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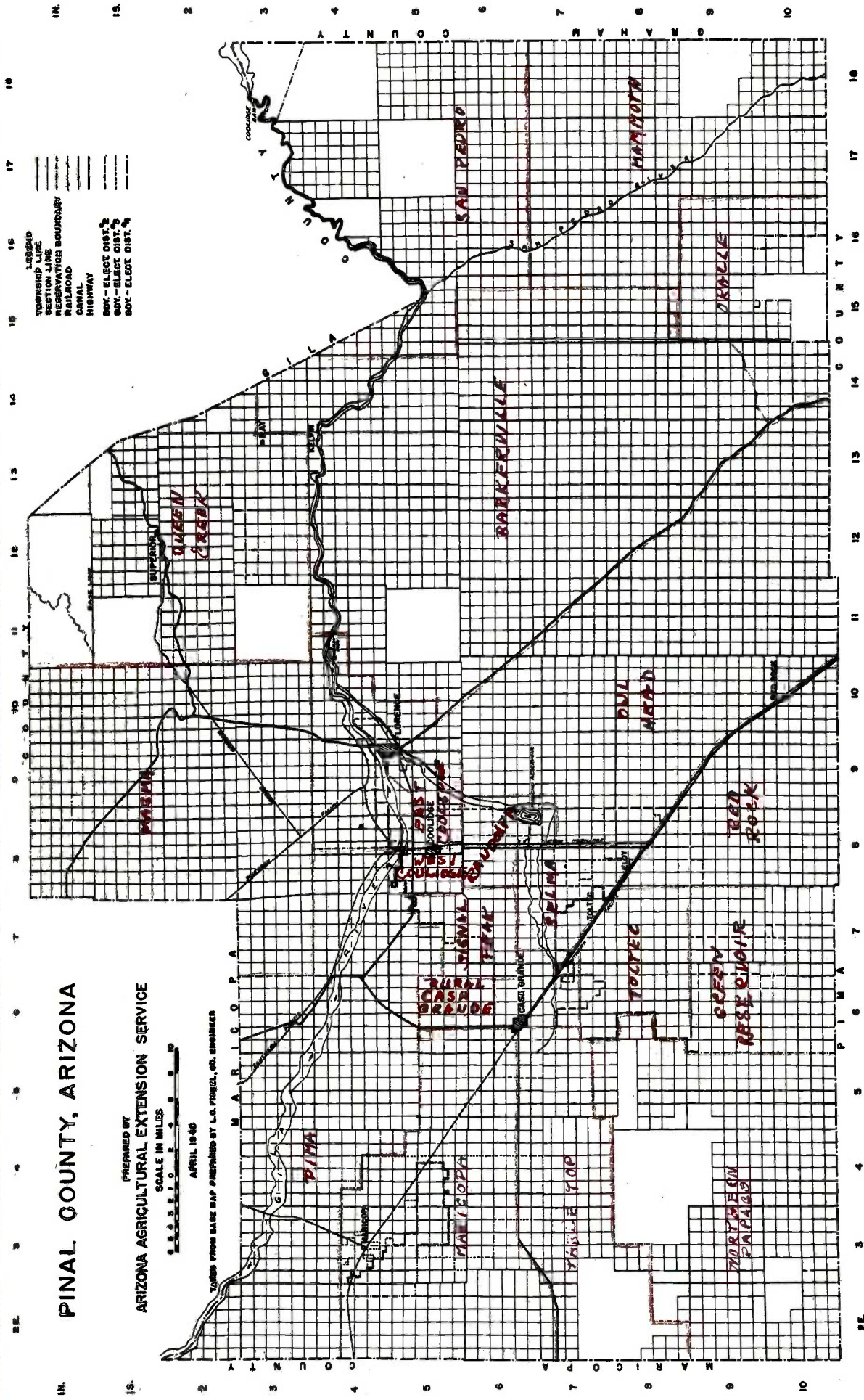
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IV - HIGHLIGHTS OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

There are ten Homemakers' Clubs in Pinal County at the present time. Six of these are in the central agricultural valley. The other four are in mining towns in the eastern part of the county.

The various Homemakers' Clubs have formed a combined County Council which meets three or four times a year. Its last meeting was concerned with planning a county wide program for 1950.

"Color in the Home" was the project for October this year. This is the beginning of a series of projects on home decoration. Eight demonstrations on "Color" were given to 152 women.

"Better Light - Better Sight" combined health with home decoration and was the second in this series. These demonstrations were given in November to 140 women of ten clubs.

Achievement Day was held in October. Women from all over the county came. They brought quite a variety of interesting things that they have been making all year. Radio Station KCKY Casa Grande-Coolidge made a tape recording which was broadcast the following Sunday on the regular "Pinal County Farm and Home Program". The morning was devoted to program and the afternoon to skits by the various clubs.

The women in this county seem very friendly and very eager to learn. They are very appreciative of any help the extension agents can give them.

V - ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

A. Adult

1. Extension Organization and Planning

There are twenty-one communities in Pinal County. Twelve of these are close to an organized Homemakers' Club. The other areas are sparsely settled, mountains or desert. The ten organized clubs are so scattered that they could reach almost every woman in the county.

These are the clubs as they now stand.

<u>Location</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Casa Grande Afternoon	Mrs. Dorothy Wittenburg	15
Casa Grande Night	Mrs. Kay Palmer	17
Coolidge (Kenilworth)	Mrs. H. A. Nafziger	40
Eleven-mile-corner (Sun Valley)	Mrs. Inez Wilkerson	34
Eloy	Mrs. Ruth Mannis	19
Oracle	Mrs. Gerrie Knagge	27
Ray	Mrs. Flora Clarke	13
Sacaton	Mrs. Clara Gamble	16
Superior	Mrs. Mary Stacy	38
Winkleman	Mrs. Marion Naegle	27

The club at Maricopa decided at their November meeting to disband at least temporarily. The reason they gave was mainly the transportation problem of getting to meetings. Their president was Mrs. R. M. Pruett and they had twelve enrolled. There were five present at the October meeting and four at the November meeting. Later on next year, the agent will again visit Maricopa to see if the club can be revived.

Mrs. J. O. Bagwell of Superior asked the agent to meet with the Nature's Art Club of that town to talk to them about becoming an extension club.

This was a newly organized group of women and they were interested in textile painting and nothing else apparently, because the agent could not arouse any interest in extension work. Perhaps later on these thirty-odd women will tire of craft work and welcome extension.

Another area that may be ready for a new club is Tiger-Mammoth. This would be a split off of the present Oracle Club which now serves both areas and is large enough so it could be divided.

There have been suggestions from the women themselves that Mexican clubs be formed in the Tiger and Sonora districts. These clubs to be sponsored by the Oracle and Ray Homemakers' Clubs, respectively. This is a worth while project and would be beneficial not only to the Mexican women but to the Homemakers' themselves.

Homemakers' County Council

There was a County Council meeting on September 29. Mrs. Ila Livingston, Chairman, presided. The purpose of the meeting was program planning for 1950. Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader, and Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, met with the council to offer suggestions from their wealth of experience. The meeting was held at the Picket Post Inn near Superior. A list of suggested projects was made and a committee chosen to sift through them and decide with the agent a definite program for 1950.

Before the Program committee met with the agent, Miss Jean Stewart gave her some suggestions and warnings concerning fitting the Homemakers' and the 4-H schedule together so the work would be well distributed.

The 1950 county wide program as worked out by the committee and the agent is as follows:

- January - Window Treatment by the Agent
- February - Wood Refinishing by the Agent
- March - County Health Status by the County Sanitarian and a Casa Grande Doctor
- April - Salads by Club Leaders
- May - Good Grooming by Club Leaders

- June - Hobbies by the Clubs
- July - Hobbies by the Clubs
- August - Hobbies by the Clubs
- September- New Facts on Nutrition by the Agent
- October - Money Management by the Agent
- November - Yeast Baking by Club Leaders
- December - Christmas Party

Ila Livingston met with Mrs. Jane Peters, County Council Secretary, and the agent to formulate some workable County Council rules to present to the By-law Committee for their consideration. This committee is to present their version of these rules at the next County Council meeting January 26.

2. House and Furnishings

Color in the Home

This is a subject which always interests women everywhere. They all seem to appreciate its importance but few do anything about it, mainly because they do not know how to proceed. It was our aim to help them know where to start.

This county wide project was scheduled for October, so one of the agent's first jobs when she started in Pinal County was to prepare a demonstration on "Color". Miss Grace Ryan had reference material, an outline and a wonderful kit full of illustrative material ready to help the agent.

Eight of the eleven clubs witnessed the demonstration in October. Two others had it later. Now only Eloy has not had that opportunity. Altogether 172 women have been subjected to this information.

One woman in the Winkleman Club cornered the agent before the demonstration and began telling of her long, narrow kitchen with windows the full length of the room. The room was now painted white and being on the south side of the house was too bright and glaring. The woman wanted to know if golden brown wasn't the color she should

paint it. The agent said "Wait until after the demonstration and then see if you still think golden brown is the right color." So after an hour of laying down rules to follow for color in the home the problem of the golden brown kitchen was aired before the entire club. The final opinion was of course a cool, light color for the long sides and a warmer, darker color (or wall paper) for the end walls. The agent isn't certain that the woman was convinced however. Time alone will tell the upshot of this incident.

Color in the Home was the first in a series on home decoration. November brought Home Lighting which is reported under "Rural Electrification". January 1950 will be devoted to Window Treatment and February to Wood Refinishing. The clubs have already had slip covering, reupholstering and drapery making as past demonstrations.

As a fitting climax "Living Room Clinics" will be conducted during March. Any woman who wants help with decorating problems will write her problems down and then invite the small group of the club members to her home to help her find a solution.

The woman will be benefited by the suggestions given by the club women, the club women will gain valuable experience in putting into practice what they have learned during the past year.

3. Foods and Nutrition

Meat butchering and canning is to be a special interest meeting with the Winkleman Club in January 1950. Tentative arrangements have been made with Walter Armer and Reva Lincoln to conduct this demonstration.

The agent has been asked for one recipe during these 2½ months. She has included two recipes in her news storied which are published each week.

Four requests have been answered concerning bulletins dealing with certain food problems.

4. Health and Safety

The Superior Homemakers' Club has had as its special project during the past year "Health

Education". They have had a talk on Tuberculosis and have used the Extension Cancer Kit. They sponsored the showing of a film on sex education to the adult public. At Achievement Day they exhibited health posters that they had made.

Ralph O. Archer, County Sanitarian, and Mrs. Madeline Anderson, County Health Clerk, came to visit the agent November 29. They wished to enlist her cooperation in the fight for better health conditions in this county.

The Homemakers' in this county have long wanted to know what the health conditions here are and what they can do about them. The agent has scheduled this study for March 1950. The county sanitarian will help with this program. In addition Dr. J. T. O'Neil M. D. of Casa Grande has promised to give two talks in different areas of the county on this subject. From time to time.

The County Health Clerk will from time to time help the agent prepare news stories on health.

The agent devoted one of her news articles during fire prevention week to fire hazards within the house particularly with reference to irons and ironing boards.

5. Family Economics and Home Management

One of the school teachers of Eloy contacted the agent for some statistics on clothing budgets for a study she was making. An old college textbook proved to have the information wanted.

6. Clothing and Textiles

About one-third to one-half of the Homemakers' in this county are enrolled in Singer Sewing lessons. This is a direct outgrowth from the sewing machine attachments demonstrations which were a county project a few months back.

Consequently no one is interested in having more sewing from Extension, so we have scheduled "Good Grooming" as the only clothing project for next year.

The agent feels that this turn of events will be all right. Singer lessons are quite good and this frees us to teach other things that the women can not readily get anywhere else. By 1951 they

will probably welcome some extension clothing projects again. Several of them are clamoring for some real tailoring lessons already.

7. Community Life

Conferences

At the September 29th County Council meeting, Ila Livingston, Chairman, was chosen by the group to represent this county at the National Home Demonstration Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the first week of October. The clubs pledged to pay \$10.00 each to pay part of her expenses. Most of this money has been collected and paid to her. Mrs. Livingston reported the conference and showed all the souvenirs she had collected there to all the women at Achievement Day. She will bring a formal report to the next County Council meeting January 26. The agent interviewed Mrs. Livingston on tape recording about the conference. (See: Publicity - Radio)

The Thirty-first annual Extension Conference was held at the University of Arizona in Tucson November 15 through 18. The agent feels that she got a glimpse of State wide Extension work that could not have been gotten any other way. The day spent scheduling and discussing next years work with the specialists was particularly helpful.

Achievement Day

This annual county event comes regularly the last part of October. The purpose of the day is the display of work done during the past year. Nothing is judged, only displayed. This year this event was held in the Casa Grande High School Athletic field through the curtesy of Mr. Loren S. Curtis, principal. The morning program included a report by Mrs. Ila Livingston on the National Home Demonstration Conference.

Mary Lou Hennes modeled the suit she had made in her 4-H Club that won her a trip to the Chicago 4-H Congress.

The main speaker was K. K. Hennes, Pinal County Agricultural Agent. He spoke briefly on "The Future of Agriculture in Pinal County".

Immediately preceding lunch a group of 4-H boys and girls showed us some of the square dances

they had learned as part of their 4-H Recreation program. Goldie Colvin was their leader.



Square Dancing at Achievement Day

During pot luck lunch Ed Whelan of KCKY Casa Grande-Coolidge radio Station made a tape recording by interviewing many of the men and women present. The recording was broadcast the following Sunday on the regular Farm and Home Program.



Tape Recording Achievement Day

The afternoon was devoted to skits and stunts

by the clubs themselves.

Casa Grande Afternoon Homemakers' had a wishing well. Each member wished for what she wanted most. They ended up by wishing for a Home Demonstration Agent at which point their new agent made her appearance.

Casa Grande Night Homemakers' read an original poem which told about what they had done during the past twelve months.

The Coolidge (Kenilworth) Homemakers' had a mock Ozark wedding-shot gun style- that was really funny.



Ozark Wedding Skit-Achievement Day

The Eleven-mile-corner (Sun Valley) Homemakers' showed us what could happen if a girl was too popular and all her beaux came calling on the same evening. This was all in pantomime and very humorous.

The day was very successful. Ila Livingston, County Council Chairman, presided. Every thing went as clockwork and was all over at 2:00 which gave the women a chance to shop in Casa Grande before going home to all parts of the county.

Publicity

Newspapers

The agent writes one news column each week which is published in the Casa Grande Dispatch,

The Coolidge Examiner and sometimes in the Eloy and Superior Newspapers.

Usually the column is mostly announcements of events to come or news of events just passed. Frequently however there are household hints, safety tips or recipes included.

Many verbal comments have come from women both Homemakers' and others concerning things that have appeared in the column. This is evidence that it is being read.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1949

THE CASA GRANDE DISPATCH

A Letter from



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HOME DEMONSTRATION
AGENT

November 17, 1949

Dear Betty:

Well, it's getting close to Thanksgiving. I'm glad your folks are inviting Bob and his folks in for Thanksgiving dinner. It's wonderful when future in-laws know and like each other. But he hasn't popped the question yet—or has he? You're not holding out on me, are you?

Anyway you've still got time to make this wonderful fruit cake that Mrs. Lee P. Allen gave me the recipe for. (Why don't you make enough to last through Christmas while you're at it.)

Fruit Cake

- 1 cup fruit juice
- 2 lbs. seedless raisins
- 1 lb. white raisins
- ½ lb. figs
- ½ lb. dates
- 1 lb. candied pineapple
- 1 lb. candied cherries
- 1 lb. citron
- ¼ lb. candied orange and lemon peel
- 1 lb. butter
- 1 lb. brown sugar (light)
- 1 doz. eggs
- 1 tbslp. honey
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 6½ cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. each cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon and salt
- 1½ lb. nut meats
- 1 glass currant jelly
- 4 hard tart juicy apples

Soak chopped fruit overnight in the cup of fruit juice, cutting dates with scissors and candied fruit with sharp knife. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, honey, then whole eggs one at a time. Beat thoroughly, then add alternately with buttermilk half of the flour mixture, to which the dry ingredients were added. Beat hard. To soaked fruit mixture, add melted jelly, grated apple and nuts. Stir in the other half of flour and combine the two batters. Stir all together 10 to 15 minutes and weigh batter. Bake in paper lined tube or small loaf pans at 250 to 275 degrees F., using the lower temperature if a single cake weighs over 8 pounds. Time: 1 hour for the first pound, 30 minutes for each additional pound in a single cake. This recipe makes 13-14 pounds. Decorate with nuts and cherries.

What else are you going to have for Thanksgiving dinner? You must impress Bob's folks you know.

I hear that UCLA was hostess to some 4-H Club Senior Award visitors a couple of weeks ago—Did you or Bob have anything to do with that?

This week the Homemakers' Clubs of Pinal County will have to carry on by themselves as their Agent is going to Tucson to the Annual Extension Conference to get some good ideas for next year's program. She will also see about getting a branch of the Tucson League of Arts and Crafts started here in Casa Grande—wish me luck. There is a strong possibility that this will happen judging by the enthusiastic response I have received since I first mentioned this in these letters and at club meetings.

Last Saturday Bob Bever, Assistant County Agent, and I took several Pinal County boys up to the State Fair in Phoenix. The boys were Jimmy Henness, Tommy Wilson, Dean Hassen, Tony and Gene Carter and Eddie Christensen. They went as a 4-H Judging team. During the day they judged dairy cattle, sheep and pigs.

This was a little out of my line so I took in the rest of the Fair. Pinal County had a very nice exhibit of Agricultural products—lots of ribbons too. I didn't realize we grew such a variety of things here—all I ever see from the road is cotton, higera and alfalfa—but there is a lot of barley, wheat, melons and truck crops, too.

The Fair was very similar to the Los Angeles County Fair but there was one exhibit here that L.A. doesn't have and that was Indian Handicraft. Such beautiful—simple designs and superb craftsmanship, these artisans produce when allowed to work as they please. I've heard that they dislike making two articles alike and they never do seem to run out of new designs each as lovely as those before.

Good luck on your Thanksgiving party—Have fun!

Love,
Alice

Radio

Three broadcasts have been released over KCKY. One was the recording made during Achievement Day. One was recorded with Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, on Home Lighting. This was released immediately preceeding the demonstrations on that subject. The third recording was made with Ila Livingston, County Council Chairman, concerning her experiences as deligate to the National Home Demonstration Conference. This was released the first Sunday in November.

All of these broadcasts were part of the "Pinal County Farm and Home Program" KCKY Casa Grande-Coolidge Station at 12:15 P. M. every Sunday. The agent is responsible for one broadcast per month.

8. Rural Electrification

Better Light-Better Sight was the county program for November. Healthful lighting was stressed rather than beautiful lighting. The Arizona Edison Company of Phoenix gave us a very nice set of lamp bulbs to use as part of the demonstration on light.

The origin of the demonstration on light began at Country Life Conference last April when many women expressed a desire to learn to make lamp shades. Now as a result of the demonstration on better lighting, those who want to make lamp shades may hold special interest meetings for that purpose.

The demonstration on Lighting began as a Trained Leader meeting. Two groups of leaders (total attendance 19) were taught by Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, but as the agent went to each of the meetings, she found that the subject matter had been too technical so the leaders were used mostly as helpers. Two clubs were exceptions, their leaders had really prepared a demonstration and were allowed to go ahead.

Ten clubs witnessed this demonstration with an attendance of 140.

Conclusion:

The agent feels that the past 2½ months have

been fairly successful. She has learned much and is beginning to get into the swing of Extension work. The women all seem to be learning the demonstrations. How much is transferred into action at home remains to be seen.

B. 4-H

1. Organization and Planning

Pinal County has at the present time twenty-three 4-H Leaders and Assistant Leaders. Fifteen of these hold their club meetings in school buildings, the other eight meet in homes.

New to this county are Indian clubs which have four capable Indian 4-H Leaders under the direction of the Indian Agents, Omer O. Davis Oleta M. Brinkerhoff of Sacaton.

A Leaders Training meeting was held October 29 in Coolidge. A 4-H County Council was formed at this meeting. This is the first such Council in this county. Kenneth L. McKee, State 4-H Leader, outlined the plan of work for the year to the leaders present.

Several of the new leaders said they felt much more confident because of what they had learned at the meeting.

The agent went with Assistant County Agent, Robert J. Bever, to Mrs. Julian Woodruff's home at her request to discuss the formation of a club in the Signal Peak area where she lives. She said there were several young boys and one or two girls that she knew wanted to form a club. She volunteered to act as their leader.

2. Project Work

Clothing and Textiles

Clothing is almost the only project work being done among the girls at this time.

There are eighteen women leaders. Some of these have more than one club each.

Most of the work is first and second year sewing. There are three clubs however with high school age girls. Some of these are doing advanced sewing work.

One of the girls in the Casa Grande High School Club, Mary Lou Hennes, won a trip to the Chicago 4-H Congress this November. The suit she made in 4-H Club work is what won the trip for her.

The agent went to see all the girls' leaders in September and October as the clubs were being organized. She will soon visit them again to see how they are progressing.