeting was held in conjunction with the achievement program. The following program was presented:

Mrs. Wm. Bymers, presiding

- 10:00 "Wood County Sings" - Prof. Dan Vornholt, Wis. College of Agriculture,  
Miss Dorothy Rude, accompanist.
- 10:15 Welcome - Mr. Emil Mueller, Arpin  
Flag Salute
- 10:20 "Mental Attitudes in Time of War" - Mrs. Elsa Bate, Home Economics  
Extension Dept. Univ. of Wis.
- 10:45 Business meeting:  
Call to order by Mrs. Bymers.  
Homemakers Creed  
Reports by center chairman  
Selection of program for next year.  
Prayer Creed
- 11:30 Rug Exhibit - War time work garments.
- 11:45 Victory Health Lunch  
Scalloped potatoes and Ham  
Kidney bean and celery salad, carrot sticks  
Parker house rolls, made from enriched flour. Butter  
Coffee and cream  
Ice cream.

Mrs. Ben Schambureck, presiding

- 1:00 "Wood County Sings" - Prof. Dan Vornholt, Wis. College of Agriculture  
Miss Dorothy Rude, accompanist.
- 1:15 "Nutrition" - Mrs. Clarence Schulte, North Wood Co. Nutrition Chairman
- 1:25 "Allen Family Improves Its Food Habits"  
Cast  
Mother - Mrs. Robert Maher      Father - H. R. Lathrope  
Daughter - Mrs. Floyd Stada      Son - Douglas Rude  
Neighbor - Carol Pheiffer      Radio Speaker - Mrs. A. L. Pheiffer  
Narrator - Mrs. Elsa Bate
- 2:00 Program for 1942-43 - Cecelia M. Shestock, Home Demonstration Agent.
- 2:15 "Wood County Sings" - Prof. Dan Vornholt, Wis. College of Agriculture,  
Miss Dorothy Rude, accompanist.  
Games and Stunts.
- 3:00 "Inflation Control" - Doctor Asher Hobson- Chairman Depart. Economics  
Wisconsin College of Agriculture.
- 3:30 Star Spangled Banner.

WAR SERVICE COMMITTEES

War service committees were set up in the county for Home Economics subjects as well as for agriculture. The committee membership was named by the chairmen of each township and consist of men and women who are especially interested in the general welfare of all people in their towns.

The following home economics committees were named and stand ready to do their job should an emergency arise in the present war.

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HOME COMMITTEE

Arpin	Mrs. Fred Schultz
Auburndale	Mrs. Ida Berdan
Cameron	Mrs. Albert George
Cary	Mrs. Frank Neve
Cranmoor	Mrs. H. H. Krueger
Dexter	Mrs. Julius Smith
Grand Rapids	Mrs. Gilbert Moll
Hansen	Mrs. W. W. Clark
Hiles	Miss Josephine Johnson
Lincoln	Mrs. Loy Rayhorn
Marshfield	Mrs. Andrew Pankratz
Milladore	Mrs. Anton Peterson
Port Edwards	Mrs. John Randecker
Remington	Mrs. Vela Van Wormer
Richfield	Mrs. Vern Cutler
Rock	Anna Kattell
Rudolph	Mrs. W. B. Rocheleau
Saratoga	Mrs. Peter Votava
Seneca	Mrs. Pat Powers
Sherry	Mrs. Jake Huighbregste
Sigel	Mrs. Louise Knutson
Wood	Mrs. Geo. Dibble

NUTRITION COMMITTEE

Arpin	Mrs. Harry Follen
Auburndale	Mrs. Mike Albrecht
Cameron	Mrs. Oscar Wachter
Cary	Mrs. J. H. Snider
Cranmoor	Edna Bennett
Dexter	Mrs. Bert Downing
Grand Rapids	Mrs. Ervin Moll
Hansen	Mrs. Elmer Dassow
Hiles	Mrs. Homer Ewer
Lincoln	Mrs. Ted. Rasmussen
Marshfield	Mrs. Henry Wenzel

HEALTH COMMITTEE

C. J. Ryan
Louis Manlick
Fred Jones
Edw. Gruenwell
Leonard Getsinger
Mrs. John Mongan
Mrs. Fred McCarthy
Gus Scheuneman
Mrs. Chris Jepson
Otto Bulgrin
Mrs. Ben Schambureck
Anton Walch
G. C. Kimball
Agnes Scott
F. J. Plank
Edwin Kattell
Alfred Herman
Mrs. John Krenke
Frank Muenier
Geo. Lang
August Finup
Mrs. Herman Siebenhaar

FOOD PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Percy Cutler
Mrs. Martin Raab
Mrs. Lew Roland
Mrs. Frank Minor
Mrs. Wm. Rezin
Mrs. Art Graf
Mrs. Ernest Krueger
Mrs. Orson Bean
Mrs. Frank Wallace
Mrs. Ed. Marsh
Mrs. Joe Burr

Milladore  
Port Edwards  
Remington  
Richfield  
Rock  
Rudolph  
Saratoga  
Seneca  
Sherry  
Sigel  
Wood

Lambert Cherney  
Mrs. Frank Marth  
Mrs. Earl Heath  
Mrs. Clark Gadson  
Mrs. Wilbur Zieghan  
Miss Mary Vadnias  
Mrs. Ole Knutson  
Mrs. Henry Krueger  
Louise Benson  
Mrs. John Tenpas  
Miss Anna Erickson

Mrs. D. Trowbridge  
Mrs. Tony Klien  
Anna Brost  
Mrs. Harvey Pleckham  
Mrs. Chester Roder  
Mrs. Joe Peters  
Mrs. Ross Roberts  
Mrs. Wm. Jackson  
Mrs. Herman Knuth  
Miss Edith Yaeger  
Mrs. P. J. Moser

CLOTHING COMMITTEE

Arpin  
Auburndale  
Cameron  
Cary  
Cranmoor  
Dexter  
Grand Rapids  
Hansen  
Hiles  
Lincoln  
Marshfield  
Milladore  
Port Edwards  
Remington  
Richfield  
Rock  
Rudolph  
Saratoga  
Seneca  
Sherry  
Sigel  
Wood

Mrs. Gilbert Seboe  
Mrs. Gilman Kolstad  
Mrs. Otto Hagen  
Mrs. Lee Dickson  
Mrs. B. C. Brazeau  
Mrs. Wm. Braun  
Mrs. E. H. Maher  
Mrs. Geo. Horn  
Mrs. Geo. Itzen, Jr.  
Mrs. John Heckel  
Mrs. Joe Strupp  
Mrs. Ignatz Minch  
Mrs. Glen Martensen  
Mrs. Walter Hurd  
Mrs. Archie Ward  
Mrs. Albert Bredemann  
Mrs. Joe Dorshorst  
Mrs. Herbert Holden  
Mrs. Henry Jackson  
Mrs. O. B. Iverson  
Mrs. Frank Tomczyk  
Mrs. John Thedena

HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. O. Dingeldein  
Mrs. Frank Hilgart  
Albert Hynek  
Mrs. Mae Colbert  
B. C. Brazeau  
Tom McGuire  
R. C. Schultz  
Wm. Zuchlke  
Mrs. Fred Koppen  
Mrs. Bruno Schlagenhaf  
Mrs. Carl Gallintine  
John Kasta  
Mrs. Clyde Blystone  
Mrs. Elmer Anderson  
Mrs. Walter Maxwell  
Mrs. Perry Hahn  
Mrs. Ed. Rokus  
Mrs. Ernest Ross  
Mr. Ben Romanski  
Joe Marach  
Mrs. Wilbur Knuth  
Mrs. Cliff Gardner

Neighborhood Leaders - During wartime it is important that people be informed quickly on matters of importance to the war effort. The neighborhood leader plan was used in Wood county to create more interest in gardening and food preservation. Neighborhood leaders were appointed in each school district for each of the above projects. War Service committee members were invited.

Gardens - A county-wide meeting was held at Arpin to train neighborhood leaders on importance and procedure of planning and planting Victory gardens. The home agent stressed the nutritional importance of having an adequate garden. Local meetings were held in the school districts following the training meeting.

Two garden planting demonstrations were held for neighborhood leaders with Professor Vaughn assisting.

Food Preservation - Eight training meetings were held on food preservation for neighborhood leaders. Meetings were held in Marshfield, Auburndale, Richfield, Vesper, Milladore, Pittsville, Nekoosa and Wisconsin Rapids. The home agent was assisted by Kathryn Gill, Home Economics Instructor at the Wood County Agricultural School.

Leaders held similar demonstrations in their school districts and distributed essential food preservation literature.

Dramatics - The Wood County Extension Service sponsored a drama festival in January 1942 for which any rural group was eligible to participate. The festival was held January 31st at the Pittsville Community Hall. Miss Gwen Stenehjem, Drama specialist, Sociology, Department of the University of Wisconsin, College of Agriculture was the critic judge. The following was the program:

WOOD COUNTY DRAMA FESTIVAL  
Pittsville Community Hall  
Saturday, Evening, January 31, 1942  
(Sponsored by Wood County Extension Service)

7:45 P. M. - "Ouch! My Corn!" - directed by Irma Fehrman, published by  
Willis N. Beigbee Company.

Cast of Characters

Warren Rich	-	Edw. Konkel	Marion Darrow	-	Irma Fehrman
Earl Myder	-	Weldon Tenpas	Agnes Hipple	-	Mrs. Edgar Row
George	-	Jack Casper	Hazel	-	Menona Klawitter
Arthur	-	C. Hoogesteger	Nadene	-	Dolores Tenpas
Fred	-	Emery Drake	Ruth	-	Joyce Tenpas
Mr. Hadden	-	Carl Olas	Prompter	-	Dorothy Rokus
Stage Helper	-	LeRoy Heiser	Club Leader	-	Mrs. G. H. Horn

8:25 P. M. - "Who Stole the Chicken" - directed by Lulu Moll, published  
by Leavrtt and Eagan.

Cast of Characters

Sambo	-	Dean Moll
Rastus	-	Douglas Rude

8:45 P. M. - "Lawyer Lincoln" - directed by Mrs. Edw. Denk, published by  
Dramatists Players Publishing Co.

Cast of Characters

Sis Beaseley	-	Miss Emilie Wittgenberg
Miz Jackson	-	Mrs. Tony Hornick
Miss Sophrony	-	Miss Marjorie VanNetta
Keenis Jackson	-	Miss Iris Winebrenner
Nate Beaseley	-	Jakie Elmer
Luby May	-	Gladys Wunrow
Lawyer Craig	-	Edw. Denk
Judge Davis	-	Fritz Blatt
Abraham Lincoln	-	E. A. Finn

WOOD COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR 1942-43

October 14 - Wednesday - Civilian Defense Meeting - Marshfield, New Armory

October 15 - Thursday - Civilian Defense Meeting - Wisconsin Rapids, Witter Hotel

October 20 - Tuesday, Presidents and Secretaries meeting - PITTSVILLE

October 21 - Wednesday, " " " " - ARPIN

October 22 - Thursday, " " " " - MARSHFIELD

October 23 - Friday, " " " " - WISCONSIN RAPIDS

October 28 - Wednesday, Leader Training Meetings on Made-overs - WISCONSIN RAPIDS

October 29 - Thursday, " " " " " " - MARSHFIELD

November 3 - Tuesday, " " " " " " - PITTSVILLE

November 4 - Wednesday, " " " " " " - ARPIN

November 10 - Tuesday, " " " " " " - NEKOOSA

November 12 - Thursday, Leader Training Meetings on Meal Planning  
in War Time - WISCONSIN RAPIDS

November 18 - Wednesday, " " " " " " - MARSHFIELD

November 19 - Thursday, " " " " " " - PITTSVILLE

November 20 - Friday, " " " " " " - ARPIN

November 24 - Tuesday, " " " " " " - NEKOOSA

November and December, - Dress Form meetings for interest groups

December - Christmas Meetings

January 8 - Friday, Leader Training Meetings on Salads - MARSHFIELD

January 12 - Wednesday, " " " " " " - WISCONSIN RAPIDS

January 13 - Thursday, " " " " " " - PITTSVILLE

January 14 - Friday, " " " " " " - ARPIN

January 19 - Tuesday, " " " " " " - NEKOOSA

January 25 - Farm and Home Week - State Home Demonstration Council Meeting- Madison

February 16 - Tuesday, Leader Training Meeting on Slip Covers - ARPIN

February 17 - Wednesday, " " " " " " - MARSHFIELD

February 18 - Thursday, " " " " " " - PITTSVILLE

February 19 - Friday, " " " " " " - WISCONSIN RAPIDS

February 23 - Tuesday, " " " " " " - NEKOOSA

February and March, Dress Form meetings for interest groups

March 16, Tuesday, Leader Training meeting on Slip Covers II - ARPIN

March 17, Wednesday, " " " " " " - MARSHFIELD

March 18, Thursday, " " " " " " - PITTSVILLE

March 19, Friday, " " " " " " - WISCONSIN RAPIDS

March 23, Tuesday, " " " " " " - NEKOOSA

April - Discussion of next year's Home Demonstration program in local groups.

May - Program-planning meeting

May 10, Monday - All project leaders books should be in the hands of center chairmen.

May 17, Monday - All project leaders books are due at Home Agent's Office.

May - Election of officers and project leaders in local groups.

June - Local picnics, etc.

(The above program is subject to change due to emergencies arising out of the war.)

STATISTICAL REPORT OF HOME AND CLUB AGENT

Days in Office . . . . .	118 $\frac{1}{2}$
Days in Field. . . . .	131
Days in Attendance at Meetings Outside County. . . . .	29
Miles Traveled . . . . .	6,913
Days Vacation. . . . .	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
Days Sick Leave. . . . .	0
Number of Farms or Homes Visited this Year . . . . .	182
Number of Homes Visited First Time this Year . . . . .	57
Number of Office Calls . . . . .	293
Number of Field Interviews . . . . .	314
Number of Telephone Calls. . . . .	471
Number of Individual Letters Written . . . . .	990
Number of Bulletins Distributed. . . . .	5,279
Number of events at which exhibits were made . . . . .	2
Clubs Doing 4-H Work. . . . .	25
Clubs Doing Home Demonstration Work. . . . .	43
Days of Specialist's Help in County. . . . .	33
Number of Different Circular Letters Issued. . . . .	85
Radio Talks. . . . .	5
News Articles. . . . .	93
Number of Meetings Held. . . . .	91
Number in Attendance . . . . .	4,220
Training Meetings Held for Local Leaders or Committeemen . .	
Adult. . . . .	28
4-H. . . . .	0
Number in Attendance . . . . .	
Adult. . . . .	790
4-H. . . . .	0
Method Demonstration Meetings Held . . . . .	24
Number in Attendance . . . . .	404
Other Meetings of an Extension Nature. . . . .	28
Number in Attendance . . . . .	2,190

SPECIALISTS AND OTHERS ASSISTING

C. J. Chapman ..	Gladys Meloche
Gwen Stenehjem	W. McNeel
A. Wileden	Dave Nusbaum
Mary Brady	Ina Rowe
Otto Brunkow	Arlie Mucks
O. B. Combs	J. G. Moore
Blanche Lee	R. E. Vaughn
Sander Genis	Elsa Bate
Den Vornholt	Asher Hobson
Grace Rowntree	Josephine Pollock

Mrs. Margaret McCordic