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STATISTICS

Months in Service.....	2 plus 10 days
Days in Graham County.....	53 $\frac{1}{2}$
Days in Field.....	27
Days in Office	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
Home Visits.....	38
Different Home Visits.....	34
Office Calls.....	24
Telephone Calls.....	49
Letters Written.....	77
Circular Letters Written.....	2
Copies of Circular Letters.....	1088
News Articles Published.....	15
Radio Talks.....	2
Bulletins Distributed.....	1327
Demonstrations Given.....	1
Demonstrations Attendance.....	14
Other Extension Meetings.....	4
Total Attendance.....	76
4-H Meetings.....	3
Total Attendance.....	24
Auto Miles Traveled.....	881
Leader Training Meetings.....	1
Attendance.....	21

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EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

The first two months of the year have been spent in completing reports and attending annual Extension conference at the University and in organizing the office and county in preparation for a new home demonstration agent. During the past four and one-half years work has been done in all of the communities in Graham County. Every county has been reached through the newspapers and radio. Klondyke and Ashurst have organized homemakers clubs. Geronimo, Thatcher and Safford have had intermittent meetings of homemakers. The organization in Thatcher is still in existence but does not meet regularly. Safford, Thatcher, Pima, Solomonville, Bryce, Eden and Ashurst have been served through the Relief Society organization. In Ft. Grant and Ft. Thomas as well as in the above named communities, meetings and demonstrations have been given for interest groups.

It is hoped that the new home demonstration agent will be able to organize the homemakers in the Mexican community of Sanchez. This group has been reached through interest groups and through work with the Farm Security Representatives.

The community of Lebanon has also been served by the Farm Security in cooperation with the Home Demonstration Agent; however, it is felt that an effective homemakers club could be organized in this area.

In the Bonita-Sunset district most of the ranch people go to Wilcox to do their shopping and some of the women are members of the Stewart Homemakers Club. Two of these homemakers attended the Country Life Conference. A request came from Mrs. Byrd of this district for a meeting in her home with a demonstration on deep freezing but just before this meeting was held the round-up was called so the women could not get together. It would be well for someone to contact this group and arrange for regular meetings. Perhaps not monthly but every other month or quarterly meetings could be arranged.

If the idea of leadership training could be developed the home demonstration agent would have time to do more 4-H work as well as more organization work. Leadership training classes have been held from time to time but to date have proved successful in only a few of the groups. These women need more self assurance and training in giving demonstrations. The County Council of Homemakers has grown in number and interest each year. These women are now at the place where they could be of great assistance to the home demonstration agent. They are interested in Extension Service work, in attending the Country Life Conference and in the 4-H program. With continued guidance and more information as to how to work, the Extension Service program should benefit greatly from this group of women.

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ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING (Continued)

In an effort to measure the results of the demonstrations given by the Home Demonstration Agent questionnaires were given to some of the women.

The bread demonstration was given to four different groups with an attendance of one hundred and forty-six. In checking the results questionnaire forms were given to leaders in each of these groups and asked to hand them out at all their meetings. Only those women who attended a bread demonstration were to check the sheets. These were returned to the Home Demonstration Agent with the following results:

Four bread demonstrations given with a total attendance of one hundred forty-six. Four groups were surveyed with seventy-four answers.

Nine groups with an attendance of two hundred and thirty-two women were given a demonstration on a simple way to iron a shirt. Five of these groups were given check sheets with a leader presenting them as was done in the case of bread making. The results were as follows:

Nine ironing demonstrations given with attendance of two hundred thirty-two. Five groups were surveyed with ninety-six answers.

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ORGANIZATION

4-H Organization

The 4-H program in the county is at a very vital stage. Clubs, as reported in the 1946 annual report, are in existence and doing good work. Enthusiasm aroused through publicity given the two state winners, one being a national winner, has brought 4-H work before the public. For the first time 4-H leaders were given recognition by a county organization. At the Farm Bureau Banquet with four hundred and twenty people present, 4-H leaders and the two state winners were honored guests, being seated at a special table and presented to the group.

Mr. Owens is putting increased emphasis upon boys' 4-H and plans are being made for the organization of the County Council of 4-H leaders and representatives from civic organizations.

During February and March contacts with leaders and 4-H members will do much to strengthen the 4-H program and give incentive to a continued interest. Many of the members have dropped out after completing grade school so more work needs to be done in order to keep these young people interested in 4-H activities and projects.

With 4-H county fair in April and the Round-up in June a great deal of preparation work needs to be under way. Contestants for the Round-up should have definite supervision. Interest in attending 4-H summer camp is evidenced by the number of questions received regarding this activity.

The so called summer clubs do excellent work during the summer months with continued work during the winter; however, during the winter months they do not have regular meetings but meet together for special affairs such as the Round-up. Most of the winter clubs are in connection with the school.

The Home Demonstration Agent attended the National 4-H Club Congress on December 1st. through the 6th. as an escort for the Arizona state winners. Six girls, two from Graham County, and three boys won trips. Mr. Kenneth McKee, State Leader, was also in the group. The delegation met in Phoenix on November 29th and left for Chicago on the Santa Fe. They returned to Phoenix on December 8th. on the Southern Pacific, a tired but happy group.

"For the first time I am glad I am a farmer's daughter" was the comment of one of the group. It was previously felt that farmer's children were not given the same recognition as city children, but the Congress gave her a new vision of the place of the farmer. "I am going to organize a 4-H club in my community", "I don't see why we don't have more state winners", "Let's get more kids interested in 4-H", and "I am going to work harder in 4-H than ever before" are

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typical of the remarks heard on the way home. The Congress was a real inspiration to these boys and girls. It will not only be a force in their lives but will be carried over in other clubs and community activities.

Leal Helman of Tempe has written saying that she has already organized a 4-H club as she promised. Their first meeting was held during the Christmas holidays.

The entertainment and banquets meant a great deal to the members but when asked what impressed them most the response invariably is people they met and the discussion groups.

The newspapers have carried a great deal of publicity regarding the Arizona delegation. Graham County papers have had an article almost every week about 4-H. The publicity given Ethel Burrell of Graham County, one of the national clothing achievement winners, has made people of the county more conscious of 4-H work and its possibilities. As soon as the girls reached Phoenix the Arizona Farmer asked for an interview. All except the Graham County girls had gone to their homes so the two girls from Graham County and the Home Demonstration Agent made a recording with Maude Longwell of KOY. Another broadcast with the two Graham County girls and the Home Demonstration Agent was given in Safford over KGLU. The girls have given talks at school and at church. It is hoped that they may appear before each 4-H club in the county and if possible in Greenlee County also.

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PUBLICITY

Publicity has been presented through the local county paper which carries a regular column of the Home Demonstration Agent. Also, news items are published regarding homemaker's meetings, leader's training meetings, and other items of interest. A few radio programs are given throughout the year.

The following articles have been published in the weekly paper:

As A Child Eats, So Shall He Grow
Choosing Toys For Children
Steamed Cranberry Pudding With Sauce
Steamed Cranberry Pudding
Lemon Sauce
Meat in The Diet
The Sweet Potato
Candied Sweet Potato
Sweet Potato Pie
Weights Versus Pins
Homemade Soap
Boil and Bubble
Slip Tip
A Family Affair
Roasts

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HOUSE AND FURNISHINGS

Definite plans have been made as to how the housing program should be developed in this county. It is hoped that the County Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent, with an advisory committee, can proceed with this project so as to reach all those who wish to build or remodel. In the meantime the Home Demonstration Agent has been giving assistance upon request, and has assembled materials which can be of assistance to those planning or re-modeling.

In connection with the housing project, kitchen storage has been included in the plan of work for the year 1947. In an effort to help with floor covering and beautification of the interior demonstrations were given on rug making. This is a subject which appeals to many women who have not yet felt the need of an over-all housing project.

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CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Leaders training meetings are being held in preparation for the childrens clothing project. Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist from the University, is conducting these meetings with the idea of having the leaders carry the information back to their organized clubs as well as interest groups. The plan is to hold a leaders' training meeting every other month until the project is completed. Then, in the fall, this is to be followed by a children's tailored clothing project such as jackets and coats.

One meeting was held in Aravaipa on the subject of dyeing. This came as a special request so the Home Demcnstration Agent gathered all material she could find and together she and the woman dyed two men's shirts, flour sacks for curtains and a rayon dress. Much information was gained from the exchange of information and experiences.

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RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

December is the month for Christmas parties and dinners. The Homemakers Club in Aravaipa begin to plan in the summer for this meeting. It is the time for exchanging home made gifts, presenting a Christmas program and enjoying a Christmas visit. Recreation is a part of nearly every meeting. Even though there might not be a planned period just the fact that the women get together and enjoy each other is relaxation and recreating.