

**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"

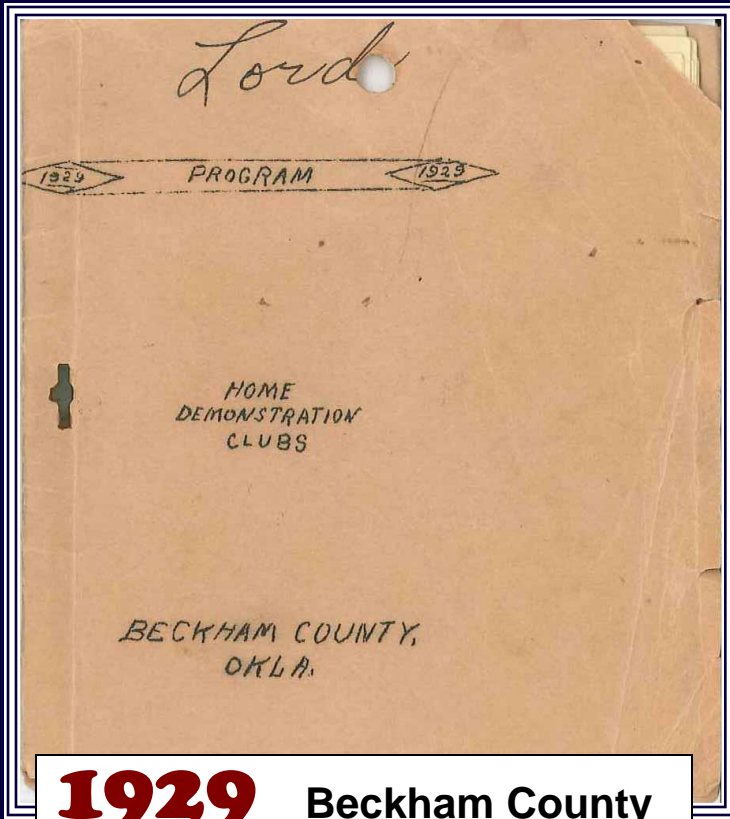
These experts constructed bed frames, mattresses, ice refrigerators, flytraps, ironing boards, and kitchen cabinets.

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

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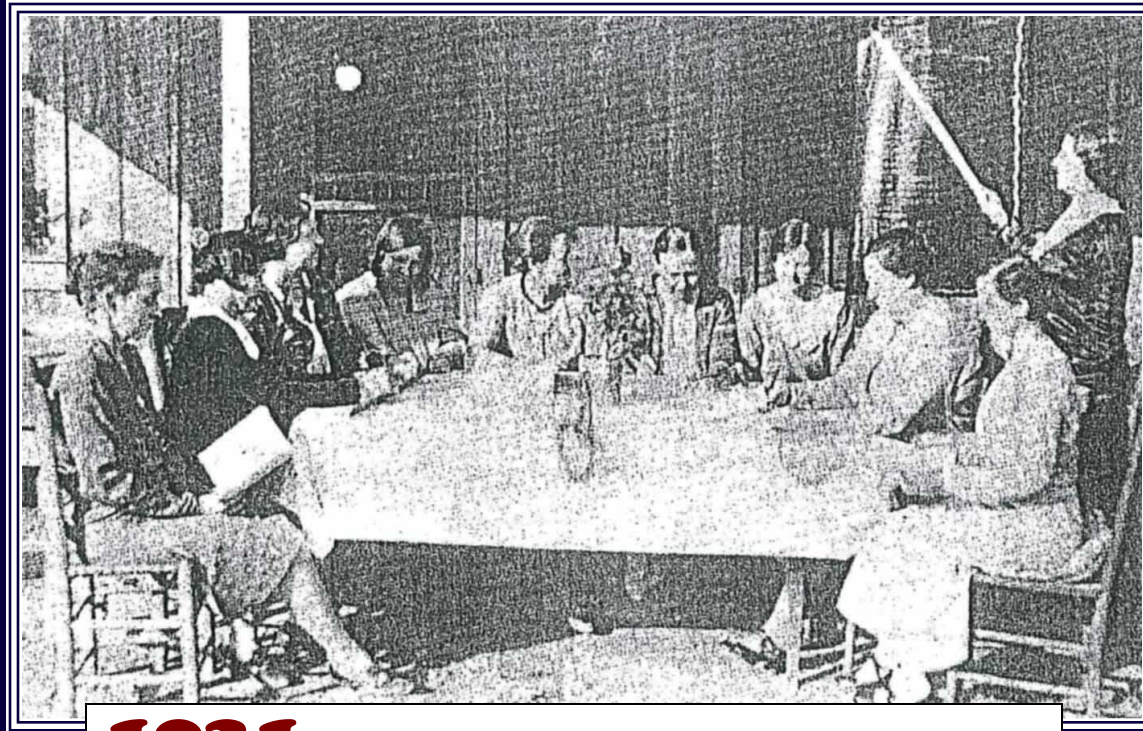
Federated Farm Women

.....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.

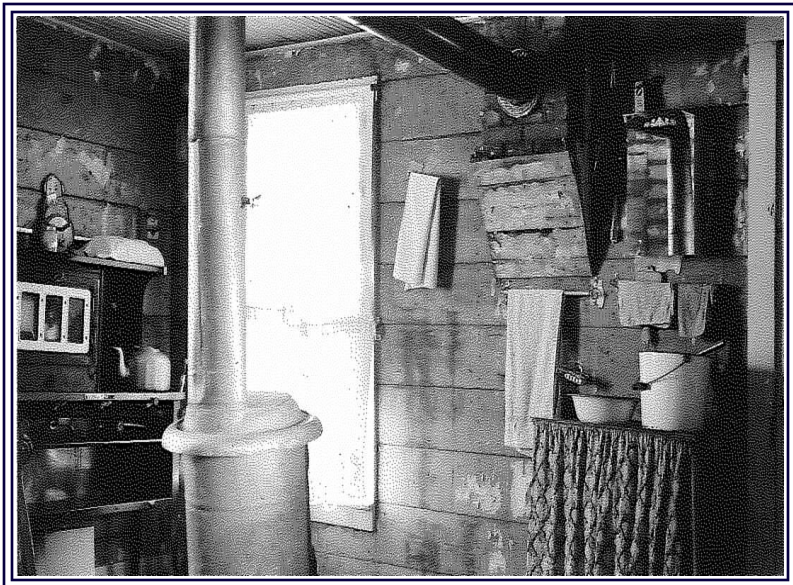


1931 Shultz Club, McCurtain County

This club won a statewide gardening contest

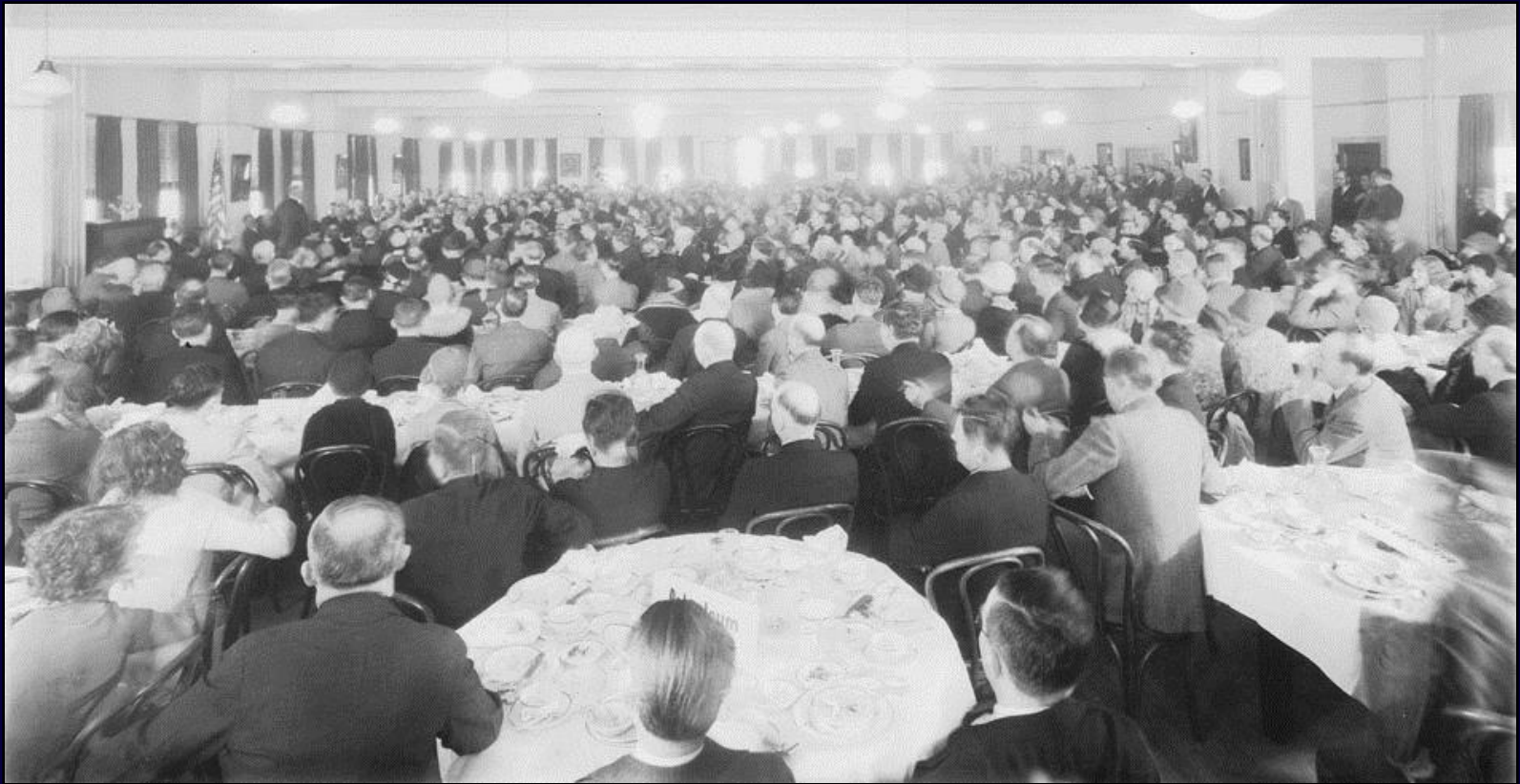
1920's

- Improvement of farm kitchens
- Rural beautification



Piedmont, Oklahoma, Mrs. W J Lenhart

Rural Improvement Contests 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

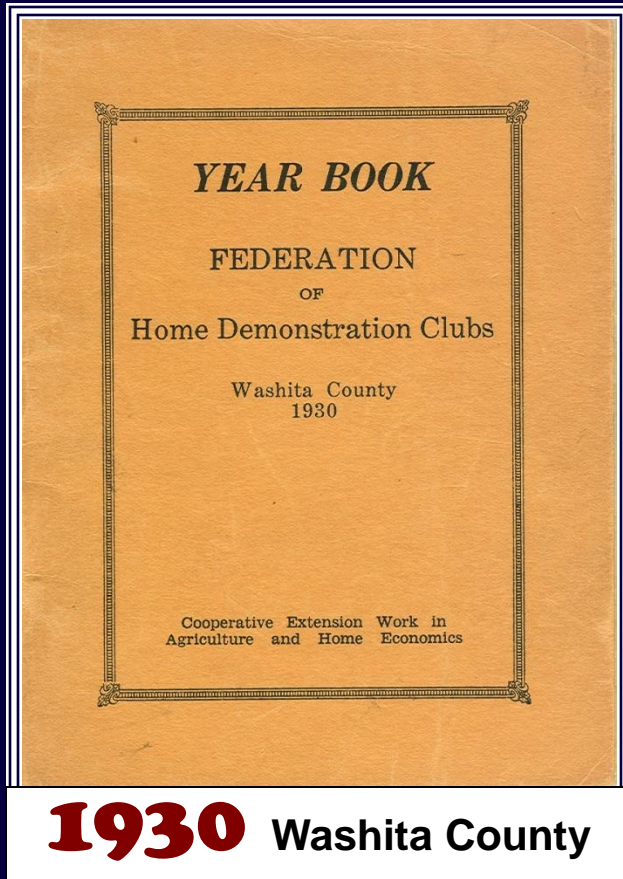
Oklahoma County



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.
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- 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?
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- 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.
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1932 Washita County



1932 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

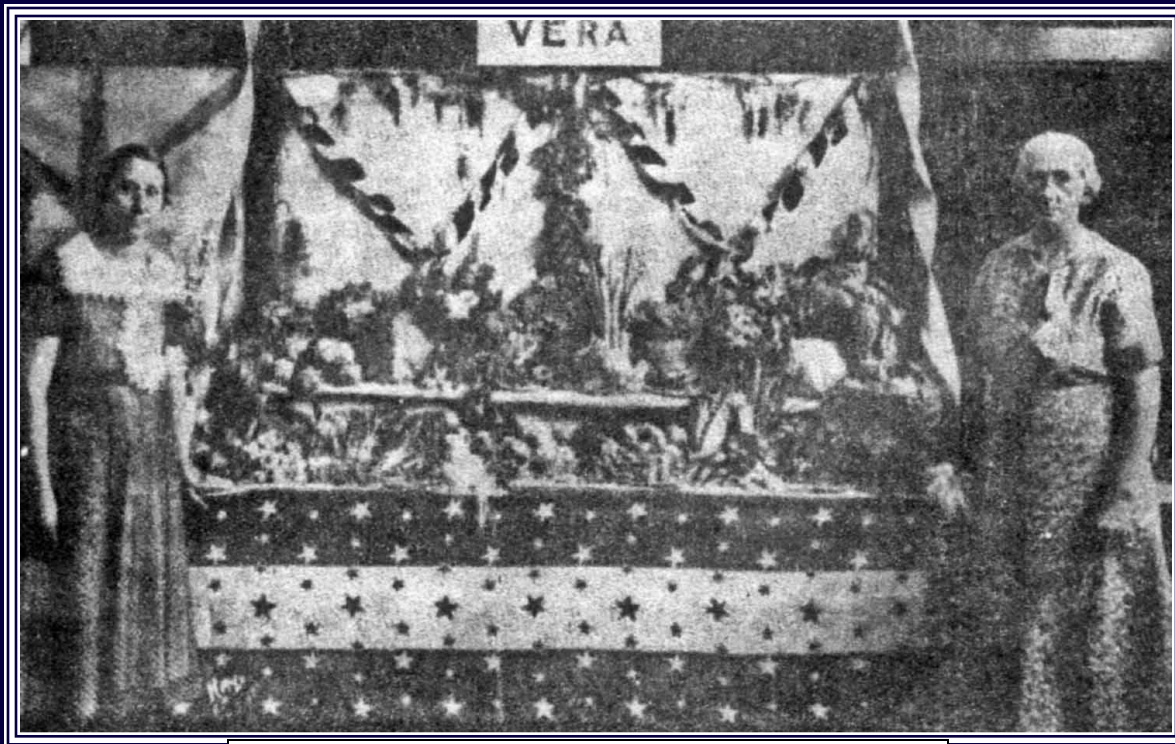
Water in the kitchen, no electricity



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



1939 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**





1952 Washita County Group



1953 Blaine County, Sunshine Club

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.**

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.”

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

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.**

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.”

FCE Christmas Luncheon



1997 Oklahoma County

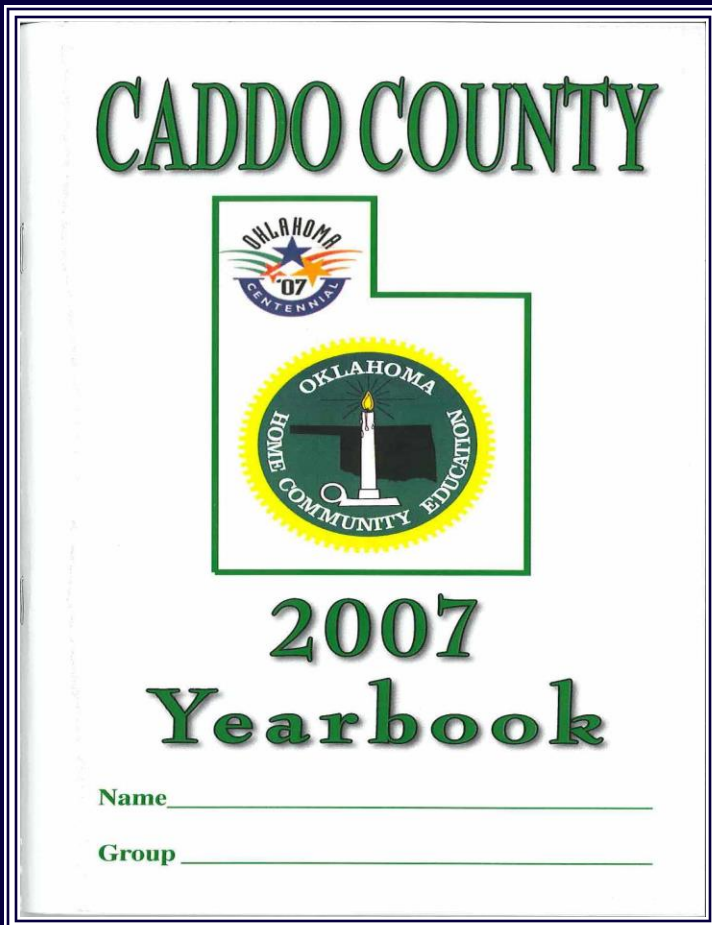
State FCE Conference



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



1924 Garvin County

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



Bryan County

We shared our knowledge



MRS. S. A. MAPLE, Navina, left, Mrs. Delmar Pearson, center, and Mrs. Howard Datin, right, route 4 Gu'ts, and members of the Division 4 club, through their club work have preserved food by hot water, pressure canner 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



**Canadian County Agent
demonstrates making a feeder**



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



**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?



Stephens County

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

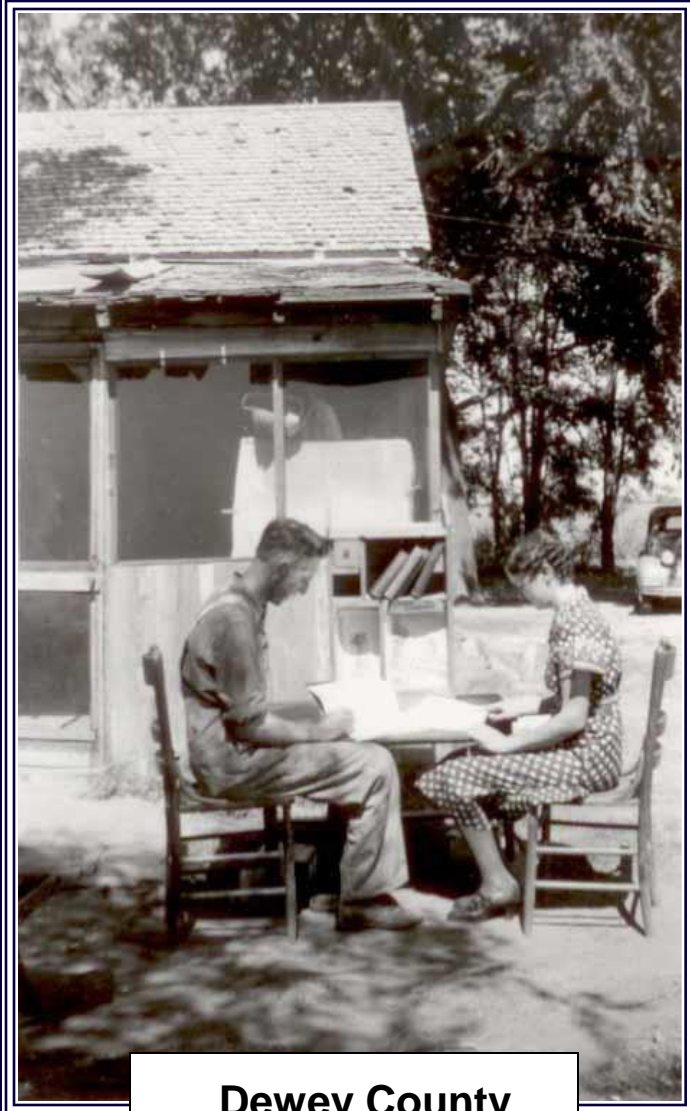
75 counties participating

Leaders Assisting Program 917 men
2572 women

Estimate for 1941 97,898

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

1941 Farm and Home Week



Dewey County

No electricity or
refrigeration

Home business
center under the
elm tree.

Home Improvement included indoor lessons and outdoor work



1937 Oklahoma County



1946 Murray County



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



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

Leisure time included creating linens for your home.



Muskogee County

Who decided that tatting was a leisure time activity?



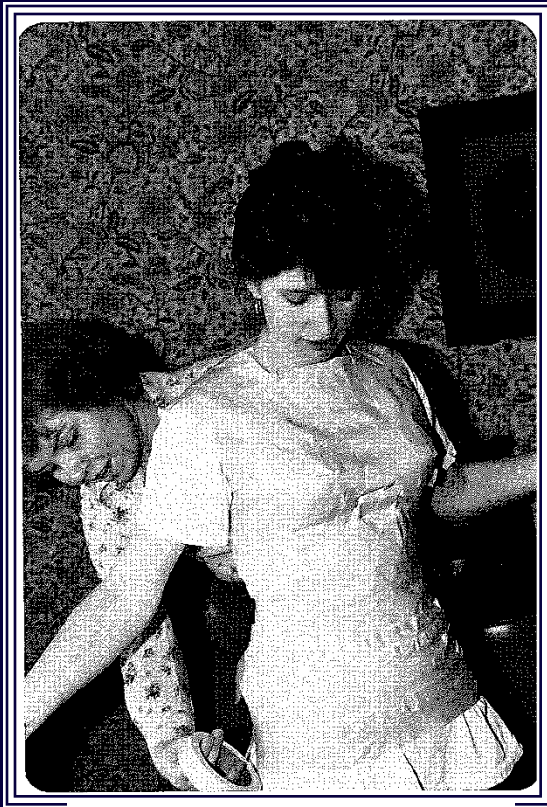
Stephens County

Clothing our Families



1934 Beaver County

Masking tape and t-shirt dress form



Stephens County



1940's Muskogee 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



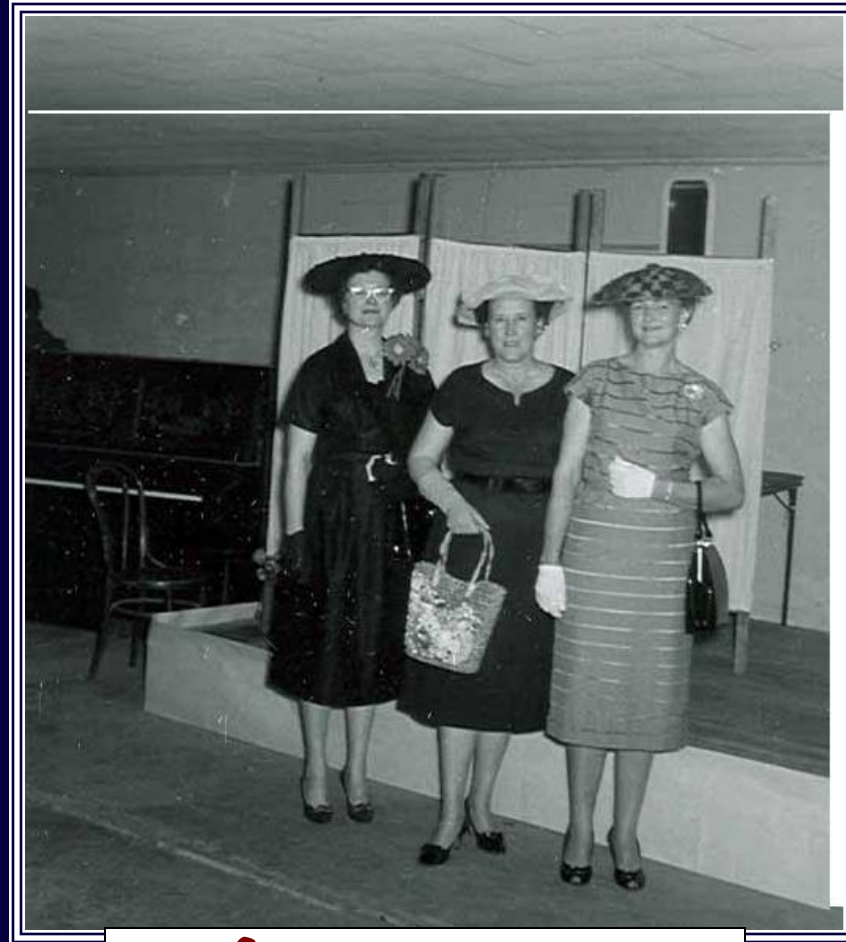
1933 Garvin County, Ideal Homemakers

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.**



1960 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



1948 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



1948 Harmon County

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



1942 Cleveland County

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



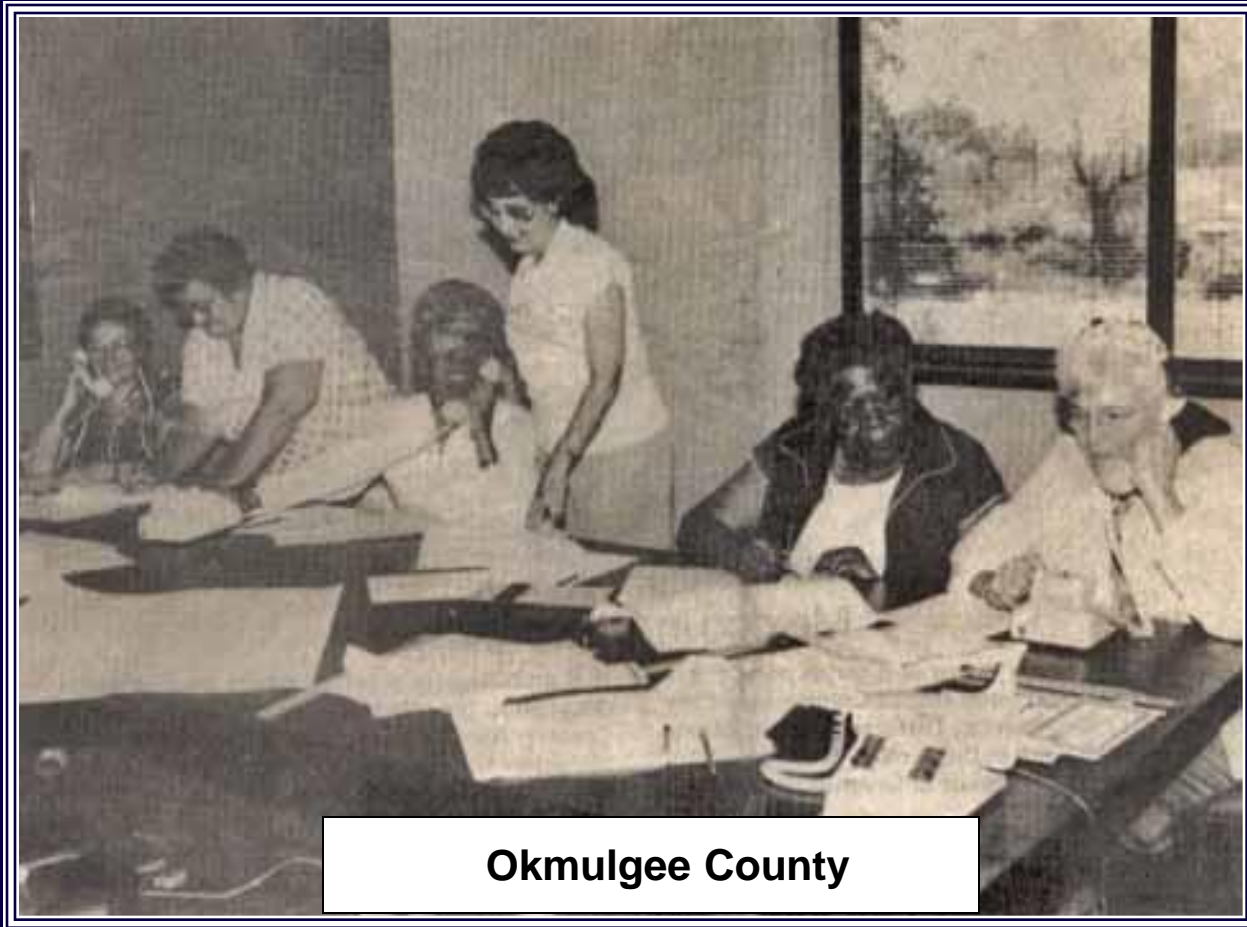
1960's Latimer County

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

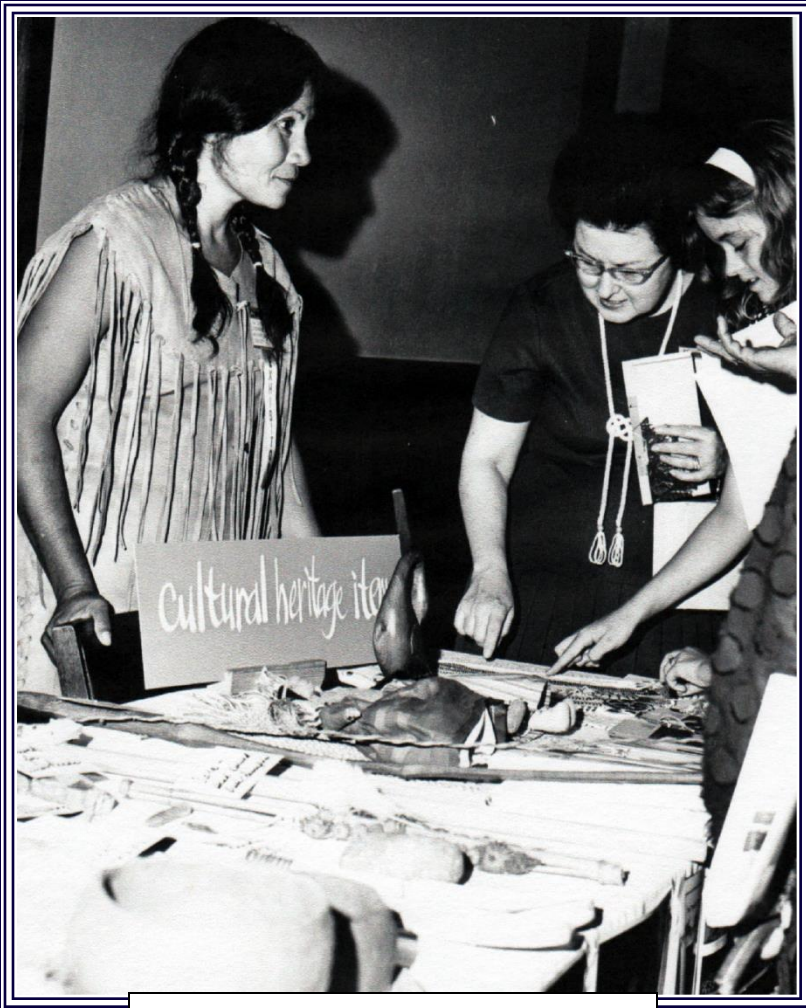
We shared with other cultures



Murray County

Philippine Agents visited for program on home furnishings

We studied our Native American Heritage



Cultural Heritage Exhibit

Betty Smith

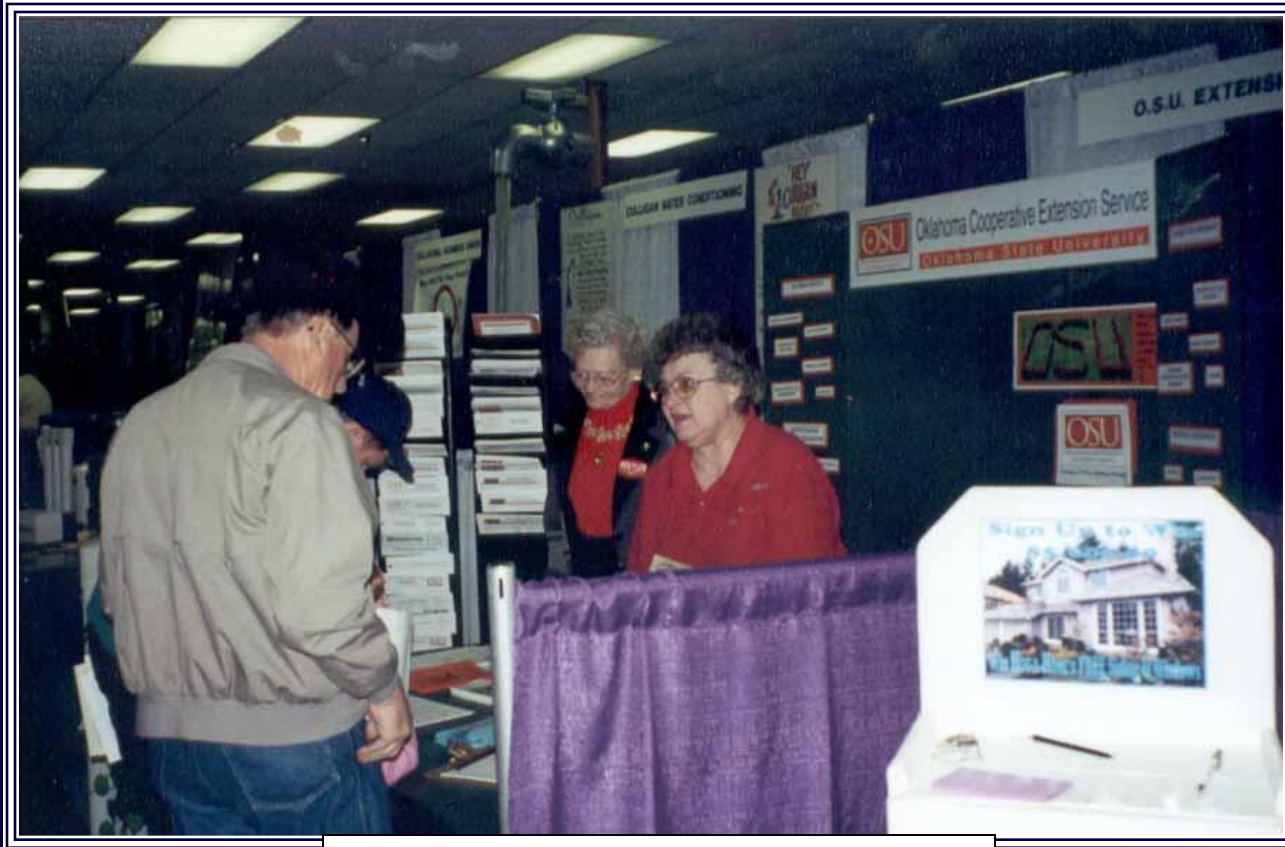
Cherokee County

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



1947 Home Demonstration Week – Grady County



1949 Home Demonstration Week - Craig 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.**

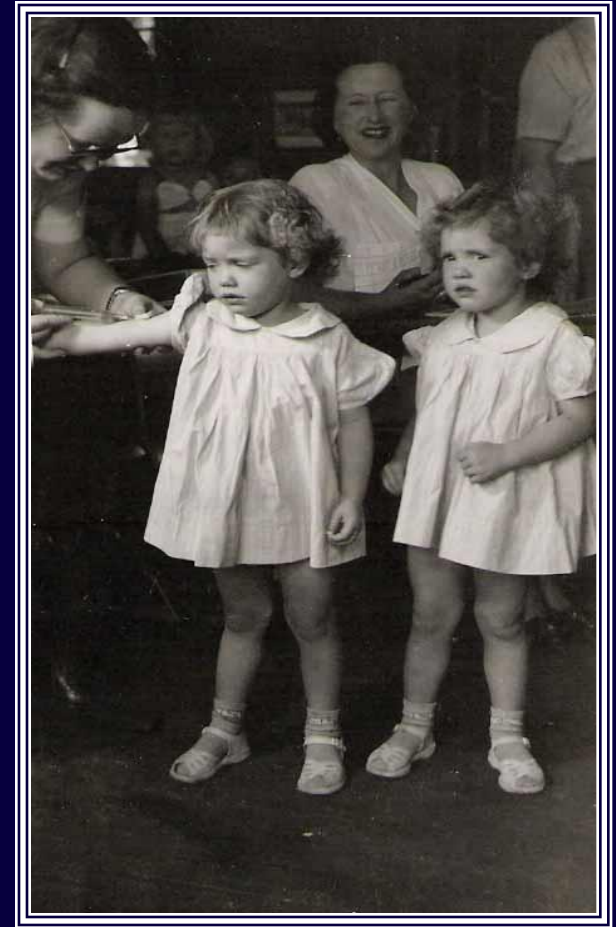
Baby Bed Demonstration



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



1988

Okmulgee County, Westside Homemakers

OHCE Kids Project



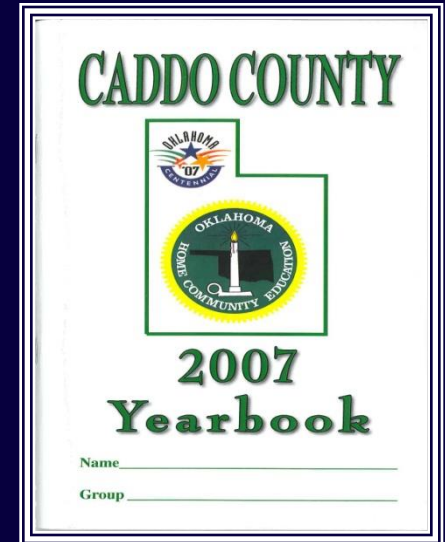
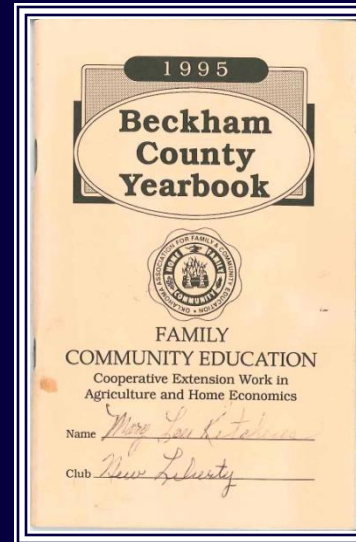
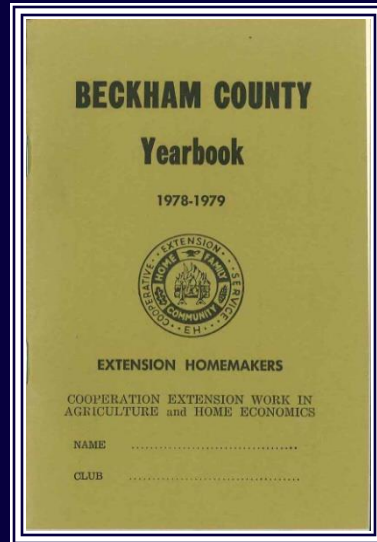
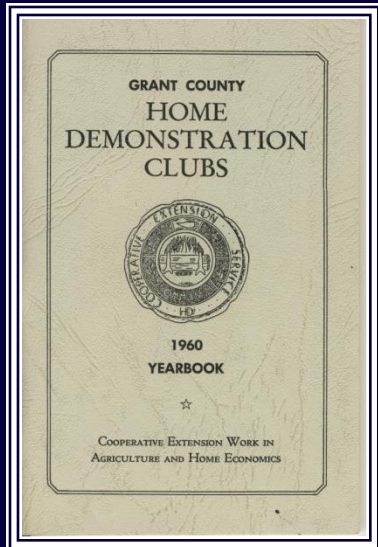
Grady County

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



Ottawa County

We embrace the past and appreciate the present!



Beaver County



McCurtain County

We appreciate recognition

r, Wednesday, May 9, 1973



Outstanding Homemakers

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

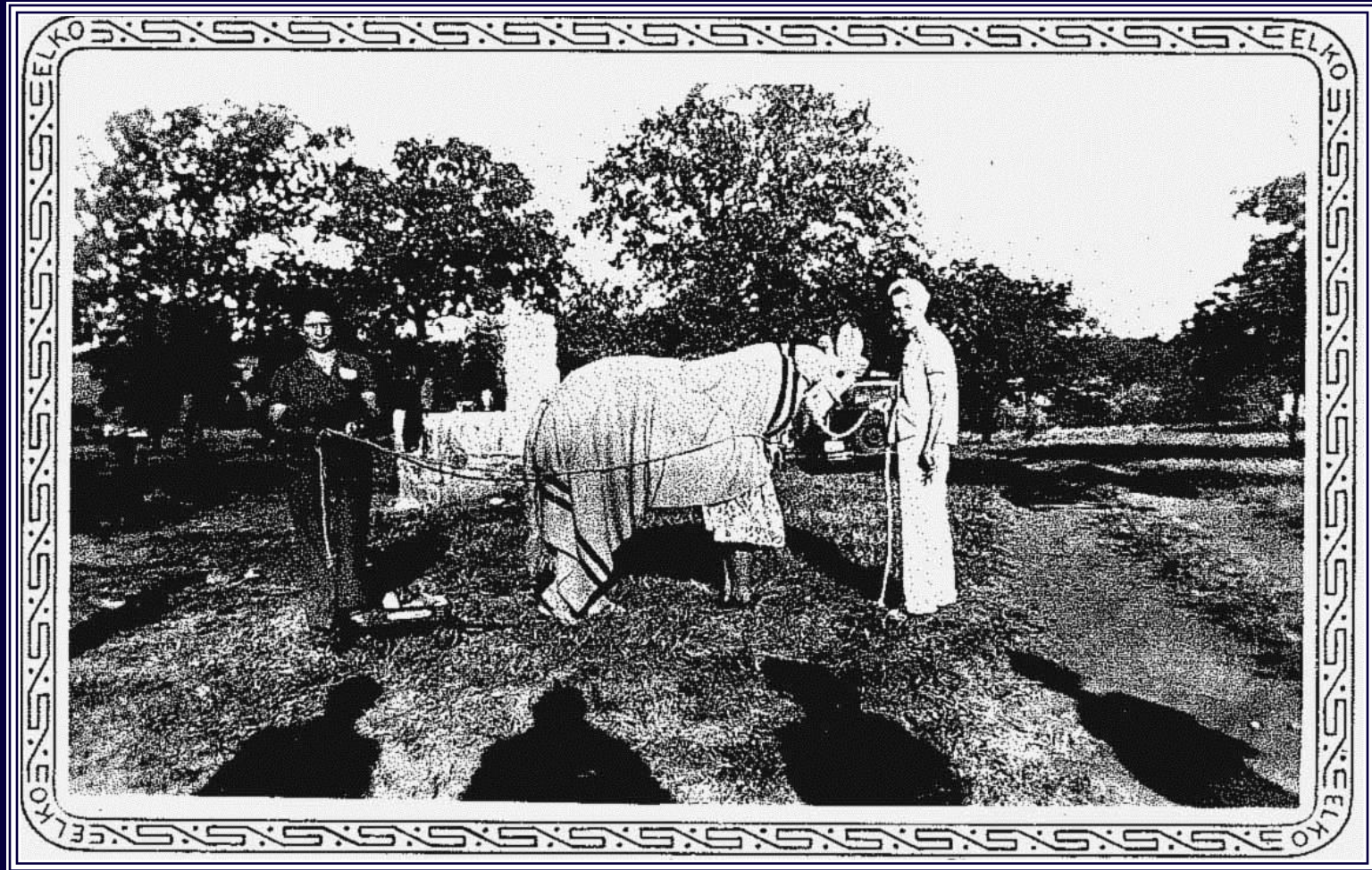
And we had FUN!

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



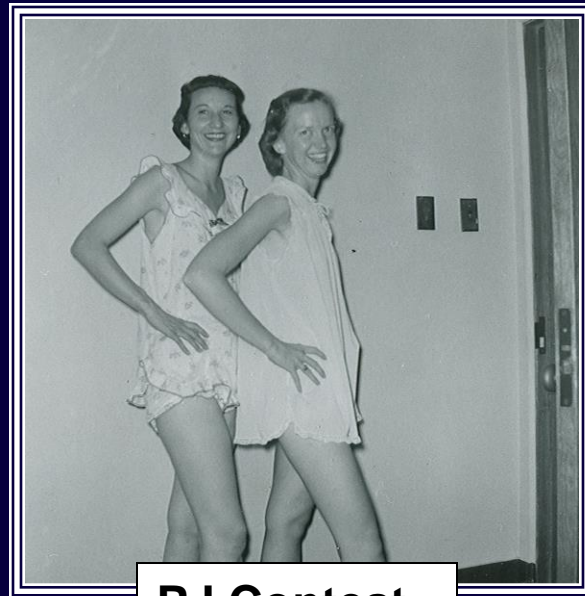
1939 Grady County Farm Women Camp



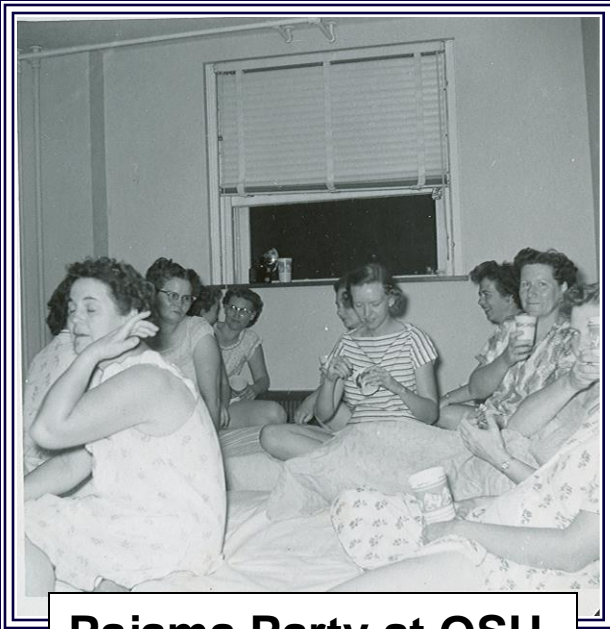
1942 Canadian County Farm Women's Camp

**Washita County
Delegates**

1956 Camp at OSU



PJ Contest



Pajama Party at OSU



Heading Home from Camp

**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**