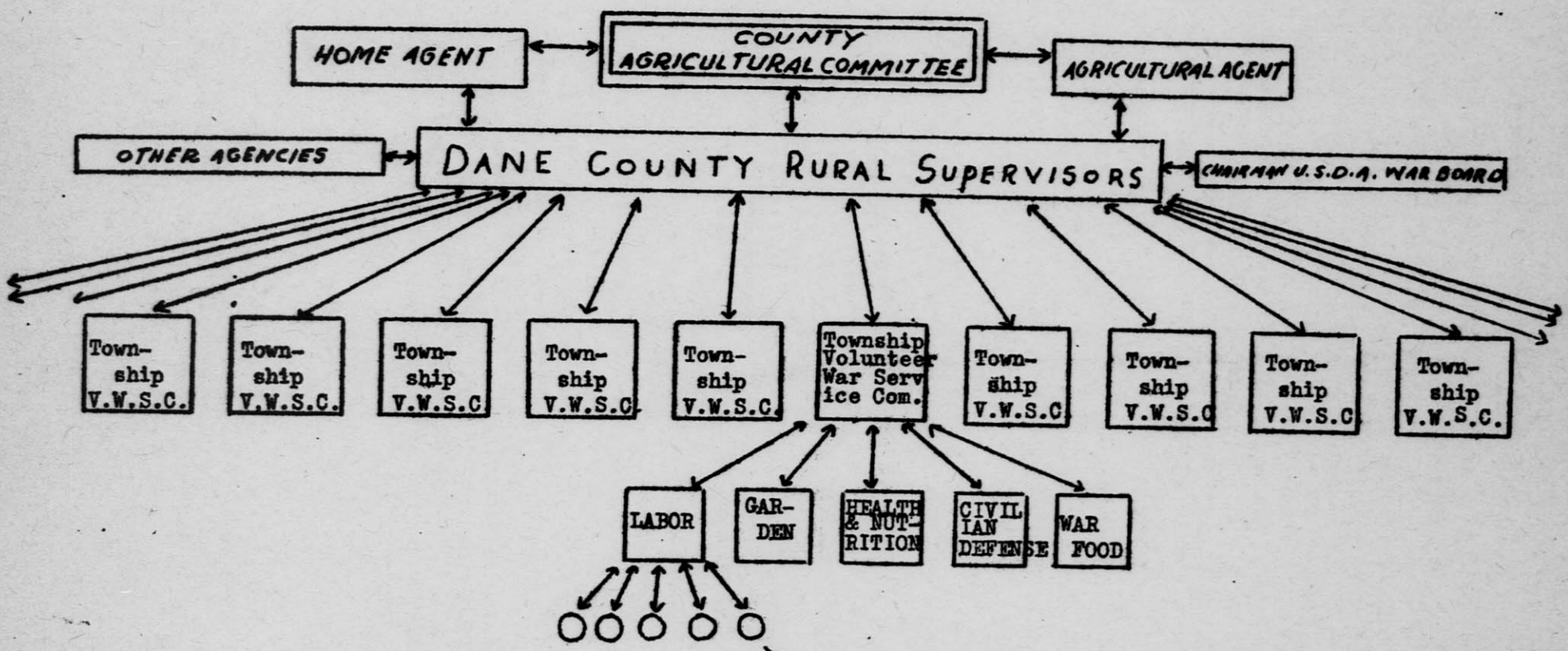


ORGANIZATION FOR SERVICE WAR-TIME AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS



Subcommittees may be appointed if necessary

WAR SERVICE WORK

New and serious agricultural and economic problems have arisen this year because of the world war. The county agent's office has tried to meet and solve some of these problems.

Early in 1942, through the advice and with the cooperation of the U.S. and State Departments of Agriculture, it was deemed wise to set up "Volunteer War Service Committees". With the aid of the county agricultural committee, chairmen for each of the following committees were selected in each of the thirty five townships in Dane County with the approval of the rural supervisors:

1. Labor; 2. War Food; 3. Garden; 4. Nutrition; 5. Civilian Defense

In order to carry the information and aid to each of the 6200 farm families in Dane County these Township Volunteer War Service Chairmen also appointed a committeeman in each school district; therefore, completing the "Neighborhood Service Plan".

We will discuss briefly the service rendered by these various war service committees. Some of this service somewhat parallels the work of the War Board which will be discussed later in this report.

LABOR -

The county agents' office assisted the township labor committees' as follows:

1. Early in May of this year sent "farm labor wanted" questionnaires to all high schools in Dane County.
2. Result: 63 high school boys signed up for farm labor.
3. Cooperated with County U.S. Employment Agency in making the names of these boys and other workers available to the farmers in Dane County.
4. Held six district meetings with Labor Committeemen and farmers to help plan how to handle the labor shortage on farms.

WAR FOOD -

The work of this committee included the economical production of both food for human consumption and feed for livestock. The county agents assisted these committees:

1. By arranging community meetings where important information was given in regard to:
 - (1) Economical production of food and feed
 - (2) Economical buying of food, feed, grains, livestock and dairy products.
 - (3) Economy of buying Government grains, for example Wheat for Food and Feed.
 - (4) Advised the proper use of commercial fertilizers to increase the production of food, feed and fiber.

GARDEN -

Due to the anticipated shortage of certain imported foods, fruits and some vegetables, the work of this committee was to encourage every farm family:

1. To grow a well planned garden.
2. 4-H club members to raise a family sized Victory Garden.
3. To store or preserve an ample supply of vegetables for winter use. (see circular next page)
4. To keep the family well by using the proper amount of good fruits and vegetables and thus aid our country in this great war effort.

NUTRITION -

The work of the nutrition committee, closely correlated with that of the garden and war food committee, will be discussed by Miss Violet Blodau, Home Agent, in her part of this annual report.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE -

The work of the county civilian defense committee has been well organized with the chairman of the County Board and the Mayor of Madison as co-chairmen. The regular civilian defense organization had already made town chairmen responsible for civilian defense activities. Therefore, to avoid duplication, the volunteer war service committee asked these supervisors to serve as chairmen of this work in their respective townships.

The principal work on civilian defense done by the county agents' office, in cooperation with the civilian defense committees, may be stated briefly as follows:

1. Discussed at joint meetings of labor and civilian defense committees practical methods to prevent inflation (see enclosed sheet)
2. Upon the advice and recommendation of the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the civilian defense committeemen, important information and check sheets on a county-wide campaign to Prevent Farm Fires was sent out to all farm families through the rural and graded schools in Dane County.