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COUNTY SITUATION

Community	# of 4-H age	Rural Youth: # and kind of other groups	Recreation facilities	Potential leadership	Type of Agriculture	Community centers
Prescott-Miller Valley	150	10 Girl Scouts	Youth center, movies, skating rink, swimming pool, schools	Good	Diversified Farming	Schools, churches, All available
Chino Valley	100	Boy Scouts	School	Fair	Diversified Farming	Church and School
Paulden	15	None	None	Poor	Ranching	None
Oottonwood	130	Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts	Youth center, Movies, skating rink, schools	Good	Diversified Farming	All available
Lower Oak Creek						
Camp Verde	80	Teenage group	Movies	Good	Diversified Farming	Church and School
Cherry	5	None	None	Poor	Poultry & Cattle rchg.	School
Humboldt	25	None	None	Poor	Diversified Farming	School and Church
Dewey	20	None	None	Poor	Diversified Farming	None
Mayer	50	None	School	Fair	Diversified Farming	School and Church
Skull Valley	45	None	School	Good	Diversified Farming	School and Church
Wagner	9	None	School	Poor	Ranching	School
Yarnell	20	None	School	Poor	Ranching	School and Church
Congress Junction	5	None	None	Poor	Ranching	School

STATISTICAL SUMMARY:

14	-	4-H clubs (community)
19	-	Leaders (lay)
2	-	Junior Leaders
4	-	Leader Training Meetings
152	-	Club Members
208	-	Projects
9	-	Achievement Days
1	-	4-H Fair (in conjunction with County Fair)
34	-	Campers
3	-	Radio Programs
24	-	News Stories
7	-	Delegates to State Roundup
15	-	Delegates to State Fair

4-H CLUB PROGRAM:

The agent and Home Demonstration Agent have conducted our club program cooperatively and for this reason we are reporting our work conjunctively. However, the Home Demonstration Agent has for the most part been directly responsible for the Home Economics clubs and the agent working primarily with the Agricultural clubs.

Organization and Planning:

The most effective and lasting method of organizing individual 4-H clubs in this county is (1) to talk with potential 4-H and/or community leaders about 4-H club work. Then when the community finds this satisfactory, interested leader for him or her to call a meeting of both potential, interested 4-H club members and their parents. At this meeting one or both agents accompanied by a State 4-H worker if in the county, attend the meeting and explain to those interested what is expected of both the 4-H club member and the parents. The film "The Road Turns Right" has proven to be a very satisfactory film to show at this time. We have used this film for both old and new clubs. The Prescott and Camp Verde clubs were organized in this way.

None of the Yavapai Clubs are conducted in or through the school although two of the new 1949-1950 girls clubs do have teacher leaders.

An attempt was made to organize a Home Economics club in Cottonwood but a willing, enthusiastic leader could not be found for these girls. They had all the requisites for a successful club but no leader.

No county-wide program planning leader training meetings were held in the county this year. However, the agent visited the leaders and gave them assistance with their program planning. Both agents are planning to have joint program planning meetings in January 1950. These meetings will be conducted as a work shop on program planning.

Ninety percent of the parents of 4-H club members were visited and talked with during the club year. Visits early in the club year seemed to be most effective. The children of those parents who really understood what was expected of their child as a 4-H club member were the best 4-H club members and the ones who completed their projects. Parent cooperation

is essential to 4-H club work when it is conducted outside the school.

Enrollments:

The attached club enrollment and completion chart perhaps needs some explaining because of the poor percentage of completions.

Each of the agricultural clubs poor percentage of completions could be credited basically to the same causes, namely, inexperienced leaders, and with one exception they were new clubs with all first year members. These leaders and club officers should have received more assistance from the county office than what we were able to offer them. As a result of this situation we neglected to remove from our rolls the names of those members dropped from the clubs. ✓

These completion figures may indicate a lack of interest in 4-H club work within the county but actually 4-H interest is most favorable.

The Noisy Needle Club had only 44% completions. This was not due to lack of interest in 4-H club work but to an unhealthy situation which developed among the 4-H club members themselves. This was not directly related to 4-H club work. The leader is considered by both agents to be the best in the county.

The Busy Bees of Bridgeport had only 23% completions. This was due to the fact that the older and younger girls did not like to be in the same club and the leader being more interested in the younger girls. Too much difference in ages in any girls' clubs is not conclusive to a good club and high percentage of completions. Depending upon the leader either the older or younger group drops out.

The Streamliners of Camp Verde did not complete their club year. This was an older girls beginning club of mixed projects. Beginning clubs whether the members are old or young must in 90% of the cases not have too many mixed projects unless they have an experienced, enthusiastic leader. In this case the leader failed because she would not take the initiative in helping the girls plan their meetings so that they were constructive. Naturally all that the girls wanted to do was have parties, make candy, and go on various types of outings.

	Enrolled	Moved	Completed	% Completion
Chino Valley				
Noisy Needle Club	11	1	4	44
Nimble Thimble	5	2	3	100
Mix Masters	10		6	77
4-H Future Farmers	14		7	50
Lower Oak Creek				
Lower Oak Creek Canyon Livestock Club	15	1	8	53
Busy Bees	13		3	23
Prescott				
Prescott Girls 4-H Club	16		7	43
Prescott Boys 4-H Club	19		6	30
Humboldt				
Willing Workers	11		3	27
Camp Verde				
Streamliners	14		0	0
Sew and Sew Juniors	8		5	62
Camp Verde Livestock Club	20		6	30
Cleator	5		0	0

The Willing Workers 4-H club of Humboldt had 27% completions. This poor completion record is due 90% to lack of parent cooperation and 10% to distances involved which the members had to travel to get to meetings. The leader had to pick the members up, take them to club meetings and in 50% of the cases furnish the material for the members to work on. The majority of the adults in this community never cooperate in anything.

The Cleator Club failed because of poor leadership. This is a very small remote mining community.

The Prescott Club completions were 43%. This club was organized just before the dead line and we did not have an opportunity to remove those children from the lists who attended only the first two meetings. Since 4-H club work was new to all of these boys and girls many of them joined only for the recreation.

The Agents organized a greatly improved 4-H club department at the county fair this year. All club members completing entered their complete projects at the County Fair. Four girls from Chino Valley, six girls from Prescott and seven girls from Humboldt gave foods and clothing demonstrations. Seven girls from Prescott, four girls from Chino Valley and two girls from Camp Verde participated in the foods and clothing judging. The agricultural clubs competed in livestock, vegetable and showmanship contests. These winning judging teams in so far as was possible attended the State Fair and participated in the judging there. The expenses for the Home Economics judging teams to attend the State Fair were paid by the Yavapai Cowbells, the Prescott Pilot Club and the Humboldt Homemakers Clubs.

Three Chino Valley club members attended State 4-H roundup in Tucson. Jackie Converse and Margie Knight took second place with their foods demonstration "Making a Custard in the Pressure Sauce Pan." Phylis Duncanson did not place in the dress review. These same three girls made up a Senior Clothing judging team and placed second. In the year 1949-1950 we are anticipating at least 100% more County and State competition.

Projects:

Leaders held two hundred and eighty 4-H club meetings with a total attendance of two thousand two hundred and



4-H Club Members at State Roundup - Tucson

fifty club members. The agents participated in fifty club meetings with a total attendance of one thousand two hundred and thirty-nine members.

Baby beef, gardening, poultry and swine were the most popular agricultural projects. Each of the clubs were mixed and where a club member had the only project of its kind within the club he generally failed to maintain proper interest.

Clothing and Textiles:

Seventy-eight girls enrolled, sixteen completed, making a total of seventy-five garments. The State Clothing Specialist assisted by the agent gave a first-second-third year 4-H clothing leader training meeting in Cottonwood. Seven leaders attended. This meeting gave the leaders a clearer picture of the type of clothing work that was expected from each of their 4-H club members. Although these women sew, many of the recommended seams and techniques have been changed from those that they think are the best. All leaders expressed their appreciation for this help.

The Bridgeport Busy Bee Club was having difficulty deciding how to make their first dress. The State Clothing Specialist being in the county, therefore, accompanied the agent to one of their meetings. The Specialist gave these girls (eight) a very interesting and informative demonstration on "Selecting the Pattern for your First Dress." Points which she stressed were:

- (1) Cap sleeves (not set in).
- (2) No collar.
- (3) No buttonholes or fancy trim.
- (4) Simple design.
- (5) Simple cotton material.

Six of these girls made very nice, simple, well fitting dresses (one exception). The girl whose dress was the exception decided that it was too hard to cut the notches out (into the excess material) and cut them in (into the body of the dress itself). This dress fit all right but it fit her much younger sister and not her. Because the notches were so deep, one-half inch to three-quarter inch, she had to make very large seams. This story might serve as an example for other 4-H club members.

The agent held one 4-H clothing training meeting this fall. Seven leaders attended. The first and second year 4-H clothing projects were discussed, examples and samples were shown. The leaders made samples of the shell edge, the slip seam, the hem, and trimmed and clipped facings.

The Prescott girls' club as a whole has the best equipped sewing boxes of any 4-H sewing boxes which the agent has seen. Each member has her own (not her mother's) six to seven inch shears, thimble, tape measure, needle and pin cushion, note book and pencil. Other individual boxes may be prettier but the fact that these girls actually own their own equipment is to the agent most important. The leader (Mrs. J. Carrington Brown, Jr.) deserves the credit for this.

The Chino Valley "Noisy Needle" and Nimble Thimble clubs bought a buttonholer and seam gauge for their sewing machine. The seam gauge is proving especially advantageous for all girls. The beginners find that it helps them to make straighter seams and the older, more advanced girls find that it helps them to make seams of the proper size or width. The agent met with the Nimble Thimble club three times throughout the year. Assistance was given the individual club member with: (1) covering their sewing boxes, (2) selection of dress patterns, (3) slip finishes, (4) selecting child's play suit patterns.

Food Selection and Preparation:

Fifty-two girls enrolled in Food Selection and Preparation but only sixteen completed.

The agent held one leader training meeting for 4-H foods leaders. Seven leaders were present. A demonstration was given in measuring equipment, measuring and cooking terms. The agent tried to impress upon the leaders that proper measuring equipment and practices were just as important to the satisfactory completion of a foods project as was proper sewing equipment for the clothing projects. The basic seven food chart was also discussed. Mrs. Paul Knight and her daughter agreed to keep a record of the foods which they ate for a month. They are to classify this food according to the basic seven food groups and also calculate its caloric value.

The sixteen girls who completed the first year foods project were extremely enthusiastic. One of the most enjoyable

foods meeting which the agent attended was the Bridgeport Busy Bee club. Seven members were present - three twelve year olds and four boosters to eleven years old. The "Big girls (12 years)" were to make muffins and the "Little girls (Boosters to 11 years)" were to make peanut butter cookies. The "Big girls" read the directions and when it came to mixing the batter they figured out just how many "stirs" each girl could have. The "Little girls" each had to have the same number of spoonfuls of dough for shaping into cookies. It was indeed entertaining to watch and listen to them - they were just as serious about the entire process as though it had been a matter of life and death. Mrs. Vance, the leader, told the agent another interesting story. Last winter when everyone was more or less snowed in and the schools were closed, her own girls (eight, nine and eleven years) cooked while she was at the oil plant assisting her husband. The girls prepared biscuits three times a day. At the beginning of the snowed in period, Mrs. Vance had a new three pound can of Crisco, the afternoon of the third day the girls telephoned her and asked her to bring home some more shortening. She said to the agent "I simply have to get them started doing something besides this baking, the food budget won't stand it."

The Mix Masters (Chino Valley girls) held regular monthly meetings. The agent attended two at which fifteen members were present. The agent gave them a demonstration on measuring. This measuring demonstration or its equivalent is necessary for all beginning foods clubs.

Recreation and Community Life:

The Girls' 4-H clubs of Chino Valley have done much for their community. Last year (1948-49), one family in Chino Valley was destitute. The children (seven) from one to fifteen years had almost no clothes. These girls conducted a community survey and collected clothes for the children. The older girls altered things which did not fit. At Christmas they supplied food, then in the spring they used club money and bought the older girl a dress and shoes for her eighth grade graduation.

All 4-H clubs in the county have supplied jelly for the patients at Fort Whipple, one small glass per patient. The patients are truly appreciative of this jelly. They grow very tired of the commercial jellies and jams and something which is homemade really tastes good to them.

The Prescott Boys and Girls 4-H clubs combined in a community garden project. These boys and girls prepared the seed-bed, planted the seed, cultivated, irrigated, harvested and marketed their crops. The project constituted approximately one-fourth acre of land with a wide variety of flowers and garden crops. It was an interesting venture from beginning to end. Mr. and Mrs. J. Carrington Brown, Jr., the local leaders, worked hard on the project. Especially in keeping it organized whereby all members were allowed equal opportunities in learning and working.

None of the agricultural clubs received any direct financial assistance. All these clubs did conduct activities to raise funds for their club. In addition to the garden project, one club picked and sold apples, another sponsored a dance and one club sponsored a pie supper. Two of the clubs jointly sponsored an advertising campaign thereby deriving a generous return.

A great deal of fun and favorable publicity was derived from the clubs cooperatively building and exhibiting two 4-H floats in our annual Frontier Days' parade.

Fourteen girls and thirteen boys attended 4-H camp at Groom Creek this year. The camping theme was "Outdoor living." One hundred and thirty-five 4-H campers were shown the Johnson and Johnson first aid film and given practice in the practical application of first aid - (1) bandgaging (arm, wrist, ankle), (2) putting on a sling, (3) artificial respiration, and (4) pressure points. Members also studied and did "outdoor cookery," camp and camp site and protecting your forests and wild life.

Individual clubs had many recreation meetings. The Bridgeport Busy Bees had two all day picnics and skating parties up Oak Creek Canyon. The Prescott Club has had swimming parties and picnics. The highlight of their recreation program was an all 4-H club dance held in Prescott. Both the boys and girls clubs held this dance and invited club members from Chino and the Verde. An excellent time was had by all members attending.

At most club meetings from fifteen minutes to an hour is devoted to recreation. The clubs usually have refreshments which are alternately furnished by different members or by the parent in whose home the meeting is being held or furnished by the club fund.

4-H MEMBERS IN TEAM JUDGING AT STATE FAIR

November 12, ten boys and five girls engaged in team judging events at the Arizona State Fair. The group was taken to Phoenix by County Agricultural Agent E. F. Thacker, home demonstration Agent Miss Lucinda Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Custer and Mr. and Mrs. J. Carrington Brown, Jr., Prescott 4-H leaders.

The girl's food judging team from Yavapai county won first place with the Pima county team placing second and Maricopa county third. On the food judging Carol Wright of Prescott and team were LuRean Pulsifer and Margie Knight of Chino.

The clothing judging team, consisting of Carlenne Davis of Prescott and Mary Ruth Parks and Margie Knight of Chino, placed third. First place went to Maricopa county and second place to Pima county.

LuRean Pulsifer of the Prescott club, was first in the state individual food judging. Mary Ruth Parks of the Chino club was third in the state individual clothing judging.

The Prescott 4-H boys, Kit Luff, Dennis Dalke and Jack Frost placed second in the junior division of rabbit judging while Kit Luff placed fourth in the individual scoring. The junior poultry judging team of Jimmie Custer, Kit Luff, Jack Frost, placed fourth. Jack Frost made fourth in the individual scoring in this event. There was a junior livestock judging team of Billy Bald, Bing Brown and Charles Custer and a senior poultry team of Bill Zettler, Donnie Head and Carter Dalke.

Special thanks are extended to Jack Custer for coaching the livestock team and Mrs. Victor Dalke for her help with the poultry teams and rabbit teams.

James Langford of Chino Valley 4-H boys' club received third place award on his personal record book. Charles Custer won third with his secretary's book of the Prescott 4-H club.

Photographs were used to illustrate 4-H work throughout the county. Two of these were of Prescott's garden project and were on display in the state fair 4-H building.

Typical 4-H news stories
published in all three
county newspapers.

Local 4-H Club Programs:

Local achievement days were held for each club at which time club pins to the members and leaders were awarded by the agent and Home Demonstration Agent. Different types of programs were presented by club members, usually including exhibits from the members' projects. Their exhibits were judged on the Danish systems with ribbons being awarded.

Some of the clubs furnished additional entertainment by giving demonstrations and musical numbers.

Demonstrations and judging are a part of our regular club program and all members participate in both of these activities. Demonstrations are an effective way of teaching as well as giving each club member a chance to participate.

All club members are required to participate in the county fair and if possible to exhibit some part of their project work. This was the first time that 4-H had a building devoted entirely to their exhibits. A wide variety of 4-H exhibits filled the building and it was an eye-catcher during the three day fair. The county fair commission gave attractive cash premiums and ribbons and with this favorable arrangement a need is not felt for county 4-H fair.

National:

In lieu of our club program being only three years old, we were not eligible for any national awards. However, each club participated in National 4-H club weeks by one or more of the following ways: radio program, news stories, community parties and window displays.

Outlook and Recommendations:

A 4-H club program for Yavapai County has potentialities of becoming much enlarged and the quality of work much improved. This will be determined mostly by the amount of time given the program by county and State workers. This is particularly true while the program is growing. Lack of experienced local leaders, much assistance is requested and required if the program is to make satisfactory progress.

Without continued support from the County and State offices the local leader is usually unable to get proper community and parent support.

Clubs and club enrollments at the present are growing more rapidly than is desired by us because we are unable to give the assistance often times needed. This is especially true during the spring and summer months when other phases of our program are so demanding of our time.

Leaders need more personal assistance from we county workers and more training on a county basis from both the County and State offices.

Appendix:

<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Club Leaders</u>
Noisy Needle Club, Chino Valley	Mrs. Paul Knight.
Nimble Thimble " "	Mrs. William Garrison.
Mix Masters " "	Mrs. Paul Knight and Mrs. William Garrison.
Chino Future Farmers," "	Phil Duncanson, Paul Knight, Gil Bisjack.
Lower Oak Creek Livestock Club, Cottonwood	W. D. Tenney, O. R. Veretto.
Busy Bees, Bridgeport	Mrs. J. O. Vance,
Prescott Girls Club, Prescott	Mrs. J. Carrington Brown, Jr.
Prescott Boys Club, "	J. Carrington Brown, Jr.
Willing Workers, Humboldt	Mrs. Perry Henderson.
Streamliners, Camp Verde	Mrs. Vinson Jarrell.
Sew and Sew Juniors, " "	Mrs. Gertrude Wingfield, Mrs. Sue Wingfield.
Verde Livestock Club " "	Gil Harris.