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# INFLUENCE OF ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING EDUCATION UPON NINTH-GRADE ENROLLMENT <br> IN ARIZONA 

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## ABSTRACT

Many school administrators think that it is important for ninth-grade girls to take homemaking because some girls leave school at the end of the first or second year of high school, and also because of the small percentage of girls enrolled in ninth-grade homemaking. The present study is designed to determine some of the factors associated with the elementary homemaking classes which influence ninth-grade enrollment in homemaking in Arizona.

## The problem

What factors associated with elementary homemaking influence the election of homemaking by girls In the ninth grades in Arizona?

Problem analysis.--The problem is divided into two parts, as follows:

1. What proportion of Arizona ninth-grade girls who have had elementary homemaking enter high school and enroll in the ninthegrade homemaking classes?
2. What factors relating to amount of class time, content of course, training and experience of homemaking teachers, and type of equipment in the elementary schools influence the election of homemaking in the ninth grade?

Delimitation. --The study will be limited to ninth grade girls in 13 Arizona high schools who have attended the eighth grade in Arizona during the school year of 1941-42.

Methods and materials
The data included in this study were obtained Irom the office of the Supervisor of Homemaking Education of Arizona, from the 806 questionnaires answered by the ninth-grade girls in 13 high schools, from interviews with the elementary homemaking teachers and visits to the elementary homemaking departments made by the writer and the Supervisor of Homemaking Education of Arizona. Additional data were secured from the records of state, county, and city superintendents of education. An analysis was made of the elementary homemaking program regarding the content of the course, and the amount of class time given to elementary homemaking education. An association test was made of the two groups for influences of the elementary homemaking program: the training and experience of the homemaking teachers, and the equipment of the elementary homemaking department.

Surmary of findings

Enrollment.--Forty-six percent of the ninthgrade girls in the 13 schools were enrolled in the
homemaking classes. The general tendency was a higher percentage of homemaking enrollment in the smaller schools than in the larger high schools. Sixty-five percent of the e1ghth-grade graduates of 1941-42 entered their respective high schools the following fall. From four small schools 100 percent of the eighthgrade graduates enrolled in ninth-grade homemaking. No girls elected ninth-grade homemaking from two of the elementary schools where homemaking had been offered In the eighth grade.

The largest percentage of the girls electing homemaking in the ninth-grade was in the group from schools in which the eighth-and ninth-grade classes were taught by the same teacher in the same department. From the elementary schools separated from the high schools, the percentage of girls electing ninth-grade homemaking was larger from those which offered no elementary homemaking.

## Influences affecting election of homemaking.-.

Very significant differences between the homemaking and non-homemaking groups were found in regard to the persons advising the election of homemaking as follows:

A member of the family
A friend who had taken homemaking
A teacher

A significant difference between the homemaking and non-homemaking groups was found in advice received from "a friend in the class".

## Opinions toward opportunities homemaking

offers.--The opinions of the girls in the two groups differed very significantly regarding the opportunities offored in homemaking education, as follows:

Learn how to take your responsibility in the home. Improve conditions in your home.

Plan, prepare, and serve meals.
Improve your health.
Make some new clothes.
Learn to select clothes becoming to yourself.
Leam to use money more wisely.
Improve your personality so you would be more popular.

Significant differences, in opinions regarding the opportunities believed to be offered in homemaking education were found between the two groups in the folIowing:

Learn to select food at the cafeterias and restaurants. Learn to understand and help small children.

## Attitudes of ninth-grade girls toward home-

 making.--Very significant differences between the homemaking and non-homemaking groups were found in theirattitudes toward homemaking as follows:
Homemaking would be fun.
Homemaking would help get a job.
Homemaking was important for girls who go to college.
Family would expect more help at home.
Homemaking would be an easy course.
*Homemaking was only for girls who marry soon.
NClasses with boys more interesting.
*Mother could teach all homemaking needed.
A significant difference between the two groups was found in thinking homemaking classes would require too much time.

Attitudes toward elementary homemakingo--The attitudes of the two groups of girls (Iimited to the girls who had received elementary homemaking training) differed very significantly regarding certain aspects of their elementary homemaking training, as follows:

Found elomentary homemaking useful.
Homemaking provided oppovtunities to learn to work with others.

Liked clothing classes in elementary homemaking.
Liked related units: grooming and child care.
Enjoyed elementary homemaking.
\%Helped serve banquets or meals for otbers.

[^0]*Had sufficient textbook and reference material. Significent differences in attitudes betweon the two groups were found in the following:

Obtained new ideas from bulletin boards. Found class discussions helpful.

Had attractive elementary homemaking department. Liked food classes.
*Had enough time for elementary homemaking classes. *Had opportunities for class activities as well as study in books.
\#Gave programs, exhibits, and teas for parents.

Content of the elementary homemaking program.-The 11 units taught most frequently in the elementary homemaking classes included only areas of clothing and foods. More than half of the elementary schools taught three fourths of the units listed in the Arizona Elementary Homemaking Course of Study, and additional units were also taught in 13 schools.

## Time allotment in elementary homemaking

 classes.--Homemaking was offered in schools from one to four years, and two 90 -minute periods per week was the amount of time allotted to the elementary homemaking classes most frequently for the seventh and eighth-grade[^1]classes. Fourteen of the elementary schools offered homemaking in the sixth grade, while only eight of the schools offered fifth-grade homemaking with approximately the same amount of time for each grade. The most frequent schedule for these grades was approximately 60 minutes per weok.

Relation of ninth-grade enrollment to the elementary homemaking department.--No relationship was found between the type of the department and the number of girls electing ninth-grade homemaking for the enrollment of girls from all the elementary schools. When these schools were classified into three types, small town schools, Phoenix elementary schools, and urban elementary schools, a slight relationship was found between the rating of the elementary homemaking department as to type and equipment and the enrollment in ninth-grade homemaking classes, except for the group of Phoenix elementary schools.

Relation of ninth-grade enrollment to the elementary homemaking teachers.--The elementary home= making teachers were classified as to training and experience, and the chi-square test was used on the aggregate, which disproved any relationship between the classification of the teachers and the election of ninth-grade homemaking of her pupils.

The same test was used on the groups separately; the results indicated that the training and experience of the elementary homemaking teacher influence the election of homemaking in the ninth grade, from smalltown schools and the Phoenix elementary schools.

In the urban elementary schools there was a slight tendency for the training and experience of the homemaking teachers to influence the election of the ninth-grade homemaking.

## Recommendations

From the analysis of data and the above discussion the following recomendations seem advisable.

1. That homeroom teachers, administrators, or other persons in the guidance capacity be informed of the contributions that homemaking can make to prepare pupils for better living.
2. That the teachers of elementary homemaking enrich their teaching techniques.
3. That more pupil-parent-teacher planning be done in building the elenentary homemaking program.

Suggestions for further study

1. How do fifth- and sixth-grade homemaking education influence homemaking enrollment in high schools?
2. What happens to girls graduating from eighth grade who fail to enter high school?
3. What teaching materials are provided for elementary homemaking programs in Arizona?
4. What are the comparative costs of conducting elementary homemaking programs in Arizona?
5. How may parents and pupils participate in building the elementary homemaking curriculum?
6. What modifications should be made in the present homemaking program which would provide a program of maximum value for boys?
7. What homemaking education in elementary school should be required?
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# INFLUEINCE OF ELEMENTARY HONEMAKING EDUCATION 

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## Chapter I

## TNTRODUCTION

Many modern educators believe that homemaking education has a great contribution to make to an educational program, that it has a part to play in helping every child to equip herself to live more graciously and usefully with herself and her family. However, a study by Lola Wright (26) indicated that only 34 percent of the high school girls in Arizona were receiving homemaking training in the spring of 1934. Many high school administrators have expressed the hope that this enrollment in high school homemaking will be increased. They think that it is important for the ninth-grade girls to take homemaking because some girls leave school at the end of the first or second year of high school.

What might be done in the elementary school to interest a larger percentage of girls in taking ninth-grade homemaking? Does homemaking in the elementary school enhance the chances of a girl's electing
it in the ninth grade? These, and other problems, present themselves for consideration. The present study is designed to determine some of the factors of the elementary homemaking classes which influence ninthgrade enroliment in homemaking courses in Arizona.

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Delimitation.--The study will be limited to those ninth-grade girls in 13 Arizona high schools from which adequate and usable returns were received, who attended eighth grade in Arizona during the school year of this study, in 1941-42.

Factors to be considered will be limited to amount of class time, content of course, training and experience of elementary homemaking teachers, and
homemaking equipment of the elementary schools.

Background of the problem
Arizona, gaining statehood in 1912, proudly boasts of boing the youngest state in the Union. She has established a well organized school system, and homemaking has been taught in the elementary grades since 1913.

The majority of communities in Arizona are very small; however the few areas are thickly populated. The small communities have small district schools staffed with few teachers although the few large towns have established sufficient schools for the population. Legislation for elementany home economics education was passed in Arizona in 1913, but it has been observed by school administrators (23) that home economics in elementary schools was retarded probably because of the untrained teachers in the field of homemaking and because of a lack of supervision in the elementary grades and an inadequate course of study until 1940. It has been believed that the high school homemaking has felt this influence of elementary homemaking in the state.

In 1942, there were 86 elementary homemaking teachers in the state, some of whom, however, taught homemaking only part of the time. Of that number 43 were employed at the time of this study in Maricopa County. Homemaking teachers have expressed the bellef
that girls do not generally enroll in high school homemaking classes in Arizona where it is elective, if there are other courses offered.

Phoenix, the capital of Arizona, and the largest city in the state, is located in Maricopa County where 37.3 percent of the total population of Arizona live, according to the 1940 census. Since 1907 , Phoenix has omployed a city supervisor of elementary homemaking.

Late in 1942, the Arizona State Board of Education asked the State Supervisor of Homemaking to assume the responsibility of directing the homemaking education in the grades. This extension of supervision made it necessary to appoint an Assistant State Supervisor of Homemaking who began work July $1,1943$. The growing importance of homemaking education in the schools of Arizona made it pertinent to undertake this study of factors of elementary homemaking which influence the enrollment in ninth-grade homemaking.

## Chapter II

## REVIEW OF IITERRATURE

A considerable amount of material has been written on factors affecting home economics enrollment. The various literature related to the present study will be presented under the following headings: studies of enrollment in high-school homemaking classes, recent trends in elementary homemaking, and the philosophy related to homemaking in the elementary grades.

Studies of enrollment in

## high-school homemaking classes

In 1930, Dr. Frederick S. Bosner (2) concluded, from data collected by the Office of Education, United States Department of the Interior, that more than 70 percent of all high-school girls in the United States were taking no homemaking and that only one girl in five was taking any other subject directly related to wholesome personal and home life. Homemaking courses were being offered in 58 percent of the high schools; but, since only 28 percent of the girls had registered for any homemaking course, it was clear that they were not taking advantage of the opportunities which existed. Dr. Bosner said that the reasons for this condition were
conflict of schedule, lack of time after college requirements were met, unattractive departments, advice against election of homemaking courses by school administrators, poorly prepared homemaking teachers, and adverse attitudes of parents to home economics.

Drollinger (4), in 1931, made a survey of a limited group of girls in Wyoming and found that 43 percent of the girls were not enrolled in any homemaking course and that, of those girls enrolled, 66 percent had never been enrolled in any homemaking course. The girls gave, as reasons for not electing homemaking, the complaint that it would not fit into the ir programs and that they could learn at home all they needed to know about homemaking.

In 1933, in the public schools of Wisconsin, Julia Nofsker (20) consulted a heterogeneous group of girls and studied their reactions to home economics in high school. The group included girls from small and large towns, rural communities, and towns in which the schools did not offer homemaking in the grades. Nofsker found that the percentage of girls electing homemaking in high school was greater in small towns than In large ones. She attributed this fact to the more limited variety of courses offered in the smaller schools. She found that 74 percent of the girls without homemaking training in the elementary school elected it in
high school, while only 54 percent of those who had taken homemaking in the seventh and eighth grades elected it in high school.

Nofsker said that some girls did not elect homemaking courses because they thought that they already know enough about it and that it was not generally useful. She found that pupils of superior ability did not elect it. Unfavorable attitudes were held by girls who were not satisfled with what they had studied in homemaking classes. Most of the criticisms were against homemaking in smaller schools, responses pointing to dissatisfaction with the way in which the work was organized and presented. The girls who were satisfied with the training which they had received and those who were not satisfied were asked to submit suggestions for improving the courses which they had taken. Their reactions suggested more opportunities for student initiative, more provision for individual differences, work of more advanced nature, more field trips, and more outside speakers.

Lory (14), in 1933, studied the development of the status of home economics in the Colorado schools, her purpose being to determine the results of the general depression upon home economics during the years of 1931 and 1932. She tried to determine the reasons for the elimination of the subject from the curriculum
and the outlook for the future. Lory concluded that the home economics teacher has a definite responsibility toward increase, decrease, or static condition of the work in that she is responsible for the types of work offered. The teacher was cited by the majority of teachers in the study as one of the major influences affecting home economics enrollment. Lory said also that the teacher is responsible for the publicity within the school, for the attitude towards the course, and for the quality of instruction given.

A statistical survey of home economies reported in 1933 for 1931-32, by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (22) revealed that 38.6 percent of the high school girls were enrolled in home economics in the public schools and that 15 percent of the fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade girls were taking some form of home economics. The schools represented all 48 states, and the study included 39 percent of all the girls enrolled in elementary schools and 61.5 percent of those in high school. The editor pointed out the tendency of the newer projects to extend gradually from the larger to the smaller centers. States whose cities ranked well as to home economics education did not always hold the corresponding rank for county high schools or elementary schools.

Enrollment in elective homemaking courses in
small high schools in Arizona was studied by Wright (26) in 1934. Her findings disclosed that the enrollment varied from 20 to 75 percent of the total number of girls in each high school. The small schools had a larger relative enrollment than the large ones, the difference probably being due to the fact that the larger schools had richer curricula from which to choose. About 50 percent of the girls in the study had an interest in home economics as a reason for electing it. Another interesting fact brought out by this study was that 80 percent of the girls who took home economics in high school showed increased interest in it, while 20 percent indicated a loss of interest. Annis (1), in 1937, reported a decrease in home economics enrollment after the school was made vocational. The decrease was attributed to the changing of interest to other electives and to a dislike for home projects. The study involved interviews with mothers, 55 percent of whom expressed little interest In having their girls take the course. The fact that 48 percent of the girls not enrolled in home economies classes expressed a desire to enroll revealed the lack of influence of the mother over the daughter.

Dyer (5), in 1937, studied specific factors that influence girls to elect homemaking courses in high school. The girls expressed an interest in home
activities, but their mothers, according to the girls, had failed to provide opportunities for them to put their learning experience into use at home to any great extent. The girls expressed the belief that they would need the information obtained in the homemaking classes.

Ewing (6), in 1938, gathered in conference a group of brilliant high-school students who were almost ready for graduation, but who had not elected homemaking since junior high school. These students gave many factors that had influenced them against home economics. Fwing then cited as follows, the three major points suggested by this group of girls for improvement in the homemaking courses so that the eminent girls might become interested in homemaking to the extent of electing it.

1. The techniques used for enriching the home economics curriculum.
2. Principles that should be followed in teaching unusually able students.
3. The instructor. $(7: 303)$

Mitchan (17), in 1941, studied factors influencing girls for or against home economics and found that a limited understanding of the scope of the program and of the vocational possibilities in the field were the most significant negative influences. She thought that, in the home economics program, plans for
the future of both groups should be considered. Malicke (14), in 1941, investigated the attitudes and interests of ninth-grade girls in western Montana. She found that 80 percent of the girls electing homemaking didso because they thought it would be of value to them at that time or in the future. The girls who did not elect homemaking thought it was of greatest value to those who would not attend college and who would marry soon. Of the girls not taking homemaking, 83 percent stated that they had received no advice concerning their choice. The reasons given for electing home economics were not in keeping with the Iarger objectives set up by teachers of the subject.

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Schools reported that the cooperative studies of young people had brought to the teachers of elementary, junior high, and senior high schools a better understanding of the special contributions of each school level to the development of boys and girls. In the core program of junior high schools, opportunities were given for children to explore their special interests. Units developed in the core program included friends, safety, recreation, and life in the home. In the last named unit, children found associated interest activities in making hooked rugs and in building simple furniture and other objects. It was found that the
teachers at each school level had added interest in the problems of other levels and desired to see the whole 12 years of the school life for every pupil. In 1947, the Home Economics Education Service of the United States Office of Education (24) reported a study of the status of home economics in the public schools, conducted in 1938-39, in the 48 States and Alaska, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and Puerto, through the cooperation of the State departments of education, principals, and teachers. This study included the number of pupils who took this subject, the grade levels at which it was scheduled, and the scope of the program offered.

Data were collected and tabulated for the above study from 72 percent of the 14,121 public junior and senior high schools from which usable returns were received. Home economics courses of one kind or another were offered in 83 percent of the junior and senior high schools in the country in 1938-39. The study was made to collect information about home economics in junior and senior high schools. All other schools were omitted from the study and therefore it did not give complete information concerning elementary home economics.

It was established from this study that home economics was more frequently required then elective in
seventh and eighth grades when both the junior and senior high schools were taken into consideration. Seventy-six percent of the seventh and eighth grade pupils were enrolled in home economics, in schools Where homemaking was offered in these grades, but the enrollment gradually decreased to 23 percent in the twelfth grade.

The findings from this study indicated that the size of the school and the size of the community are among the factors which determine whether or not home economics was made available. The highest proportion of schools that offered home economics in the seventh and eighth grades and also in the later grades was in the cities, as was the largest proportion of schools that limited their offerings to the seventh and eighth grades. Three-fourths of the home economics classes reported in the seventh and eighth grades were scheduled for single periods. Of these classes approximately one-third were scheduled for periods less than 50 minutes in length.

Phil osophy of homemaking
related to elementary grades
Hendrix, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Director of State Department of Vocational Education in Arizona (12), in 1940, presented the view of the administrator regarding possibilities of
home economics in preparing for the American way of living. This he did by considering the real function and purpose of home economics in the public schools and the need of reaching more girls and boys than had previously been reached and by comparing the cost of home economics education with that of other work offered. He showed the need for more of the so-called better students to elect homemaking in the higher institutions.

Hendrix pointed to the fact that, in the home economics program, certain changes had enlarged and enriched the field. He showed that, in increasing numbers, more groups (elementary, junior high, senior high, out-of-school, and adult) were receiving some training in the field of home economics and that boys, as potential fathers, were becoming more interested. Gleitz (8), in 1940, reviewing the past and predicting the future of elementary home economics, stated that, through home economics, a practical form of learning beyond traditional areas was introduced into the upper grades of the elementary schools. The advance was commendable, but that home economics had assumed the proud title of "special subject". The social studies were reported to have gained importance as the core area of the elementary curriculum. There was found to be a positive relationship between the material of home economics and the social studies.

Gleitz recommended that a home economics representative function through a director of elementary education in cooperation with the art supervisor, the industrial arts supervisor, the music supervisor, or others, and that she work directly with the classroom teacher to become more functional in the Iife of the child and the home.

M11ler (16), in 1941, presented what she considered to be an adequate program for elementary education in family life. The program required that the school administrator and the teachers be conscious of the importance of home living, of the educational possibilities in the subjects themselves, and of the experiences which children have in working with one another. The program required also that the administrators make contacts between the home and the school. In addition, the program provided for both boys and girls a series of activities specifically designed to develop homemaking skills, to awaken an interest in the home, and, above all, to develop an awareness of the importance of the family and of "happy and socially constructive" family relationships. The school, according to Miller, is a part of the community working with other agencies to discover family needs and to cooperate in finding ways of meeting them. . Goodykoontz (10), in 1941, discussed the
responsibilities of the educational system in considering home living problems at each age and pointed to the seriousness of providing opportunities to meet these neods.

At the 1940 meeting of the American Home
Economics Association, Miller (15), in discussing the persistent problems in family life at the elementary Ievel, made the following statement:

The persistent problems common to the schoolage child, that is, the problems common to most children between the ages of six to twelve, arise chiefly from two sources. The first is the child's own growth and development; and the second is his adjustment to his environment. (17:14)

Miller said that the young child is an idealist as well as a democrat and that he has amazing energy and a tremendous need to experience and explore life.

Williamson and Lyle (25), in 1941, discussed the contribution of home economics to the core curriculum as follows:

In a number of schools the entire curriculum of the school is being reorganized in that the resulting education may function more directly in the lives of the pupils. Some schools aim to achieve this by retaining the usual courses but attempting to make each course intemally more suited to the life needs of the students. Still other schools have chosen to use a core-curriculum plan. As its name implies the core is composed. of those learnings and experiences thought to be needed by all students at a particular educational level, either elementary, junior high, or senior high. ... Home economics teachers, whose major concern should be to aid pupils in meeting effoctively the personal and home problems of everyday life, can make a real contribution to such

> curriculums ... Home economies teachers should be able to point out such needs and to provide guidance in experiences designed to meet them. Whether the theme of the core be living successfully in home or living better in our town, or some other equally vital real -life problem, the home-economics teacher should be ready to make a valuable contribution Her place is here as well as in the special-interest courses that may be elected in addition to the core course in such schools. (25:95)

## Recent trends in elementary

 homemaking educationMunhall (18), in 1938, wrote that home economics education in the Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, schools was introduced in the seventh grade and was compulsory for two years in 23 elementary and 9 junior high schools. The course provided foundation work in foods, clothing, and related work. However, the four years of home economics offered in high school was elective.

In the Philadelphia schools (9), home economics was reorganized in 1938. The work was introduced in the fifth grade with a unit on family life and with the expressed aim of developing intelligent interest for personal happiness and home life. The work formerly called "clothing" was replaced by the term "family life". The art department cooperated with the home economics teacher in the establishment of a natural relationship between the two subjects. Equipment facilities were added to the diversified activity room so that all phases of the activity might be carried on at the same
time. In the junior high school, exchange classes were provided for boys and girls. The low section of the eighth-grade girls was given household mechanies, while the boys received work in foods and homemaking.

Spafford (21:116-30), in 1940, said that the present trend away from subject matter and towards activities was to be commended, but that the lack of a well thought out philosophy as to what these activities should accomplish was a handicap. She cited the multiplication of various types of core programs designed to meet everyday needs.

Spafford referred to the planning of homemaking courses for the fifth and sixth grades in the Arizona schools as another type of homemaking program in the lower grades. These classes met once a week, for an hour period, and the material dealt with the responsibilities and privileges of the individual in the community. The objectives of the course were the develop. ment of some habits of satisfactory and healthful living and the development of some ability to perform tasks as a home helper.

Munyan (19), in 1942, reported in a study that she had thoroughly examined her homemaking course and had found that her greatest difficulty was overcoming the definite attitudes of the parents toward sewing and cooking classes. A questionnaire was sent to the parents
to detemine the material to be presented in a course which the children and their parents would accept gladly, not resentfully. The teacher collected the questionnaires at the home to assure 100 percent retums. Other data collected at the same time were the financial status of the family and the responsibility given to the girls in caring for small children in the homes studied.

The above study was used as a basis for the selection of material used in planning a new course. Munyan reported that the plan had not proved practical in every respect, but had proved that a program could be flexible and that abundant material from which to draw should be planned. The greatest value of the study was the material provided for planning the course to meet the needs and the interests of the pupils.

Haddow (11), in 1943, reported that in 1937 seven homemaking centers for boys and girls were oxganized under the leadership of the home economics in Youngstown, Oh10. Records revealed that many boys and girls did not go to high school, but assumed adult responsibilities in the care and feeding of children. Results of the six-year program were observed, and it was found that students had acquired an appreciation of home activities and that they had become more interested In the home and had learned to cooperate with others and
to improve social habits through experiences. The report indicated the present need of the program as follows:

> Those who planned the program believe that it is more important now as mothers and fathers are leaving the welfare of the younger members of the families to older brother or sister while they themselves are responding to the nation's call in defense of home and country. (11:18)

## Sumnary

Studies dealing with the influences affecting the election of home economics by high-school girls gave as the chief factors: lack of supervision of the home economics department, poor courses of study, lack of interest in homemaking, heavy schedules of college requirements, unfavorable attitudes of parents toward homemaking courses, dislike of home projects, and negative influence of the teacher. Most of these factors indicate that teachers in the field have failed to organize and to present work designed especially for the purpose of increasing the interest of the students and building favorable attitudes in parents, as well as in administrators, toward the homemaking department.

Writers have agreed that a functioning homemaking program planned directly in the lives of the pupils has been accomplished in various types of schools and that a home economics teacher should be able to point out and to provide guidance in planning programs
to aid pupils in meeting effectively the personal and home problems of everyday life.

Reports dealing with trends in elementary homemaking programs gave as the principal changes: the introducing of homemaking to fifth-grade students, the providing of homemaking for boys and girls, the exchanging of homemaking classes with the industrial arts instructor, the combining of the efforts of special teachers in related subjects, and the changing of the name and the content of the homemaking course.

## Chapter III

PROCEDURE

Before examining the factors of elementary homemaking which influence the ninth-grade homemaking enrollment in the Arizona schools, a study was made of both the high school and the elementary school curricula of the state for the purpose of selecting the high schools in which homemaking was elective and the high schools which received pupils from the elementary schools both with and without homemaking classes. This Information was secured from the Arizona State Office of Education.

The schools selected represented three types as follows:

1. Schools offering elementary homemaking from which pupils leave to enter separate high schools: Adams, Alhambra, Balsz, Boullion Plaza, Creighton, Emerson, Glendale, George Washington, Inspiration, Isaac, Kenilworth, Longview, Lowell, Lower Miami, Madison, Murphy, Scottsdale, Tempe Grammar, Tempe Rural, Tempe Training, Tolleson, Scottsdale, Washington, and Whittier.
2. Schools offering homemaking in both the eighth and the ninth grades with the same teacher and department: Flagstaff, Gilbert, Peoria, and Willcox.
3. Schools offering no elementary homemaking: Roosevelt and Springerville.

The girls graduating from the above elementary schools normally entered one of the following high schools: Buckeye, Flagstaff, Gllbert, Glendale, Miami, Peoria, Phoenix Union High, Phoenix North High, Scottsdale, Springerville, Tempe, Tolleson, and Willcox.

The next step in providing data for the solution of the problem under investigation was the determination of reasons for electing or not electing home economics by ninth-grade girls. This was done by means of a questionnaire designed to determine reasons for the election, or non-election, of ninth-grade homemaking. Section $I$ of the questionnaire $1 /$ was for the girls who-had studied no homemaking before entering the ninth grade, as well as for the girls who had received elementary school homemaking. Section II of the questiomaire 2/was for only those girls who had studied homemaking in the elementary school and was designed to determine the influence of the elementary homemaking course on the election, or non-election, of homemaking in the ninth grade.

The questionnaire was presented to the Seminar In Educational Research at Colorado State College before corrections and revisions were made. After approval, the questionnaire was given to two groups of

[^2]eighth-grade girls who checked it for clearness and simplicity. The time required for filling out the questionnaire was determined and was furnished to the principals as an estimate of the amount of time to be allowed for the administering of the questionnaire.

A few minor changes were made before the questionnaire was submitted to the Supervisor of Homemaking Education for Arizona for final approval before it was mimeographed for use by the schools.

The questionnaires were mimeographed, white paper being used for girls enrolled in ninth-grade homemaking and pink paper for girls who were not enrolled. This was simply a device to help in the sorting and the grouping of the papers as they were recelved.

In October, 1942, letters 3/were sent to the superintendents or principals of the 13 selected high schools, in which their cooperation was requested and their responsibility in securing the information needed for the study was stated. The purpose of the study was also outlined, and the superintendents and principals were asked to indicate, on the enclosed cards $4 /$, their willingness to cooperate and their desire to receive the results of the study.

[^3]All correspondence with the superintendents and principals was sent from the state office of the Supervisor of Homemaking Education with signatures of both the homemaking supervisor and the writer. After replies were received indicating a willingness to participate in the study, the superintendents and principals were sent the following materials:

1. Questionnaires for all ninth-grade girls.
2. A letter 5/ giving instructions for using the questionnaires.
a. An explanation that white sheets were to be used by girls who were taking homemaking and that pink sheets were to be used by girls who were not taking homemaking.
b. A discussion of a brief introduction that might be used when passing out the questionnaires. The introduction made clear the purpose of the questionnaires to secure the cooperation of the girls.
c. A request that the girls be asked to read the questionnaires carefully and to answer each question.

All together 1400 questionnaires were given to the ninthgrade girls in the 13 high schools selected for the study. Of the above number 806 questionnaires were completely filled out and usable for this study.

In order to secure additional data concerning the training and the experience of teachers, the equipment in the elementary school departments, the content
5) See Appendix for copy of form.
of the elementary courses offered, and the length of class time, the writer, together with the Supervis or of Homemaking Education for Arizona, interviewed the teachers of the elementary schools and visited the departments of the schools in the study. A check list 6/ was prepared on which information could be recorded when the schools were visited and the teachers interviewed.

Additional information regarding the number of eighth-grade girls graduating from the schools in 1941-42 was obtained from the county office of educetion and the Phoenix grade school office. Information regarding the training and the experience of the teachers who had left the school system was obtained from the records of the county office of education.

6/ See Appendix for copy of form.

## Ghapter IV

## ANAIYSIS OF DATA

The data for this study were obtained from the office of the Supervisor of Homemaking Education of Arizona, from the 806 questionnaires answered by ninthgrade girls in 13 high schools, from interviews with elementary homemaking teachers and visits to elementary homemaking departments made by the writer and the Supervis or of Homemaking Education of Arizona. Additional data were secured from the records of state, county, and city superintendents of education.

An analysis of the enrollment of the ninthgrade girls is presented in a comparison of the number and the percentage of the girls electing homemaking, hereafter referred to as the "homemaking group", with those not electing homemaking, hereafter referred to as the "non-homemaking group", and of the age distribution of the girls electing and not electing homemaking. The questionnaires checked by the ninth-grade girls are analyzed under the four headings as follows:

1. Influences affecting election of homemaking.
2. Opinions toward opportunities which homemaking offers.
3. Attitudes of the ninth-grade girls toward election of homemaking.
4. Attitudes of girls toward elementary homemaking.

An analysis was made of the content of work offered and the amount of time given to elementary homemaking education. An association test was made of the ninth-grade girls electing homemaking and those not electing homemaking for influences of the elementary homemaking education as follows: the training and the experience of the teacher, and the equipment of the elementary homemaking department.

## Statistical methods <br> and techniques

Two methods were used in making the comparisons that were necessary in solving the problem. The percentage of each group of girls who responded "yes" and "no" was determined for each item on the questionnaire, and the results were compared. The critical ratio, $\underline{t}$, was used to determine if the differences in percentages of the two groups were true differences for the populations represented by the samples. ( $7: 228$ ) This ratio is the ratio of any statistic to its standard error. A minus sign in this study indicates a higher percentage in the non-homemaking group than in the homemaking group. Throughout this study, the value of $t$ will be interpreted as follows:
$t$ greater than 3 is very significant.
$t$ between 2 and 3 is significant.
$t$ less than 2 is not significant.
The second procedure consisted in applying the chisquare test $(7: 387)$ to discover whether the frequency distribution departed significantly from the expected form. This statistical technique was used in this study to provide a measure of probability that the two sets of data were dependent (definitely associated) or were independent (significantly different).

## Enrollment

A comparison of the enrollment reported by the 13 high schools in the study indicated that about one half of the ninth-grade girls were enrolled in the homemaking classes (Table 1). The percentages of enrollment in the various high schools varied greatly, but it was interesting to note that, in the largest school, the number of girls electing homemaking was only slightly less than the average of the girls from all the high schools; and that the school next to the highest in enrollment was the lowest in the percentage of girls electing ninth-grade homemaking.

In only three of the high schools was the percent of the ninthegrade girls not enrolled in homemaking less than 50. (Table 1) The general tendency was toward a higher percentage of enrollment for the

Table l. $--P E R C E N T A G E S$ OF NINTH-GRADE GIRLS IN HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS IN 13 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS IN 1942-43.

| High school | Ninth- <br> grade <br> girls | Homemaking group |  | Non-homemaking group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Phoenix Union | 651 | 294 | 45.2 | 357 | 54.8 |
| Phoenix North High - - - - | 294 | 57 | 19.1 | 237 | 80.9 |
| Miami - - - - | 90 | 59 | 65.6 | 31 | 34.4 |
| Flagstaff - - | 65 | 48 | 73.9 | 17 | 26.1 |
| Tempe - - - | 49 | 16 | 32.7 | 33 | 67.3 |
| Glendale - - - | 43 | 30 | 69.2 | 13 | 30.8 |
| Buckeye - - - | 40 | 31 | 77.5 | 9 | 22.5 |
| Tolleson - - - | 30 | 17 | 56.7 | 13 | 43.3 |
| Scottsdale - - | 30 | 18 | 60.0 | 12 | 40.0 |
| Peoria - - - | 23 | 15 | 65.2 | 8 | 34.8 |
| Gilbert - - | 18 | 16 | 88.9 | 2 | 11.1 |
| Springerville | 16 | 16 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Willcox - - - | 14 | 12 | 85.7 | 2 | 14.3 |
| Total - - | 1363 | 629 | 46.2 | 734 | 53.8 |

departments in the smaller schools than in the larger schools.

In studying the percentages of eighth-grade girl graduates in the high schools included in this study those pupils who left school, those who entered other high schools in the state or in another state are listed as "girls unaccounted for" in this study. No girl was included who had not attended one of the elementary schools included in this study during 1941-42, as the figures are based on the complete and

Table 2.--PERCENTAGES OF EIGHTH-GRADE GIRL GRADUATES FROM 33 ELEMENTARY SGHOOLS ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL, FALL OF 1942.

| Elementery school | Eighth grade girl grad's No. | Girls unaccounted for in the study |  | Ninth-grade girls |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Monroe - - | 122 | 59 | 48.4 | 63 | 51.6 |
| Adams - - - | 102 | 32 | 31.7 | 69 | 68.3 |
| Emers on | 77 | 17 | 22.1 | 60 | 77.9 |
| Wilson - - | 68 | 36 | 52.9 | 32 | 47.1 |
| Kenilworth - - | 68 | 16 | 23.5 | 52 | 76.5 |
| Glendale - - | 67 | 33 | 49.3 | 34 | - 50.7 |
| Creighton - - | 65 | 14 | 21.5 | 51 | 78.5 |
| Lowell - - - | 64 | 50 | 78.1 | 14 | 21.9 |
| Longview - - - | 63 | 16 | 25.4 | 47 | 74.6 |
| Osborn 7/- - - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Roosevelt - - | 58 | 24 | 41.3 | 34 28 | 58.7 53.8 |
| Flagstaff - - | 52 | 24 | 46.2 | 28 | 53.8 83.3 |
| Madison - - | 36 | 6 | 16.7 | 30 | 83.3 |
| Boullion Plaza | 34 | 11 | 32.4 | 23 | 67.6 |
| Alhambra - - | 29 | 14 | 48.3 | 15 | 51.7 |
| Balsz - - - | 29 | 15 | 51.8 | 14 | 48.2 |
| Inspiration - | 25 | 5 | 20.0 | 20 | 80.0 |
| Scottsdale - - | 25 | 9 | 36.0 | 16 | 64.0 |
| Buckeye - - - | 24 | 10 | 41.7 | 14 | 58.3 |
| Washington - - | 22 | 4 | 18.2 | 18 | 81.8 |
| Gilbert - - | 21 | 8 | 38.1 | 13 | 61.9 |
| Tempe Training | 20 | 4 | 20.0 | 16 | 80.0 |
| Whittier - - - | 20 | 2 | 10.0 | 18 | 90.0 |
| Tolleson - - - | 20 | 7 | 35.0 | 13 | 65.0 |
| Isaac - - | 19 | 4 | 21.1 | 15 | 78.9 |
| Murphy - | 18 | 5 | 27.8 | 13 | 72.2 |
| Tempe - - - | 18 | 2 | 11.1 | 16 | 88.9 |
| Peoria - - - | 16 | 2 | 12.5 | 14 | 87.5 |
| Geo.Washington | 15 | 4 | 26.7 | 11 | 73.3 |
| Springerville | 14 | 2 | 14.3 | 12 | 85.7 |
| Willcox - - | 14 | 4 | 28.6 | 10 | 71.4 |
| Tempe Rural - | 12 | 2 | 16.7 | 10 | 83.3 |
| Lower Miami - | 12 | 1 | 8.3 | 11. | 91.7 |
| Total - - | 1248 | 442 | 35.4 | 806 | 64.6 |

1/ Osborn included with Longview records.
usable returns from the high schools.
A comparison of the number of girls graduating from the 33 elementary schools with the number of those girls entering high school indicated that about two thirds of the number graduating in 1941-42 had entered the local high school included in this study. (Table 2) The percentage of the girls continuing from the eighth to the ninth grade varied greatly among the schools, the range being 22 to 92 percent. In more than one half of the schools about three fourths of the eighth grade continued in the local high school the following year.

From four small schools, Gilbert, Springerville, George Washington, and Willcox (Table 3), 100 percent of the girls graduating from the eighth grade enrolled in homemaking in high school. Seventy percent or more of the girls graduating from Glendale, Flagstaff, Boullion Plaza, Buckeye, Tolleson, and Lower Miami elected homemaking in the ninth grade. Fewer than 50 percent of girls graduating from $23^{\prime}$ of these elementary schools elected homemaking in the ninth grade.

From two schools, Lowell and Tempe Rural, where elementary homemaking had been offered, no girls elected ninth-grade homemaking.

Table 3.--PERCENTAGES OF NINTH-GRADE GIRLS IN HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO EIGHTH-GRADE HOMEMAKING IN 33 ARIZONA ELEMEENTARY SCHOOLS, 1942.

| Elementary school |  | Ninth-grade homemaking group |  |  |  | Ninth-grade nonhomemaking group |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rec'd 8th grade homemak'g |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Rec }^{\prime} \mathrm{d} \text { no } \\ \text { 8th grade } \\ \text { homemak } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | Rectd 8th grade homemak' $g$ |  | Rect d no 8 th grade homeinak ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
|  |  | No. | \% | No. | \% | No. | \% | No. | \% |
| Roosevel | 34 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 55.9 |
| Springer - | 12 | 0 | 0.0 | 12 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Gil bert | 13 | 13 | 200.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Geo.Washington | 11 | 11 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Willcox - | 10 | 10 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Lower Miami | 11 | 10 | 90.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 9.1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Washington | 18 | 13 | 72.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 27.8 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Glendale - | 34 | 24 | 70.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 29.4 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Buckeye - | 14 | 9 | 64.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 35.7 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Flagstaff | 28 | 18 | 64.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 35.7 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Tolleson - | 13 | 8 | 61.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 38.5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Peoria - - | 14 | 8 | 57.1. | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 42.9 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Boullion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plaza - | 23 | 12 | 52.2 | - | 0.0 | 11 | 47.8 |  | 0.0 |
| Inspiration | 20 | 8 | 40.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 12 | 60.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Tempe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Training | 16 | 6 | 37.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 62.5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Alhambra - | 15 | 5 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 66.7 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Tempe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grammar - | 16 | 5 | 31.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | $68 \cdot 7$ | 0 | 0.0 |
| Kenllworth | 52 | 14 | 27.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 38 | 72.7 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Madis on | 30 | 8 | 26.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 22 | 73.3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Balsz | 14 | 3 | 21.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 78.6 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Monroe | 63 | 11 | 17.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 52 | 82.5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Murphy - - | 13 | 2 | 15.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 84.7 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Longview - | 14 | 2 | 14.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 12 | 85.7 | 0 | . |
| Wilson - - | 32 | , | 12.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 28 | 87.5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Osborn | 33 | 4 | 12.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 29 | 87.9 | 0 | . |
| Adams - | 69 | 7 | 11.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 62 | 88.5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Whittier | 18 | 2 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 16 | 88.9 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Emerson - | 60 | 6 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 54 | 90.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Creighton | 51 | 5 | 9.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 46 | 91.2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Isaac - - | 15 | 1 | 6.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 93.4 | 0 | 0.0 |

Table 3.--PERGENTAGES OF NINTH GRADE GIRLS IN HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO EIGHTH-GRADE HOMEMAKING IN 33 ARIZONA BUEMENTARY SGHOOLS, 1942. (continued)

| Elementary school |  | Ninth-grade homemaking group |  |  |  | Ninth-grade nonhomemaking group |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rectd 8th grade homemak ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~g}$ |  | Rec'd no 8th grade homemak ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~g}$ |  | Rectd 8th grade homemak ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~g}$ |  | Recid no 8 th grade homemak ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
|  |  | No. | \% | No. | \% | No. | \% | No. | \% |
| Scottsdale | 16 | 1 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 15 | 93.7 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Lovrell - - | 14 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Tempe Rural | 10 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total - | 806 | 230 | 28.5 | 27 | 3.3 | 530 | 65.8 | 19 | 2.4 |

The percentage of the girls electing homemaking In the ninth grade was larger (76 percent) for the group of schools in which both the eighth- and ninth-grade classes were taught in the same department by the same teacher, than it was for either of the other two groups (Table 4). More than one half of the girls who graduated from an elementary school which did not offer homemaking close to elect it in high school, while only about one out of four girls who had taken homemaking in the elementary school elected that course when they entered a separate high school.

Table 4.--ENROLLMENT IN HOMEMAKING OF NINTH-GRADE GIRLS FROM 33 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, CLASS IFIED ACCORDING TO CONTINUITY OF EIGHTH- AND NINTH-GRADE HOMEMAKING, 1942.

| Elementary <br> school <br> offering: | No.en- <br> tering <br> high <br> school | Homemaking <br> group |  | Non-homemaking <br> group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No elementary <br> homemaking <br> Homemaking <br> with same <br> teacher and <br> department <br> for 8th-and | 46 | 27 | 58.7 | 19 | 41.3 |
| 9th grades <br> Homemaking, <br> but not con- | 65 | 49 | 75.6 | Number | Percent |

Enrollment according to age. --The mean age of all the ninth-grade girls in this study was about 15 years (Table 5), the range being from 12 to 18 years. Since the mean age was 14.9 for the homemaking group and 14.8 for the non-homemaking group, only a slight difference (.l year) existed between the ages of the two groups .

Table 5.--AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NINTH-GRADE GIRLS ENROLLED IN 13 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOIS, 1942

| Age of girls | Number of 9th-grade girls | Homemaking group | Non-homemaking group |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18 - . - | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 17 - - - | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| 16 - - - | 50 | 20 | 30 |
| 15 - - - | 210 | 81 | 129 |
| 14-- - | 481 | 136 | 345 |
| 13-- - | 57 | 16 | 41 |
| Total - - | 806 | 257 | 549 |
| Average (mean) | 14.8 | 14.9 | 14.8 |

## Influences affecting

## election of homemaking

Six types of persons were listed (Table 6) to determine where the influence of advice toward the election of ninth-grade homemaking was the greatest. In both groups, more of the girls indicated that some member of the family advised more often the election of homemaking than any other person. More than one half of the girls in the homemaking group responded that they had been advised by some member of the family to elect homemaking, while only one of six in the non-homemaking group responded in this manner.

In the homemaking group, the friend who had taken homemaking ranked second (20 percent) of the


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persons advising the election of homemaking. More of


 the girls electing homemaking claimed to have received advice about the election of homemaking than did the girls in the non-homemaking group, with the exception of the homemaking teacher whose influence was very slight according to responses by both groups of girls. Only 17 of the 257 girls electing homemaking indicated that the homemaking teacher had advised them toward the election of homemaking.Table 6.--PERSONS ADVISING HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS REGARDING ELECTION OF HOMEMAKING IN NINTH GRADE IN 33 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS IN 1942-43.

| Persons advising <br> election of homemaking |  | Homemaking group |  |  |  |  | Non-homemaking group |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes |  | No. |  |  | Yes |  | No |  |
|  |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |
| A member of the family - - | 235 | 135 | 57.4 | 100 | 42.6 | 522 | 93 | 17.8 | 429 | 82.2 |
| A friend who had taken homemsking - - . . . - - | 222 | 45 | 20.3 | 177 | 79.7 | 491 | 44 | 8.6 | 447 | 91.4 |
| A teacher . . . . . - | 233 | 39 | 16.7 | 194 | 83.3 | 482 | 29 | 6.0 | 453 | 94.0 |
| A friend in the class - - | 221 | 30 | 13.6 | 191 | 86.4 | 484 | 35 | 7.2 | 449 | 92.8 |
| The homemaking teacher - - | 223 | 17 | 7.6 | 206 | 92.4 | 448 | 49 | 10.0 | 439 | 90.0 |
| Principal or superintendent | 234 | 16 | 6.8 | 218 | 93.2 | 482 | 18 | 3.7 | 464 | 96.3 |

When the percentages presented in the previous table were compared statistically (Table 7), the percentages for the homemaking group were found to be very significantly higher than those for the hon-homemaking group in regard to advice received concerning election of homemaking from "A member of the family", "A friend who had taken homemaking", and "A teacher". A significant difference between the two groups was found for "A friend in the class". It is interesting to find that not only was the difference not significant for" The homemaking teacher", but the difference was in favor of the non-homemaking group.

Table $7 .-$ SIGNIFICANCE OF DIFFERENGES BETWEEN ADVICE RECEIVED TOWARD EIECTING HOMEMAKING BY HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS, 13 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS, 1942-43.

| Persons advising election of homemaking | Differences between homemaking and non-homemaking groups |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% 1/ | S.E. | t | Interpretation |
| A member of the |  |  |  |  |
| family - - | 39.6 | . 0370 | 10.7 | Very significant |
| A friend who had |  |  |  |  |
| taken homemaking | 11.7 | . 0298 | 3.9 | Very significant |
| A teacher - - - | 10.7 | .0275 | 3.9 | Very significant |
| A friend in the class | 6.4 | . 0259 | 2.5 | Significant |
| Principal or superintendent | 3.1 | . 0224 | 1.1 | Not significant |
| The homemaking |  |  |  |  |
| teacher - - - | -2.4 | . 0186 | $-1.7$ | Not significant |

Opinions toward opportunities
homemaking offers
More than four out of five girls in the homemaking group responded that they expected ninthgrade homemaking to teach them to "Learn how to take your share of responsibility in the home", "Make some new clothes", and "Plan, prepare, and serve meals", while from 55 to 65 percent of the non-homemaking group thought the ninth-grade homemaking course would teach them these things. (Table 8)

Between 60 and 70 percent of the homemaking group checked affirmatively the following opportunities expected of ninth-grade homemaking:

To improve conditions in your home
To learn to select clothes becoming to yourself
To learn to use money wisely
To improve your health
To learn to select food in cafeterias and restaurants

To learn to understand and help small children
To improve your personality
The above items were checked in the affirmative by 45 to 53 percent of the non-homemaking group.

The opportunity "to join the Homemaking Club" ranked lowest with both groups.

Table 8.--ATTITUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND NON-HONEMAKING GROUPS TOWARD OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY HOMENAKING IN 13 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS, 1942-43.

| Did you think ninth-grade homemaking would give you an opportunity to do any of the following: |  | Homemaking group |  |  |  |  | Non-homemaking group |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes |  | NO |  |  | Yes |  | No |  |
|  |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |
| Learn how to take your share of responsibility in the home? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Make some new clothes? - - | 244 | 200 | 82.0 | 44 | 18.0 | 488 | 313 | 64.1 | 175 | 35.9 |
| Plan, prepare, and serve meals? | 225 | 181 | 80.4 | 44 | 19.6 | 422 | 243 | 57.6 | 179 | 42.4 |
| Improve conditions in your home? | 239 | 179 | 74.9 | 60 | 25.1 | 468 | 224 | 47.9 | 244 | 52.1 |
| Learn to select clothes becoming to yourself? - - | 234 | 166 | 70.9 | 68 | 29.1 | 508 | 261 | 51.4 | 247 | 48.6 |
| Learn to use money more wisely? | 241 | 166 | 68.9 | 75 | 31.1 | 505 | 268 | 53.1 | 237 | 46.9 |
| Improve your health? - - - | 233 | 158 | 67.8 | 75 | 32.2 | 482 | 217 | 45.0 | 265 | 55.0 |
| Learn to select food at cafeterias and restaurants? | 246 | 151 | 61.3 | 95 | 38.7 | 473 | 244 | 51.6 | 229 | 48.4 |
| Learn to understand and help small children? | 235 | 143 | 60.9 | 92 | 39.1 | 484 | 258 | 53.3 | 226 | 46.7 |

Table 8.--ATTITUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS TOWARD OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY HOMEMAKING IN 13 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOIS, 1942-43.--(continued)

| Did you think ninth-grade homemaking would give you an opportunity to do any of the following: |  | Homemaking group |  |  |  |  | Non-homemaking group |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes |  | No |  |  | Yes |  | No |  |
|  |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |
| Improve your personality so you would be more popular? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 232 | 138 | 59.5 | 94 | 40.5 | 468 | 218 | 47.6 | 250 | 53.4 |
| club? . . . . . . | 230 | 84 | 36.5 | 146 | 63.5 | 476 | 156 | 32.8 | 320 | 67.2 |

When the differences in the percentages were compared with their standard errors, it was found that the affimative responses of the homemaking group regarding the opportunities that ninth-grade homemaking would provide were significantly higher than those, of the non-homemaking group for the following opportunities:

To learn how to share your responsibility in the home.

To improve conditions in your home.
To plan, prepare, and serve meals.
To improve your heal th.
To make some new clothes.
To learn to select clothes becoming to yourself.
To learn to use money more wisely.
To improve your personality so you would be more popular.

Differences in percentages favoring the same group which were found to be significant were for the opportunities, "To learn to select food at cafeterias and restaurants" and "To learn to understand and help small children". (Table 9)

Table 9.--SIGNIFICANGE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ATTITUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS TOWARD OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY HOMEMAKING IN 13 ARIZONA HIGH SGHOOLS, 1942-43.

| Did you think 9 thgrade homemaking would give you an opportunity to do any of the following: | Differences between homemaking and non-homemaking groups |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% 1/ | S.E. | t | Interpretation |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| your responsibility? | 28.3 | . 0317 | 8.9 | Very significant |
| Improve conditions |  |  |  |  |
| in your home? - - | 27.0 | .0363 | 7.4 | Very significant |
| Plan, prepare, and serve meals? | 22.8 | . 0358 | 6.4 | Very significant |
| Improve your heal th? | 27.8 | . 0381 | 6.0 | Very significant |
| Make some new clothes? | 17.9 | . 0342 | 5.2 | Very significant |
| Leam to select |  |  |  |  |
| clothes becoming to yourself? | 19.5 | . 0371 | 5.3 | Very significant |
| Learn to use money more wisely? | 15.8 | . 0372 | 4.3 | Very significant |
| Improve your personality so you would be more popular? | 11.9 | . 0398 | 3.0 | Very significant |
| Learn to select food at cafeterias and rastaurants? | 9.7 | . 0386 | 2.5 | Significant |
| Learn to understand and help small children? - | 7.8 | . 0391 | 2.0 | Significant |
| Join the Homemaking Club? | 3.7 | . 0384 | 1.0 | Not significant |

1/ Minus sign indicates a higher percentage in the non-homeraking group than in the homemaking group.

## Attitudes of the ninth-grade

## girls toward election of

## homemaking

It was found that nearly three fourths of the homemaking group responded favorably (Table 10) to "Homemaking would be fun", with less than one half of the non-homemaking group making this response. More than one half of the homemaking group responded affimatively to "Homemaking training would help you get a job", "Homemaking is important for girls who attend college", and "Homemaking would be an easy course", while the affirmative responses of the non-homemaking group were slightly lower regarding these items.

Although one out of every three girls in the homemaking group indicated that they would be expected to help more at home if they took homemaking, yet these girls had elected homemaking.

Twenty percent of the homemaking group responded to "Mothers could teach all the homemaking needed", while the non-homemaking group ( 60 percent) made a higher affirmative response.

Both groups nearly agreed in regard to the attitude, "Homemaking was only for girls who expect to marry soon". The responses were negative, 98 and 94 percent for the homemaking and non-homemaking groups respectively.

Table 10.--COMPARISON OF ATTITUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND HON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS IN 13 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS, 1942-43.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 6.80 \\ & \& \quad \text { \&7 } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { mernaking } \\ & \mathbb{N}=25^{5} \end{aligned}$ | group |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 0 \\ 0 \\ & 60 \end{array}$ |  | on-homen | $\begin{gathered} \text { aking } \\ 509 \end{gathered}$ | group |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Yes | No |  | - |  | Yes |  | No |
|  | 运 | No. | Percent | No. P | rcent | ${ }_{5}^{5}$ | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |
| Homemaking would be fun | 253 | 198 | 78.2 | 55 | 21.8 | 505 | 233 | 43.6 | 302 | 56.4 |
| Homemaking training would help you get a job . . . . ....... | 255 | 170 | 66.7 | 85 | 33.3 | 525 | 204 | 38.9 | 321 | 61.1 |
| Homemaking was important for girls who attend college | 250 | 162 | 64.8 | 88 | 35.2 | 529 | 214 | 40.5 | 315 | 59.5 |
| Homemaking would be an easy course | 255 | 143 | 56.1 | 112 | 43.9 | 536 | 235 | 43.5 | 301 | 56.2 |
| You would be expected to help more at home if you took homemaking - - | 244 | 89 | 36.5 | 155 | 63.5 | 533 | 101 | 18.9 | 432 | 81.1 |
| Mother could teach all the homemaking you need | 254 | 56 | 22.0 | 198 | 78.0 | 508 | 306 | 60.2 | 202 | 39.8 |
| Homemaking would be expensive - - . . . - Classes with boys would | 191 | 36 | 18.8 | 155 | 81.2 | 509 | 103 | 20.2 | 406 | 79.8 |
| Classes with boys would be more interesting - - | 251 | 42 | 16.7 | 209 | 83.3 | 522 | 194 | 37.2 | 328 | 62.8 |
| Homemaking required too much time for credit | 251 | 33 | 13.1 | 218 | 86.9 | 523 | 103 | 19.7 | 420 | 80.3 |
| Homemaking was only for girls who expect to marry soon | 251 | 5 | 2.0 | 246 | 98.0 | 526 | 33 | 6.3 | 493 | 93.7 |

When statistical comparisons of percentages were made, a very significant difference was found (Table ll) in favor of the homemaking group concerning the following attitudes toward ninth-grade homemaking:

Homemaking would be fun.
Homemaking would help you get a job.
Homemaking was important for girls who go to college.

You would be expected to help more at home if you elected homemaking.

Homemaking would be an easy course.
Attitudes in which very significant differences
favor the non-homemaking group were discovered are:
Homemaking was for girls who would marry soon.
Homemaking would require too much time.
Classes with boys would be more interesting. Mother could teach all the homemaking needed.

Table Il.--SIGNIFICANCE OF DIFFBRENCES OF ATTIIUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS TOWARD HOMEMAKING IN 13 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS, 1942-43.

| Attitudes | Differences between homemaking and non-homemaking groups |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% 1/ | S.E. | t | Interpretation |
| Homemaking would be fun? | 34.6 | . 0341 | 10.1 | Very significant |
| Homemaking would help get a job? | 28.0 | . 0364 | 7.7 | Very significant |
| Important for girls who go to college? | 24.3 | .0370 | 6.6 | Very significant |
| Would be expected to help more at |  |  |  |  |
| home if you took homemaking? | 18.4 | . 0352 | 5.0 | Very significant |
| Homemaking would be easy? | 12.3 | . 0378 | 3.3 | Very significant |
| Homemaking would be expensive? | 0.7 | . 0330 | -2 | Not significant |
| Homemaking would require too mach time? | -6.6 | .0275 | -2.4 | Significant |
| Homemaking was for girls who would marry soon? | -4.3 | . 0138 | -3.1. | Very significant |
| Classes with boys would be more interesting? - - | $-20.5$ | . 0316 | -6.5 | Very significant |
| Mother could teach all homemaking needed? | -38.2 | . 0339 | $-11.3$ | Very significant |

1/ Minus sign indicates a higher percentage in the non-homemaking groups than in the homemaking group.

Attitudes toward
elementax y homemaking
In an analysis of the data (Table 12) on attitudes of girls toward their elementary homemaking, it was discovered that better than three fourths of both
the homemaking and non-homemaking groups responded that their homemaking training had proved useful. Slightly better than one half of the non-homemaking group signified that they had received enough homemaking training in the elementary school, as compared with only one sixth of the homemaking group.

Elementary homemaking was enjoyed by the two groups of girls as indicated by the high percentages of both groups responding to the statement, "Did you enjoy elementary homemaking?" "Did you like the eighth-grade homemaking teacher?" received a 20 percent greater affirmative response from the homemaking group than from the non-homemaking group. The responses of both groups regarding the seventhegrade teacher revealed only a slight difference. Four fifths of the non-homemaking group have indicated that sufficient reference material was available, whereas only 65 percent of the homemaking group made this concession.

Preference for food classes was indicated by both groups as compared with clothing classes; however the homemaking group led with a higher percentage in favor of both phases of homemaking. Units from other areas of homemaking as personal grooming and child care found credible recognition by a larger percent of responses from the homemaking group. The items which were reported affirmatively by small percentages of both

Table 12.--COMPARISON OF ATTITUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS TOWARD ELEMEN TARY HOMEMAKING IN 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1942-43.


Table 12.--COMP ARISON OF ATTITUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS TOWARD ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING IN 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1942-43 (continued)

| Attitudes |  | Homemaking group$N=230$ |  |  |  |  | Non-homemaking group$N=530$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes |  | No |  |  |  | Yes |  | No |
|  |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |
| Did you think the class discussions were helpful? | 219 | 169 | 77.2 | 50 | 22.8 | 513 | 356 | 69.4 | 157 | 30.6 |
| Did you have programs for your parents as exhibits, style shows, food programs, or teas? | 21.3 | 157 | 73.7 | 56 | 26.3 | 512 | 421 | 82.2 | 91 | 17.8 |
| Did you like other work in homemaking such as personal grooming, use of money, and care of children? | 21.3 | 157 | 73.4 | 57 | 26.6 | 497 | 302 | 60.8 | 195 | 39.2 |
| $D_{1 d}$ you like the seventhgrade homemaking teacher? | 208 | 152 | 73.1 | 56 | 26.9 | 491 | 345 | 70.3 | 146 | 29.7 |
| Did you like clothing classes in elementary school? | 218 | 158 | 72.5 | 60 | 27.5 | 504 | 284 | 56.3 | 220 | 43.7 |
| Did you have sufficient books and reference material. in the homemaking department? | 220 | 144 | 65.5 | 76 | 34.5 | 505 | 423 | 83.8 | 82 | 16.2 |
| Did you think the homemaking dept.In elementary school was attractive? | 221 | 1331 | 60.2 | 88 | 39.8 | 516 | 267 | 51.7 | 249 | 48.3 |

Table 12.--COMP ARISON OF ATTITUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS TOWARD ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING IN 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SGHOOLS, 1942-43 (continued)

| Attitudes |  | Homemaking group$N=230$ |  |  |  |  | Non-homemaking group$N=530$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Yes | No |  |  | Yes |  | No |  |
|  |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |  | No. | Percent | No. | Percent |
| Did you have enough time in your elementary homemaking classes to finish your work satisfactorily? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 219 | 130 | 59.4 | 89 | 40.6 | 505 | 344 | 68.1 | 161 | 31.9 |
| Did you get new ideas from the Bulletin Boardsi - - | 218 | 114 | 52.3 | 104 | 47.7 | 515 | 210 |  | 305 |  |
| Did you help serve a banquet or other meals for guests when in elementary school? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 210 | 107 | 51.0 | 103 | 49.0 | 509 | 342 | 67.2 | 167 | 32.8 |
| Did you help plan your homemaking work in elementary homemaking classes? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 21.5 | 102 | $47 \cdot 4$ | 113 | 57.6 | 516 | 242 | 46.9 | 274 | 53.1 |
| Did you take part in assembly programs given by homemaking classes? | 209 | 86 | 41.1 | 123 | 58.9 | 508 | 203 | 40.0 | 305 | 60.0 |
| Did you have slides or pictures in connection with class? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 0 |
|  | 213 | 82 | 38.5 | 131 | 61.5 | 507 | 208 | 41.0 | 299 |  |
| Did you visit places of |  |  |  |  | 61.5 | 507 | 208 | 41.0 | 299 | 59.0 |
| interest such as bakeries, meat markets, grocery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| stores, or department stomes? | 210 | 51 | 26.0 | 160 | 74.0 | 508 | 111 | 21.9 | 397 | 78.1 |

Tablel2.--COMPARISON OF ATTITUDES OF HOMEMAKING AND NON-HOMEMAKING GROUPS TONARD ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING IN 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1942-43 (continued)

groups were concerning methods, techniques, and activities related to the teaching of elementary homemaking.

An analysis of the data in the previous table revealed that the responses of the two groups of girls differed (Table 13) very significantly in favor of the homemaking group on the following aspects of elementary homemaking :

1. Found elementary homemaking useful
2. Had opportunities to work with others
3. Liked clothing classes
4. Liked related units
5. Found elementary homemaking department a.ttractive
6. Liked eighth-grade teacher
7. Enjoyed elementary homemaking classes The comparison of attitudes of the girls in the two groups revealed a significant difference in favor of the homemaking group in getting ideas from bulletin boards, thinking class discussions were helpful, and liking food classes. Many more of the homemaking girls responded favorably to these influences of elementary homemaking than did the non-homemaking girls. Those differences in percentages found to be significant regarding attitudes toward certain of these aspects of elementary homemaking in favor of the nonhomemaking group are "Opportunity for class activities was provided as well as time for studying in books",

Table 13.--SIGNIFICANCE OF DIFFERENCES OF ATTITUDES OF HOME-MAKING AND NON-HONEMAKING GROUPS TOWARD ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING IN 31 ARIZONA ELFMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1942-43.

| Attitudes | Differences between homemaking and non-homemaking groups |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% 1/ | S.E. | t | Interpretation |
| Found homemaking training useful | 14.0 | . 0272 | 5.1 | Very significant |
| Provide opportunities for you to |  |  |  |  |
| learn to work with others - - - | 14.9 | . 0315 | 4.7 | Very significant |
| Like clothing |  |  |  |  |
| classes in elementary - - - - | 16.2 | . 0375 | 4.3 | Very significant |
| Like related units: grooming and |  |  |  |  |
| child care, etc. | 12.6 | .0376 | 3.4 | Very significant |
| Like the eighthgrade teacher - - | 10.3 | . 0350 | 3.0 | Very significant |
| Enjoy elementary |  |  |  |  |
| homemaking - - | 9.6 | . 0323 | 3.0 | Very significant |
| Get new ideas from bulletin boards - | 11.5 | . 0404 | 2.8 | Significant |
| Think class discussions were |  |  |  |  |
| helpful - - - | 7.8 | . 0349 | 2.2 | Significant |
| Have attractive |  |  |  |  |
| elementary homemaking department | 8.5 | . 0396 | 2.1 | Significant |
| Like foods classes | 6.8 | . 0323 | 2.1 | Significant |
| Have field trips - | 4.1 | . 0353 | 1.2 | Not significant |
| Like to work in |  |  |  |  |
| groups or committees - . - . - | 3.1 | . 0284 | 1.1 | Not significant |
| Like the seventh grade teacher - - | 2.8 | . 0371 | . 8 | Not significant |
| Take part in assembly programs - | 1.1 | . 0404 | . 3 | Not significant |
| Help plan your homemaking classes | . 5 | . 0405 | . 1 | Not significant |
| Have visual aid i |  |  |  |  |
| with class discussions | -2.5 | . 0399 | -. 6 | Not significant |

Table 13.--SIGNIFIGANGE OF DIFFERENCES OF ATTITUDES OF HONE-MAKING AND NON-HOMENAKING GROUPS TOWARD ELEMENTARY HONEMAKING IN 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1942-43 (continued)

| Attitudes | Differences between homemaking and non-homemaking groups |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% 1/ | S.E. | t | Interpretation |
| Have enough home making training in elementary school | -33.8 | . 3370 | -1.0 | Not significant |
| Make good grades in elementary | -3.5 | .0270 | -1.3 | Not significant |
| Have club work that included homemaking | -6.4 | .0338 | -1.9 | Not significant |
| Have enough time in classes | -8.7 | . 0391 | -2.2 | Significant |
| Have opportunity for class activities as well as study books | -7.7 | . 0327 | -2.4 | Significant |
| Have programs for parents as exhibits, teas, etc. | -8.5 | . 0391 | -2.5 | Significant |
| Help serve banquets or other meals | -16.2 | . 0386 | $-4.2$ | Very significant |
| Have sufficient textbook and reference material | -18.3 | . 0360 | -5.1 | Very significant |

1/ Minus sign indicates higher percentage in favor of the non-homemaking group than in the homemaking group.
"Had programs, exhibits, and teas for parents", and "Had enough time in elementary homemaking classes to complete work satisfactorily $y^{\prime \prime}$. Items for which very significant differences in favor of this group are
> "Helped serve banquets", "Had sufficient textbooks and reference material.", and "Had enough homemaking training in elementary school".

Content of the elementary

## homemaking program

The Arizona Elementary Homemaking Course of Study was elected as the criterion for checking the content of the elementary homemaking program. The 11 units, among the 25 included in this study (Table 14) which were taught in 23 or more schools, were all in areas of clothing and foods. However, three fourths of all the units were taught in more than half of the schools. The units offered in the smallest number of schools were found to be "Remaking old clothes" and two units planned for fifthegrade homemaking. All of the other units were taught in more than half of the schools. Additional units were taught in some of the schools. "Home care of the sick" was taught by homemaking teachers from 13 of the schools and the other additional units taught were "food preservation", "gardening", and "ettiquette".

The number of years in which homemaking was offered in the 31 elementary schools varied from one to four. Homemaking was offered in 11 of the schools for two years, in 10 of the schools for three years, and in eight of the schools for four years. The majority of

Table 14.--GRADE PLACEMENT OF HOMEMAKING UNITS OFFERED IN 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1941-42.

| Unit of homemaking offered | No. of schools $\mathbb{N}=31$ | Years of homemaking offered |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 4 y r \\ & N=8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \mathrm{yr} \\ & \mathrm{~N}=10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{yr} \\ & \mathrm{~N}=11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{yr} \\ & \mathrm{~N}=2 \end{aligned}$ |
| I.Course of study |  |  |  |  |  |
| Constructing a simple garment | 30 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 1 |
| Preparing and serving fruits - - - | 28 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 0 |
| Preparing and serving vegetables | 28 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 1 |
| Preparing and serving salads | 28 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 1 |
| Preparing and serving dessexts - - | 28 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 1 |
| Planning meals for the day - - - - | 26 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 1 |
| Preparing quick breads | 25 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Making an attractive apron - - | 25 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| Selecting clothing | 24 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| Caring for clothing | 24 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| Learning to use the sewing machine | 23 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 1 |
| Grooming essentials for girls - - - | 23 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 1 |
| Improving personality - - . - - | 23 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| Getting acquainted with kitchen | 22 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 0 |
| Providing the bodyts daily needs | 22 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| Preparing and serving family meals for day - - - - | 21. | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Beautifying the girl's room - - - | 21 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| Doing your part in making the home | 20 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| Getting ready to sew | 18 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| Helping with small children | 17 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 0 |

Table 14.--GRADE PLACEMENT OF HOMEMAKING UNITS OFFERED IN 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1941-42 (continued)

| Unit of homemaking offered | No. Of schools $\mathrm{N}=31$ | Years of homemaking offered |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ & \mathbb{N}=8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \mathrm{yr} \\ & \mathrm{~N}=10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{yr} \\ & \mathrm{~N}=11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{yx} \\ & \mathrm{~N}=2 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\text { I. Course of } \frac{\text { study }}{(\text { continue }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Helping mother in the home - - - - | 17 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Looking your best - | 17 | 8- | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Carrying the Christmas Spirit in home | 15 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Making meal hour more attractive - - | 15 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Remaking old clothes | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| II.Additional units |  |  |  |  |  |
| Home care of the sick - - - - - | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Food preservation - | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Etiquette - - - - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Gardening - - . - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

the schools offered three or four years of homemaking.
The number of units from the Arizona Elementary Homemaking Course of Study taught in 31 elementary schools was found to range from 3 to 25; 18 or more of these units were taught in 52 percent of the schools. The units in this course of study were suggested for the homemaking teachers and schools offering homemaking In the grades from the fifth through the eighth. Since only 16 of these schools offered sixth-grade homemaking and fewer than this number offered fifth-grade homemaking,
it appears significant that so many of the units were taught in more than one half of the schools.

Table 15.--NUMBER OF UNITS INCLUDED IN ARIZONA ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING COURSE OF STUDY WHIGH WERE TAUGHT IN 31 BLEMENTARY HOMEMAKING CLASSES IN ARIZONA, 1942-43.


Time allotment in
elementary homemaking
Two 90 -minute periods per week was the amount of time allotted to homemaking classes most frequently (40 percent) by schools teaching seventh- and eighthgrade classes. However, six schools indicated that they were giving more than this amount of time for homemaking classes in these grades (Table 16).

Fourteen of the schools teaching sixth-grade homemaking had scheduled one 60-minute period per week or more, and seven of the eight schools teaching homemaking in the fifth grade indicated that approximately the same amount of time was allotted for it in their schedule.

Table 16. --TINE ALLOTNENT IN MINUTES PER WEEK PER YEAR IN 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1941-42

| Time | Grades |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Minutes per week per year | Fifth | Sixth | Seventh | Elighth |
| 280-299 - - - - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 260-279 - . - - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 240-259 - . - - | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 220-239 - - - - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 200-219 - . - - | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 180-199 - . - - | 0 | 0 | 12 | 13 |
| 160-179 - . - - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 140-159 - - - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 120-139 . . . - | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| 100-119 6-. - | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| 80-99 - . - - | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| 60-79 - . . - | 5 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| 40-59 - - - - | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Relation of ninth-grade
homemaking enrollment to the
elementary homemaking department
It would have been inconclusive not to incorporate an analysis of the possible influences of the teachers and departments on the enrollment of ninthgrade homemaking. Consequently the departments were
grouped into three classifications: attractive and adequate, adequate without attractiveness, and inadequate; and a chi-square value of 11.0 was found (Table 17). This result for chi-square is not significant, which proved that the equipment of the elementary homemaking department had no effect upon the ninth-grade enrollment in homemaking.

Table 17.--RELATION OF TYPE OF HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ELECTION OF NINTH-GRADE HOMEMAKING, 31 ARIZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOIS, 1941-42.

| Homemaking department | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Homemaking | Nonhomemaking | Total |
| Adequate and attractive | 92 | 263 | 355 |
| Adequate - . . - - | 79 | 184 | 263 |
| Inadequate - . - - | 59 | 83 | 142 |
| Total - . - - | 230 | 530 | 760 |

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{X}^{2}=11.0 \\
& \text { D.F. }=2 \\
& .05=5.991 \\
& \text { Very significant difference } \\
& \text { No relationship }
\end{aligned}
$$

Relation of ninth-grade homemaking enrollment to the elementary homemaking teacher

The elementary homemaking teachers were also grouped into three classifications: highly qualified, acceptable, and deficient; and a chi-square value of 55.7 was obtained (Table 18). This value of chi-square
is not significant, which disproved any causal relation botween the training and experience of the elementary homemaking teacher and the ninth-grade enrollment in homemaking.

Table $18 .-$ RELATION OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENGE OF ELEMENTARY HOME-MAKING TEACHERS AND ELECTION OF NINTHGRADE HOMEMAKING 31 ARIZONA ELENENTARY SCHOOLS, 1941-42.

| Elementary homemaking teachers | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Homemaking | Nonhomemaking | Total |
| Highly qualified - Acceptable - . - Deficient | $\begin{aligned} & 94 \\ & 97 \\ & 39 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 373 \\ 57 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 194 \\ 70 \\ 96 \end{array}$ |
| Total - - - - | 230 | 530 | 760 |

$X^{2}=55.76$
D.F. $=2$
.05 m 5.991
Very significant difference
No relationship

Division of schools.--A further analysis was believed essential to minimize the influences of the Phoenix schools which represented more than one half of the girls included in this study. The elementary schools were divided into three groups: Group A, 211 small town schools; Group B, the elementary schools in the Phoenix city school system; Group C, separate elementary schools in Maricopa County.

Table 19.--RELATION OF TYPE OF ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT AND ELECTION OF NINTH-GRADE ENROILNENT FROM SCHOOLS WITH LESS THAN 100 ENROLLMENT IN THESE ARIZONA SCHOOLS, 1941-42.

| Homemaking department | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Homemaking | Nonhomemaking | Total |
| Attractive and adequate Adequate Inadequate | 17 12 18 | 60 86 42 | 77 98 60 |
| Total - - - - | 47 | 188 | 235 |

Small town schools.--To make the proposed analysis, a similar classification was made of the departments (Table 19) for Group A schools; and chi-square value of 4.9 was obtained, which proved a slight tendency of the department to influence the ninth-grade enrollment in homemaking. Chi-square of 3.9 was obtained (Table 20). This value of chi-square was significant, which proved there was a tendency for the training and experience of the elementary homemaking teachers--the teachers of Group A schools--to influence the ninthgrade enrollment in homemaking in this group of schools.

Table 20.--RELATION OF EXPERIENGE AND TRAINING OF ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING TEACHERS AND ELECTION OF NINTHGRADE HOMEMAKING GIRIS, FROM SGHOOL WITH LESS THAN 100 GIRLS ENROLLED IN NINTH GRADE.

| Homemaking teachers | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Homemaking | Nonhomemaking | Total |
| Highly qualified - - Acceptable - . . - - Deficient - - - - - - <br> Total | 16 | 43 | 59 |
|  | 28 | 120 | 148 |
|  | 3 | 25 | 28 |
|  | 47 | 188 | 235 |
| ```x}=3.935 D.F. = 2 .05 = 5.991 No significant difference Relationship``` |  |  |  |

Phoenix elementary schools.--The same method was used for determining the tendency toward any relation in the type of the elementary homemaking department and ninth-grade homemaking enrollment of girls from the Phoenix elementary schools. Chi-square value of 4.0 was found. This value of chi-square is not significant (Table 21), which proved that there was no tendency in the type of the elementary homemaking departments of the Phoenix elementary schools to influence the ninthgrade homemaking enrollment of the girls from schools of Group B.

Table 21.--RELATION OF TYPE OF DEP ARTMENT IN ELEMENTARY SGHOOL AND ELECTION OF NTNTH-GRADE HOMEMAKING, PHOENIX ELEMENT ARY SCHOOLS, 1941-42.

| Homemaking department | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Homemaking | Non- <br> homemaking | Total |
|  | 32 |  |  |
| Adequate $\ldots \ldots 6$ | 198 |  |  |
| Total $\ldots . . .$. | 8 | 70 | 78 |

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{X}^{2}=4.026 \\
& \mathrm{D} . \mathrm{F}=1 \\
& .05=3.841 \\
& \text { Significant difference } \\
& \text { No relationship }
\end{aligned}
$$

However, it was found that the training and experience of the teachers of these schools tended to influence the election of ninth-grade homemaking by their pupils. (Table 22)

Table 22.--RELATION OF TRAINING AND EXPERTENCE OF ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING TEACHERS AND ELECTION OF NINTHGRADE HOMEMAKING, PHOENIX ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1941-42

| Homemaking teachers | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Homemaking | Non- <br> homemaking | Total |
|  | 2 | 16 | 18 |
| Acceptable $-\ldots .-$ | 38 | 220 | 258 |
| Total $\ldots \ldots$ | 40 | 236 | 276 |

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X^{2}=.2528 \\
& \text { D.F }=1 \\
& .05=3.841 \\
& \text { No significant difference } \\
& \text { Relationship }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Separate elementary schools in Maricopa

County.--The same statistical procedure was used on the departments of the separate elementary schools in Maricopa County to test any tendency of the type of the elementary homemaking department to influence the ninth-grade enrollment of girls from schools in Group C. A chi-square value of 2.45 was found. (Table 23) This value of chi-square is significant; it proved a tendency of the elementary homemaking department to affect the ninth-grade homemaking enrollment of girls from these schools.

Table 23.--RELATION OF TYPE OF ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT AND ELECTION OF NINTH-GRADE HOMEMAK ING, URBAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN MARICOPA COUNTY, 1941-42.

| Homemaking department | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Homemaking | Nonhomemaking | Total |
| Adequate and at- tractive Adequate Inadequate | 43 49 51 | 37 28 41 | $\begin{aligned} & 80 \\ & 77 \\ & 92 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total - - - - | 143 | 106 | 249 |

For the training and experience of the elementary homemaking teachers of this group a chisquare value of 5.07 was found. This value of chisquare approached 5.991, which revealed a slight tendency of the training and experience of the teacher of the pupils from this group of schools to influence the ninth-grade homemaking enrollment.

Table 24.--RELATION OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF ELEMENTARY HOMEMAKING TEACHERS AND ELECTION OF NINTHGRADE HOMEMAKING, URBAN ELENENTARY SCHOOLS IN MARICOPA COUNTY, 1941-42.

| Homemaking teacher | Girls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Homemaking | Nonhomemaking | Total |
| Highly qualified - Acceptable - - - Deficient - - . - | 76 | 41 | 117 |
|  | 31 | 33 | 64 |
|  | 36 | 32 | 68 |
|  | 143 | 106 | 249 |
| $\begin{aligned} & x^{2}=5.078 \\ & D . F \cdot=2 \\ & .05=5.991 \end{aligned}$ <br> Approaching significant difference Slight relationship |  |  |  |

## Chapter V

DISCUSSION

In order the determine "What factors associated with elementary homemaking influence the election of homemaking by the girls in the ninth grade in Arizona?" the problem was analyzed according to the following questions:

What proportion of Arizona ninth-grade girls who have had elementary homemaking enroll in the ninthgrade homemaking classes?

What factors relating to content of course, amount of class time, type of equipment in the elementary homemaking department, and training and experience of homemaking teachers influence the election of the homemaking in the ninth grade?

## Enrollment

The percentage of girls enrolled in ninthgrade homemaking varied in the high schools, with a general tendency for the higher percentage of enrollment for homemaking classes to be in the smaller schools. The same tendency has been reported by a number of of writers (5) (14), including Wright (26), who studied the enrollment in 14 small high schools in Arizona.

The fact that one out of three of the girls graduating from the elementary schools falled to enroll in the various high schools included in the study the following fall may be attributed to the presence of Spanish-American pupils in the Arizona schools, for these pupils frequently drop out of school in the elementary grades and the majority do not enter high school. Also, the present tendency of many families throughout the country toward following work in defense areas, and other war conditions, would seem to account for part of the loss between the eighth- and ninth-grade enrollment; however, the total enrollment of the ninth-grade girls indicates a slight increase over the number graduating from the local elementery schools during the previous school year.

More girls continue from the eighth to ninthgrade homemaking classes in the schools where these classes are in the same department and taught by the same teacher, than do the girls entering separate high schools for ninth-grade work. However, from the latter type of schools, more of the girls who have received no elementary homemaking training enroll in ninth-grade homemaking than do those girls from schools where elementary homemaking was available. Nofsker (20) found the same condition to be true in her study. The break in the school system seems to make an unfavorable
condition for contimuity in the homemaking program.

## Influences affecting

## elections of homemaking

The family seems to have the greatest influence on girls regarding the election of homemaking, when the persons advising the election of it are considered; therefore, there seems to be a need for an Interpretation of the possibilities of homemaking to the parents. The apparent lack of guidance on the part of the homemaking teacher need not indicate poor interest in the girls contiming in high school homemaking, because many school systems have homeroom teachers whose duty in part is to advise their pupils conceraing the selection of their program of studies. The homemaking teacher should infom the homeroom teachers regarding the contributions of homemaking education to various areas of citizenship education.

Opinions toward opportunities
homemaking offers
The girls electing homemaking indicated that they had a better understanding of the opportunities of homemaking than those girls not electing homemaking, which can probably be attributed to differences in their home and family life experiences, interests, and their philosophies of life. Therefore, the elementary homemaking curciculum should be built upon the activities
of the present needs of pupils, which may be possible with more pupil-parent-teacher participation planning the elementary homemaking curriculum cooperatively.

Attitudes of ninth-grade Girls toward homemaking

The girls indicated that satisfactions attained through experiences in elementary homemaking education or family ife have conditioned them toward certain aspects of higher homemaking education.

Attitudes toward
elementary homemaking
The findings of the study seem to indicate that attitudes of the two groups toward elementary homemaking education are very different. Some of these differences are easy to understand and some are rather difficult. Clothing construction probably requires more skill than the other work attempted in elementary homemaking classes, so it is quite easy to understand why the homemaking group more frequently were found to like clothing classes. They also enjoyed elementary homemaking and reported that they found their homemaking training useful. This group probably received satisfaction and enjoyment in the ir work.

Also those girls who continued from the eighth- to ninth-grade homemaking classes liked their eighth-grade homemaking teacher, so it is believed from
this that the personality of the homemaking teacher is important from the standpoint of girls continuing their homemaking in the ninth grade.

A larger percentage of girls continuing in ninth-grade homemaking found the department more attractive, and it seems that probably those girls had a greater interest in the department, and a greater appreciation for the attractiveness of the department, for this group also indicated that they obtained more ideas from the bulletin boards. The same group of girls found class discussions helpful, which may indicate that they found the discussion method of attacking material in which they were interested stimulating.

The participation of the non-homemaking group In the activities of the elementary homemaking program seemed not to increase their interest in the subject; therefore it seems necessary that homemaking teachers roalize that interest is the key to success in 2.11 learning, and that the interest of this group might be gained by using the experiences of these pupils as a basis on which to build the homemaking program.

## Content of elementary

## homemaking program

The units taught most frequently (checked from those listed in the Arizons Elementary Homemaking Course of Study) in the majority of the elementary schools were

In areas of foods and clothing, and a considerable amount of time was given to related units. Teachers had included additional units in their homemaking classes, which seems to indicate that some effort was made to meet the needs of the pupils.

The organization or content of the elementary homemaking program has not favorably influenced eleetion of ninth-grade homemaking, if the present enrollment in ninth-grade homemaking is considered an indication. It seems that the majority of the girls lose interest before entering high school, in homemaking when it is required for three or four years in the elementary schools. However, if the greatest number of girls are being reached in the elementary schools, it seems advisable to strengthen the homemaking curriculum of seventh and eighth grades. Also, the elementary homemaking teachers need to interpret the high-school courses of homemaking in order to show girls that the field of homemaking has not been covered in the elementary grades.

Time allotment in elementary homemaking classes

The time allotted to seventh and eighthgrade homemaking classes was two 90-minute periods per week, while in a recent study (24) including three fourths of the schools throughout the country, it was
indicated that the most frequent arrangement for these grades was in single periods. The data collected on the time allotted to elementary homemaking classes is insufficient to make comparisons of influences of time upon the enrollment of ninth-grade homemaking. Practically all of the schools offering fifth and sixth-grade homemaking indicated that these classes were held one 60 -minute period per week. The length and infrequency of the class period may prevent any continuity in thought or interest.

## Rec cmmendations

From the analysis of data and the above discussion the following recommendations seem advisable:

1. That homeroom teachers, administrators, or other persons in the guidance capacity be informed of the contributions that homemaking can make to prepare pupils for better living.
2. That the teachers of elementary homemaking enrich their teaching techniques.
3. That more pupil-parent-teacher planning be done in building the elementary homemaking program.

Suggestions for
further study

1. How do fifth and sixth-grade homemaking education influence homerraking enroliment in high school?
2. What happens to girls graduating from eighth grade who fail to enter high school?
3. What teaching materials are provided for elementary homemaking programs in Arizona?
4. What are the comparative costs of conducting elementary homemaking programs in Arizona?
5. How may parents and pupils participate in building the elementary homemaking curriculum?
6. What modifications should be made in the present homemaking program which would provide a program of maximum value for boys?
7. What homemaking education in elementary school should be required?

## Chapter VI

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The data included in this study were obtained from the office of the Supervisor of Homemaking Education of Arizona, from the 806 questionnaires answered by the ninth-grade girls in 13 high schools, from interviews with elementary homemaking teachers and visits to elementary homemaking departments made by the writer and the Supervisor of Homemaking Education of Arizona. Additional data were secured from the records of state, county, and city superintendents of education. An analysis was made of the elementary homemaking program regarding the content of the course, and the amount of class time given to elementary homemaking education. An association test was made of the two groups for influences of the elementary homemaking program: the training and experience of the homemaking teachers, and the equipment of the elementary homemaking department.

Enrollment
Forty-six percent of the ninth-grade girls in the 13 schools were enrolled in the homemaking classes. The general tendency was toward higher percentage of homemaking enrollment in the smaller schools than in
the larger high schools. Sixty-five percent of the eighth-grade graduates of 1941-42 entered their respective high schools the following fall. From four small schools, 100 percent of the eighth-grade graduates enrolled in ninth-grade homemaking. No girls elected ninth-grade homemaking from two of the elementary schools where homemaking had been offered in the eighth grade.

The largest percentage of the girls electing homemaking in the ninth-grade was in the group from schools in which the eighth- and ninth-grade classes were taught by the same teacher in the same department. From the elementary schools separated from the high schools, the percentage of girls electing ninth-grade homemaking was larger from those which offered no elementary homemaking.

Influences affecting
election of homemaking
Very significant differences between the homemaking and non-homemaking groups were found in regard to the persons advising the election of homemaking, as follows:

A member of the family
A friend who had taken homemaking
A teacher
A significant difference between the homemaking
and non-homemaking groups was found in advice received from "a friend in the class".

Opinions toward opportunities

## homemaking offers

The opinions of the girls in the two groups differed very significantly regarding the opportunities offered in homemaking education, as follows:

To learn how to take your responsibility in the home.

To improve conditions in your home.
To plan, prepare, and serve meals.
To improve your health.
To make some new elothes.
To leam to select clothes becoming to yourself.
To learn to use money more wisely.
To improve your personality so you would be more popular.

Significant differences in opinions regarding the opportunities believed to be offered in homemaking education were found between the two groups in the foll owing:

To learn to select food at the cafeterias and restaurants.

To learn to understand and help small children.

Attitudes of ninth-grade
girls toward homemaking
Very significant differences between the homemaking and non-homemaking groups were found in
their attitudes toward homemaking as follows:
Homemaking would be fun
Homemaking would help get a job
Homemaking was important for girls who go to college

Family would expect more help at home
Homomaking would be an easy course
*Homemaking was only for girls who marry soon
MClasses with boys more interesting
wMother could teach all homemaking needed.
A significant difference between the two
groups was found in thinking homemaking classes would roquire too much time.

Attitudes toward
elementary homemaking
The attitudes of the two groups of girls
(limited to the girls who had received elementary homemaking training) differed very significantly regarding certain aspects of their elementary homemaking training, as follows:

Found elementary homemaking useful.
Homemaking provided opportunities to learn to work with others.

Iiked clothing classes in elementary homemaking.
Iiked related units: grooming and child care.
\%Items checked by a larger percentage of the nonhomemaking group than of the homemaking group.

Liked the eighth-grade teacher.
Enjoyed elementary homemaking.
*Helped serve banquets or meals for others.
HHad sufficient textbook and reference material.
Significant differences in attitudes between
the two groups were found in the following:
Obtained new ideas from bulletin boards.
Found class discussions helpful.
Had attractive elementary homemaking department.
Ifked food classes.
*Had enough time for elementary homemaking classes.
WHad opportunities for class activities as well as study in books.
\%Gave programs, exhibits, and teas for parents.

## Content of the elementary

homemaking program
The 11 units taught most frequently in the elementary homemaking classes included only areas of clothing and foods. More than half of the elementary schools taught three fourths of the units listed in the Arizona Elementary Homemaking Course of Study, and additional units were alsotaught in 13 schools.
*Items checked by a larger percentage of the nonhomemaking group than of the homemaking group.

## Time allotment in elementary homemaking classes

Homemaking was offered in schools from one to four years, and two 90 -minute periods per week was the amount of time allotted to the elementary homemaiking classes most frequently for the seventh and eighthgrade classes. Fourteen of the elementary schools offered homemaking in the sixth grade, while only eight of the schools offered fifth-grade homemaking, with approximately the same amount of time for each grade. The most frequent schedule for these grades was approximately 80 minutes per week.

Relation of ninth-grade
enrollment to the elementary
homemaking department
No relationship was found between the type of the department and the number of girls electing ninthgrade homemaking for the emrollment of girls from all the elementary schools. When these schools were classified into three types, small town schools, Phoenix elementary schools, and urban elementary schools, a slight relationship was found between the rating of the elementary homemaking department as to type and equipment and the enrollment in ninth-grade homemaking classes, except for the group of Phoenix elementary schools.

Relation of ninth-grade
enrollment to the elementary
homemaking teachers
The elementary homemaking teachers were classified as to training and experience, and the above test was used on the aggregate, which disproved any relationship between the classification of the teachers and the election of ninth-grade homemaking of her pupils.

The same test was used on the groups separately. The results indicated that the training and experience of the elementary homemaking teacher influence the election of homemaking in the ninth grade, from small-town schools and the Phoenix elementary schools. In the urban elementary schools there was only a slight tendency for the training and experience of the homemaking teachers to influence the election of ninth-grade homemaking.

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## SECTION I

## QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE FILLED OUT BY ALL NINTH GRADE GIRLS

(White sheets are to be given to girls who are taking homemaking and pink sheets to girls not taking homemaking this semester.)

DIRECTIONS: Pieese read carefully and check ALL questions yes or no in the spece before each question.

Age Date

Name of schoo now attonding. $\qquad$ Town $\qquad$
School attended in Eighth grade $\qquad$ Town $\qquad$
Yes No
( ) ( ) 1. Did you attend the eighth grade in Arizone?
( ) ( ) 2. Are you taking a class in homemaking now?
3. Were you advised by some one to take homemaking? (Check yes or no before each question)

4. Did you think ninth grade homemaking would give you an opportunity to do any of the following: (Check yes or no before each question.)

( ) ( ) 5. Did you think homemaking closses would be fun to take?
( ) ( ) 6. Did you think homemaking would be an easy course?
( ) ( ) 7. Did you think homemaking was only for girls who would marry soon?
( ) ( ) 8. Did you think homemaking was important for girls who plen to attend college?
( ) ( ) 9. Did you think classes with boys would be more in tercsting than homemaking classes?
( ). ( ) 10. Did you think homemeking would be an expensive course?
( ) ( ) 11. Did you think your mother could teach you all the homemaking you will need?
( ) ( ) 12. Lid you think thet homemaking training would help you in getting a job?
( ) ( ) 13. Are your friends taking homemaking this semester?
( ) ( ) 14. Were there other elective courses you wanted to take but chose homemaking this semester?
( ) ( ) 15. Did you think homemeking classes would require too much time for credit received?
( ) ( ) 16. Did you think you would be expected to help more at home if you took homemsking?
17. Write a short paragraph on, "What I think about Homemsking Clesses in the elementery school".

Note: If you have had homemaking in fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grades answer questions in Section II. If not, do not answer questions in Section II.

NOTE: Elementary in this questionnaire refers to all grade work - ompleted through the eighth grade.

Name of your seventh grade homemaking teacher $\qquad$
Name of your eighth grode homemaking teacher $\qquad$
Yes No
( ) ( ) 1. Did you enjoy homemaking in elementery school?
( ) ( ) Did you think the homemaking department in elementary school was attractive?
( ) ( ) 3. Did you like clothing classes in elementery school?
( ) ( ) 4. Did you like food classes in elementary school?
( ) ( ) Did you like other work in homemoking such as personal grooming, use of money, and care of children?
( ) ( ) 6. Lid you find your homemaking training useful?
( ) ( ) 7. Did you think you hed enough homemoking treining in elementary school?
( ) ( ) Did you have any club work that included some homemaking training?
( ) ( ) 9. Did you have enough time in your elementary homemaking classes to finish your work satisfactorily?
( ) ( ) 10. Did you make good grades in elementary homemaking classes?
( ) ( ) 11. Did you like the seventh grade homemaking teacher?
( ) ( ) 12. Did you like the eighth grade homemaking teacher?
( ) ( ) 13. Did you help plan your homemaking work in elementary homemaking classes?
( ) ( ) 14. Did you have sufficient'books and reference moterial in the homemaking department?
() () 15. Did you get new ideas from the Bulletin Boards?
( ) ( ) 16. Did you think the cless discussions were helpful?
( ) ( ) 17. Did you like to work in groups or on committees?
( ) ( ) 18. Did you have an opportunity to take part in activities in the classes as well os time for studying in books?

## Yes No

( ) ( ) 19. Did you visit places of interest such as bekeries, meat markets, grocery stores or department stores?
( ) ( ) 20. Lid you take part in essembly programs given by homemaking classes?
( ) ( ) 21. Did you have progrems for your perents as exhibits, style shows, food programs or teas?
( ) ( ) 22. Did you help serve a banquet or other meals for guests when in elementory school.
( ) ( ) 23. Did you have slides or pictures in connection with class discussion in homemgking?
( ) ( ) 24. Lid your homemaking ectivities provide opportunities for you to learn how to work with other people?

## COPY

September 22, 1942

Mr. H.E. Stevenson
Globe Union High School
Globe, Arizona.
Dear Mr. Stevenson:
The State Supervisor of Homemaking Education has been given the responsibility of directing the Homemaking program in the elementary schools as well as the high schools of Arizona. In order to determine the effect of elementary homemaking training on ninth-grade enrollment in homemaking classes, a three-page questionnaire has been prepared by Byrd Burton.

Sixteen other superintendents in Arizona have been asked to help in this study, and we should like to have your school included. If you are willing to have the questionnaires checked by the girls in your school, will you please fill out the enclosed card and return itto this office.

The questionnaires are ready and will be sent to you immediately on receipt of your card, with directions for their administration. It is necessary to have them checked soon after school begins to eliminate any influence from high school. If you are interested in receiving the results of the study when it is completed, please indicate on the enclosed card.

Postage for the return of the questionnaires will be sent with them. We shall appreciate your cooperation in this study.

> Sincerely yours,

State Supervisor of Homemaking

Elementary Homemaking Instructox

Copy of Postal Card Enclosed with Letter Sent to High School Superintendents

Please may I have the following information: Are you willing to cooperate in a study of "Factors of elementary homemaking influencing ninth-grade homemaking enrollment in Arizona?

Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
Are you interested in receiving the results of the study when it is completed?

Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
Signed

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November 20, 1942

Mr. E.W. Montgomery, Superintendent
Phoenix Union High School
Phoenix, Arizona
Dear Mr. Montgomery:
Your willingness to assist in the study of elementary homemaking programs is greatly appreciated. The questionnaires and postage for their return are being mailed to you. These have been delayed because of the war emergency "Share-the-Meat" Program, the responsibility of which fell upon this office.

The purpose is to determine some of the factors of elementary homemaking that seem to influence girls for or against the election of homemaking in the ninth grade in Arizona.

Will you give the questionnaire to all ninth-grade girls in your school? These questionnaires are on white and pink paper, but the form is the same. White sheets are to be given to girls taking homemaking, and pink sheets to girls who are not taking homemaking this semester. Ninth-grade girls who have had no elementary training will not fill out section II.

The directions for the girls are included on the questionnaire. Will you ask teachers administering them to read the directions to the girls and stress the importance of answering all questions as accurately as possible. The questionnaire can be answered in 15 or 20 minutes.

The need for obtaining this information soon after school begins was mentioned in the previous letter. Will you explain to the girls that this test will not affect their grades and that their accurate answers will be helpful in future planning of homemaking programs in the State?

Yours sincerely,

State Supervisor of Homemaking Education
Elementary Homemaking Instructor

Directions for Teachers Administering Questionnaires:

Will you give the questionnaires to all of your ninth grade girls?
White and pink paper have been used, but the form is the same on both. White sheets are to be given to girls in the ninth grade who ore taking homemaking this semester, and pink sheets for ninth grade girls not enrolling in homemaking.

PLEASE READ WITH THE GIRLS:

Directions: Please read carefully and check all questions Yes or No in the space before each question.

Bottom of page 2 -
Note: If you have had homemaking in fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grades, answer questions on the next pages. If not, you should not fill out section II.

On pages 3 and 4, elementary refers to all grade work completed through the eighth grade.

Honest answers ore essential and we would like to have you explain to the girls that their answers to this questionnaire will not affect their grades, but will be helpful in future planning of homemaking programs in the State.

Name or School
Location
Homemaking Toacher
Write in blank before each number the letter of the word that best describes condition of the department at present.

1. Foods laboratory axrangement: (a) unit kitchens, (b) hollow square or traditional type, (a)

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_ 2. Department consist of (a) one room, (b) two roons, (c) cottace, (d) cottage and rooms, (e) rooms in school building not equipped for homemaking.

## FOODS LA BORATORY

That was the lergest number of girls in food classes in 1941-42?
Bquipment for Preparation of Food:

1. About how much working table space did each girl have Check only one of the folloving.
a. Considerebly nore then eighteen square inches

Approximately eighteen square inches
Considerably less then eichteen square inches
2. Types of stoves How Many?
a. Electric plates
-b. Gas plates
c. Electric stoves with ovens
d. Blectric stoves with broilers
e. Gas stoves with ovens
f. Gas stoves with broilers
g. Wooden stoves
3. How much stove space was available to each giri?
a. How many girls vere assigned to one oven?
b. How were burners apportioned?
4. List cooking utensils ordinarily supplied Ior each two firls:
5. What utensils were supplied in the department, but in more limited quantities?
6. What vere the facilities for storing and keeping foods:
a. What means of storing perishable foods?
b. How were staple foods stored?
7. Hownas the department equipped to provide training in food serving? a. "Separate dining room?
b. Dining space in foods Iamirawory?
c. What serving arrange ent? Desks an̄ stools or table and shairs?
d. Were dishes and treys, etc., anple for serving of entire class?

## CLOTHING LABORATORY

1. What was the lergest number of eirls accommoatated at one time in your depertment in 1941-42?
What number can be most conventently accomodated? $\qquad$
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2. What kind or kines of seving machines were used?

How many?
3. Was work-tamle spaco edequate for the number or fris accormodated?
4. What errangenants were nade for storing unfinished gazinents?
a. Drawers?
b. Bozes?
c. Lockers?
5. List eny adixional reatures wich added to the ersectiveness of the ce pertinent.
a. Wesh besin?
b. Mirsors?

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Fittine room?
d. Others

## GEMERAL FEAIUBES (Comment on each of the following foatures in such a way as to Indicate the attractiveness or adecuacy of the department.)

1. Bulletin boards
2. Blackboerds

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4. Ventllation
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6. Color scherie
7. Storace space for ITlustrative naterial
8. Bool cases nd cupboards

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11. Faclitios for तjsplay or eannents
12. Laundry factlyzios

## TRA INING AND EXP ERIENCE OF ELEMENTARY AND HONEMAKING TEACHERS

Name of School $\qquad$ Town $\qquad$
Name of Elem. Homemaking teacher during 1941-42
I. What type of certificate do you hold? Elementary Special
II. What teaching experience have you had?

1. Number of years holding same position.
2. Did you have same position last year.
3. Number of years you have taught school.
4. lumber of years you have taught all homemaking. 5. Number of years you have taught partytime homemaking.
III. Professional training you have:
5. Hold a Bachelor's Degree. Year received
6. Completed major in Home Economios for Bachelor's Degree. 3. Completed minor in Home Economics for Bachelor's Degree.
7. Hold Master's Degree. Year received $\qquad$ .
8. Hold Master's Degree in Home Economics.
9. Have completed six semester hours or more of Graduate work.
10. If you do not have major or minor in Home Economies fill in number of semester hours in Home Economios that you have.
IV. Position for 1941-42 included:
11. All homemaking.
12. One-half day of homemaking.
13. Less than one-half day of homemaking.

Give complete statement of your school work during 1941-42. This should include:

1. Homemaking classes
2. Other classes
3. Supervisory work
4. Extra-currioular dutles

School Date

Please enter figures for homemaking taught in aach grade in the following chart:

| Grades | Minutes <br> per <br> Period | Periods <br> per <br> week | Half <br> or all <br> Jear |
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Number of 8 th grade girls graduated in 1941-42 -

Check all unitslisted that were taught in year of 1941-42.
(List is copied from the Arizona Elementary Homemaking Course of Study.)

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2. Carrying the spirit of Christmas into the home.
3. Helping mother in the home.
4. Naking the meal hour more attractive.
5. Looking our best.
6. Leaming to use the seving machine.
7. Naking a useful and attractive apron.
8. Getting acquainted with the kitchen and its equipment.
9. Providing the body's daily needs.
10. Planning meals for the day.
11. Preparing and serving fruits.
12. Preparing and serving vegetables.
13. Preparing and serving salads.
14. Preparing and serving desserts.
15. Preparing quick breads.
16. Preparing and serving meals for a fan ily group for a day.
17. Improving personality.
18. Grooming essentials for girls.
19. Doing your part in making the home.
20. Helping with small children.
21. Caring for clothing.
22. Selecting clothing.
23. Constructing a simple gament.
24. Beautifying the girl's room.
25. Remaking old clothes.

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