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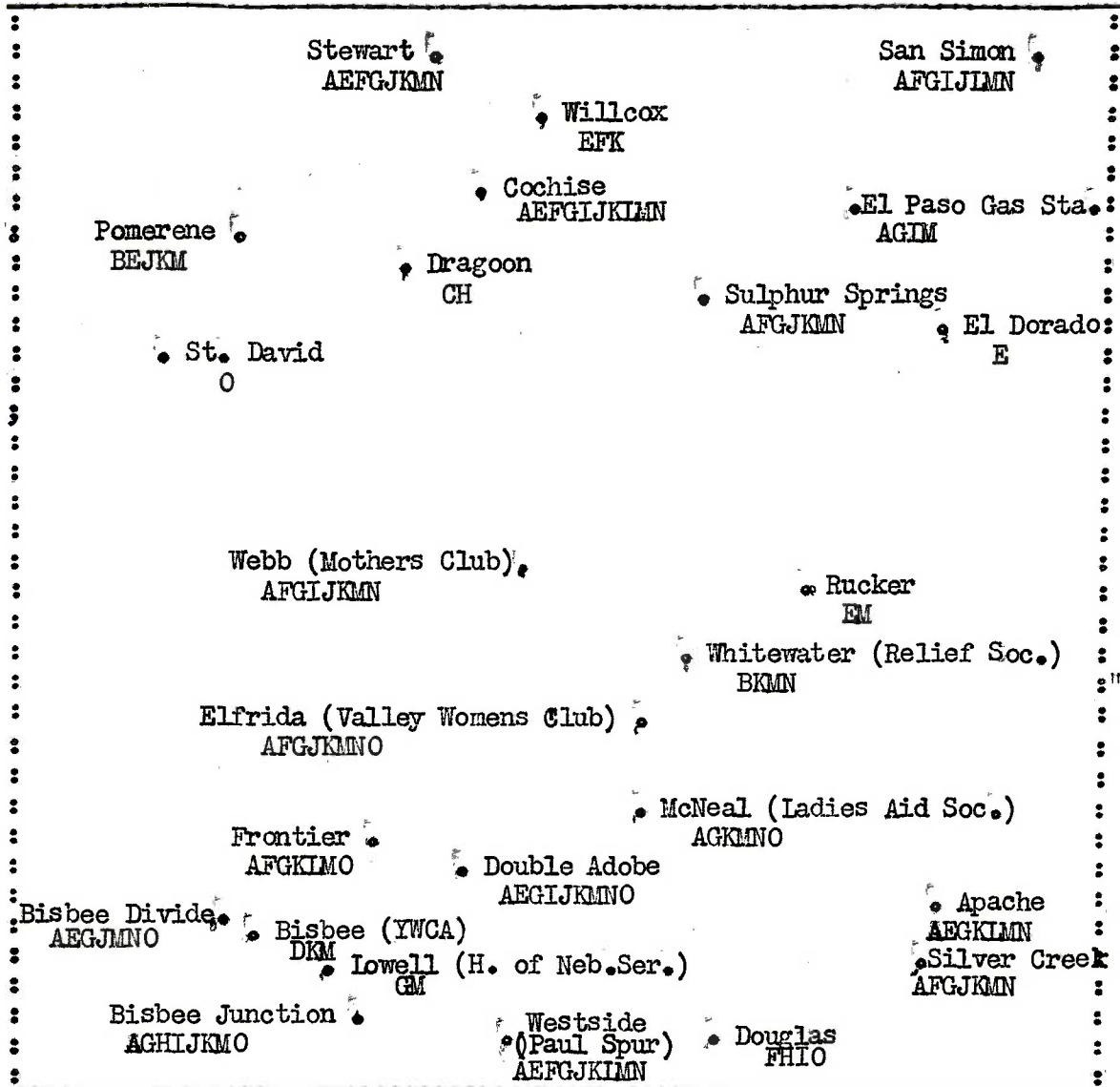
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MAP OF COCHISE COUNTY SHOWING ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR

COCHISE COUNTY



ADULT WORK

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| A. Homemakers | H. Nutrition |
| B. Relief Societies | I. Food Preservation & Storage |
| C. Federated Clubs | J. Food Selection & Preparation |
| D. Y. W. C. A. | K. Other Health and Safety |
| E. Country Life Conference | L. Home Management |
| F. County Council | M. Clothing and Textiles |
| G. House and Furnishings | N. Recreation & Community Life |
| | O. Fairs |

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Report Summary - December 1, 1948 to November 30, 1949

Days spent in office	147½
Days spent in the field	139
Days spent conducting work with adults	207
Days spent in junior work	79½

Adult work was carried on in 23 communities through 15 Homemakers Clubs, The House of Neighborly Service, 3 Relief Societies, 1 Federated Club, the Farmers Home Administration, the Bisbee YWCA, the Willcox FHA Class, one community, and individual contacts.

20 Homemakers attended the Country Life Conference in Tucson, 37 attended the February County Council meeting, and 56 attended the September Council meeting. 184 women and their families attended the first of May picnic at the Cochise Stronghold to celebrate National Home Demonstration Week.

114 method demonstrations were conducted by the Agent with a total of 1410 homemakers attending. There were 103 meetings conducted by leaders with a total of 2593 homemakers in attendance. Only 2 leaders training meetings were conducted with an attendance of 21.

Subject Matter

Clothing - The sewing machine clinics were perhaps the most important in this field. 126 machines were cleaned, oiled, and adjusted by their owners. All of the women were satisfied with this project and those who missed it are asking for more clinics next year. The "Use of the Pattern" was presented to ten clubs with an attendance of 157. This was a review of the alterations problems.

House Furnishings - Wood refinishing was a major project in this field. Two months were devoted to this with the Agent giving the first lesson and the club leaders giving the second lesson. Both modern and standard finishes were demonstrated.

Food Preservation and Storage - 23 pressure canner lids were tested at three meetings. a fourth meeting was held for a study of the newer canning techniques. Two talks were given by the Agent on freezing and one leader gave a lesson on this subject.

Food Selection and Preparation - 13 communities were reached with the lesson on "One Dish Meals." Recipes were tried at the meetings and everyone was pleased with the results. Hardly a pot luck meal goes by now that one of these dishes doesn't appear.

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Health and Safety - First Aid was the main project of the year. 7 clubs report having had a nurse at their meetings to give them instructions on this subject. Six Special Interest meetings were held on Insect Control with Dr. J. N. Roney, Extension Entomologist, presenting the lesson. This was a repetition of an insect control lesson given last year.

Family Economics and Home Management - Four clubs chose to make a study of their expenditures. An interesting discussion was held as a result of studying the three case histories.

A total of 208 home visits were made to 86 different homes. There were 723 office calls and 224 telephone calls received. 48 news articles were published and 42 radio broadcasts made. 2,366 bulletins were distributed.

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EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

Organization

Two new clubs were organized this past year and three more have asked to be considered. Those organized are the San Simon and El Paso Gas Station women. The San Simon women organized last December so they are now a year old. The Agent has been meeting with the El Paso Gas Station women since April but they did not organize and elect their officers until in November. Both of these clubs seem very interested in the Extension Work and are quite anxious to continue the work. They are two entirely different types of communities. San Simon is a well established small town near the New Mexico line, about forty miles from Willcox on Highway 86. El Paso Gas Station has just come into being this year. The first people moved out there about a year ago, and there are now 30 new houses — all occupied. They live 20 miles from Willcox, on a gravel road, and have no shopping district or postoffice — so Willcox is the closest town.

A group of young women at the Coronado Courts at Douglas have asked to have help in organizing a club. A meeting has been set for the middle of December for this organization meeting. The Rucker women asked for a club but it is rather hard for them to get together, since several of the women move to Douglas during the school months so that their children may go to the Douglas schools. The South Bisbee women also asked about organizing and the Agent outlined to them the necessary procedure but they have not written in as yet. Perhaps some of these groups can be reached occasionally through special interest meetings.

Program Planning

One evening and one afternoon were spent in December with the women of the county in planning their 1949 programs. The evening meeting was held at Double Adobe and the afternoon meeting was held at Willcox. Not too many women were present but those who attended were able to accomplish quite a bit, and went back to finish making out their club year books. As a result of the low attendance the Agent sent a letter to all of the presidents of clubs telling of some of the points which were discussed and offering suggestions for their own program plans.

For some reason or other this planning did not help as much as it should have. The women did not seem to realize that the club programs were theirs to plan, and left it entirely up to the Agent to do. In fact, even those attending the meetings did not carry back the information as well as it was hoped.

As a result, the Agent worked with the women at their own club meetings early in the year to help them plan each month for the year. At Apache this was done in March. Programs were planned and meeting places were decided upon. It had always been difficult in the past to get women to entertain this club but at this meeting homes were assigned and accepted for an entire year — through next February. It is believed that this type of planning is necessary to make it a harmonious program.

Cooperative Extension Work
in
Agriculture and Home Economics
State of Arizona

University of Arizona
College of Agriculture
U. S. Department of Agriculture
And Cochise County Cooperating

Agricultural Extension Service
Home Demonstration Work
County Agent Work

Willcox
September 20, 1949

Dear President:

The County Council is in the past but we still have work to do on the programs for next year.

I am setting a "Sifting Committee" meeting for 2:00 p.m. on October 3rd at the Whitewater (Elfrida Grammar) School. Will you please appoint at least one person from your club to be the Program Chairman to attend this meeting. This is the time that we select our program for next year out of the suggestions given to us by the four discussion groups at the Council meeting. In order for your club to have a voice in the selection, someone must be there to represent you.

I am enclosing a copy of the recommendations and the names of the women who were in each of these groups. As you can readily see, there is entirely too much listed here for one year, so some of it will have to be tabled until a later date. Will you please check over these suggestions and mark those that your club would be most interested in considering this coming year. Then get this copy into the hands of your Program Chairman so that she will know what choices to make.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Please send me the name of your Program Chairman so that I can contact her if necessary.

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Program Recommendations for 1950

Home Management

1. Principles of Room Decoration
2. Color in the Home
3. Room Arrangement
4. Better Lighting
5. Good taste in Furnishings

Special Interest

1. Methods of Homemaking for Jr. Homemakers
2. Outwitting the Dollar
3. Wood Refinishing work meetings
4. Loan Kits

Foods and Nutrition

1. Food Preparation using Electric Roaster, Well, Mixer and Broiler
2. Pack Lunch

Special Interest

1. Outdoor Meals
2. Breezing
3. Canning - Gauge testing

Health and Civic Needs

1. Appoint Health Chairman in each club, and County Committee for cancer and medical examinations.
2. Each club has 10-minute review on new health developments each meeting in addition to health meeting.
3. Appoint library committee to see Miss Welcome on library lists and possibility of using public library.
4. Take definite interest in visiting and assisting teachers in programs, etc.
5. Take definite action in planning interesting timely meetings so women will turn out, and especially mothers.

Committee Members

Mrs. Agnes Spencer
Mrs. Chas. Hall
Mrs. R. L. Whitlow
Mrs. E. C. Hill, Sr.
Mrs. B. L. Olson
Mrs. Bertha McGee
Mrs. Carl Brown
Mrs. Clarence Davis
Miss Grace Ryan

Mrs. Betty Hisey
Mrs. Virginia Hatley
Mrs. Claudia Havin
Mrs. Hannah Bloomquist
Mrs. Vernon Ward
Mrs. B. F. Bloodworth
Mrs. G. B. Ragsdale
Mrs. J. A. Peddicord
Mrs. Geo. Seyer
Mrs. R. E. McComb

Mrs. Ada S. Christiansen
Mrs. Frank Davis
Miss Rosemary Spix
Mrs. Verna L. Mauldin
Mrs. W. L. Chastain
Mrs. Saxby
Mrs. H. G. McBride
Mrs. Ova Keeth
Mrs. Cloudt

Clothing

Committee Members

- 1. Accessories:- How to make belts, gloves and purses out of leather, felt or plastic.
- 2. Materials:- How to purchase, clean or wash.
- 3. Use of Sewing Machine Attachments.
- *4. Clubs find out how many are interested in tailoring and are qualified for the course.

- Mrs. O. H. McLaughlin
- Mrs. Marie Vick
- Mrs. Lorene Hardt
- Mrs. Ruth E. Newman
- Mrs. Nora Walker
- Mrs. Yvonne Hohstadt
- Mrs. George Scheerer
- Mrs. Wm V. Noland
- Mrs. Alice Currier
- Mrs. J. N. Bearmore
- Mrs. Emogene Bryce
- Mrs. L. A. Gillett
- Mrs. Lucile Bohlen
- Mrs. E. L. Young
- Mrs. Haynes Moore
- Mrs. Mabel Graham
- Mrs. Mae R. Schmidt

Special Interest

- 1. Stenciling
- 2. Sewing Machine Clinics
- 3. Pottery Making
- 4. Tin Can Craft
- 5. Cane Weaving

* Please take a pole of the women in your community who want to, and can carry through a tailoring course. Here is a note from Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, concerning this project.

Note:

This unit of work, if selected, requires that women enroll to do their own sewing and are experienced with pattern alteration and ordinary sewing techniques. Should be preceded by making of House Dresses, or Making of Better Dress, or Making of Children's Tailored Garments. Since this will be carried on in special interest groups, it will be necessary for individuals to enroll with the idea that it is to learn tailoring techniques.

It will require five meetings and the women will be expected to complete a coat or a suit over a period of from six to eight weeks. Each woman desiring to make suits or coats will be required to buy her fabrics (use new fabric). No remodeling. The individuals will plan to go to all five meetings and finish their garments with the group.

If all organized clubs are represented, it is possible for these people to take from these meetings at least two demonstrations. All club members should benefit from these demonstrations.

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The Sifting Committee met at Whitewater School on October 3rd. 8 clubs were represented. They selected the following program for next year, and had no particular preference as to the time of year for it's presentation.

Clothing:-

- 1. Accessories - How to make belts, gloves and purses (also, care and cleaning of these)
- 2. Use of sewing machine attachments
- 3. Sewing machine clinics

Foods:-

- 1. How to get the most out of cooking equipment - roaster, broiler, deep well, mixer, etc.
- 2. Freezing - Special interest
- 3. Outdoor cookery - Special interest

Home Management and Furnishings:-

- 1. Principles of room decoration
- 2. Methods of homemaking for Junior Homemakers
- 3. Wood Refinishing - Special work meeting

Health and Community Service

- 1. Appoint health chairman and have her responsible for a 10-minute program at each club meeting
- 2. Club set up one meeting a year for workshop study of some health problem
- 3. Plan special means to entertain children at meetings, where necessary

Summer School

The Agent attended the Extension Summer School at Ft. Collins, Colorado. Six courses were offered and the Agent chose "Extension Methods" and "Development of Youth Programs". The Extension Methods course included a great amount of material on organizing demonstrations and talks. Mr. Kenneth Warner was the instructor of this course and did an excellent job. He included quite a few job instruction training procedures as aids for the Extension worker in planning demonstrations. There were 57 men and women enrolled in this course.

The second course was on 4-H Club Work and was conducted by T. A. Erickson. Mr. Erickson had a very good outline on conducting 4-H work and lots of bulletins. One of the features of his council room was a box with folders from each state containing samples of their 4-H record book, project requiremants, and their report sheets. Mr. Erickson conducted most of his classes in the form of reports from states. Each person persent was to give a report on their 4-H Work in their own community and state. Often times where there were several from one state they organized a panel and reported as a group. These reports were very interesting and enlightening. 71 men and women were enrolled in this course.

COUNTY WOMEN AT COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE

Country Life Conference Broadcast Saturday on Farm Hour



FIRST ROW (from left to right): Geneva Sherman, Pomerene, Zola Bosley, Stewart, Mae Schmidt, Douglas, Pat Nowlin, Apache, Jessie Hewlett, Rucker Canyon, Ada Christiansen, Paul Spur. SECOND ROW: Esther Larsen, Pomerene, Nila East, Pomerene, Ova Keeth, Cochise, Mrs. Chas. Meeker, Stewart, Alice Whitlow, Douglas. THIRD ROW: Mabel Graham, Cochise, Mrs. C. R. Walker, Douglas, Mrs. Homer McBride, Double Adobe, Mrs. Fred Rievesthal, Douglas, Mrs. Carl Brown, Bisbee Divide. FOURTH ROW: Miss Helen Riggs, Dos Cabezas, Mrs. E. C. Hill, Sr., Double Adobe, Mrs. R. A. Hohstadt, Douglas, Miss Minnie Nordhus, Willcox, Mrs. Mae Baldrige, Willcox.

The sixth annual Country Life Conference of Arizona farm women, held on the University of Arizona campus Easter week, will be the subject of the Arizona Farm and Ranch Hour broadcast on Saturday afternoon, reports Mae Baldrige, home demonstration agent.

The broadcast will be heard on KOY, Phoenix; KTUC, Tucson; and KSUN, Bisbee, from 5:30 to 6:00 p. m.

The Country Life Conference is held on the campus each year

under sponsorship of the Agricultural Extension Service of the College of Agriculture. More than 150 women from 11 counties of the state met this year April 18 to 21. During the conference, recordings were made at the class sessions, and portions of these will be broadcast.

One round-table discussion will concern recreation for teenagers, another will be on family relationships. Also to be heard will be an interview with Mrs. J. David Lee, of Thatcher, pres-

ident of the home demonstration club in her district, and portions of a talk made by Miss Amy Kelly, of Columbia, Mo., a home demonstration leader for more than 35 years.

Other women to be heard on the program will be Mrs. Lavera Young, of Humboldt, Yavapai county; Mrs. Goldie Colvin, Casa Grande; Mrs. Mae Baldrige, Willcox; Mrs. LaVerna Cartwright, Phoenix; Mrs. Fern Alder, of Pima, Graham County; and Mrs. Marie Wells, Casa Grande.

National Home Demonstration Week

Activities

Announcing Country

Life Conference

Homemakers Clubs Planning Picnic Next Sunday at Cochise Stronghold

Homemakers clubs of Cochise county plan a countywide picnic next Sunday at Cochise Stronghold. All members of clubs, their families and friends are invited to attend. Each family is to bring its own picnic lunch, and plan to eat at 1 p. m.

The weather was so bad in February that not too many women were able to attend the county council at Willcox. As a result, this picnic was planned, hoping that more women could get out at this later date.

Mrs. Jack Neal, of Willcox, county council president, will preside at the picnic.

The Homemakers clubs planning on attending are, with the presidents: Westside club, Mrs. F. F. Schmidt; Sew-What club (Apache), Mrs. Sally Richards; Silver Creek Homemakers, Mrs. Ed L. Young; Bisbee Junction Homemakers, Mrs. M. M. Bohlen; Bisbee Divide Homemakers, Mrs. W. D. Flannary; Frontier Homemakers, Mrs. Beatrice Althaus; Double Adobe Homemakers, Mrs. Albert A. Bond; McNeal

Ladies Aid, Mrs. Henry King; Valley Women's club, Mrs. Hugh Magill; Webb Mothers club, Mrs. Lydia Saylor; Whitewater Relief Society, Mrs. Anna Porter; Sulphur Springs Homemakers, Mrs. Fred B. Achey; Stewart Homemakers, Mrs. Ruth Pregoner; Cochise Homemakers, Mrs. Virginia Hatley; San Simon Homemakers, Mrs. Lucy Ebsen; Dragoon Women's club, Mrs. Irene Gibbens.

Other women's clubs are welcome to send representatives, Mrs. Neal said.

Make Final Plans For Country Life Conference

Cochise County women are making final plans for attending the Country Life Conference in Tucson from April 18-21. The first three to send in their reservations were Pat Nowlin, Apache, Claudia Havin and Virginia Hatley of Cochise. The reservations are due at the County Extension Office in Willcox by April 1. The last date for additions or cancellations is April 8th, reports Mae Baldrige, Home Demonstration Agent.

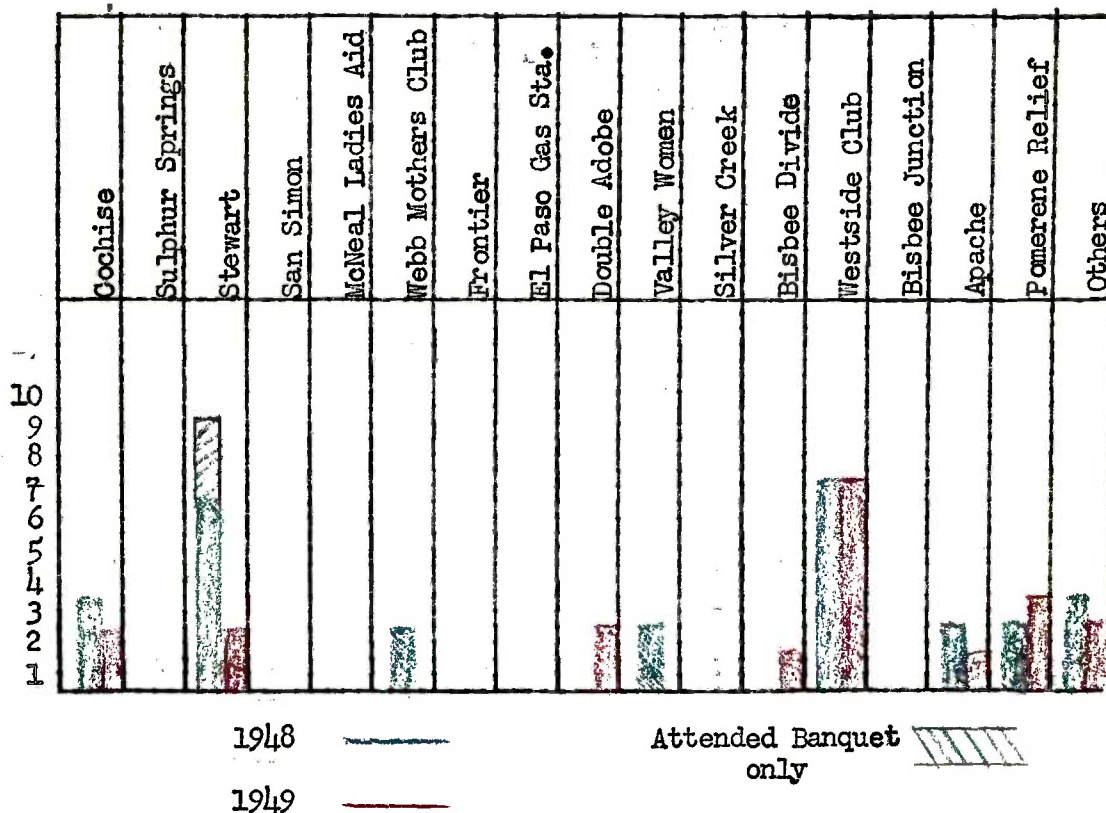
The program is varied this year, special emphasis upon food problems. There are also five special classes, to be held during the mornings of April 19th and 20th. Each woman is to register for the class she desires when she checks in at Yuma Hall. These classes are (1) Basic Values in Human Relations, (2) The Artist in Each of Us, (3) Recreation for Teen Ageds, (4) Design in Flower Arrangements, and (5) Answering the Questions of Young People.

The Westside Homemakers Club at Douglas, with Mrs. Mae Schmidt as president, have met a goal of five members to go to the Conference. Each member will attend a different class and report upon it at their next regular meeting.

Mrs. Jack Neal of Willcox, the County Council president, and Mrs. Ada Christianson of Paul Spur, vice president of the Temporary State Council, urge everyone to attend this Conference. It is on everyone's "must" list. "Just remember that you will only be away from home three nights," they say.

Country Life Conference

A total of twenty women attended the Conference this year. This compares to a total of thirty for last year. The chart below shows the attendance by clubs for the past two years.



The change in meeting date may have had an effect upon the fall of enrollment this year. So many women have children in school and they did not feel like leaving them for the trip. Others who are raising chickens reported that they could not leave the baby chicks at this time. Most of the early chicks had been purchased several months earlier and these orders could not be changed.

The highlights of this Conference were ---

1. talks by Amy Kelly, Missouri
2. Talks on foods by Ethelwyn B. Wilcox, Utah
3. The Special interest classes (5 in all)

The Agent assisted with the class on Recreation for 'Teen' Agers. Mr. Gilbert Ray, Director of the Pima County Recreation Department, conducted this class. All of the women who attended the class were very pleased with this lesson. As a result of this class, two or three of the clubs are interested in doing some craft work, especially the tin can craft.

PROGRAM

SEVENTH

COCHISE COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 13, 1949

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

ORDER OF THE DAY

Registration

- 10:00 a.m. - General Assembly
Meeting called to order by
Mrs. Lois Neal, President
Reading of Minutes
Roll Call of Presidents and Secretaries
of member groups
Committee Reports
Old Business
New Business
Election and Installation of officers
- 11:30 a.m. - Developing the Food Program
Reva Lincoln, Extension Nutritionist
- 11:45 a.m. - Developing the Home Management and Home
Furnishings Program
Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist

12:00 Noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Planning the County Program
Mae Baldrige

1:15 p.m. - Division into discussion groups:
Nutrition - Miss Reva Lincoln
Clothing - Mrs. Mae Schmidt
Home Management - Miss Grace Ryan
Health - Mrs. W. L. Chastain

2:15 p.m. - Reading of recommendations by
Secretaries, discussion and
adoption of recommendations of
each group.

3:00 p.m. - Homeward bound

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Other special interest classes were: Basic values in Human Relations, The Artist in Each of Us, Design in Flower Arrangements, and Answering the Questions of Young People.

Cochise County Council

Two council meetings were held during the year.

The Council held in February was at the Willcox Woman's Club with the Stewart Homemakers as hostesses. The attendance was very small, only about 30, as the result of a heavy snow storm that morning. Mrs. Jack Neal, president, presided at the business meeting and the following program was given.

Talk on Health by Miss Fairly and Miss Wittee
Musical numbers and readings at noon
Films shown on cancer control by Mrs. Frances Byars, Dist Supervisor
"The County Situation" by Mr. Page, County Agent
Reading by Mrs. R. A. Davis
"Leafing through my scrap book" by Miss Betty Craig
"Family Living" by Dr. Nelson of Tucson
Loan Kits now available by Miss Jean M. Stewart, State H.D.A.

The fall Council meeting was held at the Douglas Woman's Club building in Douglas on September 13th. 54 women attended. Mrs. Neal, president, presided at the business meeting. The nominating committee recommended, and it was approved, that the same slate of officers be kept for another year. After a brief talk on the food and home management, and home furnishings situations by the specialists the women were divided into four discussion groups: home management and furnishings, foods, health and civic needs, and clothing. They selected problems for this next years program and these were accepted and left for a Sifting Committee to pass final approval upon.

Conferences and Schools Attended

Annual Extension Conference, Tucson - December 6 to 10, 1948
Radio School, Tucson - February 7 and 8, 1949
Sewing Machine Clinic School, Tucson - March 15 to 19, 1949
Country Life Conference, Tucson - April 18 to 21, 1949
Extensuon Summer School, Ft. Collins, Colorado - June 20 to July 8, 1949
Home Demonstration Agent's Conference, Broken Arrow Ranch, Cochise Co. -
August 29 to September 3, 1949
Annual Extension Conference, Tucson - November 14 to 19, 1949

COCHISE COUNTY HOMEMAKERS PICNIC, MAY 1st



Silver Creek Club



The
Davis Family



Picnic Table

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Miscellaneous

A picnic was held in Cochise Stronghold the first of May to celebrate National Home Demonstration Week. 184 were in attendance. After a basket lunch the women held an informal discussion of events of interest. There were: (1) The purpose of the meeting, (2) The Country Life Conference, and (3) Plans for County Fair Exhibits. Nine clubs were represented.

Fairs

Cochise County Fair - The County Fair was held on September 21 to 25, 1949, at the Douglas-Bisbee Airport. The same large hangar was used this year as last. Mr. H. R. Brisley, Douglas, was in charge of exhibits, and Mr. Frank Lea, Douglas, was the general Fair Manager. Having someone in charge of the exhibits alone was an excellent idea.

The Agent called a meeting in May of the County Council Fair Committee, last year's department heads, and Mr. E. C. Hill, Sr., the Fair President. Of these only two were present. Last year's fair book was reviewed, the master list sent out last year by Mr. Harvey Tate was checked, and from these recommendations were made. These suggestions were then mailed out to all of the presidents of the Homemakers Clubs and those invited to this meeting. Mrs. Florence Skeels and Mrs. Mae Schmidt made some suggestions for changes. This list was used in preparing the fair book. It was late in being published again this year.

Four Homemakers clubs set up exhibits at the fair this year. They were much better than last year as they had all followed a main theme, or idea, this time. Frontier placed first with their bedroom ensemble all made out of feed sacks. This was auctioned off at the end of the fair and a small girl from Bisbee held the lucky number. The Cochise women also had a feed sack display, which placed second. The Bisbee Junction women placed third with a stencil exhibit. They repeated last year's idea, adding an instruction table to the display. The Double Adobe Homemakers placed fourth with their kitchen display.

The entries in the Domestic Arts and Canning Departments were brought in on September 21st, and judging was started on these soon after noon on that same day. This made it possible to arrange these articles for exhibit before the fair officially opened on September 22nd. It is hoped that this type of arrangement will be continued.

The Agent called a meeting of department heads and their assistants on the evening of October 3rd. At this time the fair book was reviewed for suggested changes for another year. Many suggestions were made and recorded. Mrs. Mary Jane Patterson, chairman of the Domestic Science department, asked that these be withheld however, until she had attended the County Fair in Safford and the State Fair in Phoenix. She felt that she would first like to see how they handled this department. It is hoped that another meeting can be held early

COUNTY FAIR PUBLICITY

Women of Cochise County Hurrying To Finish Sewing Work For The Fair

Cochise county women are hurrying to finish up their sewing for the county fair, says Mrs. Mae Baldrige, home demonstration agent. There are several new entries this year in the domestic arts department.

Mrs. George Scheerer, chairman, has already begun to get her committees ready to help make this an outstanding exhibit. One of the features of this department is the many classes of clothing.

There are classes for adults and children's clothing, both from new and used fabrics. Tailored garments are listed too, and there will also be a place for clothing made out of feed sacks.

Mrs. Baldrige states that retail store statistics reveal more home sewing being done than has been the case for several years. From all indications, the women of Cochise county are doing their share of this sewing, the home demonstration agent continued. Many of these new articles should appear at the fair this year.

Fine crocheting, knitting and embroidery work of the county will help make this exhibit one of the best at the fair. A woman can only enter one article in a lot; therefore careful selections must be made at home so as to get the woman's best article at the fair.

In giving instructions to women who plan to enter articles in the fair Mrs. Baldrige offers a few pointers when making that selection. Watch for loose threads and knots and work them into the

design she advised. Choice of colored threads is very important—too many colors are distracting. Also, she states, a question to always ask oneself is, if the article is practical as the judges will ask that question as they make their selections.

HOMEMAKERS' CLUB EXHIBITS AT COUNTY FAIR



Bedroom Ensemble by Frontier Homemakers. Placed 1st



Feed Sack Display by Cochise Homemakers. Placed 2nd

HOMEMAKERS CLUB EXHIBITS AT COUNTY FAIR

Stencil Display by Bisbee Junction Homemakers. Placed 3rd



Kitchen Display by Double Adobe Homemakers, Placed 4th

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in 1950 at which time recommendations will be made and sent to the Fair board. Every effort is being made to help get the fair book out much earlier another year.

Other Fairs - The Agent spent two and one-half days at the Graham County Fair, assisting Miss Reva Lincoln with the judging.

The Agent spent one day in the St. David Community judging at their F.F.A. and F.H.A. sponsored community fair. As placings were made, reasons were given so that those looking on received quite a little information. It was rather difficult to make placings in some instances for they did not have the variety of classes that were really needed. For instance, all of the pies were placed in a one-crust or a two-crust class, which means that lemon pies were judged against pumpkin pies, and berry pies against apple or mince meat pies. It is regrettable that this fair is held after our County Fair. Perhaps they can be encouraged to hold it earlier in the fall and then send their best exhibits on to the County Fair.

Mrs. Mary Jane Patterson and Mr. Chas. Davis helped the Hill family set up the State Fair Exhibit this year. Trucks picked up these articles at special gathering points and hauled them to the Fair. Most of the publicity for the truck routes was handled by the County Fair publicity chairman. The County Agent's Office was used as one of the gathering points.

The Agent attended the State Fair and gained information which can be applied to the County Fair next year. It is hoped that there will also be some Cochise County 4-H Girls' judging teams at the State Fair next year.

News

A County Letter started last year has been continued each month. This is sent to all of the Homemakers, the five newspapers, and two radio stations. This letter goes out near the end of the month and highlights the events to happen during the next month, the schedule of meetings for that month, household hints, and timely bulletins available. The newspapers usually published the schedule of meetings and other parts of the Letter each month. The women all seem to appreciate this letter very much. One woman told the Agent that she seldom got to go to the meetings, but she enjoyed getting the letter for then she knows what is going on. On the bottom of her report sheet, Mrs. Eleanor Hill wrote "Get a big bang out of your news letters. Keep them coming."

News articles were published announcing the Council meetings and Country Life Conference. The picnic at Cochise Stronghold was held in honor of National Home Demonstration Week this year and news articles were written before and after this event. The Agent assisted the County Fair publicity chairman and wrote articles on the women's work which were incorporated into his reports.

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Dear Homemaker:

Another month has slipped by, oh, so quickly. Here are some of the highlights for the new month just coming in.

PROJECT WORK FOR FEBRUARY

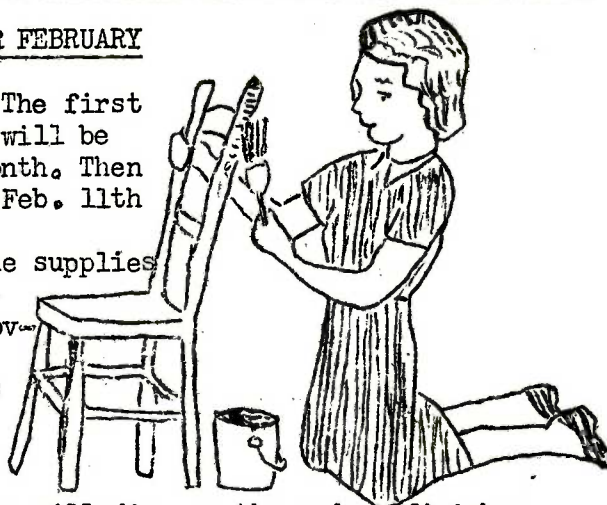
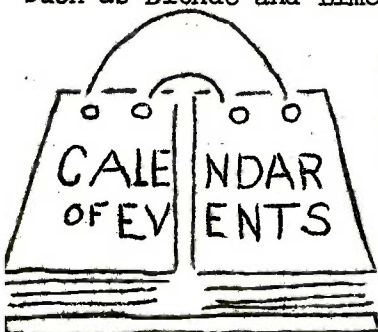
The Wood Refinishing work marches on! The first lesson on applying the more common finishes will be given in the north end of the county this month. Then there will be a leaders training meeting on Feb. 11th at the Gadsden Hotel for the second lesson.

During the first lesson we discussed the supplies necessary for that "professional" touch and we found that most old finishes must be removed before starting on the refinishing job. Then too we discussed what kinds of finishes were possible and on what woods each would adapt.

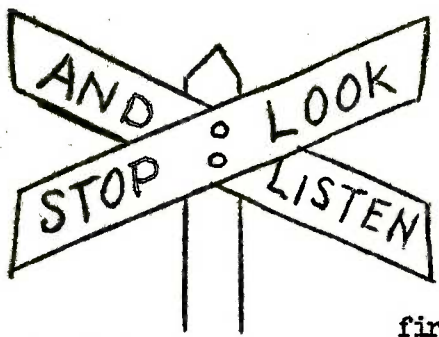
For the second lesson, which will be brought to your club by your club leader, you will discuss the modern finishes, such as Blonde and Limed finishes, and how each is attained.

As was suggested in last month's Letter, many of you are planning work meetings at which time actual work will be done on your furniture. Don't forget to let me know of these meetings or of the work you do at home as a result of this lesson, so that I may include them in my annual report.

Here is the Schedule of your Club Meetings for February as planned to date:



DATE	CLUB	PLACE	SUBJECT
Feb. 1	Cochise	Mrs. Jim Jeannesson	#1 Wood Refinishing
" 2	Sulphur Springs	Club House	#1 Wood Refinishing
" 3	Stewart	Club House	#1 Wood Refinishing
" 4	San Simon	High School Cafeteria	#1 Wood Refinishing
" 9	Webb Mothers Club	Mrs. Jim Glasscock	General business
" 9	McNeal Ladies Aid	Mrs. O. H. McLaughlin	General business
" 11	All Club Home Furnishing Leaders	Hotel Gadsden at 1:00 p.m.	#2 Wood Refinishing
" 12	Dragoon Woman's Club	Club House	Nutrition
" 14	County Council Meeting	Willcox Woman's Club	Regular business
" 15	Double Adobe		#2 Wood Refinishing
" 16	Valley Women's Club	Mrs. O. H. McLaughlin	#2 Wood Refinishing
" 17	Silver Creek	Dean Bloomquist 1206 - 11th St., Douglas	#2 Wood Refinishing
" 18	Bisbee Divide		#2 Wood Refinishing
" 22	Westside	Mrs. Robt. F. Waddell 1390 - 21st St., Douglas	#2 Wood Refinishing
" 23	Bisbee Junction	Mrs. H. C. Crist	#2 Wood Refinishing
" 24	Apache	Mrs. Alden Hayes	#2 Wood Refinishing



SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME

Among other campaigns under way right now, there is one in which we all should take an important part. That is for Farm Safety and Fire Prevention. Did you know that during the winter months more property and lives are destroyed than at any other time? December ranks

first, March second, February third, and January fourth.

Watch those fires — check the flues and plaster cracks or openings, and do not start fires with kerosene.

A boy was badly burned in Willcox just before Christmas because the gas heater did not light with the first match and he left the gas turned on while getting the second match. Here was a place for our first aid lessons too, for he ran out of doors instead of trying to smother the flames.

Don't take chances like that! Do a little checking up on your family's habits and also on their knowledge of first aid.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE MONTH

Pruning Demonstrations - February 1, 2, and 3

Again comes the time to get those trees, shrubs and roses ready for the summer season. Mr. Carmy Page, County Agent, and Mr. Harvey Tate, Extension Horticulturist, have been working very diligently on planning these demonstrations. Talk it over with friend husband and plan to attend the meeting nearest you. It is up to you to make this a good meeting. Here is the schedule for these meetings:-

- February 1 - 9:30 a.m. - H. H. Turner Ranch, Willcox
2:00 p.m. - W. N. Puckett residence, 303 - 13th Terrace, Warren
- February 2 - 10:00 a.m. - J. A. Bigelow residence, 526 Carmelita, Douglas
2:00 p.m. - Phil Yard Ranch, McNeal
- February 3 - 10:00 a.m. - Edgar Dinwiddie Ranch, Hereford
2:30 p.m. - C. B. White (Paradise Ranch), St. David

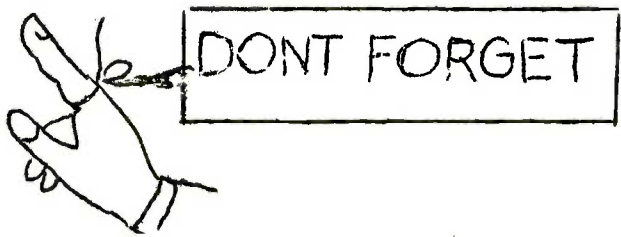
Home Furnishings Leader's Training Meeting - February 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the Hotel Gadsden. A leader from each club in the south half of the county will be expected to attend this meeting in order to bring the second lesson on Wood Refinishing to your regular club meeting. If we start promptly at 1:00 o'clock this will give us enough time for the lesson.

County Council - February 14th at the Woman's Club in Willcox. The meeting will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. and be over by 3:00 or 3:30. Be sure to notify the president of your Club if you are planning on attending this event. She will want to make a tentative list of reservations for the Stewart Homemakers, who are hostesses, by February 4th. Any drops or additions in reservations should be made to Mrs. Ruth Pregonzer, Willcox, Arizona.

4-H Leader's Training Meeting - February 19th

Leaders will meet with Mrs. Ellen Kightlinger, Assistant State 4-H Leader, who will help them train club members to judge articles of clothing and food that they make. This is in preparation for the State Contests at Tucson.

February 18th - Tentative date for Home Furnishings Leaders in north end of county.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS
(My hints are recipes this time.)

Mrs. Mae Schmidt of the Westside Club sends you this recipe for stretching the pork chops.

Individual Pork Roasts

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| 4 1-inch-thick shoulder pork chops | 1 tablespoon chopped onion |
| 1 teaspoon prepared mustard | 1/8 teaspoon sage |
| 2 cups bread crumbs | 1 teaspoon salt |

Spread chops with mustard. Make a dressing of bread, onions and seasonings with just enough water to moisten. Brown chops in a heavy skillet. When well browned, top chops with dressing pressed firm. Bake covered in a moderate oven (350°) for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake 15 to 20 minutes until dressing is crisp and brown. (Yields 4 servings). Your own favorite dressing will work just as well.

Grape Nut Pudding

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| 1 package orange Jello | 1-1/3 cups hot water |
| 1 cup Grape Nuts | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 1/3 teaspoon cinnamon | 1/4 teaspoon cloves |
| 1/2 cup raisins | 1 cup cooked chopped prunes |
| 3/4 cup nuts | |

Mix all ingredients and chill.

BULLETINS OLD AND NEW

Fiber and Fabric Facts - by Helen Church, Clothing Specialist.

This is a very good bulletin giving timely information on all fabrics and how to make tests to determine the contents of a piece of material.

Closets and Storage Spaces - A U.S.D.A. bulletin.

This gives a lot of good ideas for making new or remodeling your old closets.

A Step-Saving U Kitchen - A U.S.D.A. bulletin.

Full of good suggestions.

Honey and Some of It's Uses - Another U.S.D.A. bulletin giving some good honey recipes.

Sincerely,

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Samples of the Use of the County Letter

Homemaker Clubs Arrange Meetings

Cochise county homemaker clubs have arranged a number of meetings for July ranging from ice cream suppers to preparation meetings for the county fair. The dates and meeting places as announced by the office of Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home demonstration agent, follow:

Monday 7 p. m., Sulphur Springs club to have ice cream supper at the club house; Tuesday, Cochise club to meet with Mrs. Claudia Havin, subject unannounced; Thursday, Stewart club to have a stencil workshop at the club; Friday, San Simon club to sew and stencil at home of Mrs. Phil Ebsen; that same day the Bisbee Divide club will meet with Mrs. J. N. Bearmore to sew for the Arizona Childrens home; July 13 the McNeal Ladies aid will meet at the McNeal community center to discuss county fair booth plan; July 13 (same date) Webb Mothers club will meet at Webb school building for a quilting bee; July 14, Frontier club will discuss work on fair exhibit at residence of Mrs. Grace Cowley.

July 19, Double Adobe club will meet at the school building to start preparation on county fair exhibit; July 20, Valley Women's club, subject and place to be announced later; July 26, Westside club of Douglas, subject and place to be announced later; July 27, Bisbee Junction club at Bisbee YWCA for program on insect control; July 28, Apache club to meet at Newman Hall to celebrate husband's birthday.

Announcing County Council Meeting

Homemakers To Meet In Douglas To Plan Extension Program

The seventh Cochise county homemakers council will be held in Douglas from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Tuesday at the Douglas Woman's club, 1501 Ninth street. A luncheon will be served at noon during which Janet Maddux, pupil of the Parkes music studio, will be presented in a piano recital.

Mrs. Louis Neal of Willcox, president, will preside. The program will consist of a general business meeting, election of officers and program planning. Miss Reva Lincoln of Tucson, extension specialist in foods, will talk on planning the foods program, and Miss Grace Ryan of Tucson, extension home management specialist, will talk on home management and home furnishings.

Four discussion groups will consider foods, health, clothing and home management, and make recommendations for next year's extension program. These will then be sifted by a county committee which will set up the final program.

All members of homemakers clubs and other women's clubs interested in the extension program have been

invited to attend. A good representation from the county is needed to help the extension program meet the county-side needs, officials said.

The piano selections include: Valse Brillante (Browers); 'Tis Raining (Brunn); Theme from A Minor Concerto (Crieg); Rhapsodie of the Deep (Hamer); Indian Sunset (Klem); Song of the Wind (Barnes) and In a Monastery Garden (Ketelbey.)

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Radio

Seven radio broadcasts were made in this field. The Agent nearly always made mention of the club meetings being held near the time of all of the broadcasts. One Dinner Bell program covered the county program plans for the year. Two broadcasts were made on the plans for Country Life Conference. One recording was made recently with Mrs. Ada Christiansen and Mrs. Mae Schmidt on the activities of their club. It is planned that each club will be reviewed during the coming year.

While in Colorado the Agent wrote to Lee Boner at Station KAWT each week telling of the activities going on there. He used some of this on his Farm and Ranch Program. It is rather hard to plan ahead so that there is a broadcast every week but that is the plan.

CLUBS REPORT ON PROJECTS

McNeal ladies' aid society members were guests of Mrs. Frank A. Murphy Wednesday. Plans were made for a meeting at the McNeal community center Dec. 14. The Christmas motif will be used and each member will bring a small gift to be placed under the Christmas tree. Members and guests who attended included Mrs. Cecil Woolridge, Mrs. R. H. Franklin, Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Mrs. Jack Boone, Mrs. Roger Piles, Mrs. W. J. Davis, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Mrs. Roy Callison, Mrs. Dave Knutson, Mrs. Louis Putz, Mrs. Frank Deitchman, Mrs. E. M. Downs, Mrs. Gertrude Slover, Mrs. Arnie Hongo, Mrs. Phil Yard, Mrs. Bill Cowan, Mrs. E. G. Prats, Mrs. Mae Baldrige, Miss Lulu Peter and Miss Rosemary Spix. Suggestions for making Christmas gifts were discussed and presents that can be made at home were shown by Mrs. Baldrige. Mrs. Davis and Miss Spix. Mrs. Murphy was assisted by her daughter, Miss Terry Murphy.

Mothers Group Meets In Elfrida

The Webb Mothers club had a buffet luncheon and meeting recently at the home of Mrs. James Glasscock, Elfrida. Mrs. Mae Baldrige, home demonstration agent, gave Christmas gift suggestions with patterns available for those interested. It was voted to cancel the dinner planned for Thanksgiving and combine it with the annual Christmas party Dec. 17.

Mrs. Bertha McGee asked the women to furnish cakes and pies for a school carnival Dec. 3. Miss Bertha Virmond, former home demonstration agent of Cochise county, and a club member, presented a gift to the group.

Those who took part included Mrs. Lucille Tate, Mrs. Lou Turner, Mrs. Lydia A. Saylor, Mrs. Bertha McGee, Mrs. R. H. Ollson, Miss Bertha Virmond, Mrs. Mary Dawson, Mrs. Lewis Grizzle, Mrs. Vallie Norris, Mrs. Baldrige, Mrs. Mary Jane Patterson and Mrs. Glasscock.

Silver Creek Club Discusses Yule Gifts

Silver Creek Homemakers club met for a pot-luck luncheon and meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. M. R. Watt, 833 Fourteenth street. Discussion concerned making Christmas gifts.

Those present included Mrs. LeRoy Adams, Mrs. Jesse Eades, Mrs. Carson Lohr, Mrs. E. L. Young, Mrs. Wendell Spence and son, Mrs. Wayne Wells, Mrs. L. W. Laudin, Mrs. Jack Vaughan, Mrs. Elizabeth Speer, Miss Eva Johnson, Mrs. George Herbert, Mrs. J. O. Bloomquist, Mrs. B. L. Olson, Mrs. Watt, Penny Herbert and Roy Vaughan.

Club Hears Talk On Money Matters

The Westside club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Pauline Gregory, 1316 Railroad avenue. Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home demonstration agent, discussed financial problems and next year's program.

Mrs. Ada Christiansen reported on the national homemakers council she attended at Colorado Springs early this fall. Preceding her talk she had the other members take part by reading newspaper clippings of the council.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bert G. Rhodes, 653 Fourteenth street, Dec. 27.

Those present included Mrs. N. S. Johnson, Mrs. L. A. Gillett, Mrs. Emogene Bryce, Mrs. F. F. Schmidt, Mrs. Phil Nowlin, Mrs. Oscar Tyra, Mrs. R. F. Waddell, Mrs. M. A. Ward, Mrs. Frank Teeter, Mrs. H. A. Gregory, Mrs. Ellen Turkin, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Milton Hannum, Mrs. Gene Hannum and Cathie Hannum.

Family expenditures will be discussed by Mrs. Mae Baldrige at the Apache Sew What Homemaker's club Thursday, Oct. 27, when Mrs. Joseph Gould and Mrs. J. D. Martin will entertain in Rodeo. Mrs. Baldrige has asked the Portal women to turn in answers to the achievement questionnaire not later than this meeting. If any member has made drapes, refinished furniture made dresses, used the measurement chart or planned the family's meals for a week, Mrs. Baldrige she should turn in the information.

Stewart Homemakers Hold Meeting

First aid through bandages was the topic Miss Margery Fairly brought to the Stewart Homemakers when they met last Thursday at their club house for an all day meeting. Hostesses for the day were Mrs. W. L. Chastain and Mrs. W. L. Cox.

Much of the time was spent in planning the dinner which the women will serve when they are hostess to the county council of homemakers here on Feb. 14.

Hostesses for the February meeting will be Mrs. W. R. Jackson, Mrs. C. B. Searle, Mrs. Joe Young and Mrs. R. A. Davis.

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED

Extension Organization and Planning

Clubs	County Council February Att.	County Council September Att.	Country Life Conference Att.	County Fair Exhibit Placing
Cochise	1	5	2	2nd
Sulphur Springs				
Stewart	17	8	2	
Webb Mothers Club				
McNeal Ladies Aid		2		
Frontier		2		1st
Double Adobe		6	2	4th
Silver Creek		3		
Valley Womens Club		1		
Bisbee Divide		2	1	
Westside Club	5	7	7	
Apache		2	1	
Bisbee Junction		7		3rd
El Paso Gas Station				
San Simon		2		
Pomerene Relief Society			3	
Dragoon Womans Club				
Others	14	9	2	
Totals	37	56	20	

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HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Wood Refinishing

One of the major projects of this year was Wood Refinishing. The women of the County decided that many pieces in their homes could be refinished, or they could buy unfinished pieces of furniture and finish them themselves if they only knew how it should be done. Most of the family income is spent on farm machinery or home remodelling, and this is one way to revive the furniture to help it fit into it's new surroundings.

Two months were devoted to this study of Wood Refinishing. The Agent conducted the lesson given the first month, and she and the Specialist trained leaders for the second lesson. In all, four days were spent with the Home Furnishings Specialist in preparing for this project.

The first lesson was a study of Standard Finishes. The lesson itself was divided into about four parts. (1) Discussion of the supplies and equipment needed for a good refinishing job; (2) Care of brushes, with special emphasis on proper care immediately after using them; (3) Discussion and demonstration of the removal of the old finish and preparing the wood for the new finishes; (4) Applying the new finishes (samples of the different steps in varnishing and enamelling were used with this part of the lesson). The Agent also demonstrated how to make a sanding block, a felt block, a polishing mit and a waxing cloth. Five yards of cheese cloth were sold to the women for making the polishing mit and the waxing cloth. This demonstration was given to 15 clubs with a total attendance of 222.

The second lesson was a study of the Modern Finishes. Eight clubs were represented at two leader training meetings, one being conducted in Douglas by Miss Grace Ryan, Specialist, and the second being conducted by the Agent in Willcox. The most interest was shown in the limed oak and Monterey finishes. This demonstration was given by the leaders to 6 clubs with a total attendance of 56. The Agent gave it to 6 clubs with a total attendance of 76.

Mrs. Alden Hayes of Portal reports that she refinished a spool bed. There were seven coats of paint and varnish to be removed first. She left the wood in it's original color and applied a clear varnish finish according to the directions given in this lesson, and it is very attractive. By the end of the year 30 women have reported, and out of these only 8 reported having done some refinishing but 5 report wanting to do so yet.

242 bulletins were given out at meetings and 53 bulletins have been requested or taken from the office on the "Finish Counts."

Only 2 women report having used the modern finish on their furniture. Of the 8 women who made a report of their refinishing, 2 have used standard finishes on tables, 1 used a standard finish and 1 a modern finish on chairs, and 1 a modern finish on a stool. Standard finishes were also used on a bench, bookshelf, four dressers, three beds, and a dressing table.

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Upholstery Workshops

Along with the desire to fix up the furniture came requests to conduct Upholstery Workshops. Four meetings were held, covering a period of 7 days. These were (1) The House of Neighborly Service at Lowell, where a davenport and chair were recovered; (2) the home of Mrs. Eleanor Hill, Double Adobe, where a studio couch, two chairs and a foot stool were recovered; (3) the home of Mrs. James Glasscock, Elfrida, where a chair was recovered; and (4) the home of Mrs. Tom Brown, Elfrida, where a rocking chair was recovered. Mrs. Ada Christiansen of Paul Spur helped the Agent at the House of Neighborly Service. This is a Community Center for the Mexican women and there were 12 of them at the workshop.

At all of these workshops the old covers were taken off of the furniture and was used as a pattern for the new covers. Springs were replaced, when needed, tied, and repadded. Tubinga were made for pillow springs. In each case an unbleached muslin cover was put on the furniture first, and then the new material was placed. Four communities took part in these workshops. Three others have asked for this type of a workshop.

Slip Covers

At the El Paso Gas Station the Agent conducted an informal discussion on house furnishings. These women are living in new homes and are quite interested in keeping them looking nice. They were especially interested in Slip Covers. One of the women, Mrs. O'Nan, reports that she has made slip covers for her davenport and chair since this meeting. Mrs. Doris Davis reports that she had made one pair of slip covers and helped two others. Mrs. Jim Dolin made slip covers too.

Drapery Construction

The El Paso Gas Station women were just organized this year so they were not able to get the drapery lesson last year when it was presented. It was presented to them in June. The samples of steps in drapery construction were used and the women made samples on paper towels. Mrs. Braswell had already made her draperies but decided to remake them after this lesson was presented.

Of the 30 women who sent in reports 14 report having made draperies, 6 pairs were lined and 39 pairs were unlined. 10 pairs were gathered, 2 made for draw-string rods, and the rest were pleated.

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Others

Several houses in the county are getting a face-lifting this year. Some are being recovered, others have added wings, and others are remodeling kitchens and service porches. The Agent has supplied bulletins and made several home visits to help in this building splurge. Mrs. James Glasscock of Elfrida has her new kitchen well under way, and Mrs. Jay Franklin of McNeal has added a new wing to her house. She plans to remodel the kitchen this coming year. Mrs. Freeman Ashen of Elfrida has a new home, made from a barracks building. It has been plastered inside and out and is very modern and attractive. Mrs. Pearl Bond of Sulphur Springs, who lost her home by fire about the middle of March, is now living in one large room that the neighbors helped put up for them. Her husband was burned but as he recuperates he is working on the house. He is a carpenter by trade, and plans to do most of the rest of the building himself. The R. H. Franklin's of McNeal have remodeled their kitchen with the help of the Step-Saving-U-Kitchen bulletin. The Ralph Statlers are building a new home and are using the Farm House Cut-Out Book. 56 Bulletins have been requested over the past year. At the County Fair one club called attention to the use of step shelves in their kitchen display, and another club called attention to a problem window treatment. Tess Amalong of Dos Cabezas reports that she has completed 3 storage closets in her new home. One is a music closet for their sheet music, instruments and records.

Five Homemakers Clubs made quilts this past year. These were Webb Mothers Club, Valley Womens Club, Double Adobe, Frontier and Cochise. All but the ones made by the Cochise Homemakers were made as a community activity to raise money for their club. The Cochise women made three quilts and are now making another one. They plan to make a quilt for each member of the club.

News

The Wood Refinishing lessons were highlighted in the County Letter. Announcements of meetings were also given in the club calendar of this letter.

Radio

The Agent gave 3 wood refinishing talks on the radio, one at KSUN for the Dinner Bell Hour and two at KAWT. Two others were given with Miss Grace Ryan, Home Furnishings Specialist. Another one was given by the Agent on Care of the Wood and Polishing Equipment. Another Dinner Bell Program covered the Upholstery Workshop being held at the House of Neighborly Service. Miss Frances Gilbert assisted the Agent with this program. Another Dinner Bell Program was on the amount of Farm House Building and remodeling over the county. Bulletins were mentioned which could be of help to these home builders. This same program was also given over KAWT, Douglas

REPORT OF PROJECTS STUDIED

Wood Refinishing		Upholstery Workshop		Slip Covers		Drapery Construction	
No. Clubs	Att.	No. Clubs	Att.	No. Clubs	Att.	No. Clubs	Att.
15 by Agt.	222	4 by Agt.	56	1 by Agt.	7	1 by Agt.	8
6 by Ldr.	86						

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED

House and Furnishings

Clubs Who Reported	Wood Refinishing		Upholstery		Slip Covers		Draperies	
	No. Articles	Type Finish Used	No. Days	No. Pieces	No. Pieces	Helped Others	Lined	Unlined
Apache	1	Standard						
Bisbee Divide								4
Bisbee Junction								
Cochise								
Double Adobe			5	4				4
El Paso Gas Sta.	4 3	Modern Standard			2			4
Frontier	1	Standard					2	
McNeal Ladies Aid								8
Pomerene								
San Simon	4	Standard						
Silver Creek								5
Stewart								7
Sulphur Springs								4
Valley Women					1	2	4	
Webb Mothers			2	2				2
Westside Club	7	Standard						1
Others	1	Modern	4	2				
Totals	21		11	8	3	2	6	39

Bulletins Requested or Taken From the Office

13 Slip Covers
8 Drapery Construction
27 Color in The Home

38 Step-Saving U Kitchen
53 Finish Counts
9 Expanding Farm House
36 Others

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NUTRITION

The project on Feeding the Family was finished up last December with one discussion and showing of slides to the Bisbee Junction women. As a whole this has been a very successful project and it is felt that it has accomplished it's purpose. There is a general feeling, however, for more information on special dishes. This, no doubt, can be discussed during the meal planning lesson in the fall.

While at one of the Apache meetings Mrs. Greenmyer suggested that she would like to further the study of the Basic 7 foods. Her suggestion was that at each meeting one group be discussed and recipes for the foods in that group be exchanged among the members. The women were very pleased with this suggestion and plan to carry this out as a club project during the months that the Agent will not be able to attend their meeting.

The Agent attended a regular meeting of the Dragoon Woman's Club and talked to them on Nutrition Through Harmonious Living. The Basic 7 charts were used and pointers were given in buying to cut down costs. The Money-Saving Main Dishes bulletin and the Meal Planning bulletin were very popular and each woman took one.

The Agent was asked to talk to the "A" Avenue P.T.A. at Douglas on "Child Care and Nutrition". The Basic 7 Chart was used to show the need for a well rounded diet. The women were very interested in this approach and asked for copies of the Basic 7 Chart for their own use. The teachers of the school also kept some of the charts.

When the project on Feeding the Family was started the club members were asked to make out a menu and shopping list for a week. Of the 30 women reporting, 14 report having made out a menu. They all used the Basic 7 chart, too. Mrs. Preston Larsen asked for another chart for her's was worn out -- she said it had been put on the kitchen door and all members of the family used it. 117 bulletins have been either requested or taken from the County Office on Nutrition.

Radio

One broadcast was given on "Eat a Good Breakfast", emphasizing the need for getting a good start of a morning. Mrs. Courtwright of Douglas commented that she heard this broadcast and called it to the attention of her daughter who was inclined to pass up her breakfast.

Bulletins Requested or Picked up at the
County Office

Money-Saving Main Dishes	13
Meal Planning Made Easier	11
Meat for Thrifty Meals	19
Others	74

Total	<u>117</u>
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FOOD PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

Pressure Canner Gage Testing

Several women of the County report that they are still losing food which has been home canned. As a result of this, the Agent set up four Pressure Canner Gage Testing Clinics. These were held at Cochise, San Simon, Bisbee Junction, and Double Adobe. 23 lids were tested at three of these Clinics. The Bisbee Junction women did not bring their canner lids, but wanted some canning information so the Agent showed them the four films on proper canning techniques. Mrs. Pete Cheek of Elfrida, asked the Agent to stop by and test her canner lid, and two lids were brought to the office for testing. At all of the Clinics the Agent discussed with the women the latest findings in canning times and processes. Tomatoes were especially mentioned. Canning techniques were stressed and causes of spoilage were discussed.

The women all over the County were very interested in how to can for the County and State Fairs, and the Agent went over the score card with them, pointing out what makes a good practical pack. Mrs. Ada Christiansen of Paul Spur remarked at the November meeting of the Westside Club that she had wondered why there weren't so many fancy packs at the County Fair this year but after hearing the score card discussed, she could see why it was.

Freezing

The Agent gave two talks on Freezing this year. One was at the annual Farm Home Ownership meeting, and the other was to the women at the El Paso Gas Station. At the first meeting a summary was given of methods to be used for preparing and packaging foods. Sample packaging materials were shown. A question and answer period was then held and many freezing problems were discussed. The same type of meeting was held at the El Paso Gas Station, followed by the serving of a cake and peaches which the Agent had frozen. The cake was a week old and the peaches were a year old.

Mrs. James Glasscock conducted a general discussion on Freezing at one of the Webb Mothers Club meetings. She also reports that after a big community dinner at the school there were several quarts of cooked beans left, so she took them home, packaged them and froze them for later use.

News

During the summer months the Agent highlighted canning, freezing and the pressure canner clinics in the County Letter, which goes to the entire mailing list once a month. One news article was written on how to can for the County Fair. The October County Letter carried some pointers on freezing food for Christmas gifts.

Radio

Four broadcasts were devoted to food preservation. These were (1) Tips on Freezing meats; (2) at KSUN - Canning and the need of Pressure Canner lid testing, (3) and (4) were with Miss Reva Lincoln, Nutrition Specialist, on How the Score Cards are used for Judging, and Canning Various Foods.

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED

Food Preservation and Storage

Community	No. Canners Tested	No. off 2# or more	Incorrect Safety Valve Pop-off	No. not tested by Extension before	Att. at Canning Discussion	Freezing by Agent Att.	Freezing by Leader Att.
Double Adobe	5	4	2	4	} 19		
Whitewater	5	4	3	4		"	
Cochise	8	2	4	4	14		
San Simon	5	5	3	5	15		
Elfrida	1	1		1			
Stewart	2	1	2	1			
Webb Mothers Club							18
El Paso Gas Sta.						15	
Farmers Home Adm.						35	
Bisbee Junction	0				18		
Totals	26	17	14	19	66	50	18

Requests at County Office for Bulletins

Canning Fruits and Vegetables	33
Canning Meats	27
Freezing Fruits and Vegetables	20
Freezing Meats & Chicken in the Freezer	38
Others	47
Total	165

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FOOD SELECTION AND PREPARATION

One Dish Meals

For some time the women had been wanting to really do something at a meeting. This "One Dish Meals" lesson was prepared with this thought in mind. Thirteen communities participated, and the Specialist spent 2½ days with the Agent in getting ready for and presenting this project. The lesson was presented as follows:

A. Introduction

- 1. Set up work tables
- 2. Talk over recipes with women
- 3. Appoint women to prepare dishes

B. Preparation

- 1. Agent go over menus carefully with women
- 2. Women prepare dishes in pairs or threes
- 3. Govern finishing time by dish which cooks the longest
- 4. Agent demonstrate some parts of the preparation
 - a. Peel chilis
 - b. Egg batter for chilis
 - c. Making sauce for Rellenos
 - d. Making a white sauce

C. Eat dishes prepared

- 1. Women furnish salad, dessert and drink
- 2. Call attention to dishes again so they will be remembered

D. Discuss preparation of dishes

- 1. Use of left-overs
- 2. How to cut costs
- 3. Substitutions

E. Hand out list of recipes

- 1. Women to report on family's choice

Five dishes used most frequently were, Mock Enchilades, Chili Rellenos, Hamberger Pie, Onion Cheese Pie, and Meat Turnovers. At the Westside and Stewart meetings the Vegetable Cheese Casserole was also prepared. The Onion Cheese Pie probably caused the most comment, with the Chili Rellenos coming in second. The people in this County grow a lot of onions and chilis, and were glad to have new recipes for using them.

This lesson was given in September and October so the women have not had a fair time to report their family's choice as yet. However, of the 30 report sheets returned to the Agent, 14 women did state their choice as follows:

Mock Enchilades	9	Sweet Potato Delicious	3
Hamberger Pie	7	Liver Casserole	2
Meat Turnovers	7	Chili Rellenos	2
Onion Cheese Pie	4	Vegetable Cheese Casserole .	1

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News

The "One Dish Meals" project was highlighted in the August and September County Letters. Although no radio talk was devoted entirely to this subject, the one in October included information concerning the activities of the clubs and what dishes they were preparing.

TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED

"One Dish Meals" Lesson

Club	Attendance	No. of Women who worked	No. voting on choice of dishes
Webb Mothers Club	21	14	
Silver Creek	13	13	3
Bisbee Divide	8	8	
Frontier	13	14	3
Westside Club	22	15	4
Bisbee Junction	7	7	
Sulphur Springs	7	7	1
Stewart	34	20	1
Double Adobe	15	15	
Valley Womens Club	12	9	
Pomerene	32	16	
San Simon	14	12	1
Cochise	13	11	1
Totals	211	161	14

246 copies of mimeo on "One Dish Meals" recipes were handed out at meetings and from the County Office.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

First Aid

Last year the County Council recommended that each club devote one meeting each year on health. The projects chosen for this year were First Aid and Insect Control. Seven clubs report having invited a nurse to their club. In all cases the nurse was asked to talk to them on First Aid giving special emphasis to maintaining a well-stocked first aid kit and how to bandage minor injuries. The Agent attended only one of these meetings.

Mobil Unit

Five clubs report that they emphasized the need for having chest X-rays and that their members took advantage of the mobile unit when it was in their community.

Insect Control

The Insect Control meetings were held in six different communities as special interest meetings. Dr. J. N. Roney, Extension Entomologist, presented this lesson. Questionnaires were sent out to the clubs asking what they wished to study — living room or kitchen insects. As a result, Kitchen Insects were discussed at the Bisbee Y.W.C.A., Elfrida Grammar School, and the LDS Work Room in Pomerene. Living Room Insects were discussed at the McNeal Community Building, Coronado Courts in Douglas, and the home of Mrs. Lois Neal, Willcox. A total of 54 people attended these meetings. Although the attendance was small, the people did seem to gain quite a bit from Dr. Roney's talks. Probably 15 out of the 31 bulletins which were requested or taken from this office were a direct result of these talks.

Others

At the February County Council meeting Miss Marjorie Fairly, Health Unit Nurse, gave a short talk on health and introduced Miss Witte, who is the new County Dental Hygienist. Miss Witte discussed the need for better dental care, especially among the children. Four films were shown at the Council meeting on cancer control by Mrs. Frances Byars, Dist. Supervisor, also. Mrs. Byars stressed early health examination to help control cancer.

The cancer film was shown to the Willcox Chamber of Commerce open meeting in March. 150 were in attendance. The request for this came from the showing of this film to the women at the February County Council meeting. Several who had heard about it and who had not attended the Council meeting asked the Agent to help them get the film for this Chamber of Commerce meeting.

This film was also shown to the February Cow Belle meeting.

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In the July Circular Letter the Agent emphasized the need for pre-school Clinics and asked for the cooperation of all the women in getting children to the clinics. The dates for the clinics in Willcox were included and the women asked to help in their community.

Control against polio was also emphasized in the July Letter and pointers for personal protection were given.

Safety

In keeping with Mr. Ballantyne's suggestion that some mention be made of home safety during February the Agent included a highlight on home safety in this letter. This article included the death and property loss from fires for the winter months. Also, an article on a fire accident which happened in Willcox around Christmas time. National Safety Week was emphasized in the Circular Letter in June. The Agent made a list of five pointers to check to avoid farm and home accidents. Fire prevention was again mentioned in the September Circular Letter.

News and Radio

As a result of the broadcast with Dr. J. N. Roney on Insect Control, two people came to the meeting at Coronado Courts to hear his talk.

HEALTH AND SAFETY EMPHASIZED IN COUNTY
PAPERS

Insect Control To Be Explained

The insect control meeting scheduled for 2 p. m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. L. Young, 1285 F avenue, has been changed to the Coronado courts community center at the same hour.

The meeting is one of several arranged for the homemaker clubs of Cochise county by Mrs. Baldrige, home demonstration agent. Dr. J. N. Roney, extension entomologist, is the speaker. The talk and demonstration will be on living room insects.

Wednesday at 10 a. m. the same talk will be given by Dr. Roney at the McNeal community building. Tuesday two programs were held the first at the Bisbee YWCA at 10:30 a. m. and the second at Elfrida grammar school at 2 p. m. The topic concerned kitchen insects.

Dr. Roney will also conduct demonstrations Thursday at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Lois Neal of Willcox and at 2 p. m. at the L.D.S. chapel. The first demonstration is on living room insects and the second is on kitchen insects.

The meetings are open to the public and questions will be answered concerning the subject.

Insect Control meetings
Announced

Farm Driveway, Well-planned, Held Necessary

"A correctly planned farm driveway is essential to the safety of the farm family."

Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home demonstration agent, reports that each year more than one-third of the accidents among farm people result from motor vehicle mishaps. The driveway is a serious hazard on many farms, she says. It is important to make it as safe as possible.

The National Safety Council recommends the following procedure in building a safe driveway: Park the car in the driveway with the front bumper 10 feet from the nearest edge of the pavement or traveled portion of the highway. Measure a distance of about 700 feet or 290 paces along the highway to the left and place a marker at the edge of the pavement on the side nearest the driveway entrance.

In the same manner set another marker 700 feet in the opposite direction but this second marker should be on the highway opposite the driveway entrance. Sit in the driver's seat of the car. If the markers can be seen, the sight distances are proper if the traffic going by the farm does not exceed 60 miles per hour. If the markers cannot be seen, then weeds, bushes, and other obstructions must be cleared away to make the driveway safe.

If a heavy, slow-starting truck will be using the driveway, the markers should be set 830 feet away in each direction instead of 700 feet.

Safety Article sent from
State Office

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FAMILY ECONOMICS AND HOME MANAGEMENT

Family Expenditures

At the planning meeting last year the women included a study of family expenditures. Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, and the Agent spent two days in preparing this lesson and presenting it to the first group, the Frontier women. The lesson was presented as follows:

1. Why study money at all --
 - a. Place in community and family living
 - b. Learn values
 - c. Training for all members of a family
2. Suggested subjects to study --
 - a. Family relations
 - b. Budgeting
 - c. Standards of living
 - d. Buymanship
 - e. Various stages in family spending
 - f. Credit
3. What makes good credit --
 - a. Attitudes toward money
 - b. Goals
4. General discussion of case histories --
 - a. Assign various parts to members
 - b. Read over each of three cases
 - c. What to look for in family credit ratings

Not all of the clubs chose to make this study, but it has been given to four clubs with very good results. Most of the women have asked for more material -- especially on buymanship. The Frontier women, mostly miners' wives, asked for more study and some help in making out budgets that will really work. It is hoped that some time can be given to them on this subject during the next year, even though it is not set up as a county project. With the mining situation as unsteady as it is, these women really do need to help in making wise financial decisions.

55 women participated in this study of the case histories and most of them commented upon how important a role a woman plays in obtaining family credit. It was interesting to note how many of them could either see themselves or their neighbors in these case histories.

Consumer Speaks

Two Consumer Speaks programs were conducted in March. One was at the Westside Club meeting with 16 women participating on a study of vacuum cleaners.

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The other program was conducted with the Apache women with 17 participating on a study of easy chairs. The Agent directed a discussion of these articles, bringing out their good and bad points. The women were very interested and felt that the study was very educational.

News

The September and October Circular Letters carried a paragraph on the study of the Family Expenditures project. Exerpts of this letter were published in the Douglas paper, and this paragraph was included.

Radio

Two broadcasts were devoted to the lesson on Family Expenditures. One was given in October, giving the plans of the clubs to study this lesson. The second was a summary of the lesson as had been given.

Bulletins

16 bulletins on home management have either been requested or been picked up at the office.

TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED

Home Management

Clubs	Family Expenditures Att.	Consumer Speaks Att.
Apache - Sew-What Club		18
Westside Club	20	17
Frontier Homemakers	11	
San Simon	10	
Cochise	14	
Total attendance	55	35

FIRST SEWING MACHINE CLINIC
House of Neighborly Service



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CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Sewing Machine Clinics

One of the most satisfying projects that this Agent has conducted is the sewing machine clinics. A great many requests had come in for lessons on how to clean and adjust sewing machines so this was one of the projects chosen for a county program. They were held as special interest meetings, however, since only those interested in doing the work were asked to attend. The agent spent three days in Tucson attending a training school under the guidance of Miss Helen Church, Specialist in Clothing. Each day a different type of machine was dismantled, cleaned, oiled and adjusted.

Miss Church assisted the Agent in conducting the first clinic in the County. This was held at the House of Neighborly Service where 8 machines were cleaned and adjusted. Six of these machines belonged to Mexican women. These Mexican women have told the Agent over and over again how much they appreciated this lesson, and how much sewing they have done on their clean machines.

The machines were cleaned by following the three steps outlined by Miss Church: (1) left side of machine, (2) right side of machine, and (3) underneath and bobbin case. After this was done they were re-oiled and adjusted. By cleaning and reassembling only a part of the machine at a time the women were able to keep track of their various parts and get them back into place. As the women adjusted the machines the pressure of the presser foot was probably the thing that surprised most of them. Most of them knew nothing about the workings of this. It surprised the Agent to find so many women using the stitch regulator for the upper tension screw.

The Agent bought parts for machines, such as tension springs, bobbin winder rings, etc., and sold them to the women who needed replacements. Of the parts needing replacing, the tension springs and take-up springs headed the list. Then would come bobbin winder rings, feed dogs and needles the proper size. These parts were purchased at the Singer Store in Douglas. When asked if they resented this type of lesson being given they answered, "of course not. And if you can teach the women how to take better care of their machines we will be very grateful to you."

126 women cleaned and adjusted their sewing machines at the 17 clinics held in May and August. Three of these clinics were held at the Bisbee Y.W.C.A. One woman who attended the first clinic at the "Y" was so pleased with the results that she encouraged three more women to attend the second clinic. She said that if she were to value it in dollars and cents she wouldn't take \$100 for the information she had learned and the benefit she had gained.

Although the women did try their machines out and seemed to have them running perfectly, seven women had some trouble with them after they went back home. They notified the Agent, who helped readjust these machines so that they did run properly. In most cases, the machines that needed this readjustment had been very dirty and the bobbin timing had been taken apart in order to clean them better.

Announcing
Sewing Machine Clinic

Sewing Machine Clinic Planned Thursday Morning

The first YWCA sponsored sewing machine clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Y. Mrs. Mae Baldrige, home demonstration agent announced. Mrs. Baldrige will conduct the school.

Each woman participating will bring the head of her sewing machine which she will take apart, clean, and put back together. The clinic will last 5½ hours. Those participating are requested to wear old clothes, bring both a large and a small screwdriver, pliers, and old toothbrush, rags, old papers, muffin tins or six old cups, pie pan, tray or shallow pan to hold machine head, hand cream, thread and a scrap of material to test machine after adjusted.

The women will each bring a school box lunch and a pot of coffee will be made at the Y, as there'll be no time to visit, eat or wash dishes.

If there is a request, another clinic will be organized in August, but such a request must be made now by calling Mrs. Makin, phone 414.

Club Reports
Mostly on Sewing Machine Clinics

Westside Club Instructed In Cleaning Machines

Under the supervision of Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home demonstration agent, members of the Westside club of Douglas cleaned sewing machines Tuesday at the all day meeting at the home of Mrs. L. A. Gillett, 1005 Fifteenth street. A potluck lunch was served.

In demonstrating the procedure for cleaning the machines Mrs. Baldrige cleaned the upper part of the head first and readjusted and re-assembled the balance wheel and the right side, then cleaned the bobbin case and corner.

It is most important, Mrs. Baldrige informed her listeners, to get the machine properly adjusted. The pressure foot must first be adjusted and then the height of the feed dog.

Testing should be made for proper tension by stitching on a bias and when pulling make sure that the bottom and top threads break at the same time.

For members of the homemakers club and other women in the community who did not get a chance to clean their machines Tuesday Mrs. Baldrige will hold another cleaning session provided enough women contact her. At the meeting Tuesday Mrs. Strom had the newest sewing machine and Mrs. Emogene Bryce the oldest.

Those who brought machines and cleaned them were Mrs. Ada Christensen, Mrs. L. A. Gillett, Mrs. C. E. Ream, Mrs. Emogene Bryce, Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Mrs. J. M. McElligott, Mrs. J. A. Strom, Mrs. Bert Rhodes, Mrs. A. E. Diddams, Mrs. Paul Hollister, Mrs. Roland Cortright. Those who looked on were Mrs. F. F. Schmidt, Mrs. Lenore Haverty, Mrs. Oscar Tyra, Mrs. R. L. Sweet, and Mrs. C. E. VanDemark.

Mrs. Baldrige will meet with the Double Adobe club Friday and the Bisbee clubs Wednesday and Thursday.

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Use of The Pattern

After the lesson on "House Dresses" last year the women were still a little vague on how to actually alter a pattern. Many of them were afraid to attempt it. So it was decided at the county planning meeting to review only this phase of that lesson. Therefore, the lesson called "Use of the Pattern" was planned and presented. Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, spent one day with the Agent in planning the presentation of this lesson and then she presented it to the Stewart women. The Agent gave this demonstration to ten other clubs.

This lesson was presented as follows: (1) Discussion of availability of patterns and how to secure them, (2) Proper construction methods, (3) Use alteration charts to show the method for making alterations, (4) Agent altered her own pattern, (5) Take measurements of those not already taken, and (6) Apply these measurements to the pattern and check for needed alterations. Several of the women had their own patterns and these were altered to fit their measurement cards. The Clothing Leaders of the clubs were asked to help those who did not get their measurements taken at the club meetings. 31 measurements were taken at the meetings.

In May the Agent called at a new Tailoring Shop in Douglas, "Helen's Shop", and found two of the Silver Creek women, Mrs. Chas. Bloomquist and her mother, Mrs. Perrin, hard at work. They have a very nice shop and are keeping very busy. They have one of the new Italian made sewing machines which they bought from an agency in El Paso. It will do most of the work, such as buttonholes, zig zagging, etc. by just moving an adjustmenr — no special attachments are needed. Mrs. Bloomquist liked the Measurement Charts we used in our "House Dress" and "Use of the Pattern" lessons so well that she has had copies printed. She and her mother use these before starting to make a garment for a customer. She reports that they have added a measure to the chart — the distance from the shoulder to the tip of the bust and bust to waistline. They have found that so many bust darts in patterns are too high. They have also found that many of the patterns seem to be larger than a year or two ago, especially through the shoulders, and length to waist and at hipline.

Report sheets were sent out in September to all of the women on the mailing list and only 30 were returned. Of these, 20 report having used the measurement cards 186 times.

Others

Stenciling - This is still a very interesting project and four of the clubs conducted their own workshops. The Agent conducted two workshopd, one in San Simon in December, and one with the El Paso Gas Station women in September. Both of these groups are new and had not had any of this work before. Most of the women report that as a result of this training they are going to be able to stencil several Christmas gifts.

Mrs. O. A. Ash at Douglas has been conducting some stenciling workshops at the Douglas YWCA. They asked the Agent to assist them but time did not permit,

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so Mrs. Ash was recommended. She has just completed one class and has started with another one. Quite a bit of their work was shown at the County Fair, and it was very well done. Mrs. Ash won some prizes at the Fair on her stenciling too.

Short Cuts in Sewing - Several of the women attending the sewing machine clinics were interested in learning how to put in a zipper. As a result, the Agent conducted a class on Short Cuts in Sewing for them in October. The following things were included: (1) Making continuous bias, (2) Joining bias tape, (3) Pressing bias tape, (4) Easy made trim, and (5) Jiffy method of putting in zippers. After demonstrating each of these the Agent gave the women paper towels to practice with. One of the women brought her own zipper and practiced with it to get the method correct. The women reported that the continuous bias and how to join bias strips will come in handy for their rug making.

Children's Clothing - The Bisbee Divide women spent two months sewing on children's garments for the Arizona Children's Home in Tucson. No official number of articles have been reported but an estimate would be six pairs of pajamas, six sun suits, six dresses, and one dozen dish towels. The women have reused feed sacks for a number of these articles and it is interesting to see what a good job can be done with them.

Christmas Gift Ideas - Again the women asked for help in finding ideas for Christmas gifts. The agent attended seven meetings and presented the following information (1) Why make gifts, (2) Pointers to keep in mind in selecting a gift, (3) Suggested gifts, (4) Exchange of patterns, and (5) Construction of an article at the meeting. Most of the women were interested in toy patterns. They were asked to bring scraps of material and actually made a toy at the meeting. Others were interested in apron patterns, and several patterns were copied. The women report having made the aprons at later work meetings. The Apache and Bisbee Junction women report that they held work meetings at their November meetings for the women to work on their Christmas gifts. A sock doll that the Agent took to the meetings was very popular. Four pairs of work socks were bought and 7 dolls were made at the meetings. Since then Mrs. Walter Hatley of Cochise and Mrs. Barrett of El Paso Gas Station have borrowed the doll to use as a pattern.

The Silver Creek women tried something new. Mrs. Ann Edson of Douglas gathered together material on pottery making and conducted a special lesson on the subject. Each of the 8 women present made a pin. They report that these pins are ready to be painted at their next meeting. They discussed Xmas Gift Ideas at their regular meeting.

News

The Circular Letter contained information on the projects that the women were studying each month. Therefore, they highlighted "The Use of the Pattern", "Sewing Machine Clinics" and "Xmas Gift Ideas." The Letter was sent to the

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newspapers and the daily papers, which printed portions of the Letter, including information on these projects. One news article was sent out before the Sewing Machine Clinics were started. One article was sent to the papers on the score card that the judges use in judging at the County Fair.

Radio

The experiment on reaching the public just through the radio was not too effective. At least, three bulletins on the Self-Help Overalls were requested. The Agent made two broadcasts on this subject. One was on the Dinner Bell Hour with Mrs. Doris Davis. The other one was at the Douglas Station KAWT. The need for this type of garment was stressed and the leaflet was mentioned several times so that those listening could order it. Since the Dinner Bell Program goes out to other parts of the state, it is possible that some requests went to other agents.

Two broadcasts were made with Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, on the Sewing Machine Clinics. One was over the Dinner Bell Program and the other one was at the Douglas Station. In November the Agent gave a broadcast over the Douglas Station, giving some of the information included in the Christmas Gift Ideas lessons.

Bulletins either Requested or taken from the Office

Sewing Machine Cleaning and Adjusting . .	15
Sewing Machine Attachments	18
ABC's of Mending	18
How to Tailor a Woman's Suit	15
Mending Made Easier	11
Coat Making	14
Others	64

Total 155

Publicity sent from State Office for County By-Line
on Experiment of Effect of News and Radio
Publicity alone

Cochise County Homemakers Plan Overall Project for Young Children

Cochise county homemakers are planning to make simple "self help" overalls for their young children, under a county-wide project, reports Mae Baldrige, home demonstration agent.

Homemakers throughout the nation are making many of their children's clothing today, she says. Stores report that from 20 to 50 percent of their total pattern sales go for children's clothing.

The children as well as the family pocketbook benefit if mothers chose patterns and fabrics suited especially to children's needs. Clothes which are roomy yet well-fitted allow for comfort and free movement of young children at their most active age. Clothes have been found to have a pronounced effect on the health and habit formation of infants and pre-school children especially.

Clothes designed to make it easy for children to dress themselves encourage initiative, self-reliance and skill early in life. Loosely-styled garments are not ripped, torn, discarded and outgrown as soon as those with a tight fit, thus are more comfortable and economical.

Allowances for growth also should be considered in choosing patterns for children's clothing to save expense. Specialists in the field recognize the need for better designs in children's clothing. Therefore, the Bureau of Home Economics U. S. Department of Agriculture has designed a self-help overall for youngsters.

This garment for the pre-school child allows him to play in comfort. He can be independent, too, as he can get in and out of it by himself.

The shoulder strap is out to fit the slope shoulder. Then it has a built-up bib in front and back that keeps those straps from sliding off the child's shoulders. He can help himself in and out of the garment, this



will please the child as well as the busy mother.

Before the overall is put on, says Mae Baldrige, mother buttons the strap ends inside the waist. There's no need to unfasten these buttons again until wash day. The child steps into the overall, pulls it up and slips an arm under each shoulder strap. Then he buttons four easily reached buttons at the top of the bib and at the sides.

There are other outstanding features, too. There are pleats at the bend of the hips. This gives that extra seat length that children need as they play in a squatting position.

There are let-out features, as the straps can be adjusted and wide hems at the bottom of legs. Designs made for let-outs are much better than garments made too large for the child. The child is awkward and uncomfortable in clothing that does not fit. Select material which is durable, soft, and flexible. Soft denims, and for Arizona summers, a woven seersucker will be excellent as they will require less care. Fabric should be fast to sun and laundry to look its best for the lifetime of the garment.

Manufacturers are making garments with these features and one pattern company is now making the pattern in sizes 1 to 3. Mrs. Baldrige has a folder covering this design which is free for the asking. The title is "Child's Self Help Overall," USDA leaflet No. 251. Get your copy from the Home Demonstration Office at Willcox. You, too, can take part in this project.

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED
Clothing and Textiles

Clubs	Sewing Machine Clinics		Stenciling		Use of Patterns Att. Meet-ings	Measure-ment cards used	Xmas Gift		Short Cuts' in Sewing Att.
	Att.	No. Machines	at Meetings	Agent/Leader			Att. at meetings	Agt. Ld'r.	
Apache							27		
Bisbee YWCA	13 15 13	10 10 11							
Bisbee Divide	12	3			10		11		20
Bisbee Junction	11	7			18	3	13		
Cochise	7	4			8				
Double Adobe	7	5		16	18	4			
El Paso Gas Station			10				7		
Valley Womens Club						19			
Frontier	10	3			11	36			
House of Neighborly Service	12	8							
McNeal Ladies Aid.	7	4				9	21		
Webb Mothers Club	7	4			12	30	11		
Pomerene	11	10				19			
Whitewater Relief	8	7			10				
Rucker	8	5							
San Simon	10	5	10	19 15	11				
Silver Creek	10	7			10	49		8 11	
Stewart	10	8		27 10	33	5	33		
Sulphur Springs	5	3			16	6	16		
Westside Club	19	12		18		6			
Totals	195	126	20	105	157	186	139	19	20

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED
Sewing Machine Clinics

Make of Machine	Long Bobbin	Round Bobbin	No of Years The Woman Has Had Machine						
			1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30 & over
Singer, standard	14	68	8	10	22	10	18	9	5
Singer, portable		10	2	4	2	1	1		
Kenmore		3	2	1					
Franklin	1	1					1		1
Damascus	2	4					2	3	1
Free	1							1	
White	1	8	1	1		2			5
Minnesota	3				1				2
Jaquard Eldridge		1							1
Sunflower	1								1
Wheeler and Wilson		1							1
King	1								1
Westinghouse		1		1					
Domestic	1	1	2						
Eldorado Rotary		1							1
New Home	1		1						
Standard Rotary		1	1						
Totals	26	100	17	17	25	13	22	13	19

Of the 126 machines, 31 were reported as having been second hand when the woman purchased them.

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RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Christmas Parties

The month of December is always held open for Christmas parties. Twelve Homemakers Clubs held parties this past year. Four of the clubs held their parties at night and invited their families. Each club planned their own type of program and a gift exchange was held in most cases. The Agent sent a kit of games on a Round Robin the first part of November 1948, and this was used by most of the clubs in planning their programs. The Double Adobe and San Simon women met for a special work meeting to fill bags of candy for the school children.

Extra Club Events

The Stewart Homemakers held their annual Birthday dinner in March and the annual Family Night in August. They invite all of the new people of the community to this Family Night event. A program was given and refreshments were served. There were 200 in attendance.

Three picnics were reported for the month of June. Apache held a picnic on their regular meeting day; Bisbee Divide had a picnic for their families on the 5th; and the Cochise women had a Father's Day picnic on June 15th. In August, the San Simon women went to Portal one Sunday afternoon and had a picnic. They had sent invitations to the Apache-Portal "Sew What Club" and met several of these women for the first time. They reported approximately 150 were present and that they had plenty of food and a good time.

The Westside women held a picnic instead of their regular meeting in July. This was for their families and they met at the home of Mrs. Ada Christiansen.

The Apache women put on a Husband's Night party at which there were 138 people present. This party was in July.

The Webb Mothers' Club have been very busy this year. They gave a bingo party in May. Then in September, on Labor Day, they helped with the Annual Rodeo at which time they displayed the quilt they had just finished. Also, in September they put on a play at the new Valley Union High School. This play was repeated in Douglas. Since then some of the women have been working on another play, which has been given to five communities in this part of the state. Members of this Club were responsible for a food booth at the County 4-H Achievement Day Program near the last of October.

Other Community Meetings

The Agent attended the Douglas Rodeo in March. The Westside Homemakers had a Kitchen Band Float in the Rodeo Parade, also, three of the 4-H Clubs entered floats.

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The Elfrida Community held a Valley Guest Day in conjunction with the dedication of the new High School and Gymnasium. The Agent and her family attended this celebration. During the day the crowd was escorted through the Chili Cannery and the Cotton Gin at Elfrida. There was also a field trip to one of the best irrigation systems in the vicinity. Entertainment was furnished throughout the afternoon and evening, and a barbecue was served to the estimated thousands in attendance. Of course, the Webb Mothers and the Valley women were very active in helping with this meal.

Every year on the first Sunday in October the Webb Mothers Club entertains with a steak fry. Usually one cattleman of the community furnishes the beef and he and his wife do the entertaining. This year the Lewis Grizzle's entertained. The Agent and her family attended. There were approximately 300 invited guests. The husbands of the members of the club have built a large grill in the picnic area at Rucker and they finished paying for this with donations at this picnic.

Rural Library Plans

The women of this county feel very good about the passage of the Library Bill. They are now working on a plan to get a Bookmobile here in this county. Since the Library bill had no appropriation with it, that too, will be something to work for.

Arizona Children's Home

Most of the clubs do make donations to the Arizona Children's Home but not all of them have reported what they have done this past year. Bisbee Divide sent \$10 last year for Christmas and have worked on several garments for the children during the summer. The Silver Creek women spent one meeting making garments for these children too. Webb Mothers Club sent \$10 for last Christmas. The Stewart women donated home canned food and had a special gift box at their Christmas Party for the Children's Home. The Frontier and Cochise women report having sent \$5 last Christmas.

New Community Buildings

The McNeal women's dream has finally come true. They have their new community center building, and held their first party in it on April 29th. In May they entertained the Bisbee Divide Homemakers on their regular meeting day. At least one meeting a month has been held in the center and sometimes one every week. The women have been putting on parties and suppers to help raise money to buy furnishings. This building was a large recreation hall from Ft. Huachuca.

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The Webb Mothers Club and Frontier Homemakers still have no community buildings but they are saving up every cent they can raise toward getting one.

Community Service

The McNeal Ladies Aid held their annual Cemetary Clean-Up on their regular day in April. 17 women assembled to prepare lunch for the men who were working on the Cemetary. This activity is held each spring before Decoration Day. They usually contact lot owners who have moved away and ask them to help with this clean-up, also.

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OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Organization

The way the program was planned this past year it left quite a gap in the summer program, since most of the work was done in special interest groups instead of regular club meetings. This meant that the Agent was not at some of the club meetings for a period of four months. Several women were unhappy with this situation and asked that the program be planned different this coming year.

Since the women are still a little hesitant about conducting their own programs, the Agent should spend time with each club in helping them outline the entire year's program. Rather than to meet with just a few as an executive board, perhaps it would be better for the whole club to take an active part in this program planning. Then when meetings are planned for times that the Agent will not be there the entire club will have a part in planning and carrying them out. Department chairmen should be appointed or volunteers placed in the department of their choice. These should include Clothing, Foods, Home Management, and Furnishings, and Health. Wherever possible these chairmen should not include the president of the clubs, but should include two active members with interests in these departments.

It is hoped that the County Council president will be able to visit clubs throughout the county for the visits Mrs. Whitlow made last year were well worth the time it took in the closer unity it created.

It is also hoped that another County Picnic can be planned this year so that the people can get better acquainted.

The Certificate of Achievement should be emphasized and all clubs should be encouraged to try for it this next year.

B. Food Preparation

From the response to the "One Dish Meals" lesson, it is recommended that more of this type of lesson be encouraged. The women like to get into the kitchen and really work at something, rather than be demonstrated to all of the time.

The Apache group is not much interested in sewing problems, but they want more information on food preparation. It was suggested that they study the Basic 7 foods, one at a time. Perhaps this can be carried out this coming year with the women cooperating in furnishing their favorite recipes, and preparing them at the meetings.

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C. Food Preservation

There were some special interest meetings on freezing three years ago, but it is believed that the amount of new freezers in the homes since that time would warrant this being repeated this coming year. Again, these should be conducted as work meetings, with the women actually getting practice at wrapping and preparing foods for freezing.

Canning techniques should be reviewed with some work meetings this coming year, if possible. Several of the women have asked what a Jel-meter is, so perhaps it should be introduced and demonstrated, too.

If possible, there should be more specific definitions sent out from the State Office on pickles and relishes which are shown at the County Fairs. The new definitions on jams, preserves, marmalades, etc. should make the Fair showing more uniform, and judging not quite such a task this next year.

D. Clothing and Textiles

Several of the women who sent cards in last year for the Sewing Machine Clinics were unable to attend the meetings. They will be contacted this year and clinics set up according to their requests. Five or six clinics should be sufficient.

Although the tailoring instructions were tabled for this next year, there are still quite a number of requests for this work. The Clothing chairmen should be responsible for finding out just how many people in their clubs want this lesson, and be ready to report upon it at the fall Council meeting.

E. Home Furnishings and Management

The wood refinishing lessons fell short in that the people did not go ahead and do much refinishing on their own. Perhaps some special work meetings should be set up for this coming year to get this work done. On the whole this lesson was very interesting and the more energetic women did do some work at home but the most of them did not.

The Family Expenditures lesson was received very well and the Frontier club would like to have some more work on this subject. Perhaps this can be included this coming year if they decide not to carry all of the County Program.

F. County Fair

The judging being started a day ahead of the opening of the Fair helped give the department chairmen more time to arrange things after they were judged. This should be encouraged.

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Some of the clubs felt that they could not send representatives to the Fair for four days, and therefore, did not attempt to put up a club booth. Perhaps this next year they could plan ahead of time to shift responsibility so that one club looks after several booths one day and another club looks after them the next day, and so on. Then too, there is the question as to whether these booths are worth all the effort that is put into them. This will be brought up at the spring Council meeting for a discussion and vote.

The Agent plans to enter an exhibit at the County Fair this next year. Material is being assembled now for this purpose.

The judging score card should be printed in the County Fair book for each department so that everyone will have a chance to read it over and be better able to meet the specifications it sets up. One woman remarked recently on the change from fancy pack to standard packs of canned fruits and vegetables. This has no doubt been the result of the continued use of the same score card in judging.

There are still discrepancies in individual judges standards for judging. Perhaps these could be ironed out before the next fair year, with a practice session of judging. This is especially true in the placement of a fancy pack against a standard pack of canned food, and of placing a colored crochet piece against a white or ecru piece.

G. Community Needs

The new community building at McNeal has been a much needed addition to that community. The women at Frontier and the Webb Mothers Clubs are still trying to get a community building for their use.

The fact that the women chose to include care of the small children at the club meetings in this next years program indicates that they are becoming aware of the loss of so many young mothers from their clubs. It is hoped that they will follow through and really do something constructive.