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ORGANIZATION

Upon taking up the work of Home Demonstration Agent of Graham County a year ago, it was necessary for the Agent to give considerable time to becoming acquainted with her county and the women with whom she would be working.

The rural population of Graham County is largely grouped in a series of small villages and ranches in the Gila River Valley. These villages follow the contour of the River and are easily accessible for Extension Work, although the distances are sometimes great.

In most localities the women are organized in church groups. These groups feel kindly toward home demonstration work and are usually very willing to cooperate with the Agent in her efforts to forward the Extension Program. The Agent has been very willing to work through these groups until such time as the women shall feel it better to organize the regular Homemakers Clubs. There has been no resident Home Demonstration Agent in the County for four years, but certain phases of the work have been carried on by the State Home Demonstration Agent.

Across the mountains southwest of Safford is the community of Bonita. A small group of women on widely scattered ranches have organized a Community Club, meeting once a month. The Agent has worked through this group. These women think nothing of driving fifteen or twenty miles to the meetings, which are held in the homes. Some phase of home demonstration work has been carried on in Solomonville, Safford, Thatcher, Central, Eden, Ashurst and Bonita.

Having no acquaintance with the groups of women, the Agent set up a tentative program of work. She was unable to carry this out as planned. The program as achieved is presented in the table on page 16. As far as possible to do so, each demonstration has been carried on as a work meeting and the women have learned the thing by actually doing it.

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HOMEMAKERS CLUBS

During the month of January the Agent met with a group of women at Eden, and a Homemakers Club was organized. Eden is a somewhat isolated community and has been rather indifferent to Extension Work; so the Agent was much pleased at the show of interest on the part of these women. Fourteen women joined the club and officers were chosen. The program for the year was discussed, and partially planned. Meetings were held at the Relief Society Hall.

Very shortly after the organization of the club, measles, and scarlet fever broke out among the children which prevented the women from attending the meetings. Interest lagged and as the hot weather came on the women decided to discontinue meeting until sometime in the fall. Altogether six meetings were held.

Three demonstrations were given by the Agent. The subjects demonstrated were: the "Making And Use of Cereal Substitutes For Coffee;" "Making Tailored Buttonholes;" and "Making a Zipper Placket." At the second demonstration six of the nine women present made creditable buttonholes. At the third demonstration the leader was shown how to make the placket and she then demonstrated the making of it to the group.

The Clothing Specialist from the University gave a demonstration of "Selecting and Framing Pictures," and taught the women to make the "Candle Wick Tufting," "Italian Quilting" and "Shell Stitch" to be used on household accessories.

The Home Management Specialist from the University gave a demonstration of "Kitchen Conveniences That Are Cheaply and Easily Made," and a second on "Control of Household Pests." At the latter meeting the women made six fly traps.

The Agent feels that there is a strong probability of this Club resuming its meetings in the near future, and expects to offer them as interesting a program as possible in order to further the interest there.

HOME MANAGEMENT

The Home Management Projects in Graham County were organized in April and the work was continued through June, July, August and September in Ashurst, Bonita, Eden, Safford, Solomonville and Thatcher communities. Fourteen meetings were held for demonstration and work. At Bonita the meetings were held in the homes of the members of the Sunset Community Club. One meeting was held at the W.P.A. Cannery at Safford, and all others were held in the Relief Society Halls in the various communities. Ashurst held an all day meeting each month and while all the groups were much interested in the project, the Ashurst group held the most animated discussions and actually reported putting more of the suggestions into practice in their homes.

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As a usual thing it is nearly impossible to hold meetings during the summer months in Graham County, but attendance at the Home Management meetings was very good. The total attendance was two hundred ninety women, an average of a little over twenty at each meeting. The demonstrations were given by Miss Thelma Huber, Home Management Specialist as follows:

Kitchen Improvement: Four demonstrations were given at Eden, Ashurst, Thatcher and Solomonville of "Kitchen Conveniences" such as broom holders, spice shelves, holders for knives and forks, stools and many others. Mrs. Bertie Bryce of Ashurst reported having made all of the conveniences shown. Thirty-two other women reported having made one or more of the articles. There were forty-nine women present at these demonstrations.

Control of Household Pests: Four demonstrations were given at Eden, Bonita and Ashurst and Thatcher. Ninety-three women attended. As a result of the work, one woman reported having provided for storage of clothing. Eight reported having made use of the suggested methods for control of ants and cockroaches. Forty-three reported having made fly traps. Twenty-one reported cleaning up the breeding places of flies and mosquitoes.

Housewifery: Demonstrations of "Proper Cleaning Methods" were given in two communities, Ashurst and Thatcher. Floor wax, furniture polish, crack fillers and silver polish were made and their use demonstrated for the forty-eight women present. A rug was cleaned and the method of making a dustless duster was also shown.

Soap making was discussed and samples of good home-made soap were shown. In every case the directions for making, and samples of the cleaning agents were given to the women. One woman Mrs. McComas of Ft. Thomas, reported using the newspaper filler that was recommended for cracks in the floor to close up the cracks in a refrigerator. She said the filler had hardened like cement and as a result the ice in the refrigerator lasted much longer. Since the demonstrations, four women have reported using the crack filler, two women have reported using the silver polish; eight women have made dustless dusters; two have reported making furniture polish; two using the floor wax, and four women have reported cleaning the tea kettle in the recommended way.

A demonstration of the making of a good and inexpensive hand lotion was given at Ashurst, Thatcher and Bonita. As a result twenty-seven quarts of the lotion have been made. The Agent has given small samples and directions for making the lotion to eleven other women. They all like it and some of them are planning to use bottles of it for Christmas gifts.

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Home Accounts: The Home Management Specialist discussed the value of keeping home accounts with twenty-one of the women at Ashurst. A good type of account book was shown. Two women asked for the books immediately and one of them, Mrs. Dewey A. Bryce reports having started her account keeping. Little was accomplished with this project this year, but much more emphasis will be put upon it by the Agent in 1937. Since all Rural Rehabilitation clients are required to keep accounts, and the Home Demonstration Agent serves also as the Home Advisor of Rural Rehabilitation clients, there is reason to believe this project will be one of the important ones during the coming year.

Kitchen Arrangement: The arrangement of the kitchen equipment to save the homemaker steps, was graphically demonstrated in three communities, Ashurst, Safford and Bonita. Two kitchens were indicated by means of charts, one poorly, the other conveniently arranged. The actual steps taken in each kitchen by a woman while making a cake were shown to be two and a half times greater in the poorly arranged kitchen. There were seventy-nine women at these demonstrations and ten have since reported going home and changing the furniture in their kitchens to save themselves steps.

Attractive Kitchens: One demonstration was given at Ashurst, where floor coverings, treatment of walls and windows and attractive arrangement of equipment were shown.

The Home Management Projects will be continued the coming year with more emphasis upon the need of good financial management on the part of all homemakers.

HOME FURNISHINGS

In March the Home Furnishing Specialist from the University of Arizona, Mrs. Margaret E. Watson, came into the county and gave a demonstration at Solomonville on the "Making of Lamp Shades" from cloth and paper and one on the "Making of Attractive Decorative Stitches on Monks Cloth and Theatrical Gauze." The stitches were suitable for pillows, dresser scarfs, couch covers and other household accessories. The demonstration was held at the Relief Society Hall and each of the seventeen women present was given needle, thread and gauze and taught to make two of the stitches. The women were much interested in the work and as a result, the group asked for a class in "Making Furniture From Orange and Apple Boxes."

A second similar demonstration on the making of fancy stitches was held at the meeting of the Homemakers Club at Eden. There were seven women present, and each one learned to make "Italian Quilting," "Candle Wick Tufting" and "Shell Stitch."

Making Furniture: Much interest was shown in two classes in the "Making of Furniture From Orange Crates and Apple Boxes" which were held in Graham County. At Central, eight women decided they wished to carry on this project. The Agent explained to them

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that each woman must bring her own boxes and tools, and that the Home Furnishings Specialist would give the instruction. The group met on three consecutive days. The hours scheduled were from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. but the women were so interested in their work that they came early and could hardly be persuaded to stop at five o'clock. The motley array of boxes and poor quality of tools which the women brought on the first day made the Agent wonder whether they would ever be able to make anything creditable.

Here are two pictures of some of the women of Central, Arizona showing the materials and tools with which they began their furniture making:



The teacher and women were not discouraged, but set to work at once. Here is a picture of some of the women actually engaged in making furniture:



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Two different women assumed responsibility for the lunch, and as little time as possible was lost during the noon hour. Meetings were held at the Relief Society Hall. The women were given instruction in construction and proper finishes, and each woman made at least one article, of which both she and the Agent were very proud.

Here are some of the articles made by the women of Central, Arizona in the Furniture Making Class:



A similar class was held at Solomonville, with seven women enrolled. Here the group was fortunate in being permitted the use of the manual training room of the school and the very excellent tools there. The women enjoyed the work but being more social minded than the Central group, they visited more, so did not accomplish as much.



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As a result of this project, the following articles were made:

6 Magazine racks	1 small table	2 book cases
4 foot stools	1 dressing table	2 corner shelves
1 Chifferobe	8 Gavels.	

Here is a picture of the Chifferobe made at the Furniture making class at Solomonville, Arizona, and the little girl for whom it was made. There is a probability that the project will be carried on next year in one community as a request has been made for it at Ashurst.



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Selection and Framing of Pictures: One excellent demonstration was given by the Home Furnishings Specialist from the University to the Homemakers Club at Eden. Seven women were present. This is a demonstration which might be taken into all the communities with much advantage .

CLOTHING

Adult.

Selection of Ready to Wear Wash Dresses: A demonstration of points to consider in selecting wash dresses was presented by the Clothing Specialist from the University to a group of seventeen women at the Relief Society Hall in Solomonville. Charts and exhibits were used to show what were the good and bad points to look out for.

Techniques in Sewing: A demonstration of "Making Tailored Buttonholes" was given by the Agent to the Homemakers Club at Eden. Six women made very good buttonholes, the other three who were there came too late to make any, but each expressed regret at having missed the opportunity to learn to do so.

A lesson on making plackets was given by the Agent to the same group. The leader was taught to make a Zipper Placket closing and then she demonstrated it to the other eight women.

Making a Stand For Soft Crowned Hats: This very short ten minute demonstration was given by the Agent at Eden and Central, preparatory to discussing future work with the group. Fifty-five women were present and fifteen of the hat-stands were made.

Junior:

4-H Garment Making Clubs:- A first, third and fifth year Garment Making club was organized at Thatcher, and a first year club at Kimball. Thirty-five girls were enrolled and twenty-six completed the work required. The third year club had 100% completions, while in the Fifth year, six of the seven girls enrolled, completed their project and took part in the "Dress Revue" in the County and in the State wide contest at the University. Velma Hancock won first place in the County Contest, and Olive Green won second. Some of the Fifth Year Garment Making Club members did their work under very real handicaps, because of financial conditions at home. Olive Green was one of these. She told me she did housework for some of the neighbors to get the money to pay for her costume materials. The material in her dress was quite inexpensive, which Olive thought might disqualify it in the judging. However, it was quite suitable and well made, and Olive won second in the County and third in the State Dress Revue.

The Clothing Specialist met with the Fifth Year Club on two different days, giving valuable help with the girls' costumes.

On the next page will be found a picture of Olive Green and Velma Hancock, members of the Thatcher Fifth Year Garment Making Club wearing the costumes which they made and wore in the Dress Revue in the County and State Contests:

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GIRLS 4-H CLUBS

Seven girls 4-H Clubs have carried work to completion. Three Baking Clubs (reported under Junior Food Preparation), and four Garment Making Clubs (reported under Junior Clothing) were organized with sixty-six members enrolled. Fifty-one girls, 77.3% of those enrolled completed their project.

An effort was made to carry on two Garment Making Clubs at Eden, the names of members were secured by Agent, and sent in to the State Office, but nothing further was accomplished. The Agent made many attempts to analyze the difficulty and came to the conclusion that the trouble was poor local leadership.

In Graham County it is difficult to secure local leaders who are both capable and interested in doing the Club Work. Many of our women seem to feel that the Church Group, the Bee-Hive Girls, is taking care of the girls training in home-making quite adequately and that the 4-H Club is not needed. The Agent feels that there is room for both Bee-Hive and 4-H Club work and that whatever there is of duplication of work would be distinctly to the advantage of the girls.

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Twenty-four girls in the 4-H Baking and Garment Making Clubs won the privilege of a trip to the University during 4-H Club Week. With the Club Boys of the County and the three Club Girls from Greenlee County, they made the trip to Tucson by bus. All reported a delightful trip.

The County was represented by three Judging and three Demonstration Teams. The teams were trained by the Agent and local leaders. Each team gave one public demonstration in the County before going to Tucson. The teams acquitted themselves very creditably in the State Contests.

In the Judging the girls won two first and three third places. In the Food Demonstration they won first place in the Senior class and second place in the Junior Class.

Here are two pictures of the group that went to Tucson:



Mrs. Flossie

Tentative plans for the organization of three Girls Clubs have been made, a Garment Making Club at Thatcher, under leadership of Miss Bertha Carpenter and two Baking Clubs at Eden, under leadership of Miss Lerlene Greenhaw and Miss Maxine Moody. These three leaders are teachers who are really interested in Club work. Having very little time to devote to the work, the Agent is determined to limit the numbers of clubs to those whose leaders she knows and believes capable of carrying on the work satisfactorily.

FOOD PREPARATION (Adult)

Too little emphasis has been given to the Food and Nutrition Project during the year. A heavy program of Rural Rehabilitation Supervision has made it impossible to carry out a number of phases of home demonstration.

A demonstration of the Making and Use of Cereal Substitute for Coffee was given by the Agent to the Homemakers Club at Eden. The women seemed to enjoy the work and the drinks, though openly stating their preference for tea and coffee.

FOOD PREPARATION (Junior)

4-H Baking Clubs: A First Year Baking Club at Central, a Second Year Baking Club at Bryce and a Third Year Baking Club at Safford were organized. Thirty-one girls were enrolled, and twenty-three completed their project.

The Second and Third Year Baking Clubs send Judging teams to the Arizona 4-H Club Week at the University in June. The third year Club also sent two demonstration teams to Club Week.

FOOD PRESERVATION

Canning: The women of Graham County do considerable canning. Most of them are familiar with the pressure cooker canning. Many of them own their own cookers and sealers. Others make use of the County owned cooker in the office of the Home Demonstration Agent. All women with whom the Agent has made contact report having canned less fruit and vegetables than usual this year, due to the scarcity of food to can. Late frosts killed most of the early fruit and mid-summer drouth killed the vegetables.

Up to the present, 16727 quarts of fruit, 4139 quarts of vegetables, 905 quarts of meat and 1225 quarts of pickles and relishes canned have been reported to this office; a total of 22,996 quarts more meat will be canned later.

Kerr Contest: (Canning): Sixteen women entered the Kerr Canning Contest. The continued warm weather has kept most of the families from butchering and as a result only three women have completed the project. The women of this group report having canned: 898 quarts of fruit, 1459 quarts of vegetables; 349 quarts of meat, a total of 2701 quarts.

SUGGESTIONS FOR XMAS GIFTS

Having gotten together a very nice exhibit of articles that might easily and quickly be made, the Agent gave a series of demonstrations at Safford, Layton Eden and Ashurst. One hundred twenty-six women were present.

All articles shown could be made from the materials which the women had on hand or could be bought at the ten-cent store. The women appeared to find the suggestions helpful and cut off one hundred eighty-one patterns from the articles exhibited.

Other demonstrations of this type will be given in Greenlee County next month.

MISCELLANEOUS

Most of the Agent's efforts have been directed towards carrying out the Rural Rehabilitation Program in Graham and Greenlee Counties. She has cooperated with the W.P.A. workers by supplying them with subject matter material from her home demonstration files, inviting their project workers to attend demonstrations, and in two instances arranging for demonstrations to be given at the Cannery at Safford, and at the WPA Sewing Room at Duncan.

In the capacity of Chairman of Home Education, she has cooperated with the State, County and local P.T.A. Attended one meeting of all the Recreation Leaders in the various wards of the St. Joseph Stake, L.D.S. The meeting was in charge of Miss Ella Gardiner, Recreation Leader from the Washington Agricultural Extension Office.

Cooperated with the Relief Society Chairman by supplying her with subject material on how to bind magazines and books as a result of which all the societies have been able to bind their Church magazines and in one instance their song books.

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS PLANNED AND ACHIEVED
IN GRAHAM COUNTY - 1935-1936.

Project	Homemakers Clubs	Home Management	Home Furnishings	Clothing (Junior)
No. of groups planned	2	5	3	4 4-H Clubs
Location	Eden Thatcher	Ashurst Bonita Eden Solomonville Thatcher	Central Eden Solomonville	Thatcher (3) Kimball (1)
No. groups Achieved	1	4	3	4
Location	Eden	Ashurst Bonita Eden Thatcher	Central Eden Solomonville	Thatcher (3) Kimball (1)
No. Individuals enrolled	14	65	29	35
No. Individuals completed	Not Complete	60	15	26
Work Accomplished	8 dem.	15 dem. 138 recommended practices adopted. 27 qts. hand lotion made	10 dem. held. 2 Furniture Making Classes	2 dem. held. 1 dem. team trained. 1 judging team trained. 1 County contest. 26 pins.
Value in aggregate	No money value	Impossible to estimate \$ 52.40	\$160.00 Est.	\$ 62.38 Est.
Amount saved	---	\$42.95	\$150.00 Est.	\$31.19

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS PLANNED AND ACHIEVED
 IN GRAHAM COUNTY 1935--1936
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Project	Food Preparation (Juniors)	Food Preservation	Christmas Gifts Suggestions
No. groups planned	3 4-H Clubs	1	4
Location	Central Bryce Safford	All Commu- nities	4
No. groups Achieved	3	1	Ashurst Eden Layton Safford
No. Individuals enrolled	31	16 (Kerr Con- test)	126 attended.
Location	Bryce Central Safford	Drawn from various commu- nities in County	No. enrollment 126 attended.
No. Individuals completed	25	3	181 patterns cut 60 articles made
Work Accom- lished	2 dem. teams trained. 2 public dem. by each team. 2 judging teams trained. 25 pins	(1 Kerr Con- test. 2701 qts. canned.) 22,986 quarts canned in County	-
Value in aggregate	Impossible to estimate	\$5,746.00	\$20.00 estimated
Amount saved		\$3500.00 Est.	\$20.00 estimated

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TABLE SHOWING DETAILED HOME MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ACHIEVED

IN GRAHAM COUNTY IN 1935 - 1936.

Project	Kitchen Improvements	Control of Household Pests	Housewifery	Kitchen Arrangement	Attractive Kitchens.	Home Accounts.
No groups	4	4	3	3	1	1
Location	Ashurst Eden Solomonville Thatcher	Ashurst Bonita Eden Thatcher	Ashurst Bonita Thatcher	Ashurst Bonita Safford	Ashurst	Ashurst
No. adults attending	49	93	48	79	21	21
Accomplishments	32 women made one or more of conveniences shown. 1 woman made all of them.	43 flytraps 21 fly breeding places cleaned up 1 clothes storage space provided. 8 women using control methods for ants & cock roaches.	5 women using crack filler. 2 women using silver polish. 2 women made furniture polish. 2 women made floor wax. 8 dustless dusters made. 27 qts hand lotion made at savings of \$22.95	10 women rearranging kitchens.	Greater interest on part of group to make their own kitchens more attractive.	3 women volunteered to keep home accounts. 2 received account books and began work. All present more receptive to idea of keeping accounts.

Value The value of this program cannot be expressed by dollars and cents. Has given groups of women in six communities a keener interest in the program and helped many to manage their own homes more efficiently.

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TABLE SHOWING DETAILED HOME FURNISHINGS PROGRAM
ACHIEVED IN GRAHAM COUNTY 1935 - 1936

Project	Location	Time	No. En-rolled	Accomp-lishments	Value	
					Money Value	Other Value
Making Furniture from boxes	Central Solomonville	3 days	8	15 women made:		
		3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	7	6 magazine racks 1 small table 2 book cases 4 foot stools 1 dressing table 2 corner shelves 1 Chifforobe 8 Gavels	4.50 1.25 5.00 1.00 1.00 10.00 4.00	Gave women in-creased skill in using tools. En-abled women to have articles wanted or needed which they could not otherwise have had because of cost. In-creased women's inter-est in whole pro-gram.
Making Dec-orative Stitches for household accessories.	Eden	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	7	2 dem. given 17 women learn-ed to make two stitches.		Gave women in-creased skill and more apprecia-tion for the home demonstra-tion program.
	Solomonville	1/2 day	17	7 women learn-ed three stit-ches		
Selecting & framing pictures	Eden	1/2 day	7	1 demonstra-tion		Needed informa-tion given.

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PLAN OF HOME DEMONSTRATION FOR 1937

BY PROJECTS & COMMUNITIES IN

GRAHAM COUNTY - 1936

Project	Location	Time	No. of Demonstrations	Method of Procedure to be used.	Goals.
Homemaker-Clubs	Eden	12 months	12	Organize group as soon as possible. Set up definite responsibilities of members and agents.	60% attending 9 meetings. 1/2 membership contributing to the group programs.
Home Accounts	Ashurst Pima Safford	6 months	6 to each group	Organize groups in December. Meet with Home Mgt. Specialist in Jan. & 5 other meetings. Analyze books at end of each 6 months.	20 women keeping accounts.
Home Furnishings	Solomonville Bonita Ashurst	5 months Feb. to June	5 to each group	Organize groups in Jan. Plan programs showing part each is to play	50% completions Achievement Day Exhibit
Dressmaking School	Ashurst Central	Mch. 3 days ea.	4 to each group	Organize group Hold 3 days of instruction and work.	100% making a wash dress
Canning	Ashurst Eden Bonita Central Solomonville	12 months.	2 to each.	Organize groups.	75% women in groups canning more than in 1936. 10% members exhibiting their products.
4-H Clubs Baking	Eden (2)	6 months Dec. to May	6 to each	Organize -train leaders. Train 1 girl judging & 1 dem. team	80% completions all girls exhibiting in Achievement Day. 1 dem. or judg. team in each group or both.

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PLAN OF HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT FOR 1937 BY

PROJECTS AND COMMUNITIES IN

GRAHAM COUNTY - 1936

Project	Location	Time	No. of Demonstrations	Method of Procedure to be used	Goals.
4-H Garment Making	Thatcher Ft. Thomas Bonita	6 mon. Dec. to May	6 to each	Organize group Train leaders. Train a judging team.	80% completions all girls exhibiting in Achievement Day. 1 judging team.

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PUBLICITY

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE "GRAHAM COUNTY
GUARDIAN"

**STATE OFFICIALS
ADDRESS COUNTY
PTA COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Graham County Council of the Parent-Teacher association held in the basement auditorium of the Methodist church Friday, Miss Louise C. Boehringer, state director of the Arizona organization, addressed a group of officers and members from the various county associations on phases of the PTA work.

Miss Boehringer, who recently returned from attending the national convention held in Milwaukee, gave a brief report of the proceedings saying that the "youth problem" was one of the chief topics discussed at the convention.

"To promote child welfare in home, school, and community" and to "raise the standards of home life" were two important objectives of PTA work Miss Boehringer stated.

Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, home demonstration agent for Graham county, spoke briefly on the subject of "Home Education," and urged the promotion of home reading on the part of the parents; the establishment of a reading class in PTA units and a good book review for the program each week. She suggested that the units promote an hour of home reading in which children should be required to read aloud, and stressed the importance of children having spe-

cial interests or hobbies, and urged parents to help them develop these hobbies.

P. E. Guitteau, superintendent of the Thatcher schools, spoke on the subject "In What Way Can the PTA Help the School or the School Help the PTA," and offered many helpful suggestions on the subject.

Mrs. Nannie Wilson, president of the county council, presided at the meeting and outlined the plan of work for the coming year. Among the important things to be considered by the units of the PTA were the narcotic and liquor problems, highway safety and school legislation.

In addition to the state officers, those present at the all-day session were Mrs. Nannie Wilson, Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, Mrs. Marion Lee, Mrs. Guy Lorensen, Mrs. Roy Layton, Mrs. Maurice Mickelson, Mrs. Cecil Hoopes, Mrs. Pauline McAlpine, Mrs. Vina Green, Mrs. H. F. Wackerbarth, Mrs. Lucy Allen, Mrs. John Mickelson and Messrs. Monroe Clark, P. E. Guitteau, and Lowell C. Ballard.

August 28, 1936

HOME DEMONSTRATION—

Miss Thelma Huber, home management specialist from the state university at Tucson, will begin a series of demonstrations on home cleaning methods today, (Thursday). Demonstrations will be held at Ashurst and Thatcher in Graham county and at Franklin in Greenlee county.

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PUBLICITY

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE "GRAHAM COUNTY GUARDIAN"

**Two Thatcher 4-H
Club Girls To Enter
Dress Revue Contest**

The members of the Fifth Year 4-H Garment Making club of Thatcher, held a dress revue in the home economics room of the high school on Friday afternoon. The attractive costumes worn by

the girls were made under the direction of Mrs. Thad Elliott, the local leader of the 4-H club.

The judging of the costumes was done by Mrs. Margaret E. Watson, clothing specialist from the University of Arizona.

The winners of the contest, Velma Hancock and Olive Green will represent Graham county in a state-wide dress revue contest to be held at the university during 4-H club week, June 1 to 4.

The other members of the club

will take part in the dress revue, but will not take part in this contest. The members of the club are, Velma Hancock, Olive Green, Julia Carpenter, Alona Fuller, Roxie Hawkins and Alice Rowley.

The 4-H club work is a part of the regular extension work under the supervision of the home demonstration agent.

May 15, 1936

**Demonstrations In
Home Making Will Be
Held In Eden Monday**

Mrs. Margaret Watson, clothing and home improvement specialist from the University of Arizona, will give demonstrations on these subjects, at the meeting of the Homemakers club to be held in Eden at 1:30 o'clock, Monday afternoon, May 4th, in the Relief Society hall.

The use of theatre guaze for scarfs and hangings will be demonstrated, as will also be the proper selecting and framing of pictures.

May 22, 1936

**DEMONSTRATION IN
PICTURE FRAMING
HELD BY EDEN CLUB**

Mrs. Margaret E. Watson, clothing specialist from the University of Arizona, gave an interesting demonstration at the meeting of the Homemaker's club at Eden, on Monday, May 4th.

Selection and framing of pictures, making of candle-wick tufting bed spreads, Italian quilting and shell edge finishes were demonstrated.

The next meeting of the club will be held the second week in June.

May 1, 1936

**Home Management
Demonstrations To
Be Held Next Week**

A series of demonstrations in home management will be given in Graham and Greenlee counties by Miss Thelma Huber, specialist from the state university, who will be here accompanied by Miss Olga Welch, who is in charge of community cooperatives of the state rural rehabilitation at Tucson.

"Arrangement of Equipment to Save Steps" will be the theme of the demonstrations, the first of which will be held in the Emery school house, the Relief Societies of Ashurst, Ft. Thomas and Emery meeting for an all day session.

The same program will be repeated at a meeting to be held in Thatcher on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

On Thursday the ladies will go to Franklin in Greenlee county, where they will hold an all day meeting. On Friday a meeting will be held in the community club building at Sunset.

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**Specialist From
University To Hold
Series Of Meetings**

Miss Thelma Huber, home management specialist from the University of Arizona, will conduct a series of demonstrations in the county during the coming week. Miss Huber's subject will be "Managing One's Work to Save Energy and Strength," and "Selecting Kitchen Equipment from the Standpoint of Efficiency and Economy of Cost."

All women interested in better management of their homes are invited to attend. The schedule of meetings as arranged by the County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, will be:

April 13—Eden Homemaker's club at 1:30 p. m.

April 14—Ashurst Relief Society at 2:00 p. m.

April 15—Thatcher Relief Society at 2:00 p. m.

April 16—Franklin Homemaker's club at 2:00 p. m.

April 17—Solomonville Relief Society hall at 2:00 p. m.

April 10, 1936

**Series Meeting On
Home Conveniences
To Be Held In June**

The first group of a series of meetings for the discussion of home management, were held recently in Graham county, under the supervision of Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, county home demonstration agent.

The subject discussed was "Kitchen Improvements" and Miss Thelma Huber, home management specialist from the state university included in her talks the proper heights of working surfaces, with their relation to bodily fa-

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figure. Miss Huber showed how many improvements could be made in the average kitchen by the homemaker herself or with a very small outlay of cash.

Seventy-seven women attended the meetings and expressed so much interest in the demonstrations, that Mrs. Barmes decided to hold monthly work meetings throughout the summer, at which the women themselves will make conveniences for use in the home.

The next series of meetings will be held the second week in June, when demonstrations on how to rid the home of such pests as flies,

cockroaches, mice, moths and ants, will be given.

All homemakers are invited to attend the meetings. The time and places of meeting will be announced later, by the home demonstration agent.

May 1, 1936

**Furniture Making
To Be Demonstrated
By Solomonville Club**

A class in making articles of furniture from orange boxes will be held by the homemakers club in Solomonville on May 5th and 8th, inclusive.

The meetings will be held in the school auditorium and will be from 10 to 4:30 o'clock. The making of such articles as magazine racks, book cases, stools and tables will be demonstrated. The class is open to all women interested. Each woman is requested to take her own materials.

Instructions in this work will be given by Mrs. Margaret Watson, clothing and home improvement specialist at the University of Arizona.

Similar classes in other communities may be arranged for

through the office of the home demonstration agent, Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, at the court house.

May 1, 1936

Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, Graham County, Arizona, 1936.

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Home Demonstration Meetings Scheduled For Towns Of Valley

All women interested in the work of the home demonstration agent are invited by Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes to attend the meetings scheduled for the various towns of the valley, which have been arranged as follows:

At Eden, Mar. 2—Demonstration of making picture frames and a discussion of pictures and picture framing, at Relief Society hall at 1:30 p. m.

Solomonville, Mar. 3— Demonstration of Household Accessories, Relief Society hall at 1:30 p. m.

Central, Mar. 4, 5, 6,—Making furniture from boxes. Relief Society hall, at 10 a. m.

Thatcher, Mar. 7— A meeting with the 4-H garment making club will be held at 10 o'clock. Making of undergarments will be discussed.

Mrs. Margaret E. Watson, clothing specialist at the U. of A. will have charge of the demonstrations.

February 28, 1936

KIMBALL

The members of the Hitchit and Stitchit 4-H sewing club, entertained themselves and partners Saturday evening with a weinmer roast, at the home of their leader, Miss Zola Smith.

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HOME FURNISHINGS ARE DISCUSSED AT SERIES OF MEETINGS

Demonstrations in the making of furniture from boxes and the making of home furnishings were held last week in Solomonville and Safford by Mrs. Margaret Watson, clothing and home furnishing specialist from the University of Arizona. All of the meetings were well attended by the women of the valley and much interest was manifested, especially in the making of furniture.

The home furnishing demonstration was held at Solomonville and the women were taught the making of scarfs and lamp shades in various designs and materials.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the furniture demonstrations were held in Safford and the

women learned to make useful articles from boxes and waste lumber.

Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, resident demonstration agent, assisted Mrs. Watson. She met with the Home Makers club of Eden and taught the members the making of bowad buttonholes and other finishing work on a garment.

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**Girls 4-H Sewing
Club Organized At
Thatcher Last Week**

A first year 4-H garment making club was organized in Thatcher on

January 7th, under the direction of Miss Bertha Carpenter, teacher, with Avalon Allen, president; Georgina Allen, secretary-treasurer; Bernice Blair, reporter; Ruth Echols, song and yell leader.

Other members of the club are Delsa Bingham, Geraldine Echols, Inez Cox, Delores Hughes, Allene Motes, Martha Mullenau, and Conzuela Robbles.

The club requirements for the year are to hem and embroider a dish towel, make a stockinet patch, hem and embroider a hand-towel, and weave a pot holder. Stress is also laid on the social enjoyment of the club members at the meetings throughout the year.

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**Women Of Eden
Organize Home
Makers' Club**

A group of women in the Eden community have organized a Home Maker's Club which will meet each month with the Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, to study the problems of home making and to learn new and better methods of managing their own homes.

The temporary officers chosen by the club are Mrs. Elda Saline, chairman; Mrs. Ruby Kempton, secretary; Mrs. Ellen Thatcher, program chairman.

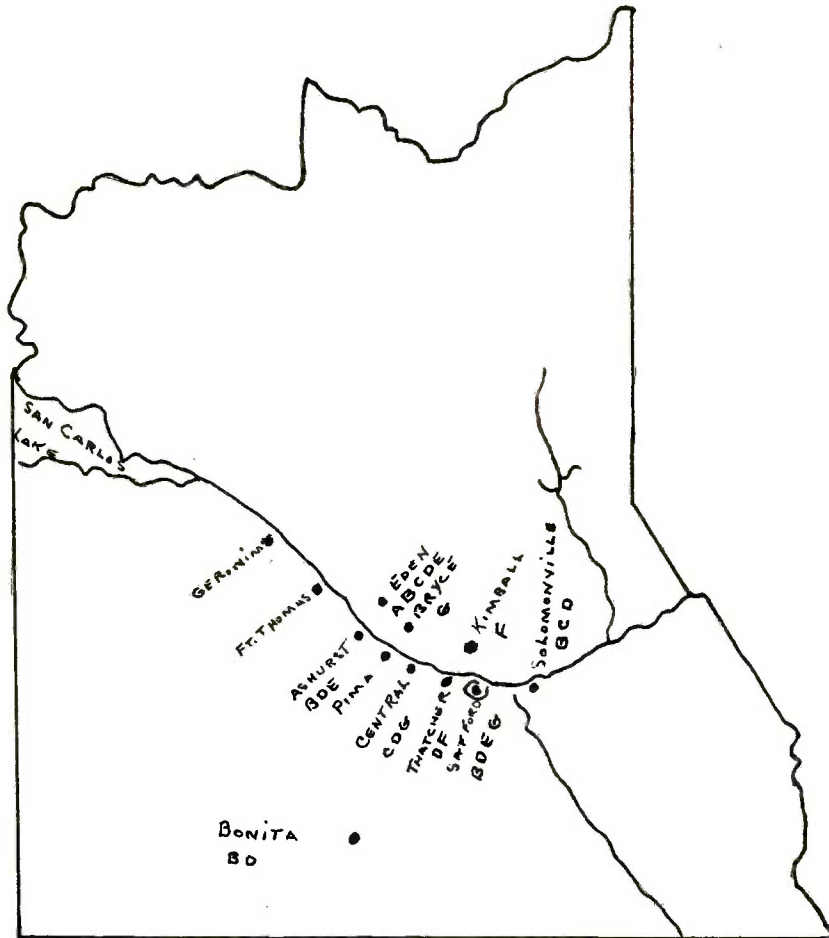
The members of the club are Mesdames Annie Christenson, Stella Kempton, Minnie Holladay, Lenora Colvin, Ellen Thatcher, Ida Fuller, Sylvia B. Kempton, Elda Saline, Annie Fuller, Frances Hancock, Alice Kempton, Emma Waltman, Ruby Kempton, Sammie Blair.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, February 11th.

January 24, 1936.

Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes, Graham County, Arizona, 1936.

MAP OF GRAHAM COUNTY SHOWING ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR



ADULT WORK

- A. Homemakers Clubs-Eden
- B. Home Management
Ashurst Bonita
Eden Safford
Solomonville
- C. Home Furnishings
Eden Central
Solomonville
- D. Food Preservation
Eden Bonita
Central Ashurst
Safford Thatcher
Solomonville
- E. Christmas Suggestions
Eden Ashurst
Safford

JUNIOR WORK

- F. Garment Making
Thatcher
Kimball
- G. Baking
Bryce
Central
Safford