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III SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Situation

Greenlee County shares the time of the Home Demonstration Agent with Graham County. Approximately six days out of each month are spent in the rural areas of Greenlee County. The county has a full time County Agent, with whom the Home Demonstration Agent cooperates.

Most of the activities are carried on in the four rural communities which lie in the valley along the upper Gila River, south of the large mining towns. The two cattle communities in the mountains north of the mining center are served by mail and by three or four visits a year.

The rural communities of Greenlee County have changed only slightly in population during the last year. Many more of the young men have been called into the service; thus increasing the duties of the women and older members of the family.

In one community there has been a noticeable number of farms change hands. Older couples have moved away and folks who have never farmed before have moved on to these farms, with the idea of having more security after the war.

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III SUMMARY

B. Plan for meeting the situation.

1. The Home Demonstration Agent planned her program to advance home economics work in the rural communities of the county by the organization and maintenance of local Homemakers' Clubs and 4-H Clubs.

2. She planned to provide home economics information to individuals and groups other than those regularly organized, through newspaper articles, radio, letters, method demonstrations, talks, etc.

3. She was to assist with the conduct of county and federal programs such as the County Nutrition Committee.

4. She hoped to develop interest and cooperation of various organizations and individuals in the solution of home and community problems.

5. Local leaders were to be assisted in carrying out local programs, by supplying supplementary material, by visiting homes, by providing helpful literature and arranging for help of specialists.

6. As in the preceding year a program encouraging maximum production and preservation was to be presented.

7. At all times those activities which would make a contribution to the war effort were to be stressed.

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C. Accomplishments -- Methods and Assistance

1. The Home Demonstration Agent carried the County Extension Program into every community of Greenlee County. The Blue, a scattered cattleman's community far up in the mountains was contacted by mail. Eagle Creek, another cattleman's community in the mountains organized and maintained a Homemakers' Club for which the agent supplied program material, helpful literature etc. 3 visits were made to this group, which is 107 miles one way from the agent's official station, at which time demonstrations were given on home making subjects.

Morenci and Clifton, the two mining towns, were contacted through talks at the Woman's Club meetings, by mail, by radio and through newspaper articles.

In Duncan, Franklin and Luntville the program was furthered through Homemakers' Clubs, by demonstrations, circular letters, radio, newspaper articles and through 4-H Clubs.

2. 3 active Homemakers' Clubs have carried a full program. 1 other has had two meetings and is in the process of organization.

3. 35 method demonstrations were given with an attendance of 693.

4. 9 talks, with an attendance of 332, were given to local organizations such as Rotary Club, Woman's Club, schools, etc.

5. 136 home visits were made.

6. 4 pressure cooker clinics with 52 cookers tested and put into good working condition.

7. 3 sewing machine clinics with an attendance of 33 were conducted.

8. 3 4-H Clubs with 3 leaders and a membership of 45 were organized and completed their projects.

9. 4 achievement day programs were held. (One achievement day was for the boys clubs as there was not an Agricultural Agent in the county at the time.)

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III SUMMARY (Continued)

C. Accomplishments -- Methods and Assistance (Continued)

10. The Home Demonstration Agent cooperated and assisted with 5 community recreational programs.

11. Educational information was presented by means of the radio, the county paper, circular letters, bulletins, neighborhood leaders, method demonstrations, talks to groups and personal conference.

12. Assistance was given in the following Government and State programs -- fat collections, accident and fire prevention, "Food Fights for Freedom", County Nutrition Committee and conservation of surplus foods.

13. The Specialists from the University assisted the Home Demonstration Agent in preparing materials, in organization and in Leaders' Training Meetings.

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III SUMMARY

D. Statistics

Months in Service	<u>12</u>
Days in Greenlee County	<u>66</u>
Days in Field	<u>47$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Days in Office	<u>18$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Home Visits	<u>136</u>
Different Homes Visited	<u>110</u>
Office Calls	<u>135</u>
Telephone Calls	<u>35</u>
Letters Written	<u>8</u>
Circular Letters	<u>25</u>
Copies of Circular Letters	<u>2,146</u>
News Articles	<u>31</u>
Radio Talks	<u>5</u>
Bulletins Distributed	<u>1,000</u>
Demonstrations Given	<u>35</u>
Demonstration Attendance	<u>693</u>
Other Extension Meetings	<u>30</u>
Total Attendance	<u>1,555</u>
4-H Clubs	<u>3</u>
4-H Membership	<u>45</u>
Leaders Meetings	<u>7</u>
Meetings Held by Leaders (Homemakers) (Agent Not Present)	<u>10</u>
Auto Miles Traveled.	<u>3,072</u>

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I ORGANIZATION

Sub-project B - Home Economics Extension Organization

Phase 1 - Homemakers' Clubs

The two clubs, Franklin and Eagle Creek, which were organized last year have had their regular meetings twelve months out of the year.

Eagle Creek is 107 miles from the agent's official station, so only a few trips are made to this group during the year. Project information, aids for meetings and nutrition helps have been sent by mail. The club has grown in numbers and in interest.

Following a series of method demonstrations given in Luntville a standard club was organized. Though the membership is small the young homemakers who compose the group are enthusiastic.

Women in Duncan have expressed a desire for a club, so efforts are being made to get an interested group together. The first meeting had a very meager attendance, the second meeting was better and the interested few feel they can get more.

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I. ORGANIZATION

Sub-project C - 4-H Clubs

Phase 1 - 4-H Club Organization

There were 3 active 4-H Clubs in the County during the year. 2 carried foods projects and 1 clothing. All three clubs had their meetings during school hours, two having a teacher as leader. The other leader was a local woman who went to the school for the meetings. Having excellent leaders meant that there were three good clubs. Individual accomplishments were not outstanding, but co-operation, leadership, community spirit and proper methods of work were stressed.

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XIII NUTRITION

With the "Basic Seven" as a guide better nutrition has been kept constantly before the people of the county. One Homemakers' Club is studying the Red Cross Nutrition course. The Home Demonstration Agent prepares the lessons and passes them on to the club leader, who conducts the study at the regular monthly meetings.

Newspaper articles have been published, posters displayed, circular letters sent out, bulleting distributed and questions answered.

National Nutrition Month was observed with fitting publicity.

4-H Food Clubs have based their work on meal planning and health.

A talk was given to the Clifton Woman's Club on "Foods in War Time".

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XIII NUTRITION

Sub-project A - Planned Food Supply

Phase 1 - Production of fruits and vegetables

The Home Demonstration Agent has supplemented the work of the County Agricultural Agent by encouraging gardens, answering inquiries, suggesting types of seed and the use of new vegetables. The Extension Entomologist, Mr. J. N. Roney's bulletin on "Control of Garden Pests", was widely used.

In carrying out the "Food Fights for Freedom" program window displays, posters, newspaper articles, bulletins, letters and personal calls were used.

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XIII NUTRITION

Sub-project A - Planned Food Supply

Phase 2 - Production of eggs

Mr. Boevers, the County Agricultural Agent, attended the Homemakers' Club at Eagle Creek and led a discussion and answered questions in connection with the raising of chickens and the care and production of eggs.

Mr. Boevers has taken the responsibility for this phase of the program. The Home Demonstration Agent cooperates by referring inquires to him and by asking for his assistance when needed.

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XIII NUTRITION

Sub-project B - Food Preservation

4 pressure cooker clinics were held in Greenlee County with a total of 52 realse valves and gages tested. The women were taught how to operate and care for their cookers. The Home Demonstration Agent feels that more has been accomplished through these clinics to arouse interest in better canning methods than anything else that could have been done. In spite of the hard work connected with operating the monometer, faith in Extension Service and their services has been increased.

Three nespaper articles on "Preservation of Foods" were prepared and published. These articles were written to answer many of the questions the women had been asking the Home Demonstration Agent.

At two meetings of Homemakers' Clubs colored slides from the Cornell University, showing canning methods were shown. Pictures were followed by discussions and demonstration of canning equipment. At another meeting, where electricity was not available, charts were used.

A bulletin "Plan Your Canning" was mailed with a circular letter giving advice on how to keep a record of food preservation.

Meat canning brought many inquiries. Bulletins were given and questions answered. At the Greenlee Cattle Growers' Association a talk was given on canning meat. The men asked as many questions and showed as much interest as the women.

A demonstration was given on canning chicken.

A number of questions on corned beef came to the attention of the Home Demonstration Agent, so a recipe was worked out with one of the rural homemakers who was very successful with canning corned beef. This recipe was mailed to club members and given to others upon request.

Due to late frost there was very little fruit

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XIII NUTRITION (Continued)

Sub-project B - Food Preservation (Continued)

available. Some was brought in on trucks, but it was very high in price. Gardens did not do as well either, but when a survey was made it was found that more was preserved than anticipated.

In the mountain areas root vegetables and apples are stored, but in the valley where most of the population is centered climatic conditions do not make much storage advisable.

Fruits

Quarts Canned - 23,080
Pounds Dried - 200

Fruits and
Vegetables Stored - 5,000

Vegetables

Quarts Canned - 24,140
Pounds Dried - 188
Brined - 450

Meats

Quarts Canned - 6,900
Meat cured - 8,900

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XIII NUTRITION

Sub-project C - Food Selection

Phase 1 - Food selection for special conditions

Two demonstrations were given on "Food for the Sick". Custards, souffles, timbales and meat were prepared and served. Trays were arranged by the different members. There were also discussions on the care of the sick in the home.

These demonstrations came at an opportune time when there were a number of sick cases in the communities, so the information was put into practise immediately.

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XIII NUTRITION

Sub-project C - Food Selection

Phase 3 - 4-H Nutrition club work.

Two 4-H Foods Clubs under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Mildred Clark, planned meals, and then prepared them at home. Records were kept and checked by the leader and the Home Demonstration Agent. One father remarked, "4-H Club work is wonderful, my girl has learned to prepare meals, which her mother doesn't know how to cook." The girls have also stressed nutrition and health, checking on their own health and development.

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XIII NUTRITION

Sub-project D - Food Preparation and Service

Phase 1 - Preparation of dairy products

A demonstration on cheese making in the home was given at a meeting of a Homemakers' Club. The making of cottage cheese was also demonstrated.

Due to the shortage of cheese many women have been making their own cheese. Helps have been given individuals by the Home Demonstration Agent and those who attended the demonstration have assisted neighbors.

At a meeting of the Eagle Creek Club the women made cheese by following the Government bulletin, then later their results were discussed with the Home Demonstration Agent.

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XIII NUTRITION

Sub-project D - Preparation and Service

Phase 7 - 4-H Meals

A 4-H Club prepared and served a very attractive, nutritious meal to the eight women teachers of the Grade School, the Home Demonstration Agent and the County Agricultural Agent's wife. The dishes were judged before the meal.

Following the meal the girls presented an interesting program of 4-H songs and an original skit demonstration proper dress for various occasions.

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XIV CLOTHING

The clothing program was planned with conservation of time, materials and money in mind. Mending, time saving sewing skills and care and adjustment of sewing machines had the most consideration.

4-H clothing club work was carried on by one club of beginners.

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XIV CLOTHING

Sub-project B - Construction

Phase 1 - Time Saving Sewing Skills

The three organized Homemakers' Clubs in the county had method demonstrations and work meetings on this project. Each club had two meetings; at one corded buttonholes, pockets and quick machine made buttonholes were made. At the next meeting time was given to putting in zippers, making plackets and putting on collars.

The buttonhole and pocket demonstration was given to another group of women who are in the process of organization.

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XIV CLOTHING

Sub-project C - Selection and Construction

Phase 4 - 4-H clothing club work

One girls clothing club completed the first year work. As the girls in this club came from homes where they did not receive much training in neatness and grooming, the leader emphasized these two things. Improvement was strikingly noticeable.

Individuals were assisted with sewing techniques.

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XIV CLOTHING

Sub-project D - Economics

Phase 1 - Care and conservation of clothing.

MENDING

Four method demonstrations and work meetings were conducted on mending. The excellent bulletin, "Mending Made Easier", by Miss Lorene Dryden, Extension Clothing Specialist, has been requested by many people who were not at the demonstrations.

The women have been especially interested in the darned-in patch, the overall mending, and the tailor's patch. Some groups were interested in the stockinette stitch while others were not. The press on mend was new to most of the women, but since the demonstrations it has become so popular that the local stores can not keep enough of the mending tape on hand to meet the demand.

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XIV CLOTHING

Sub-project D - Economics

Phase 2 - Care of the sewing machine and sewing equipment.

Miss Lorene Dryden, Extension Clothing Specialist, trained seven leaders in cleaning, oiling and adjusting sewing machines so that they could conduct sewing machine clinics in their respective communities.

Two of these meetings have been conducted under the leadership of the trained leaders and the Home Demonstration Agent. 14 sewing machines have been put into good condition at the meetings, while women attending the meetings have assisted friends and neighbors at home.

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XIV CLOTHING

Sub-project E - Selection and Economics

Phase 3 - Re-modeling and extending the life of a garment.

Many requests for assistance in planning the use of out grown and out of style clothes have been met. Bulletins have been given out and illustrative material loaned.

Making childrens' clothes or womens' skirts from mens' suits has been a popular project.

The Government bulletin on coat making has also been widely used.

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XV HOME ECONOMICS

Many of the rural homes are in need of repair and improvement in attractiveness. Labor is impossible to secure and the new furniture which is available is of such poor quality that most homemakers consider it unwise to purchase new pieces at this time.

To keep down inflation, to relieve the pressure on labor, and to protect the homemakers against inferior goods and to improve the attractiveness of the homes, the Home Demonstration Agent has urged women to refinish, do over, and improve the interior of their homes, with what they have on hand. They are encouraged to refinish and restore pieces of fine furniture which are in poor condition. Chairs, chests, tables, and other pieces are taking on new beauty. Slip covers and re-upholstering are brightening up dull rooms.

The study of color schemes, room arrangement, pictures, and curtains are bringing results.

In preparation, the Home Demonstration Agent spent several days working with the Home Demonstration Agent from Cochise County and Mrs. Mildred Jensen, from the University learning proper methods of refinishing wood furniture, room arrangement, curtains, pictures, etc. Mrs. Mildred Jensen's instructions and help has been invaluable.

In order to gain experience in re-upholstery, the Home Demonstration Agent purchased an old couch and spent several days and evenings reconstructing it.

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XV HOME ECONOMICS

Sub-project A - Selection

Individual assistance has been given to several homemakers as well as to womens' organizations on redecorating, choosing curtains, furniture, linoleum, etc.

Two families who lost their homes by fire have consulted the Home Demonstration Agent regarding floor plans, storage space, etc. in planning for rebuilding.

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XV HOME ECONOMICS

Sub-project D - Economics - Refinishing Furniture

As one of the projects in connection with improved homes, 4 method demonstrations and work meetings on refinishing wood furniture have been held. Two meetings were at Franklin and two at Luntville. A fine old dresser had the mirror removed, was raised in height, had the varnish removed, was sanded, stained, varnished and polished. Other pieces done at the meetings were piano bench (seat recovered and wood refinished), table, and chair.

At each meeting reglueing and repairing pieces of furniture was demonstrated.

Annual care of furniture has also been a project of the work meetings. A dining room set and a radio were washed, scratches removed, and polished. Women are always surprised and pleased to find that such simple treatment makes so much improvement in appearance and attractiveness.

More demonstrations along this line will be given during the winter and spring.

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XV HOME ECONOMICS

Sub-project D - Economics

Phase 1 - Budgets and accounts.

In the Thrifty Homemakers' Club at Franklin, one of the members carried out a result demonstration on farm and home records. Mrs. Clara Wilkins used one of the government record books for her demonstration. In February, 1943, she was given the book and at that time both she and the Home Demonstration Agent talked about records to the Homemakers' Club. The different types of records, the difficulties and the advantages of records were discussed.

Then in February, 1944, Mrs. Wilkins brought her completed book and demonstrated to the women her use of the book, how she had changed certain headings to suit her families situation and how keeping records had aided in the economics of her home and in their small dairy business. She emphasized the connection between records and filling out income tax reports. Her demonstration was so successful that six women requested farm and home record books. The Home Demonstration Agent hopes to receive their reports in February, 1945.

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XVI HEALTH

In each Homemakers' Club a "Health Leader" has been chosen. This leader will have for distribution upon request Government bulletins on child care, management, pre-natal care, etc. This leader will also keep informed on conditions in the community and further health projects when advisable.

The city water in Duncan was sent to the University laboratory for testing. The report is that the fluorine content is so high (3.2) that it should not be used by children under 12 years of age for drinking purposes.

The Home Demonstration Agent has presented this report to the Duncan Rotary Club with a suggestion that they attend to the matter of seeing that a filter be used by the city.

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XVI HEALTH

Sub-project B - Health Program

Phase 1 - Care of the sick.

In connection with the demonstrations on "Food for the Sick" time was given to discussion on care of the sick in the home. Home made equipment such as bed tables, back rests and knee rests were demonstrated.

Recently the Red Cross has conducted home nursing courses which a number of the club members have attended. These courses have been valuable to the communities.

Individual advise has been given to mothers with illness in the home and on questions of diet.

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XIV HEALTH

Sub-project B - Health Program

Phase 2 - 4-H Health Clubs

The bulletin, "Health and Attractiveness", is used by every club member as a basis for health improvement. Each girl checks herself on health habits and marks her progress.

One leader felt that her particular group of beginners needed more help in acquiring habits of neatness, personal sanitation and health than in any thing else, so she stressed this part of the club activities with good results. The Home Demonstration Agent assisted by talking to the girls and by furnishing the leader with helpful material.

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XVII CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND PARENT EDUCATION

The Thrifty Homemakers' Club at Franklin gave two monthly meetings over to reports and discussion of child behavior. The Home Demonstration Agent led the first discussion on the child and his parents. At the second meeting, which the Home Demonstration Agent did not attend, members gave reports from articles on "The Child and His Money", "The Child and His Leisure" and "The Child and His Work".

These meetings came as a result of behavior problems which some of the mothers were facing and wished to have help in solving.

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XVIII COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sub-project A - Related Agencies

The Home Demonstration Agent attempts to cooperate with all agencies in the county. Talks, upon request have been given to a Woman's Club, Rotary Club, church groups, schools and the County Cattle Growers' Association.

The schools have been especially cooperative in giving time for 4-H Club meetings, assistive in securing leaders, and giving the use of their buildings for meetings, recreation and demonstrations. School sewing machines and cooking laboratories have been used.

4-H Club members furnished a program for the Duncan Woman's Club. This was a program of entertainment and explanation of the program of the 4-H program.

The Home Demonstration Agent has cooperated with the Farm Security Administration in testing clients pressure cookers, inviting clients to demonstrations and by giving bulletins when requested.

During a two months period when the Duncan Methodist Church had no preacher, the Home Demonstration Agent conducted Sunday morning services and assisted with the organization of a recreational program.

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XVIII COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sub-project B - Conferences

Phase 2 - Office Conference

On every visit to the county the Home Demonstration Agent had a conference with the County Agent as to the work of the county.

Conferences were also held with State Extension workers: Mr. Kenneth McKee, 4-H Club Leader, Mr. O.W. Dishaw, Assistant 4-H Leader, Mr. A.B. Ballayntine, Rural Sociologist, Miss Jean Stewart, State Leader, Miss Lorene Dryden, Clothing Specialist, Mrs. Lola Dudgeon, Nutrition Specialist, Mr. Donald Hitch, Specialist in Irrigation and Soils, Mr. Frank Armer, Specialist in Animal Husbandry, Mr. Chas. U. Pickrell, Director and Mr. J.N. Roney, Extension Entomologist who have been in the county.

135 local and rural people called at the office for conferences with the Home Demonstration Agent when she has been in the county.

Conferences have also been held with 4-H leaders, project leaders and others at their own homes.

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XVIII COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sub-project C - Publicity

Phase 1 - Radio

The five radio talks on Extension projects and the two devotional services broadcast over KGLU in Graham County also reached listeners in Greenlee County.

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XVIII COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sub-project C - Publicity

Phase 2 - Weekly Column

Since July the Home Demonstration Agent has been writing a weekly column for the county paper. This column has carried following articles.

Jam Protection

Apples

Pressure Cookers

Safety Quiz for Home Canners

National Nutrition Month

What is an Adequate Diet

"Let's Eat Right."

National Fire Prevention Week

Green Tomato Time

Onions

Let's Stop Sabotage of Food Value in the Kitchen

Food Fights for Freedom

27 articles in all were published. The paper also carries reports of meetings and items regarding 4-H clubs, demonstrations, etc.

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XVIII COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sub-project C - Publicity

Phase 3 - Monthly Circular

25 circular letters with 2,146 copies have been mailed. 12 of these carried educational information, while the others were notices regarding Homemakers' meetings, demonstrations, etc.

Subjects of circular letters.

Fire Prevention	2
Food Preservation	4
Nutrition	3
Care of Pressure	
Cookers	1
Food Fights for	
Freedom	2

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XVIII COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sub-project D - Conferences

Phase 1 - Annual Conference

The Greenlee County Home Demonstration Agent attended the Annual Extension Service Conference which was held in Phoenix, January 4th to 7th. This was the most helpful conference which the agent has had the privilege of attending.

The mornings were given over to sessions of the entire staff of the Extension Service. Talks by Specialists and discussions led by them were most interesting and informative. Short talks given by each of the County representatives revealed that all workers face the same problems and that there is a united program going on throughout the state.

In the afternoons the Home Demonstration Agents met separately for discussion meetings which were especially helpful in planning the work for the year.

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XVIII COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sub-project D - Conferences

Phase 3 - Planning Conference

The Annual Planning Conference of the Home Demonstration Agents was held at Prescott July 24th through the 28th. This conference, under the leadership of Miss Jean M. Stewart, State Leader, covered presentation and discussion of such vital problems as 4-H Club work, Home Finishing problems, Visual Aids, Clothing Program, Post War Problems of the Family, and State Nutrition Program.

The Out-Look was given by Howard R. Baker, Extension Economist. Miss Lorene Dryden gave an interesting report on the Home Economic Association Convention. Mrs. Jesse Obert led a seminar on reports of the Foods Habits Committee of the National Foods Conference. Mr. Turville emphasized the importance of writing. He urges that Home Demonstration Agents give more time to writing for the papers. He stated that writing emphasizes facts, increases contacts and gives precedence. A discussion of what can be accomplished in 4-H Club work and a review of the 4-H Club Home Economics book did much to clarify the thinking of the Home Demonstration Agent in regards to existing materials and presentation of the 4-H Home Economics projects.

The Home Demonstration Agent returned to her county with a desire to organize more 4-H Clubs and do more towards training the leaders. The projects of the coming year for the various counties were reviewed by the Specialists and plans made for carrying out these projects.

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Sub-project D - Conferences

Phase 4 - Food Preservation Conference

Miss Jean Stewart, the State Leader, called the Home Demonstration Agents of the South-eastern counties to Tucson for a two day conference on food preservation. Miss Alice Beesley, Home Demonstration Agent for Navajo and Apache counties, gave an excellent report on the National Canning Conference which she attended in Chicago.

Under the direction of Mr. Donald Hitch and Miss Stewart, pressure cooker gages were checked. By the use of the maximum thermometer the war model pressure cookers were tested. It was found that in using the victory canners, put out by the National Pressure Cooker Company, that the desired pressure has been reached when there is a spout of escaping steam. It is not necessary to wait until the weight whirls, but time may be counted from the time at which the steam escapes.

Plans were made for conducting pressure cooker clinics. Graham and Greenlee Counties held their clinics in April.

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Sub-project E - Achievement Days

A joint achievement day program was held with 200 4-H boys and girls present. All of the girls in the Foods Clubs and the Clothing Club, having completed their requirements received pins. The girls took part in the program by presenting musical numbers, giving yells, and telling of their work of the year. Mr. McKee, State Leader, was present and entertained the group with pictures showing 4-H Club work in all parts of the state. The boys participated in the program but did not receive their pins until the fall, when they had completed their projects.

In the fall an achievement day and party was held at which time the boys received pins. The Home Demonstration Agent with the assistance of Mr. O. W. Dishaw took the responsibility for this as there was no County Agricultural Agent.

Preceding the joint achievement day in the spring the foods clubs served a dinner and presented a program to their women teachers, leaders, Home Demonstration Agent and County Agricultural Agent's wife. At this time their products were judged.

The clothing girls also had a preliminary meeting when their articles were judged and displayed.

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Sub-project F - Picnics and Community Dinners

The Eagle Creek Homemakers have had several community dinners and picnics. The Home Demonstration Agent attended one where 40 people were present. The afternoon was given over to the club meeting by the women, while the men and children enjoyed games.

The Thrifty Homemakers in Franklin had a Christmas dinner and party. This group also had a community get-together when they sponsored a shower for the president of the club whose home burned.

Each year Greenlee Cattle Growers' Association has two meetings, one held in Clifton, followed by a barbecue dinner and dance, the other a picnic. Many people besides the cattlemen attend these affairs.

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Sub-project K - Recreation

Each Homemakers' Club has a plan for recreation. One club has had a game or song at each meeting while others have one meeting a year given over almost entirely to recreation. The Christmas party of the Thrifty Homemakers' Club is a relaxing enjoyable occasion.

The recreation of the 4-H Clubs is planned and carried out by the members with the assistance of the leader. Each club has had parties and picnics.

The Home Demonstration Agent gave one party for all the 4-H boys and girls. Such group gatherings where the members enjoy themselves adds to the interest of the club work and aids in publicity.

Upon request the Home Demonstration Agent assisted with a community Christmas program and party in Duncan. She also helped plan a program of summer recreation for the young people in the community.

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XVIV WAR ACTIVITIES

Food Fights for Freedom

In furthering this program the High School art department prepared posters which were placed in conspicuous places throughout the valley. Window displays were arranged in local stores. A circular letter was sent out and a radio program given. Articles were also published in the county paper.

Food preservation, as a part of this campaign, was stressed by the Home Demonstration Agent. 4 pressure cooker clinics were held where cookers were tested in preparation for the canning season; instructions and demonstrations were given in canning and brining. Colored slides were used in two communities to teach improved canning methods, while in two others a series of posters was used.

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XVIV WAR ACTIVITIES

Accident Prevention Campaign

In cooperation with the State and Nation, the Extension Service assisted in bringing the Accident Prevention Program before the people. Two letters and check sheets (furnished by the State Extension Office) were sent out to all rural families. The bulletin, "Home Folks--Why Kill Them or Let Them Be Killed", was given to each homemaker and at club meetings was used as a basis for discussions. 4 radio programs given over KGLU in Safford also served the Greenlee County listeners.

4-H Club members were enlisted in the program. Several tragic accidents occurred in the county, which made the members realize how important it is to work on prevention. A 4-H girl was burned to death by a gasoline truck when she ran out on to the highway, without looking. A 4-H boy was severely burned when building a fire with gasoline. In the community where both of these accidents occurred the home of the president of the Homemakers' Club burned. Last month a 4-H Safety Club was organized in this community, hoping to prevent more such accidents.

In another community where a club member's home burned two of her children were lost in the fire. Such tragedies have brought home the importance and necessity of this campaign.

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XV OUTLOOK

The program of the County Home Demonstration Agent is gaining in interest and in recognition in Greenlee County. The success of the existing clubs is acting as an incentive to other communities to organize. Interested women in Duncan will probably organize a club in the near future.

Beginning with the fall of 1945 the agent hopes to have the Homemakers' Clubs so well established that she will give only few demonstrations during the year. Club leaders will give three demonstrations while the remaining meetings will be cared for by the club officers.

In communities where no organized club exists method demonstrations will be given upon request. These communities will also be reached through the newspaper, radio, and by mail.

4-H Club work gives prospects of being done on a larger scale in Greenlee County. Though leaders are difficult to secure the interest has increased to such an extent that more clubs should result.

Cooperation with local organizations and related agencies is on a very good basis and can be continued to advantage.

More could be accomplished in the county if a full time Home Demonstration Agent was available.

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Distance in Miles from Home Demonstration Agent's Headquarters to each Community center in the territory to be covered in both Graham and Greenlee Counties.

1. Geronomo - 30 miles
2. Emory - 25 miles
3. Ft. Thomas - $22\frac{1}{2}$ miles
4. Ashurst - 19 miles
5. Glenbar - 13 miles
6. Pima - 9 miles
7. Central - 7 miles
8. Thatcher - 3 miles
9. Safford
10. Solomonville - 5 miles
11. San Jose - 10 miles
12. Sanchez - 15 or 37 miles
13. Kimball - 4 or 17 miles
14. Bryce - 12 miles
15. Eden - $16\frac{1}{2}$ miles
16. Klondyke - 50 miles
17. Aravaipa - 58 miles
18. Bonita - 37 miles
19. Artesia - 6 miles
20. Duncan - 42 miles
21. Clifton - 47 or 76 miles
22. Franklin - 45 miles
23. Morenci - 78 miles
24. Eagle Creek - 107 miles
25. Hollywood - $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles
26. Ft. Grant - 41 miles
27. Luntville - 48 miles