

Honorable Mention

It would indeed be a difficult task to mention all of the acts and deeds performed by the men and women of Jasper County in the common cause of winning the war.

The real success of our country's efforts to provide food for our fighting men overseas and in the camps at home, and our allies as well, was due to the loyalty of the farmers and agricultural interests of the country. In Jasper County the farmers united almost to a man in their efforts to increase their yield of grain and provisions, and literally they accomplished the feat of making "two grains grow where but one grew before".

The housewives of the county combined to conserve the consumption of wheat, sugar, fats and meats, through the various methods recommended by the Extension Department of Iowa Agricultural College, such as the cold pack method of canning, etc.

The various boy scout troops of the county were characterized by a most fervid patriotism. The boy scouts busied themselves with spreading information about courtesies due the flag and national anthem, soliciting subscriptions during the various drives for money, and in general assisting wherever the eager hands and feet of a boy could be of use.

The schools of the county provided another center of activity with the organization of the Junior Red Cross bodies and thrift campaigns.

The Jasper County Farm Bureau, though newly organized at the beginning of the war, was a powerful force in promoting increased production and conservation. Under its leadership the farmers of the county raised great fields of wheat, because the government needed wheat, in spite of the fact that the crop is not regarded as a profitable one in this county.

The churches of the county from the beginning were characterized by an unusually definite stand in support of the war, and led in developing confidence that the war was waged in the interest of justice and human progress. The attitude of the churches as a whole was virile in its hearty Americanism and its influence was mighty.

In forming and sustaining public opinion the newspapers of Jasper County did a great work. Frowning upon temporizing criticism and hesitation, they supported the government in extraordinary enterprises in a way which proved their own breadth of mind and sincere loyalty. Every drive for funds had their hearty cooperation, and they helped to foster the right kind of sentiment by emphasizing the glory of sacrifice in a great cause.

The commercial clubs and various bands of the county were liberal in their efforts to sustain the government on every hand. There are many unwritten stories of real sacrifices that might be told that will remain a silent tribute to the honest endeavor of an honest and patriotic people.