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### FEATURE STORY

Dress Revue turnout in the 4-H Fair had been rather poor for the last few years. The girls seemed to shy away from it for several reasons. One was that they were not sure of themselves as models, and the other main reason was that they did not have their garments finished so early in the club year.

After asking the opinions of several leaders and girls, the Agent decided the following possible solutions:

1. A modeling workshop would be held a few weeks before the Fair, at a central location and open to all 4-H girls interested but mainly clothing girls.
2. The 4-H Fair Dress Revue would be a presentation for the public, rather than a judged affair. This way the girls could wear their completed garments or if they had not finished these, they could model clothes they had made in previous years. This way more girls would be encouraged to participate, and the audience would get a very good picture of what 4-H was doing.

The Modeling Workshop was very successful. Sixty-five girls, leaders and parents attended the meeting held at the First Methodist Church. A local 4-H mother and former Powers Model, Mrs. Marvin Snodgrass, taught the girls the basic essentials of modeling, and worked with them, answering their questions. The girls and leaders were very enthusiastic about the morning and felt it was an important new addition.

As a result of this and the second step, there were 114 girls participating in the Fair Review, which also had a large audience. The Agent felt that this was a most improvement and should be kept up in years to come.

Of course, there was a judged Dress Revue later in the year, when the girls had completed their current year's garments. This was also well attended.

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## ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

### 4-H Council

The Leaders Council composed of all 4-H club leaders met once a month to discuss prevalent business and to help plan activities. It was felt that the Council was necessary as this was the only time that all the leaders could get together and discuss various problems, get acquainted, and have a voice in the 4-H program. At the beginning of the 4-H year they were given questionnaires as to what type of information they felt they needed, and what subjects they would like to cover at meetings. The year was planned accordingly by both leaders and Agents. In order to improve attendance over previous years, the Agents decided to:

- 1) Limit the meeting time.
- 2) Have an interesting educational program following the business meeting.
- 3) Serve refreshments following meetings (clubs to take turns bringing these).

It was felt that the Council was very worthwhile, and that it accomplished what it set out to do. It is hoped that next year even more leaders will attend.

### 4-H Executive Council

The Executive Council consisted of the officers of the Leader's Council, and the Agents. This group met monthly, the week previous to the regular Council meeting, to discuss problems and plan the order of business for the Council meeting. This saved a great deal of time during the latter meeting.

### Regional Leaders Conference Planning Meeting

Leader representatives and Extension Agents from Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Pima Counties met at the Student Union building on the University of Arizona campus to make some plans for the 1960 Regional Leaders Conference. They were guided by Graham P. Wright and Sarah I. Harman, State 4-H Leaders. The group developed a good conference program based on the felt needs of the leaders in the three counties. Pima County was represented by Mrs. Glen Carpenter.

### In Service Training of Agents

#### Annual Conference

The Agents attended the four day Annual Conference at the University of Arizona. This was very worthwhile and thorough.

#### New Agents Training Conference

The Assistant Home Agent and the office secretary, Mrs. Frances Chaffee, attended this conference at the University of Arizona along with other new Agents and secretaries in the State. It was an excellent idea and much useful information was given. It was only felt that it would have been more beneficial earlier in the Agent's work period. Perhaps smaller group conferences could be arranged for a few new Agents at a time, so they would be thoroughly oriented in the beginning.

## IN-SERVICE TRAINING OF AGENTS (continued)

### Textiles Labeling Law

The Assistant Home Agent was Pima County's representative to the Agent meeting on the Textiles Labeling Law held for one day at the University of Arizona by Miss Helen Church. She then brought the information to the other Agents and her 4-H leaders.

### Attending Leader Training Meetings

The Assistant Home Agent was able to attend several workshops held by Mrs. Emily Quinn and Mrs. Barbara Johnson, also a Foods 4-H Leaders Training Meeting held by Miss Connie Hertzog and Miss June Gibbs in Santa Cruz County.

## LIVESTOCK

### Horse Project

The Assistant Home Agent assisted the County Agent in forming several new horse clubs in the County, and together they worked out, with the leaders, a project plan to be followed in these clubs.

### Livestock Judging

The Assistant Home Agent attended a few judging sessions with the County Agent and assisted him at the Livestock Judging Day, judging two classes of beef and taking oral reasons on these.

## HOUSES AND SURROUNDINGS - Furnishings and Equipment

The Assistant Home Agent worked with Home Furnishings leaders on the 4-H Home Furnishings projects. There seems to be very little interest in this project, and it is hoped that it can be made more interesting and challenging, for the young and advanced 4-H girls.

### Home Furnishing Exhibits At Fair

There were a total of 31 Home Furnishing projects exhibited this year, with 25 First year entries and 6 Second year.

## CLOTHING

### Leaders Training Meeting

The Assistant Home Agent, Carol Jane Nelson, held two 4-H Clothing Leader Training meetings during the year. The first was with First year clothing leaders, at which time the leaders present received and discussed clothing notebooks, made up and given them by the Assistant Home Agent. These notebooks contained: project books and Leader Guides for each year; demonstration and judging materials; and reference bulletings and booklets. These notebooks were greatly appreciated. Also in the meeting the Agent and leaders reviewed the First year project book, discussed problems and constructed sewing boxes.

CLOTHING (continued)

Leaders Training Meeting (continued)

This meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Edward Heath. Only two leaders were present. The greatest problem seems to be to get leaders to attend.

The second lesson was held in a similar manner, but for Second and Third year leaders. Notebooks were discussed, and clothing construction techniques were shown. Four leaders attended this meeting at the First Methodist Church.

Singer Workshop

A Singer workshop for 4-H leaders was held at the Singer Store in Tucson. It was taught by the Assistant Home Agent. Eight leaders attended. They were very enthusiastic about the lesson and seemed to gain considerably from it.

Tailoring Workshop

The Assistant Home Agent attended the Tailoring workshops taught by Miss Helen Church and Mrs. Emily Quinn to Homemakers and 4-H club leaders. She assisted by teaching one of the first days, and giving a demonstration on making bound buttonholes a second day. She made a wool coat with the class. It was a very worthwhile time, and helped her in working later with 4-H leaders in individual tailoring problems.

Modeling Workshop

A modeling workshop was held by the Assistant Home Agent a few weeks before the 4-H Fair. It was held at the First Methodist Church, and Mrs. Marvin Snodgrass, a 4-H mother and former Power's model, taught the girls. Sixty-five members' parents, and leaders were present. This was a good turnout, but it should have been better. It was an excellent lesson for young and older girls and they enjoyed it tremendously. It is hoped that this will be continued each year before the Fair Dress Revue. It must have been a success because the girls did such a professional job of modeling in the Fair.

J. C. Penney's Fashion Show

Eight 4-H girls modeled spring fashions made by the McCall Pattern Company, and sponsored by the J. C. Penney Company in a fashion show held at the Pioneer Ballroom in Tucson. Mr. Rogers, the manager of the Penney Store, contacted the Agent and requested the girls to model. A similar show is held in the fall also.

4-H Fair Clothing Exhibits

There were 171 exhibits in the 4-H Clothing division. Eighty First-year exhibits; 77 Second-year; 41 Third-year; 5 Fourth-year; and 9 Advanced garments. This was considered a good turnout, and the Assistant Home Agent was particularly glad to see 13 exhibits from Indian girls at Sells. It is hoped that next year there will be more glass cases, so all small clothing articles will be protected. Mrs. Robert Pinnell was Clothing Chairman and Mrs. Jensen was her assistant.

## CLOTHING (continued)

### Dress Revue

114 girls participated in the 4-H Fair Dress Revue. This years' revue was only a presentation and was not judged. The girls could wear dresses made by themselves in previous years if their current years garment was not completed. The Revue was patterned around a casual patio theme, using patio furniture on the stage. Miss Irene Campos was Chairman and Mrs. Mac Doty Assistant Chairman. The show was a success and the audience seemed to enjoy it.

## FOODS

### Leaders Training Meetings

Two Leaders Training Meetings in Foods were held for 4-H Foods leaders. The first was held in the home of Mrs. Glen Richards. Four First-year leaders attended. The Agent had prepared Foods notebooks for each leader similar to the Clothing notebooks. They contained project books, demonstration and judging materials, Favorite Foods Show materials, and reference bulletins and pamphlets. They reviewed the books, discussed problems and the Agent gave a demonstration on making biscuits.

The second meeting for Second and Third-year leaders was similar. They concentrated on yeast rolls, a demonstration was given, with the leaders helping, and they then judged the finished products. The Agent also gave a Favorite Foods Show presentation, and a demonstration of "Finger Foods." Five leaders were present.

### Foods Tour

A group of 200 boys and girls, leaders, and parents participated in a very successful Foods Tour, despite bad weather.

The group began at the Shamrock Dairy where the members registered and received name tags. They were shown a film on the dairy industry and viewed the plant also. Mrs. Mary Simonson was the hostess. The tour then went to the Pioneer Hotel where they were taken through the food services and discussed questions of interest with the chef. The last stop was the Student Union building of the University of Arizona, where the group toured the building and its kitchens. They finished the morning with lunch in the Union cafeteria. Transportation was by the Leaders and parents.

### Foods Exhibits in 4-H Fair

Twenty-eight First-year Foods items were exhibited, fifty-six Second year; Fifty-one Third-year; thirty-three Fourth-year; three Advanced; and twenty-nine Outdoor Cookery items, making a total of 172 items. Outdoor Cookery equipment was very popular with the visitors. Most of the food was kept under glass. It is recommended that more cases be secured next year, so it may all be under glass.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

4-H Christmas Party

The party held at the Amphitheater High School cafeteria was well attended. It was planned by the Junior Leaders and Assistant Home Agent. There were games, round and square dances, refreshments, and a program which was an exchange student from Switzerland, who spoke on Christmas customs in his homeland. Everyone brought a can of food which was donated to the Salvation Army.

Officer's Training Clinic

This was a new idea and very successful. Parliamentary Procedure was the main subject at the 4-H Officer's Training Clinic, held at the Sunnyside Junior High School. A movie on Parliamentary Procedure was shown to lay some ground work for the day. Junior leaders were used to open and close the meeting. The officers were divided into groups after the movie. Mr. H. P. Ash, Council President, taught the treasurers the proper procedure in keeping financial records. Randy Roberts, Junior Leader, worked with song leaders, Carol Jane Nelson, Assistant Home Agent, instructed the secretaries and reporters, and the County Agent gave instructions to the presidents, vice-presidents, and local leaders. Following these small group sessions, they assembled again and heard reports. Then special awards were presented to clubs having all their officers and a leader present. The awards were flag sets and gavels. Fifty-seven people attended and they were enthusiastic about it.

New Home Economic Club Organized and Clubs Visited

The Assistant Home Agent organized the Knitten Kittens 4-H club in the Indian Ridge Estates area. There are six girls in the club with five parents as leaders. Mrs. Edward Heath is the head leader. They enrolled in Clothing I. Several other clubs were reorganized this year with new girls or new leaders and the Agent visited several clubs during the year, giving demonstrations and talking about activities.

Lessons on Courtesy

Mr. Lyle Ray, youth director of the Central Church of the Nazarene, requested assistance from the County office in teaching two lessons on manners to his youth group. The Assistant Home Agent, Carol Nelson, organized material for the presentation, and with the help of two different panels of 4-H members, she presented the two lessons. The first on dating procedure and manners, and the second on general everyday courtesy. Films on courtesy and dating from the University of Arizona Audio Visual Center were shown. Approximately twenty members of the youth group along with five 4-H members attended each lesson. The Agent felt that this was an excellent opportunity for outside organizations to get acquainted with and cooperate with 4-H and vice versa. It seemed very successful.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (Continued)

Junior Leader Council

The Junior Leader Council consisted of all junior leaders and met on the first Tuesday evening of each month. At the beginning of the year they were asked what they would like in the way of programs at future meetings. The Assistant Home Agent and County Agent then set up these programs during the year. It was very successful. Attendance was very good at most meetings. One representative from the Junior Leader Council was to work with the Adult Leader Council. This was Margaret Doty.

Junior Leader Tour

The Junior Leader tour committee along with the Assistant Home Agent planned this years tour which visited Mother Higgins Home, the Valley National Bank, and the Tucson Medical Center. The places were interesting enough, but more time should be spent after each place is toured, in discussing it within the group. This way the Agents feel more will be gained by the members.

4-H Club Fair

The 1960 Pima County 4-H Fair was held in conjunction with the Southern Arizona International Livestock Association and the Pima County Fair, March 9-13. A large amount of planning was done by the 4-H Club Extension Agents. Their work was then discussed with local leader committees. The County Club Council had a 4-H Fair committee composed of the heads of major sub-committees, Home Economic, Agricultural Livestock Sales and Publicity committees. The Home Economic and Agricultural committees consisted of adult leaders who would be working with the exhibitors and exhibits of the various projects. The Publicity committee consisted of three women leaders who had good contacts with the newspapers, radio, and television stations. There was a special Foods booth committee of two women leaders who headed up a committee to conduct the Council's major fund raising effort at the Fair.

The 4-H Home Economics superintendents and assistants met several times before Fair week, to discuss their responsibilities, cleaning and decorating was done on the Monday of Fair week and entries came in Tuesday afternoon and evening. The various superintendents contacted leaders to help take in entries in their divisions. Judging took place Wednesday, with Mrs. Helen Goetz, Home Agent at Large; Miss Lorraine Kalgard, Assistant Home Agent of Pinal County, and Miss Sarah Harman, Assistant State 4-H Leader as judges. Superintendents again got leaders and parents to help with judging in their divisions. Exhibits were on display until 6:00 Sunday evening. It is recommended that the next year's Home Economic superintendent contact leaders and parents well ahead to time to watch exhibits during the week.

Judging Maricopa 4-H Fair

The assistant Home Agent judged 4-H Foods and Clothing at the Maricopa 4-H Fair.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (continued)

Judging and Demonstration Help Day

Twenty leaders turned out for a "Demonstration and Judging Help Day," three weeks before the 4-H Home Economics Judging Day to prepare for it. The Assistant Home Agent discussed demonstrations, gave a sample one and asked the leaders to judge it with the demonstration scorecards used for 4-H members. Material was handed out also. Then Judging was discussed, and then the women were divided into their project groups, and judged rings that the Assistant Home Agent had set up around the room. These were rings similar to those that would be used in Judging Day. The leaders were given placing cards and written reasons cards. They were to place each class and give oral reasons on one and written reasons on one. They enjoyed this very much. After they were through judging, the whole group went over together each class orally. They were told that they would meet later to get assignments for Judging Day.

4-H Home Economic Judging Day

The Assistant Home Agent met with 4-H leaders a few days before Judging Day and explained assignments that had been sent to them by mail. This was so they would thoroughly understand their individual assignments ahead of time, and they would also know the all-over picture. It worked very well.

One hundred girls, leaders, and parents turned out for Judging Day, which was held in Flowing Wells High School cafeteria. Leader turn out was especially exceptional.

Clothing was judged in the morning and Foods and Home Furnishings in the afternoon.

Mooney Problem Check List

The Assistant Home Agent and the County Agent were asked by the State 4-H Club office to make a survey of 4-H high school boys and girls in the County. The survey consisted of a test, the Mooney Problem Check List, made up for Ray Wieck of Yuma County, doing graduate work at Michigan State University.

The Agents were to divide the members into their respective High School, contact the high school principals, and administer the test to these members and a group of non-4-H members similar in age and sex.

They contacted eight high school principals, most of whom were willing to cooperate, but due to the time of year and other school affairs, they were unable to help as they would like. The Agents than returned to the school, which did respond, a few days later and administered the test.

The results were sent direct to Mr. Wieck at East Lansing, Michigan.

Most of the school administration felt the request was made of them too late in school year. Those who did agree to assist in the test did so only because of the high regard that 4-H club work had in their communities.

Before the tests could be completed in all areas, word was received from Mr. Wieck to discontinue giving them.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (continued)

Demonstration Day

4-H Demonstration Day was held at the Flowing Wells High School, Saturday, May 21, and was quite successful. In the Home Economic classes 37 girls participated in 39 demonstrations. There were 15 Clothing, 22 Foods, and 2 Home Furnishings Demonstrations. The girls were grouped as Juniors and Seniors in each division and a separate group of all teams, with 2 judges per group. This kept things moving along rapidly.

4-H Camp Meeting

The Assistant Home Agent and County Agent met several times with the Home Agent and County Agent from Santa Cruz County to discuss 4-H Camp. This year camp will be only these two counties, rather than three counties, with Pinal, as before. Miss Sarah Harman met one day in the Pima County office with the Pima County Agents, Santa Cruz Agents and a Santa Cruz leader to help them furnish plans. The camp will be in the Chiricahua mountains July 17-30.

Town and Country Life Conference

The Assistant Home Agent attended Town and Country Life Conference and helped with registration. She also secured 4-H leaders and girls to lead tours through the Home Economic Building, and two girls to carry flags in the first general assembly.

Activities Day

The second Activities Day was held at the Sunnyside Junior High School. The events that took place in the morning part of the program included the Dress Revue Judging and the Favorite Foods Show. There were 28 girls participating in the Dress Revue and 8 in the Favorite Foods Show.

The afternoon program featured the modeling of the Dress Revue outfits, the Talent Contest and the Public Speaking Contest. In these latter two there were 11 entries and 4 entries, respectively. Bob Dukes of the Sunnyside Wildcats acted as Master of Ceremonies. Miss Irene Campos, Tanque Verde Project leader, served as commentator for the Dress Revue.

It was felt this was a very successful event and should be continued.