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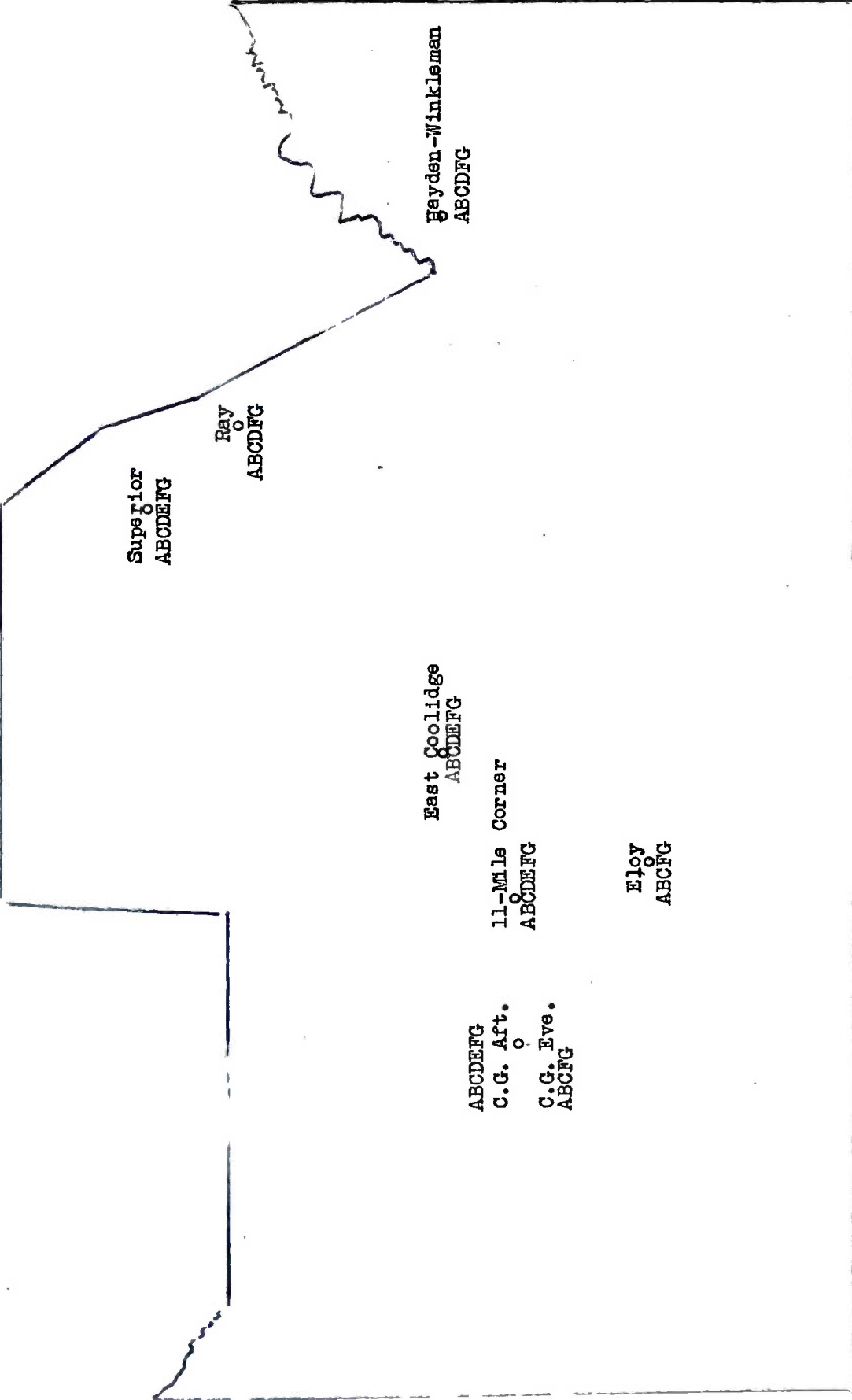
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to

November 30, 1951

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- Key:
- A- Homemakers
 - B- House & Furnishings
 - C- Food Selection & Preparation
 - D - County Council
 - E - Health & Safety
 - F - Clothing & Textile
 - G - Recreation and Community Life

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Report Summary - June 18, 1951 to November 30, 1951

Days spent in office - - - - -	72
Days spent in the field - - - - -	25
Days spent conducting work with adults - - -	86 $\frac{1}{2}$
Days spent in Junior work - - - - -	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Adult work was carried on in ten communities through eight Homemakers Clubs, Winkleman Farm Bureau, two Relief Societies, Special Interest Meetings, and individual contacts.

Sixteen adult method demonstrations were conducted by the Agent with a total of 294 homemakers attending. There were 49 meetings conducted by local leaders with a total of 652 homemakers in attendance.

The Agent attended the County Homemakers Council three times during the year. One meeting was in May before the Agent was officially working in this county. These meetings were limited to the Presidents and Delegates - two members from each club. The Program Planning meeting was open to project leaders also.

A total of 22 home visits were made. There were 155 office calls and 205 telephone calls. There were 65 news articles published in the agent's weekly column and 4 radio broadcasts were made. There were 929 bulletins distributed.

Subject Matter

Clothing - Tailoring was the big project of the fall. Over 100 women registered to attend the five classes. This number was reduced to 65 and that number of women are still working on their garments. Final results will be reported next year. Four sewing machine clinics were conducted with a total of 28 machines being cleaned, oiled and adjusted.

House Furnishings - "Room Arrangements" was the major project in this field. The Specialist trained the leaders and they gave this lesson before the agent arrived in the county.

Health and Safety - Each club conducted its own health topic. Participation in the Civilian Defense program was stressed through an outside speaker at the September Council meeting.

Home Beautification - Two clubs asked for help in care of household plants. One club had this lesson with the assistance of an outside speaker.

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EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

Organization

The Agent officially started work in Pinal County on June 18th. At that time there were only 8 Homemakers Clubs actively participating in the Extension program.

<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Members</u>
Casa Grande Afternoon	Mrs. Helen Ward	21
Casa Grande Evening	Mrs. Lee Allen	16
Eloy	Mrs. Ruth Manis	21
Kenilworth	Mrs. H.A. Nafziger	20
Ray	Mrs. Ruth McMillan	17
Sun Valley	Mrs. Christine Meeks	20
Superior	Mrs. Parker Dougan	17
Winkleman	Mrs. Stella Downey	22

During the summer months most of the Agent's time was spent in getting acquainted with the community and the office files. Very few of the clubs meet during these months, and if they do it's only for pleasure or hobbies.

The tailoring program started in September as a special interest project. Therefore, the Agent has not yet met with most of the club groups at a regular club meeting. Plans are to accomplish this during December and January when club year books will be filled out.

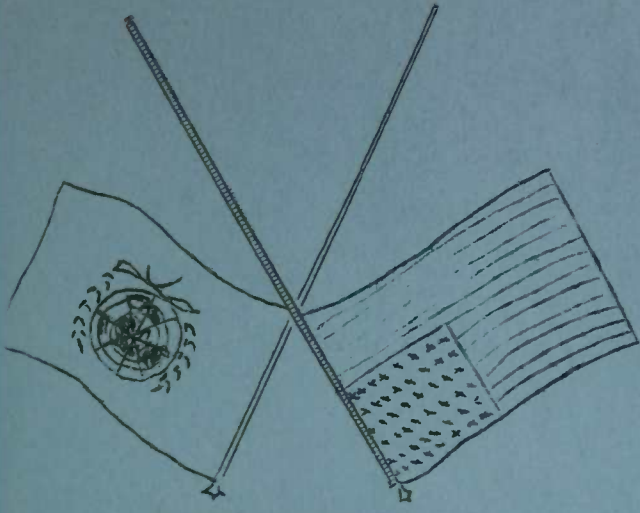
At the November Council meeting the president of the Kenilworth Homemakers' Club asked the Agent's advice on organizing another club in that area. Most of the new women who wish to belong live near Coolidge and could very well have a club there on their own. The Kenilworth president was advised to act as a sponsor group in getting this new club started. The reason for making this new group is because their homes are not large enough to accommodate any more than now belong to the Kenilworth club.

There has been some talk of reorganizing the group at San Manuel, near Oracle. More work needs to be done on this in the form of home visits before it can be accomplished.

Requests have been received from the Casa Grande and Florence Latter Day Saints groups. Plans are to send them the program of the new year and invite them to participate in any way they desire.

Home Demonstration Agents' Conference

The Agent attended the Home Demonstration Agents' Conference from August 27 - 31.



October 24, 1951
Hayden Club House

PINAL COUNTY
ACHIEVEMENT DAY

PROGRAM OF THE DAY

SKITS AND STUNTS

- 10:00 - Registration
- 10:00 - Club Exhibits
- 10:30 - Group Singing
- 11:00-11:45 - "My Year at Harvard" by
Jean M. Stewart
- 11:45-1:00 - Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 - Progress of Children's
Colony - J. Robert
McIntire
- 2:00 - Club Skits

- Casa Grande Night
- Casa Grande Afternoon
- Eloy
- Kenilworth
- Ray
- Sun Valley
- Superior
- Winkelman

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CLOTHING

- 1st. Choice - Dry Cleaning in the Home.
- 2nd. Choice - Mending and Reweaving.
- 3rd. Choice - Hand Finishes that Give that Expensive Look.
- Others:
 - Making Over Clothing.
 - Ready-to-wear Finishes applied to Home Sewing.
 - Selection of Design for Self.
 - Sewing Gadgets.
 - Accessories.
 - Sewing Machine Clinics.

HOME MANAGEMENT AND FURNISHINGS

- 1st. Choice - Lampshade Making.
- 2nd. Choice - How to Become a Better Homemaker Without
(Tie) Spending All My Time In the Kitchen.
- Others:
 - Upholstry Cleaning.
 - Restyling Old Furniture.
 - Storage Space.
 - Picture and Wall Hangings.
 - Slip Covers.
 - New Appliances.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- 1st. Choice - First Aid Before the Doctor Comes.
- 2nd. Choice - Planning for Old Age.
- Others:
 - Safe Restaurants and How to be Sure of Them.
 - School Programs - Dental and School Lunch.
 - Preventing Accidents in the Home.
 - County Health Department.
(What it is and What it can do for us)
 - Telling Children the Facts of Life.
 - Hobby Work
 - Civilian Defense - Participation - Training
for Emergencies.
 - Simple Business Administration for Women.
 - Cardiac Program.

These topics shown as one, two, and three were sent to the Specialists for their suggestions on calendaring.

At the November County Council Meeting, held at the Community Church in Superior, the program was as follows:

Registration
Business Meeting
Report of Governor's Conference by Jane Peters
"The Colorado River Controversy" by K. K. Henness
Installation of Officers
Entertainment by Superior 4-H Club Girls

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During the business meeting the Agent introduced the new Extension Nutrition Specialist, Mrs. Elsie Morris. Plans were discussed for the next Council Meeting to be held in January.

County Achievement Day

One of the highlights of the County Activities is the Homemakers' Achievement Day. This year the Achievement Day was held on October 24th at Hayden. As this was United Nations' Day, the program was designed with the United Nations' Flag and the American Flag. The United Nations' Flag was also on exhibit during the day.

Miss Dorothy Price of Eloy started the meeting with group singing. Miss Stewart then gave a talk telling of her activities at Harvard. She showed slides of some of the scenes in that part of the country. At noon a pot-luck luncheon was served. After lunch J. Robert McIntire gave a very interesting and educational talk on the progress of the Children's Colony. He answered a great many questions and thereby cleared up a number of false ideas. One thing that Mr. McIntire mentioned was the fact that this colony is for mentally deficient children and that they were to understand that the children are not ill. He emphasized this over and over. He also reminded the women that this type child is as near to them as their next baby. After Mr. McIntire's talk each club presented a skit. These were as follows:

1. Casa Grande Afternoon - "A Day at the Blood Bank".
2. Eloy - "The Viper".
3. Sun Valley - "A Typical Restaurant Scene".
4. Kenilworth - "The Landing of Columbus".
5. Ray - "A Typical Sewing Class".
6. Hayden-Winkleman - "Give Away" Quiz Program.

Each skit was planned and presented by members of the respective clubs. No two were alike and all were entertaining and to the point.

At this Achievement Day it has been the policy that each club set up an exhibit of the work done the past year. Seven out of eight clubs did this. After all these exhibits were up it looked quite a bit like a County Fair with hand-work, crafts, all types of clothing, and canning. At the last Council Meeting the president asked that the clubs also exhibit a poster showing the work done. All eight clubs displayed their posters. The information on these were very valuable in compiling the annual and statistical report.

Looking back over the Achievement Day, the Agent would make one criticism. There was entirely too much on the program and the exhibits were not

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appreciated because of this. Another year the program should be much shorter. This is one day the women really look forward to and enjoy to the utmost. Committees had been appointed by the president at the September Council Meeting to take care of the program, registration, clean-up and food. These committees all co-operated very well and the day was a huge success.

Information Program

Circular Letters

A County Circular Letter was sent to the Homemakers each month. This letter is sent out near the end of the month and highlights the events to happen during the next month, such as the project for the month, the schedule of club meetings, household hints, and available bulletins. A sample of the circular letter is enclosed.

News Articles sent to the Casa Grande Dispatch, Eloy Enterprise, and the Coolidge Examiner are as follows:

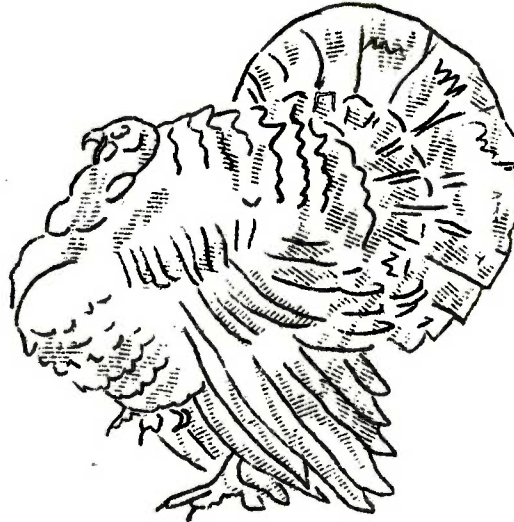
- April: Use Vitamins and Minerals from your Vegetable liquids.
 Better Use of Light Bulbs.
 Care of Household Linen.
 Food not eaten.
 Plentiful Foods for May.
- May: Cord casualties.
 Shopping tips for dress goods.
 Sweet and Snappy Salads.
 Practical pleats.
- June: Main dish salad for summer.
 Kitchen-wise tools.
 Buttonhole know-how.
 Read deodorant labels carefully.
 Home Files.
 Favorite ice cream dessert.
 Sewing machine clinics.
- July: Use Frozen food - do not save it.
 Streaking of wax on floors.
 Peach freezing tips.
 Potatoes in popular ways.
 Sweeten fruit before freezing.
 Nine lines for safe lives.
 Picking peaches at market.
 Vary the picnic menu.
 Use all the watermelon.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
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CASA GRANDE

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AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK
COUNTY AGENT WORK

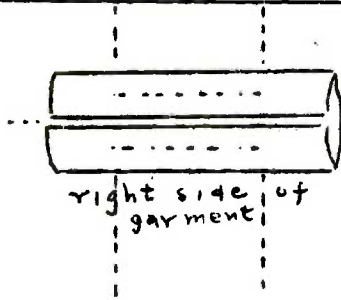
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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND PINAL COUNTY COOPERATING



Dear Homemaker:

The holiday season is nearly here and there are, oh, so many things yet to be done. Perhaps some of the following suggestions will help you plan for the happy days ahead.

PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER

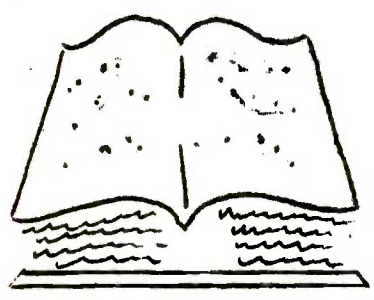


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garment

Most of you have come in contact with the many things your members have learned at the special tailoring meetings. Much of what they have learned can be passed on to you, such as, putting a good crease on the husband's trousers, a new easy way to make bound buttonholes, or how to put on a skirt belt. The tailoring meetings will continue throughout the month of November. This means that homemakers clubs are still on their own.

ANNUAL REPORT TIME IS HERE

That means that your agent will be busy this next month compiling figures and writing a report of your activities. Those posters displayed at the Achievement Day will help a lot. Most of the project leaders have sent in individual reports, too. No doubt I'll be hearing from the others soon. If you have other activities which should be reported, please let me know.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Please note that some of the regular dates have been changed because of conflicts with the Council meeting and Thanksgiving week. They tell me that the Eloy meeting on the 29th is open to husbands and wives. Dr. Metzger is planning to talk on the work they have done at the clinic in Eloy.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Project</u>
Nov. 7	Tailoring Class	Casa Grande Rebekah Hall 10:00 A.M.	Tailoring
Nov. 7	Winkleman	- - - - -	Tailoring
Nov. 7	Sun Valley	Greenhouse	Tailoring
Nov. 8	Tailoring Class	Greenhouse - 11-Mile Cor.	Tailoring
Nov.13	Casa Grande Nite	Mrs. Gladys MacDonald	Aprons and Tailoring
Nov.13	Superior	Mrs. Parker Dougan	Council Plans
Nov.14	County Council	Superior Community Church . 10:00 A.M.	
To be set	Ray	Mrs. Virgie Torbett	Tailoring
Nov.16	Casa Grande Aft.	Mrs. Rose Wiseman	Tailoring
Nov.17	4-H Ltm & Council	Meeting - 11-Mile Corner	Greenhouse
Nov.19	Tailoring Class	Eloy Community Center 10:00 A.M.	Tailoring
Nov.20	Tailoring Class	Hayden Club House 10:00	Tailoring
Nov.27	Tailoring Class	Casa Grande Nazarene Church Basement-10:00	Tailoring
Nov.27	Kenilworth	Mrs. Lacey	Tailoring
Nov.28	Tailoring Class	11-Mile Corner Greenhouse 10:00 A.M.	Tailoring
Nov.29	Tailoring Class	Eloy Community Center 10:00 A.M.	Tailoring
Nov.29	Eloy	Community Center 7:30 P.M.	Health by Dr. Metzger
Nov.30	Tailoring Class	Hayden Club House 10:00	Tailoring

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Nov. 3-12 - Arizona State Fair
- Nov. 14 - County Council Meeting at Superior. At this event we will have election and installation of officers.
- Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving

ARE YOU READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Here are some ideas:

1. If new draperies are a must this fall, and you plan to make them, you will need our bulletin "Tailor your Draperies". Choosing material is very important. Better check to see if it is sun proof and easily cleaned. Don't be skimpy with the amount of yardage you buy. Allow 100% fullness, if possible.

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2. If you need new ideas, stop in the office and look over some of the suggestions I have. There are several on toys, crocheted household articles, tier trays, silver polish and dustless dust-cloths, and many, many more.

3. Now is the time to make that Fruit Cake. Here is a recipe you may wish to try.

Virginia Fruit Cake

1 cup fruit juice	1 lb. butter or other fat
3 lbs. raisins	1 lb. brown sugar
1/2 lb. dates	1 doz. eggs
2 to 4 lbs. any assorted fruit such as citron, orangepeel, cherries, etc.	1 ts. molasses
1 lb. nuts	1 cup buttermilk
1 glass jelly	6-1/2 cups sifted flour
4 hard tart apples	1 ts. baking soda
	2 ts. baking powder
	1 ts. ea. cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, salt

Soak chopped fruit overnight in the cup of fruit juice. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, molasses, then whole eggs one at a time. Beat thoroughly, then add alternately with buttermilk half of the flour mixture to which the dry ingredients were added. Beat hard. To soaked fruit mixture, add melted jelly, grated apple and nuts. Stir all together 10 to 15 minutes and weigh batter. Bake in paper lined tube or small loaf pans at 250° or 275° using the lower temperature for a single cake. This recipe makes 13 to 14 lbs. Decorate with nuts and cherries. OR: Try a pressure cooker for fruit cake. Steam small molds one hour or a large loaf 1½ hours at 10 lb. pressure. Then 1/2 hour in slow oven to dry excess moisture. OR: If you have trouble burning your fruit cakes, place your fruit cakes in a large roaster with 1 inch of water in the bottom. Bake with the lid in place, adding water when necessary. Remove from the roaster and bake the last 30 minutes. Wrap and store and moisten with fruit juices if desired.

AVAILABLE BULLETINS

Making Bound Buttonholes - Giving a very easy, fool-proof method for that tailored touch.

Turkey on the Table the Year Round - Here are just those suggestions you have been looking for, including lots of ideas for using up the inevitable left-overs.

Sincerely,

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August: Summertime laundering
Cleaning lights, reflectors will save electricity
Cool and tart salad
New uses for paper towels
Reducing tips
To save ironing labor
Stubborn freezer odors
Tailoring school to start soon
Ways with sour cream

September: Tailoring meeting news
Rabbit on the menu
Gumbo moves north
Linoleum lasts with good care
Print from bags
Freezer cookies
October plenty
Safe clothes for children
Announcing the Council Meeting
Announcing the 4-H Organization Meeting
Story of Council Meeting

October: New wall finish brightens bath
Is scalding necessary in freezing?
Food prospects for rest of year
Making draperies
History of United Nations' Day
Refrigerator relief
Less soap, more detergents
November plenty
Upright cleaning
Story of Achievement Day

November: Pottery goes well with fall flowers
Turkeys and cranberries
Kitchen angle (arrangements)
Hints on cooking deer meat
Portables preferred (ironing board)
Food for the freezer
Apples in cookies
Thrifty platter protein
Child can make Christmas gifts
December plenty

Radio Broadcasts

The Agent shares the Farm Program with the County Agent and the Assistant Agents. This is a fifteen minute program given each Friday afternoon at 4:30. It was decided that the Home Demonstration Agent should carry the entire program on the second Friday of each month. The topics used are as follows:

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August	Tailoring
September	Tailoring
	Homemakers' Calendar
	Achievement Day Plans
October	United Nations' Day
November	History of Extension Work
	Program Planning

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A regular weekly column, of which the attached is a sample, was carried in three weekly newspapers in the County.

*Homemaker's
Hints*
by the
HOME DEMONSTRATION
AGENT
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Hunting season is in its full stride and many of the deer hunting parties have come home successful. Here are a few suggestions for serving deer meat.

1. Try serving it with damson plum or red plum preserves.
 2. If that wild game taste is not enjoyed, cook it with any of several seasonings, some of which might be bay leaves, thyme, marjoram, savory, parsley, sage, chili sauce, or cooked dried prunes. Basting the game with pickle juice, tomato juice, orange, lemon or grapefruit juice, or sour cream, also enhances its flavor.
 3. One of the very best ways of using wild game is to grind the less tender cuts. When additional fat is added, ground meat is ideal for meat patties or burgers, mince meat, meat loaf, and casserole dishes calling for ground meat.
- There is a bulletin available which gives many more good suggestions. If you would like to have it, just let me know.

PORTABLES PREFERRED

Whether to install a wall ironing board and stationary wash tubs or to plan for portable equipment has long been a question argued by house designers. A recent regional housing survey indicates that farm homemakers generally prefer portables. More than half of the 4,000 rural homemakers in the four regions of the country who were interviewed said they favored a portable ironing board to one that is built in. In all but the Northwest region, portable laundry tubs were preferred to stationary tubs. Apparently, women find that equipment that can be moved to the most convenient location makes long, heavy tasks

like washing and ironing easier. The survey was conducted to learn what farm families need and want in their homes.

FOOD FOR THE FREEZER

Apples to youngberries, asparagus to turnip greens—35 fruits and 37 vegetables may now be frozen by the homemaker, according to up-to-date directions in a bulletin just issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Endeavoring to keep pace with homemakers' eagerness to freeze more and more foods in more and more ways, the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics has conducted selected laboratory experiments to fill gaps in knowledge regarding quality of frozen products prepared and packaged by different methods. Their findings, combined with recent research by other laboratories, formed the basis for the new bulletin, "Home Freezing of Fruits and Vegetables," Home and Garden Bulletin No. 10. Single copies may be obtained without charge by sending your request to me.

To help the homemaker to do a good job, the bulletin gives planning pointers, tables of approximate yield of frozen food from fresh fruits and vegetables, descriptions of types of containers and their uses, and directions for preparing and packaging each food and for loading the freezer. Directions for many of the fruits include purees and juices.

Information on thawing and using fruits, and timetables for cooking frozen vegetables in a small amount of water, in steam, and in a pressure saucepan are also provided.

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HOUSE AND FURNISHING

The project on Room Arrangements was carried by the leaders during April and May. No other project in this field has been carried this year. Several requests have been answered for information on drapery construction, slip covers and upholstering. The bulletins were sent in most cases.

According to the posters displayed on Achievement Day, the homemakers report the following program as achieved:

Clubs Participating	Rooms	Changes	Pieces	Refin-	Slip Covers	Articles Made		Lamp shades
	Re- Arranged	in Color	Uphol- stered	ished: Wood		Drapes	Lamps	
Casa Grande Afternoon	9	4	1	2	4	4	5	3
Casa Grande Evening			1	1	2	3		
Eloy	20	16					6	14
Kenilworth		15	4					
Ray	16			13				
Sun Valley			1	5				4
Superior	8		2	6	6			
Winklemen	4	6						7
Totals	55	41	9	27	12	7	11	28

Information:

News articles published in this field:

Portables preferred (Ironing board)
Kitchen Angle (arrangements)
Pottery goes well with fall flowers
Upright cleaning
Less soap but more detergents
Making draperies
Better use of light bulbs
Care of household linen
Cord casualties
Kitchen-wise tools
Home files
Streaking of wax on floors
Summertime laundering

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Cleaning lights, reflectors will
save electricity
New uses for paper towels
To save ironing labor
Linoleum lasts with good care
New wall finish brightens bath

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NUTRITION

On October 15th the Agent was asked by the Casa Grande Girl Scouts to discuss the basic seven foods and food values. This information was presented and the girls asked several questions regarding food values. The Agent also discussed with them the educational background of Extension Workers and teachers. This is a part of their study to earn a food merit badge. At this meeting the Agent also checked food posters the girls had made and gave them suggestions for improving them. The girls and their leaders attended this meeting.

Information:

News articles published in this field:

Use vitamins and minerals from
your vegetable liquids
Food not eaten
Thrifty platter protein

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FOOD PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

Several requests have been answered on freezing information. One request was answered on how to make pomegranate jelly. It seems that most of the food preserved is put up in either home freezers or local lockers.

According to the information on the posters displayed at the County Achievement Day, the following food was preserved by those reporting:

Clubs Participating	Women Report- ing	Fruit Canned Qts.	Veg. Canned Qts.	Pickles & Relishes Qts.	Jams, etc. Pts.	Frozen Fruit Pts.	Frozen Poultry	Frozen Veg.	Frozen Meat
Sun Valley		29			24				
Kenilworth	12	243	38	52	9	310	211	108	750
Ray	6	51				97		97	
Casa Grande Afternoon		63	8	33	204	108	14		

Information:

News articles published in this field:

Use frozen food - do not save it
Peach freezing time
Sweeten fruit before freezing
Stubborn freezer odors
Freezer cookies
Is scalding necessary in freezing
Food for the freezer

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FOOD SELECTION AND PREPARATION

No work was done on this project after June. The former Agent had conducted work in Meat cookery this year, and Yeast Breads and Oven Meals last year. According to reports handed in by the Ray and Casa Grande Afternoon Homemakers, the following results were attained:

Report of Work Done	Ray	Homemaker Clubs	
		Casa Grande Aft.	
<u>Yeast Breads</u>			
Attendance at Demonstration	14		19
Women Reporting Results	12		16
Women using basic Recipe	4		10
Time rolls or coffee cake were served	-		100
Neighbors who were helped	2		6
<u>Oven Meals</u>			
Attendance at Demonstration	8		19
Oven meals served	Twice a week		150
Neighbors helped	-		10
<u>Meat Cookery</u>			
Attendance at Demonstration	-		16
Women using broiling method	-		2
Women using low heat method	-		15
Neighbors helped	-		2

Mrs. Carron of the Casa Grande Afternoon Homemakers reports that the point most appreciated in the Meat cookery lesson was "the fact that meat should be cooked at a lower temperature than most of them had used".

According to the posters displayed at the County Achievement Day, the clubs report the number of women using information learned from this project as follows:

Clubs	Oven Meals	Yeast Breads	Outdoor Cookery	Meat Cookery	Salads
Casa Grande Evening	4	3	2	4	5
Casa Grande Afternoon	18	28		8	5
Eloy	15	12		10	
Superior	15	23	22	11	22
Winkleman	20	11	9		15
Totals	72	77	33	33	47

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Information:

News articles published in this field are as follows:

Plentiful foods for May
Sweet and snappy salads
Main dish salad for summer
Favorite ice cream dessert
Potatoes in popular ways
Picking peaches at market
Vary the picnic menu
Use all the watermelon
Cool and tart salad
Reducing tips
Ways with sour cream
Rabbit on the menu
Gumbo moves north
October plenty
Food prospects for rest of year
Refrigerator relief
November plenty

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Two talks at the Council Meetings emphasized this phase. One talk was by Mr. Dwight Lear who is the Red Cross Field Director at Phoenix. He told of our part in the Civilian Defense Program and of the need for more blood donations. Since a bloodmobile was due in Casa Grande soon this was a very timely item. The second talk was made by Mr. J. Robert McIntyre, Superintendent of the Arizona Children's Colony. He emphasized the need for such an institution and explained how the women could help make it a success.

National Fire Prevention Week was high-lighted in the circular letter sent to all the homemakers. There were six suggestions listed for the homemaker to check to prevent fires in their own homes.

The Eloy homemakers have been instrumental in getting the children's clinic started in that community. They spent most of the summer making garments, toys, etc. for this clinic. In November, Dr. Metzger, examining physician, talked to the club on the findings of the work done each week at the clinic. Many cases of illness have been caught before they became serious.

Information:

News articles published in this project are as follows:

Nine lines for safe lives

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CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

This has been the outstanding project this fall. Four tailoring classes were started and four sewing machine clinics were held.

Tailoring

Miss Church, State Clothing Specialist, met with the Agent and planned the tailoring lessons in September. The first class was then held in two district meetings, one at Casa Grande and one at Florence. At this meeting the following information was covered:

1. Requirements for entering tailoring classes
2. Selection of Material
 - a. Woolen and Worsted
 - b. Combinations
3. Tests for good suiting and coating material
4. Material samples shown
5. Slides used to bring out sewing techniques
6. Selecting patterns to suit the individual
 - a. Lines and designs
 - b. Current fashion
7. Methods for shrinking woolen material
8. Assignment for next meeting
9. Making pressing equipment

Miss Church demonstrated the use of pressing equipment. This was followed by a work meeting. During this work session the women made a tailor's ham and a tailor's pressing cushion and roll. She also showed the use of the wooden clapper and several of the women bought these for future use.

Over 100 women attended these first meetings. Since this was entirely too many for four classes, some were asked to wait until later for this work. The entire Superior group and most of the women from Ray chose to wait. A few women dropped out of the other classes after the second meeting. The final enrollment was as follows:

Casa Grande Class	-	17
Eloy Class	-	10
11-Mile Corner Class	-	15
Hayden Class	-	20

The second and third meetings were held in October and the early part of November. The Agent assisted Miss Church in conducting these meetings. At the second meeting each woman was fitted in her muslin garment, alterations were made where necessary, and the women were shown how to transfer these alterations to their paper patterns. At the third meeting the women were fitted in their woolen garment and alterations were again made where necessary. At the end of each meeting the women were given home assignments so they could be ready for the next step of instruction.

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At the second tailoring meeting the following work was done:

1. Construction of Shoulder Pads
2. Fitting of suit and coat
 - a. Check blade line
 - b. Check shoulder line
 - c. Check for dowager's hump
 - d. Check neckline seam - should be to where the head fastens on spine
 - e. Collar needs to hug neckline and cover back seam.
 - f. Check length of suit coat
 - g. Check length of coat and skirts
3. Use of Interfacings
 - a. Kinds
 - b. Where used

At the third meeting the material covered was as follows:

1. Pressing seams
2. Pressing darts
3. Trimming seams and darts
4. Making buttonholes - a new bulletin was used
5. Pockets
 - a. Bound
 - b. Welt
 - c. Patch
6. Final fitting

The final tailoring classes will be held in December and the early part of January. A style show is planned as a grande finale. Perhaps this can be done at the January County Council Meeting.

This tailoring course was publicized through the newspapers, over the radio, and in the circular letter. Many requests came in for applications as a result of this widespread publicity.

Sewing Machine Clinics

Four sewing machine clinics were conducted this fall. Information on this work was sent to the newspapers, given over the radio, and included in the circular letter. Women desiring to take part were asked to contact the Agent. As a result two clinics were held in Casa Grande, one at 11-Mile Corner, and one at Eloy. Requests also came from the Ray club, but they decided to wait until next year.

A total of 28 sewing machines were cleaned, re-assembled, oiled, and adjusted at these clinics. The new Phaff machine was brought to one of these meetings. The Agent had been informed of this beforehand and had checked with the Phaff dealer on how to take apart and re-assemble this type.

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Dear H omemaker:

Plans are now completed for the tailoring classes. Registrations show that there is a great amount of interest for this work.

The first meeting will be held in two sections - one at Casa Grande and the other at Florence. All women from Coolidge, Eloy and Casa Grande areas should plan to attend the Casa Grande meeting. All others in the North and East part of the County should plan to attend the meeting at Florence.

Just as a reminder, these meetings are to be held on September 18 in the Casa Grande Rebecca Hall on the Phoenix highway, and on September 19 in the Florence Presbyterian Church Basement - both meetings to be at 10:00 A.M. sharp.

Miss Church has asked that you bring the following material:

1-1/2 yds. of heavy muslin (This should be pre-shrunk in soapy water to remove sizing. Heavy feed sacks will do)

Small sewing equipment (Pins, Needle, Thread, Thimble, Scissors)

A magazine about the size of McCalls or Ladies Home Journal

Sack lunch

At this first meeting we will discuss selection of material and patterns. You will also start to make pressing equipment which you will be using throughout the course. We will also plan the four follow-up meetings necessary to complete this work. These will be classes of 15-18, held in or near your community if possible.

Sincerely,

Mac Beldridge

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Although the machine at the meeting was not too dirty, the women wanted to know how to clean it when necessary.

Of the 28 machines, seven were reported to have been second-hand when the women purchased them. Two Singers and one White were at the Community Center in Eloy. These were quite old and had been donated to the Center for use with the 4-H girls.

The machines brought to these clinics were as follows:

SEWING MACHINE CLINIC									
Make	Long Bobbin	Round Bobbin	1-5	Number of Years Women had Machine					
				5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30 & up
Singer	1	10	6	2	2				1
White Rotary		4	1	1	1		1		
Singer Portable		3	1		1		1		
Kenmore		3	1		2				
Domestic		2	2						
pfaff		1	1						
New Cottage	1				1				
La Bell	1								1
Waltham Rotary		1		1					
Free Westing- house		1	1						
Totals	3	25	13	4	7		2		2

Apron Kit

One club, Casa Grande Afternoon, reports having used the Apron Kit this past year. Here is their report:

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How many women used suggested designs for making aprons?	<u>4</u>
What was the total number of aprons made?	<u>6</u>
How many women found other patterns with some features that they like?	<u>15</u>

Comments:

"We used the kit, demonstrating the aprons and all patterns and features were new and acceptable to everyone. An apron parade followed using each member's favorite apron, so more new ideas were found there. Quite a few exchanged patterns and those in the kit were cut off and pattern numbers taken by several."

Information:

News articles sent out concerning this project were as follows:

Shopping tips for dress goods
Practical pleats
Buttonhole know-how
Read deodorant labels carefully
Sewing machine clinics
Tailoring school to start soon
Tailoring meeting news
Print from bags
Safe clothes for children
Child can make Christmas gifts

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HOME BEAUTIFICATION

Care of Inside and Outdoor Plants

The Casa Grande Night Club planned a lesson on care of flowers. The Agent contacted Mr. Steenson, owner of the Pinal Nursery, and asked if he would talk to the group. This meeting was held on October 9, and Mr. Steenson gave a very educational talk. He also answered a number of questions, thus clarifying many individual problems. The Agent attended this meeting and was very pleased with Mr. Steenson's talk and will plan to use him later with other groups upon request.

OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The eight clubs already organized seem to be well organized and able to carry on the Extension work with little assistance. Project leaders seem quite capable and willing to work with the Agent. In this county these leaders and the officers seem quite willing to travel the distances necessary to get the information to take back to the others in the club.

As was stated earlier in this report, more time is needed to browse around and view the Achievement Day Exhibits. This will mean better planning when the program is discussed.

The County Council officers are doing a fine job of conducting the Homemakers' program on a county level. They have worked with the Agent and helped to make the Council meetings a success.

The main need in this county is to reach those not organized in Homemakers' Clubs. Perhaps some of this can be accomplished through other organizations existing in these communities, such as Farm Bureau, Relief Societies, Parent Teachers Associations, etc. Some of this can be done through the Information program; that is: via newspapers and radio. Other work can be done by personal contact and by writing to the officers of these groups and telling them of the Extension program for the coming year. The tailoring program has helped make this introduction and should tend to strengthen the program as time goes on. Other such Special Interest programs should help, too.

In the Coolidge and Winkelman areas, indications are that two clubs will be organized where there is now only one. At Coolidge this is because the homes are not large enough to accommodate the large number of women interested in Extension clubs. At Winkelman there is a strong feeling that children are unwanted at the club meetings. This may result in the young mothers forming a club of their own. Otherwise, they are not being reached unless they individually hire baby sitters for the club day. This problem is very grave and has arisen at Ray and Superior also. Much thought needs to be given to it and a solution must be found to help these women.