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MISS FRANCES L. BROWN
HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

GRAHAM COUNTY

ARIZONA

From December 1, 1938 to November 30, 1939

I. ORGANIZATION

Sub-Project B--Home Economics Extension Organization

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Because she was fairly well acquainted with the conditions in Graham County and thoroughly familiar with the work of the former Home Demonstration Agent, this agent did not attempt to set up a regularly planned program of work. She had seen that because of the nature of her work, it had not been possible for her predecessor to carry out such a program.

Like her predecessor, when the present Agent came into the County, she served as Home Demonstration Agent for Graham and for Greenlee Counties, and as Home Management Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration for the same territory.

Under this latter organization, her duties covered the work of supervision of the Home Management phases of the Farm Security Administration, and the investigations concerning families in the migratory labor class, which naturally took precedence over all other work, and hence might interfere with carrying out even the best prepared plans.

The rural population of Graham County, with the two exceptions of Bonita and Klondyke Communities, is largely grouped in small villages with outlying small ranches along the Gila River. These villages range in distance from the County Seat, from four to thirty miles direct.

In all these communities, except Bonita and Klondyke, where there are Home-makers Groups organized, the women are organized in groups under the Latter Day Saint Church. In fact, they are so highly organized in connection with their church, that although they have the kindest feelings toward the Home Demonstration Agent and the work of the Agricultural Extension Service, they have but very little time to devote to any matter, however interesting or needed outside of their church and its affairs.

For this reason, it has not been possible to date, to organize Home-makers groups among these women.

Like her predecessor, this Agent has been very willing to work through the groups organized through the church, until such time that the women will request Extension Organization.

Accordingly, instead of attempting to set up a regularly planned program, the Agent did two things: she held herself in readiness to answer all calls for assistance from the church groups while she was feeling her way to a better organization, and to bring to as many of these groups as desired it, all the assistance from the various Specialists from the Agricultural Extension Service as she could.

In pursuance of this plan, the Agent secured the Home Furnishings Specialist for a six-day school in Furniture Construction and Repair in February, for Pima, and the services of the Specialist in Clothing were also secured for a six-day school in Construction of children's clothing--likewise for Pima.

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The Agent also answered a call for assistance from the Relief Societies of Safford, and gave one lecture on nutrition at one of these societies, and a series of three lectures on nutrition at the other.

While holding herself in readiness to help as needed, nine groups of women in the various communities requested group instruction in nutrition with special emphasis upon weight control.

Also, in order to keep up and increase the interest in food production and food preservation, the Agent stimulated interest in the Kerr Adult Canning Contest.

As the time passed, interest in Home Demonstration work grew so that it was possible to have a very successful County Program Planning Meeting on May 4, at which time fifteen women from ten different communities met with the State Leader and the County Home Demonstration Agent, and formulated the first regularly planned County program to be carried out in the year, 1939 and 1940.

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Phase 1--Home Makers Clubs

During the summer of 1938, the Agent met with the members of the Farm Womens Club of Bonita and planned with them to carry a Home Makers Club Program with them. There were at that time sixteen women in the group, though it has since dwindled down to only seven, because so many have moved away. This group meets regularly on the second Thursday of each month.

At the request of the women in Klondyke, the Agent met with the women of that community in January, and organized a Home Makers Club to meet once a month on the last Thursday of each month. There were twelve women present at that first meeting which takes in practically all of the women in that community.

No regular program was planned with these groups, for reasons already given. However, it was agreed upon that the Agent would meet with each of these groups herself with a demonstration each month or would take some one with her who would give the demonstration, if it were at all possible.

Accordingly, the Agent has met with these two groups as frequently as she could with the result that she has met with the Klondyke group eight times and they have been given 6 demonstrations during the year. The attendance at these meetings was ninety-one.

She has met with the Bonita group seven times likewise, and they have had 6 demonstrations. The attendance during the seven meetings was one-hundred eighty-eight.

It is planned for the next year to take the regularly planned program to these two groups whenever weather conditions permit, since the members of both are so interested in our work and their attendance is so good. So far, this plan is working out satisfactorily.

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Sub-Project C--4H Clubs
Phase 1--4H Club Organization

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The Agent also visited the various communities in behalf of 4H Club work for girls, but found that in Bonita and Klondyke, there were not enough girls of club age to form clubs. In some of the other communities it was not possible to find women who would undertake the leadership and in still others, clubs were organized that died out because of failure on the part of leaders to function. However, four clubs that were organized were carried through to completion.

These clubs were as follows: First-year Clothing Club at Thatcher, First-year Clothing Club at Central, First-year Clothing Club at Pima, and Second-year Knitting Club at Fort Thomas. Further references will be made to these clubs under discussion of Projects.

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Sub-Project B--Food Preservation (Continued)
Phase 2--Canning Foods

The Agent gave two methods demonstrations in July, on the use of up-to-date canning equipment: one at Bonita, July 13, with 22 present and one in Klondyke, July 27, with 18 present.

The outlook for this project is very good, since plans are already made, whereby the Specialist in Food and Nutrition is scheduled to give a series of demonstrations in the County each month for three months, next year. The Home Demonstration Agent feels that this work as planned will not only be very interesting but that it will be highly inspiring as well.



The First Prize Exhibit in the 1939 Kerr Canning Contest.
Won by Mrs Eliza Coleman of Thatcher.

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As in the previous year, in the Kerr Glass Corporation of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, sponsored a Kerr Adult Canning Contest, in order to stimulate food preservation among the women of the county.

Twelve women entered the contest and reported 1300 jars of food canned.

Letters were sent out to the members of the contest, and personal visits made to them by the Agent, at which visits, she gave such personal assistance as was required.

The final contest for 1938, was deferred as late as possible in order to have the work complete and to include canned meat which is not ordinarily done before December.

The final contest was held December 21, 1938, in the Agent's office and was judged by the former secretary of the Farm Security Administration.

There were six complete exhibits and one partial exhibit which under the circumstances, the Agent considered very good.

Mrs. Eliza Coleman of Thatcher, won first place in the County, and accordingly her exhibit was taken to the State Contest at the University by the Agent, where it was awarded fourth place.

For the year, 1939, the Kerr Contest was again carried by women in Graham County, with 15 women entering the contest.

Talks on canning were given by the Agent in her Nutrition Classes during the year, at which time methods and materials and equipment were discussed.

Letters were sent to the members of the contest by the Agent and assistance given by her in collecting the exhibits.

The County Contest was held in the Agents office on Wednesday, November 22, and was judged by Mrs. Walter Merrill, a former Home Economics Teacher in the Gila Jr. College.

There were 3 full exhibits and 11 partial exhibits, representing 8261 quarts of food, canned.

Mrs. Eliza Coleman was the winner of the County Contest, and her exhibit will be taken to the State Contest by the Agent when she goes to the Annual Agents Conference.

The Agent has no doubt but that the Kerr Contest does help to stimulate the women to do more canning than they otherwise would do.

Canning is stimulated also by the work of the Agent among the Farm Security Administration clients--two of whom are members of the Kerr Contest. If only the water situation could be improved, there would be a great increase in the number of gardens and consequently in the amount of food canned.

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Sub-Project C--Food Selection

- Phase 1--Good growth and development
- Phase 2-- Food selection for Normal Conditions
- Phase 3--Food selection for Special Conditions

The first group in this work was started in Safford, September 22, 1938, by request, with eleven enrolled at the first meeting, but grew in numbers with every meeting until by the end of May, when the regular work closed, this group had an enrollment of thirty-two.

As this first group got under way, other groups came in requesting the same instruction until there were ten in all in the county, having a total enrollment of two hundred twenty-seven. These groups were formed in Solomonville, Safford, Artesia, Thatcher, Kimball, Eden, Pina (with two), Ashurst, and Fort Thomas.

Each of these groups were organized to meet for one hour each week. At these meetings, the Agent led discussions in the basic principles of simple nutrition. These discussions covered "The Composition of the Body", "Food Principles", "Minerals", "Vitamins", "Calories", "Digestion Assimilation", "Elimination", "Glands", "Common Dietetic Diseases and Disturbances", "Selection of Food Based on Content", and the like.

In each of these groups, each member was weighed and measured at the beginning of the work and a statement was prepared for her, showing her present weight, her normal weight, her per cent over-weight or under-weight, her maintenance level in calories and reducing level in calories to reduce six pounds per month, or her level to increase her weight as the case might be. And, each member was weighed at each weekly meeting and her record kept by the Agent.

At the beginning also, each group was given specific rules and regulations to govern the selection of food for each day.

At each meeting, the Agent held a short discussion of these "must haves", and a brief testimony meeting on individual successes and failures before entering upon the discussion specially planned for the day.

During the year there have been many remarkable individual cases of reduction each time with improved health. The following lists a few of the most outstanding:

Mrs. Annie Larson of Solomonville,	from ¹⁷⁶ Dec. 1, 1938
to ¹⁴⁵ May 30, 1939.	
Mrs. Vivian Olson of Safford	from 216 [#] April 1, 1939
to 150 lbs, now.	
Mrs. Jane Morris of Safford	from 214 [#] Dec. 1, 1938
to 162 lbs, in May, 1939	
Mrs. Dorothy Worden of Safford	from 195 [#] Dec. 1, 1938
to 150 lbs., now.	
Mrs. Maggie Asay of Thatcher	from 240 [#] Dec. 1, 1938
to 204 lbs., now.	
Mrs. Gladys Elliott of Thatcher	from 244 [#] Dec. 1, 1938
to 217 [#] , now.	
Mrs. Eva Montierth of Thatcher	from 260 [#] Dec. 1, 1938
to 234 [#] , now.	
Mrs. Lavona Hoopes of Thatcher	from 237 [#] Dec. 1, 1938
to 151 [#] , now.	
Mrs. Martha McComas of Ft. Thomas	from 215 [#] Dec. 1, 1938
to 163 [#] , now.	

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During the year, between December 1, 1938 and the end of May, 1939, there were 138 meetings held with these groups with an attendance of 1463, and during that time 132 of the women lost 1464 pounds.

Many of the women made very good reductions and were greatly improved in health as well. By the end of the first year, these women in these groups had a combined loss of over a ton.

While the changes taking place among the women in the classes are highly gratifying, yet the changes being made in the feeding of the families represented by these women are the most gratifying returns regarding the work. The Agent has received many expressions of appreciation and gratitude, such as is contained in the following letters:

Solomonville, Arizona
November 10, 1939

Dear Miss Brown,

I am not much of a letter writer, but I do want to express my appreciation for the help you have given me.

Calories, calories, what a joy to know your calories. It has been very helpful and interesting as well as a great task, but certainly has been worthwhile.

You can remember how I looked about a year ago. I weighed 176 pounds and my height is only five feet and four inches. Now I weigh 145 and do not even have to wear a girdle, which is solid comfort, but that is not the important thing. Health is above all in importance.

I never was sickly, but was tired all the time--couldn't go through a day without resting. Would go numb all over when I remained in one position just a short time. Since I have reduced and eat properly, I wake up in the mornings rested and do not have the numbness at all. I am never tired.

I know the value of the work you have accomplished cannot be estimated. I feel if I had been the only one helped you would have done a great work, but when I think of the great number, I just think you are surely grand.

The lectures you give on nutrition and the human body are also very, very good. I certainly do enjoy them and all the other ladies in the class feel as I do, because I have heard them express themselves.

It takes a great deal of determination and is a lifetime job, but the results are thrilling.

Thanking you for all your time and effort, I am,

Sincerely yours,

S/ Annie B. Larson

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Thatcher, Arizona
October 10, 1939

Dear Miss Brown,

I want to let you know how much we appreciate you and what we get out of your work, here.

I shall start with myself: when I first went to your class, I weighed 244 pounds--that was in June, 1939, I believe. Since, I have come down to 214 pounds. I feel fine, to say nothing of all the knowledge I gained.

Mr. Elliott (My husband) was also a fat boy. Since he joined our fat women's club (of course on the quiet of the women) he certainly has become quite a trim figure. He was 44 inches around the waist, but now he is one of those perfect 36's.

In fact, my whole family is in fine shape, and I am truly glad you are helping so many of us fat girls out.

I think it would be fine if you could get more men to become more fat-conscious than they are. If there could be some way of getting them to see themselves as others see them, I am sure they would join your classes.

So, let's all get together and try the harder to have better shapes and better health--to say nothing of how it has helped our dispositions to get thinner.

Hope you can keep the good work going, for you haven't near all the fat ones, yet.

My Life Long Thanks!

S/ Gladys Elliott

Thatcher, Arizona
October 30, 1939

Dear Miss Brown:

On March 6, 1939, I weighed 240 pounds! Today, I weigh 170 pounds!

It's hard for my friends to believe that I am well and feel good, but I am surely truthful in saying I never felt better in my life.

It hasn't been too easy, but certainly has been worth it.

I have a daughter that has also lost 15 pounds. In fact, my whole family has been benefited by my attending your class.

Truly,

S/ Mrs. Maggie Asay

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Safford, Arizona
November 16, 1939

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to give my bit of praise to Miss Brown and her Nutrition Classes.

My reason for attending these classes, was to see if I could find a safe and sane way to reduce. I did just that, but best of all, I learned how to feed my family.

I lost sixty (60) pounds in less than a year, and everyday, I felt more healthy, young, and peppy; while I was losing that 60 pounds, other members of the family gained weight.

We are very grateful for the things I learned and the nice recipes I received.

I will never regret having attended.

S/ Mrs. Vivian Olsen

In February, the Agent gave a talk on general nutrition to the Relief Society of the Layton Ward in Safford with an attendance of 150. She also gave a similar talk to the Parent Teachers Association in Fort Thomas, in March, with an attendance also of 150.

The outlook for a continuation of this work is encouraging, both individually and collectively, inasmuch as those persons who have profitted personally from the teaching received will continue to select their food for health and best development and inasmuch as already as the Home Demonstration Agent is writing this report, there are six groups of women with ninety-six enrolled who are organized to go on with the work for another year--having had thirty-six meetings with an attendance of two-hundred fifty, since September 21st.



Mrs Dorothy Worden who has reduced her weight since last December from 195 lbs to 150 lbs.



Mrs Vivian Olson who has reduced her weight since April, from 216 lbs to 150 lbs now.

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Sub-Project--Food Preparation
Phase--1, Preparation of Cereals.

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In the Safford Ward of the Latter Day Saint Church in Safford, it was decided that the Society would take "Food", as a project and devote three meetings to it. Accordingly the Agent cooperated with this group and gave three demonstrations: one in "Breadmaking, one in Bread Judging", and one in "Quick Breads and Grape Nuts", by request.

There were in attendance at the three meetings, one hundred ninety women.

She also gave a demonstration in "Bread Making" and in "Bread Judging" to the two Home Makers Groups, with an attendance of fifty-one.

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Sub-Project E--Food Economics
Phase 5--Judging

The Agent made a trip to Fernal County to act as judge of the Kerr Contest on November 24th. The contest was held at the Casa Grande Farms Resettlement Tract in connection with the Achievement Program of the Homemakers Clubs.

There were twelve full exhibits, and about a dozen extra jars. The display was uniformly of a very high quality and the women are deserving of much praise for their good work.

Mrs Barnes, the Home Demonstration Agent, and Miss Jean Stewart, the Nutrition Specialist, are also deserving of much praise likewise, and of appreciation, and if one can judge by the tenor of the remarks made by the Resettlement women, they are receiving a goodly amount of both.

The exhibits were judged in the forenoon, while the women were putting up the articles made by the various groups of Homemakers, and first, second and third ribbons placed on each class. Classes were made as follows, Two best fruits, Two best vegetables, Two best meats, Best single jar of fruit, best single jar of vegetables and best single jar of meat. Then finally for the best six, composed of two fruits, two vegetables, and two meats.

About one hundred women attended the Achievement program and listened to the talk made by the judge in explanation of the placing.

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Sub-Project B--Construction
Phase 1--Sewing Skills

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A group of women in Pima, had been promised a school of construction in childrens clothing for July, 1938, but owing to the fact that the Agricultural Extension Service was without a clothing specialist from July 1, 1938, to January 1, 1939, this school had to be postponed.

It was held the second week in February in the Relief Society Hall in Pima, at which time the Agent had the very able assistance of the new specialist in clothing, Miss Lorene Dryden. Fifteen women had signified their desire for this work, but owing to the fact that the bad weather of the previous week continued and the sickness coming from it increased, the school was almost a failure.

On the first morning, only three besides the Specialist and the Agent attended, but owing to the very good work of the Specialist, the number in the afternoon increased to eight besides ourselves. On the second morning, there was no session and in the afternoon, the Specialist gave a methods demonstration before the Ladies Relief Society of the Latter Day Saint Church with forty-four in attendance. However, as the attendance continued to be poor, we closed the work up at 2:30 on Friday afternoon. Nine sessions were held with ninety-four in attendance.

The Specialist brought with her much very fine illustrative material, and this she put up around the room where it could be displayed to greatest advantage. She also conferred with each young mother as she came in, and went over the possibilities with her for the materials or garments provided. She showed each woman how to take each step and every one expressed great appreciation of Miss Dryden and of her work.

While the attendance was poor and very irregular, yet those who did come were highly satisfied with what they accomplished.

During the week, Mrs. Delsa McBride made a coat for her little boy from an old one of her own and planned several dresses for her little girl.

Mrs. East and Mrs. Costner each made dresses for their little girls, and partially made several others.

Mrs. Jones made a dress for her young daughter from an old formal evening dress that had been given to her.

Two other women received help in fixing coats and each woman who came received assistance in planning clothing for their children.

Even if the attendance was poor, those who came not only expressed satisfaction with what they had done there but said that they had received greater value in what they might do in extending what they had learned. They desired another school later in the spring but the Specialist's time being all taken, they could not have it.

Although we could not give the Extension Schools asked for in Clothing, the outlook in this project is also good because the Plan of Work for the next year includes a series of demonstrations in this project, to be given in

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three different months, and at the time of this writing two of these series have already been given and while the attendance has not been what it should have been, the demonstrations have been very well received and those who came were greatly interested. However, we have had to change the plan and have two series of demonstrations by the Specialist, and will have one by a neighboring Home Demonstration Agent.

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Sub-Project B--Construction
Phase 3--Knitting
Sub-Phase b--4H Club Knitting

Last year, a group of six girls under one of the older girls in the High School at Fort Thomas, organized a girls 4H Club in First-Year Knitting, and each one of them knitted purses and belts and wash cloths and learned the various stitches for the year's work.

All of the girls completed their work and six of them attended the 4H Round-Up in Tucson as a reward for their well doing.

This year they wished to go on with their knitting and accordingly the Agent and the leader mapped out a plan of work. Each girl was to knit one or more sweaters and a pair of mittens or gloves and a skirt if she wished. Last of all, one of the girls moved away so that there were only five besides the leader. All of them completed their year's work and the leader and two of them attended the 4H Round-Up at Tucson, but did not give the demonstration planned by the Agent with their leader that should have been given.

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Sub-Project D--Selection and Economics
Phase 4--4H CLUB CLOTHING

4H Clothing Clubs were organized at Solomonville with an enrollment of seventeen; at Thatcher, with an enrollment of thirteen; and at Pima, with an enrollment of eighteen; or a total enrollment of sixty-eight. In each of these clubs, we planned to have an achievement of sixty-five percent, but hoped for much better than that.

The club at Solomonville, did not complete their work, because of illness of their leader and the Agents inability to find any one to take her place.

The club at Thatcher finished the year's work with a completion for one hundred percent of its members. An achievement program was held in the room at the schoolhouse after the close of school when the pins were given out, but none of the parents had been invited.

Four of the girls from this club attended the Annual Round-Up, and since school began this fall this group or a part of them are planning on going on with the second-year's work with a leader selected by the Agent, and the leader of last year has already organized another first-year club with an enrollment of 15.

The club at Central completed their work with a record of 12 completions out of the 13 enrolled. An achievement program was held at the schoolhouse at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 22, at which time 6 of the girls were present to receive their pins. This club was organized in the Spring, but did not finish the work before school closed. The leader expected to carry them through the summer, but owing to her absence for nearly two months at summer school, and the long distances the girls had to come, coupled with the fact that our people scatter during the summer, the work had to be abandoned and the work completed after school began this fall. The leader is a good one and had planned with the Agent a very good summer program for this club.

The most satisfactory of the Clothing Clubs was the club at Pima. Fifteen out of the eighteen enrolled, completed their work. This club was begun late in the spring before school closed, and finished their work with an achievement program among themselves at which time the girls received their pins. After school closed, the leader continued to meet with the girls at her home during the entire summer. At these summer meetings, where there was an average attendance of nine girls, the leader helped the girls with simple fancy work. At several of these summer meetings, the Agent met with the club and gave methods demonstrations in team demonstrations, and in team judging. By the combined efforts of the Agent and the Leader, a team was trained in a very clever little team demonstration which they later gave at the Annual Round-Up in Tucson. A judging team was also trained and attended the Round-Up. The Leader also went with the four girls.

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Sub-Project D--Selection and Economics
Phase 4--4H Club Clothing (Continued)

After their return, the leader and the Agent united in giving a little party for the girls and their mothers at the leader's home where the girls who went to the Round-Up told about their trip. Four mothers attended, and light refreshments were served.

As a result of the success of this club, three first-year clothing clubs have been organized with an enrollment of _____ by the same leader who will conduct all three as a part of her work and the club that was her first-year club last year are going on in the second year under the home Economics teacher's supervision.

The Agent feels that she could not spend as much time with these clubs as she should have done and hopes to be able to give them more time the coming year. Even so, three clubs finished their work this year as compared with only one club the previous year.

The spirit among the clubs is very good and if only leaders can be found, we may have several more clubs for the ensuing year. Now, at the close of this year, we already have six 4H clothing clubs started.

IV. HOME ECONOMICS (Home Management)
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Phase 1--Home Furnishings

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Owing to the appreciation of the previous work done by the Specialist in Home Furnishings, which was planned before the present Agent came into the County, a return visit by the same Specialist was made, February 6th to the 11th, and was devoted to a furniture repair school which was held in the Relief Society Hall in Pima.

We had seventeen women enrolled for work the first day, however, the attendance after that first day was very poor because of the bad weather that struck the valley the first night. We had the heaviest snow storm that has visited the valley in years, and because the weather was so unusual, much sickness developed as a result. This necessitated the mothers staying home with their sick children which in turn affected our attendance, adversely.

In spite of this serious handicap, the interest was very good and the work accomplished was very worthwhile.

On the first day, each person attending brought the furniture to be repaired or talked it over with the specialist and thus the work of the week was mapped out or planned.

The method of procedure was the same for each member of the school. The Specialist would show the person how to take the piece of furniture apart if that was the thing needed, or how to prepare it for work, then she would pass on to another member and start her out similarly.

As soon as that preparation was completed, the Specialist showed how to repair the parts needed for each one and finally how to finish each piece.

The Specialist and the Agent assisted with each of the pieces under construction, but both avoided doing all the work--leading the various persons interested to do it for themselves.

Demonstrations were given by the Specialist or Agent in tying springs, padding cushions, and chairs, lounges, and the like, in re-webbing chair or davenport seats and in re-making covers, and in recovering cushions, chairs, davenports, or other articles.

Results were worthwhile and comprised five over-stuffed chairs that were rebuilt and reupholstered, twelve cushions that were rebuilt and reupholstered, one chaise longue completely re-done, four chair seats rebuilt and re-covered, and three chairs and a bench which were also redone.

Nine half day sessions were held in connection with this school and the total attendance was seventy-seven.

Although the attendance was much smaller than we had hoped for, and although only twenty-six articles were made, yet the Agent felt that much inspiration had been imparted toward better furnishings and better homemaking, and that good results would follow. One slip cover for an over-stuffed chair was made by one of the members soon after the school closed.



Back of No 1 Finished.



Front of No 1 Finished.



No 1.

No 2 .

No 3 .

Chairs torn down ready for reupholstering at Furniture Repair School at Pima.



Back of No 2 finished.



Front of No 2 finished.



Mrs McBrides chaise-longue as it looked when she brought it to the Furniture Repair School that was held in Pima.



Mrs McBrides chaise-longue as it looked when she took it home from the Furniture Repair School held at Pima.



Mrs Marshalls chair as it looked at the beginning and at the close of the Furniture repair School that was held at Pima .



An overstuffed rocker that was made from an old wicker rocker .



An over stuffed chair and bench that were done over at the Furniture Repair School that was held at Pima .

XVIII. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Sub-Project A--Related Activities
Phase 2--Farm Security Administration

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The Home Demonstration Agent of Graham County is also the Home Management Supervisor for Graham County under the Farm Security Administration, and because she carries the double load the program in neither one is as full and complete as it would be if it were the only program carried by the Agent.

As Home Management Supervisor in this County, the Agent has supervision over eighty-four clients and in this capacity she makes a home plan for each client who gets a loan and thus starts upon rehabilitation that is designed to serve as a budget for family living expenditures for the ensuing year.

As the Agent makes the Home Plan, she now puts into the hands of the housewife a Farm Security Administration account book, and explains how to use it and how to make and send in the monthly reports that should be taken from it.

It is her duty to supervise the carrying out of these home plans and should visit each family in its home at least every two months to give any needed assistance and to check over the account book and monthly reports. Since December 1, 1938, to November 1, 1939, 218 visits have been made to Farm Security Administration clients alone, and a special report is made for each visit.

It is also her duty to visit the clients in cases of an emergency or where it is felt that a cash grant is needed to help to rehabilitate the client. Also, after such a cash grant has been made, the agent must again visit the client in order to ascertain that the expenditure of the cash was according to the plans made for it. Very few of our clients need this help, however.

Until July of this year, it was also the duty of the Agent to make investigation of each of the families in the migratory labor class in order to view the actual conditions under which they were living and to determine their actual needs. From December 1, 1938 to July 1, 1939, the Agent made fifty-seven visits of investigation or in connection with investigation, as her share in the work.

Making these investigations or making home plans have been considered, somewhat, in the light of emergency work and has been given precedence over all other, and it can readily be seen why this is. In the case of the migratory laborer who is totally without funds, the investigation must be made and the order for assistance sent in immediately in order to prevent starvation or other undue hardships, while in the case of the making of the home plans, the client cannot get his application for a loan put through until the home plan is made, and so in order to get him started on the road to rehabilitation, the Agent makes the Home Plan as promptly as she possibly can. Since December 1, 1938, 67 Home Plans have been made.

In addition to making reports, "19's" on each visit to a client, the Agent also makes a monthly and an annual report upon Farm Security Administration work. And, last but not least, she acts on the County Advisory Committee.

XVIII. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Sub-Project A--Related Agencies
Phase 3--Farm Bureau

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In December, 1938, the Home Demonstration Agent attended the Annual Banquet of the Graham County Farm Bureau at which time Dr. Atkinson, President of the University of Arizona, was the guest speaker--introduced by Director Pickrell.

On October 12, 1939, the Agent was invited to attend a meeting of the Directors of the County Farm Bureau which was held in Pima in the evening and at which there were 15 present. Mrs. Hallis Gray, President of Arizona's Home Section of the Farm Bureau was also present and the Agent assisted her in having three women placed on the Board of Directors for the County.

Later, the Home Demonstration was asked to assist the organization by accepting an appointment as one of these directors. She declined becoming an active director, but signified her willingness to cooperate by becoming an honorary director.

The Agent also cooperated by assisting Mrs. Gray in securing information in a health survey undertaken for the State, by getting the necessary questionnaires filled out for her territory.

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XVIII. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Sub-Project B--Conferences
Phase 1--Annual Conference

During the year, the Home Demonstration Agent of Graham County has attended two annual conferences, one in Tucson and one in Phoenix.

The conference held in Tucson, was the regular annual conference held for all Agricultural Extension Workers. It occurred January 4th to 7th, and was attended by one hundred fifty persons. This conference was divided between general sessions and departmental group discussions, and was one of the best annual conferences ever attended by this Agent--sending her back to her work full of inspiration and enthusiasm.

The conference held in Phoenix was the regular annual conference of the Farm Security Administration, and was held October 18th to 21st, and was attended by about forty Farm Security Administration workers. This, too, was an unusually good conference and the Agent in this County returned from it much better equipped for her work on account of the information received from the helpful and thorough discussions of its various phases.

XVIII. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Sub-Project B--Conferences
Phase 2--Office Conferences

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As Home Management Supervisor under the Farm Security Administration, the Home Demonstration Agent is a member of the County Advisory Committee. This committee is composed of the Farm Management Supervisor, the County Agricultural Agent, and three local representatives--one of which is a successful farmer--, the Home Management Supervisor, and the Farm Security Administration Secretary.

This committee meets at the call of the Farm Management Supervisor, and holds its meetings in the Farm Security Administration office.

At these meetings, the Farm Management Supervisor presides and presents all applications for loans for rehabilitation that he has investigated and in a measure outlined, and for which farm and home plans have been made. The committee then discusses each application as it is presented and if the committee passes favorably, the application is then forwarded to the Regional Office of the Farm Security Administration for final approval and action upon it.

Other matters such as delinquencies, liquidations, releases, and the like are also discussed at these meetings. The Home Demonstration Agent has been present and taken part in six such committee meetings during the year now closing.

The agent also attended an office conference on July 18, at which there were the two local Farm Security Administration representatives, a representative from the regional office, an National Youth Administrative from the State office and also a local representative. This group met to discuss the relations between the two groups and opportunities for cooperation.

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XVIII. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Sub-Project B--Conferences
Phase 4--Special Conferences

The first special conference attended by this Agent was the School of Philosophy held at the University of Arizona at Tucson, January 9th to 12th, following the Annual Extension Conference. There were one hundred fifty in attendance. This conference brought before the Extension workers some of the ablest inspirational speakers in the country, today, and these men in their addresses and the discussions which followed surely gave us a "feast of reason and a flow of soul".

From March 16th to 19th, the Agent attended a quarterly conference of the Farm Security Administration in Phoenix, which was attended by forty-five workers. The time was devoted to discussion of routine matters and as a high light, the workers were all taken to visit the model migratory camp at Cashion.

On April 6th, the Home Demonstration Agent was called in to the State Office for a special conference with W. A. Lloyd of the Washington Office.

The Home Demonstration Agent attended the Program Planning Conference called by the State Leader for April 16th to 20th, which was held at the University. The time was devoted to discussion of Project Work, both for adults and 4H Clubs, and to formulating Program plans. This was easily the most worthwhile conference attended in years and was something that this agent had hoped and longed to have while she was the State Agent. This conference was confined to Home Demonstration Agents, Specialists, and Related workers in the University.

As a result of this conference, this agent returned to her county and made preparation for a County Program Planning Meeting to be held in Thatcher, on May 4th. Letters and notices were sent to Parent Teachers Association organizations, to the Latter Day Saint Relief Societies, to Farm Bureau representatives, and to the State Leader at the University.

When May 4th arrived, the Agent accompanied by the State Leader who had come for the purpose went to the meeting place. There they were joined by fifteen women representing ten communities; and in that one afternoon, this group of women under the guidance of the State Leader formulated the first planned program of Home Demonstration Work for Graham and Greenlee Counties.

From August 29th to 31st, the Home Demonstration Agent, as Home Management Supervisor in the Farm Security Administration attended the first Regional Farm Security Administration conference. This was held in San Francisco, and was attended by all Field workers in the Region--there being approximately three hundred in attendance.

The first day of this conference was devoted to personal conferences; the second day to addresses by important members of the Farm Security Administration from Washington or the Regional office. The third day was spent in a field trip, visiting the Farm of California's Experiment Station at Davis, and in visiting the Migratory camp nearby.

This too proved to be a very valuable conference and gave this agent much help as well as inspiration.

XVIII. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Sub-Project C--Publicity
Phase 1--Radio

FRANCES L. BROWN
Graham County
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Beginning in the late fall of 1938, the Home Demonstration Agent of this County has cooperated with the County Agricultural Agent in carrying on a Farm and Home period from the local Radio Station, KGLU, every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 P.M. to 1:15 P.M. In this program the Home Demonstration Agent fills half the time using either the material sent out in the Market Basket from the Bureau of Home Economics or from short articles supplied from the University of Arizona, or from material supplied by herself. Occasionally, these radio talks have been omitted, but during the year, the Home Demonstration Agent has prepared and given or had given for her forty of these talks.

The Agents expect to continue this work throughout the next year, also.

XVIII. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY
Sub-Project C--Publicity
Phase 4--Other

FRANCES L. BROWN
Graham County
1939

There is only one paper published in Graham County. It is the Graham County Guardian. The Home Demonstration Agent is a regular subscriber. The Editor and his entire staff are cooperative, but since the paper is only a weekly edition, it is difficult sometimes to get even notices published. The following is a sample of this cooperation, and comprises the news articles contributed by the Agent that were published:

Nutrition Classes Are Scheduled For Next Week

Miss Frances L. Brown, home demonstration agent for Graham and Greenlee counties, announces that the nutrition classes for the new fall term will start on Monday, September 25. It is very important, Miss Brown states, that all who wish to join these free classes should enroll at either the first or second meeting, or see her personally, as no one will be admitted to membership after that time.

The classes will be held as follows:

Monday, September 25, at 2:00 o'clock at Thatcher; at 3:30 at Ashurst and at 4:10 at Pima.

Tuesday, September 26, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at Clifton; at 1:00 o'clock at Franklin; at 2:00 o'clock at Duncan and at 4:10 o'clock at Solomonville.

Wednesday, September 27, at 1:30 p. m. at Kimball and at 2:45 at Eden.

Thursday, September 28, at 4:10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charles Clawson in Safford.

Friday, September 29, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Farley in Pima, and at 4:00 o'clock at Ft. Thomas.

All groups will meet for the first lesson at the usual places. The new group at Clifton can learn from Mrs. Shumway the place of meeting.

EXTENSION SPECIALIST PLANS SERIES MEETINGS

Clyde F. Rowe, extension specialist in dairy and poultry, in the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Arizona, will give the following demonstrations in Graham and Greenlee counties during the days from September 18 to 21, inclusive. The public is cordially invited to attend. Monday, September 18, for Kimball, Eden and Bryce at Bryce school house at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Monday, September 18, for Central, Pima and Glenbar, at Pima high school at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, September 19, for Geronimo, Emeory, Ft. Thomas and Ashurst at Ft. Thomas high school at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Tuesday, September 19, for Safford, Solomonville, San Jose, Artesia and Thatcher at Thatcher high school at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, September 20, for Duncan and vicinity at Duncan in the music room of grade school at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Wednesday, September 20, for Franklin and vicinity at Franklin church house at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, September 21, at Bonita at the home of Mrs. Follett at 10:00 a. m.

Thursday, September 21, at Klondyke, at the club house, at 2:30 p. m.

Kerr Canning Contests Are Announced For Nov. 23rd

Miss Frances L. Brown, home demonstration agent for Graham and Greenlee counties, announces that the Kerr adult canning contest for Graham county will be held in Safford at the Farm Security Administration office, adjoining the Valley Bakery, on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 23.

The Kerr contest for Greenlee county will be held in the L. D. S. church in Franklin on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock.

Everyone who entered these contests should have their exhibits in the places designated by the time that has been announced.

SHOE DEMONSTRATIONS—

Miss Lorene Dryden clothing specialist from the University of Arizona, will give a shoe fitting demonstration at the L. D. S. church in Solomonville on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. In the afternoon Miss Dryden will hold a similar meeting in the church at Ashurst, beginning at 2:00 o'clock.

XVIII. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Sub-Project D--Fairs
Phase 3--Local Fairs

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In October, while the Clothing Specialist was in the valley for a series of demonstrations, the Vocational Agricultural classes and the Vocational Home Economics classes of the High School at Pima, put on a fair, and Miss Dryden, the Specialist, and the Home Demonstration Agent were asked to judge the Home Economic exhibits.

This we were glad to do--Miss Dryden judging the Clothing and Textiles, and the Agent, the Baking and Canning.

The exhibits were very good both as to quantity and as to quality, but they were not well classified. It is hoped that another year, the Agent might have an opportunity of giving some assistance in classifications.

However, it was a very good exhibit for a first attempt. The spirit among the workers was most cooperative and the local people evinced pardonable pride in the undertaking and gave it their support. Fifty persons passed through the room while the Agent was judging the Canning.

About a half day was devoted to this work.

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SUMMARY

A. Situation

At the beginning of the year, the County--excepting two communities-- was reorganized for Extension work, and although friendly in attitude was not willing to form Extension organizations among Latter Day Saint groups. Also, the Agent was expected to carry a full load of Farm Security Administration work in addition to Home Demonstration Agent work.

B. Plan for Meeting Situation

- 1. To build up interest toward a regular plan of work in the two organized communities by demonstrations given by the Agent or by others as frequently as possible.
- 2. To accept any request for help from Latter Day Saint groups and so to build up interest with them toward regular Extension organization.
- 3. To plan each day's activities so as to combine efforts along both lines, and to accomplish greatest possible results for Extension Service and the Farm Security Administration, also.

C. Accomplishments, methods, and assistance.

1. The Agent has given or had given six demonstrations to each of the organized groups during the year with an attendance of 279. Four of these 12 demonstrations were given by Specialists and the remaining eight by the Agent, herself. These were methods demonstrations followed by discussions.

2. A construction school in Home Furnishings was held in Pima, in February, in which twenty-six pieces of furniture or parts were made or repaired, and in which the attendance was seventy-seven for the nine sessions. That this work was very worthwhile is clearly evidenced by the pictures given at the close of this report.

This school was under the leadership of the Specialist, Miss Huber, and her work was much appreciated. The work was conducted by means of methods demonstrations and personal assistance given by the Specialist and the Home Demonstration Agent.

3. A construction school in children's clothing was also held in Pima, in February with Miss Lorene Dryden, the Clothing Specialist, in charge, assisted by the Home Demonstration Agent. The attendance at this school was ninety-four for the nine sessions. Five little dresses were made or partially made and several others planned. Also, a coat was made and two others partially made. This school was greatly handicapped by very bad weather.

4. 4H Clothing Clubs. During the year, three, first year clothing clubs showed a combined enrollment of fifty-one and with 47 completions

5. A second year 4H Knitting club in Ft. Thomas, having six enrolled, completed their year's work with one hundred percent completions.

6. The Adult Kerr Canning Contest was carried through 1938 with 12 women entered and seven exhibits at the final contest. The County Winner later won fourth place at the State contest in Tucson, in January.

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**C. Accomplishments, Methods, Assistance
(Continued)**

7. The Kerr Adult Contest for 1939 was carried with 15 women enrolled and 3 completed. At the contest held in Safford, Wednesday, November 22, there were 6 full exhibits representing 8261 jars. This contest was judged by Mrs. Wilda Farley Merrill, former Home Economics teacher at Gila College. The final contest was held in the Farm Security Administration office with 4 in attendance.

8. The Agent gave a series of three lectures on Bread to the Ladies Relief Society in the Safford Ward. There were 170 women in attendance at the three meetings.

9. The Agent conducted weekly classes in Nutrition with ten groups of women who requested the work. There were 288 women enrolled. From December, 1, 1938 to June 1, 1939, 138 meetings were held with these groups with an attendance of 1463. Incidentally, 132 overweight women in the groups lost 1464 pounds of excess weight in that time. The Agent also gave a lecture on general principles of nutrition to the Parent Teachers Association in Fort Thomas with 150 in attendance, and also one to the Layton Ward of the Latter Day Saint Church, with an attendance of 150.

10. During the year, the Home Demonstration Agent gave or prepared to have given for her, forty radio talks over station KGLU in the regular weekly Farm and Home Period, which comes from 1:00 to 1:15 P.M., every Saturday.

11. As well as carrying on the above activities, the Home Demonstration Agent carries a full program of work under the Farm Security Administration as Home Management Supervisor, and in that capacity, she has supervision over 84 families of clients, to which she has made 161 home visits. She has made out 67 Home Plans and has also made 57 visits of investigation to the homes of migratory farm laborers, between December 1, 1938, and July 1, 1939, when she was relieved of that duty.

12. The Home Demonstration Agent has taken part in six County Advisory Committee meetings. She has attended two state conferences and four special conferences of State or larger magnitude that required her absence from headquarters for several days each.

SUMMARY

E. Outlook

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The outlook for Home Demonstration Work in Graham County as an Extension Service Organization is better than ever before. For the first time, there is a regularly planned program of work made by representatives from the various communities with Extension Service representatives. This program includes the following:

1. A series demonstrations by the Dairy and Poultry Specialist in September, 1939, on Home Butter Making; in January, 1940, on Home Production of Good Eggs; and in May, 1940, on Home Made Ice Creams.

2. A series of demonstrations by the Clothing Specialist in October on Buymanship of Hosiery and in November on Buymanship of Shoes, and a series of demonstrations by the Home Demonstration Agent of Cochise County in December on Home Made Rugs.

3. A series of demonstrations in Food preparation by the Nutrition Specialist in February, March, and April.

4. A series of five or six demonstrations with the two Home Makers Clubs, during the year.

5. Continuation of the Nutrition classes with the Home Demonstration Agent wherever there is a demand.

6. Continuation of 4H Club work wherever a suitable leader can be found.

7. Continued cooperation with Parent Teachers Associations and the Farm Bureau.

8. Continuation of activities as Home Management Supervisor under the Farm Security Administration, giving to it about one-quarter of the Agent's time.

Conclusion:

No county-wide project has been carried, and no project has been carried to the complete satisfaction of the Agent; yet, as she looks back, she sees but few empty minutes in the working hours, and much that might have been accomplished if time had permitted. She looks forward to that time.

"When only the Master shall praise us
And only the Master can blame
When no one will work for money
And no one will work for fame
But each for the joy of the doing
In his own particular star
Shall draw the thing as he sees it
For the God of things as they are."

D. STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

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This Agent has spent 96.4 days in the office and 141.75 days in the field in Graham County and 38.25 days in the field in Greenlee County, or a total of 276.4 working days during the time from December 1, 1938 to December 1, 1939.

And, in that time she has made 438 home Visits in this County to 333 homes.

There have been 333 office Calls and 85 telephone calls.

Only four newspaper notices have been published but 40 radio talks have been prepared and made either by the Agent, herself, or by some one for her.

She has had 330 letters written, 18 circular letters prepared and has had 150 copies sent out.

In the year, the Home Demonstration Agent has driven in her personally owned automobile, 16295 miles while on official duty, and she has ridden 1484 miles on the train.

There have been 28 miscellaneous meetings with an attendance of 1583 persons.

Distribution of bulletins amounts to 600

HOME DEMONSTRATION PLAN OF WORK

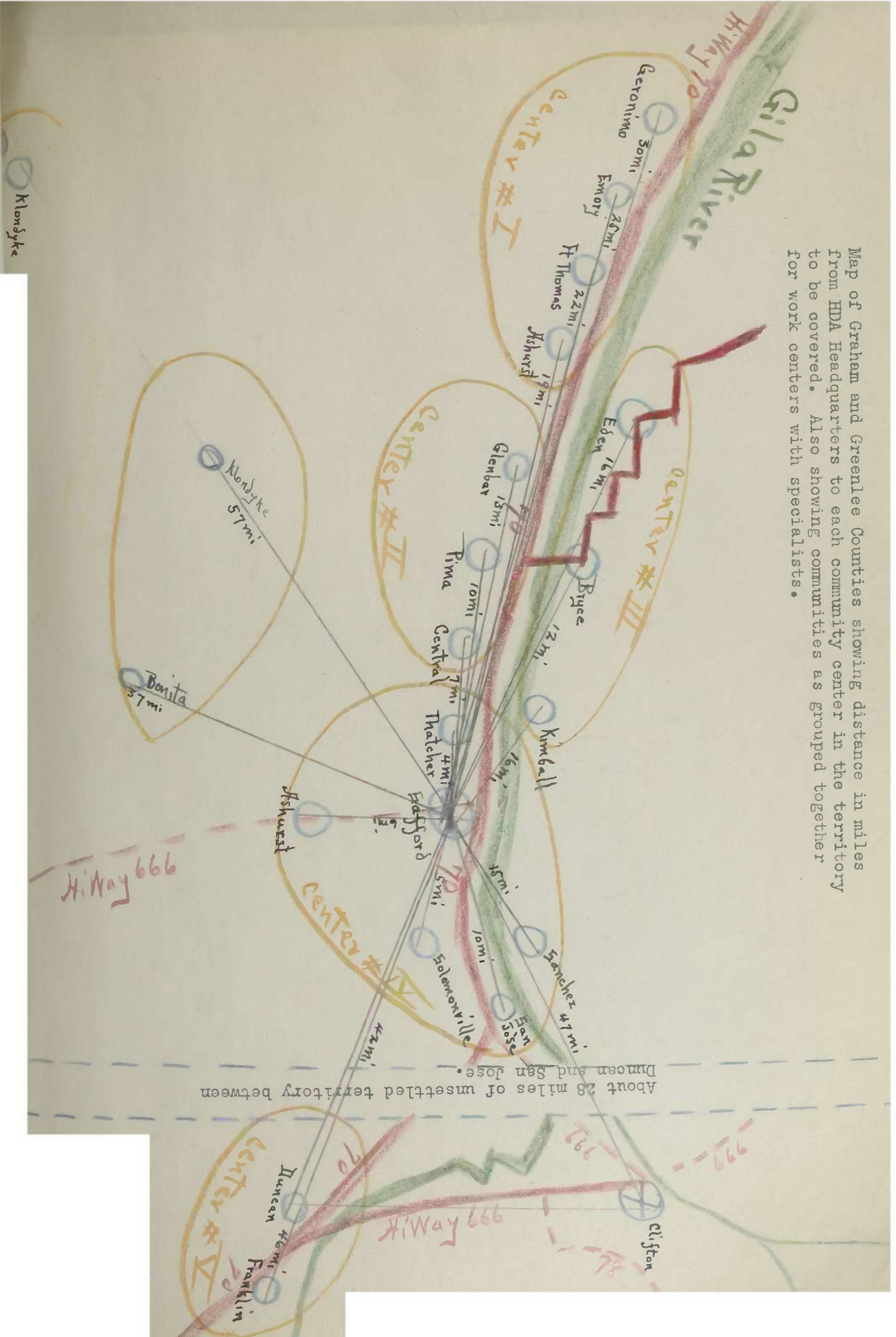
COUNTY GRAHAM HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT FRANCES L. BROWN YEAR 1939

Project	Communities	Leaders	Enroll-ment	Method	Result	Method of procedure	No. Days	No. Days	Goals	Month
Project-- Dairy and Poultry	Center #III	3	3	1	Do not know	HDA will send out notices; will arrange for place and for all local equipment and supplies and will transport and assist specialist at meetings and will supervise and gather any reports of work done on project by local women, and take enrollment	4	8	1/2 of all those attending to improve standards in Home Buttery-making	September 18-21
Project-- Dairy	Center #III	3	3	1	Do not know	Same as above	4	8	Same as above	January 1940
Sub-Project Poultry	" " I	4	4	1	Do not know yet	Same as above				
Sub-Project Poultry	" " IV	6	6	1						
Phase-- Eggs	" " V	2	2	1						
Phase-- Eggs	" " VI	2	2	1						
Project-- Same	Center #III	3	3	1	Do not know	Same as above	4	8	Same as above	May 1940
Sub-Project Dairy	" " I	4	4	1	Do not know yet	Same as above				
Sub-Project Dairy	" " IV	6	6	1						
Phase-- Icecream	" " V	2	2	1						
Phase-- Icecream	" " VI	2	2	1						

Project	Communities	Leaders	Enroll-	Method	Result	Method of procedure	Goals	No. Days	No. Days	Month
Sub-Project	where work	No.	ment	Dems.	Dems.			Spec	HDA	
Phase	will be done		No.	No.	No.					
Project XIII--	Thatcher	1		6	20	Local leaders will ar-	90% of	None	12	Sept.
Nutrition	Eden	1		6	12	range for place of	enrollment ex-	days		to
Sub-Project C	Safford	1		6	10	meeting and will pre-	in result:	ea.		May
Phase 1, 2, 3	Pima	1		6	10	side at meetings.	dems., and on	Mo.		
	Ft. Thomas	1		6	10					
	Ashurst	1		6	5	HDA will:	entire fam-	in-		
AH Club Work	Thatcher	1		3		a. give subject matter	on better	tion		
Clothing	Eden	1		3		dems.	nutritional			
	Bryce	1		3		b. will keep records	basis			
	Pima	1		3		c. will make reports	90% comple-			
	Solomonville	1		3		d. will give indivi-	duel assistance			
	Central	1		3						
	Ft. Thomas	1		3		HDA will:				
						a. provide subject			7	Sept.
						matter			days	to
						b. assist in planning			per	May
						program			Mo	
						c. give methods dem.				
						d. collect reports				
						e. assist leader in				
						every way				
						Local leader will:				
						a. conduct meeting				
						b. take enrollment				
						c. assist girls				
						d. gather reports				

Project	Communities	Leaders	Enroll-	Method	Result	Method of procedure	Goals	No.	No.	Month
Sub-Project	where work	No.	ment	Dems.	Dems.		Days	Days		
Phase	will be done		No.	No.	No.		Spec.	HDA		
4H Clubs--	Ft. Thomas	1	6	1	1	Local Leader will:	To have	None	June	
Continue						a. conduct meetings	95% of	except	to	
Knitting						b. conduct demonstra-	enroll-	on	Sept	
						tions	ment to	in-		
						c. gather reports	complete spee-			
							work	tion		
Farm Women's										
Clubs	Klondyke	1	12	10	2	HDA will:	To have	80%	5 da.	Sept.
	Bonita	1	10	10	2	a. Give methods dems.	of meme		per	to
						b. select result "	bership		mo.	May
						c. make reports	adopt im-			
							proved:			
							practices			

Map of Graham and Greenlee Counties showing distance in miles from HDA Headquarters to each community center in the territory to be covered. Also showing communities as grouped together for work centers with specialists.



Klondyke

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR HISTORICAL APPRAISAL OF EXTENSION WORK FOR GRAHAM COUNTY

By FRANCES L. BROWN
Home Demonstration Agent

The Agent in this County has no records of any Extension work for women and girls prior to the year of 1929, although much valuable work was done before that time.

The first Home Demonstration Agent began her work in the county in time to send in a report from December 1, 1928 to December 1, 1929.

When she entered the county, there was no local or county Extension organization through which to work, and she did not find it possible to form such an organization owing to the fact that the great majority of the people in the county belonged to the Latter Day Saint church and as that body was so highly organized they did not care to form any other.

She found it necessary, therefore to work through this organization largely, and her work was sponsored mostly by Relief Society groups from the Latter Day Saint Church.

At that time, the more important home problems grouped themselves around "Food Preparation and Food Preservation", "Health", "Child Care", "Home Improvement", and "Clothing".

These problems are still uppermost in this county, and partly because there has not been Home Demonstration Agents continuously in the county, and that no one of the three that have served have remained longer than two and one-half years, but mostly because of the church organization mentioned before, there have been few if any changes in organization of Extension teaching during this past ten years.

In the beginning, it was difficult to get local leaders to volunteer their services and it has become increasingly so, due to the fact that the Latter Day Saint Church has greatly intensified its program of work for its women and children.

The first Home Demonstration Agent determined her program of work by visiting each community and discussing the possibilities of various lines of work, and from these discussions, programs for each community were made up. The Agent guided the groups as best she could so that these programs would be as uniform as possible. Now, we determine a county program of work through a county program planning conference, which is attended by representatives of each community.

These representatives discuss program possibilities, and by majority rule adopt a program for the county.

Teaching methods and procedures have changed somewhat during these ten years. At first, the Home Demonstration Agent put over her work largely through illustrated lectures--sometimes by means of methods demonstrations. Now, there are Specialists in various lines of the work who may still give methods demonstrations but they are accompanied by certain lines of follow up work that are carried out by a number of individuals reporting through the Home Demonstration Agent. Also, result demonstrations are being established.

FRANCES L. BROWN
Graham County
25 Year Appraisal

Due to the fact that each of the three Home Demonstration Agents have only served for a short time, there has been but little cumulative influence of Extension in helping rural people to solve their more important home problems. A program must be established long enough that local groups may be brought to a realization of their needs and to a desire to cooperate in carrying through a program that will meet these needs before cumulative influence becomes apparent.

Since records only cover the past ten years, it is not possible to trace changes in the nature of the Extension program and the work of the Home Demonstration Agent during the early years from 1914-1917 or during the World War or the Post War period.

And, during the past ten years since no Home Demonstration Agent has had tenure of office sufficient to establish an organized program, there have been no changes in the nature of the Extension program and the work of the Agent except that of shifting from a nebulous sort of miscellaneous program to the planned County program that has already been mentioned. Perhaps another exception might be made and that would be due to the close cooperation between the Agricultural Extension Service and the Farm Security Administration, that combines the work of the Home Demonstration Agent and of the Home Management Supervisor for Graham County in the one person.

Extension as a life profession offers a field that is without limit in its depth and breadth. It is the most vitalizing work in that the worker is working with men and women who are actually doing things now or with boys and girls who want to prepare themselves to follow in the parents footsteps. The Home Demonstration Agent's laboratory covers every home in her territory and her demonstration material is made up of every man and woman and child in her territory.

The Agent needs more help. If only the Agricultural Colleges could afford to employ enough Specialists so that there would be enough to cover the various needs, no greater thing could be done for the work. Of course, this would have to be done really through increased appropriations from the United States Department of Agriculture.

It would be a fine thing in the long run, if Agricultural Colleges could give more intensive training for Home Demonstration Agent Work.