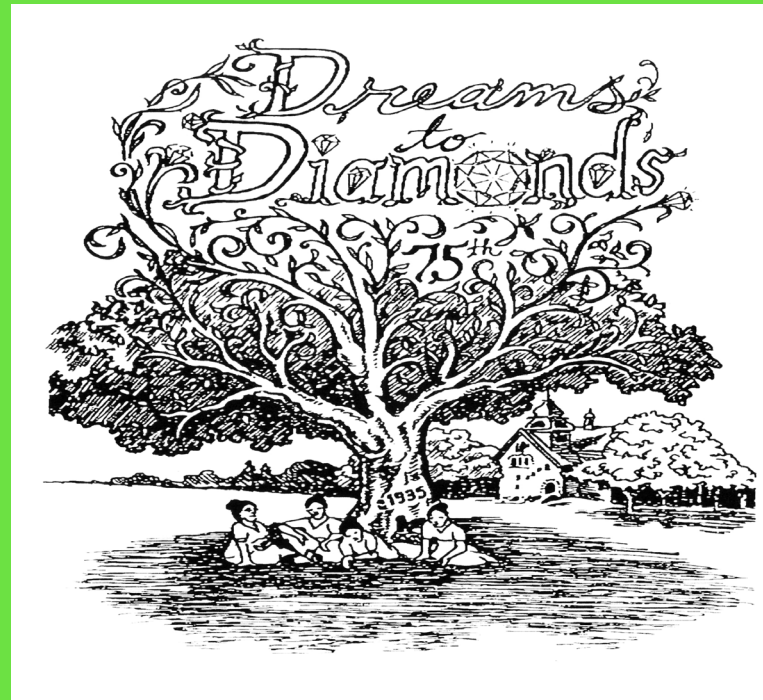




OHCE Diamond Jubilee

**Gloria King
FCS Program Specialist
SW District OCES**



1935-2010



Where it all Started Oklahoma A & M College



1894 Old Central



1896 Botany Class



1900 Williams Hall

Bringing the University to You

- As federal funds from the *Smith-Lever Act* became available in 1914, Oklahoma A & M's President, Henry G. Bennett, organized a program to train female home demonstration agents.
- After training, the agents traveled by horse and buggy, or automobile to rural Oklahoma to promote home economy.

Early 1900's



From a dugout to a machine shed to an “unpainted” house; life was never easy for these early pioneers, Washita County 1909

Home Demonstration Clubs Organized

Ms. Coryell worked for 12 months of the year, 6 days a week for \$72.92 or \$875.00 per year.

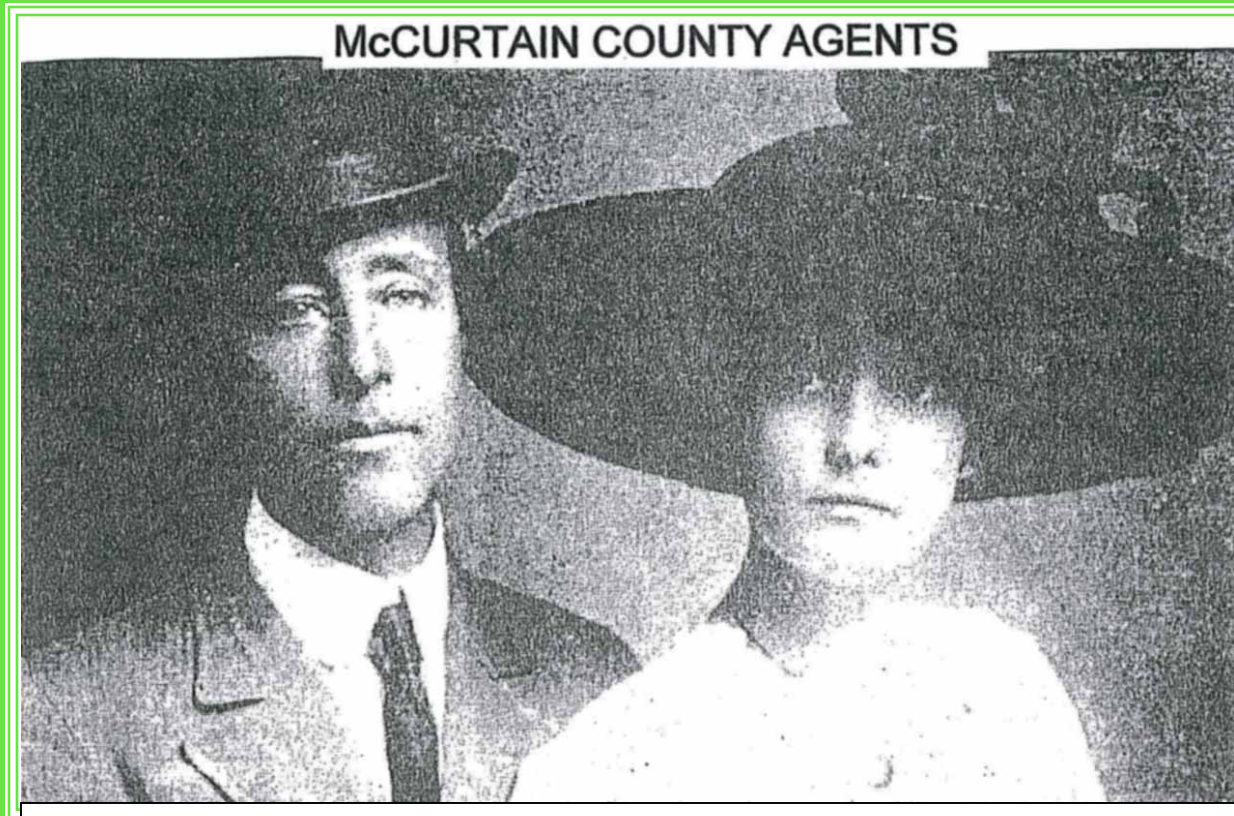
Two-thirds of her salary came from the county each month and there was no extra money for feeding for her horse .



Nettie Coryell, Grady County

Woman's Agent, 1915

Agents taught canning to girls clubs.



1916

Rufus and Eunice Blocker, McCurtain County Agents. Eunice taught canning to girls.

Club members from Woodland and Flower Mound



1919 Comanche County

Education, deeply rooted in the history of extension, is one of the most successful methods of teaching women in America.”

Eleanor Arnold “Voices of American Homemakers”

Poultry served multiple purposes



1915 Grady County



**Canadian County Agent
demonstrates making a feeder**



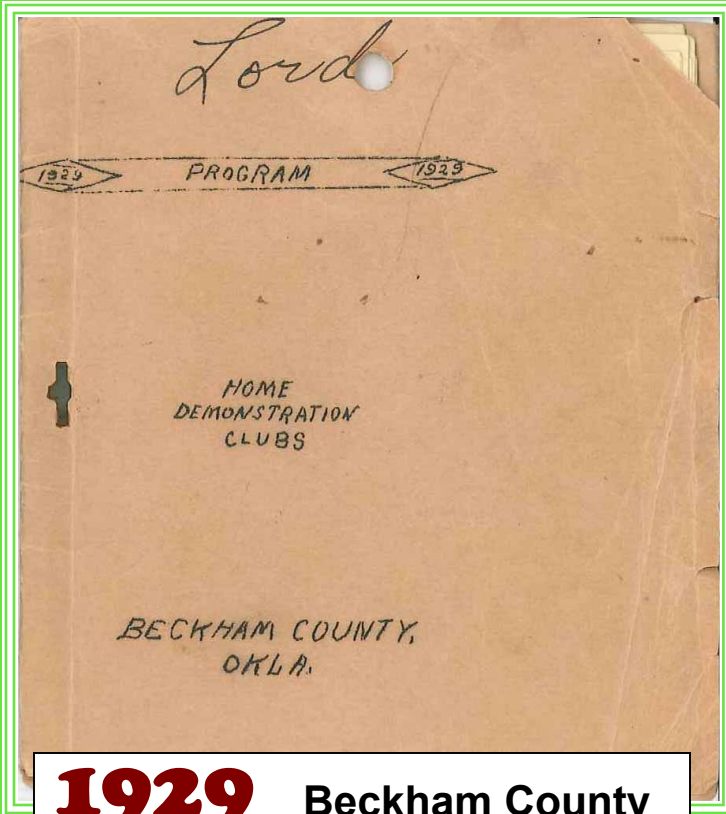
**Bryan County Home Demonstration
Project, 80 turkeys**



**Demonstration on Caponning
Roosters - Cherokee County**

Federated Farm Women

.....brought
civilization to an
untamed territory.



What other group of American women did so much, all over the country, and got so little credit? ...

Home Demonstration Agents were expected to be experts in all phases of rural life.



Garvin County “Ladies Camp”

These experts constructed bed frames, mattresses, ice refrigerators, flytraps, ironing boards, and kitchen cabinets.

They also provided information in home sanitation and beautification, as well as encouraging economic thrift.

<http://www.ok-history.mus.ok.us/enc/homedem.htm>

Home Demonstration Advisory Committee



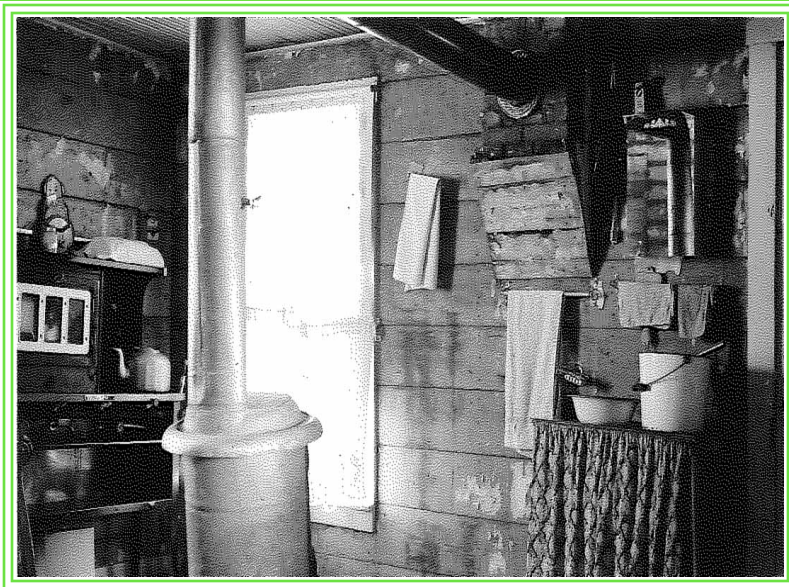
1929

Oklahoma County



Oklahoma County Farm Wives
Farm & Home Improvement Contest 1929

Rural Beautification



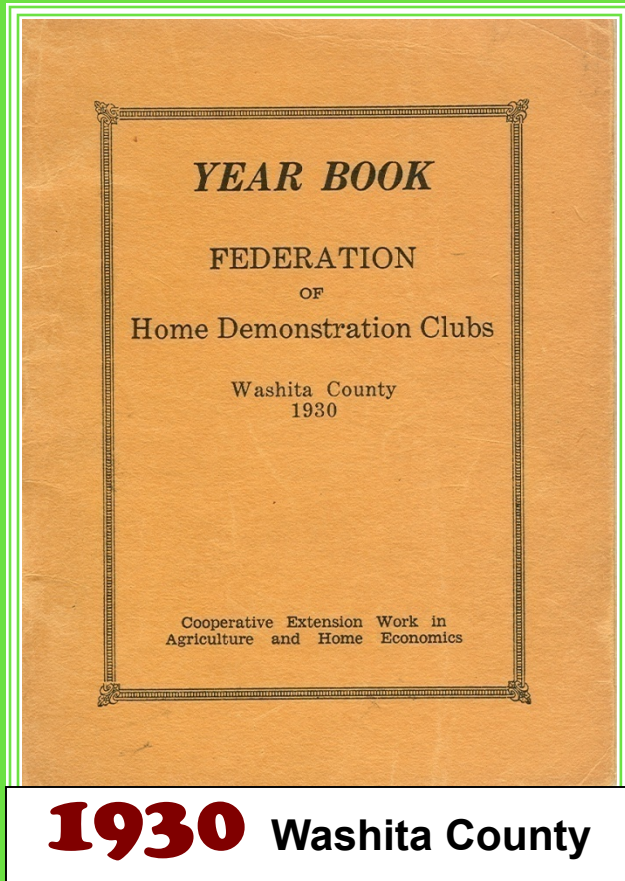
Piedmont, Oklahoma, Mrs. W J Lenhart



1929 Club Meeting – Belleview, Beckham County

To attend club meeting ladies often walked miles to their neighbors house or to the local school house. Few were lucky enough to have a car to drive. Here the group is dressed in aprons after a cooking demonstration.

Home Demonstration Clubs



**Organization's name changed
"Home Demonstration Clubs"**

**Everyone shared their
resources from sheep's wool
to garden produce.**

The Great Depression and Dust Bowl Days





1930's Coal County

Hardwood club holding a meeting at the home of Mrs. A.L. Smith. The fact the ladies have on aprons attest to the fact that they were probably canning. Mrs. Teresa Baughman still lives in the community and is now a member of the Olney club.

Dresses made alike for club's 10th Anniversary



1933 Garvin County, Ideal Homemakers

1930's Home Improvements

Water in the kitchen, no electricity



1937

Mrs. Bower's remodeled kitchen, Creek County

Meat Canning Demonstration



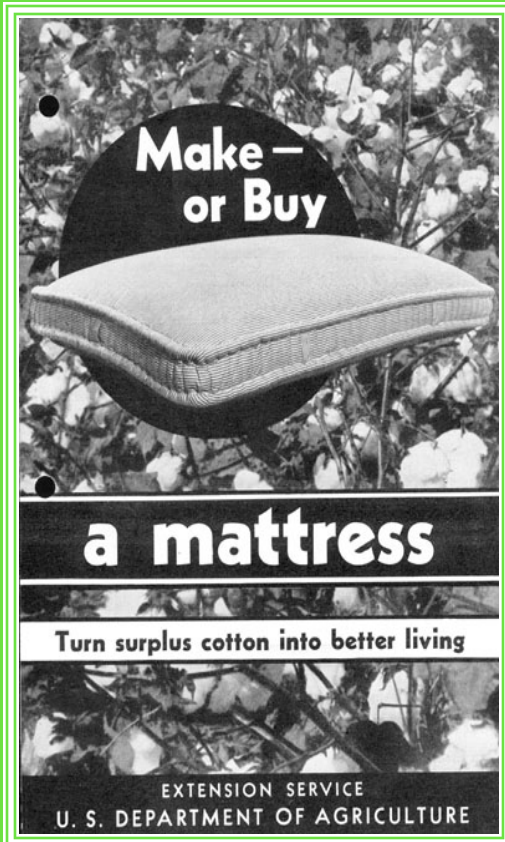
Grady County

Cotton Mattress Program

In the 1930's there was a surplus of cotton being held by the US Department of Agriculture. This prompted the program for home production of cotton mattresses.

The program created a market for the surplus cotton and greatly helped low-income rural families to make a useful product that could improve their home.

The mattresses were free to any family making less than \$500.00 the previous year. Due to the depressed economy nearly everyone was eligible for a free mattress!



*Mattress making
demonstrations were held
across the state*



Home Demonstration Agents taught men and women leaders to construct the mattress and then they in turn taught others in their own communities.

Materials needed to make a mattress included "10 Yards--8 oz. Ticking," "50 Pounds Long Staple Cotton," "Mattress Roll Needle," and "Thread for Making Roll."

**Cotton Mattress
Program
in Oklahoma:**

**66, 360 Mattresses
completed**

75 counties participating

**Leaders Assisting
Program 917 men
2572 women**

Estimate for 1941 97,898

**Mattress displayed was
made by Mr & Mrs. R.E.
White and Family**

1941 Farm and Home Week

Baby Bed Demonstration



Bryan County,

Put two chairs together, use a sheet and safety pin the sides together.

Skits were the Entertainment



Stephens County

1940's

- Coping with rationing
- Sugarless cakes and cookies
- Old wool garments were reconstructed
- Projects were for the military
- First aid kits were made due to limited access to medical support
- Members worked to get hot school lunches

Home Gardening Demonstration Canadian County



Transplanting Demonstration



Insect Control Demonstration

Home Improvement included indoor lessons and outdoor work!



1937 Oklahoma County



1946 Murray County



1937 Johnston County

In Times of War

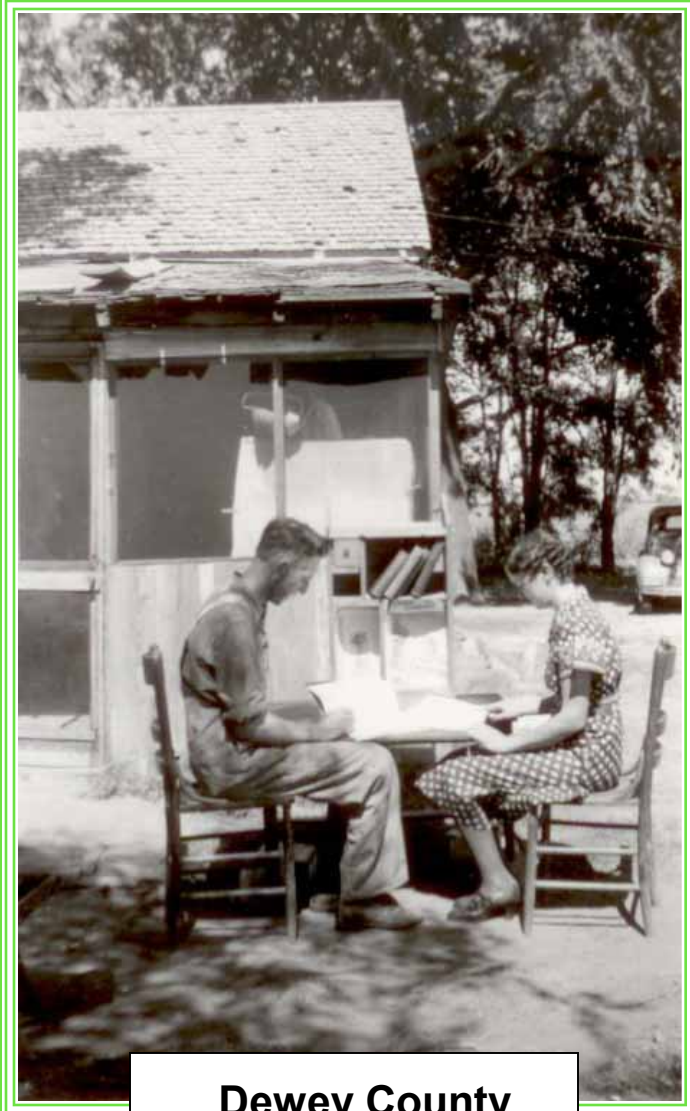
During World War I and World War II club members worked with the Red Cross, helped with the war bond and saving stamp drives, conserved home resources, and performed other vital tasks on the home front. For instance, extension agents actively worked with county clubs to save cooking grease to be used to make explosives during World War II.

Since the 1940's the groups have helped in the war efforts, buying bonds, making wool pants for the boy's in England and collecting and selling scrap metal. Filling and shipping supplies to the soldiers in Viet Nam, making arid filling Christmas stockings for the Desert Storm troops and sending white cotton socks and hugs (cool ties) to the GI's in Iraq. -Stephens County

Club Houses

Cole Club, McClain County, purchased their own building in the early 40's. It was a cotton gin office they raised funds through egg sales. Each member took a nail keg; covered it with a cushion they constructed so they would have something to sit on.

McClain County

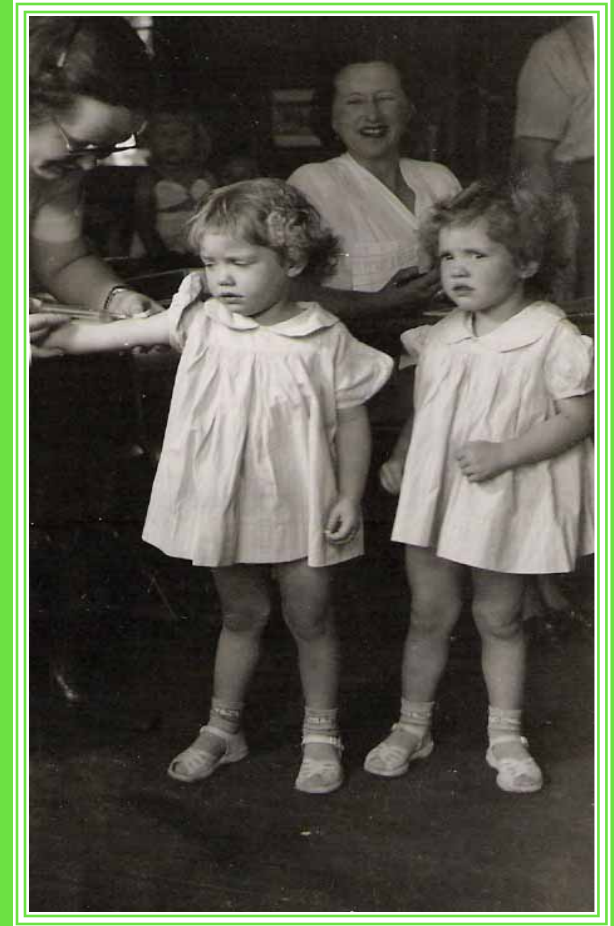


Dewey County

No electricity or
refrigeration

Home business
center under the
elm tree.

Childhood Immunizations



Harmon County

We shopped the feed and the grocery store for that perfect fabric.



Stephens County

Farm wives sold their produce, poultry, milk and butter for cash for their own family's needs.



Comanche County

Mother and daughter put together boxes for 1 pound of butter.

They used the same mold for 15 years.

We supported our schools



Hopewell Club - Guest Day - June 2, 1942

1942 Cleveland County

Loyal Club Exhibit



1942 Kingfisher County

Repairing home appliances fell to the homemaker.



1946 Osage County

Finally, fabric not from
feed sacks!



Dress Review Canadian County



1948 Grady County Fair

Construction from feed and flour sacks



1947 Home Demonstration Week – Grady County

Community Projects



The club made 350 markers at a cost of twenty cents each.

We cheerfully traveled to meetings,
camps and conferences.



Cleveland County Club

1950's

- **Post war times and lots of new families**
- **New electric home appliances**
- **Cultural arts, crafts, hobbies and time for wonderful fellowship**
- **Agents began teaching leader lessons instead of traveling to each group**
- **Fundraisers focused on Scholarships**



1950's Home Demonstration Week - Oklahoma County

A thoroughly modern kitchen!



1951 Beaver County

Getting ready for the fair



Muskogee County

Pottawatomie County Club Members



Enjoy Basket Weaving
and Decorating Wall
Hangings

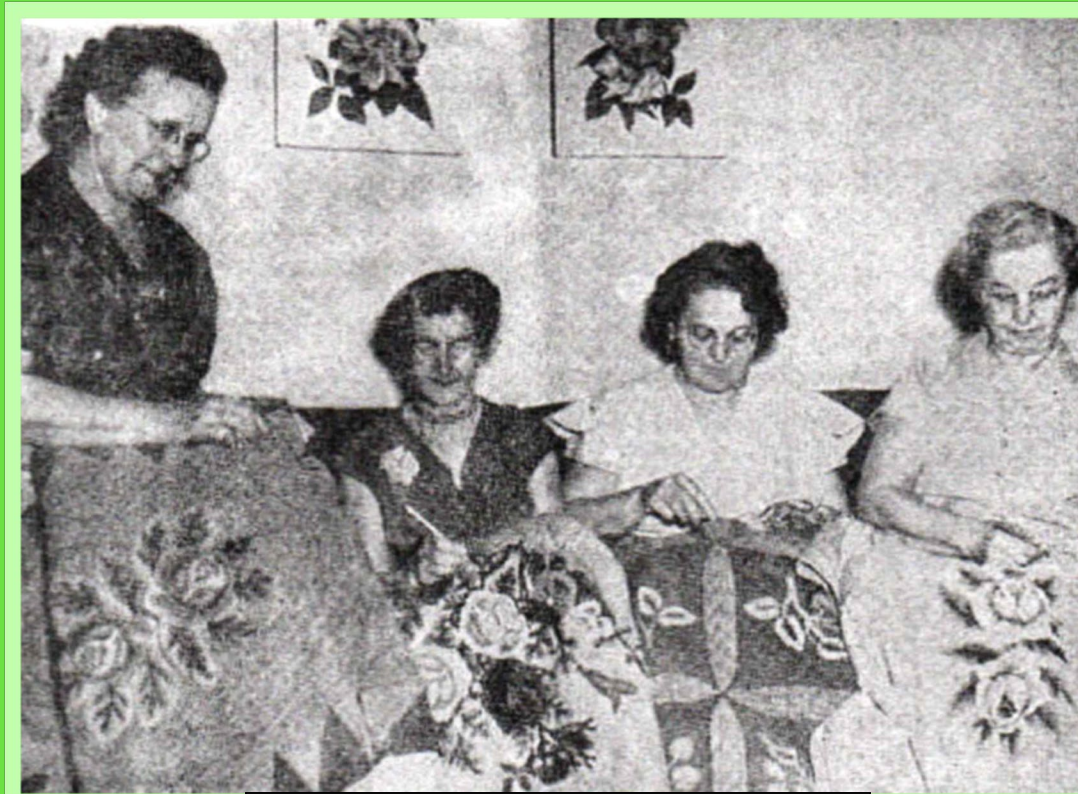


Upholstery Demonstration



1950's Muskogee County

Rug making project club.
Tulsa State Fair blue ribbon winners.



1955 Mayes County

**Washita County
Delegates**

1956 Camp at OSU



PJ Contest



Pajama Party at OSU



Heading Home from Camp

Leisure time included creating
linens for your home.



Muskogee County

Making gifts for needy children



1956 Canadian County

Safety Exhibit



Grant County



GRANT COUNTY
HOME
DEMONSTRATION
CLUBS



1960
YEARBOOK



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

Association now
called “Extension
Homemakers”

Club members
began to be aware
of their community,
state and nation.

1960's

- **More aware of their role in community service.**
- **Members were responsible for many community improvements**
- **Extension programs became social outlets for housewives**
- **Probably the largest numbers of members during this decade.**

Caring for those in need



1960 Creek County

Learning of other cultures



Muskogee County

We shared with others *cultures*



Philippine Agents visited for program on home furnishings

*We studied our
Native American Heritage*



**Cultural Heritage Exhibit
Betty Smith**

Cherokee County



1960's Ottawa County

Masking tape and t-shirt dress form



Stephens County



1940's Muskogee County

Sometimes we were
the dress forms.

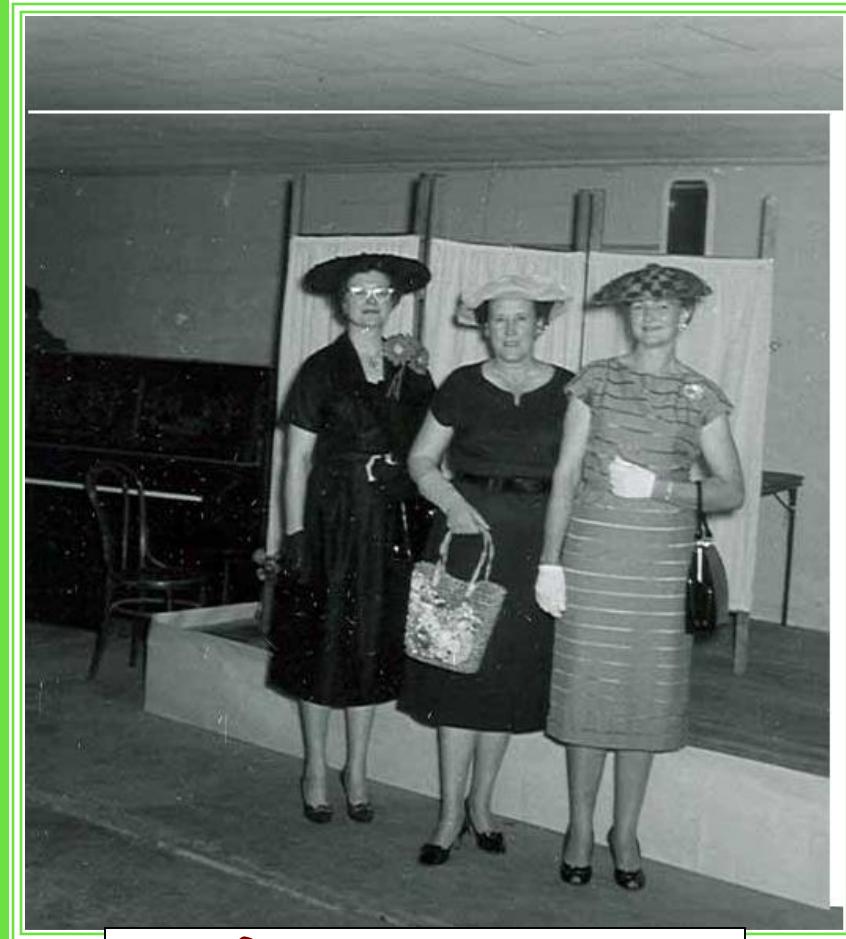
Mom could fix just about anything.



Craig County



You were not ready until you had the hat, purse and gloves.



1960 Washita County

And sometimes we didn't mean to look alike!



Beaver County, Dress Review

1970's

Community Service and child protection programs were the main projects

Canadian Co. Community Service

“A member’s daughter was killed on a rural road crossing on a state highway. They worked writing letters, made phone calls until they got flashing a flashing light installed, weeds and advertising signs were removed so the stop sign was more visible.”

BECKHAM COUNTY

Yearbook

1978-1979



EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

COOPERATION EXTENSION WORK IN
AGRICULTURE and HOME ECONOMICS

NAME

CLUB

Developing cookbooks and holding community luncheons were the standard for earning funds for community service projects.

Christmas for Troops in Vietnam



1971

Sequoyah County Extension Homemakers and Red Cross Workers

Cemetery Indexing



1978 Washita County

Forehand Cemetery



Canadian County

Maintained for 60 years by Friendly Circle Group



1978 National Extension Homemakers Meeting - Seattle, Washington

1980's

Programming focused on helping children:

- Teddy Bear's were made to give to police officers for children in distress.
- Needed items were collected for day care centers and families on WIC.
- Gardening and plant care were continuing projects.

Home Improvement display



1980's Canadian County

“Many present and former members agree that they have received the equivalent of a partial college education, as well as the satisfaction of helping and serving the community. Lessons have now been modified to suit the needs of today’s families.”

Leona Alexander

1990's

- “FCE Sting” completed and data taken to State Attorney General
- “Tune out Violence” was a major project
- Members worked on community projects for hospital patients, nursing home residents and new babies.

1995

Beckham County Yearbook



FAMILY
COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Cooperative Extension Work in
Agriculture and Home Economics

Name

Mary Lou Kitchens

Club

New Liberty

In the 1990's the association's name changed for the third time.

“Family and
Community
Education.”

OHCE Kids Project



Grady County

National Family and Community Education Meeting - Tulsa



1995 Grady County Delegates

**Tours are not only educational,
they are also a great time for fellowship.**

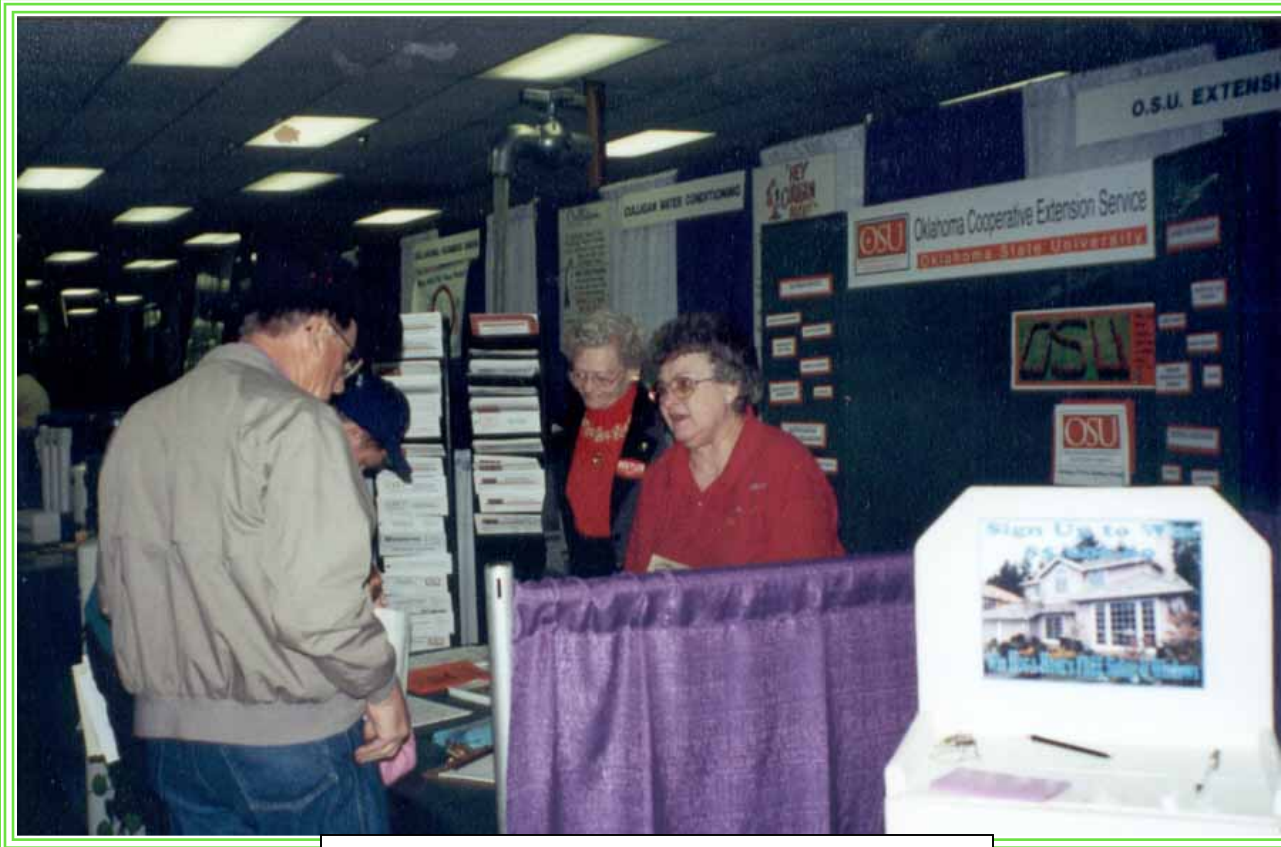


**Coal County touring restored
home of deceased OHCE
member, Louise Cox**

**Creek County touring
the Tom Mix Museum**



We share our mission



1999 Beckham County

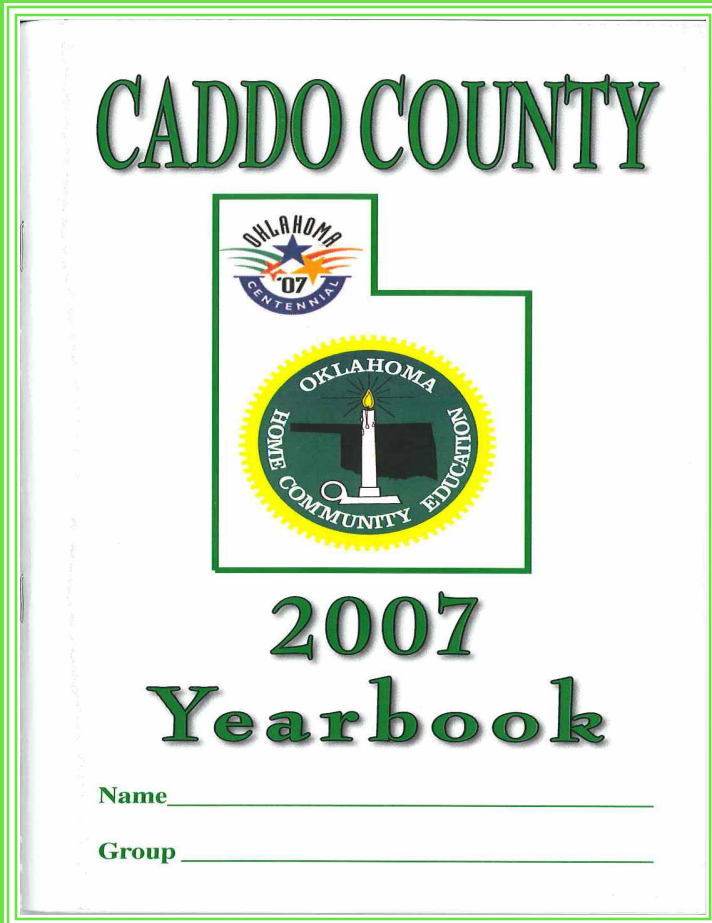
OHCE members show off hats that they created as they attended an old-fashioned high tea in Idabel.



McCurtain County

2000 to present

Another name change:
Oklahoma Home and
Community Education



Fundraisers continue



2000 Washington County

How in the world did Grandma do this?



Stephens County

Who decided that tatting was a leisure time activity?



Stephens County

No feed sacks used in these quilts

Roger Mills County



Beckham County



Flowers
always brightened our days.



2000 Beckham County

We love serving our communities!



Canadian County

OHCE and 4-H youth assist children in foster care.



2003 Beckham County

2003 State OHCE Officer Installation



Dr. L. Harriman, Terrie DeShazo and Debra Stevenson



**All previous cemetery projects
prepared us for the
Oklahoma Centennial project.**



We tramped through fields, opened gates and talked to old timers to locate those long forgotten sites where Oklahoma pioneers were laid to rest.

Centennial Cemetery Book Project



Freda Cunningham



Nelda Brown

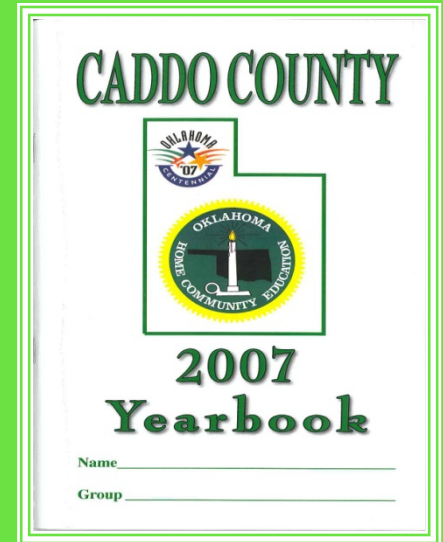
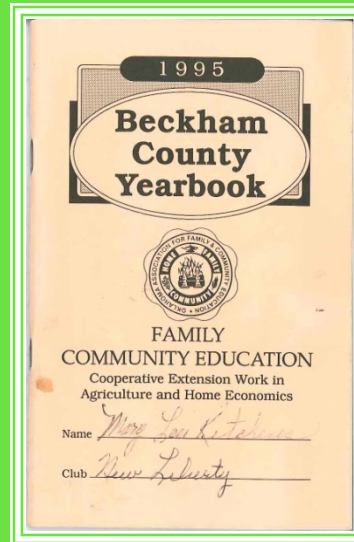
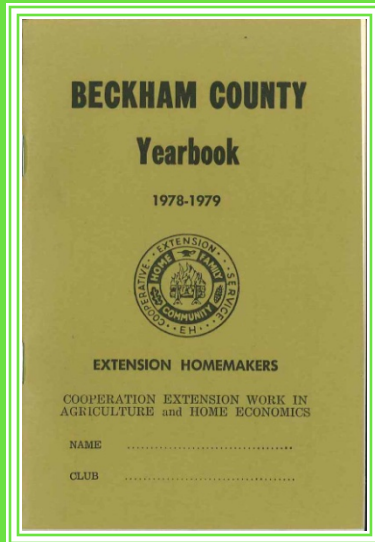
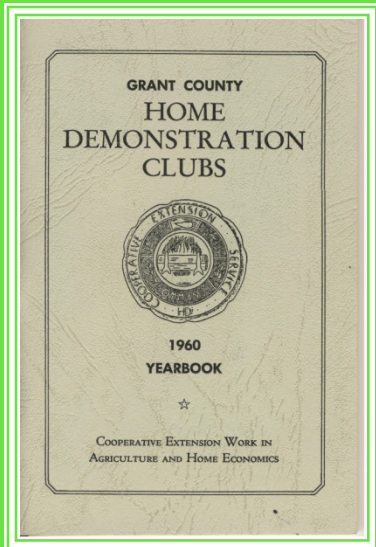
Presenting Centennial Cemetery Books to Oklahoma History Center



2006

Laura Martin, Freda Cunningham and Bob Blackburn

We were loyal to our organization's mission, no matter how often the name was changed.





Sunshine OHCE Club Then and Now – Stephens Co.





Working Together to Build Better Communities
Through Education with Leadership and Service