

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Demands upon the time of the County Agents for assistance in National Defense projects will become greater during the coming year. A call has already come from the U. S. Department of Agriculture for an increase in the production of milk, hogs and eggs. The U. S. Defense Board has requested that Dane County farmers increase their 1942 production of milk by 12%, of hogs by 14%, and of eggs by 12%.

We assisted in making arrangements for school house meetings which were held on the night of October 24. These meetings were attended by approximately one-half the farm families in Dane County. Local leaders explained the defense quotas established for Dane County and advised farmers to bring about requested increases by better feeding and management. Farmers were advised that it was profitable to make the requested increases under present price conditions, but were warned that the present demand for Agricultural products is abnormal and that it is unsafe to borrow money to be used in increasing capital investments.

A number of farmers and rural leaders have requested that this office make available to them additional information regarding feeding practices which will increase production. We have already assembled bulletin material which will be distributed to those who ask for it and will arrange to take care of other calls for service at farmers' institutes and meetings during the coming winter months.