

do not give a "home pressed" look to clothes, and directions for making inexpensive equipment at home are the points stressed.

An exhibit of women's wartime work garments was made and shown at numerous adult and 4-H Club meetings during spring. These garments were designed to be comfortable and safe for women and girls to wear at the many new jobs they have had to take on as a result of the labor shortage.

#### OTHER HOMEMAKER ACTIVITIES

Home grounds improvement schools were held at Cambridge, Oregon, Cross Plains, Bower School (Primrose township) and Middleton with the assistance of J. S. Elfner, extension landscape specialist. The series of four meetings held with each of these groups dealt with planning the grounds, trees, shrubs, and flowers. In April planting demonstrations were conducted.

#### CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The Home Agent has been serving as a member of the County Civilian Defense Council, in charge of consumer interests. A committee was chosen to represent both rural and city groups and it has been attempting coordinate work being done by other agencies, and to make available recent information related to our wartime economy. Some of this has become a part of the rural homemaker program, including the fat salvage campaign information. Study groups have been organized for city women. This committee was in charge of one of the Civilian Defense booths at the Wisconsin State Fair. Radio programs and newspaper releases have also been a part of their work, as well as talks before interested groups such as the Badger Girls State.

Cooperation has also been given to projects of the nutrition committee of the Civilian Defense Council.

#### PUBLICITY

Radio broadcasts from stations WIBA and WHA have been used with all projects. Some of the topics used were "A Homemakers' Program for Your Community" by members of the Homemakers Executive Board; "Food Fads and Fancies" in cooperation

with the Civilian Defense nutrition committee; "Consumer Problems of the Homemaker" by the Civilian Defense consumer interests committee; "Conserving Clothing" with clothing specialist; "Good Gardens are a Wartime Necessity" with Agricultural Agent; "To Control Inflation - Be Self Sufficient", "Dane County at the State Fair" with 4-H Club members. Announcements of local meetings, especially for Volunteer War Service work, have been generously made by WIBA.

Both local and city newspapers have been very cooperative in publishing items related to this work.

Circular letters and a Christmas newsletter have also been employed to aid in serving as many homes as possible.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

In cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture and the Dane County Federation of Rural Clubs, a county dairy recipe contest was sponsored in November, 1941. The same rules and judges were used as those for a similar contest being conducted by the state at the same time. These and the recipes winning the state contest are to appear in a cook book to be published by the State Department of Agriculture.

Use and food value of dairy products was discussed with a group of the American Association of University Women.

Assistance was given to adult vocational classes at Mazomanie and at Roxbury.

Food preservation related to source of supply, equipment available, and adequate storage in city homes was discussed at the Madison Nutrition Center.

A discussion was conducted and exhibits shown of wartime clothing and food problems at a meeting with wives of A.A.A. community committeemen.

Assistance was given at the University with a Farm and Home Week exhibit and a Public Affairs Institute.

Nutrition was discussed with local city groups such as Parent Teachers' study groups, community clubs, etc.