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COUNTY SITUATION

Calabasas: Calabasas is a community club located on the Santa Cruz River. There are approximately 17 boys and 15 girls of 4-H club age in this community. The majority of these children are Spanish-American and they cannot afford 4-H club work. Agriculture in this area is cotton farming and cattle ranching. Income is low in some of the families.

Mrs. Ed. Clark is the leader of the community 4-H club. Completions have always been high in this small club. Mrs. Clark is an active leader and is the treasurer of the Santa Cruz 4-H Council.

The children attend grade school at Calabasas and travel to Nogales for high school. There are a few churches and no recreational facilities in this community.

Elgin: This club was organized for one year in this ranching community. Mrs. Dora Spencer started to lead this club and then turned the leadership over to Mr. Robert Townsend. Due to the changing school situation clubs organized in a community only last for one year and then members are forced to attend another school. Many times the school is so small that there are not enough boys and girls of 4-H club age to organize a club. Members who belonged to the Elgin club last year are now attending school in Patagonia and belong to the Patagonia club.

Ranching is the main source of income. Recreational facilities are few. There is a club house there, which is the community center. Leadership can usually be found for small clubs.

Patagonia: This small ranching community has approximately 45 boys and 40 girls of 4-H club age. The high school is the center of community interest in sports and recreation. There are few recreational activities provided for young people. F.F.A. and F.H.A. are represented in the high school.

Cattle ranching is the main source of income. There are guest ranches in this area. We have boys and girls in club work representing ranch, guest ranch and from families where the parents work on ranches and guest ranches. The latter are usually Spanish-Americans and draw from a large area. Patagonia High School serves children from as far away as Elgin, Harshaw, Sonoita and other near-by communities.

The very fact that people live so far apart creates a problem regarding meeting time for the club. A noon hour meeting for the agriculture club provided very little time to really do a good job. The meetings have been changed to Saturday afternoons. The girls club did meet on Saturday but now meets Wednesday after school.

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4-H CLUB WORK

COUNTY SITUATION (continued)

We are fortunate to have two very good leaders in club work for this coming year. Mr. Robert Grennen, a local rancher, president of the council and has two daughters in club work, leads the agriculture club. Mrs. Robert Haverty, one son in 4-H club work, has been with us for three years. The problem of good leaders is always with us, but in Santa Cruz the county council has helped us solve leadership problems.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

5 4-H clubs (4 out of school - 1 community)
6 leaders (all lay leaders)
3 judging field days
57 club members (29 girls, 28 boys)
59 projects
3 achievement days
1 4-H Fair
5 campers
16 news stories
50 club members completed (28 girls, 22 boys)
52 projects completed

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the 1951-1952 4-H club year, 29 girls and 28 boys were enrolled with 28 girls and 22 boys completing. 87.7% of the members completed in Santa Cruz County.

Twenty-five beef projects were started with 23 completing. Members enrolled in six poultry projects and all completed. A total of 3 rabbit projects were started and one was completed. Members enrolled in 3 sheep projects and 2 were completed. In Home Economics clubs, 21 members enrolled in the clothing project and 20 members completed.

A county 4-H club council, with 9 members, was very active in planning the county 4-H Fair and other county events. One County Fair was held with 50 4-H club members participating. Three Home Economic leaders and 3 agriculture leaders also helped with the Fair activities.

4-H club work in the past year has been a means of presenting new interest and activity for some 57 boys and girls in this county. Through 4-H club work they have been able to meet other members in the county and state, broadening their viewpoint and giving them a better understanding of what their friends and neighbors are doing. Competition at the Fair and judging contests have given them the incentive "to make the best better". They also learned how to lose with good grace. The boys and girls have also appreciated the interest which local business men have taken in the 4-H club program in the county.

ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

The 4-H clubs are organized when parents in the community request that a club be organized. Usually it is difficult to get enough boys and girls of 4-H club age in these small communities. Because of changing school enrollments and shifting schools from one community to another, 4-H clubs do not continue from year to year.

The agriculture clubs have mostly fat beef projects with a few members taking poultry, lambs and swine projects. The Home Economic clubs take sewing or clothing construction. None of the other Home Economic projects are represented.

The 4-H club council is made up of leaders, ranchers, and business men in the county. They make the rules, obtain finances, plan the 4-H Fair and are active in obtaining community support. The council has been very active and held frequent meetings during the year. Mrs. Blake Carrington, a rancher's wife with commercial or business training, has been secretary of the council. She has no children of her own but her ranch foreman has a daughter.

To insure a good start and a happy experience with 4-H livestock projects, the agriculture club agent has visited the boys and girls to check their animals. Visits are more frequent at the beginning of the club year and when they are putting on the finishing touches for the big event, the County Fair. These visits are necessary to help the club members with feeding problems and to impress them with the importance of good care and constant training required to have good projects. Competition in showmanship is such that long hours of training and patience on the part of each boy and girl is necessary. The agent tries to help them, as well as parents, understand this important factor.

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ENROLLMENTS AND COMPLETIONS

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>ENROLLMENTS</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>
Elgin Range Riders (agriculture)	6	5
Happy Scrappers (Home Economics)	18	18
Apache 4-H (agriculture)	27	22
Palo Verde (Community)	6	5
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Totals	57	50

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PROJECT ENROLLMENTS

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>ENROLLMENTS</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>
Clothing	21	20
Beef	25	23
Colt training	1	
Poultry	6	6
Rabbits	3	1
Sheep	3	1
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Totals	94	68

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LEADERSHIP IN 4-H CLUB WORK

Some leaders in the county have been with us from the beginning of club work in the county and we can report that this fall we have good leadership. During the two previous club years, leaders were off and on. Only the determined efforts of Mr. Bill Holbrook, Mr. Robert Grennen, Mrs. Robert Haverty and Mrs. Ed. Clark kept the club work going on a working basis.

Leaders belong to the council by virtue of their being club leaders. They have taken active part in planning and organizing the county program. There have been no leaders training meetings as such because of the few leaders in the program. However, the agriculture and home economics leaders have been visited from time to time depending on the projects involved. During these visits the agents have given leaders instructions regarding the subject matter. Agriculture leaders, as well as club members, received training on judging field days.

There were no members enrolled as junior leaders during 1951-52 but there are both boys and girls enrolled for the 1952-53 project year. Adult and junior leaders have scheduled and planned the field days for judging cattle and other livestock. The ranchers have been very cooperative in this regard. The agent, whose office is in Tucson about 65 or 70 miles away, appreciates the cooperation of adult leaders and ranchers in helping to set up this program.

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LOCAL 4-H CLUB PROGRAMS

Three achievement days were held in the county. The two Patagonia clubs (agriculture and home economics) held theirs together. Parents were present. Pins, representing the completion of a project year, were given to those who qualified. The home demonstration agent and assistant county agent, emphasized the value of completions of projects and the worth of the experience gained thereby. The National Awards Program was discussed. Santa Cruz is a new county in 4-H club work but there are boys and girls who completed 3 years of club work. These boys and girls feel that they had enough experience now to try for junior leadership in 1953.

Written plans were made by the home economics club in Patagonia but that was the only one. The agriculture club has changed the time of meeting from noon hour to a Saturday afternoon. Junior leaders and leaders are making plans for the Saturday meetings.

4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

4-H FAIR

Rain caused the 4-H club members to have two Fairs two week-ends in succession. On the scheduled week-end leaders and parents cleaned the Fairgrounds and set up the exhibits for judging and other activities of the Fair. On Sunday morning, the day of the Fair, the rain started early in the morning. Arizonians refuse to believe that rain can spoil a planned activity. Santa Cruz County people and the agents involved were no exception so they traveled many miles with beef cattle and food but this time Arizonians were confronted with downpours that made it impossible to have the Fair. The roof leaked, of course. The 4-H garments pressed and ready to be judged, were wet and sad looking. In good democratic fashion the president of the county council called together the three agents present and as many members as then were present and made the decision to have the Fair the following week-end.

Food brought for the concession was sold in rapid succession at reasonable prices. Mrs. Blake Carrington and Mrs. Dick Jimenez gathered the wet clothes and packed them carefully. They took them to their homes where they were pressed and left ready for the following week. It would have been impossible to take care of these garments otherwise. Sonoita, where the Fair is held, is miles from the communities and children had not yet come because of the rain. There were disappointments as one would expect with a Fair already to take place and rain stymies the program. Livestock was not taken from the carrying vans. Everything and everybody went home. The rain was with us until late in the evening. It does rain in Arizona.

The next week-end there was a different story. The leaders and parents got everything ready for the Fair. Early Sunday morning judges gathered and completed their work as scheduled.

Twenty-two beef steers, two Hereford breeding heifers, two lambs and nine poultry and rabbit projects were entered in the Agriculture division. The fat steers were divided into light weight and heavy weight classes. There was little difference in the range of weight in the two classes resulting in two very even classes of fat steers. Mr. Walter Armer, extension specialist, stated that the two classes were so even it was difficult to make first, second and third placing in each.

The Heady and Ashburn award given to the club member with the best show record and record book went to Grace Townsend. Grace forfeited the award in favor of Mary Kellog, who was second best. She disqualified herself because she plans to go to school out of Santa Cruz County (1952-1953). Judges for this award were N. E. Clark, James Pendleton and H. B. Thurber, all local ranchers.

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4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES (continued)

4-H FAIR (continued)

The average price of beef was 53.3¢ per pound. Twenty head of steers and two lambs were slaughtered at a Tucson packing Company. The packing company was very cooperative. The animals were slaughtered for the hides and offal. Complete statistics of each animal including the dressing percentages were sent to the agent who in turn sent them to club members, leader and buyer. Mr. Chas. Payne, the auctioneer, did an excellent job getting good top prices from twenty business men (at least the leaders and members felt that way). Mrs. Blake Carrington, who is secretary of the county council, served as secretary of the sale.

Clothing construction and all related activities of the project dominates the girls of Santa Cruz County. The garments were well made, and other articles showed that the clothing leaders are demanding and getting pretty high standard of performance from the girls. As usual there were some who do not measure up. This was true of these club members. Of the two dress revue girls, one won a blue ribbon and the other a red ribbon at the State Roundup in June.

Donna White scored highest in clothing judging at the State Roundup. The judging is part of the Fair activities. Demonstrations are also part of the days program but somehow the Senior club members do not respond to demonstrations with as much enthusiasm as the leaders and agent would like for them to do. The agent has noticed in three years of club work that the Santa Cruz Sunday Fair gets a big "turn out" and the patrons have schooled themselves to take in the entire Fair. It is not unusual to see cowboys sit through a demonstration, showing how to sew a zipper to a garment or some other demonstration characteristic to females. It's amazing. Let's hope it keeps up!

Letters were received from patrons who complimented the handling of the Fair. A great deal of credit goes to the 4-H county council, leaders and parents who show a fine spirit of cooperation to further the opportunities of their children. It would not be fair not to mention the financial support given by the Santa Cruz County Rodeo Association. The Fair association provides the Fairgrounds and some of the members help prepare the grounds for both agriculture and home economics.

4-H Camp

Two boys and three girls attended the 4-H club camp on Mt. Lemmon in August. Parents took the children to Tucson where they joined the Pima County group. The trip to Mt. Lemmon was made by a chartered bus. Members paid for their own camp fee and travel expenses. The boys and girls enjoyed camp, and took part in all the camp activities.

4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES (continued)

4-H COUNCIL

The Santa Cruz 4-H council is made up of nine members which include club leaders, interested parents (ranchers) and a representative of business from Nogales. This is the first time we have had a business man in the council as a member from Nogales. The business man is Mr. William Cox, manager of the Nogales Valley National Bank. He was selected at a county wide meeting of parents and leaders to serve as representative from local business concerns. He could be called the contact person between 4-H club work and business, from which we get a great deal of support during the club year.

Boys and girls will receive premium money for their projects at the 1953 Fair except for the livestock auctioned in the sale. Members of the council decided this practice would encourage other projects and put less emphasis on beef calf projects. The plan will be tried for 1953 and evaluated.

Each year the council holds a county wide meeting. Entire 4-H families attend this meeting. A pot luck supper is served, followed by business and a program for young and old. Such a meeting took place in October. There was an election of officers and Mr. William Cox was chosen to represent Nogales business men on the club council. He accepted when called on the phone during the meeting.

The Santa Cruz Council has been very effective in helping to determine the course of 4-H clubs in the county. It supports and sponsors trips to the State 4-H Club Roundup for top winners and pays the expenses of two leaders.

LIVESTOCK SHOW

Mr. Robert Grennan transported two livestock teams to Phoenix for the purpose of judging at the Arizona National Livestock Show on January 2, 1952. The 4-H Council paid the expenses of the motel and gasoline. The members had to stay overnight in Phoenix because of the distance that they would have to travel. The teams did not place high but they did receive a great deal of training in showmanship and stimulated more interest in judging training meetings in the county.

4-H ROUNDUP

Eight boys and nine girls attended the 1952 State Roundup held at the University of Arizona in June. Four judging teams represented the

4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES (continued)

4-H ROUNDUP (continued)

county in agriculture and home economics. These teams made a good showing considering that 1953 is the third year for 4-Hclub work.

Maynard Clark and Buckie Holbrook entered the beef showmanship contest and won third place. Max Jones entered the poultry showmanship contest and won first place.

Jene Amado and Aline Whalen gave demonstrations in clothing construction subjects. Jene showed "How to Cover a Button" and won second place while Alice showed "How to Make Bound Button Holes" and won second place.

The Santa Cruz 4-H club council paid the expenses to Roundup for seventeen members and two leaders.

STATE FAIR

Although Patagonia and Tumacacori are far away from Phoenix, seven boys and four girls made the trip with the Pima County group. They went to Tucson the night before and spent the night there with friends and relatives. Early next morning they joined the Pima County 4-H club members and journeyed to Phoenix to participate in judging contests.

The boys judged in beef and poultry contests. Maynard Clark received the purple rosette for the high point score in livestock. Max Jones did likewise in poultry.

One father remarked he had forgotten the tremendous competition a midway offers to the more down to earth activities of a State Fair. It seemed that one of his two daughters resented the speed in which money disappeared. Neither had ever gone to a carnival or circus. The parents had failed to realize this factor. The older girl resented the situation but charged it to experience; the younger sister resented having her money taken from her so much she was not recovering from her sad experience without showing her resentment. This incident is mentioned because the parents saw fit to regard it as a factor the ranch and farm boys and girls will encounter while attending the Fair. It is an experience each should evaluate and learn how to handle the situation involved.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

Mr. William Holbrook helped the agent plan and set up a window display

4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES (continued)

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK (continued)

in the front window at La Dille de Paris Department Store in Nogales. The display consisted of pictures of Santa Cruz County boys and girls with their projects or showing them at work caring for their projects.

An agriculture field day was publicized and held at Kolbe and Harmon Ranches. 4-H club boys and girls judged beef, lambs, hogs and poultry. The two Nogales newspapers cooperated in telling about the field day and publishing the results.

The girls were hostesses at a tea where mothers and friends were entertained. The girls planned the program and refreshments. They assumed the responsibility of the program.

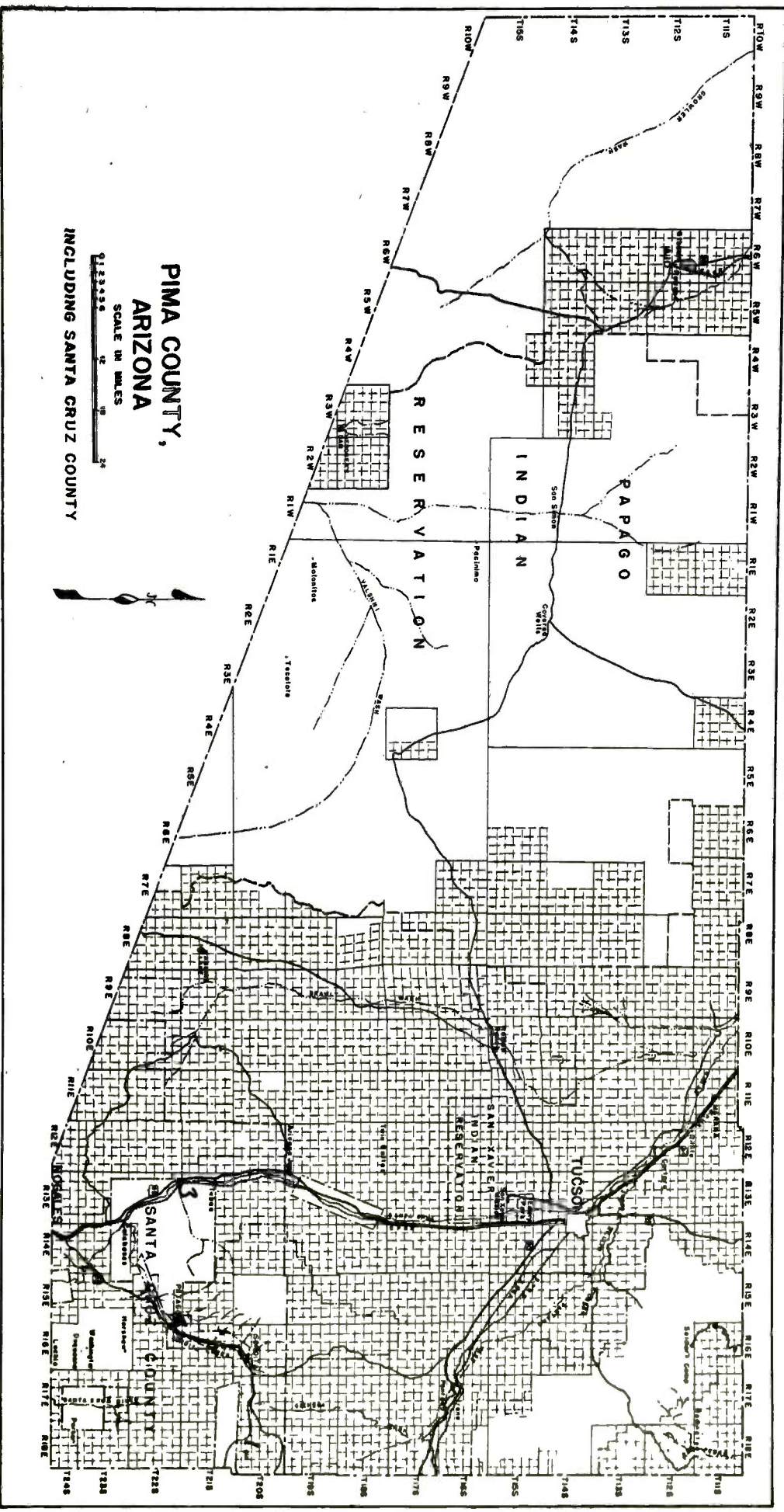
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OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Santa Cruz 4-H council will continue to be strong during the next year. The prize money for the Fair will be just an experiment this year and it is the hope of the council that other projects will be the outcome. Club work should be expanded to other communities in the county.

Parent cooperation has been very good and there seems to be a great deal of interest by ranchers who do not have children in club work. They are all willing to help out in any way they can.



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INCLDING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

- 1. Elgin
- 2. Patagonia
- 3. Calabases
- 1 Agriculture
- 1 Agriculture & 1 Home Economics
- 1 Community