TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DANE COUNTY:

Gentlemen:

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

Each year new emergencies and new needs arise which cannot be forseen at the time our annual program of work is planned. We are called upon to help coordinate the activities of other agencies such as the Soil Conservation Service, A.A.A., National Defense, and work with agricultural teachers, farmers groups and other organizations in order that we may have a more uniform program for the agriculture of the entire county. When disease strikes crops or livestock we must be ready to help farmers organize for prevention and control. These activities take a great deal of time, some of them may not be mentioned specifically in this report which is based on the major projects outlined by our Agricultural Committee.

Each year requests for the service of this office have increased. Realizing the impossibility of meeting all farmers and other interested people personally, your county agents have attempted to meet as many as possible through organized farmer meetings, crop and livestock demonstrations, over the radio, and by letter and group conferences. Every day the telephone and the mailman bring additional requests for service. We are glad to meet these requests with whatever information and service we have to offer.