

# 4-H Club Members On the March to Produce Foods

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Over 100,000 North Carolina boys and girls of the 4-H Clubs are growing gardens, pigs, poultry, calves and meat animals to help supply the necessary food needed in this country today. They are making plans for canning, storing and saving the food produced, building up their health so as to resist disease and hardships, protecting forests from fire, collecting salvage materials, assuming their share of the farm and home labor, buying war stamps and bonds, and are practicing their club pledge—an all-out promise for Victory. This army of young people between the ages of ten and twenty years had a momentous year in 1942, and it is expected that they will, in 1943, far exceed their previous year's record.

Organized in practically every community in this state, boys and girls of the 4-H Club come together once each month in a meeting conducted by their members. They give their club pledge; sing club and patriotic songs; have their devotionals; conduct the business of the club which may be growing a school lunchroom garden, presentation of a flag pole and flag for the school, 4-H church Sunday program plans, donations to Red Cross or other charitable organizations. They make talks, give demonstrations, see demonstrations given by their farm and home agents, study approved methods of conducting their farm and home projects, and adjourn, resolving to make their best still better. Each club meeting is, within itself, a little democracy—the four freedoms are expressed throughout each session.

Back at home or on the farm these same boys and girls go about their jobs of doing worthwhile activities as seriously as any soldier in the front ranks. Realizing that it takes soldiers at home to keep soldiers on the battlefield, they put forth every effort to do their jobs efficiently—whether it be raising chickens or remodeling a dress. "America, you can count on me" is their new motto.

Their fighting is being done

with garden tools, as they put a real drive behind the production of the family food supply; with canning equipment, as they preserve this food by canning, storing and drying; with pots and pans, as they prepare wholesome meals for their families as part of the job of building good health; with scissors, needles and thread, as they help meet their clothing problems. The battles they will fight are against hunger, fear, discomforts and ill-health and are for the preservation of our American way of life. Their strategy will be the wise use of head, heart, hands and health.

Helping with this program of club work is another group of workers on the home-front—the 4-H neighborhood leaders—men and women, selected by the club members themselves, who will this year serve as advisors in the various neighborhoods represented in the large 4-H Club located at a school. These leaders are within walking distance of the club members with whom they are to work and will be trained to help each individual to do a better job.

What finer wartime job could a man or woman undertake than guiding the young people in his or her neighborhood in worthwhile activities which not only will strengthen 4-H Club work, but will aid immeasurably in winning this horrible war.

The 4-H army, composed of fine, robust, physical fit boys and girls and of neighborhood leaders who are guiding the boys and girls, can be counted on to "stick to its guns" and its "aim is straight."

**4-H CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1942**

Special Wartime Activities

Salvage material collected:

Scrap metal	454,034 lbs.
Paper and rags	1,007,442 lbs.
Rubber	858,632 lbs.

War bonds and stamps purchased \$267,419

War bonds and stamps sold \$194,317

Number participating in fire prevention 8,066

Number taking first aid 14,199

Number airplane spotters 1,788

Number assisting farm

## FARMERS USE ELECTRICITY TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

Faced with a labor shortage on the farm, thousands of North Carolina growers have turned to electric power to help increase production, says David S. Weaver, agricultural extension engineer at N. C. State College.

Great progress has been made in rural electrification in recent years. According to Weaver, three in every ten of North Carolina's 278,000 farms now have central station electric service, and nine-tenths of the electrified farms have begun to use electric service during the last eight years.

Since the passage of the Rural Electrification Act in 1936, thirty-two electric distribution systems have been established and they now supply electricity to 36,276 farms and other rural consumers. The extension of service to these customers was made possible through \$12,820,690 advanced loans by the Rural Electrification Administration to finance 11,519 miles of lines and other facilities.

A new liberalized order of the War Production Board may make it possible to extend electricity to hundreds of additional North Carolina farms engaged in the production of such vital war foods as meats, poultry, eggs and milk, says Weaver. Farms eligible to receive service under the new order are those located near existing rural power lines and those which meet certain minimum war food production requirements.

Eire reports that while queues for automobile licenses are missing this year, the demand for dog licenses is as great as ever.

labor 54,148

**Production Of Food**

Poultry, 242,627 birds.

Livestock, 8,108 dairy calves, 648 beef calves, 491 sheep, 10,823 hogs.

Garden, 4,230 acres.

Bees, 151 colonies.

**Conservation Of Food**

Canning, 818,424 quarts canned.

## Rise In Living Cost Below '14-'20 Rate

Living costs are slowly rising but still lag far behind the rate of 1914-20, reports of the Labor Department indicate. An increase of 22.3 per cent is estimated for the period from Sept. 1, 1939, to January of this year, as compared to more than 40 per cent in the comparable period of the First World War.

Prentiss M. Brown, chief of OPA, has said that "we will be doing well if we hold the rise in the cost of living to one-half of one per cent a month." An increase of exactly that proportion occurred from the middle of January to mid-February.

The current price movement has been steadily higher for two years, and what point it might have touched by now without price controls is conjectural. When Leon Henderson quit the OPA he estimated that consumers had been saved \$6,000,000,000 in living costs and the government \$25,000,000,000 on munitions and construction.

The sharp advance began in March, 1941, grew much steeper right after Pearl Harbor, and flattened out with the imposition of price controls during April of last year.

## Coast To Beat Axis In Producing Planes

Los Angeles.—The Los Angeles area alone in 1943 will double German airplane production, according to Theodore C. Coleman, vice-president of the Northrop Aircraft Co. He states:

"Precise figures are necessarily a secret, but the production is just as assured as is the fact the area last year doubled Japanese production and equalled Germany's."

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