

## INVENTORY OF WORK IN 1943.

Home demonstration club members in Wilson County made an impressive contribution to the war effort in 1943. They produced 545 gardens to supply food; conserved 54,206 containers of food; gave 21,856 pounds of metal; 181 pounds old stockings; 868 pounds waste fat; invested \$112,487.25 in War Bonds; and \$981.85 in War Stamps.

Home Demonstration club members launched the Women at War Week Bond Drive and carried it over the top by selling \$159,925 in Bonds in one week.

Club members aided in putting over the United War Fund Drive and worked in all War Bond Drives.

\$31.50 was contributed for improvement of the building for Service Men who come to Wilson.

\$109.75 was given to the Chinese Relief Fund in 1943.

\$78.00 was collected by club members for the Fund for Crippled Children.

112 books were given by club members to the Victory Book Drive for soldiers.

6 club members devoted two days each to help issue Food Rationing Book II.

12 club members helped for a week in the Rationing of Book IV.

8 club members kept watch for several months for enemy planes.

Over 200 chicken salad sandwiches were given each week for five weeks to the Service Men at the Atlantic Coast Line Depot in Wilson. Over 1,000 men in service were served.

483 cotton garments were made for the Red Cross and 41 wool garments. Four wool Afghans were made and given the Red Cross.

Club members helped with the "Share Your Meat" program.

Labor was pooled in killing hogs last fall, in canning and harvesting tobacco, etc.

Club members graciously entertained Service Men in their homes when privileged to do so.

Subscriptions to eight magazines as Saturday Evening Post, Life, and Readers Digest were given to Convalescent Soldiers in the Camp and Hospital Service.

Seventy club members folded Red Cross Surgical dressings weekly making two hours daily.

Eighty four club members have sons in Service.

Thirty four curtains were made for the reception rooms at the Camp and Hospital Service centers in local camps.

To encourage Safety Driving, Peoples Chapel club gave \$5.00 to the best and most careful school bus driver in the Elm City School.

On Saturday afternoon before Easter club members brought flowers and carried to the wards, colored and white, at the East Carolina T.B. Sanitarium, the County T.B. Sanitarium and the hospitals in Wilson.

At Christmas in 1942 the County Council gave four pictures in color to brighten the four wards, white and colored for men and women in the County T.B. Sanitarium.

Christmas cards were sent to men in Service for the different communities by clubs. Gardners Club sent 27 cartoons of cagar-ettes to the boys from Gardners Township who were in Service over seas.

In October 1943 the Lois Rainwater club sent Christmas Boxes to the husbands of two club members in Service.

Gardners Club took for its 1943 project, the encouraging of 4-H club members in keeping records of their projects by offering a first and second prize for best records submitted. Prizes of baby chicks were awarded to the boy and girl 4-H club member winning first place in the Scrap Metal Campaign last Spring.

38 club members received Reading certificates for reading and reporting on three books during the year.

Several clubs took as their project for the year, "A Thorough Physical Check-up of Body" including eyes, teeth, ears, nose, and throat. 78 club members did this and are more fit to do their home and community work.

Training meetings were held in 80 Neighborhoods to train leaders for the promotion of the "Food and Feed Program", War Bond Sales, and United War Fund Drive. These leaders made house to house visits to put over these programs.

680 non-club members were reached by club members. 531 tenant families have been reached by the work. Help was given through home visits, aid in food conservation, gifts of seeds and plants, and in indirect ways. 1,112 farm families were reached by some phase of the extension program. 252 different other families were influenced by some phase of the extension program. The total number of families reached was 1,364.