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I HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PINAL COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REPORT WERE 4-H CAMP, 4-H LEADERS' CONFERENCE, COUNTY HORSE JUDGING DAY, AND COUNTY AWARDS NIGHT.

II COUNTY SITUATION

PINAL COUNTY IS DIVIDED INTO THREE MAIN AREAS. THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY IS CONCERNED CHIEFLY WITH MINING. RANGE CATTLE IS THE MAIN AGRICULTURAL INTEREST. THE CENTRAL PART OF THE COUNTY IS THE IRRIGATED PORTION AND IS CONCERNED WITH CROP PRODUCTION. THE PAPAGO INDIAN RESERVATION IS LOCATED TO THE SOUTHWEST, AND THE GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY. AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES ON THE RESERVATIONS DEAL WITH CROPS AND LIVESTOCK.

THERE ARE SLIGHTLY OVER 9600 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY. NO STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE AS TO THE NUMBER OF FARM CHILDREN, BUT THIS NUMBER WOULD BE IN THE VICINITY OF 2000. THERE ARE VERY FEW CHILDREN LIVING IN RURAL AREAS IN THE MINING AREA, AND MANY FARMERS IN THE IRRIGATED AREA LIVE IN TOWN.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE IN THE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. ELOY HAS A COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE VARIOUS MEETINGS ARE HELD.

LEADERS ARE SECURED FROM PARENTS, HOMEMAKERS, FARMERS, TEACHERS, AND PEOPLE WORKING WITH AGRICULTURE. FINDING PEOPLE WHO WILL TAKE TIME TO DO A GOOD JOB OF LEADERSHIP IS OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM.

4-H CLUBS ARE ORGANIZED IN EACH OF THE THREE AREAS OF THE COUNTY. CLUBS ARE AT SUPERIOR, MAMMOTH, ORACLE, AND SAN MANUEL IN THE EASTERN AREA. FLORENCE, KENILWORTH, WEST COOLIDGE, CASA GRANDE, ELOY, PICACHO, RED ROCK, AND RANDOLPH CLUBS ARE IN THE CENTRAL PART. ON THE INDIAN RESERVATIONS, CLUBS ARE ORGANIZED AT CASA BLANCA, SAN TAN, AND CHUI CHUISCHU.

III STATISTICAL SUMMARY

15 CLUBS
 83 LEADERS
 21 JUNIOR LEADERS
 409 4-H CLUB MEMBERS
 573 4-H CLUB PROJECTS
 1 COUNTY AWARDS PROGRAM
 4 RADIO PROGRAMS
 16 NEWS ARTICLES
 2 COUNTY RECREATION EVENTS

4-H CLUBS ARE ORGANIZED IN 16 COMMUNITIES IN PINAL COUNTY. CLUBS ORGANIZED FOR THE 1957-58 CLUB YEAR WERE ORGANIZED ENTIRELY ON THE COMMUNITY CLUB BASIS FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR.

IV ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

WORK OF ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING CONSISTED OF GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH AND EVALUATING THE 4-H PROGRAM.

MUCH WORK WAS DONE BY THIS AGENT IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND TO INCREASE THE QUALITY OF 4-H WORK IN THE COUNTY.

SINCE THERE WERE THREE GROUPS OF LEADERS DOING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME JOB, NAMELY THE 4-H FAIRBOARD, THE 4-H BUILDING COMMITTEE, AND THE 4-H LEADERS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THESE THREE COMMITTEES WERE COMBINED INTO ONE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

PINAL COUNTY 4-H CLUBS INCORPORATED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
MRS. PHIL THOMPSON	Box 787, ELOY	1960
BOB DAVIS	Box 6, RED ROCK	1960
JOE BLAKEMAN	Box 7, RED ROCK	1959
GEORGE ZIEGLER	Rt. 1, Box 120-A, COOLIDGE	1959
MRS. CHESTER CARTER	Rt. 1, Box 21, COOLIDGE	1958
MRS. JULIAN WOODRUFF	Rt. 1, Box 120, COOLIDGE	1958
PHIL LEWIS, JUNIOR LEADER	452 WALTON, COOLIDGE	1958

THESE PEOPLE, ALONG WITH THE AGENT, WILL PLAN THE OVER-ALL 4-H PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE 4-H FAIR. IT IS FELT THAT THERE WILL BE MORE CONTINUITY TO THE PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE.

THREE NEW COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED THIS YEAR BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE 4-H LEADERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THESE COMMITTEES ARE: 4-H AWARDS, 4-H CAFATERIA, AND 4-H LIVESTOCK. THESE ARE PERMANENT COMMITTEES, WITH A THIRD OF THE MEMBERS SERVING FOR 3 YEARS, ANOTHER THIRD FOR 2 YEARS AND A THIRD OF THEM FOR 1 YEAR.

V LEADERSHIP OF 4-H WORK

A. SOURCES OF LEADERSHIP

4-H LEADERS ARE SECURED IN SEVERAL WAYS. (1) PARENTS, 4-H MEMBERS, AND LEADERS OF 4-H CLUBS CONTACT PEOPLE IN THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES SOLICITING LEADERSHIP. (2) EXTENSION AGENTS CONTACT PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. (3) OCCASIONALLY PEOPLE VOLUNTEER TO BE LEADERS.

USUALLY THE MOST SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP RESULTS FROM 4-H LEADERS AND MEMBERS CONTACTING PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. THEY SEEM TO FEEL MORE OBLIGATED TO THEIR OWN COMMUNITY WHEN CONTACTED BY THEIR "LOCAL PEOPLE", THAN WHEN EXTENSION AGENTS CONTACT THEM. MOST OF OUR 4-H LEADERS ARE 4-H PARENTS.

B. LEADERS' TRAINING

NINETEEN 4-H LEADERS AND JUNIOR LEADERS FROM PINAL COUNTY ATTENDED THE 4-H LEADERS' CONFERENCE AT FLAGSTAFF IN AUGUST. THIS EVENT WAS VERY EDUCATIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL TO LEADERS AND JUNIOR LEADERS.

MISS ELOISE KELLER, HOME AGENT, HAD THREE LEADERS' TRAINING MEETINGS FOR CLOTHING LEADERS AND THREE FOR FOODS LEADERS DURING NOVEMBER.

THIS AGENT WORKED WITH THE AGRICULTURE LEADERS ON THE LOCAL CLUB BASIS AND DID LEADER TRAINING WITH INDIVIDUAL LEADERS IN THEIR CLUBS.

VI 4-H ACTIVITIES

A. COUNTY

1. 4-H FAIR, COVERED IN LYNN FITSIMMONS' REPORT.
2. COUNTY AWARDS NIGHT

MISS SARAH HARMAN, ASSISTANT STATE 4-H CLUB LEADER, SPOKE AT THE PINAL COUNTY 4-H AWARDS NIGHT, ON OCTOBER 5.

THE EVENING STARTED WITH A POT-LUCK SUPPER AT 6:30. THE PROGRAM WAS AT 8:00. AFTER THE AWARDS PROGRAM WAS FINISHED, AN EVENING OF RECREATION TOOK PLACE. MR. JOE BLAKEMAN, RED ROCK, AND THE JUNIOR LEADERS TOOK CHARGE OF THE RECREATION.

THOSE RECEIVING AWARDS WERE: ACHIEVEMENT, KATHY McGRATH, FLORENCE; CITIZENSHIP, STAN SNITZER, COOLIDGE; CITIZENSHIP, CAROL McWHERTER, COOLIDGE; CLOTHING, BETSY WALKER,

CASA GRANDE; MARJORIE HOFFMAN, CASA GRANDE; PHYLLIS ANTONE, SAN TAN; BETTE DAVIS, COOLIDGE: DAIRY, PAUL LUELLIG, COOLIDGE; DAIRY FOODS DEMONSTRATION, SABRA WOODRUFF, COOLIDGE; (SABRA ALSO WON THE STATE AWARD, A 19 JEWEL WRIST WATCH), ELECTRIC, JIMMY HARRIS, COOLIDGE; FOOD PREPARATION, JUDY HANSEN, CASA GRANDE; JOHNNY CONGER, PICACHO; GLENDA CHRISTENSEN, COOLIDGE: FROZEN FOODS, SANDRA TAYLOR, ELOY; TRACTOR, GONZALEE HAUGH, COOLIDGE; RECREATION, BONNIE SNYDER, COOLIDGE; MEAT ANIMAL, PHIL LEWIS, COOLIDGE; LINDA JOHNSON, STANFIELD: LEADERSHIP, BETTY JOHNSON, COOLIDGE; PUBLIC SPEAKING, PHIL LEWIS, COOLIDGE.

THE KENILWORTH CLUB WAS PRESENTED A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE STATE HEALTH PROGRAM.

SPECIAL 4-HAWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO SONIA STEVENSON, ELOY, OUTSTANDING CLOTHING GIRL; SANDRA GILES, PICACHO, OUTSTANDING 4-H FOODS GIRL; JONATHAN MITCHELL, COOLIDGE, OUTSTANDING 4-H VEGETABLE GARDNER; PHIL LEWIS, COOLIDGE, TROPHY FOR BEST PEN OF COMMERCIAL STEERS; LINDA JOHNSON, STANFIELD, PLAQUE FROM HEREFORD ASSOCIATION, BEST FAT STEER; ROGER BENNETT, WINKELMAN, BEST MARKET HOG EXHIBITOR.

B. STATE FAIR

PINAL COUNTY WAS WELL REPRESENTED AT THE ARIZONA STATE FAIR IN NOVEMBER. MANY OF OUR 4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITED IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION OF THIS FAIR.

C. CLUB CONGRESS

PINAL COUNTY WAS REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS BY KATHERINE McGRATH, FLORENCE. SHE WAS THE STATE 4-H POULTRY WINNER.

VII OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4-H CLUB WORK IN THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN DONE MOSTLY FROM OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GET ALL CLUBS IN THE COUNTY TO DO 4-H WORK ON A 12 MONTHS BASIS. SEVERAL 4-H EVENTS HAVE BEEN SET UP FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS IN 1958.

PERCENTAGE OF PROJECT COMPLETIONS IS QUITE LOW IN PINAL COUNTY. IN ORDER TO BUILD INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM IN THE 4-H PROGRAM WE MUST STRIVE TO HAVE MORE COMPLETIONS.

ANOTHER PROBLEM HAS BEEN TO GET 4-H MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. WE MUST EDUCATE THEM IN THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF 4-H WORK.

OUR 4-H AWARDS SYSTEM NEEDS REVISION. A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE COUNTY AND IS NOW WORKING ON THIS. WE HAVE GIVEN TOO MANY AWARDS TO TOO LARGE A PERCENTAGE OF OUR ENROLLMENTS BOTH IN THE COUNTY AND STATE. THIS HAS NOT ENCOURAGED 4-H MEMBERS TO WORK FOR WHAT THEY GET, NOR CAUSED THEM TO "MAKE THE BEST BETTER" WHEN THEY GET AWARDS WITHOUT WORKING.