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COUNTY SITUATION

Amado - This community is about 75% Spanish-American in population. Income of families is rather low and parents have not taken a great deal of interest in the 4-H club program. The assistant agent attempted to organize a club in this community in the fall of 1949 but was unable to find a leader, although 7 boys were interested in starting a club. Community leaders in Amado felt that it would be impossible to get enough parent cooperation to insure the success of an agricultural 4-H club here. Four girls from Amado joined the Soporí 4-H club organized by the home demonstration agent. These 4 girls have a history of 4-H club work and were not difficult to get started in club work again. These girls have again joined the Soporí group for the 1950-1951 club year. At this time it is not planned to attempt organization of an agricultural club in Amado.

Calabasas - This community is similar to Amado except that there are not quite as many Spanish-Americans. Prospects for a small community 4-H club are good here and such a club had a successful year in Calabasas during the past year. The youngsters are eager for the 4-H club program and 2 women leaders are now active in the club. Mr. Douglas Cumming and Mrs. Pearl Clark led the club during the 1949-1950 club year with Mrs. Leo Black assisting. Meetings have been held at the Calabasas school house until recently when the group was forced to begin using a vacant house at Carmen. The Calabasas community includes youngsters from Tubac, Tumacacori, Carmen and Calabasas.

Boy Scout work was active in this area for a time but has now been dropped completely. It never received wholehearted support of the boys.

Harshaw - This mining community is approximately 90% Spanish-American in population and average income is rather low. After investigating the community conditions, the assistant agent decided not to organize a club in this community during 1949-1950 since leadership was entirely lacking. The home demonstration agent organized a girls sewing club at Harshaw school under the leadership of Mrs. H. E. Collins. However, this club did not complete. An Elementary school serves the community.

Patagonia - Both mining and cattle ranching provide sources of income in this community. The town population is 90% Spanish-American. However, the 4-H agricultural club which has been formed there is made up of boys and girls from outlying ranches and is principally American. The girls 4-H club had a membership of 32 with 3 adult leaders. They carried clothing projects. Both clubs met at different times in the Womens' Club Building. This community is served by a high school and a four-teacher elementary school.

Boy Scouts are active and both 4-H club work and Scout work has received excellent support from parents and youngsters.

No hospitals or clinics are located in Patagonia.

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COUNTY SITUATION (continued)

Santa Cruz River School - This small community is only 5 or 6 miles northeast of Nogales. It is a farming and cattle ranching district with a few small mines. A small one-teacher elementary school serves the community with high school students attending Nogales High School. An agricultural club was organized in this community during the past year with Mr. H. E. Collins leading the club. However, the leader moved before the club year was finished and none of the club members completed.

Sonoita - This is exclusively a cattle ranching and guest ranch community. It is served by a small one-teacher grade school. No other youth groups are active there. 4-H club work has met with good success and has fine support from parents. Recreational facilities are limited to school playground equipment and to community dances held either in the school house or at the county fairgrounds. Since the county fairgrounds are located at Sonoita, the 1950 4-H Club Fair was held there. A small agricultural club under the leadership of Mrs. Doris Spencer was active during the past year. A girls club led by Mrs. Woods carried clothing projects. A new leader for the agricultural club is Mr. Frank Hedgecock, a young rancher. The girls club during the coming year will be led by Mrs. Jimenez, a housewife.

Tubac - This is one of the older settled communities in the county and is very similar to Amado in population except that the population is larger in Tubac. The assistant agent investigated possibilities for 4-H club work in this community in the past year and found that leadership was entirely lacking. Until leadership can be found, no attempt will be made to organize a club in this community.

Lochiel - This community has not yet been visited by extension agents and unless requests for a club are received from these people, it is not planned to organize club work in Lochiel.

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ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

1949-1950 marked the beginning of 4-H club work in Santa Cruz County as an organized project. All organization was begun from the ground up and one of the first steps towards integrating the county into one 4-H club movement after individual clubs were organized was to organize a county 4-H club council. The extension agents planned an organizational meeting in the Nogales Chamber of Commerce Building and asked the outstanding ranchers, community leaders and businessmen to attend. It was hoped that members of the press and radio would also be interested in taking part but as it turned out these latter groups preferred to have the news relayed to them rather than be there in person. However, the press has given us good cooperation at all times. At this meeting the purpose of the organization, to support and integrate all 4-H county activities, was explained to the group. A group of officers was elected as follows: Chairman, Neilson Brown, rancher and Representative to the State Legislature; Vice Chairman, William Holbrook, a Patagonia rancher, parent and leader of the Patagonia 4-H club and Secretary, Miss Doris Siebold, high school teacher and rancher. Council membership was made up of club leaders and prominent cattlemen from each district. This group did an excellent job of planning the County 4-H Fair. Committees were appointed to prepare the grounds, take care of food concessions, assist at club contests and publicize the Fair, laying stress on the 4-H livestock auction.

The assistant agent and the home demonstration agent met with the State 4-H Club Leader and Assistant Leader and planned a county program of work for the year. Under this plan was included a leadership training meeting for all county leaders. Also, county judging events were planned at this time.

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LEADERSHIP OF 4-H CLUB WORK

Leadership for Santa Cruz County 4-H club work has been obtained through personal contacts of extension agents with potential leaders and through help of the 4-H club council. Mr. Neilson Brown, Chairman of the council, was very helpful in suggesting possible leaders for agricultural clubs in each community. In each instance it was necessary for the extension agent to hold individual conference with the new leader to explain the duties of the leader and to explain what was expected of the youngsters under the 4-H club program. These new leaders all required help in solving small problems of organization, meeting times and places, etc. Teacher leaders were used only at Harshaw. Also, several teachers cooperated by allowing school time for club meetings wherever necessary. All of the lay leaders were parents of 4-H club members. All of the leaders for the home economics clubs were housewives and parents with the exception of the one teacher. All agricultural leaders were parents. There were 7 women leaders of home economics clubs and one woman and 5 men of agricultural clubs.

Junior leader program for Santa Cruz County was not begun until late in the club year. Only one boy had had enough club work to qualify for junior leadership. He was Bob Gates of the Patagonia agricultural club. He and Mrs. Pearl Clark, leader of the girls club at Calabasas, attended the State 4-H Leadership Conference at Patagonia in July, 1950.

The leader training program was slow getting under way due to the press of organizational work. No leadership training meetings, as such, were held for agricultural leaders. The home demonstration agent held 3 training meetings in subject matter for home economics clubs. Two of these were in preparation for the 1950-1951 club year. At these meetings the Clothing Specialist from the extension service assisted in presenting information on subject matter and demonstrations. This training of leaders has resulted in improved club programs. Where leaders could not attend leader training meetings the extension agent met with these people for small demonstrations meetings to repeat the training without the help of the Clothing Specialist. Extension agents have attempted to contact leaders personally at least once a month.

The junior leader was able to help the leader in planning the club program and in supervising projects of younger members. The extension agents met with the junior leaders to plan responsibilities of a junior leader.

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LOCAL 4-H CLUB PROGRAMS

Three achievement days were held in Santa Cruz County in the spring of 1950. At Patagonia the girls and boys clubs met in a combined meeting sponsored by the mothers of club members at the Patagonia Womens' Club Building. At this program girls presented several demonstrations and awards were given to those who had earned them. Pins and certificates were presented to club members who had successfully completed their projects.

Only one agricultural club used a written club program. This was at Patagonia. Such a program was also used in one of the girls clubs. However, it is expected that more of the clubs will use the written club program during the coming year. This type of planning has definitely proved that it is worthwhile and results in more interesting club meetings.

Recreation has been a definite part of each club program. Health and safety activities have been weak points but will probably receive more stress in the coming year because of the assistance given to leaders with this phase of the project at the leadership conference this past summer.

While demonstrations were not used in the local club program as much as could be desired, the home economics clubs were able to prepare 4 or 5 demonstrations for the county 4-H Fair. Agricultural clubs did not make use of demonstrations due to lack of training on the part of leaders but this phase will be stressed in the coming year.

4-H ACTIVITIES

4-H FAIR

The 1950 4-H Fair, the first of such annual events, was held at the Sonoita Fairgrounds April 16, 1950. With the guidance and advice of extension agents, leaders and members of the county 4-H council were able to do practically all of the planning and work on setting up the 4-H Fair. The county extension office mimeographed the Fair Catalogue well in advance. The publicity committee did an excellent job publicizing the affair through newspapers and through personal contacts.

The livestock auction sale was very successful with 11 head of fat beef calves and one fat hog auctioned under the gavel of Tex Condon, noted southwest auctioneer and cattle broker from Los Angeles. The beef calves averaged 47¢ a pound with the top price being 56¢. The animals were auctioned in the order of their show ring placing beginning with the champion steer.

The girls demonstrations were very well represented with parents showing considerable interest in this event. Demonstrations were given in the main Fairgrounds Building. Effectiveness of this event was marred by competition from the poultry exhibits which were housed in the same building. This will be corrected in the 1951 Fair.

The Elgin community club sponsored the food booth with the proceeds going to the county 4-H club treasury.

The Grounds Committee, consisting of Mr. Regent Gardner, Mr. Harvey Hedgecock and his brother, did an excellent job of preparing the buildings and grounds for the Fair. A gravel show ring with a picket rope fence was set up near the cattle shed. The loud speaking system did not work at all well and caused the auctioneer some trouble. Mr. Walter Armer, Extension Livestock Specialist, judged the beef exhibits while Mr. Ralph Van Sant, Extension Poultry Specialist, judged the rabbit and poultry exhibits.

People in this county prefer to have county events scheduled on Sunday and apparently attendance is much better at events scheduled at that time. The County Fair Commission sponsored purchase of a fat beef steer.

Awards in the home economics competition were given on the basis of the Danish system while the boys used the conventional American type of awards. County participation and interest in this event was remarkably good.

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4-H ACTIVITIES (continued)

COUNTY AWARDS PROGRAM

The Calabasitas-Palo Verde 4-H club and the Patagonia-Apache 4-H club earned county awards as a blue awards club in the national recreation program. As a result of this the county 4-H club treasury will receive \$25.00 in cash and each of the 2 clubs was presented with a recreation certificate of merit.

Maynard Clark of Tubac was the only member to enter the county awards program in beef achievement. He was awarded the gold medal.

OTHER COUNTY EVENTS

On September 15, 1950, the extension agents planned a meeting at Sonoita as a "kick-off" dinner. This was for the purpose of grouping all county 4-H club members, parents, leaders and supporters for a short training meeting and recreational gathering to increase interest in 4-H club work. This event was well attended by approximately 130 people. A live three-piece orchestra was hired for \$12.00, with a collection taken up to pay this expense.

4-H CAMP

Eight girls and 3 boys from Santa Cruz County attended the 1950 summer 4-H camp held at Mt. Lemmon in the Boy Scout Camp. This was a district camp held for Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham and Greenlee counties. Every youngster who attended was very enthusiastic about this camp and it is expected that interest will be greater next summer since this enthusiasm spreads to other club members. Each member was asked to pay the camp fee of \$9.50 including insurance, plus a transportation fee unless they provided their own transportation.

4-H ROUND-UP

Eight boys and one girl from Santa Cruz County entered the agricultural contest at 4-H club Round-Up June 6 to 10, 1950. Also, 11 girls entered the home economics contest at this event. Patricia Holbrook won third place honor in individual livestock judging competition. Mrs. Pearl Clark, Mr. William Holbrook and Mrs. Sally Grennan were the leaders from Santa Cruz County who attended round-up. They had a wonderful time and expressed appreciation for the things they had learned at Round-Up. Rose Lee Black earned a red ribbon in the dress review contest with Frieda Allen earning a white ribbon. The senior clothing judging team earned a white ribbon with the junior clothing judging team earning a red ribbon. Jenny Walsh and Macky Montano earned a white ribbon in the junior team clothing demonstration. The junior poultry team earned a white ribbon and the junior livestock team earned a white ribbon.

The county 4-H club council paid a part of the expenses of some of the club members to the 4-H club Round-Up.

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4-H ACTIVITIES (continued)

STATE FAIR

Santa Cruz County had delegates in both junior and senior livestock judging for the State Fair in Phoenix, November 11, 1950. Each of the 6 club members who entered earned red ribbons. This was a new experience for these youngsters and one which they enjoyed a great deal. Teams for this event were selected from a beef judging practice held October 14 at the Thurber Ranch near Sonoita. Unfortunately, it is hard to find good hogs, sheep and poultry for practice judging in Santa Cruz County.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

The assistant agent prepared a window exhibit in a vacant department store window in Nogales to observe National 4-H Club Week, and at the same time to advertize the County 4-H Club Fair. Through the courtesy of Mr. J. Capin, Manager of La Ville de Paris Department Store in Nogales, we were able to prepare a nice photographic exhibit showing livestock projects with the club members. Also, by use of kodachrome transparencies enlarged to 10 by 12 inch size with lighted picture box, we were able to present the recreation and health phases of the 4-H club program. This display attracted considerable attention from Nogales residents. In addition, the assistant agent used an automatic slide changer to present kodachrome slides of local 4-H club projects in a display in the lobby of the Valley National Bank at Nogales.

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OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The outlook for 4-H club work in Santa Cruz County in 1950-1951 is good. Enrollment will probably be about the same as in the past year but completions should be higher since several more experienced leaders and club members are more familiar with the requirements for completions. The extension agents plan to use the 4-H club council to plan the 1950 Fair and to assist with financing expenses of delegates to 4-H club Round-Up. More stress on leader training will be the trend and agricultural clubs will be given more training in judging livestock and in presenting demonstrations. Parent cooperation will be maintained by planned community recreation events, community 4-H achievement programs and other events which parents should attend. The local newspapers will be used to publicize the 4-H club program and give recognition to outstanding club members and leaders.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the 1949-1950 4-H club year 58 girls and 27 boys were enrolled with 37 girls and 18 boys completing. During the year 50 girls and 22 boys were given training in judging agricultural and home economics projects. The health and safety phases of the 4-H club program reached approximately 40 4-H club members. Fifty-seven girls received training in sewing and 8 in cooking while 9 boys and 2 girls received training in raising fat beef and hogs. Six carried garden projects and 8 received training in care of poultry. Only one club member carried a rabbit project.

A county 4-H club council with 12 members was organized and it functioned in planning the county 4-H Fair and other county 4-H events. Three leader training meetings for home economics clubs were held during the year. One County Fair was held with 55 club members exhibiting.

4-H club work in the past year has been a means of presenting new interest and activity into the lives of 85 rural boys and girls. Through this work they have found new interest and meaning in their farm animals and in their homemaker duties. Competition in 4-H contests has given them the incentive to excel and has also taught them how to lose with good grace. The club program has also added a means of recreation to the community life of these rural youngsters. Closer association with their neighbors and other club members in the county and in the state has broadened their viewpoint and given them a better understanding of what their friends and neighbors are doing and are capable of doing in the future. These youngsters have also appreciated the interest which local businessmen and civic-minded persons have taken in the welfare of rural boys and girls. The interest which local businessmen have taken in the 4-H club program has helped to build better understanding between rural and urban populations in the county.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

- 8 Women Leaders and 4 Men Leaders (1 teacher, 11 lay leaders)
- 58 Girls Enrolled with 37 Completed
- 27 Boys Enrolled with 18 Completed
- 65 Home Economics Projects Enrolled with 36 Completed
- 36 Agricultural Projects Enrolled with 23 Completed
- 8 Four-H Clubs (1 Community, 7 Out of School)
- 1 County 4-H Council with 12 Members
- 3 Achievement Days
- 3 Agricultural Judging Practices
- 3 Home Economics Leaders' Training Meetings
- 1 Junior Leader (Boys)
- 1 Leader and 1 Junior Leader Trained at Leaders' Conference
- 4 Meetings of 4-H Club Council
- 1 County-wide 4-H Recreational Meeting

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ENROLLMENTS AND COMPLETIONS

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>ENROLLMENTS</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>
Amado (girls)	4	4
Palo Verde (girls and boys)	19	15
Harshaw (girls)	7	0
Patagonia Home Economics (girls)	35	21
Patagonia Agricultural	19	8
Santa Cruz Vaqueros	4	0
Sonoita (girls and boys)	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total Individuals	85	55

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PROJECT ENROLLMENTS

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>ENROLLMENTS</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>
Clothing	57	36
Food Preparation	8	0
Beef	15	12
Garden	6	1
Insects	1	0
Boys Junior Leaders	1	1
Poultry	8	5
Rabbits	1	1
Swine	1	1
Other Livestock	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	101	59