

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DANE COUNTY:

Gentlemen:

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

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

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

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