# Oklahoma's Centennial Year OHCE Annual Conference Clarion Convention Center July 9, 2007







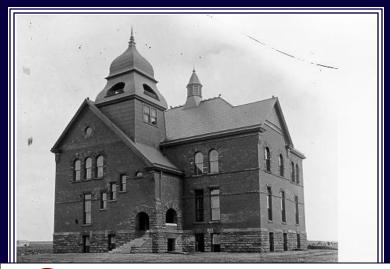
#### **Washita County**



"History tells you what has happened in the past, and it brings you up to the future."

~Georgia Harris, 92 Progressive Outlook

#### Oklahoma A & M College



**1894** Old Central



**1896** Botany Class

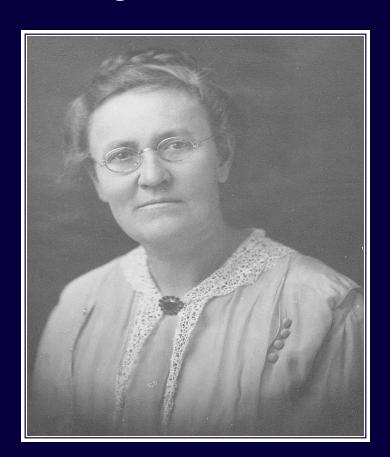


1900 Williams Hall

# Home Demonstration Clubs Organized in early 1900's

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 traveling expense for feeding for her horse.



Nettie Coryell, Grady County Woman's Agent, 1915

#### **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

# The earliest Extension 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."

**Arnold, Eleanor. "Voices of American Homemakers** 

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



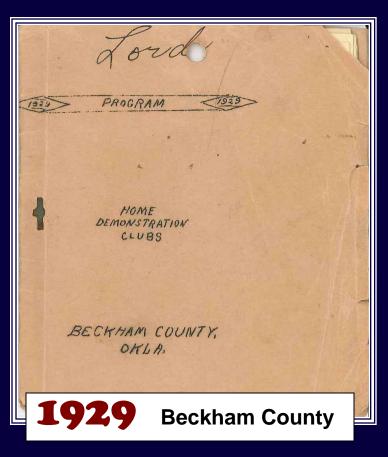
Garvin County "Ladies Camp"

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.

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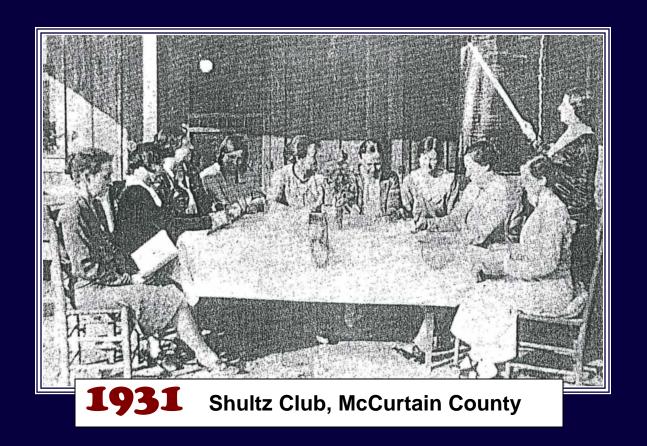
#### Federated Farm Women



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

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

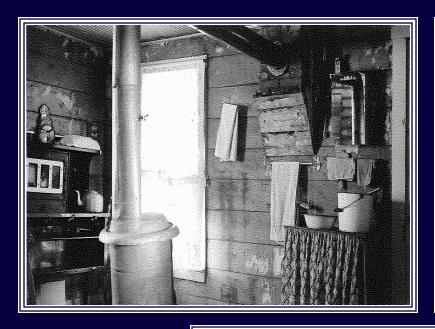
## Lessons were often taught outdoors to have room and a breeze.



This club won a statewide gardening contest

#### 1920's

- Improvement of farm kitchens
- Rural beautification





Piedmont, Oklahoma, Mrs. W J Lenhart

#### Rural Improvement Contest were organized. Local hardware stores provided awards to winners.





Oklahoma County Farm Wives Farm & Home Improvement Contest 1929

#### **Home Demonstration Advisory Council**



**1925** Garvin County

#### Home Demonstration Advisory Committee

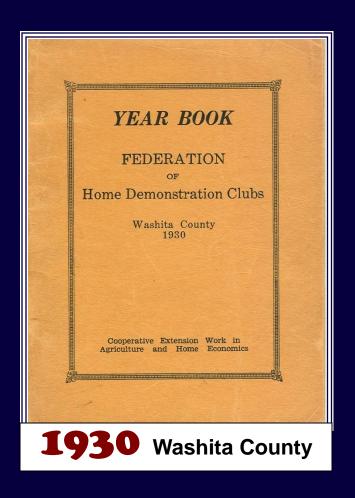




1929 Club Meeting – Belleview, Beckham County

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.

#### 1930's

#### The Great Depression

- Benefit socials and box suppers were held to raise funds for school lunch programs.
- Gardening and canning, especially meats, were the major programs.
   Group canning sessions were held due to limited canners.
- Lessons on how to survive on limited resources.

- Nov. 2, 1937 about the beginning of Home Demonstration Work in OK and even a picture of 4 of the past State Advisors. I reworked it, trying to update it to the present. I've sent this to Jeri Robertson, too, to see if she can fill in the beginning and ending date beginning with Dr. Spivey of the more recent Advisors.
- If she does not know, would you by chance have any records indicting these missing dates? Or who could be contacted at OSU who would have this information?
- The picture is a prize: Emma Chandler is second from right and Norma Brumbaugh is third from right on first row. Grace Spivey is first on left on second row and if Esther Martin was Acting State Advisor somewhere along the way she is right in the middle of the second row. Wish I knew the occasion of the picture





Grady County Advisory Council

#### **Early Day Laundry System**



1936 Garvin County, Mrs. G. Buckelew

Heat the water in the barrel and then hang the wash on the fence.

#### 1930's Home Improvements

Water in the kitchen, no electricity

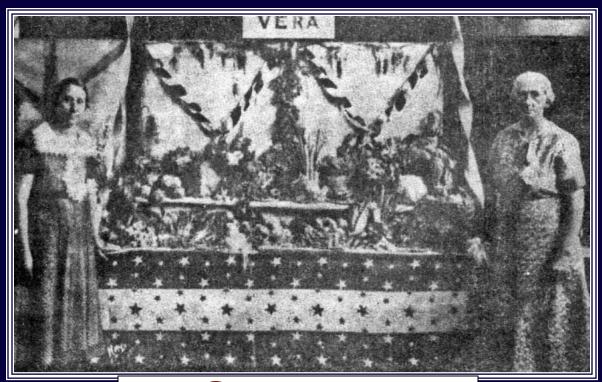




1937

Mrs. Bower's remodeled kitchen, Creek County

# Vera Extension group vegetable booth displayed in downtown Bartlesville.



**1938** Washington County



1939 Club Meeting – Union Hill, Grady County



Canadian County Club

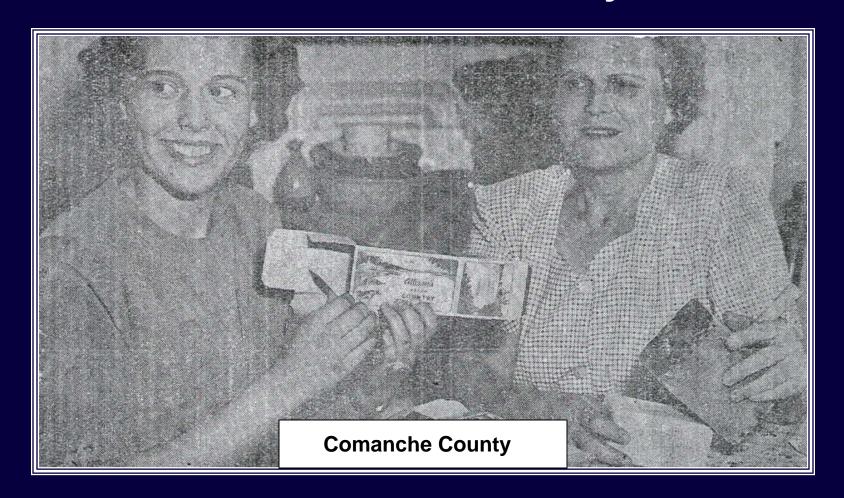
#### 1940's

- 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



1940 Canadian Home Demonstration Club

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



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

They used the same mold for 15 years.

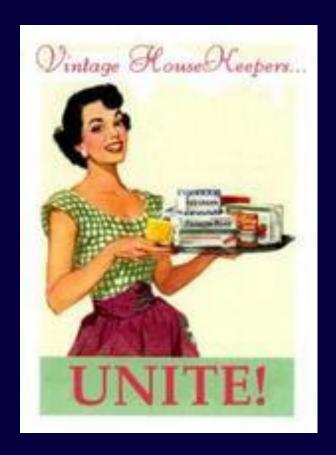


1942 Cleveland County Club



1945 Creek County

Technology and educational needs changed following World War II.



#### 1950's

- Postwar 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 Sequoyah County Home Demonstration Club

When the war was over, supplies were more available and members were able to travel more to meetings.



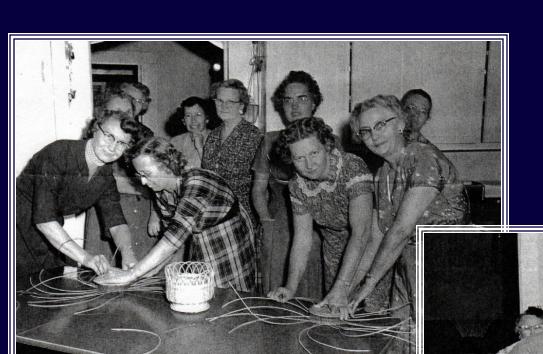
**1950** Washita County Group Mother's Day Tea

## The 1950's kitchen was thoroughly modern



**1951** Beaver County

### **Pottawatomie County Club Members**



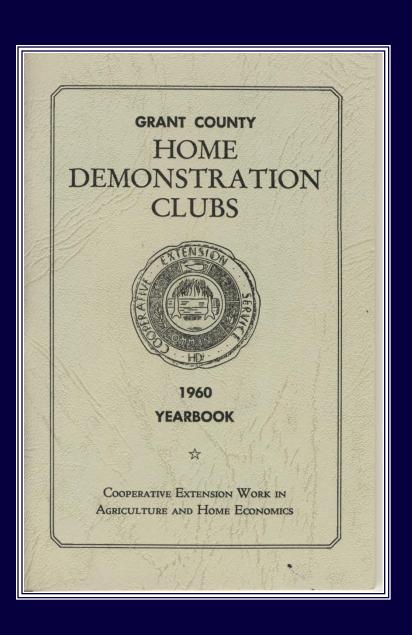
**Enjoy Basket Weaving and Decorating Wall Hangings** 



Washita County Group



Blaine County, Sunshine Club



# 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.

#### **Floral Demonstration**



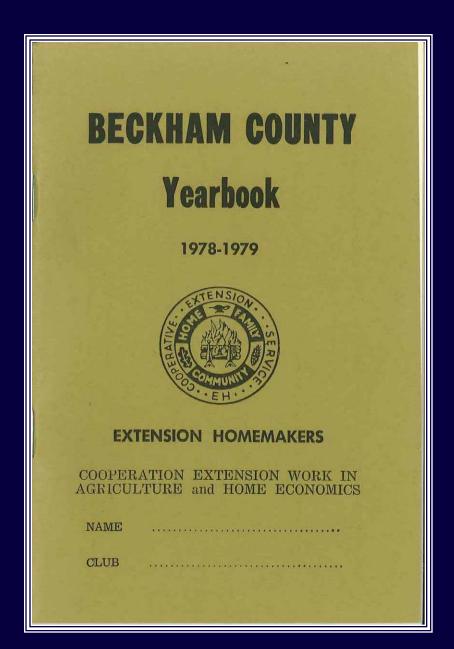
1964 Ottawa County

### 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."



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** 

### **Rocky Point Extension Homemakers**



**1978** Latimer County

### 1980's

### Programming focused on helping children:

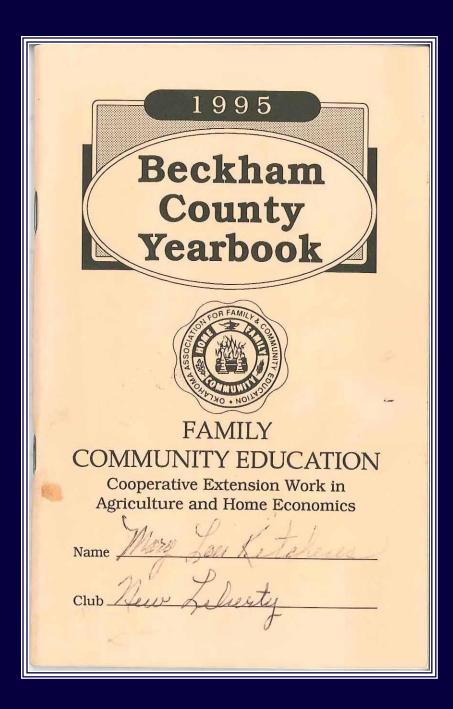
- Teddy Bear's were made to give to police officers for children in distress.
- Needed items were collected for day care centers and families on WIC.
- Gardening and plant care were continuing projects.



1980 Wagoner County

#### 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.



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

"Family and Community Education."

#### **FCE Christmas Luncheon**



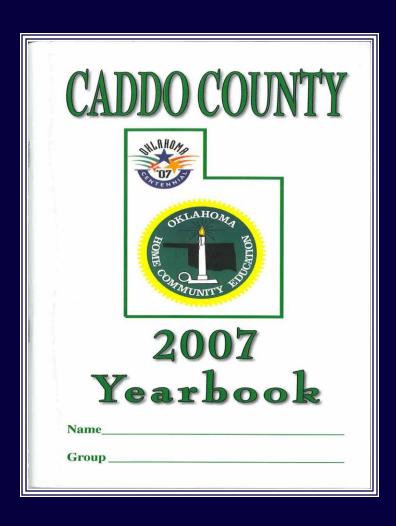
**1997** Oklahoma County

#### **State FCE Conference**



1998 Friendship Banquet

### 2000 to present



#### **Another name change:**

Oklahoma Home and Community Education



### Major Project Areas have stayed the same with different emphasis.

- –Food Preservation
- –Home Improvement
- –Clothing Construction
- -Community Service
- -Caring for our children
- -Fun and Fellowship

## Home demonstrations with girls' clubs for canning tomatoes



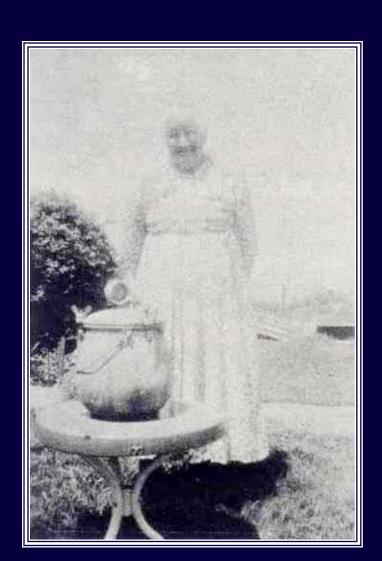




**Cherokee County** 



## Pressure Canner used on a wood burning stove



Mrs. Rayburn, never missed a county fair

**Garvin County** 

### Home Gardening Demonstration Canadian County



**Transplanting Demonstration** 



**Insect Control Demonstration** 

### **Meat Canning Demonstration**



From the calf pen to the canning jar in one very full day.

### **Meat Canning Demonstration**



**1932** Grady County

## Not much money, Oh but honey, We have plenty of canned food!



**1933** Beaver County

## Mrs. J. H. Cox, garden demonstration expert



### We shared our knowledge



MRS. S. A. MAPLE, Navina, left, Mrs. Delmar Pearson, center, and Mrs. Howard Datin, right, route 4 Gu<sup>43</sup>, and members of the Division 4 club, through their club work have preserved food by hot water, pressure and modern day freezing.

1950's

**Logan County** 

### **Proud Homemaker**



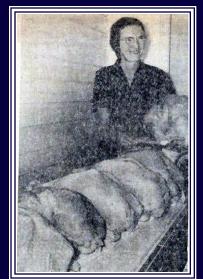
**1950** McCurtain County

#### Poultry served multiple purposes –

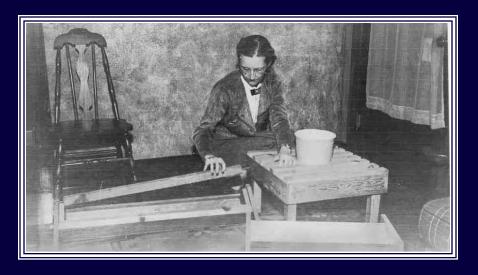
food for the family and extra money for the homemaker



**1915 Grady County** 



Bryan County Home Demonstration Project, 80 turkeys



Canadian County Agent demonstrates making a feeder



**Demonstration on Caponning Roosters - Cherokee County** 



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.

### **Canning Demonstration**



**1950** Pawnee County

### From the demonstration meeting to the finished product





1960'S Craig County

### How in the world did Grandma do this?



### Home Improvement

Lessons on how to make their homes more attractive, and how to preserve food were very important to members

In 1929 Stephens County Homemakers reported

281 pairs of curtains made

65 rooms papered

85 floors covered

40 pieces of furniture repaired or painted

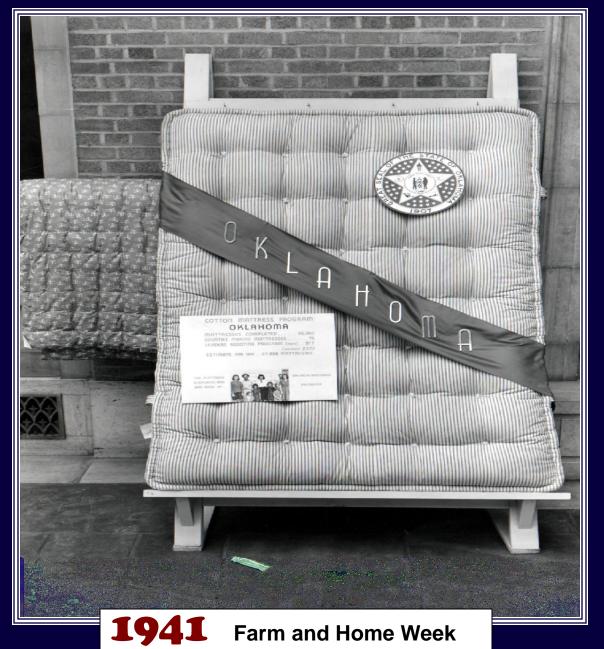
# Mattress making demonstrations were held across the state





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:

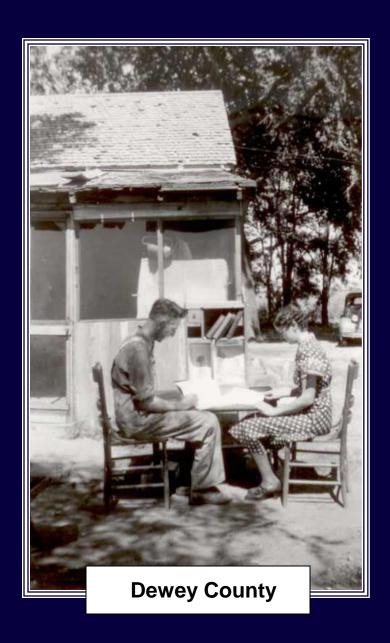
66, 360 Mattresses completed

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



No electricity or refrigeration

Home business center under the elm tree.

# Home Improvement included indoor lessons and outdoor work







**1937** Johnston County

# Repairing home appliances fell to the homemaker.



1946 Osage County

# **Upholstery Demonstration**



1950's

**Muskogee County** 

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



**1955** Mayes County

## Home Improvement display



"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

# Leisure time included creating linens for your home.



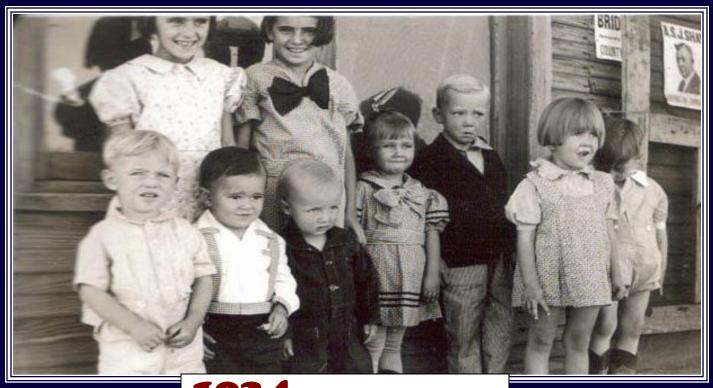
**Muskogee County** 

# Who decided that tatting was a leisure time activity?



**Stephens County** 

# **Clothing our Families**



**1934** Beaver County

# Masking tape and t-shirt dress form



**Stephens County** 



Sometimes we were the dress forms.

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



**Stephens County** 

## Dresses made alike for club's 10th Anniversary



**1933** Garvin County, Ideal Homemakers

### And sometimes we didn't want to look alike!



**Beaver County, Dress Review** 

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



**Washita County** 

## Mom could fix just about anything.





**Craig County** 



# Sometimes we were very serious



**Dress Review Canadian County** 

## And sometimes not so serious



**1998** Oklahoma County

# Fairs County and State

The fairs were a big part of rural lives. They were a source of fellowship and of course, pride when exhibits took first place.

## **Canning Exhibit at a County Fair**



**1938** Canadian County

## **Loyal Club Exhibit**



**1942** Kingfisher County



1948 Grady County Fair

Fabric mainly from feed and flour sacks

# FREDERICK

Successor to Enterprise, Establed in 1902 Published Weekly-Covers Every Community in Tillman County

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Grady County Fair

## **Harris Club Achievement Exhibit**



1948

**McCurtain County** 

# Getting ready for the fair



**Muskogee County** 



1960'S Ottawa County

# Flowers .... always brightened our days.



**2000** Beckham County

# No feed sacks used in these quilts

**Roger Mills County** 







**Beckham County** 

# Cemetery Projects



All previous cemetery projects prepared us for the Centennial project.

## **Dryden Cemetery**



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

## **Forehand Cemetery**





**Canadian County** 

**Maintained for 60 years by Friendly Circle Group** 

## **Cemetery Indexing**



**1978** Washita County







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 supported our schools

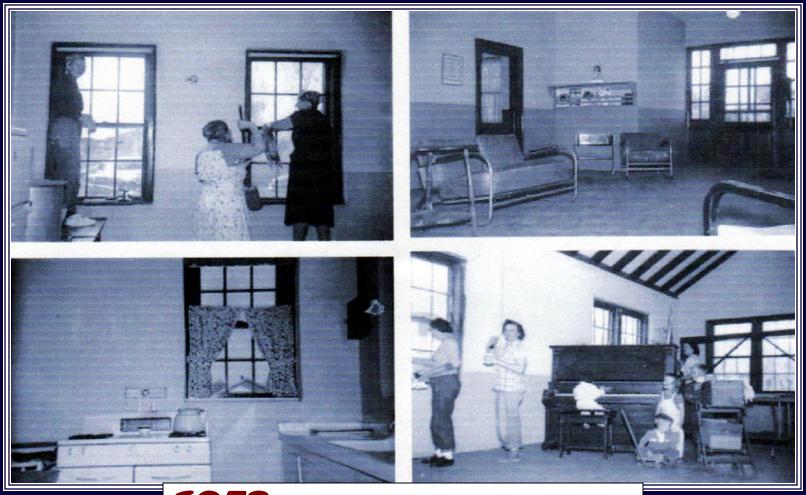


#### Sorting Items to be donated to the needy



**Grant County** 

# Cleaning and remodeling community building



**1953** Blaine County Sunshine Club

# Radio Program National Home Demonstration Week.



**1953** Grant County

### Making gifts for needy children



**1956** Canadian County

## Safety Exhibit



**Grant County** 

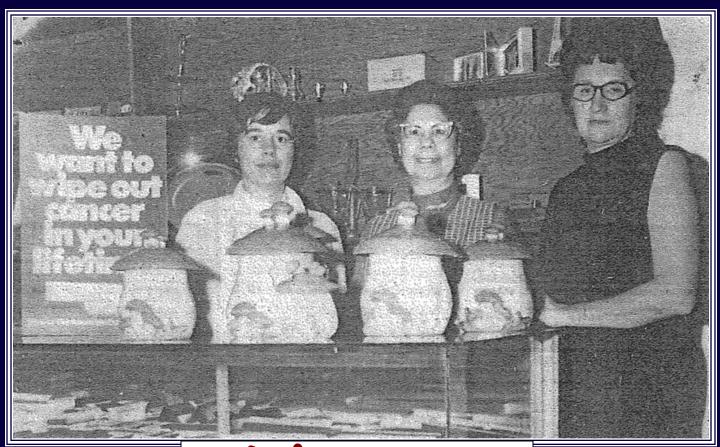


#### We bought the most up-to-date equipment



**Logan County** 

### Fundraiser for American Cancer Society



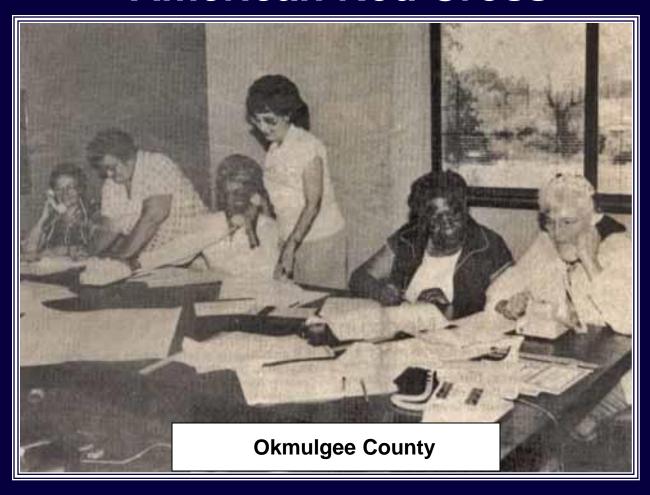
1960'S Latimer County

#### Pie crust fundraiser



**2000** Washington County

#### We called blood donors for the American Red Cross



Westside Homemakers assist Retired Teachers
Association at the phone bank

#### We toured to increase our knowledge



**1952** Washita County Tour

### We learned of other cultures



**Muskogee County** 

## We learned about the United Nations and constructed a flag.



**Ottawa County** 

#### We shared with other cultures



Philippine Agents visited for program on home furnishings

#### We studied our Native American Heritage



Cultural Heritage Exhibit
Betty Smith

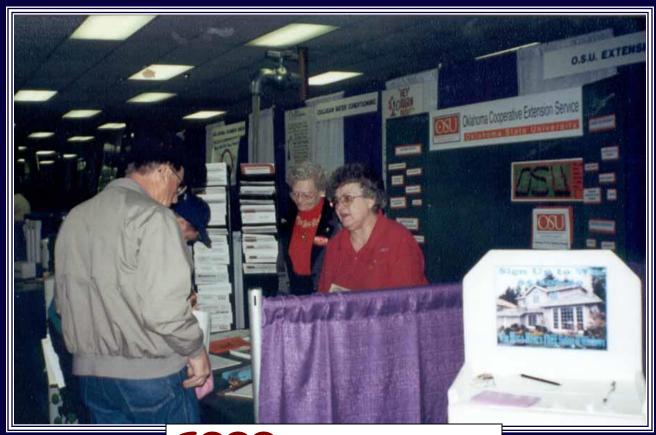
**Cherokee County** 

#### We served our Communities



**Canadian County** 

### We shared our history



1999 Beckham County

### We helped those less fortunate



**Canadian County Club** 

# We cheerfully traveled to meetings, camps and conferences.



**Cleveland County Club** 

#### **OSU Campus, Home Demonstration Week**



Late 1920'S Advisory Board



Home Demonstration Week – Grady County





1950'S Home Demonstration Week - Oklahoma County



1956 Home Demonstration Week - Grant County



1952 National Home Demonstration Meeting – Washita County



1978 National Extension Homemakers Meeting - Seattle, Washington



1979 National Extension Homemakers Meeting - Albuquerque, New Mexico



1980 National Extension Homemakers Meeting - Biloxi, Mississippi



1982 National Extension Homemakers Meeting - Columbus, Ohio

## National Family and Community Education Meeting - Tulsa



**1995** Grady County Delegates

Our own children and the children of our neighbors have always had a special place in our hearts.

#### **Baby Bed Demonstration**

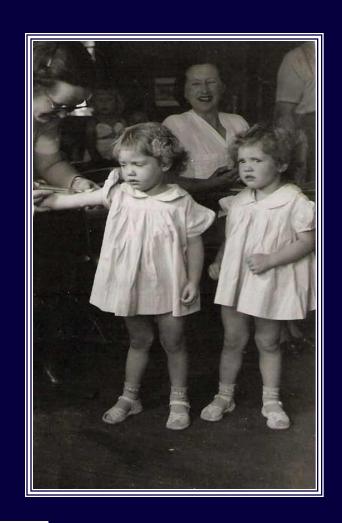


**Bryan County,** 

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

### Childhood Immunizations





**Harmon County** 

#### Handmade blankets were given to local children's home



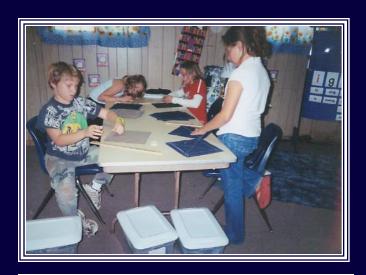
1960 Creek County

#### **Red Ribbon Week**



**Okmulgee County, Westside Homemakers** 

## **OHCE Kids Project**









**Grady County** 

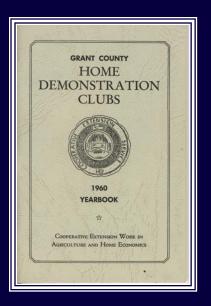
# OHCE and 4-H youth assist children in foster care

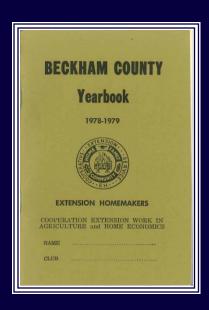


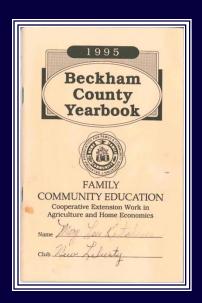


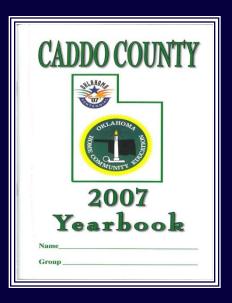
**2003** Beckham County

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









#### They had their own club houses

Cole Club 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 and made a cushion so they would have something to sit on.

**McClain County** 



**Sunshine OHCE Club Then and Now – Stephens Co.** 





1922-48 Canadian Co. Home Demonstration Council Presidents

#### 25th Year Anniversary



## We embrace the past and appreciate the present!







**McCurtain County** 

#### We appreciate recognition



1973

**Logan County, Outstanding Homemakers Award** 



Cleveland County honors
Hester Sickles



**Beckham County 50-year members** 

#### **2003 State OHCE Officer Installation**



Dr. L. Harriman, Terrie DeShazo and Debra Stevenson

#### And we had FUN!

Minutes from Hopewell, Cleveland County, 1940 Social.

The club sponsored a family get-together at Independence School house Wednesday night, August 19th. Everyone was asked to bring a basket supper. It turned out to be quite a meal, fried chicken galore. Plenty of vegetables, salads, pie and cake. After everyone finished their meal from the big long table in the center of the school house, the club furnished ice cream in the form of a come-and-get-it affair.

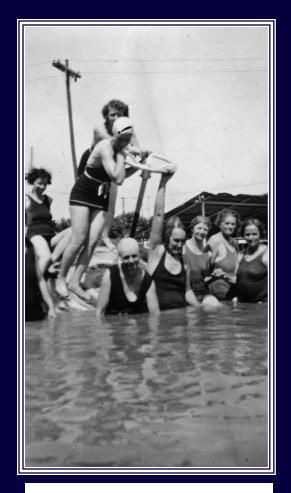
A good time was had by all

#### Skits were a part of our entertainment



**Stephens County** 

### We went camping with our children of course!



**Grant County** 



**Washita County Swimsuit Contest** 



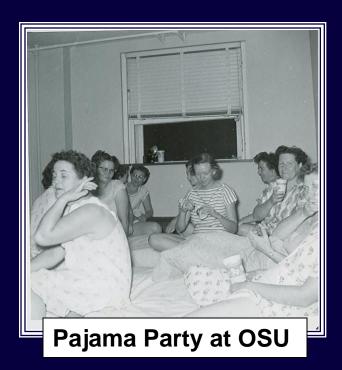
1939 Grady County Farm Women Camp



1942 Canadian County Farm Women's Camp

#### Washita County Delegates

**1956** Camp at OSU







## 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** 



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



**McCurtain County** 

#### We participated in parades.



**Coal County** 



## Working Together to Build Better Communities

Through Education with Leadership and Service