

History

OF

MONTANA

ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION HOME ECONOMISTS

FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
EXTENSION HOME ECONOMISTS

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HISTORY OF MONTANA EXTENSION HOME ECONOMISTS

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The tasks are the same but the tools are different. In anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the National Association of Extension Home Economists, Montana extension agents took a look backwards to evaluate their accomplishments.

Montana women over the past 66 years can credit many of the changes in their lives to the early home demonstration clubs, and later to the knowledge and skills acquired through homemaker meetings, workshops, shortcourses, correspondence courses, district conferences, and Woman's Week, all of which were made possible through the efforts of extension agents, state specialists, and state leaders.

Home Demonstration agents, as they were originally called at the county level, date back to 1917. Missoula County was chosen as the pilot county, and by 1919 there were 15 agents in the state. County commissioners were authorized to budget for the extension program by the state legislature when the Smith - Lever Act of 1914 made extension home economics programs available to the states.

Montana was introduced to the value of such a program when a Miss Katherine Jensen of Fargo, North Dakota, made a trip through Montana promoting a school lunch program.

The outbreak of World War I further emphasized the need for the extension program. Liberty gardens led to the need for women to learn proper procedures for preserving food by canning. Agents traveled throughout the state giving demonstrations on canning tomatoes, baking bread and making dress forms. The land grant colleges were providing the research and training. Dissemination of information through home demonstration club meetings brought rural women together and served a social as well as educational purpose. The trail blazers, those early agents, driving their model T's, traveled over roads that were barely more than trails. Often, on the front seat beside them, there was a pan of bread dough in the rising stage for the demonstration the agent would give upon arriving at the farm home meeting place. Many club members made their way to the meeting place on horseback. If a sudden rainstorm made roads impossible to navigate after the meeting, the agent, and sometimes a few of the members found themselves being houseguests for the night.

By 1926 there were 152 clubs in Montana, and the number had tripled by 1928. Roads were improving.

The depression of the 30's called for another return to basics to survive. Remodeling clothing, making the most use of limited resources, use of the pressure canner for low acid foods, and making mattresses were all part of the agent's work. With a surplus of cotton in the south, the idea of replacing straw ticks with a comfortable mattress led to workshops throughout the United states. Montana was no exception, and many families worked hard for days making the cotton mattresses.

Main highways were now paved, and many of the country roads had graveled surfaces. Travel was easier. Farm wives were driving. The importance of the project leader in club work indicated that leadership development was an important result of home demonstration club work.

Agents, sometimes with the help of state specialists, conducted training sessions attended by project leaders of both rural and town clubs. These leaders in turn shared the lesson with club members at the next meeting. Some women took the responsibility of leading 4-H Clubs. The experience gained in having served as an officer or project leader in a homemaker club gave women the self-confidence needed to participate in other community affairs. Radio was bringing world news to even the most remote areas. Electricity and running water in many homes helped to make housework easier.

About this time the National Association of Extension Home Economists was being organized as a means of bringing agents from the different states together and developing a program for professional improvement and recognition.

World War II saw an economic upswing, but with world trade limited by war, some products could no longer be imported, and again there was a need for basics. Victory gardens provided food, and canning was again important for the family food supply. Women began working outside the home as more men went to war, and whole families uprooted themselves to head for the cities for employment in the war plants.

The 40's definitely reflected a more affluent way of life for both the rural and urban homemaker. New technology resulting from the war effort kept agents on their toes keeping up with new and more efficient ways of doing things. The Rural Electrification Administration made electricity available to even the most isolated rural areas. This was justification for many families to build new homes to replace what often was the original homestead house. Electricity meant running water and the convenience of a bathroom. Agents worked with families in house planning, proper wiring for the use of various appliances, and assisted families with consumer information regarding the purchase of washing machines, refrigerators, and many other appliances.

The war years had brought a new freedom to women. Many had learned how to coordinate a job with housekeeping and raising a family. Younger women were interested in a college education and a career. There was greater interest in public policy, community development, cultural arts, and affordable luxuries. Club lessons reflected concern over traffic safety, and the state homemakers council along with key people in various counties succeeded in getting legislation which made driver training mandatory. In a national contest on safety, one county agent reported that her group received third place in the nation. Other club lessons included consumer problems, child development, and interpersonal relations. A growing awareness of minorities, low income people, the elderly, and the handicapped also influenced the choice of club programs and special interest meetings.

If agents had been the "Jack of all trades" in the homemaking field in the early days, they were now required to expand their knowledge to even broader fields and call upon specialists and resource people for assistance.

Several agents got their start working on Indian reservations and carrying out programs in housing and nutrition. Some of the agents came from other states and brought with them their own expertise, new ideas and different approaches for meeting the challenges of their particular county situation.

One Montana agent found herself in Washington, D.C. involved in writing a bulletin on the subject of Family Life for Low Income Families. Agents in urban centers introduced the Expanded Food and Nutrition program to low income families and involved Paraprofessionals to help handle the increase in clientele.

The first Woman's Week was initiated by Vivienne Kintz in 1966. A former agent who had become state leader, she saw the possibility for this to replace the annual Extension Home-maker Council which had served primarily as a business and program planning session for the officers of the county councils. Woman's Week was to be an on-campus educational experiment open to all Montana women. Now in its 17th year, Woman's Week has become a model for other states to follow. It offers a variety of classes in some 35 subject matter areas taught by campus instructors, extension specialists, and other resource people and attracts several hundred women each year.

The 70's found women still interested in food preparation, nutrition for their families, and ways to maintain an attractive and efficient home. They were much more fashion conscious than their grandmothers had been, and much more involved outside of the home. One agent taught 600 people how to upholster furniture through community workshops. Clothing specialists and agents conducted pants fitting workshops, explained alteration techniques, and shared home sewing shortcuts. Agents made use of radio, TV, and special interest meetings to expand their audiences and share information more rapidly. Advisory committees and program planning groups worked closely with the agents serving as the "eyes and ears" for community and family needs. Leadership development, continuing education, and awareness of national and international issues affecting families, employment, and crop production became the major items of interest and concern. Correspondence courses developed by both agents and specialists became popular and eliminated meetings for those working people who already had busy schedules. Rising cost of gasoline also cut meeting attendance as people began to limit driving, and the correspondence course and lesson packet helped to save travel costs. Farm women interested in legislation and the formation of public policy started their own groups such as Cowbelles, W.I.F.E. (Women Involved in Farm Economics), and A.B.L.E. (Association for Branch Line Equity). Many of these women credited their membership in a homemaker club as the start for their leadership training to move on to these organizations.

Montana agents have always taken an active part in the National Association of Extension Home Economists. The Montana Association began selecting agents to receive the Distinguished Service Award in 1945. A number of Montana agents have served as members of national committees. Freida Schroeder served as national secretary, Iva Holladay was western Regional Counselor, Pauline Deem was national chairman of Recruitment, and Pat George was national chairman of the Research Committee. Pauline Deem later served as western Regional Alternate Counselor, and was appointed editor of the national publication, "The E.H.E. Reporter," for a three year term. Jane Svalstad received the Florence Hall Award for her work with native American craft fairs, and Lyla Walker received the Florence Hall Award for her series of meetings with families in preparation for the White House Conference on Families.

The Montana Association and the Montana Extension Service, recognizing the value of an affiliation with the NAEHE, grants professional leave time and budgets funds to assist and encourage delegates and award winners to attend the national meetings.

Montana agents are unique in that they are members of an organization called Shu Tan Ka which serves as a social part of their association. In earlier years it provided a communications tool as a monthly publication by the same name was a means of sharing ideas, expressing opinions and keeping in touch with current and former agents. For individual stories of the

trials and tribulations , the successes and the heartwarming experiences of our Montana agents up to the 70's, the pages of those back issues would provide a wealth of information that was not to be found in the brief summaries that were submitted for this short history.

Somewhere in these years, the title of home demonstration agent was exchanged for county extension agent and clubs became extension homemaker clubs. The name change put a new emphasis on the program.

Evaluation is the extension way of determining the value of the various programs offered to the people based on what they have indicated they needed. The importance of keeping up with a changing world, making use of new technology, reaching out to all people, and convincing legislators that funding must not be cut, led to a state-wide program called Project '80 initiated at the close of the 70's to determine what should have priority during the next decade.

Extension home economists with their co-workers organized community committees, called in key people and held numerous meetings. A look back over the last 25 years and a look forward to the future brought out many of the benefits people have received from extension. When all of the meetings had been held and all of the major concerns and interests summarized, it was not surprising to find that the energy crunch, inflation, unemployment, physical fitness, emergency medical services for rural areas and small towns, making the most of limited resources, nutrition, interpersonal relationships, and child development were consistently listed among the top priorities needing consideration and programming.

In retrospect over the past 66 years of extension work in Montana, agents can see a cycle based on the economy of the decade involved. There was constant return to the basics each time an economic situation brought on by war, depression or inflation developed. The family remained important. The extension agent's task is still that of disseminating information based on research and training from the land grant institutions to her clientele to help them become better leaders, wiser consumers, and more active in forming public policy. At the same time she must guide them in making their home more comfortable, efficient and attractive, provide information on nutrition and physical fitness, help them plan for the future and cope with every day situations. She no longer has to drive miles to meet with small groups. (If she does, it is on well-paved highways in an air conditioned car.) She can reach many of her audience via radio and TV or one of the correspondence courses such as the recent Estate Planning Course prepared by Montana Specialist, Marsha Goetting, which has now been completed by 20,000 Montanans. If she needs information for specific questions or programs, she can press the buttons of her Aagnet Computer terminal and have answers within minutes, or she can arrange or conduct satellite classes using telecommunication systems from the nearest branch of the university. Her clientele is no longer limited to the rural area for she now reaches out to everyone.

Extension's purpose is still to help people learn to help themselves by using new and better ways of doing things to make life easier and hopefully assume a responsible leadership role in the community.

A summary of the outstanding programs from Montana agents submitted by the area supervisors for the purpose of helping compile this brief history fell into four categories: health and physical fitness, energy conservation, nutrition and food preparation including use of the microwave and other appliances in food preparation, and planning for the future whether it be coping

with retirement, setting up an estate plan, or taking a course in parenting.

Montana women are truly indebted to those early workers who put forth the effort, braved hardships, and had the foresight to pave the way for an ongoing program that encouraged many to follow in their footsteps with the same dedication for working with people. A survey questionnaire returned by agents for this history (excluding those who had worked less than a year) indicated that the average number of years devoted to extension by those agents was 19. The shortest was 8 years, and the longest was 36. The knowledge that one has shared in the development of knowledge and skills to make some person a better individual in his or her community is often satisfaction enough in evaluating one's own personal involvement as an agent.

Prepared by Pauline Deem, County Extension Agent Emeritus, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of NAEHE. September 1983.

**MONTANA OBSERVING
50th ANNIVERSARY**



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF
EXTENSION HOME ECONOMISTS**

1983-1984

BERN, Nancy Horsfall Box 1981 Kalispell, Mt. 59701

12 years in Extension Presently in Flathead County

BS in Home Economics, MSU

Extension Employment

1971 - Flathead County Extension Agent

Worked with twelve teen mothers through a program called "Young Homemakers". Taught them basic homemaking skills such sewing, (children's clothes), food and nutrition information (baking bread and pies plus a program on nutrition), inexpensive gift ideas, money management skills, making jams and jellies, food preservation skills, inexpensive entertainment ideas.

BREKKE, Esther Rugland P.O. Box 640 Big Timber, Mt. 59011

20 plus years in Extension Retired

BA. Concordia, MS. U. of Minn.

Extension Employment

Minnesota - 4-H Club Agent, Olmstead Co.

S. Dakota - Home Demonstration Agent, Williams and Cass Counties

Hawaii - Kauai, Home Demonstration Agent

Honolulu - Territorial office, U of Honolulu - Agent at Large (Kauai, Maui)

Iowa - Asst. Older Youth Leader

Montana - Associate 4-H Leader, Literature Coordinator, College 4-H

CLACK, Elinor R. Box 1484 Havre, Mt.

13 years in Extension

BA., Modern Lang. BA. Home Ec. MA. Foods

Extension Employment

Reservation Extension Agent

BUTLER, Beverly

Hilger, MT 59415

11 years in Extension

BS. Home Ed.. 1 year MSU Graduated Eastern Montana College

In 11 years of Extension I feel that I have made Extension viable to all people. in Fergus County. Extension Homemakers, 4-H, Chamber of Commerce, Health Department Family Planning, A.A.U.W., Garden Clubs just to name a few.

DEEM Pauline

Box 126 Plentywood, Mt. 59254

31 years in Extension

Retired

BS in Home Ec. MSU

Extension Employment

1949 - 1980 County Extension Agent

Special Recognition

Moses Scholarship in 1953 or 1954

Distinguished Service Award in 1959

Farm Foundation Scholarship in 1971

Editor of the E'H'E Reporter NAEHE

Associate Western Regional Director NAEHE

Who's Who Among American Women

Activities where leadership made a difference:

Upholstery Workshops

County history book: Sheridan's Daybreak

4-H Clothing Program

Quilt Classes

Driver Training Program (Sheridan County won 3rd in the nation)

DUFNER Carolyn

214 Glenwood Ave

Glendive, Mt. 59330

21 years in Extension

presently in Dawson County

BS in Home Ec. Education MSU

Extension Employment

Dawson County Extension Agent - 1962 to present time

The 4-H leadership program is what I feel best about. I've watched members and leaders become capable leaders as a result of 4-H leadership experiences. Shy people have learned to overcome this and serve not only in 4-H but other Community boards.

17 years in Extension

BS. MSU/College of Gt Falls Home Ec.

Extension Employment

County Extension Agent at Large, Montana 12/50 - 6/51

Hill County Extension Agent, Havre, Montana 7/51 - 11/55

Cascade County Extension Agent, Great Falls, 9/61 - 6/62

Cascade County Extension Agent, Great Falls, 8/69 - present

Special Recognition

1947 - MEA Award for contributing to wartime community service.

1950 - Internation Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Switzerland.

1965 - Parochial School Cultural Arts and History Award.

1968 - Montana Home Ec. Education Assoc. Scholarship award for service to high school home Ec. curriculum development.

1980 - Montana's Mother of the Year Award.

Developed and implemented an educational program in nutrition-foods, including shopping, menu planning, food preparation skills, eating and food service skills for local Great Falls Blind Association and regional offices of Visual Services for the Montana Social and Rehabilitation Services. Participants discovered self-confidence and self-esteem.

Developed resource materials on food service preparation and meal management for the physically handicapped and presented concepts and skills at Statewide Cerebral Palsey Assoc. sessions.

Developed, coordinated and maintained a county-wide nutrition advisory committee and council for 7 years - the only one of its kind in the state. The committee is comprised of interested community personnel, home economists, dieticians, and representatives of agencies and organizations who meet regularly to discuss and evaluate local and state wide nutrition problems and concerns. The Extension Agent coordinates activities and updates committee members on available nutrition resources, information and research materials. A sub-committee pools resources skills and concerns and edits a consumer leaflet "Wise Buys" every 2 months for distribution to limited-income and disadvantaged audiences.

Organized and developed a special activity 4-H club or group for mentally retarded youth and/or adults, which now has 4-H leadership and has progressed to the point where they can participate in county-wide 4-H activities, state leadership functions, etc. They have been motivated through 4-H work to develop personally to a potential which never before was realized.

My position as an Extension Home Economist provided the opportunity for me to work with all types of families, to help widows cope with single-parenting concerns, to develop a successful Family Life Conference including a booklet used as a reference state-wide on "How to Organize a Family Life Conference."

FENN, Geraldine G. 1201 Highland Blvd. #55 Bozeman, Mt. 59715

31 years, 4 months in Extension Retired

BS. Home Ec. Ed., SDSU; MA. Coop. Extension Ed, Geo. Washington U.

Extension Employment

State 4-H Staff, S. Dak St. U. 10 years

State 4-H Staff, MSU, 21 years, 4 months

Acting State 4-H Leader 1 year

Special Recognition

Leader of 4-H International Program for 20 years

Extension Liasion Person for Peace Corps Training

Visiting Specialist in Home Ec and Youth work in Germany - Dept. of State.

Associate Professor Emeritus, MSU

Honorary Doctorate of Humanities, S. Dak. State University

Endowed the People Partners Program with the Montana 4-H Foundation which involves youth with people in their communities; promotes programs to help make communities a more enjoyable place to live; improves the "quality of Life" for people of Montana: offers some financial support for youth who have ideas which will improve their communities.

An example of this program at work is the Rocky Mountain 4-H Club, Havre. They have provided a Special Needs Camp for handicapped youth throughout Montana.

FLEMING Dora (Clark) (Smith) 2416 6th Ave. So. Great Falls, Mt. 59405

8 2/3 years in Extension Retired

BS, Home Ec. MSU

Extension Employment

1939-43 Agent, Fort Peck Indian Reservation

1946-51 Home Agent in Cascade County

My three children each completed 10 years of 4-H and all three went to Washington D.C. and to Chicago. One daughter who has three in 4-H is an active leader in Albuquerque, N.M. My sons oldest boy (Jonathon Smith) has completed one year of 4-H and will have a recipe in the State Fair Recipe Book.

I managed the Cascade Co. 4-H Church Wagon for 21 years, from 1952 until my illness and retirement in 1974.

I organized a Home Dem. Club in 1954 and it still is a very active club with 25 members.

I guess my life has been helping youth and homemakers. Since 1974 I have enjoyed traveling.

In 1978 I joined the Montana Friendship Force and have been an Ambassador to the following countries:

Korea - 1978

Japan - 1980

Nothern England and Scotland - 1982

Russia and China - 1983

Richmond Va. 1982

I have hosted people from Korea, Germany and England twice.

While my daughters family were in Nueremberg, Germany, I visited them for two summers and toured most of the continent and the British Isles.

FORSWALL, Alfreda R.

326 Alderson

Billings, Mt. 59101

26½ years in Extension

Retired

B.S. Home Economics, Mont. State College

Extension Employment

Extension Agent, Stillwater Co. 2½ years

Extension Agent, Yellowstone Co. 22½ years

Special Recognition

Delta Kappa Gamma, Honorary Teachers, Vice Pres. 1941

MHEA, Treas, 1948-50; President, 1953-1955

Epsilon Sigma Phi, President, 1961-62

Soroptimist International of Billings, President, 1953-54

Outstanding MSC Graduate, 1960

MAEHE President

Who's Who of American Women 1962-63

Billings Woman's Club President, 1981-82

To better understand ourselves and our neighbors, who have come from many countries, the program planners chose "Foreign Foods", one country each year for several years. These were based on the country the IFYE delegate reported in the county. One of the leaders said, "Some of us hear the reports but most of our members don't." Occasionally, a local person from that county, or some one who has lived there, helped: Dorothy Luebbe with Turkey.

Greater appreciation and closeness with neighbors were reported by some members when the country studied concerned them.

The planning leaders recognized the lack of understanding of city and county government. One year city elected or appointed officials prepared a sheet of information and shared with a personal presentation. There was a scheduled time for each. The next year county officials met with the leaders. This had a two way advantage. Many of those people had little understanding of the Extension Homemakers program. The program sheet was provided for each of the speakers.

26 years in Extension

BS. Home Ec. Concordia 1952 Advanced studies at Oregon State U.

Extension Employment

Extension Agent Fergus Co. 1957-69

Extension Agent Yellowstone Co. 1969-present.

Special Recognition

Distinguished Service Award 1969

MAEHE Pres, Vice-Pres., Treas.

National chairman of Research Studies.

Winner of Women Helping Women Award - Soroptimist International, Northwest Region

Six years ago expanding programming to meet the needs of all groups began. IN 1977 Yellowstone Extension HOMemakers changed their program planning procedure. Planning group looked at needs and subjects, club members and experiences they might want. Programming or ways of learning were listed and possible resources were brainstormed.

1. Outreach programs available from the state specialists that have leaders guides.
2. Programs that agent will present to groups. Workshops, leader training and special interest programs coordinated or presented by agent.
3. Resources from our community. A concerted effort is made to include Extension Homemakers with expertise on this list but most are people from businesses, services or agencies.

This program planning procedure was evaluated after 3 years and clubs asked that it be continued. This process has expanded to the overall Home Economics Community Development Committee. The group has determined a resource list available by topic that would benefit all groups in the community. This resource list is on a word processor and is to be housed at the library

JOHNSON, Ruth K. (Pierson) P.O. Dr. D 901 McLeod Big Timber, Mt. 59011

17 years in Extension

BS. Home Economics, MSU Graduate work in Sociology, EMC and CSU

Extension Employment

12 years, County Agent in Yellowstone County

At one point our Junior Leader group was outstanding - had an article published in the 4-H Magazine. I feel it was because we encouraged them to take responsibility for planning and carrying out their programs. My philosophy has always been to encourage leadership and it is great to see how young people or under privileged and minority people can grow with encouragement. At one point I had four ex-4-hers working as County Home Economists in Extension.

HOCHHOLTER Susan Marie P.O. Box 51 Culbertson, Mt. 59218

3 months in Extension presently in Roosevelt County

BS. in Home Ec. Education, minors in food, nutrition and English, ND St. U.

Extension Employment

Roosevelt County, Agent, 3 months

We found our County 4-H Congress activity to be very successful. We announced the event in the newspaper, at 4-H Council meetings and at club meetings. We had excellent attendance with many learning activities. People were excited to see what their new agent would do. The home economics events were: Fashion Revue, Bake-Off and Consumer Judging. The Consumer Judging event was new to the county and very well received. The contestants were required to place a class of blue jeans, blow dryers and meats after I gave them some instructions. We will be holding this event again next year.

HOFMAN Dorothy L. P.O. Box 96 McCabe, Mt. 59245

19½ years in Extension Retired

BA in Home Ec. U of M MS in Agricultural Ed. MSU

Extension Employment

1963-71 Extension Agent, Fort Peck Indian Reservation

1971-1983 Extension Agent, Roosevelt County

Special Recognition

Participant in writing a bulletin on Parent & Family Life Education with Low-Income Families at Washington, D.C. December, 1964

Ag. Outlook Conference, Washington, D.C. Feb. 1973

NAEHE Distinguished Service Award - 1975

Buffalo Award - "Outstanding County Agent in State" - 1979
(MCEA Agent of the year)

President for two years of MAEHE

3 year term as director when MCEA organized

Featured in Farm Wife News, Oct. 1974

Trained 600 family members to re-upholster furniture in four counties, - Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt and Richland.

HOLLADAY, Iva L.

1201 Highland Blvd. Apt. 97, Bozeman, MT 59715

35 years in Extension Retired

BS. Home Ec. KSU. 1929

Extension Employment

15 years in Leavenworth County, Kansas, Home Economics and 4-H programs.
20 years in Valley County, Mont. Home Economics and 4-H programs.

Special Recognition

Delegate from Montana with 2 outstanding Home Demonstration members from my county to attend the first Saskatchewan Provincial 4-H Camp.

Have held all state Home Agents Association offices.

Received Distinguished Service Award from National Home Agents Association.

Served 2 years as Western Regional Councillor in National Home Agents Assoc.

Official delegate representing Montana Extension Service at Triennial meeting of Associated County Women in the World in Toronto, Canada in 1953. Three women from my county represented Montana Extension Homemakers at the same meeting.

Served as President of Alpha Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi at MSU.

In 1936 while agent in Leavenworth County Kansas I took 20 delegates from that county to the Associated County Women of the World Triennial Conference in Washington D.C.

In 1939 Leavenworth County sent a delegate to London, England to the Triennial meeting of Associated County Women of the World held there.

In 1944 there was only one small library in Glasgow and I assisted with the formation of a city-county library for Valley County and a book mobile serving North Eastern Montana counties.

From a small 4-H fair grew a county-wide fair and thus to the Northeastern Montana Fair during my tenure.

Promoted and assisted with a county-wide nursing or convalescent home. Also with the cooperation of many groups built and operated the Pines Youth Camp on the Fort Peck Reservoir. The first camp was held in 1950.

In 1962 promoted the establishment of a county museum honoring area pioneers.

JARRETT, Wietske B. 1537 Canyonwood Ct. #6

Walnut Creek, CA 94595

5 years in Extension

BS. Home Ec. Education MSU

Extension Employment

Sept. 1941- Jan, 1942 Home Demonstration Agent At-Large

Jan 1942.- Dec. 1946 Home Demonstration Agent, Hill County

KINTZ, Vivienne B. 927 South Black Bozeman, Mt. 59715

18 years in Extension Retired

BS. Food & Nutrition MSU

Extension Employment

County Agent - Silver Bow and DeerLodge-Powell Counties

Supervisor - Western District

Program Coordinator - Human Resource Development

I feel the greatest contribution I made to Extension was the launching of Woman's Week. Because of the splendid support of the Home Economists and other members of the Extension Staff we were able to offer an educational program to Montana women that provided an opportunity to explore many subjects of interest and concern. The program offered an "at school" opportunity on the campus at MSU and was held in conjunction with the Montana Extension Homemakers Annual Council Meeting.

Beginning in 1964 approximately 100 women attended classes, lived in dorms and ate meals at the SUB for \$25.00. This past June over 300 women participated in the program and campus living was \$80.00. (Time and Inflation March on).

KNUDSEN Judith A. P. O. Box 1291 Forsyth, Mt. 59327

1 year in Extension presently in Rosebud-Treasure Counties

BS Family Environment, Iowa State University

Extension Employment

1981-82 - Extension Home Economist on Sioux Indian Reservation

1982- Agent in Rosebud and Treasure Counties

I feel that my work with 4-Hers has made an important contribution in the lives of these youngsters. With guidance, support and understanding, these youths are developing into outstanding adults.

LOEFFLER, Lorna J. 125 85h Ave. N. Shelby, Mt.. 59474

6 years in Extension, presently in Toole County

BS. Home Economics

Extension Employment

1978-80 Teton County, Agent

1980- June, 1981 Sanders County, Chairman

1981 - Toole County, Chairman

McCOY, Elizabeth

1217 West Story, Bozeman, MT 597k5

10 years in Extension

BS. Home Ec. Ed. MSU MS Home Ec. Clothing & Textiles MSU

Extension Employment

MSU - Cooperative Extension Service - County Extension Agent Carbon, Dawson
Wibaux, McCone, Prairie, Yellowstone Counties.

MSU - Instructor in Home Ec. Department.

MSU - State Office.

IFYE Delegate to Venezuela, Entry Office at MSU.

Clothing Camp was started in 1979 with the objectives of (1) helping youth gain knowledge and skills in the clothing and textile area and (2) adding to their leadership skills using the clothing subject matter area as a tool. A number of youth have participated in the program and returned home to share the information they gained with other 4-H members in their clubs and in the county.

While the Clothing Camp has met with a variety of criticisms, the potential for developing the individual using a project as the avenue is certainly a part of the purpose of the activity. Youth have the opportunity to practice skills and "to do" things that will increase their self confidence and self image.

MARUSKA, Jean Fraser 1127 North 12th Coeur D'alene, ID. 83814

Sept. 1949 - June 30, 1957 in Extension Retired

BS. in Home Ec. MSC 1949 BA in Elem. Education, U of M 1970

Extension Employment

Agent At Large from Sept. 1949 to May, 1950

Agent in Dawson County & Teton County 1950 to 1957

The Refinishing Workshop has been one of my favorite events. It has proved a valuable experience to me as a married homemaker. Through removing finishes, you learn different products, repair, staining and refinishing - a beautiful product and one you cannot buy today.

I have made all of the draperies for our home. It was a challenge! Cost - \$500 - a tremendous saving!

MOLINE, Marian L.

1110 2nd Ave. So., Great Falls, Mt. 59405

33 years in Extension Retired

BS. Home Ec.Ed. MSU MS. Colorado State U.

Extension Employment

1944 (June-Oct) At-Large

1944-51 Extension Agent, Fergus Co. Lewistown

1951-68 County Agent, Cascade Co. Great Falls.

1968-76 Area Home Economist and Food and Nutrition Spec. MSU

1976-77 Acting State Program Coordinator, MSU

Special Recognition

NAEHE Distinguished Service Award

President, Montana Assoc. Of Ext. Home Economists

1973-74 President, Montana Home Economics Association

1977-79 Western States Director, Epsilon Sigma Phi

1981 State Fair Hall of Fame

One Program that was developed late in my Extension career was the Expanded Food and Nutrition program for low-income homemakers. It is an education program conducted by para-professionals. I was in charge of the program state wide. I believe that it helped many families but I found that one of the greatest challenges and rewards was working with and training the para-professionals. For many it was the first time that anyone had given them a job. They were warm caring people and appreciative of our trust. There were lots of frustrations but I think it made a difference in their lives and a number were able to go on to other jobs.

MIKKELSON, Lillian Stone 386C LaCanada, Green Valley AZ. 85614

13 years in Extension Retired

BS. Home Ec. Colorado State U.

Extension Employment

13 years Home Demonstration Agent

Special Recognition

Outstanding Service Award - 10 years as Home Demonstration Agent

Secretary, Montana Home Economics Association for 1 year

Bernard Williams and I organized County Extension programs in Beaverhead County.

MURRAY Margaret Conlon

2152 Tice Creek Drive #3 Walnut Creek Ca. 94595

9 years in Extension Retired

BS. Home Ec Education, Minor - Foods & Nutrition ND St. U.

Extension Employment

Agent at Large - Montana Extension Service

Teton County, Home Demonstration Agent

Yellowstone County, Home Demonstration Agent

Contribution in the development of youth through 4-H demonstrations

NELSON, Lucile

711 Clark Ave., Billings, MT 59101

8 years in Extension Retired

BS. with major in Home Ec. MSU, Eastern MT. College, Colorado State College,
Washington State College.

Extension Employment

1 year assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Kalispell.

7 years Home Demonstration Agent in Stillwater County

PAGENKOPF, Andrea

2504 Spring Creed Drive, Bozeman, Mt. 59715

10 years in Extension

BA. Home Ec. U of M PHd. Food & Nutrition, Purdue University

Extension Employment

1972 to present - Foods & Nutrition Specialist, CES, MSU

PIERCE, Allene Willson 1212 Round Butte Rd. West Ronan, Mt. 59864

28+ years in Extension Jan. 1953-1968 1970 -- presently in Lake County

B.S. Home Ec. Extension MSU: M.S. Extension Education, University of Maryland

Extension Employment

1953-61 Extension Agent, Custer County

1961-68 Extension Agent, Flathead County

1970-1976 Area Home Economist, MSU

1976 - Extension Agent, Lake County

Special Recognition

IFYE delegate to England and Scotland - 1952

National 4-H Fellowship winner, Washington, D.C. 1958-59

Distinguished Service Award - 1964

President - 2 years, Montana Association of Extension Home Economists

Extension has been a way of life with me. I come from an Extension family. My father, Fred Willson was an Extension Agent in Teton County for several years, My mother a 4-H leader for about 15 years, and we four children were all long time 4-H members. I decided when I was 12 years old that I wanted to be an Extension Agent and all training and class work was pointed to that end. Extension is just as challenging today as it was to me when I first started. My brother Howard has been an Extension Agent over 30 years and is in Washington State at the present time and I with over 28 years in Montana. Both Howard and I were recipients of the National 4-H Fellowship program, the only brother and sister to receive this in the history of this scholarship.

Leadership development has always been a high priority in my programming. About 1961, Doyle Stocks, 4-H Agent and I developed a series of 5 Basic Leader Training meetings for 4-H leaders with 0-3 years experience in Flathead County. We were one of the first counties in the state to develop extension training for new leaders. Our philosophy was the agents work with and train leaders and leaders work with members. The first couple of years agents and specialists did the training, then just the agents and finally agents and more experienced selected 4-H leaders did the training. This was carried on each fall until I left Flathead County in 1968. We felt this effort gave leaders more self confidence, they remained in the 4-H program longer, worked together better and participated more in County activities and events.

It was interesting to note this number one priority for 1983-84 from the state 4-H office is new 4-H leader training.

PATTEN, Frances

805 So. 3rd Ave, Bozeman, MT 59715

22 years in Extension Retired

BS. Home Ec. Kansas State, AM. Home Ec./Adult Ed. double major Columbia T.C.

Extension Employment

Home Demonstration Agent Cherokee Co., KA Aug. 1924-Dec. 1926.

Home Demonstration Agent Flathead Co. Jan. 1927-Aug. 1929

Nutrition Specialist Montana Aug. 1929-Feb. 1936.

Home Demonstration Leader Feb. 1936-Oct. 1946.

Special Recognition

Acting Dean Division Household and Industrial Arts MT. State College 1951-52.

Professor of Home Economics part time basis 1946-57.

Home Economics Advisor with Jordan - U.S. Technical Advisory Team in Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. A Montana group.

Home Economics Education Advisor U.S. Inter-Nation Cooperation Administration. Later U.S. Administration for International Development or USAID. Iran 1975-62, Afghanistan 1962-64.

SCHRODER, Frieda R.

Choteau, Montana

34 years in Extension Teton present county

BS. Home Ec. South Dakota State U.

Extension Employment

County Agent in South Dakota

County Agent in Montana

Special Recognition:

Montana Extension Agents Assoc. - Pres., Vice Pres., Sec. Committees

Delegate to 4-H events, Chicago and Rochester, NY.

Leadership training, a learning experience. Developing 4-H demonstrations.

Working and helping people in a learn to live program- where to place priorities.

SHUNK, Louise S. 603 South 3rd Ave. Bozeman, Mt. 59715

1946 to 1966 in Extension Service Retired

BS. Home Ec. MSU

Extension Employment

Home Management Supervisor

Home Demonstration Agent

Home Economics District Supervisor and Acting State Leader

Special Recognition

MSU Outstanding alumna in 1966

Pres. and Sec.-Treas. of Montana Home Demonstration Agents Association

President of Epsilon Sigma Phi

I was assistant Project Director for the first VISTA training program in the United States conducted in Montana by the Extension Service.

SPALDING, Orpha Brown 934 East 7th Ave. Escondido, CA 92025

15 years in Extension Retired

BS. Home Ec. Kansas State U. MS. Adult Ed. Columbia University

Extension Employment

1930-1944 Ex. Agent in Sweetgrass, Stillwater, Fergus Counties

Special Recognition

1944-45 Ex. Sec State Nutrition Comm. under War Food Administration

1951-52 Home Ec. and Adult Ed. program for Women with Near East Foundation in Tehran, Iran.

Started training school for rural teachers and started an adult education program for rural women in literacy and home Ec in the Near East.

SVALSTAD Jane Campbell

Box 686

Browning Mt. 59417

13½ years in Extension presently in Browning

B.S. MSU M.E. in Adult Education, MSU

Extension Employment

1965-67 - Extension AGent in Lake and Sanders Counties

1967-68 - Extension Agent in Lake County

1968-78 - Blackfoot Indian Reservation

Special Recognition

1973 - National Florence Hall Award

1978 - Distinguished Service Award

The Florence Hall Award concerned my work with the Blackfeet Winter Expo on the Reservation including the organization and continuation of this fair where the local people showed their handiwork, sold some of it, Indian dances, etc. It was a big drawing card to draw the non-Indians to see what the Indian people had been doing in their beautiful craft work. It also promoted better relationships.

STEPHENS, Lois K.

204 28th St. No., Great Falls MT 59401

18 years in Extension

BA. General Home Ec. University of Wyoming BS. 1934

Extension Employment

1938 At large and training

1938-40 Home Economist, Teton County.

1959-75 Home Economist, Cascade County.

Special Recognition

MAEHE Distinguished Service Award

1968 President, Montana Hpme Economists Association

Epsilon Sigma Phi Distinguished Service Award.

I have worked with the 4-H leaders in this area to develop leader judging at the fairs as well as conducting numerous leader workshops in clothing construction.

TARNAVSKY, Carol P. O. Bos 1028 Sidney, Mt. 59270

18 years in Extension presently in Richland County

MA in Family Life, Child Devel., Calif. State, BS. Home Ec. N.D. State U.

Extension Employment

North Dakota, County Agent and Specialist

Montana, Specialist

Richland County, Home Economist and Chairman

Special Recognition

State President of Montana Home Economics Association

Selected "Sidney Woman of the Year for 1983"

Honor given by Beta Sigma Phi to a non-member

THOMPSON, Hazel A. 4736 Springlake Dr. San Leandro, CA 94578

In Extension October, 1935 to June 1971

Degrees from Colorado AM, George Washington U. U. of Arizona

Extension Employment

Extension Service, Rosebud County

Extension Service, Cheyenne Reservation

My Extension work set a pattern that I have continued all my life - to be interested in what happens to people all over the world and to continue to help those around me.

TRUE Mae Farris

805 Bozeman Trail Road, Bozeman, MT. 59715

31 plus years in Extension Retired in 1968

B.S. in Household Arts-Home Furnishings; M.S. in Clothing; Advanced work in Home Management & Home Ec. Administration - Oklahoma St. U, U of Wis.; Columbia U..

Extension Employment

County Agent in Oklahoma

Resettlement Administration, Oklahoma

Home Furnishing Specialist in Kansas

Home Furnishing & Management Specialist, District Supervisor, Agent - Montana

Since I graduated in the thirties my dream of being a GREAT INTERIOR DECORATOR went down the drain in a hurry. After hearing what happened to most of my classmates after graduation I felt that I was dern lucky, to be able to work for the Extension Service and to go out and give gardening and canning demonstrations. Federal monies were made available for six months. After the vegetables were canned they started killing the cattle and the beef was to be canned. This Household Arts major found herself in a canning kitchen canning beef. Thank goodness it was in Stillwater, Okla. where I had the help or know how close at hand if I needed it. The state specialists were very patient and understanding as I managed to hold down the job as long as the money lasted. That experience stands out in my mind as the most valuable experience I had in my thirty plus years with Extension. It was the turning point and convinced me that I wanted to work with people and there are far more important things in this world than money.

At our anniversary luncheon they had us tell what jobs we had following graduation and much to my surprise there were two food and nutrition majors that were not as fortunate as I was.

The second big project was the Cotton Mattress Program that came in 1944-45 when the government decided to get rid of the surplus cotton by making it up into mattresses. I was in Kansas at that time and it not being a cotton growing area the men were sure no one would qualify for mattresses so they were very much against the program. The Director was sold on the program and we made better than thirty-five thousand mattresses. I trained all County Extension Agents, men and women, Farm and Home Supervisors and a few A.A.A. Field men. When that program was finished so was I for a year. Again it was the satisfaction of seeing what people could do to help themselves.

My first experience working with the Community Development Program was in 1938-39 and even then we saw some very good results of organization and people working together to improve schools, roads, churches and etc. We think we have hard times today and perhaps some do but nothing to compare with what the families had in the thirties. Personally I think most people expect too much today, our standard of living is going higher and higher with each generation. Right ?

VUKONICH, Merrylee

Drawer F Joliet, Mt. 59041

14 years in Extension presently in Carbon County

BS. Home Economics, MSU

Extension Employment

1969 - County Home Economists, Carbon County

WALLACE Beverly Baringer

Rm. 304 Courthouse Bozeman, Mt. 59715

17 years in Extension presently in Gallatin County

B.S. Home Ec. MSC; M.S. MSU; Graduate work, Ohio Wesleyan U.

Extension Employment

1953-54 Home Demonstration, Carbon County

1968-present time -County Agent, Gallatin County

Special Recognition

1948 - Won State 4-H Fashion Revue, Attended National 4-H Congress

1951-52 President, Associated Women Students, MSU

1978 - Distinguished Service Award, NAEHE

Honoraries - Mu Beta Beta Phi Upsilon Amicorn (H. Ec.) Delta Kappa Gamma

(woman educators) Epsilon Sigma Phi (Extension)

Giving only one activity, I would have to say my greatest personal satisfaction has come from being "the encouragement", "the open-er of doors", "the you-can-do-whatever-you-really-want-to-do" to youth and adults alike, so as to help them fulfill their potential. Examples include: assisting one 4-H girl to obtain financial aid so as to achieve her goal of becoming a veterinarian; encouraging a 4-Her to seek (and receive) admission to a prestigious film and T.V. school; encouraging and helping 4-Hers to try for state and national awards; encouraging Extension Homemakers to return to college and or expand their horizons (quick count shows 4 who have returned to school as mid-age housewives and have received degrees); encouraging homemakers to reach out beyond their traditional four walls for self-fulfillment in jobs, new interests, activities, etc

I have received thanks and gratitude from many for "giving them the confidence and encouragement" to reach out and that's being an Extension Home Economist!

WARD, Judith G. 2490 Old Post Road Havre, Mt. 59501

12 years in Extension presently in Hill County

B.A. Home Ec. Interior Design, Washington State U.

Extension Employment

1964-72 Extension Agent, Hill County

1979 - Extension Agent, Hill County

WILSON, Eileen P.

Whitepine Route, Box 155, Trout Creek, MT 59405

2½ years in Extension

BS. English MSU

Extension Employment

1971-72 Extension Agent, Sanders County

1982 (Oct. to present) Extension Agent, Sanders County

Worked with the Meats I.D. Team and assessed the knowledge and number that were interested in participating. Also worked with the area volunteer leaders in meats area.

WIPRUD, Anne Rehbein Box 723 Fairfield Mt. 59436

12 years in Extension presently in Teton County

BS. Home Economics MACE (Masters Adult & Continuing Ed)

Extension Employment

1971-76 Extension Home Economist, Teton County

1977-80 Extension Home Economist, Cascade County

1981-83 Extension Home Economist, Teton County

The development of the Teton County Emergency Medical Services. The County now has two ambulances and trained volunteer emergency medical technicians.