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4-H CLUBS

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COUNTY SITUATION

The 4-H situation in Gila County is rather difficult because there are only a few farm children of 4-H club age in the county and because this county is a range cattle area with large ranches so the children live many miles apart. Except for the Indian Service participation, not much hope can be seen for increase of numbers in club work in Gila County.

Pleasant Valley has a girls 4-H club and has had one for several years. However, no very great results can ever be expected from this club. There are many reasons for this situation, no one of which the agents can pin down as the reason. One reason is lack of co-operation between leader, club members and parents. It is a very isolated community and local people tend to resent new people moving into the community who might try to help them. Another reason for the lack of 4-H club activity is that the adults in this community do not work well together. Naturally, where the adults do not get along; this reflects on the type of club work which the children are able to do and the quarrels are often carried into the 4-H club. Boys club work has been tried on two different occasions and have both been failures.

The community of Pine is very small and is an LDS group. There would not be enough children for a 4-H club unless every child between the ages of 10-21 belonged. Children leave this community as soon as they are of high school age therefore, there are not enough for a club even if the people wanted it. The leaders of this community are not anxious to start 4-H club work.

The community of Payson thinks of itself as primarily an urban community and shows no interest in 4-H club activities. Very few farm children live in this area.

There are not enough children for a satisfactory 4-H club in the Tonto Basin area. If every child of 4-H club age belonged to the club there would be only 5 boys and 5 girls. Since some of these children have to come a long way to school it is impossible for them to have a club. This area is a range cattle production district and practically no farming is done.

Since 4-H club work was started with the reservation Indians, a very good livestock club has completed one year of successful club work. Twenty boys and two girls started projects and all of them completed the projects and were presented certificates. They will continue this livestock club and organize a new Home Economics club in 1950.



Champion and Top Price Steer at Sale



Same Steer at Start of Project

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of Clubs	1	1	2
Number of Leaders	3	1	4
Number of Leader training meetings	0	Individual	0
Number of club members enrolled	20	10	30
Number of club members completed	20	8	28
Number of Projects	21	8	29
Number of Achievement Days	1	1	2
Number of 4-H Roundup Attendance	3	1	4

One girls sewing and cooking club was completed at Young. Eight girls started the club and six completed their work.

One livestock club was started at San Carlos on the San Carlos Indian Reservation. Twenty boys and two girls fed 10 bulls, six steers and seven pigs. All twenty two of these Indian boys and girls completed their projects. Club work has meant a great deal to these Indian boys and girls for they have very little opportunity for other activities on the reservation.



Laura Hoffman Steer at Start of Project



County Agent, Two Indian Council Members and Indian boy with his calf

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ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

The Home Demonstration agent met with the potential 4-H club leader in Pleasant Valley and discussed with her the 4-H club projects and plans. Two parents were also present. The agent stressed to the potential leader and to the parents; the importance of good club work. That it was better not to have a club at all if members were not going to attend meetings regularly and complete their projects. The agent then met with the leader, parents and children interested in 4-H club work. Eight members completed their projects. However, these members did not attend meetings with any great degree of regularity.

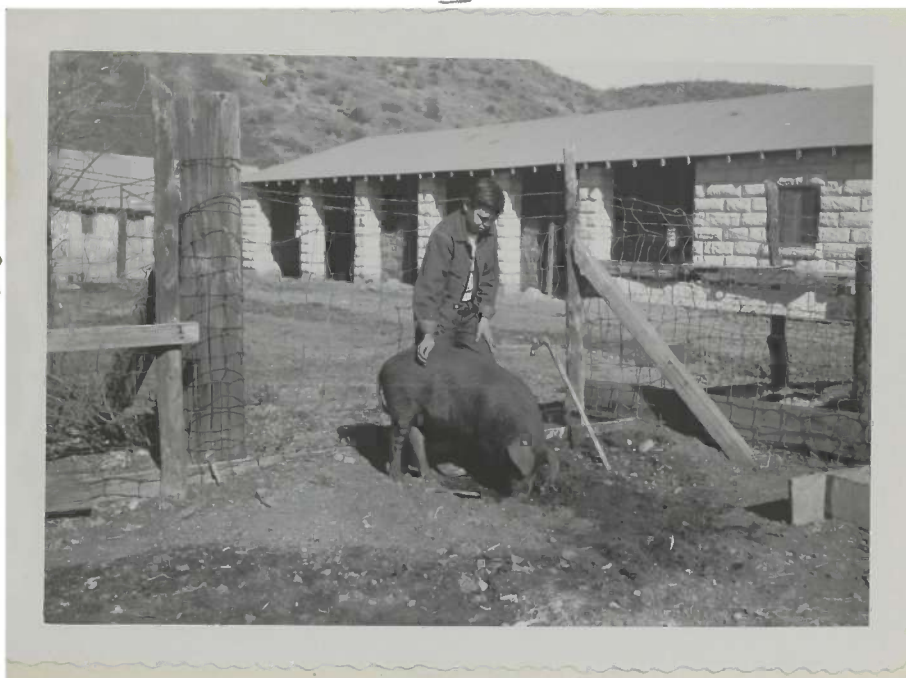
The agent met with Mrs. King, the Home Economics teacher at San Carlos, and talked with her about their request for a Home Economics 4-H Club for the Indians. In October the agent then gave a demonstration to the older girls on canning meats. This had a two fold purpose. (1) to teach the girls how to can meat and (2) to teach them by demonstration, what a demonstration is. The agent then planned with Mrs. King to meet with all the girls in November when she was in the county. These girls, 40 or 50 of them, should do a good job of 4-H club work. However, we will have to wait until 1950 to know the results.

the 4-H Achievement Day was held at Pleasant Valley during the Pleasant Valley Fair. Exhibits of all projects were made. Pins and certificates were awarded the leader and club members by the agent.

The County Agricultural Agent met with the leaders of the Pine, Payson, Tonto Basin, Young and San Carlos communities and discussed organizing 4-H clubs. The San Carlos Indian Council was the only group willing to sponsor boys 4-H club work.

Dr. John Lasley, assisted by William Leminger and M. E. Linn, organized a livestock club with twenty boys and two girls as members. Plans were made for the agent to meet with the club once a month to check subject matter and see if the club was conducted properly. Plans were made for an achievement day program and to exhibit their livestock at the San Carlos Indian Fair.





A pig project on Indian Reservation

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PROJECTS

## 4-H Clothing:

The agent met four times with the Pleasant Valley girls 4-H club. Then these girls attended the majority of the adult demonstrations held in the Valley. It was felt by the agent and the leader that these girls needed every opportunity for instruction possible. Three girls completed in 1st year clothing, one in 2nd year clothing and two in 3rd year clothing. In cases these 3rd year girls are doing a better job of sewing than their parents do, however, our best 4-H club member Georgia Mae Haught has decided to quit club work. It would be extremely helpful if we could get some of these 4-H members to attend state events but to date no parent or leader co-operation has been received in these projects.

It is anticipated that the 4-H clothing projects club at San Carlos will be good this next year, however, there is nothing to report on them as yet.

## Foods:

No 4-H Food projects were completed this year, however, Pleasant Valley has several girls signed up for the 1949-1950 club year and San Carlos has a canning and Foods club just organized. It is anticipated that we will have some 4-H food projects to report next year.

## Livestock Clubs:

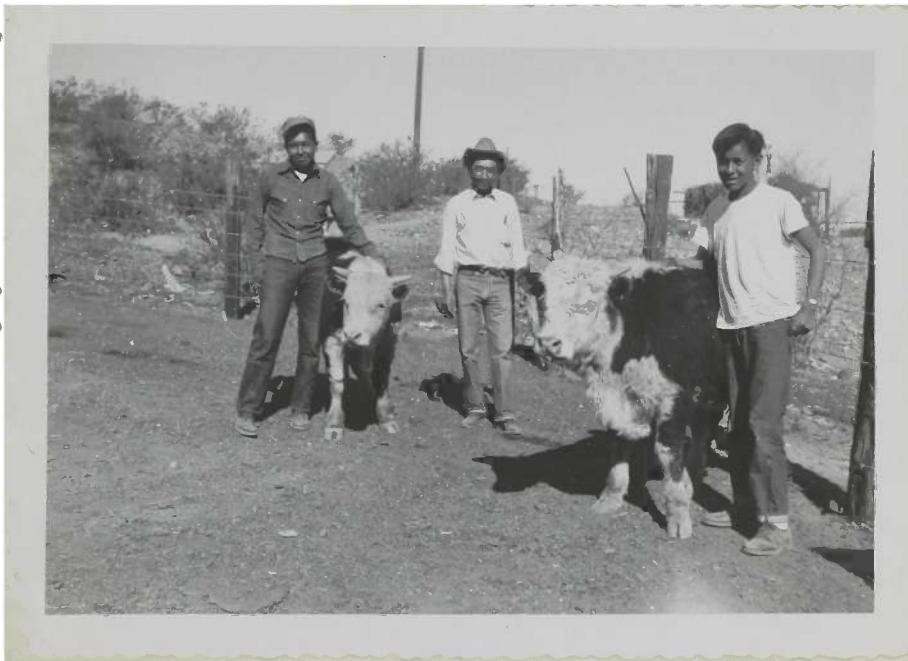
On February 17 twenty boys and two girls organized a livestock club at San Carlos and elected John Lasley as leader. Ten bulls, six steers, six barrow hogs and one Sears Roebuck Foundation registered gilt was selected as projects. The club met regularly once a month and completed the club year on October 30th, 1949. All projects were completed and twenty-two certificates and first year pins were awarded.



One of Three Bulls that Sold for \$560



San Carlos Club Officers with their calves at  
Auction Sale



Two of Top Price Bulls at Start of Project

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4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Livestock Club at San Carlos was very active all year. Three boys and one girl from this club attended the Tucson Roundup and competed in the Livestock Judging Contest. All of the members of the San Carlos Club entered the open judging contest at the San Carlos Indian Fair. Four of them won the first four places, beating all adults. When the projects were completed the livestock was sold at auction at the same time the other Indian cattle were sold. Three bulls sold for \$560 each and one steer brought 40¢ a pound. All of the steers averaged 28¢ a pound and the hogs averaged 21¢ apound. At the completion of the club the Indian Council donated \$60.00 to the club to pay for a dinner and tickets to the theatre for all members, leaders and agent. This club was an outstanding success.

OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Until population trends in Gila County change there will be very little club work done except on the San Carlos Indian Reservation. The white population is too scattered and there are not enough children of club age in the various communities to do successful club work. Club work should continue to increase on the reservation as the Indian become more acquainted with the program. Club membership will double in 1950. A livestock club of about 30 members and a sewing club of approximately 10 members are being formed at the present time and a garden club and insect club will probably be organized next summer. As long as the Indian Council is back of the program, club work should flourish on the reservation.



All Indian Livestock Judging Team at Roundup  
with Leader and Home Demonstration Agent