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## Foreword

*T*his volume is about a leadership development program designed around practical, “hands on” learning experiences to increase and expand dimensions in creativity, vision and human achievement.

The Federal Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 creating the Cooperative Extension System, perhaps our nation’s best example of cooperative effort between government, private enterprise and voluntary sectors to effectively deliver and apply resources with immeasurable, synergistic results. The purpose of the legislation was to extend the knowledge base created in the laboratories of research from State Land–Grant Universities and the United States Department of Agriculture to people for practical use where they lived and worked and served.

Early Extension leaders quickly learned that innovative teaching methods and skills were needed to inform and involve farm families in learning and applying new skills in farming, home making and in developing institutions that served rural communities. Traditions and “handed down” practices were engrained in farming, home practices, and rural education.

In breaking the bonds of traditional practices, Extension leaders added new dimensions in “applied education” to the traditional classroom teaching in formal education. New teaching methods and curricula were developed around the idea of using “real life and real experiences” as the teaching laboratories. This new era of education required many new staff training and development dimensions that involved more in-service, practical hands-on learning.

Innovation in staff development methods were especially needed in Extension’s growing and expanding 4-H youth development programs. Industrial development, communications and transportation and international relations were all rapidly changing how current and future generations would be employed and engaged in our republic. By 1930, 4-H was already a widely recognized and successful educational program involving youth in practical educational experiences that helped prepare them for a broad range of career opportunities. Extension leaders were well aware of the imposing staffing challenges and requirements needed to build and

maintain 4-H on the “cutting edge” of success as a youth development educational program.

This book documents one dimension of a very successful effort to prepare professional staff for future service. The biographies of the Payne Fellows and the National 4-H fellows speak to the service of these dedicated and valued citizens. They represent the practical results of a visionary program to broaden the horizons of the knowledge, skills and leadership qualities of future leaders.

Mr. S. Howard Evans of the Payne Fund introduced the first two recipients of this fellowship program at National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. in 1931. Mr. Evans introduced the program as “Windows to a Wider World” and he stated “we need to be lifted above our immediate surroundings to a point where we can get a panoramic view of the whole ...”

Would that the success of the Payne Fellowships and the National 4-H Fellowships serve as prologue to our future visions and achievements in leadership development.

Grant A. Shrum  
Past President  
National 4-H Council

## Authors' Notes

*As* former National 4-H Fellows, we have attended periodic reunions of the Fellows and spoke of incidents that occurred during and after the Fellowship years. Over time the idea occurred that documenting the establishment, conduct and results of the Fellowship would be a contribution to 4-H and Extension history.

During the 1960s we were both Federal Extension Service, USDA staff members and jointly wrote several reports and publications. Each then went our separate career ways and reconnected while faculty members at the University of Minnesota in the 1970s, and again beginning in the late 1980s when we were both again in Minnesota and approaching retirement.

The question was raised again in correspondence between us in 2001 about the need for a 4-H Fellow “final” report. Finally, in 2007, we met with Susanne Fisher and Evelyn Harne to discuss doing a history of the Fellowship and explore the implications for the future of 4-H staff development. We realized that if a study of 131 individuals from 1931-1969 were to be done, it must be completed while former Fellows were in a position to tell their “profound life story.” Since then, we have attempted to locate all 131 former Fellows (or their relatives) and to obtain information about their Fellowship experience and life stories.

We want to acknowledge the many former Fellows, wives, husbands, children and other relatives and friends who willingly responded to our inquiries. Several retired and current 4-H and Extension staff members have volunteered their time to locate records and other data.

Four former Fellows volunteered to head a fund raising committee to ensure that the report was in printed form and to establish an Archive of Fellows' reports, photographs, records and memorabilia at the National Agricultural Library. We would specifically like to acknowledge the assistance of Harlan Stoehr who has provided invaluable technical support with printing the document.

The authors have tried to let the life stories of the former Fellows speak

for themselves. Draft copies of the manuscript have been reviewed and many suggestions and revisions have helped the authors avoid serious errors of fact and omission. Needless to say, if any errors remain, it is the sole responsibility of the authors. We would also like to explain that the variability in the quality of the photographs used in the report is due in some part to having to use reproductions from printed pages.

While this has been a collaborative effort from the beginning to locate all former Fellows and to collect and report their life stories, Harlan has served as the lead researcher ably supported and assisted by Joe, Sue Fisher and many others. We hope that you, the reader, enjoy this “trip” back to the early 1930s through 1969 in learning about the activities and accomplishments of the Payne and National 4-H Fellows.

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Finally, we want to thank those who assisted with the preparation and publication of the report. We particularly appreciate the help of Sue Kleen Benedetti who scanned photographs of many of the groups from Archives II to use in the report. Joye Brown Kohl, Lois McClure Kemp and Don Moore also helped with obtaining photographs that were used. June McAuliffe, Emily Copeland, Susanne Fisher, Eleanor Inman Smith and William Tedrick reviewed drafts of chapters and provided helpful feedback. Lastly, we thank Jessica Nixt and Lynne Wienholz of Allegra Print and Imaging for the graphic design and for making the document available for the 4-H Fellows Reunion, October 11-13, 2008 and Dale Reed and Harlan Stoehr, respectively, for providing the cover illustration and assistance with the lay out of the publication.

Without the assistance of everyone listed above, the idea of a history of the Fellowship program, an Archive of National 4-H Fellowship materials, and a Reunion at the National 4-H Center in 2008 would be just another "good idea."

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# 1 Introduction

A major challenge for modern organizations is preparing their professional and volunteer staff to deal effectively with technological and social change. The mission of the Cooperative (Agricultural) Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as established by the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, was to “diffuse information pertaining to agriculture and home economics” (U.S. Congress, 1914). To implement this Act, the Cooperative Extension Services used orientation and in-service training, summer schools, graduate study, pre-service education courses, sabbatical leaves, fellowships and scholarships, mentoring and coaching to meet this need for continuing education.

The Payne Fellowships, later renamed the National 4-H Fellowships, evolved as one such effort to prepare young professional Extension workers for leadership in 4-H and Youth Development Programs. This one-year Fellowship program—considered unique by many—combined post-baccalaureate study with an informal study of the federal government in Washington, D.C. The Fellowship program was initiated in 1931 when Mary Todd (GA) and Andy Colebank (TN) were named the first Fellows. During the next 37 years, there were 131 Fellows from 39 states selected for this 4-H Fellowship program.

Since there is no oral or written history of this program, very little is known about its origin, its funding, its curriculum or the contributions of the 65 women and 66 men who received the Fellowships. The only published evidence of the Fellowship’s existence is contained in brief paragraphs in *The 4-H Story—A History of 4-H Club Work* (Reck, 1951, p. 218), in *4-H: An American Idea 1900-1980* (Wessell and Wessell, 1982, p. 131), and in announcements of the Fellowship opportunity and of the recipients in issues of the *Extension Service Review* and the *National 4-H News*.

In March 2007, Joe McAuliffe and Harlan Copeland met and decided to study the history of the Payne and National 4-H Fellowships to document (1) how the program began and was funded, developed and implemented, (2) the career histories of the participants, and (3) the participants’ perceptions of personal and professional benefits gained from the experience. A

secondary purpose of the project was to develop a system for preserving historical documents related to the National 4-H Fellowship program.

The following chapters document the program's origin and initial curriculum, program changes that occurred over time, and findings pertaining to the participants' career histories, their perceptions of personal and professional benefits gained from the experience as former Payne and National 4-H Fellows and brief biographies of the 131 former Fellows. The appendices include a list of the Payne and National 4-H Fellows, a timeline of events pertaining to the Fellowship program, and the methodologies used in conducting the study.

The history of this unique Fellowship program that combined academic study and learning about our national government may be useful as we consider other professional development programs for young men and women in the emerging field of Youth Development.

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## 2 The Payne Fellowships -- 1931-1939

*The Committee On Selection Recommends You As One Of The Two 1947 National 4-H Fellows. Can You Accept And Begin Your Nine Months In Washington On October One, 1947? Public Announcement Of The Selections Will Be Made Here During National 4-H Camp.*

*M L Wilson Extension Service*

This Western Union telegram announced the beginning of a nine months' program in Washington, D.C. for Dorothy Arvidson. She and George Foster would have the opportunity to learn about their national government through meeting with people in the Cooperative Extension Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other government agencies. They could attend sessions of Congress and follow legislation as it moved through committees. Advanced courses at the USDA Graduate School and area universities could also be taken and credited toward graduate degrees. They might even meet some dignitaries while participating in the cultural and social activities that Washington offers. It would be a very busy nine months for the 1947-1948 4-H Fellows.

This Fellowship program for one young woman and one young man began in 1931-1932. It was sponsored by The Payne Fund of New York City in cooperation with the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, USDA. Sixteen Fellowships of \$1,000 each were granted by the Payne Fund from 1931 through 1939.

### **The Idea**

The seeds that blossomed into the Fellowship idea were probably planted by Miss Gertrude Warren, Organization Boys' and Girls' Club Work, in the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, USDA. In corresponding with Miss Ella Phillips Crandall, National Committee for the Study of Juvenile Reading (later to become The Payne Fund), Warren thought that a book about life planning would be of interest to Crandall and the Committee (Warren, March 21, 1929). Crandall later requested information about "the custom of the Department of Agriculture to have two of the outstanding

boys and girls of each state come to Washington in June as representatives of their state 4-H organizations” (Crandall, May 13, 1930). Upon receiving the literature of the 4-H Clubs from Warren, Crandall responded and requested an appointment for a young staff member, Mr. S. Howard Evans, to meet with Warren saying “His primary function on the Payne Fund Staff is making contacts with youth and youth organizations. He is coming . . . because of our genuine interest in reaching the rural boys and girls” (Crandall, May 20, 1930).

Gertrude Warren extended an invitation to Mr. Evans to attend the National 4-H Club Camp, June 18-24, 1930. She reports on his visit:

Never will I forget that bright, sunshiny day in June during one of the first years of our National 4-H Camp when I discovered a fine, upstanding young man chatting in a friendly way with different boys and girls, delegates to National 4-H Camp. . . . Finally, I caught up to him only to learn that he had been at camp several days and knew more about these young people than I did myself.

From that time I learned much from Mr. Evans regarding some of the national problems facing our country. It seems a little curious now to realize that one of the problems of young people seemed to be that of learning how their own community life linked up with that of the nation and the relationships of their own county government to that of the state and national.

After a discussion of problems such as these, Mr. Evan stated that his organization would be willing to create two \$1,000 Payne Fund Fellowships in order that an outstanding young man and woman who had been in 4-H club work and also had attended a recognized college of agricultural [or] home economics could spend a year in Washington, becoming acquainted with government departments, learning to know men and women of wide experience and achievement, and to participate in some of the graduate courses offered by the Department of Agriculture. And . . . one of the objectives at that time was these young people through the publicity that might be provided would acquaint 4-H members back in their local communities of the relationship which does exist between the county, state, and national government (Warren, June 1931).

### **The Payne Fund**

The Payne Fund, Inc. of New York City (founded 1927) had its origin in the National Committee for the Study of Juvenile Reading and was founded by Frances Payne Bolton. The original purpose of studying reading materials for promoting citizenship among youth was expanded to include studies of the effects of mass communication on social values. One of the Fund’s long-term projects was developing the educational possibilities of radio. General language research was supported and Basic

English was advanced as a means of teaching English as a second language to immigrants. The Fund provided annual grants to research projects whose findings would lead to educational programs and reform movements.

As these early studies were completed, the Fund turned its attention toward projects involving youth. Among the projects supported were the Experiment in International Living, the training of Seeing Eye dogs for the blind, Youth of All Nations, the American Council on African Education, the Institute of International Education, youth attitude studies, the Junior Extension University, and the Civics Research Institute (Grabowski, 1989).

In keeping with the “Youth for Youth” philosophy, The Payne Fund established the Payne Fellowships for 4-H members as an experiment with the goal that the Fellowship would be the nucleus of a larger number of fellowships for young people (*Windows to a Wider World*, 1964).

Mrs. S. Howard Evans suggested that her husband and the Payne Fund became interested in 4-H because:

To preserve the values of the American system of youth training while lessening the difficulties of transition to adult life became an important concern of the Fund. . . . The 4-H Clubs attracted the attention of the Fund because of certain of their unique characteristics. . . . Young people were helped to develop skills which they could continue throughout life. . . . They were training the leaders of the American agriculture that is to be (*Windows to a Wider World*, 1964).

The Fund utilized donations provided principally by Frances Payne Bolton, her brother and her sister. A civic leader in Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Bolton (1885-1977) was elected to the Sixty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband. She served Cleveland’s 22<sup>nd</sup> District for 29 years (1940-1969); her major interests were nursing and international affairs.



Rhonwyn Lowry, right, 1952-1953 4-H Fellow presents a bound volume of letters of appreciation written by former Payne Fellows to Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton at the 25th Anniversary Payne/National 4-H Fellows reunion.

### **A Program is Created**

In preparing for a fellowship to the 4-H Clubs, Evans interviewed Dr. C. B. Smith, Chief, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, and Gertrude Warren. While Dr. Smith agreed that the youth fellowship plan was feasible and practicable, he considered two other projects of greater importance: (1) Research on the contributions of the 4-H movement to the individual boy and girl, and (2) Bringing adult state leaders to observe how the Department functioned in Washington.

Discussion seemed to indicate that it might be possible to combine the two projects which Dr. Smith had in mind and if those could be set up in a way which would receive the approval of Dr. [W.W.] Charters, the plan might be worthy of careful Payne Fund consideration (Evans, December 16, 1930).

Smith arranged a meeting to discuss the Payne Fund proposal and invited Director C. W. Warburton “to come to the conference and give us the benefit of your counsel” (Smith, January 17, 1931). On January 19, 1931, Smith wrote Evans,

We are greatly interested in the further training of our 4-H club members. The possibility of a scholarship for our 4-H club members, who have gone through college and wish to take a years’ post-graduate work in the Federal Department of Agriculture, appeals to us as being a most worthy enterprise. If the Payne Foundation, which you represent, is interested in this phase of our Extension work, we can promise them the full cooperation of the Federal Department of Agriculture in the guidance of such students . . . (Smith, January 31, 1931).

Evans replied, “At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January the members officially approved the awarding of two fellowships to the 4-H Clubs. . . . When you have completed details [of] the study you would like made of 4-H Club work, I should be very glad to submit them to Dr. Charters. If one of your state leaders should have the qualifications satisfactory for conducting the project, it might be possible to bring him or her to Washington for that purpose” (Evans, January 22, 1931).



Gertrude Warren, left, and George Foster, 1947-1948 4-H Fellow, at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The Announcement of the National 4-H Club Fellowships to be awarded by the Payne Fund included the following information:

- Two Fellowships of \$1,000 each (1 for girls and 1 for boys) will be awarded for nine months' residence and study at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 1931-1932.
- Qualifications required of candidates
  1. College degree in Agriculture or Home Economics.
  2. Four years' participation in 4-H Club work with interest continuing through college.
  3. A definite interest in Extension work in Agriculture or Home Economics.
  4. Not over 25 years of age as of June 1, 1931.
  5. Graduation at the final college or university commencement for the academic year 1930-1931.
- Geographical limitations – No one section of the country shall be awarded the same Fellowship in two consecutive years.
- Method of Selection: Each state has the privilege of nominating one young man and one young woman who have shown outstanding ability in school and club work and who give great promise of future leadership in agriculture and home economics. The nominations must be submitted by April 20 to a committee appointed by the United States Department of Agriculture which will select the winners. Public announcement of results will be made at the National 4-H Club Camp in June.
- Opportunity of the Fellowships: The Office of Cooperative Extension accepts the responsibility for introducing the successful candidates to this storehouse of [research] knowledge [at the United States Department of Agriculture] as it is related to the other departments of the Federal Government and to the various states.

### **Funding**

Miss Crandall reported that "Our organization will send the first check of \$100 to the boy and girl before they leave their respective homes, although we do not accept responsibility for their transportation. Succeeding payments of \$100 will be made on the first of each month until the entire amount of the fellowship has been paid" (Crandall, February 24, 1931).

### Selection of the Recipients

The Announcement about the Fellowships was distributed to State Directors of Extension in March 1931 and included the endorsement of the Chairman of the Committee on Extension Organization and Policy of the Land-Grant Colleges (Smith, March 12, 1931). Candidates were required to complete a six-page "Information Blank" and the State Director of Extension and the State Club Leader in Charge of Club Work certified the eligibility of the candidates. The State Club Leader was also asked to provide information about the 4-H Club organization in the state and county represented by the candidate. Applications were submitted to The Payne Fund (The Payne Fund, 1931).

A committee appointed by the Office of Cooperative Extension Work consisting of E.W. Sheets, Chief of the Animal Husbandry Division of the Department and by Miss Ruth O'Brien, Bureau of Home Economics reviewed the 1931-1932 applications. The top five boys and girls were rated by the committee and forwarded to Mr. Evans for the Payne Fund to make the final selection and to notify the applicants of the decision.

### Windows to a Wider World – Introducing the 1931-1932 National 4-H Fellows

In introducing Mary Todd of Georgia and Andy Colebank of Tennessee as the recipients of the first awards at the National 4-H Camp in 1931, Mr. S. Howard Evans of the Payne Fund said:

All of us seem content to have the tendency to be content with the tiny world of experience which surrounds us. Our fathers and forefathers lived pretty much to themselves, self-satisfied and largely self-sufficient . . . But that day has passed. . . . Each of us is dependent upon the work of others even as they are dependent upon our work. To appreciate this kind of social organization, with its privileges and responsibilities, we need to be lifted above our immediate surroundings to a point where we can get a panoramic picture of the whole. . . .

These Fellowships bring to Washington for an entire school year one boy and one girl member of the 4-H Clubs, selected on the basis of activity, ability, personality and leadership qualities. These young people . . . will spend their energies looking into the many departments of government which many of us have superficially examined. From time to time, they will be reporting to you on what they find. They will be keeping before you the larger vision of the field wherein your interest lies. They will be your *window to a wider world* (*Windows to a Wider World*, 1964).



Mary L. Todd and Andy Colebank

## The Curriculum

Mary Todd and Andy Colebank began their experience with an orientation in New York City provided by the Payne Fund. Mr. Evans then accompanied them to Washington to begin their program at the Department of Agriculture October 1.

A committee consisting of Miss Gertrude Warren; Mr. J. A. Evans, Associate Chief; Mr. M.C. Wilson, Field Studies and Teaching, and Dr. C. B. Smith established a program for Todd and Colebank. The Fellows were to spend 50% of their time in a study of government activities at the Department of Agriculture and other departments, 20% of their time in academic studies and 30% of their time on a specific research problem (*Extension Service Review*, September 1931). Program supervision would be handled by Miss Warren for Todd and by Mr. J. A. Evans for Colebank.

Mary Todd worked in the Bureau of Home Economics and assisted with the preparation of material for the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. Andy Colebank focused on the Bureau of Dairy Industry becoming familiar with their research and assisting with the Department exhibit at the Dairy Industries Exposition in Atlanta. A social highlight for the Fellows and Miss Warren was receiving an invitation from Mrs. Bolton to have tea on June 10 when she was in town on family business.

The 1932-1933 program brought some changes based on the experience of the first year. The management of the Fellowship program was turned over to M. C. Wilson, Field Studies and Teaching. Some compulsory courses on research in extension and the development of Extension programs and other recommended postgraduate courses offered by the USDA Graduate School were added. Each Fellow had to decide on a research project



Margaret Latimer and George Harris

which would be his or her major occupation of the year. Fellows would study relationships in the Department of Agriculture and how the financial side of government operates (Evans, October 12, 1932). Wilson reported on the individualized programs that were being developed for the 1932-1933 Fellows – Margaret Latimer and George Harris – and the additional requirement of preparing a report of each month's activities (Wilson, November 11, 1932).

After meeting with Dr. W. W. Charters of Ohio State University, a con-

sultant for the Payne Fund, about the Fellowship program, Wilson reported other changes planned for the 1933-1934 Fellowship. The principal changes were: (1) A fifth qualification of one or more years of experience after graduation from college would be added; (2) Ensuring that the two recipients came from two different regions of the United States; (3) Conducting personal interviews with the top candidates; (4) Reducing the scoring weight of the 4-H record and leadership ability qualifications from 30% to 20% and awarding 20% to “evidence of . . . expectation of continuing to do field work with young people”; and (5) changes in the information requested of the applicant and State Club Leader (Wilson, December 8, 1932).

With these changes, the Fellowship program began to take shape with very few changes in succeeding years. Interviews with the highest scoring candidates were begun as the competition became very keen in 1933-1934 there were 27 girls and 24 boys from 35 states making application. The announcement of recipients continued to be made during National 4-H Camp. Courses on Extension and other topics were taken for credit through the USDA Graduate School and two of the 16 Payne Fellows completed master’s degrees at the University of Maryland (Mildred Ives and Barnard Joy). The research project became a major component of the program and several theses were reproduced as *Extension Service Circulars*. These included:

- *Extension Service Circular* 194, “Planning a Program of Extension Work for Older Farm Girls” (October 1933) by Margaret Latimer.
- *Extension Service Circular* 199, “The Length of 4-H Club Membership” by Barnard Joy.
- *Extension Service Circular* 209, “Teaching of Child Development through 4-H Club Work” (January 1935) by Esther Friesth.
- *Extension Service Circular* 215, “A Study of the Functions and Activities of the United States Civil Service Commission” (May 1935) by Mildred Ives and Edwin Matzen.
- *Extension Service Circular* 224, “Suggested Procedures for Incorporating Home Management in the 4-H Club Program” by Mildred Ives.
- *Extension Service Circular* 251, “Some Observations on the Organization, Functions, and Activities of the Development of Cotton Marketing” (December 1936) by James W. Potts.
- *Extension Service Circular* 284, “Contributions of 4-H Club Work to Good Family Living with Suggestions for Increasing these Contributions” (June 1938) by Ruth Durrenberger.

- *Extension Service Circular 338*, “A Planned Recreation Program for 4-H Clubs” (August 1940) by Blanche Brobeil.

Monthly reports were submitted by the Fellows to The Payne Fund to be added to their individual notebooks with their reports of courses taken and government offices visited, a copy of their major (and minor) theses, and a copy of their academic record. A newsletter -- apparently from “Papa” M.C. Wilson’s office – was developed to share news of the former Payne Fellows and happenings in the Extension office (“Growing Paynes,” 1938, 1939, and 1940).

### **The End of the Experiment**

The Payne Fellowships were originally undertaken as a two to five year experiment. Because the experiment was viewed as a success in the judgment of the Payne Fund officers and by officials in the Department, the Payne Fund officers authorized Evans to raise five million dollars to expand the program to all economic interests represented in the federal government and present fellowships to 150 young people in all walks of life in 1937-1938. With no success in raising funds to expand the fellowships and because of economic conditions, the Executive Committee of the Payne Fund voted to discontinue its annual grant for the maintenance of the National 4-H Club Fellowships beyond 1938-1939 (Evans, 1938).

In reflecting upon the eight-year experiment involving the Payne Fund and the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, Wilson noted in a letter to Evans:

It has been a great satisfaction to see [the former Fellows] advance rapidly into positions of responsibility following the completion of their assignments. Occasional letters from former Fellows [with comments such as the following] add glamour to the daily routine:

To put into words which would express the meaning which the year has held for me would be an impossibility. It is easier to express tangible benefits, -- but those intangible values, -- those things which the year did to me, not for me are difficult to word.

Perhaps I am more aware of the values than I would have been had I not returned to my same position. In so many ways my work seems [to] go much easier than it did two years ago. It is much easier for me to organize my work and I have a much broader outlook on it (Wilson, 1938).

The Payne Fellowship program culminated in a reunion held in Washington, June 16-18, 1939 during National 4-H Camp attended by 13 of the 16 Fellows.. The “Growing Paynes” newsletter reported there would be meetings, both official and “un” and “eatings” including a real Southern picnic at Congressman Hatton Summers’ Virginia farm. The group would

visit the National 4-H Club Camp and assemble a book about their experience (Growing Paynes, 1939). Evans reported that Mrs. Bolton (she would be elected Congresswoman to fill her late husband's seat in February 1940) was inviting the group to a luncheon at her Washington home (Evans, 1939).

In their unpublished book, the Paynes reflected on their Washington experiences – the changes in the city and moving into the new USDA South Building, courses taken at the USDA Graduate School and at area universities, their research problems, the Bureaus of Home Economics and Agriculture, lectures and conferences attended, social events, National 4-H Camp, and the people they met. In the final chapter, “The Fellowship as Seen from the Fund,” S. Howard Evan shared his thoughts about the experiment:

Almost exclusively, the interests of youth [in the United States] are organized locally on projects of much more significance to the individual than to society at large. . . . The 4-H Clubs attracted the attention of the Fund because . . . They were training the leaders of the American agriculture that is to be. . . . Why not make an award which would give to a few outstanding members of the 4-H Club movement a larger opportunity to get perspective both on the work of their organization and on the national problems of agriculture? . . . While no balance sheet was struck and no attempt was made to translate into statistics the human values developed as part of the program, the general impression seemed to be by any standard of measurement the fellowships were highly successful (Evans, [1940]).

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### 3 The Payne Fellows -- 1931-1939

*As we come to the close of an unique Educational Experiment, what the experiment may mean will be determined in the years ahead by those who have taken the work and will not be known until the end of the journey of life. . . . (T)he Paynes have been an aggressive group. They have "buffaloed" Congressmen. They have put legislative committees on the spot. They have jimmed their way into embassies and legations. They have "crashed" society. They have spent all their money and are now "broke." The time is come when they will have to work, and the fact that they will have to work is important to the future of the Nation. . . . We would propose a toast: "To the Paynes, may they live long to bless the world with their accomplishments" (Smith, 1940).*

#### *E*xtension Leaders <sup>1</sup>

After their Fellowship year, nine of the 16 Payne Fellows returned to State Extension Service positions at the county level while Blanch Brobeil joined the Iowa State 4-H Staff. Kenneth Anderson left Extension but continued with the 4-H movement as Service Director (later as Associate Director) with the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work/National 4-H Service Committee until his retirement in 1978.

Four would select Extension for her or his life career. Margaret Latimer Edwards received a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents for her work with 4-H Clubs at the county level in New York. Mary Todd served primarily in county home economics positions in Georgia and Florida, but early in her career spent six months in Puerto Rico helping establish 4-H and home demonstration work on the island; she also worked as Assistant 4-H Leader in New Jersey. James Potts was a State Specialist for Boys 4-H Club Work before completing his career as Assistant Extension Editor with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Max Culp was appointed County Agricultural Agent for Caldwell County (NC) in 1942 and remained until shortly before his death in 1965. George Harris served as an Extension Dairy Specialist in Kentucky for six years.

Marriage and homemaking responsibilities interrupted the Extension careers for Mildred Ives Matthews, Ruth Lohmann Smith, Ruth Durrenberger Ferguson, Winifred Perry Anderson and Blanche Brobeil Spaulding. After leaving county work, Barnard Joy conducted 4-H research for the Section of Surveys and Reports, Extension Service, USDA before joining the Agricultural Research Service, USDA.



Barnard Joy

### **Other Careers**

Andy Colebank, Barnard Joy, and Edwin Matzen joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Federal Milk Marketing Administration, Agricultural Research Service and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service respectively. Keith Jones raised purebred sheep, hogs and other livestock in Washington State, and George Harris returned to the family farm to raise Jerseys in Kentucky.

Ruth Durrenberger Ferguson was the only Payne Fellow to enter higher education--Ruth taught Food and Nutrition at the School of Home Economics at the Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University). Esther Friesth Intermill and Ruth Lohmann Smith re-entered the work force and both taught home economics at high schools in their respective communities in Michigan. While her husband was imprisoned during World War II for his pacifist beliefs, Blanche Brobeil Spaulding taught at the Church of the Brethren Cooking Schools for their camps in Virginia and Arkansas. After relocating to Kansas, Blanche worked as a librarian and teacher with the Western District Loan Library where she could, along with Winifred Perry Anderson, concentrate on family and community service.

### **Educational Degrees**

While academic courses were added to the program during the second year of the Fellowship, for many, the desire to obtain a graduate degree would come later. Dr. Smith reported to Evans that during 1932-1933,

(T)his year's effort . . . is so being handled that credit will be given for it in our [USDA] postgraduate school, so that if they want to apply it later towards a higher degree at other institutions they will be able to do so (Smith, 1932).

Barnard Joy was the first to take advantage of this option at the University of Maryland in 1933-1934 and Mildred Ives remained after the Fellowship to complete her master's, also at the University of Maryland. Ruth Durrenberger returned seven years after her program to complete her

master's at the University of Maryland as well.

Other master's degrees were completed after the Fellowship at Iowa State University (by George Harris in Dairy Husbandry), at Cornell University (by Edwin Matzen in agricultural economics) and at Michigan State University (by Ruth Lohmann Smith in Vocational Education). Andy Colebank also pursued graduate study in agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin.

Joy and Matzen also completed a doctorate – with Joy studying Adult Education at George Washington University and Matzen majoring in agricultural economics at Cornell.

### **International Service**

Mary Todd took a six month's leave of absence in 1935 and helped establish 4-H and Home Demonstration work in Puerto Rico by teaching new agents canning and Extension methods. Kenneth Anderson assisted the International Cooperation Administration in setting up 4-H Club work in Central and South America and served as President of the Inter-American Rural Youth Committee (1964).

### **Community Service**

Service to community, regional, national and international organizations characterized all 16 Payne Fellows. In their communities, they were active in youth work, the local schools, their churches, and social and economic development organizations. Some selected examples include:

- Ruth Lohmann Smith was a 4-H leader for 63 years, a summer cook for county 4-H and Science camps and helped establish the county fair serving as a board member for 50 years. Keith Johnson was a 30-year 4-H community leader and President of the 4-H Council. Max Culp served as Secretary of the County Fair.
- Esther Friesth Intermill and Barnard D. Joy were elected School Board members; Barnard was Chairman of the first-elected school board which initiated desegregation of the Arlington (VA) public schools.
- Max Culp was active with the Northwest North Carolina Development Association and Barnard D. Joy was Chairman of the Arlington (VA) Economic Development Commission.
- Winifred Perry Anderson and Ruth Durrenberger Ferguson were active members in their Needlework Guild and Orchid Club respectively and Winifred was an officer in her Garden Club.
- Blanche Brobeil Spaulding developed and offered a Story Telling Pro-

gram for Preschoolers for many years.

- Barnard D. Joy was a Founder and Member of the Arlington (VA) Committee of 100, a citizen's organization concerned about public affairs.

Examples of the Fellows' regional and State volunteer service include the following:

- Margaret Latimer Edwards and Max Culp were officers in their state professional agents' associations.
- Kenneth H. Anderson served as Treasurer and Board member for the Arizona 4-H Foundation.
- Barnard D. Joy was President of the Virginia School Boards Association and a Founding Member and Board member of both the Washington (DC) Educational Television Association and the Northern Virginia Community College.

Kenneth H. Anderson served as President of the Inter-American Rural Youth Committee.

### **Honors and Recognition**

Nationally, Kenneth H. Anderson was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame (2002) and the Reference Gallery at the National 4-H Center was named in his honor. Margaret Latimer Edwards was recognized for her Distinguished Service to 4-H by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the U.S. Department of Agriculture conferred its Distinguished Service citation to Barnard D. Joy.

The State of Michigan recognized Ruth Lohmann Smith with their Michigan 150 First Lady Award during their 1987 Sesquicentennial, and Barnard Joy received a Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia Education Association. Keith P. Jones was a 2002 Washington State 4-H Alumnus Awardee and James W. Potts received the first recognition award to a Headquarters staff member from the Texas Agricultural Association of County Agricultural Agents.

South Dakota State University conferred an Honorary Doctor of Agriculture degree to Kenneth H. Anderson and Esther Friesth Intermill and her husband were honored as the Family of the Year by Suoni College (now Finlandia University). The Northern Virginia Community College honored Barnard D. Joy with a Distinguished Service Award.

Community recognition was extended to Max A. Culp in naming the Caldwell County (NC) Fair Grounds Arena the "Max Culp Arena," and

Winifred Perry Anderson received the “Best of Show Award” for her needlework at the Phoenix (AZ) Needlework Guild show. Ruth Lohmann Smith received the Distinguished Service Award from the Montmorency County (MI) 4-H Clubs and Esther Friesth Intermill was Chassell’s (MI) Citizen of the Year. Barnard D. Joy received commendations from both the Arlington (VA) Jaycees and the Arlington County (VA) Civic Federation.

## Biographies – 1931-1939

### 1931-1932

- Mary L. Todd (GA) – Mary graduated from the University of Georgia and received the Payne Scholarship for excellence in scholarship, her nine years of 4-H Club work, and the leadership qualities she had shown. While on the Fellowship, she became familiar with the Bureau of Home Economics where she assisted with the preparation of material for the President’s conference on home building and home ownership. Upon completion of the Fellowship, she was appointed Home Demonstration Agent in Carroll County, Georgia. In 1935, she took a six month’s leave of absence and helped get Home Demonstration work underway in Puerto Rico teaching new agents canning and Extension methods. She returned as County Home Demonstration Agent in Carroll County and *The Extension Service Review* reported in 1936 that she had increased membership in homemakers’ and girls’ clubs threefold on her return. In 1947, she was [State] Assistant 4-H Leader in New Jersey. In “Windows to a Wider World” (1964), Mary was listed as the Home Demonstration Agent in Palm Beach County, Florida.
- W. (Andy) Colebank (TN) – Andy graduated from the University of Tennessee prior to being selected as one of the first two Payne 4-H Fellows. He focused on the Bureau of Dairy Industry assisting with the department exhibit at the Dairy Industries Exhibition in Atlantic City and becoming familiar with the research being conducted by the Bureau. In 1934, he was appointed marketing specialist with the Dairy Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration—the beginning of the Federal Milk Marketing Program—in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He continued to work at USDA during the summers while enrolled in graduate study in agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin from 1935-1938. After a decade of becoming familiar with legislative functions serving producers, handlers and consumers, Andy was appointed Acting Administrator of the Chicago Market Order 30 in 1940 and Administrator in 1942. The

objectives of the Marketing Order were the orderly marketing of milk by producers, accurate accounting of milk usage for dairy products by handlers, payment of milk to producers according to usage, and consumers' assurance of getting value received. He served in the U.S. Army during 1943-1945. The *Journal of Dairy Science*, in announcing his USDA retirement in 1972, reported "It is evident from his administrative performance and from statements of his associates, milk producers and handlers that he has administered directives of the Chicago Milk Order 30 fairly and without fanfare. Andy has left an indelible and permanent contribution to the dairy industry" (Vol. 55, No. 10, p. 5).

### 1932-1933

- Margaret A. Latimer Edwards – Margaret was a graduate of South Dakota State College in 1931 and had taught home economics for a year before being selected as a Payne Fellow. During her Fellowship year, she selected as her principle problem the development of a program for the older 4-H Club girl. She reviewed annual reports available in the Office of the Cooperative Extension Work, used the library facilities available in Washington, and consulted with staff of the Extension Service, the Bureau of Home Economics, and the Children's Bureau and with leaders of young people who visited Washington during the year. She began her Extension career as an Acting 4-H Agent in Ulster County, New York in 1933 and went to Cornell University in 1934 as an Agent-at-Large which took her to Nassau County and many other New York state counties. From 1936-1943, Margaret was Associate State 4-H Leader in North Dakota before returning to New York as Erie County 4-H Agent, retiring in 1969.

Margaret served as an officer in both the New York State and the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. She was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association in 1953.

In retirement, she traveled extensively, wintered in Florida, and served as Vice-President of a local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. She celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in June 2008 and her daughter, Mary Kelkenberg reports that she enjoyed getting together once or twice a year with former 4-H leaders in Erie County. Margaret passed away August 1, 2008.

- George M. Harris (KY) – George graduated with his B.S. degree (majoring in Dairy Husbandry) from the University of Kentucky prior to accepting the Payne Fellowship. During his year in Washington, he studied the Bureau of Dairy Industry and worked with their scientists

on experiments. He prepared his thesis on the work of the Bureau. He and Margaret Latimer appeared on a broadcast of the 4-H Club radio program over station WLW in Cincinnati; his subject was "What I Have Learned about the Department of Agriculture." Afterwards, he accepted an American Jersey Cattle Club Scholarship and earned a master's degree in Dairy Husbandry at Iowa State College. During the following six years, he married Veda Byrnside of Lebanon, Kentucky and served as state Dairy Specialist with the University of Kentucky Extension Service. A reserve officer in the United States Army, he was called to active duty in 1942 and served in the European Theater of Operations, returning in 1945 with the rank of Captain. George then chose to return to the family farm to raise his beloved Jerseys. He also taught classes for veterans and often spoke to agricultural groups and to the Rotary Club to which he belonged for many years. George became a respected dairy judge, judging in several states, Canada and Guatemala and was recognized for his impeccable oral reasons. He also remained active in the American Jersey Cattle Club. He maintained his interest in 4-H and saw that his daughters participated as well. George passed away in 1982.

### 1933-1934

- Esther Friesth Intermill (IA) – Esther taught high school home economics and civics at Elkhart, IA prior to being selected as a Payne Fellow. She remembers the excitement in Washington during her Fellowship year as it seemed President Roosevelt was creating new programs every day and the Fellows were encouraged to learn as much



Esther Friesth circa 1933 and Esther Friesth Intermill circa 2008

as they could about the running of government. Each month, they made a report on a different organization and she followed a Food and Drug bill through Congress. Esther is still amazed about how kind people were in planning occasions to meet celebrities. She still has an invitation from Mrs. Roosevelt to a tea at the White House, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wallace, and accompanied Hatton Summers, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, to a meeting with the President at the White House. Her thesis on the teaching of child development in 4-H work involved many observations at

nursery schools and was published as an Extension Service Circular. Returning to Iowa, she spent the summer of 1934 judging fairs and achievement days for Iowa 4-H Clubs. The *Extension Service Review* (August 1935) reported that Esther is now Mrs. Webster Wayne Intermill living in Wisconsin and active in 4-H Club work.

The Intermills lived in Laona (WI) and in Houghton (MI) where she served on the Houghton/Portage Township (MI) School Board. Their next home was in Chassell (MI) where Esther taught Home Economics at Chassell High School (1960-1970). She has served as a state and local officer of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), was a 25 year Board Member of the Good Will Farm (a home for children), a Girl Scout leader, and an active member of her churches and other community organizations. She has been recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Chassell (MI) Lions Club, as Woman of the Year by the AAUW, and she and Mr. Intermill were recognized as Family of the Year by Suomi College (now Finlandia University). She continues to reside in Chassell near her daughter, Mrs. Marvyl Wilson.

- Barnard D. Joy (OR) – Barnard began his 39 years of USDA service as County 4-H Club Agent in Ulster County, NY. After spending nine months in Washington as a Payne Fellow he returned to Ulster County until 1936 when he joined the Federal Extension Service, USDA, to provide leadership for field studies of 4-H Club work. During World War II, he was Assistant Deputy Director for the Federal Extension Service Farm Labor Program. With the advent of the Research and Marketing Act (1946), he coordinated the USDA program until 1952 when he assumed leadership of the Research and Marketing Act Research Advisory Committee. He joined the staff of the Research Program Development and Evaluation Service, Agricultural Research Service in 1965 and retired as Assistant to the Director in 1969. He received his Doctorate in Education from George Washington University in 1944.

In noting his community and civic contributions, the *Washington Post* (February 2, 1985) reported that “In many ways, Barnard Joy was ‘Mr. Arlington’ at a critical time in the county’s history” and the headline of his obituary in the *Arlington (VA) Journal* (1985) read “Barnard D. Joy was a ‘Renaissance-type man.’” He helped lead the Citizens Committee for School Improvement which resulted in the first elected school board in Arlington County (VA) and in the state of Virginia. The Virginia Supreme Court heard a challenge to his election because of his federal government employment and ruled in his favor. He then

served as chairman of the first elected school board school and three more times during his 16 years on the board during the dramatic period of desegregation of the schools. Barnard was a founding member and the first president of the State School Boards Association of Virginia and vice-president of the National School Board Association. He was a founding member of the influential Committee of 100, the founding board chairman of Northern Virginia Community College, a founding board member of the Greater Washington (DC) Educational Television Association (WETA-TV), and President of the Northern Virginia Education Television Association. In retirement, he was a Professor of Education and Director of Community Education at George Mason University, and a member of the Arlington Economic Development Commission.

He received the Virginia Education Association’s Distinguished Award as the outstanding school board member in the state (1959), and the Arlington (VA) Jaycees “Outstanding Public Servant Award” (1968). He passed away in 1985.

**1934-1935**

- Mildred Ives Matthews (NC) – Mildred had experience as an emergency Home Demonstration Agent in Bertie County when she became a Payne 4-H Fellow. Her thesis completed during the fellowship was on “Suggested Procedure for Incorporating Home Management in the 4-H Club Program. Additional study gave her a master’s degree from the University of Maryland. She returned to North Carolina as the Home Demonstration Agent in Northampton County. *The Jackson* [Northampton County, N.C.] *News* (May 21, 1941) noted the achievements of home demonstration club members in the county on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mildred’s work with 4-H girls’ clubs, House Furnishings, Home Management, and Home Beautification was especially recognized by club members. The *National 4-H News* (August 1940) reported that “She took time out in 1937 to become Mrs. Carlton Matthews. They will soon move to their new farm home. Mildred is now working with the Social Security Administration in Jackson.” The *Extension Service Review* reported in its April-May 1947 issue that “The fellowship circle has been broken by the death of Mildred Ives Matthews, 1934-35 Fellow from North Carolina.”



Mildred Ives

- Edwin H. Matzen (IA) – Prior to his selection as a Payne 4-H Fellow,

Edwin was a member of two Iowa State University Judging Teams (Dairy and Meats), worked with Swift and Company and served as a County [4-H] Club Agent in Polk County, Iowa. During his Fellowship year, he prepared as his major thesis, "Suggested Procedure for Incorporating Marketing in the 4-H Program." He was also co-author with Mildred Ives of an Extension Service Circular 215 (May 1935), "Activities of the United States Civil Service Commission." Following the Fellowship, he pursued graduate study at Cornell University earning his master's and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (1939).



Edwin Matzen

His professional career included serving as Marketing Specialist at Purdue University (IN) and the University of Missouri before joining the Sugar Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was the author of numerous publications. He passed away in 1990.

### 1935-1936

- Ruth Lohmann Smith (MN) – Ruth was a home economics teacher in Elkton, Minnesota and had been a Home Demonstration Agent in Franklin County, Kansas prior to her appointment as a Payne Fellow. Her fellowship thesis on "Teaching Wildlife Conservation through 4-H Clubs" was issued as a printed bulletin by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Ruth met her future husband during the Fellowship. After three years in Monmouth County, New Jersey as Home Demonstration Agent, she married and they moved to their farm in Montmorency County, Michigan.



Ruth Lohmann

Ruth and her husband established the Montmorency County 4-H Fair in 1948, and she served more than 50 years on the fair board and as Secretary for many years. She had been a 4-H leader longer than anyone else in the state of Michigan, 63 years, and led a club up to a year before her death in 1998. She cooked summers at the County 4-H and Science camps. She received the Distinguished Service Award from Montmorency County 4-H in 1993. Ruth taught home economics in the public schools in Hillman, MI (16 years) and in Alpena, MI (17 years) and served on the Atlanta (MI) School Board. She was a

member of numerous organizations, many of which she and her husband helped organize, including the Montmorency County Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Thunder Bay Quilters and Outreach Hospice. She was a winner of the Michigan 150 First Lady Award for her service to her community and state during the 1987 Sesquicentennial.

- James W. Potts (TX) – Jim entered the Texas Extension Service as Assistant County Agent in Harris County and--prior to accepting the Payne Fellowship--served as County Agricultural Agent in Stonewall County. During the Fellowship, he studied problems related to older youth and prepared a thesis on “Organization and Functions of the [USDA] Division of Cotton Marketing.” Returning to Texas, he served as Assistant in Agricultural Conservation in Castro County and as County Agricultural Agent in Garza County until appointment as Assistant State Boys’ 4-H Club Agent in 1938. During the war years, Jim served as Assistant State Farm Labor supervisor and was in charge of the programs involving war prisoners used in the state as agricultural workers. He organized and handled the Victory Farm Volunteers and Women’s Land Army and played a role in organizing the Combine Brigade which was used in harvesting the state’s grain crops. In 1945, he was named 4-H Club Specialist. He reported in an article in the Bryan [TX] Daily Eagle (June 16, 1957) that boys’ enrollment had doubled and participation in national awards program had become well established during his time in the 4-H office. Since 1949, Jim worked as an Extension Assistant Editor in charge of news for 22 years. Jim was recognized by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association for his years of service as news editor for the Service and the Department of Agricultural Information (1970)--the first member of the Texas Extension Service headquarters staff to be so recognized. Upon his retirement in 1971, he owned and operated a farm near Post, Texas. He passed away in 1998.



James Potts

### 1936-1937

- Ruth Durrenberger Ferguson (FL) – After graduating from Florida State College for Women, Ruth was appointed as a home economist with the Rural Resettlement Administration. In October 1935, she joined Orange County Extension Service as an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent working with 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs. Her Fellowship thesis was on “Contributions of 4-H Club work to

Good Family Living with Suggestions for Increasing These Contributions.” On returning to Florida, Ruth served as a Home Demonstration Agent in Columbia County for 3 years. In 1940, she joined the faculty of the School of Home Economics at Florida State College for Women now known as Florida State University. Ruth was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1955 and retired from the Department of Food and Nutrition in 1971. She was active in the Florida Home Economics Association, and the American Dietetics Association. She was also a member of Omicron Nu and Phi Kappa Phi. Ruth grew orchids as a hobby, and was a member of the Tallahassee (FL) Orchid Society. A friend reports that she often did lovely table arrangements for home economics events in Tallahassee. Ruth passed away in 1994.



Ruth Durrenberger

- Keith P. Jones (WA) – Keith began his Extension career as an Assistant County Agent at Large in Okanogan County. During the Fellowship, Keith worked with the Division of Animal Husbandry, USDA on a research problem on sheep as a basis for his thesis on “A Study of the English, German and American Methods of Judging Sheep with Suggestions for Improvement in American Procedure.” He then spent six years working for the Soil Conservation Service in Kittitas County. He served in the U.S. Army in New Guinea, the Philippines, and other Pacific areas from 1942-1945. On his return to Yakima County, Keith became a breeder of purebred livestock and an avid gardener at his Maple Leaf Farm. He and his wife were 4-H leaders for more than 30 years—Keith leading the Grandview Livestock Club. He served as President of the Lower Valley 4-H Council, and as a horticultural and livestock judge for many contests and shows at local, county, and state fairs in Eastern Washington. He received the Washington State 4-H Alumni Award in 2002. Keith was also a generous donor of funds, materials and labor for improvements for the Yakima Valley Fairgrounds in Grandview, the Central Washington Agricultural Museum in Union Gap, the Sunnyside Historical Museum in Sunnyside and the Home on the Range Boys Home, Big Sky Ranch in Glendive, Montana. Keith is deceased (2001).



Keith Jones

1937-1938

- Winifred Perry Anderson (VT) – Starting in January, 1936, Winifred was a member of the Vermont Extension Service. She first assisted with girls club work at the State office and later was appointed County 4-H Club Agent in Washington County. During the Fellowship, she worked in the Bureau of Home Economics and studied the availability of consumer-buying information in the Federal Government in terms of its suitability and use with 4-H girls in different age groups. Following her Fellowship year, she resumed her duties as Washington County 4-H Club Agent. The *National 4-H News* (August 1940) announced the marriage of Winifred and Kenneth Anderson who was now Service Director for the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work in Chicago. (Kenneth had proposed in Rock Creek Park in April during the Fellowship.)



Winifred Perry

In Illinois, Winifred served as Treasurer of the Elmhurst Garden Club, President of the Elmhurst Panhellenic Council,



Winifred Perry Anderson

and Deaconess of the Elmhurst Congregational Church. In retirement in Arizona, she has served as President of Sun Cities (AZ) Alpha Chi Omega Alumni and chairman of the handicraft committee in her retirement community. Winifred has taught needlework in both Illinois and Arizona. She is an active member of the Phoenix Needlework Guild, the American Needlework Guild, and the Embroidery Guild of America. She exhibits at the semi-annual Phoenix Needlework Guild shows and received the Best of Show Award for two needlework headboards made for twin beds. She and Kenneth have established an endowment with the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation. Winifred resides in Peoria, Arizona.

- Kenneth (Ken) H. Anderson (SD) – Kenneth was District 4-H Club Agent with the South Dakota Extension Service prior to his selection as a Payne Fellow. For his thesis, “Strengthening the 4-H Club

News Program,” he surveyed state Extension editors, analyzed news items in 800 daily and weekly newspapers and annual reports dealing with news writing and news training. In 1938, he was named Service Director with the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Inc. Taff (1956) reported that his first major responsibility was managing the National 4-H Club Congress. He was named Associate Director in 1946 and was “an ardent worker in developing the field staff, contacting donors, and directing the office as assistant to the Director” (Taff, 1956). Winifred Anderson adds that he helped raise millions of dollars to support 4-H. The Committee was renamed the National 4-H Service Committee in 1960, and merged with the National 4-H Foundation into the National 4-H Council (1977). Kenneth retired as Associate Director of the National 4-H Service Committee and the National 4-H Council in 1978. He traveled to Central and South America to assist the International Cooperation Administration in setting up 4-H Club work in several countries and served as President of the Inter-American Rural Youth Committee (1964). In retirement, he volunteered and served as a Trustee for the Arizona 4-H Foundation. He received the Friend of 4-H recognition and the Kenneth H. Anderson Reference Gallery at the National 4-H Center is named in his honor. He received an honorary Doctorate of Agriculture from South Dakota State University in 1981. His wife, Winifred, said at his 2003 Induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame, “He was devoted to 4-H throughout his entire life and gave everything to the organization because he believed that 4-H was the best organization for youth.” He passed away in 1992.



Kenneth Anderson

### 1938-1939

- Blanche Brobeil Spaulding (IA) – Blanche was the Home Demonstration Agent in Boone County when she was selected as a Payne Fellow. She returned to Iowa and served as Assistant State Leader in Girl’s 4-H Club Work until her marriage to a graduate student in 1940. They became active in the pacifist movement, and her husband, a conscientious objector to the war, eventually was imprisoned because of his beliefs. During his time in prison, she taught at the Church of the Brethren Cooking Schools for their camps in Virginia



Blanche Brobeil

and Arkansas. When the U.S. government needed information on farm tenancy, Mr. Spaulding was granted parole to prepare a report. While still on parole in Washington, Mr. Spaulding received a call from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas to join their faculty in 1947. Blanche worked as a teacher and librarian at the Western District Loan Library. The Spauldings took a four-year leave of absence from Bethel College to work in Wichita, Kansas where Mr. Spaulding was Regional Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee. Blanche is extremely proud of the Story Telling for Preschoolers Program that she developed and offered until age 92. She celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2007 and lives independently in North Newton, Kansas.

- Max A. Culp (NC) – Max was an Assistant County Agent in Mecklenburg County when he was selected as a Payne Fellow. In 1939, he was appointed Special County Agent in Club Work in Caldwell County. He was named County Agricultural Agent in Caldwell County in 1942 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1965 for health reasons. Max served the North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents as director and district chairman. For many years he also served as Chairman of the Committee on Recognition and Awards for the Southwestern District Association of County Agricultural Agents and served on the same committee at the national level in 1962, 1963 and 1964. Max was very active in local 4-H Club work, in the Northwest North Carolina Development Association and in the First Methodist Church of Lenoir. He was secretary of the Caldwell County Fair. The Caldwell County Fair Ground Arena is named the Max Culp Arena. At the time of his retirement, Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., Director of the [NC] Agricultural Extension Service described Max as “a tireless worker who really believes in what he is doing, and a person who is effective in working with all segments of the community” (*Lenoir [NC] News Topic*, December 17, 1965). Max passed away in 1965.



Max Culp

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> Much of the data included here is reported in the columns, “Where 4-H’ers Go.” *National 4-H News* (July 1940; August 1940; October 1940; April 1941; and December 1949). Other information was obtained from interviews, completed questionnaires, obituaries or from relatives of deceased Fellows.

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## **4      The National 4-H Fellowship 1939-1942--1947-1953**

*Considerable concern was felt when the Payne Fund announced that the Payne 4-H Fellowships could not be continued after this year [1939]. But considerable satisfaction was felt when the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, of Chicago, Illinois, announced they would continue the plan, and the fellowships became known as the “National 4-H Fellowships.”*

*R. A. Turner (1940)*

### ***T*he Fellowships Continue with a New Sponsor**

Although limited documentation exists that explains why the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work became interested in sponsoring two National 4-H Fellowships beginning in 1939 and continuing for an additional 22 years, observers could cite the influence of Kenneth H. Anderson. Anderson, a 1937-1938 4-H Fellow, had joined the Committee's staff as Service Director in 1938 following the completion of his Fellowship year. Taff felt that Anderson and Guy L. Noble, Director “made a strong team in initiating and conducting the work of the Committee” (Taff, 1956, p. 179).

Taff wrote that:

The National Committee had observed the results of these fellowships and considered them a vital factor in club work. Therefore out of their funds the Committee announced it would continue the grants, provided the Department of Agriculture would select the recipients and supervise their studies. At this point the name of the grants was changed to the National 4-H Fellowships. Many fine leaders and Extension workers have been trained through these aids, which was another of the major objectives of the grants” (Taff, 1956, pp. 152-153).

The National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work was officially formed in 1921 to provide a way for business and industry to channel their financial support efficiently and without duplication in support of 4-H Club work. An annual National 4-H Club Congress brought 4-H members from the 50 states to Chicago for education, entertainment and to receive

national recognition. A magazine—the *National 4-H News*—was created for local 4-H leaders. A supply service was established to provide posters, pins, buttons and other equipment to local clubs. As a non-governmental agency, the Committee testified before Congress in support of increased funding for 4-H Club work. Donors were obtained for the National 4-H Awards Programs to provide educational trips, county and state medals and college scholarships for national winners. The National 4-H Fellowships were listed among the many awards programs organized by the National Committee.

This 14-year period in the history of the National 4-H Fellowship was interrupted by World War II—when no Fellowships were awarded—and by the Korean Conflict for Donald E. Foltz. Foltz was inducted into the Army in 1951 before he could complete the first semester but he was able to join the 1953-1954 4-H Fellows after his tour of duty to complete the program.

### **Funding**

The annual Fellowship stipend of \$1,000 continued for three years through 1942. No Fellowships were provided during the World War II years (1942-1947), but were resumed in 1947-1948 and increased to \$1,200 for five years. The 1952-1953 Fellows received \$1,500. During the later years, several women reported supplementing their stipends with personal savings, financial support from families and personal loans. The men used the G.I. Bill and monies from their spouse's employment.

### **Selection of Recipients**

Experience in Extension increasingly became as an important criterion in selecting the Fellowship recipients. While information about 4-H activity continued to be reported, the Fellowship evolved from being an award for outstanding 4-H members to a continuing professional development experience for young Extension personnel.

In reviewing the Qualification of Applicants at Archives II in College Park, Maryland, the experience qualification was eliminated one year but reinstated the next and read "One or more year's experience after graduation from college or one or more year's military service prior to graduation" for the 1947-1948 applicants. The maximum age requirement was also raised from 25 years on June 1 to 27 years for the 1947-1948 applicants. The initial requirements of (1) A college degree in agriculture or home economics, (2) Four years' participation in 4-H Club work, and (3) A definite interest in Extension work in agriculture or home economics remained.

It was the National Committee's preference for the Extension Service in the Department of Agriculture to select and announce the Fellowship winners and supervise their studies. This group of 18 included the first State 4-H staff members selected (Dorothy Arvidson, Indiana and Dana O. Schrupp, Montana), 15 county extension agents and Theodore T. Kirsch worked for the Coos County (OR) Agricultural Conservation Service when awarded the Fellowship.

## Curriculum

### Chicago Orientation

Although the National Committee chose not to be involved in designing and implementing the program to the same extent that S. Howard Evans of the Payne Fund did, the Committee added an important component to the Fellows' experience beginning with the 1951-1952 Fellows. The Committee invited Elaine M. Skucius and Merle L. Howes to Chicago for two weeks to meet the Committee staff and to learn about the many services provided for the 4-H program. Tours were made through the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Museum of Natural History, Art Institute, Museum of Science and Industry, and an evening was spent at Wayne King's TV show. Howes and Skucius also met with officials of sponsors of several Committee programs – Standard Oil Company, Simplicity Pattern Company, United States Rubber, International Harvester, Walgreens, Wilson and Company, American Farm Bureau Federation, National Livestock and Meat Board, J. L. Kraft and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Their closing two days were spent at a National 4-H Recreation Committee conference (*National 4-H News*, 1952).

Thereafter, each new group of Fellows would meet in Chicago for an orientation program that marked the beginning of the Fellowship experience; this orientation continued until the program ended in 1968-1969. The Committee also invited the Fellows to participate in the week-long National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago but there is no clear record when that was added to the program.

### Washington, D.C. Program

Lillian Murphy and Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr. described their 1939-1940 Fellowship experience in a series of five articles for the *National 4-H News* (March-August 1940). Some excerpts from their articles follow:

- We were provided an office in the Department of Agriculture and what a building it is!

- As we come to our office every morning, we watch the progress being made on the new Jefferson Memorial. It's an inspiration to reflect on the lives of these great patriots, the builders of our country.
- The first quarter of our year was devoted largely to observing government agencies. Through special appointments with administrators, we learned how our government functions in its ten departments.



Lillian Murphy, center, and Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr., left, with Guy L. Noble, National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work

- After spending most of each day in conferences, we attended classes in the evenings at the USDA Graduate School and George Washington University [which] were applied to master's degrees in Extension Education.
- We've spent many days watching Congress turn bills into laws.
- We completed a research problem in the field of club work, and . . . these two studies will be made available as Extension Service circulars.
- We attended conferences such as the White House Conference for Children in a Democracy, the bi-annual meeting of the Land-Grant College Association, Progressive Education meetings, Vocational and Educational Guidance meetings and National Extension conferences.
- If the White House guards would have let you peep through those tall windows in the East Room, you would have seen a couple of ex-4-H'ers sipping tea and talking with Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt (the "tea" at this tea was lemonade). We told her briefly about our work and explained that Wilmer is studying "4-H Club Organization" and I [Lillian] am surveying "The Use of Radio in 4-H Work."
- Perhaps if we were to name the one thing we are enjoying most in Washington it would be meeting, hearing, and seeing the world's most outstanding personalities—lawmakers, actors, writers and singers.

- [We participated in] the fourteenth of the National 4-H Camps being held on the grounds south of the Washington Monument. The campers divided their time among serious consideration of the camp theme, “What’s Ahead for Rural Youth,” visits to historic spots, educational tours, and having fun together in programs, assemblies, and campfires. Perhaps one of the most impressive camp programs is the “induction into citizenship ceremony” where some 30 campers who had passed their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday are challenged to make the most of their citizenship.
- We enjoyed entering into the social life of the city: The President’s Ball and formal state society dances, and enjoying some of Mrs. Roosevelt’s famous scrambled eggs for supper at the White House (Wilmer W. Basset, Jr. and Lillian A. Murphy, 1940).

While the program varied from group to group, the core experience included conferencing with Extension and other government leaders, following the activities of Congress, participating in National 4-H Camp, attending graduate courses, and, as time permitted, taking part in the social and cultural activities of Washington. Some other program highlights cited by former Fellows from 1939-1953 in their questionnaire responses included:

- Attending Congressional committee meetings and occasional hearings focusing in on the Knutson tax bill and the Marshall Plan. (Dorothy Arvidson)
- Learning about the national picture of 4-H and the Extension Service. (Merle L. Howes)
- Meeting and getting to know Extension leaders, their philosophies and visions. (Roger L. Lawrence)
- Attending a non-land grant university with primarily adult students. (Joan M. Howell, Roger L. Lawrence)
- Meeting people from other countries; the most memorable was talking to “ag” teachers from Turkey and France and answering their questions over lunch in the USDA cafeteria (Hattie Mae Rhonemus)
- Helping plan the national annual meeting for State 4-H Club Leaders (Hattie Mae Rhonemus)
- Studying in the Library of Congress for one day each week. (Hattie Mae Rhonemus)

Extension Service staff members assisting with the Fellows’ program during this period included M.C. Wilson, Cannon C. Hearne, Gertrude Warren, Laurel Sabrosky, Barnard Joy and Mary Louise Collings.

### **Extension Leaders**

Following their Fellowship years, fourteen of the 18 Fellows returned to Extension positions with eight joining State 4-H Staffs: Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr. (FL), George S. Foster (TN), Erna Ruth Wildermuth (CA), Dorothy Arvidson (IN), Marjorie Erp (WA), Joan Howell (OR), Elaine Skucius (NE) and Rhonwyn Lowry (GA). Six (Max Culp, Merle Howes, William Kimball, Roger Lawrence, Lillian Murphy and Hattie Mae Rhonemus) held county Extension assignments in MT, MD, MI, OH, IN and OR. Military service intervened for J. W. Pou and Donald Foltz and Theodore Kirsch taught Vocational Agriculture in Oregon. Jean Shippey joined the ranks of homemakers.

A career in the Extension Service resulted for seven Fellows. Rhonwyn Lowry, after serving on the Georgia State 4-H Staff and with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program, would join the 4-H Youth Extension Service, USDA until her retirement in 1979. George Foster and Merle Howes were State 4-H Leaders in Tennessee and Maryland and Massachusetts and Elaine Skucius retired from the Nebraska State 4-H Staff. Roger Lawrence was Assistant State 4-H Leader in Iowa before moving to become Coordinator of Extension Staff Development. William Kimball was a Program Leader and Specialist in Resource Development for the Michigan State University Extension Service and Dana Schrupp served as County Extension Agent and Extension Program Supervisor for the Montana Extension Service.

### **Other Careers**

Wilmer Bassett and Theodore Kirsch were self-employed full-time dairy and flower bulb farmers and Donald Foltz combined farming with serving in the Indiana Legislature, Directing the Indiana Department of Conservation, and Director of Public Relations for the Hulman Company (owner of the Indianapolis Speedway). Lillian Murphy Strohm served as Homemaking Editor for the *Ford Almanac*. Family responsibilities and community service occupied Erna Ruth Wildermuth Wight, Dorothy Arvidson Buss, and Jean Shippey Taylor. Multiple careers were the pattern for J.W. Pou (higher education, banking, and Assistant Director of the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service), Joan Howell Pierson (Oregon State 4-H Staff, radio and television, and higher education), Hattie Mae Rhonemus Nixon (high school teacher, higher education, art center director, city park department arts and crafts program developer) and Marjorie Erp Reeves (elementary education and church music).

## **Graduate Education**

During this period, the goal of obtaining a master's degree was added to the Fellowship experience. Seven Fellows completed degrees at George Washington University (GWU) and five received degrees from the University of Maryland in Education with Adult Education, Human Development, and Agricultural Extension Education as the focus of their studies.

Three Fellows completed their master's degrees following the Fellowship: Theodore Kirsch (in Agricultural Engineering at Oregon State), J. W. Pou (in Dairy Science at the University of Wisconsin) and Hattie Mae Rhonemus (in Recreation at the University of Oregon).

Fellows now had to fulfill University requirements to get credit for their Fellowship research projects. Hattie Mae Rhonemus was unsuccessful with her survey of "Leadership Activities of Teenagers." The Dean of Education who had helped her throughout the year would not accept her results until she did the same work with two groups other than 4-H. She had now run out of money, so it was to the job in Oregon.

Five of the men and one woman later obtained their doctorates: J.W. Pou (Cornell University); George S. Foster (George Washington University); Roger Lawrence (Iowa State University); Merle Howes (University of Wisconsin), William Kimball (University of Chicago). Rhonwyn Lowry received her Ed.D. in and from North Carolina State University.

## **Cultural and Social**

Some of the most memorable activities of the Fellowship year involved the social and cultural life of living in Washington. Socially, there were luncheons, teas and receiving lines that provided an opportunity for Fellows to meet and visit with the Washington elite. Lillian Murphy and Wilmer Bassett enjoyed both having "tea" and being invited to supper at the White House with Mrs. Roosevelt. Jean Shippey's "Diary" details her and Theodore Kirsch's visit to the White House when she sat on the left of President Roosevelt at supper and later viewed a movie with the Roosevelts. Joan Howell recalls attending a luncheon of Senate wives where she met Margaret Truman. A highlight for Dorothy Arvidson was chatting with Mrs. Truman at a tea that Gertrude Warren had helped arrange. Dana Schrupp visited with President Truman while attending a tea during National 4-H Week.

Hattie Mae Rhonemus enjoyed her weekly visits to the Smithsonian and Textile museums. She was invited to put her arm in the ancient chain-mail to feel how it felt, and she did. Jean Shippey had attended a recital by Lily

Pons at Constitution Hall before having dinner at the White House. Marjorie Erp, Roger Lawrence, William Kimball were involved in Presidential inauguration activities and could observe the change of party in power activities. Roger Lawrence valued living in a multi-cultural community and visiting the historic sites.

### **International Service**

William Kimball completed brief international assignments in Central and South America, Great Britain, Indonesia, Sweden and Ireland. Theodore T. Kirsch was invited by the International Lily Society to speak in Australia and New Zealand.

### **Community Service**

A complete listing of the volunteer and community services provided by these 16 individuals would fill several pages. (For a partial listing of the individual Fellow's contributions to his or her communities, states and nation, please consult the individual biographies.)

Briefly, the Fellows supported 4-H Club work at the state and local 4-H levels, served on school boards and city councils, were officers in a variety of national and state associations and organizations, served on Board of Directors and/or Trustees for colleges, museums, community organizations, volunteered with arts organizations and established scholarship programs. Some specific examples include:

- Community 4-H Club/Scout Leadership (Lillian Murphy Strohm, Jean Shippey Taylor, Erna Ruth Wildermuth Wight, Joan Howell Pierson)
- School Board Member (Theodore T. Kirsch, Dana O. Schrupp)
- City Council Chairman/Member (Merle L. Howes)
- President of State 4-H Foundation (Wilmer Bassett)
- Chair/President, National/Regional 4-H Organizations/Events (Rhonwyn Lowry)
- National Association Officer (Jean Shippey Taylor, Rhonwyn Lowry, William J. Kimball)
- President of University Boards of Trustees/Associations/Foundations (J. W. Pou, Donald E. Foltz)
- President/Chairman of State Associations/Organizations (Wilmer Bassett, Jean Shippey Taylor, Dana O. Schrupp, Donald E. Foltz, William J. Kimball)

- Regional/Multi-County Program Chairman/President (Roger L. Lawrence, Donald E. Foltz)
- Service Club Officer (Wilmer Bassett, Florida District Lieutenant Governor, Kiwanis International; Roger L. Lawrence, Nebraska-Iowa District Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Kiwanis International)
- President/Chair of Community Organizations (Wilmer Bassett, Jean Shippey Taylor, Dorothy Arvidson Buss, Dana O. Schrupp, Merle L. Howes)
- Museum Docent (Hattie Mae Rhonemus Nixon, Dana O. Schrupp)
- Philanthropy
  - \*\* Wilmer Bassett established the Wilmer W. and Melda Bassett [Scholarship] Endowment Fund at the University of Florida
  - \*\* Jean Shippey Taylor established a scholarship with the Arlington Symphony Association for young musicians
  - \*\* Jean Shippey Taylor established a College Home Economics Scholarship for prospective home economists
  - \*\* An Emily Quinn and Joe (J.W.) Pou Scholarship was established for University of Georgia undergraduate and graduate students

### **Honors and Recognition**

Distinguished service and volunteer work is recognized and honored at all levels in our society. The 1939 – 1953 Fellows were no exception. For a partial listing of the honors and recognition received by individual Fellows, please consult the individual biographies. Some selected examples that follow illustrate the nature and scope of recognition received:

- National 4-H and Extension Recognition ( Lillian Murphy Strohm)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Recognition (Rhonwyn Lowry)
- Other National Recognition (Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr., Rhonwyn Lowry, William J. Kimball)
- State 4-H Recognition (Lillian Murphy Strohm, Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr.)
- State Extension Professional Association Recognition (George S. Foster, Donald E. Foltz, William J. Kimball)
- State “Hall of Fame” Recognition (Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr.)
- Other State Recognition (Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr., Jean Shippey Taylor, Donald E. Foltz, William J. Kimball)

- University Recognition (Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr., J. W. Pou, Roger L. Lawrence, Donald E. Foltz, William J. Kimball)
- Community “Woman”/”Citizen” of the Year (Lillian Murphy Strohm, J. W. Pou, Roger L. Lawrence)
- Other Community Recognition (Merle L. Howes)
- County “Meritorious 4-H Service” (Erna Ruth Wildermuth Wight)
- Media Recognition

\*\* Theodore T. Kirsch -- His work on turning the Stargazer lily into a commercial dynamo is featured in *Flower Confidential* by Amy Stewart (2007).

### **Benefits of the Fellowship Experience**

Nine of the 18 former Fellows responded to a query about their perceptions of the major benefits to them – professionally and personally. The perceived benefits--while particular to individuals--often dealt with career opportunities, and professional and personal insights gained. Some examples:

#### **Career Opportunities**

My career would have been significantly different without this experience. Iowa wanted to add an additional staff member from another state to the 4-H Department. The USDA 4-H office recommended me because of the opportunity for them to get to know me. Later, because of what I had learned about Extension Education, I was able to accept the newly-created position of Coordinator of Staff Development for the Extension Service. (Roger L. Lawrence)

#### **Useful Professional Knowledge, Skills and Attitudes**

The Fellowship was an early important influence in my thinking about the need to identify the range of factors in the background of human behavior. Understanding people’s positions has proven to be important in finding solutions to their problems. (William J. Kimball)

Having come from a rural area, I learned to appreciate and help larger urban groups and [work with] groups of people from other countries of the world. (Hattie Mae Rhonemus)

Learning to evaluate the pros and cons in the process of developing a plan, a program or an educational presentation. (Hattie Mae Rhonemus)

Graduate courses in adult education and supervision were helpful in my

Purdue position as most of my time involved work with others than youth groups. (Dorothy Arvidson)

My 4-H programs benefited from my [knowledge and contacts with] national 4-H people. (Dana O. Schrupp)

[The value of] networking with others in sharing ideas. (Donald E. Foltz)

I learned how to work with the media – radio, television, newspapers. (Dana O. Schrupp)

A good understanding of Extension nationally. (Merle L. Howes)

### **Personal Self-Development**

[I gained] an appreciation for our nation and the confidence to teach at the University level. (Joan Howell)

My interests were broadened. (Marjorie Erp)

[I became interested in] running for the Indiana House of Representatives and learning how to debate issues. (Donald E. Foltz)

[Recognizing] that people were provincial in their outlook and [the value] of seeing others from different points of view. (Donald E. Foltz)

### **Biographies**

#### **1939-1940**

- Lillian A. Murphy Strohm (IN) – Lillian was a Home Demonstration Agent in Vigo County, Indiana when awarded a National 4-H Fellowship of \$1,000 provided by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. During her Fellowship year, she and Wilmer Bassett wrote five articles entitled “With Washington 4-H Fellows” for the *National 4-H News* (March 1940-June 1940). They reported watching the Jefferson Memorial being constructed, observing Congress debate farm legislation and having tea at the White House with Mrs. Roosevelt. Her research problem focused on “The Use of Radio in 4-H Club Work.” Lillian included her U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School course work with other graduate study and was the first Fellow to receive an advanced degree in Agricultural Extension Education from George Washington University. Following her Fellowship year, she returned to Vigo County (IN) as Home Demonstration Agent.

She married John Strohm in 1941 and became a full time homemaker. In 1947, they moved to Woodstock, Illinois. From 1954-1979 Lillian

was the Homemaking Editor for *The Ford Almanac*. During this time, she tested roses for Jackson and Perkins Company, a company known for its cultivation of roses, and was a lifetime garden club member. She was a 4-H leader for 30 years.

In 1957, she was honored as the most outstanding 4-H club alumna from Indiana, and in 1958 she was named Outstanding Homemaker by the National 4-H Club Congress. She helped raise \$500,000 to restore the Opera House in Woodstock (IL) and in 1976 was named the first “Woman of the Year” in Woodstock by the Business and Professional Women. She was the mother of six children and died in 2000.

- Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr. – Wilmer’s career in 4-H began as an Assistant County Agent and continued as Florida Assistant State 4-H Club Agent until 1941 when he joined the U.S. Army. During World War II, Wilmer was promoted to lieutenant colonel leading the 65th Armored Field Artillery Battalion through North Africa and the European continent. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Returning to the State 4-H Staff, he resigned in 1946 to take over the family dairy, developing it into one of Florida’s most progressive dairies with a 1,400 cow operation. He also developed an agricultural trucking business.

His innovative ideas and active participation in numerous industry operations were recognized with many awards including induction into Florida’s Dairy Hall of Fame (1979), the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award (1978) presented by Gamma Sigma Delta, the Top Farmers of America Association Award of Honor, and the Distinguished Service Award by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences. Young people were also benefactors of his time and service as President of the Florida 4-H Foundation, and as a member of the Boy Scouts of America Suwanee River Area Council and the Girl Scouts of America Apalachee Council. His numerous community services as an officer or board member include the University of Florida Foundation Special Help for Agricultural Research and Education Council (Vice-Chair); Kiwanis International (lieutenant governor), the University of Florida Foundation, the Florida Agricultural Museum, the Florida Judicial Circuit, and the North Florida Junior College. He received the State 4-H Alumni Recognition Award (1961), and an Appreciation Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Florida 4-H Program from the Florida 4-H Foundation. Wilmer received the University of Florida’s Distinguished Alumnus Award (1996) and was inducted into the Florida 4-H Hall of Fame (2002). Wilmer is deceased (1996).

**1940-1941**

- Jean Shippey Taylor (NY) – Jean was the Associate County 4-H Club Leader in Broome County, New York prior to her selection as a National 4-H Fellow. Following her marriage and while raising four children, she was active as a 4-H leader, in home economics associations and in her community (Arlington County, VA). Jean believed that Home Economics was the “language of living.” She served as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents of the American Home Economics Association, contributed articles to professional journals, and, as Chair of their Committee on Legislation, testified before the House Agricultural Committee on Capitol Hill during the ‘40s, ‘50s and ‘60s. Jean was also President of the Virginia and Mount Vernon Home Economics Associations. For nine years, she served as Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Home Economics for the Arlington County Board of Education. She established the Annual Jean S. Taylor College Home Economics Scholarship (1961) to encourage young people to pursue the field. Jean also developed the first class on Human Sexuality for high school students at the Unitarian Church of Arlington, a program that still continues. Her interests beyond home economics included serving as President of the Arlington Symphony Association (12 years) where she established a scholarship in her name for promising young musicians. She was also a member of The Arlington County Committee of 100, and a chairman of the Canteen Corps of the Arlington County Red Cross during World War II. The Virginia Mother of the Year Award was presented to her in 1967. She is deceased (1999).



Jean Shippey

- Theodore T. Kirsch (OR) – Ted had two jobs before the Fellowship -- Assistant County Agent for 4-H in Coos County, Oregon and Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Conservation Service in Coos County. Following the Fellowship, he completed a master’s degree in Agricultural Engineering at Oregon State University. He was the Vocational Agriculture teacher at Myrtle Point (OR) High School for four years and started growing Easter lily bulbs in his back yard. Ted then went into the business of growing other bulbs and flowers such as daffodils and iris when he, along with other investors, founded Sun Valley Bulb Farms. As business expanded, the company bought land



Theodore Kirsch

in Arcata, CA. He managed both farms in both Oregon and California until he retired in 1986, nearly 40 years since he began the business. While in Arcata, he purchased Oriental and Asiatic lilies from a breeder and selected and cloned the Oriental lily, *Star Gazer*. His work on turning the lily into a commercial dynamo is featured in *Flower Confidential* by Amy Stewart (2007). Stewart (2007, p.30) reports that Ted patented the *Star Gazer* and 27 other lilies. Ted was invited by the International Lily Society to speak in Australia and New Zealand. Returning to Oregon on retirement, he served on the boards of the East Fork School (Dora, OR) and the East Fork Community Church. Ted passed away in 1996.

**1941-1942**

- Erna Ruth Wildermuth Wight (AZ) – Erna Ruth joined the New Mexico Extension Service serving as Home Demonstration Agent in Chaves and Curry Counties before the Fellowship. After her year in Washington, she was a member of the California State 4-H staff from 1942-1944. Both she and her husband were active in San Diego and Butte County 4-H affairs, and were given an award of meritorious service in 1981 by the Butte County 4-H Council. Erna Ruth was also honored for 26 years of service as a 4-H leader. She was an active member of the American Association of University Women, the Elks Club Wives organization, and Chi Omega sorority. Erna Ruth is deceased (1981).



Erna Ruth Wildermuth

- J.W. (Joe) Pou (NC) – Joe was an Assistant Agricultural Agent in Iredell County when he received the Fellowship. His Fellowship year was interrupted when he was called to report for military service. He spent four years in the Army during World War II spending 32 months in the Pacific theater. He received a Presidential Unit Citation in 1945. He remained active in the U.S. Army Reserve and retired in 1977 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Joe received his Ph.D. in Animal Physiology from Cornell University which led to careers as a university professor/administrator, in banking and in the Extension Service. He subsequently served as head of the Dairy Husbandry Department, University of Maryland and then as head of the Animal Industry Department of North Carolina State University. In 1961, Joe



J. W. Pou

joined Wachovia (NC) National Bank as a Vice-President and head of their Northeast Division Agribusiness Department in Greenville, NC. Moving to Georgia, he served as Assistant Director of the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and as Professor of Agricultural Economics until his retirement in 1984. He is the author of one book and several journal articles on agricultural credit and farm management. While in Greenville, he prepared "Farm Tips, a weekly column for thirty-five newspapers and a weekly "Farm Tips" radio program for forty-one radio stations. Joe was appointed to two terms on the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. He also served as Vice-chairman of the North Carolina State University Board of Trustees, and as President of the North Carolina State University Alumni Association.

He received The Distinguished Alumnus Award from North Carolina State University in 1977. Joe served as President of the Greenville (NC) Rotary Club and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association. In 1970, he was named Greenville's Citizen of the Year. An Emily Quinn and Joe (J.W.) Pou Scholarship has been established for University of Georgia undergraduate and graduate students. Joe resides in California.

### 1947-1948

- Dorothy Arvidson Buss (IN) – Dorothy resumed her former position, Assistant in 4-H Club Work, State 4-H Staff, with the Agricultural Extension Service, Purdue University, following the Fellowship. Her master's thesis subsequently was published as an Extension pamphlet, "Tips to Follow When You Hold a County-wide 4-H Club Event." Following marriage, she and Mr. Buss were at Colorado A&M College (now Colorado State University) before Mr. Buss joined the faculty at Pennsylvania State University. Dorothy's volunteer service with youth programs in State College, PA includes serving as



Dorothy Arvidson and George Foster,  
1947-1948 4-H Fellows

a neighborhood leader plus area service unit director for the Tussey Ridge and Hemlock Girl Scout Councils, and as President of the Eastern Parkway Parent Teachers Organization. She served as Chair of the International Foods Project for the State College (PA) Area Home Economists and Treasurer of the International Hospitality Council. Other community service involved serving on the Board of Directors of the auxiliary of Centre Community Hospital, as Precinct Committeewoman for the County Democratic Party, as Religious Education Director of the Unitarian Fellowship of Centre County, and as Secretary and Communication Chair for the Faculty Wives Club. Dorothy lives in State College, Pennsylvania.

- George S. Foster (TN) – George was the Washington County, Tennessee Assistant County Agent when he was awarded the Fellowship. (The Fellowship program was resumed in 1947 after a lapse of five years due to World War II.) During his Fellowship year, he prepared a thesis on “A 4-H Club Local Leaders Handbook for Tennessee.” George returned to Tennessee, and served as Assistant State 4-H Specialist until 1951 when he joined the Extension Service, USDA as Field Agent for 4-H Club work in the Southern States. Among his national responsibilities, he chaired the committee of Extension workers who selected the national awards program winners and co-chaired, for Extension workers in camping, the first program held in conjunction with the American Camping Association in 1952.

Lloyd Rutledge, a Federal Extension Service co-worker, recalls that George completed his doctorate in education at George Washington University and was a frequent instructor for the Dale Carnegie Training program. He also served as minister for the Cranford United Methodist Church in Lorton, Virginia.

In 1956, George left his position as associate leader of 4-H and YMW programs, Federal Extension Service, and returned to Tennessee as State Club Leader until his retirement in 1982. The Tennessee Association of 4-H Workers has honored George by creating the George S. Foster Outstanding Agent Award beginning in 1979. He is deceased.

### 1948-1949

- Marjorie Erp Reeves (WA) – Marjorie was an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Washington when selected to participate in the National 4-H Fellowship. During her year in Washington, D.C., she lived in graduate student housing and took classes at The George Washington University, had conferences with Extension and USDA staff, and viewed the parade and inaugural activities for President Truman. Re-

turning to Washington State, she was appointed Assistant State 4-H Agent (1949-1952). Marjorie relocated to Maryland when her husband joined the 4-H staff in the Federal Extension Service. She served as Title I Parent Involvement Specialist



Marjorie Erp and Roger Lawrence, second from right, 1948-1949 4-H Fellows, meet with Lyle Watts, Chief, and R.E. McCardle, right, during their appointment at the U.S. Forest Service

in Prince Georges County (MD) elementary schools from 1962 to 1985 while pursuing courses to fulfill Maryland teaching requirements. She served as church organist for 31 years and continues to be active in church music. She resides in Annapolis, Maryland.

- Roger L. Lawrence (OH) – Roger served as an Associate County Extension Agent in Ashtabula County, Ohio prior to participating in the Fellowship program. From 1949-1950, he was Associate County Extension Agent in Coshocton County. He then joined the Iowa State University Extension Staff as Assistant State 4-H Leader until 1955 when he became Coordinator of Extension Staff Development and Professor of Adult and Extension Education. In these positions, he was responsible for the in-service education of professional Extension staff members, taught undergraduate and graduate classes for students from 40 countries, and served as major advisor for 70 master's and 16 Ph.D. students. He has been a Lecturer/Visiting Professor at Helsinki (Finland) University, Colorado State University and University of Minnesota—Duluth. Roger completed his Ph.D. from Iowa State University in 1958.

He served as Board Chair and member of the Youth and Shelter Services of Central Iowa, a multi-program human services agency. Roger was Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Nebraska-Iowa District and President of the Ames (IA) club of Kiwanis International. He served on the Iowa State University Memorial Union Board of Directors and on most committees of the Collegiate United Methodist Church in Ames. Roger completed 29 years in the active Army Reserve following three years of active duty in World War II retiring with the rank of Colonel. He was awarded the U.S. Army's Legion

of Merit. He was honored with a University Faculty Citation and an Emeritus Professorship from Iowa State University and (along with Pauline) with the “Unsung Hero” Award from the City of Ames, Iowa. Roger resides in Ames, Iowa.

### 1949-1950

- Hattie Mae Rhonemus Nixon (OH) – Hattie Mae was serving as the County Home Demonstration Agent in Butler County, Ohio when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. After the Fellowship, she was employed by the Oregon Extension Service as a 4-H Agent in Lane County in Eugene from 1950-1956. Hattie Mae completed an M.S. Degree in Recreation after the Fellowship and, following marriage, relocated to Utica, NY where she was a High School Foods teacher for one year. Moving back to Oregon, Hattie Mae worked as a Recreation Arts and Crafts Program Developer and Teacher for the Eugene (OR) Park Department (1958-1962) while serving as an Emergency Teacher in Home Furnishings and Textiles in the University of Oregon’s Home Economics Department (1960-1968). In 1963, she also worked part-time as Director, Exhibit Developer and Coordinator for the Maude I. Kerns Art Center in Eugene. She moved to Oregon State University as an Assistant Professor of Textiles and Home Furnishings (1969-71) and returned to the University of Oregon in 1971 as Assistant Professor of Home Economics until the Department closed in 1973.



Hattie Mae Rhonemus

As a volunteer, she worked with discipline problems of fourth, fifth and sixth graders for the United Methodist Church in Eugene in the 1950s. During the 1960s, she planned tours on animals and plants in our environment for sixth graders for the Eugene Public Schools. From 1973 to the present time, she has helped the University of Oregon Museum of Art as a docent, with developing training programs and research standards, with in-depth research on Chinese and Asian textiles, and planning, preparing and changing textile displays. She assisted the Portland (OR) Art Museum with promoting their 1995 Chinese show through illustrated lectures for eighth graders. Her other volunteer activity since her husband’s death in 2000 has involved interpreting Native American life in different areas of Oregon for the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, serving as a research aide and librarian with the Oregon Genealogical Society, and assisting the Lane County Historical Museum. She and her

husband, a silversmith, have been recognized many times for promoting the arts in Eugene and for their volunteer work. Hattie Mae lives in Eugene, Oregon.

- Dana O. Schrupp (MT) – Dana began his Extension career as a county agent at-large prior to going to the Montana State 4-H Office as Assistant State 4-H Leader and being selected as a National 4-H Fellow. Following his Fellowship year, he served as the County Extension Agent in Valley County (1950-1961) and in Gallatin County, Montana (1961-1975). He joined the Montana State staff as an Extension Program Supervisor in 1975 until his retirement in 1978.



Dana Schrupp

In retirement, Dana volunteered with Technical Agriculture-Peace Corps with Ecuador, South America and trained Peace Corps volunteers for two summers. He did a survey of jobs in Ecuador, produced a Small Farmer Handbook, and brought Montana farmers to assist volunteers with local agriculture in Ecuador and language studies. He worked with the State 4-H Office and the State 4-H Foundation for two years and was a judge at various county fairs. As President of the Montana County Agents Association, he was a delegate to national conventions. He was a member of the Bozeman School Board, President of the Bozeman (MT) Little League and a Little League Baseball Coach for four years. Dana was a docent and tour guide for the Museum of the Rockies—a museum of natural and cultural history of the Northern Rocky Mountains—in Bozeman for 19 years, and an escort for the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital for 16 years. Dana lives in Bozeman, Montana.

### 1950-1951

- Joan Howell Pierson (OR) – Joan had been employed as a County Extension Agent for 4-H Club work for three years before participating in the National 4-H Fellowship program. Her Fellowship research thesis explored “A Study of 4-H Club Leadership and a Suggested Plan for Future Development.” Upon completing the Fellowship she joined the Oregon State 4-H Staff (1951-1953). After marriage and a move to Northern California, she and her husband raised a family of five children. She pursued part-time professional opportunities in television



Joan Howell

and radio; consulted for Humboldt County (CA) Social Services before joining the faculty at Humboldt State College (now University) of Home Economics part-time in 1968 and progressed to full time and retired as Full Professor in 1987. She traveled six months on a sabbatical leave to study curriculum changes in Western universities in 1980-1981. Joan was a volunteer home economics leader with a 4-H Club and a den mother for the Boy Scouts. She helped raise funds to build a swimming pool as a member of the Arcata (CA) Community Pool Committee. Joan served as room mother and was active on various committees for the Parent Teachers Association. She also served on various church committees. Involvement in PEO has helped her promote the educational opportunities. Joan lives in Arcata, California.

- Donald E. Foltz (IN) – Don was an Assistant County Agent in Vigo County, Indiana when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. However, his Fellowship program was temporarily suspended when he was called for military service during the Korean conflict; he resumed his program of study along with the 1953-1954 Fellows after completing military service. Returning to Indiana, he was a self-employed farmer. Don was elected to the House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly (1955-1961) and was the House Majority Leader in 1959-1960. Following the 1961 session, Don was appointed by the Governor as the Director of the Indiana State Department of Conservation. Don was associated with Hulman and Company (the owner of the Indianapolis Speedway and the 500 mile race) and assisted with media, public affairs and community development in Terre Haute, Indiana (1966-1987). He also helped charter and served as President of the Clinton (IN) State Bank (1965-1987). Don then served as Chief Executive Officer of the Hamilton Center, a six-county mental health center in Terre Haute (1989-1990). He has been, with his son, owner and operator of the Foltz Farms from 1991 to the present.



Donald Foltz

His volunteer service includes serving as President of a six-county Economic Development Committee and as a member of the Area Committee for Progress for Terre Haute. Don has been President of the Purdue University Agricultural Alumni, President of the Farm Policy Study Committee, and represented the School of Agriculture on the Purdue University Alumni Board. Don was President of Sycamore Trails and Water District in eight counties around Terre Haute. He was also State President of CARET (Committee for Agricultural Research,

Extension and Teaching); these lay leaders supported the research, extension and teaching by county, state and federal funding. He has also served as a member of the University of Vincennes Junior College Advisory Board, and the Board of Overseers of Swope Art Museum in Terre Haute. Don has been honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash by two Indiana Governors, with a Certificate of Distinction from the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, and as a Friend of Extension by Epsilon Sigma Phi. Don lives in Indiana.

- Elaine M. Skucius (NE) – Elaine served as the Home Demonstration Agent for Dawson County, Nebraska for four years before being selected as a National 4-H Fellow. She and Merle Howes were in the first group of Fellows to spend most of two weeks in September getting acquainted with the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work staff and selected donors and participating in a national Recreation and Rural Arts Conference in Chicago. Elaine joined the State 4-H staff as Assistant State 4-H Leader on her return to Nebraska until retirement as full Professor in 1980. She received a Distinguished Service Award in 1974. Elaine was an active member of the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Association, the National Association of Extension Agents, Epsilon Sigma Phi honorary for Extension workers, the American and Nebraska Home Economics Associations, the National Business Women’s Association, Delta Kappa Gamma International, and the League of Human Dignity. She passed away in 2001.
- Merle L. Howes (MD) – Merle was an Assistant County Agent for Baltimore County, Maryland when he was selected as a National 4-H Fellow. He was appointed Assistant County Agent for 4-H in Prince Georges County, MD after completing the Fellowship. In 1954, he joined the Maryland State 4-H Staff as Assistant and State 4-H Leader. Merle was select-



Elaine Skucius, seated, and Merle Howes, standing left, 4-H Fellows 1951-1952, meet with Guy L. Noble, seated, and staff members during their orientation at the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work

ed as Head, Extension Division – 4-H with the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service in 1956 and added in 1980 the position of Department Head of Consumer Studies at the University until his retirement in 1987. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1963. He served on the Amherst (MA) Board of Selectman [town council] for three terms (1965-1975) and as chair for three years. He was Co-chair of the Amherst High School Renovation—a 22 million dollar project—from 1993-1999. Merle received the Golden Apple Award from the Amherst Public Teachers Association in 2000. He lives in Massachusetts.

### 1952-1953

- Rhonwyn Lowry (GA) – Rhonwyn Lowry began her Extension career as a Home Demonstration Agent, Cook County, Georgia. Upon completing the Fellowship, she was appointed Assistant State 4-H Leader for the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. She later served as Associate State 4-H Leader for 10 years, and 3 years as Extension Home Economist providing leadership for the Georgia Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). She then joined the USDA Extension Service as Deputy Assistant Administrator, 4-H-Youth in 1973 and served until her retirement in 1979.

Rhonwyn completed her Ed.D. Degree in Adult Education at North Carolina State University in 1969. Her 4-H volunteer leadership activities include serving as a member of the National 4-H Foundation Board of Directors (1966-67), Chairman of the National 4-H Dress Revue (2 years), Chairman, Secretary and Program Chairman of the 4-H Section, Association of Southern Agricultural Workers; Chairman of the Southern 4-H Leader Forum (1969), a member of the Program Planning Committee for the Southern Region 4-H Club Leaders (2 years); Secretary of the Georgia State 4-H Advisory Committee, and organizing and conducting an educational tour to Eastern and Western Europe for Georgia 4-H members. With EFNEP, Rhonwyn was a member of the National Task Force on Progression of Families in EFNEP; a member of the Southern Region Workshop on EFNEP Planning Committee; and a Consultant to the Technical Committee on Food Intake and Nutritional Health of Girls. Her Professional Association activities included serving as Vice-chairman of the Extension Section, American Home Economics Association; and as a member of local arrangements committee for planning the 1970 national convention of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A. Rhonwyn's recognition includes being selected for Outstanding Young Women of America (1965), Personalities of the South (1971), Women in Action—USDA,

and *Who's Who* in American Government. She is deceased (2007).

- William (Bill) J. Kimball (WI)—Bill was serving as the County 4-H Agent in Dane County, Wisconsin when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship (1952). Following the Fellowship he was a full time PhD student at the University



Rhonwyn Lowry and William Kimball, left, 4-H Fellows 1952-1953, are shown with Guy L. Noble, second from left, and Kenneth Anderson, right, of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work

of Chicago (1953-1955). In May of 1955 he was employed as an Extension Agent-at-Large for Michigan State University. From 1958 until his retirement in 1994, Bill filled several roles in the Department of Resource Development at Michigan State University with a 3-way appointment: Extension, Research and Teaching. He served as Extension Specialist for Land Use Planning, as Extension Program Leader, and Extension Specialist in Community and Organization Development. In 1960 he was granted his Ph.D. in Social Science by the University of Chicago and was awarded the Colver-Rosenberg Prize for his dissertation on personal values of Michigan farm families. Bill was a member of the North Central States Extension Committee on Leadership Development and is the author of several publications, monographs and articles in leadership and community development. He also completed brief international assignments in Central and South America, Great Britain, Indonesia, Sweden and Ireland (1972-1994).

Bill's awards and recognition include: the John A. Hannah Award for Extension Program Excellence (1973); the Michigan State University Extension Specialist of the Year (1984); appointment to the Governor's Advisory Panel for Michigan Communities of Economic Excellence (1985-1990); Outstanding Community Service Award from the Michigan Department of Commerce (1991); and the Certificate for Meritorious Service from the Michigan Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi (1993).

Throughout his career he was involved in historic preservation and served in such capacities as Co-Coordinator of the Michigan Rural Historic Resource Project and on the Executive Committee of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. He also served on the board of advisors for the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) (1987-1996).

He continues as an Adjunct Curator with rural emphasis with the Michigan State University Museum. He was a founding member and continues to serve as advisor to the Michigan Barn Preservation Network (1995). Bill also served on several committees that formally organized the National Barn Alliance (NBA) in 1996. He co-authored the NTHP publication, *Protecting Older and Historic Barns through Barn Preservation Programs* (2004).

His recognition since retirement includes the Distinguished Service Award from the Community Development Society (2000), the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (2007), and he was designated NBA Emeritus (2007). Bill lives in Lansing, Michigan, where he continues involvement with Michigan State University and many historic and community efforts.

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## 5 From Two to Six National 4-H Fellowships 1953-1969

### *MORE 4-H FELLOWSHIPS*

*Four additional 4-H Fellowships, two for men and two for women, for ten months' study in the U.S. Department of Agriculture have been announced by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. Donor of these will be The Massey-Harris Company.*

*The same regulations and deadlines apply to this offer as to the 4-H Fellowships already offered by the National Committee, and means that six Fellows will be selected for the 1953-54 school year.*  
*National 4-H News (1953)*

### **The Massey-Harris Company – A New Partner and Benefactor**

Through arrangements made by the National Committee, the National 4-H Fellowships increased from two to six when the Massey-Harris Company (later known as Massey Ferguson) became a benefactor of the program. Their sponsorship resulted in an additional 64 Fellowships during the remaining 16 years of the Fellowship program.

Although there is a lack of records docu-



B. H. Bagby, Massey Ferguson, Inc. accepts a 4-H Donor Merit Award from Chris L. Christensen, President, National 4-H Service Committee recognizing 15 years of support of the National 4-H Fellowship Program given by the company.

menting how the Massey-Harris Company became interested in sponsoring the Fellowships, the previous successes of the program and its popularity among the States were possible factors that interested Massey-Harris in supporting this phase of 4-H Club work rather than a national awards program for a particular 4-H member project. It is noteworthy that the company's support which began in 1953-1954 continued until the Fellowship program ended in 1969.

### ***Successful Farming* and the E. T. Meredith Foundation Adds a Seventh Fellowship**

There is also a lack of documentation about how *Successful Farming* magazine and the E.T. Meredith Foundation agreed to sponsor one fellowship in 1961-1962. E.T. Meredith and E.W. Hopkins, editor of Meredith's *Farm Boys and Girls Leader* (later *Successful Farming*), were actively involved in the formative years of the National Committee (1920-1921) and Meredith was the logical person to be the temporary chairman to head the Committee (Taff, 1956, pp. 20-25). Some forty years later, the magazine and foundation added a seventh to the six Fellowships provided by Massey Ferguson and the National Committee.

### **Funding**

The Fellowship stipend of \$1,500 continued four years through 1956-1957 and was increased to \$2,000 for the 1957-1958 Fellows. The amount was raised to \$2,400 for the following two years, and, beginning in 1960-1961, the stipend would be \$3,000 for the remaining nine years of the Fellowship program.

The expenditure from private resources for the 131 Fellowship stipends from 1931-1969 amounted to \$278,800.00. Massey Ferguson contributed 64 fellowships (\$159,200), the National Committee provided 50 (\$100,600), the Payne Fund added 16 (\$16,000) and *Successful Farming* magazine and the E. T. Meredith Foundation sponsored one (\$3,000) ("Value of 4-H Fellowships," 1970). There is no record of the additional costs incurred for the Fellows' travel to Chicago and subsistence expense for the week of orientation and for participating in the National 4-H Club Congress.

The amount of Federal Extension Service resources used in administering the National 4-H Fellows program was estimated in a 1966 memorandum. An estimated 290 professional and 75 clerical man hours were spent with orientation, program coordination, evaluation and administration and for secretarial assistance. Depending upon the grade level of the professional staff person involved, the cost per year was estimated to be \$2,100 or

\$1,070 and \$195 for the clerical cost (Raudabaugh, November 30, 1966).

Individual Fellows also shared in the expense of the Fellowship experience. Twenty-seven women and 21 men reported they had used personal savings to supplement their grants. Others relied on financial support from their families. Men (13) were more likely than women (3) to have sabbatical leave support from their universities. Men also had spouses who were employed (8) and the use of the G.I. Bill (4).

### **Selection of Recipients**

As the number of Fellowships increased, the role of the State Extension Service changed from nomination to endorsement as applications were submitted by interested individuals. The number of years of 4-H membership was reduced from four to two (1956-1957) and the maximum age of the applicants increased from 30 (1956-1957) to 32 (1959-1960) to 35 (1968-1969). The experience criterion changed in 1968-1969 to include significant responsibility for Extension youth programs. The other criteria of having a baccalaureate degree (but not limited to agriculture or home economics beginning in 1962-1963), a career interest in Extension work and the capacity to pursue graduate study remained.

The successful candidates were selected by a committee of Extension personnel and the announcements of the recipients were made at a variety of national events.

### **Curriculum**

#### Chicago Orientation

An orientation in Chicago at the National Committee's headquarters at the beginning of the Fellowship period became standard operating procedure. The Committee paid for transportation from home to Chicago, subsistence during their stay, and transportation from Chicago to Washington, D.C. The orientation focused on the work of the National Committee, a meeting with Massey Ferguson officials at one of their locations in Canada or the United States, visits to the Chicago Board of Trade and museums, entertainment and social events.

There were various benefits to be gained from the orientation experience. While there were many duplicative responses and differences among individuals, different themes were expressed:

- It was a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with the other Fellows. (Jo Ann Tilley)

- The orientation enabled our Fellowship group to focus on becoming acquainted before being faced with the intricacies of the fellowship and graduate study. (Margie Sellers)
- Opportunity to become acquainted with our “Fellows group;” great bonding, led to a lifetime of continued friendship and reunion gatherings. (Glenice Rugland)
- Six strangers gathered in Chicago in 1963. We shared many experiences over the next few days, and when we left Chicago, we were a team – a team feeling confident to meet the challenges we would face in Washington. (Richard Bitterman)
- The orientation experience helped me to become immersed in the program quickly with more understanding and expectation of potential outcomes. (Marcele Barelman)
- It provided detailed information on just what the Fellowship program would include. (Roy Hougen)
- The orientation was helpful in making the most of this extraordinary opportunity from day one. I felt everything was being done to help me achieve my goals. (George Rendell)
- I learned more about what was done in the National Committee and to distinguish their work from what was done in the Washington 4-H office. (Eleanor Inman)
- The opportunity to meet and get to know Guy Noble, Kenneth Anderson, Thomas E. Wilson, and Mrs. Walgreen. (Dale Apel)
- The opportunity to meet with Guy Noble and others from the National Committee and to participate in the National 4-H Club Congress. (Betty Pingley)
- A broad based knowledge of how 4-H and the Cooperative Extension Service relates to and works with other parts of the public and non-governmental sector at the national level. (Frances [Sue] Kleen)
- For me, it was exposure to the 4-H program on a national scale. We met with sponsors, 4-H’ers, and 4-H leaders representing groups from all over the country. (Dallas Smith)
- Initial exposure to a host of new ideas related to the conduct of the 4-H program. (Derald Suffridge)
- The “royal treatment” by representatives of Massey Ferguson in Detroit and Toronto showed how seriously they viewed their sponsorship. (Barbara Smith)

- We met and learned about our sponsors. (Allene Willson)
- A further appreciation of the private sector through knowledge of the Massey Ferguson company. (Ralph Kirch)
- Met donor organization persons on their turf. (Dwight Palmer)
- Dinner at Thomas E. Wilson's farm home was a highlight and great for building group interaction as well as a positive feeling for the National Committee. (Joe McAuliffe)
- I felt like a changed person during our week in Chicago. Meeting with National Committee staff gave me an appreciation of staff working only to benefit the 4-H program. I experienced first hand what donors were doing. It all made me proud to be a part of the 4-H Youth Program. (Lois Redman)
- As a rural and farm-raised boy, I was not well versed on life in areas other than rural Vermont. Orientation helped me develop confidence in adjusting to many differences in location. (Russell Smith)
- Seeing the sights in Chicago helped greatly for later experiences. (Donald Esslinger)
- It opened my eyes to the larger world. (Donald Moore)
- Awareness of opportunities for professional career advancement. (William Tedrick)

### The National 4-H Club Congress

Although some Fellows had previously attended the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as state and national 4-H winners, attending as a National 4-H Fellow was a memorable experience as well. The Fellows had a chance to network with State 4-H Leaders on various committees such as the Delegates Program, the State Leaders program, and the Dress Review, and they helped host international guests. It was a week of seeing 4-H'ers and co-workers from their home states and enjoying banquets and entertainment away from their Washington schedule of government appointments and graduate studies. The experience was a memorable part of the Fellowship in many ways:

- The trip to Chicago provided opportunities to meet and know 4-H Leaders and people in business. Even driving from Washington to Chicago in the snow was quite a trip for a Florida girl with limited funds. (Bronna Elkins)
- My most memorable Fellowship experience was meeting my future husband at the National 4-H Club Congress. (Jane Merry)

- The Fellowship opened the door to participation in and attendance at . . . National 4-H Club gatherings . . . including 4-H Club Conference, National 4-H Club Week activities, and National 4-H Club Congress. (Ruth Brasher)
- Opportunity to attend National 4-H Club Congress and National 4-H Conference. (Lois Redman)
- Another special memory is attending 4-H Club Congress, traveling via train from D.C. to Chicago and attending a reception for Arthur Fiedler after the concert. (Mariellen Jones)
- I enjoyed attending 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. We helped with various segments of the Congress and enjoyed working with the Chicago staff. (Georgia Beth Smith)
- Assisting with national 4-H events – Club Congress in Chicago, Citizenship Short Course at the National 4-H Center and others. (Glenice Rugland)

#### The Washington Study of Government Program

During this period, eight general objectives were identified in a 1965 Syllabus which stated formally what had essentially been the nature of the program in preceding years. They were:

1. To deepen understanding of the purposes of the Cooperative Extension Service and the role of FES [Federal Extension Service] in achieving them.
2. To gain insight into the work of USDA and its agencies, particularly that being done on basic problems and issues of concern to adult clientele groups.
3. To develop understanding of adult education being done through other Federal government agencies.
4. To absorb some understanding of the workings of Congress and the major political issues facing citizens in this country.
5. To become acquainted with national leaders of professional, educational and agricultural organizations.
6. To enjoy the cultural experiences of living in an historic and cosmopolitan city.
7. To increase international understanding.
8. To develop potential leadership in each individual Fellow.

To obtain these objectives, each 4-H Fellow should open for himself

eight windows.

Window ONE opens on FES.

Window TWO opens on USDA.

Window THREE opens on other FEDERAL EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

Window FOUR opens on CONGRESS AND THE JUDICIARY.

Window FIVE opens on PROFESSIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND FARM ORGANIZATIONS.

Window SIX opens on a CULTURAL CITY.

Window SEVEN opens on PEOPLE OF OTHER LANDS.

Window EIGHT opens on SELF UNDERSTANDING. (Federal Extension Service 1965)

While program activities would vary from year to year, in general, conferences were arranged with individuals in the Federal Extension Service, USDA, other Federal Executive Departments and professional, educational and farm organizations toward meeting objectives one, two, three and five. The Fellows were invited to participate in Extension staff conferences, national 4-H events, USDA Graduate School courses and national conferences held in the city that related to these objectives as well. Program coordinators convened discussion sessions for reflection, clarification and interpretation of their experiences.

- It was a practical study of the U.S. government and all the agencies that had a potential impact on rural families and other clientele of the Extension Service. (Charlene Lind)
- My window of learning included a better understanding of the three parts of the federal government and their functions from persons in high level positions and the roles of lobbyists. The most memorable event was a visit with Chief Justice Earl Warren who helped us understand what he did as Chief Justice. (James Kemp)
- An opportunity to see the big picture of the Cooperative Extension Service and USDA, and how each region is different and that land-grant universities were not all the same. (Helene Horimoto)
- Conferences with FES Administrator Lloyd Davis and Director of Science and Education Nyle Brady—and the climax of June’s program—a conference with Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman gave us the opportunity to discuss major issues in agriculture and its future directions. (Rubinette Miller)

- The Fellowship provided almost daily opportunities to meet people who held leadership positions within USDA, many national organizations, and other government entities. (Edward Merritt)
- We met with numerous personnel in the Department of Agriculture as well as other government agencies. (Jane Kamisato)
- What an experience to meet Eleanor Roosevelt! She was the invited speaker at a USDA luncheon and sat across the table from us. (Betty and John Heller)
- Attending a 4-H Camp in West Virginia made me aware of the coordination among states. (Mariellen Jones)
- I was assigned chairman of the largest committee—Bus Tour Leaders—for the 25<sup>th</sup> National 4-H Camp. It was a learning experience to sit with the other committee chairmen and with members of my committee—all State 4-H staff and national 4-H staff working together. (Joe McAuliffe)
- Our group went to Philadelphia to learn about 4-H moving into the cities with urban gardens. (Henrietta Van Maanen)
- A conference with the Boy Scouts of America. (Donald Moore)
- Our group had 2-3 meetings per week at “our office” planning, organizing, reporting, and discussing our program and schedule. (Glenice Rugland)
- It was an enriching experience to travel with the other 5 Fellows, share experiences, and keep abreast of events that occurred. (Rhoda Peck)
- Our group was often called upon to make decisions as a group. This was good training to help us organize groups and promote group consensus and effective decision-making processes. (William Tedrick)
- Probably the most memorable and useful experience was the regular meeting of the Fellows with Ken Warner to discuss what our next experiences would be and to assist us in interpreting, understanding, and applying the experiences we had. (George Broadwell)
- The opportunity to share experiences with the other Fellows and the National IFYE Fellows in meeting members of the political and bureaucratic structure of the Federal government and with historical site visits and social and cultural experiences. (Dale Apel)

In learning about the workings of Congress and the Judiciary, the Fellows were encouraged to meet their Congressmen and follow legislation by attending sessions at the Capitol and Congressional committee meetings and by reading the Washington newspapers. Visits to the national organiza-

tions provided background on their legislative programs and strategies. An occasional conference with a legislative aide or Congressman would be arranged.

- Worked with a Congressman's office. (Marilyn Lunner)
- In meeting with Congressman Gerald Ford and senior managers in the Executive Branch of Government, I began to see the relationships between setting national agricultural policy, getting legislation through Congress and implementing policies through the Executive Departments. These experiences caused me to seek an internship with the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives at the end of the fellowship. (Dallas Smith)
- I felt part of the decision-making process when volunteering in a Congressman's office during the summer. I was assigned to work on gun control and fire arms legislation. (James Sais)
- I spent several days in the office of an Iowa U.S. Representative learning what government was like from a D.C. perspective. (Roy Houggen)
- Working as an intern in my Congressman's office gave me the experience of seeing government function between my home town and region and Washington. (John Sterling)
- Time on [Capitol] Hill to follow legislation or listen to hearings. (Georgia Beth Smith)
- We followed legislation and met with the Senators and Representatives for our own state, and attended the swearing-in ceremony for a new Supreme Court Justice. (Joye Brown)
- When we had to choose a committee of Congress to observe, I chose the Interior since Hawaii was still a territory. (Elizabeth Snoddy)
- I remember attending committee hearings on Capitol Hill. Since then, I have read the daily news about national happenings. (Jane Merry)
- I was present in the Senate Gallery when 99 Senators were present and voted to pass the atomic test ban treaty. (George Rendell)
- Listening to a speech by Robert Kennedy and seeing him in person. (John Stanley)
- One of the most memorable events during the year was attending the Congressional breakfast. (Marcele Barelman)

International understanding was addressed through visits to embassies, government agencies involved in international programs and the interna-

tional programs provided by the National 4-H Foundation.

- Experience with and exposure to international students and programs provided a basis for a career-long dedication to work with international programs. (Linda Crow)
- Learned much about our relationships with other countries through visits to diplomatic and educational agencies. (Barbara Smith)

Enjoying and learning about the history and culture of Washington, D.C. was addressed largely through self-directed efforts of individual Fellows. In addition, there were invitations to social events hosted by the Extension Service, the National 4-H Foundation and by individuals.

- Being in Washington during the beginning of the Viet Nam War. (Betty Easter)
- We were able to observe events that made national headlines and molded our country – the Poor People’s Campaign, the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, the burning and looting of Washington, D.C. (James Sais)
- Our learning experiences continued every day with educational, cultural, political and social experiences in the Washington area and on the east coast. (Gloria Cleland)
- Cultural events were an important part of the experience. I will always remember going to National Theater to see “Mr. President” and to Constitution Hall where I saw Bobby and Ethel Kennedy across the way. (Lois McClure)
- We attended concerts, plays and baseball games and ate our way up and down Connecticut Avenue. (Margie Sellers)
- Going to National Symphony concerts and seeing such treasures as the National Cathedral and the Library of Congress. (Donald Esslinger)
- There were a number of outstanding events – one of the more memorable ones was visiting the Space Center and meeting and visiting with Werner von Braun, the world rocket expert. (Ralph Kirch)
- Wonderful free-time opportunities to attend cultural events and museums – pre high security days! (Wanda Gumprecht)
- I loved being in Washington – sang with the Marine Band at a 4-H event, and toured with the University of Maryland on a USO-type tour. (Lucille Jamison)
- The Fellows group (with spouses) enjoyed many, many social gatherings, ethnic dining and cultural events 1-2 times a month or more.

(Glenice Rugland)

- Our group planned some special trips, dining at special restaurants, attending theater and musical events and participating in political and cultural activities. (John Burbank)

Finally, developing one's leadership and increased self-understanding was the domain of the individual's graduate study program at the area universities and libraries. This objective was supplemented by many car pool discussions as the Fellows traveled to conferences and graduate classes.

- Highlights were gaining a wider perspective of issues facing our country, becoming more selective and penetrating on information sought, gaining new conceptions of politics, pressure groups and lobbies. (Richard Bitterman)
- I did my research work for papers (every course required one) at the Library of Congress. (Rose House)
- Not every graduate student gets to walk through the doors of the Library of Congress and have the books brought to my desk. When I would get tired of studying, I would walk across to the Senate Building and sit in on a session. (Eleanor Inman)
- Coming from a rural background and attending a conservative college, the experience provided a broad enlightened vista of our society and government. (Betty Pingley)
- Four of us guys (John Stanley, Don Osburn, Don Esslinger and myself) spent a lot of time together in a car going to conferences. We were usually involved in discussions about our studies in behavioral sciences. One that was especially memorable was about motivation. (Derald Suffridge)
- Participating in a class designed for us by Ken Warner whose motto and example was, "If the learner has not learned, the teacher has not taught." (Howard Willson)

The Federal Extension Staff members directly involved in planning the program were Mary L. Collings, Ken Warner, Harlan G. Copeland, Linnea Holland, Roy D. Cassell and Virginia Fuller with assistance from former Fellows Virginia Griffin, Margie Sellers, and Bob Davis. Laurel Sabrosky and the Division of 4-H and Youth Development staff also provided invaluable counsel and assistance.

### Graduate Education

Although compulsory courses in the USDA Graduate School were added

to the Fellows curriculum as early as 1932-1933, earning a master's degree was not an objective for most 4-H Fellows at the beginning. However, as technological and social change intensified, the need for graduate education became a requirement for personnel at all levels of the Extension Service. The early 4-H Fellows began to add evening classes, primarily in Education at George Washington University, to supplement their USDA Graduate School courses and to apply them and their Extension research projects toward a master's degree.

As the University of Maryland developed curricula in Human Development Education and Adult Education, and later Extension Education, the majority of the Fellows selected these graduate programs of study. Individuals who were interested in the fields of Communications, Public Relations and Administration pursued their degree programs at The American University.

In this group of 97 Fellows, three men had completed master's degrees prior to the Fellowship and applied their course work to other programs. Of the remainder, 84 completed master's degrees – 67 (37 women, 30 men) at the University of Maryland, 8 at American University, 2 at George Washington University, and 7 transferred credits to degree programs in their home states. The degree status of the remaining 10 is unknown.

The “downtown” program at USDA incorporated the degree objective into its curriculum and accommodated the demands of University Graduate Schools upon the Fellows who were also degree-seeking students. A new qualification – Capacity to pursue graduate work based on the probability of being accepted for graduate study by one's own land-grant college -- was added in 1962-1963 for selection as a National 4-H Fellow. Where originally the Fellows had come to their program at the Department of Agriculture five days each week, the Fellows in later years might spend as few as two days each week in their study of government. A casualty of this new emphasis on obtaining a master's degree was the Extension-directed research project required of the early Fellows. Instead, the requirements of Graduate Schools concerning theses and seminar papers now prevailed although many investigations pertaining to 4-H and Extension Service issues and problems continued.

### Program Appraisal

An appraisal of the curriculum was done with the 1965-1966 4-H Fellows at the conclusion of their program. Six program objectives rated a 4 or above on a 5 point scale in terms of importance; the two lowest rated objectives in terms of importance were understanding adult education programs of other Federal government agencies and becoming acquainted

with national leaders. A rating of the perceived achievement of the objectives resulted in three receiving a 4.0 or better on a 5-point scale: understanding Extension, USDA and international programs. Moderate ratings of achievement ranged from 3.3 to 3.6 for four objectives while the least achievement (3.0) was noted for understanding the adult education programs of other government agencies. The summary noted that “program improvements can be made for all objectives; however, the areas of other governmental agencies, Congress and national organizations need most attention.” Specific procedural changes and learning experiences were identified by the Fellows that could strengthen the program (Copeland, 1966).

### **Proposals for Change**

The recognition of changing times led to discussions of alternative plans for the design of the Fellowship program beginning as early as 1957. Communications with former Fellows and among staff members of the Divisions of Extension Research and Training, 4-H and Youth Development and Federal Extension Service Administration would continue with proposals being submitted in 1966 (Raudabaugh and Banning, 1966) and in 1968 (Raudabaugh, 1968).



Miss Gertrude L. Warren (retired), second from left, prepares to cut the 25th Anniversary cake at the Payne/National 4-H Fellowship Reunion, June 16, 1957. Looking on are M.C. Wilson (retired), second from right, Margaret Latimer Edwards, right, and Harry Vieth, Jr., left. Warren and Wilson were members of the original 4-H Fellowship committee.

Former National 4-H Fellows attending a 1957 Reunion luncheon were asked for their ideas about alternative program objectives and about five alternative plans. The plans varied in the length of the fellowship (one month to 12 months), and the amount of time devoted to graduate education vis a vis time spent in the Federal Office. Different options for the Washington experience included (1) two months (possibly summer) of having conferences with agencies, (2) an apprenticeship or concentrated study in a division of the Federal Extension Service, (3) a university/government field experience, (4) a one month program in the Federal Office, and (5) a combination of academic study and learning about the Extension Service, other government agencies and national organizations (Federal Extension Service, 1957)

Mary L. Collings queried Federal Extension Division Directors about their willingness to participate in an experiment for the 1963-1964 Fellows. She suggested that an interested Division identify a short-term project (64 hours) to give individual Fellows some insight into the work of the Division and their cooperative relationships with other federal agencies and educational organizations (Collings, 1963). John Banning enclosed a copy of the 1963 suggested projects submitted and encouraged his 4-H and Youth Development co-workers to submit projects for consideration by the 1964-1965 Fellows. He also reported that the 1965-1966 program would not be changed a great deal. "However, during the coming year there should be exploratory discussions with donors and others involved to make decisions regarding suggested major changes in the program" (Banning, 1964).

Collings reported later about conversations with the National 4-H Service Committee about the length of the Fellows' stay in Washington (Collings, 1964). Mylo Downey, 4-H and Youth Development Division Director, agreed that "the proposal that the Fellows spend a concentrated period of three months is highly desirable." He also felt that the Fellows should be given a choice in attending either the National 4-H Conference in Washington or the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago (Downey, 1964).

Banning's memorandum of November 3, 1966 cites advantages of the Fellowship program as seen by Mylo Downey, Fern Kelley and himself:

We are unanimously agreed that the program should be continued if at all possible. We agree that many changes have been made since its beginning and we will need to continually evaluate the program in light of current situations both in CES [Cooperative Extension Service] and FES [Federal Extension Service].

Some advantages we think of are:

1. It is one of our best programs to uncover exceptional ability, interest,

motivation, etc. as regards Extension 4-H work. As an example, over 50 Fellows have moved into State and national leadership roles in Extension where they have great influence on programs.

2. Concurrent with this is the great understanding of FES, its role and mission this brings to the people.
3. The Fellowship program brings to FES some 'fresh' thinking direct from the local level.
4. The 4-H Fellowship is another much needed activity in public relations with other agencies, associations, etc. in having this outstanding group making contact and answering questions.
5. The program is one which brings about much interchange of ideas between States. As regional summer schools drop out of the picture, those of us at the federal level are constantly aware of the need for interstate exchanges of ideas and philosophy.

In light of the present swell of graduate work in the States, we may need to give more emphasis to the objectives dealing with the study of government and less to the graduate program. . . .

As we look and evaluate the program, I would like to see us take a new look, think imaginatively and develop an expanded program which could result in more efficient use of staff time . . . (Banning, 1966).

A "Proposal for National 4-H Fellowship Program" was submitted to FES Deputy Administrator, N. P. Ralston in November 1966 (Raudabaugh and Banning, 1966). The proposal included 13 assumptions about the unique contribution of the program, the complementary nature of graduate study and the study of government, the development of attitudes as an important output of the program, the need to know about the applicability of government programs to Extension work and other points outlined in Banning's memo above. Ten recommendations were suggested for the continuation of the program. These included continuing the emphasis on the study of government while giving Fellows an option to participate in graduate study if desired and focusing on Extension workers under 32 without master's degrees (Federal Extension Service, 1966).

Raudabaugh submitted a draft of a second proposal in 1968 to Raymond C. Scott, FES Assistant Administrator (Raudabaugh, 1968). This proposal identified Assumptions, General Objectives, Specific Objectives, Program Requirements, Program Options or Electives and Administration. Among the differences from previous proposals were: (1) Candidates would have at least one graduate degree, (2) A concentration on administration, policy determination, program leadership and implementation, human development, government and public administration, (3) Program electives could include internships, library or investigative studies, and planning and con-

ducting experimental innovative projects, and (4) Increasing the stipend to \$4,000-\$5,000 (Raudabaugh and Cassell, 1968).

While the correspondence reviewed doesn't cite the specific underlying forces that brought about the proposals for change, two seem implicit. A major force seems to be the strong desire for graduate degrees by the candidates and their home States in competition with the study of government objective desired by the Federal Extension Service and, perhaps, the sponsors. The ideas of conducting research studies, experimental projects and greater involvement with the Federal Extension Office suggests a desire to return to features of the original Payne Fellowships. A second major force at work, though not specifically stated, seems to be concerns of the Federal Extension Service administrators. Whether these concerns relate to costs of administering the Fellowship program, or to the use of staff time, or possibly to other social and political forces are not clear. It would also be helpful to know the positions of the National Committee about the proposals and items under discussion in the Federal Office. The bottom line appears to be that only incremental changes occurred during this period of the National 4-H Fellowship.

### **Program Conclusion**

It is unknown when the decision to terminate support of the Fellowships with the 1968-1969 program by Massey Ferguson and the National 4-H Service Committee occurred. Dean Vaughan, Director of the 4-H and Youth Development Division in 1969, wrote to Assistant Administrator Scott:

In a recent conversation with Norm Mindrum [of the National Committee] it was indicated that there was little chance of finding a donor and making the necessary arrangements in time for fellowship programs for a group in 1969. The National 4-H Service Committee will proceed on the assumption that the program would be the same or similar to the current 4-H Fellows program. . . . [I]f there are to be any changes in the program we should inform the National 4-H Service Committee within the near future before serious negotiations begin with prospective future donor/s (Vaughan, 1969).

Wessell and Wessell suggest that National 4-H Fellowships were discontinued "when private donors withdrew their support because of economic conditions" (Wessell and Wessell, 1982). Wikipedia reports that a series of financial difficulties and downsizing had led to Massey Ferguson being broken up before what was left of the original firm disappeared in the 1990s (Wikipedia, n.d.). A set of unsigned notes acknowledged the discontinuance of support from Massey Ferguson, but also added "(b) Decision of FES to study and possibly restructure program" as reasons why the

Fellowship program was discontinued (1970). There is no documentation to explain why the National 4-H Service Committee withdrew its support as well.

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## 6 The National 4-H Fellows -- 1953-1969

*The year was truly a mountain top experience*

*Bronna Elkins Godwin, 1954-1955*

*Overall, it was an experience I would not have had anywhere else.*

*Roy E. Hougen, 1967-1968*

*The Fellowship was – Incredible, Eye-Opening, Amazing, “A Life Changing Experience”*

*David E. Pace, 1968-1969*

*The Fellowship experience was outstanding as it was an opportunity for both personal and professional growth*

*Rhoda Peck Shaw, 1959-1960*

*It was the best year I could have experienced at that time in my family and professional lives.*

*George E. (Buddy) Russell, 1958-1959*

*It was “life changing!”*

*Ruth Ann Seacord Miller, 1953-1954*

This chapter focuses on the 97 individuals who received fellowships sponsored by Massey Ferguson (64), the National 4-H Service Committee (32) and *Successful Farming* and the E.T. Meredith Foundation (1) from 1953-1969. Information will be summarized about their Extension and other careers, their community and international service, educational degrees obtained, honors and recognition received, and selected perceived benefits from participating in the Fellowship program. For a more complete picture of their life stories, please consult the individual biographies at the end of the chapter.

**Extension Leaders**

It was a time when many people had multiple positions and careers in many locations, and this group of Fellows proved to be no exception. Work and volunteer service extended even to the international sector for 26 Fellows through university and/or government programs or when accompanying a spouse on an international assignment.

It was also the time when sexism, racism and ageism were deeply ingrained in the United States' culture. Two individuals reported examples of discriminatory behavior. Ella Fazzalari was required to resign from her Extension position when she married in 1957. She was also refused a position working with youth because "she was too old" when she returned to Extension in 1976. Dallas Smith, an African-American assistant county agricultural agent, experienced divisive and intense desegregation issues at the county and State level and racist attitudes during the Fellowship that influenced him to seek employment outside Extension.

**Extension Employment upon Completion of the Fellowship**

If States and donors were concerned about the question, "Would the Fellows choose to return to their home states and remain in Extension after their year in Washington?" the answer would be reassuring. For these 97 individuals, the following numbers of individuals returned to Extension positions after the Fellowship and to their home states:

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
Return to County Extension Positions	21	19	40
Return to State/Area Extension Positions	18	18	36
Return to National 4-H/Extension Positions	2	2	4
Did not Return (graduate school, marriage)	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>Total</b>	49	48	97
Return to Extension in home state	34	26	60
Moved to another state or national office	7	13	20
Other (Unknown, left Extension)	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>Total</b>	49	48	97

**Forty-four Fellows Pursued a Career in Extension**

Attempts to classify and summarize the "primary" careers of the 97 Fellows

is an exercise in judgment given the opportunities for individuals to move among different levels within organizations, to try new and different areas of work, and to relocate as a result of marriage. The biographies at the end of this chapter illustrate the variation in career paths that were pursued. Of those whose careers were “primarily” in the Extension Service,

- Eleven individuals (6 women and 5 men) chose to work primarily at the county/area level in both urban and rural counties. Although many agents worked in multiple areas, three provided leadership for the 4-H program, five with home economics programs, and three with agricultural programs. Some agents were the county administrator as well. Seven agents had previous experience at the State level. George Rendell served as Extension’s Liaison with the University of California-Riverside campus,
- Twelve men and five women were members of State 4-H Staffs and eight served in the role of State 4-H Leader (Dale Apel, KS; George Broadwell, NY; Linda Crow, ND; V. Joseph McAuliffe, SD; Dwight Palmer, ND and WA; Betty Pingley McCartney, WV; John Sterling; MA, and Helene Horimoto Zeug HI). James Kemp, MN and John Sterling, NY directed their State 4-H Foundations. Eldora Keske (WI), Dwight Palmer (ND/WA) and McAuliffe (MN/SD) held positions at the National 4-H Foundation/National 4-H Council in Washington, and Don Osburn (MD) was a staff member of the National 4-H Service Committee in Chicago.
- Russell Smith joined McAuliffe as members of the 4-H and Youth Development Division, Federal Extension Service, U.S.D.A.
- The remaining 13 Fellows were State Specialists or Extension Administrators. Ann Thompson was the first woman Director of the Cooperative Extension Service in Alabama and a Vice-President for Extension for Auburn University. Betty Pingley McCartney was Division Leader for Home Economics and 4-H in West Virginia; Richard Bitterman served as Assistant Extension Director – Field Operations in Nevada, and John Burbank was Associate State Leader, Programs and Reports in Nebraska and Program Coordinator for Leadership and Community Development in North Dakota.

### **Other Careers**

A larger number with Extension experience following the Fellowship (N=40) left Extension joining 13 others to pursue other careers. A majority of the 33 women worked as teachers and/or administrators in elementary/secondary (N=10) or higher education (N=6) sometimes in conjunction

with other jobs. Two examples:

During a 21-year period, Betty Easter Walch co-owned and operated a family farm while teaching at the Missouri State School for the Severely Disabled, co-owning and managing a motel and restaurant, directing an Adult Developmentally Delayed Program, and teaching Sociology and Psychology at a community college. Betty then moved to the Arizona Department of Education as Program Specialist/District Consultant and later was Director of Special Education for the Winslow (AZ) School District. She retired as Director / Administrator for the Navajo County Special Services Consortium and Rainbow Accommodation School in Holbrook, Arizona

Bronna Elkins Godwin taught nutrition classes for Alachua County and Lake City (Florida) Junior College. Bronna subsequently served as Manager of Food Service and taught home economics for Gainesville (FL) High School and supervisor for the World of Work Program at the Alachua County Vocational School. She returned to the Alachua County Food Service as County Food Service Field Supervisor and later became Director.

Ruth Brasher and Charlene Lind held a variety of instructional and administrative positions at Brigham Young University. Virginia Griffin, Margaret Stahly Hanson, Donna Kragh Rosenkranz and Lucille Jamison Watson were faculty members at the University of Toronto, Wayne State College, Moraine Park Technical College and the Sarasota County Technical Institute respectively. Georgia Beth Smith Thompson was Vice President for Student Services at Southern Utah University.

Working in a variety of occupations was not uncommon for many women who lived in several communities:

Virginia White Alford worked as a County Extension Home Agent in Minnesota and Missouri, as a Food Service Supervisor for the University of Missouri, and as a public school teacher for science and learning disabilities in three school districts in Iowa and two districts in Missouri. In her last 11 years of employment, she was a Special Education teacher for the Missouri Department of Corrections in Jefferson City and Fulton, Missouri.

Marcele Barelman Skelton lived in several Western states and worked with learners of all ages in a variety of settings while obtaining advanced certification in both Developmental Education and Family and Consumer Science. Marcele taught eight years as a substitute teacher (all grades and all areas) in public schools in Wyoming and New Mexico. In Colorado, Marcele was Coordinator of Family Living Programs for the Cooperative

Extension Service. She later instructed adult learners in the Adult Basic Education/GED/English as a Second Language classes at the Laramie County (WY) Community College. On moving to Alaska, Marcele was first a Learning Resource Center Instructional Technician and later an Instructor for Learning and Developmental Education for a community college.

Wanda Gumprecht Redmond, Sara Naragon Morgan and Gloria Cleland Horner were co-owners of their family businesses and Lois McClure Kemp was a Home Economist/Culinary Specialist for the Byerly's and Lunds Grocery Stores in Minnesota. Jane Merry Chavez, Rose House Frutchey and Sue Kleen Benedetti accompanied their husbands on their international assignments and held a variety of volunteer and paid positions, while Elizabeth Snoddy Cuellar relocated to Mexico and found work as a teacher, translator, editor, exhibit curator and tour manager. Upon completion of their Extension professional experiences, Rubinette Miller Niemann and Willa Morava Huston focused on family and community service activities.

As for the 20 men, 15 moved into higher education administration and teaching and government service as their life's work. Lynn Pesson, George Russell and Harold Allen held administrative positions at Louisiana State University, Virginia Tech and University of Nebraska while Marvin Boss, Harlan Copeland and Loren Goyen worked with graduate education programs at the University of Ottawa, University of Minnesota, and the University of the District of Columbia.

Before joining the Center for Health Services Research at George Washington University, Allen Jensen pursued his interest in government through work with the Iowa Governor's Office, the National Governor's Association, and with the Human Resources Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means.

Government service was the choice for several men: Donald Mitchell joined the U.S. Agency for International Development, John Gant moved to the National Archives, E. Clay Joseph to the Department of Defense and Dallas Smith to the Department of Agriculture in Washington. Ralph Kirch and Jerome (Jerry) Klement administered programs respectively for the Michigan Department of Agriculture and for the Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture in Texas. Carlton Doane directed the St. Lawrence County (NY) Comprehensive Employment and Training Program before working as a counselor for the New York Department of Corrections. John Cutlip served as the County Administrator for Shenandoah and Nelson Counties in Virginia.

Cal Steuart entered the field of law, Howard Lahlum chose to farm in

North Dakota and Kenneth Migchelbrink worked in sales and marketing development for two companies in Washington and Idaho. John Stanley entered the ministry and helped the Peoria (IL) Inner-City 4-H Advisory Council launch a program that reaches 5,000 youth each year. Lowell Shaw worked as a coach, counselor and junior high and high school teacher, mental health case manager and college basketball coach. Clinton Conant was a dairy farmer and then worked with organizations serving low income citizens particularly with community health programs.

While with the Extension Service, Virginia Griffin and Marcele Barelman Skelton provided leadership for the Family Living Programs in West Virginia and Colorado. Lois Howard and Harold Allen served on the staff of the National 4-H Service Committee in Chicago, and Ralph Kirch was Director of Resources for the National 4-H Foundation and Executive Director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Sue Kleen Benedetti and John Gant joined the Federal Extension Service staff after their Fellowship year in the Divisions of Extension Information and Management Operations.

Eighteen former Fellows did not return to Extension employment after their Fellowship year ended. Some attended graduate school, others changed professions, and a few joined the ranks of homemakers.

### **Graduate Education**

Master's degrees were received by at least 43 men during their Fellowship year; three Fellows had completed master's degrees prior to the program but took graduate work toward specialist or doctoral degrees. The University of Maryland awarded 30 degrees primarily in Human Development, Extension Education and Adult Education. Five degrees were awarded by American University and two by George Washington University. Master's degrees were also completed by 6 Fellows after the Fellowship year at Oregon State University, North Dakota State University, University of Nebraska, Michigan State University, Louisiana State University and St. Lawrence University (one each). A second master's degree was completed by John Stanley at Asbury Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity) and by Donald Moore at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Master of Church Music).

In addition, sabbatical leaves, professional certification and diplomas and advanced graduate studies were completed by many. Russell W. Smith obtained a Professional Diploma in Adult Education from Teachers College, Columbia University and Roy E. Hougren received an Advanced Graduate Specialist degree from the University of Maryland in Extension Education and Human Development.

Fifteen men also completed doctoral degrees at University of Chicago (2), Cornell University, University of Colorado, Garrett Theological Seminary, Louisiana State University (2), University of Maryland, Michigan State University, University of Nebraska, North Carolina State University (2), and University of Wisconsin (3). Cal Steuart also completed a Doctor of Jurisprudence at Georgetown University. Jerome (Jerry) Klement completed the education to become a Deacon at the Catholic Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland.

For the women, it was a similar story with 38 completing degrees at the University of Maryland primarily in Human Development, Extension Education and Adult Education and 2 individuals receiving their degrees from American University. A second master's degree was obtained by Elizabeth Snoddy Cuellar from the University of Guanajuato (Mexico) in Applied Art, by Lois Howard from Northwestern University in Organizational Change and Clinical Practice and by Glenice Rugland Johnson from the University of Northern Colorado in Gerontology.

Unlike the men, studies leading toward certification or diplomas were popular with the women. The major areas of study included teacher certification, special education certification, learning disabilities certification, office training, computers, English as a Second Language, registered dietitian certification, principal and superintendent certification, master naturalist certification, flower show judge certification and journeymen electrician. Continuing education programs also included graduate education and sabbatical leave studies.

Doctoral degrees were completed by 9 women at the University of Chicago, University of Hawaii, Montana State University, North Carolina State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, Utah State University, Walden University, and University of Wisconsin.

### **International Service**

This period in the history of the National 4-H Fellowships experienced an expansion of cultural exchange programs between the United States and other countries and technical assistance programs initiated by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in cooperation with State universities and Extension Services. The International Farm (Four-H) Youth Exchange Program began in 1948 and 18 Fellows had lived with rural families in other countries prior to their Fellowship experience: Rhonwyn Lowry (Denmark); Eldora Keske (Austria); Joan Engle Wieckert (Denmark); Ruth Brasher (Philippines); John Heller (Greece); Eleanor Inman Smith (Ireland/North Ireland); James Kemp (Ireland); Donald Mitchell (Netherlands); Wanda Gumprecht Redmond

(Japan); John Stanley (Dominican Republic); Jane Kamisato Larson (England/Wales); Margaret Ann Stahly Hansen (England/Wales); Georgia Beth Smith Thompson (Switzerland); Betty Easter Walch (Turkey); Frances (Sue) Kleen Benedetti (India); James Sais (Ecuador); David Pace (Uruguay); and Glenice Rugland Johnson (India). Three Fellows had a cross-cultural experience through other programs: Donald Mitchell (Iraq) and Rose House Frutchey (Laos) with the International Voluntary Service and Charlene Lind taught high school home economics during her Latter-day Saints Mission in Western Samoa.

Following their Fellowship experience, twenty-six Fellows provided leadership in international development programs and in cultural exchanges with many countries through USAID contracts, their Extension responsibilities, or as a volunteer whose spouse was working abroad. A brief summary below highlights some of the international contributions of former Fellows:

- Eldora Keske was Associate, and later Acting, Program Leader, with the International Farm Youth Exchange Program at the National 4-H Foundation.
- Harold Allen worked with the University of Nebraska Turkish Program to establish Ataturk University in Eastern Turkey patterned after U.S. land-grant universities and a Department of Extension and Information at the Ankara University Faculty of Agriculture. He cooperated with the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and USAID in conducting in-service training for provincial and county extension personnel, and helped establish a youth program similar to 4-H called 4-K in Turkish.
- Lynn Pesson was a Visiting Professor in the Colleges of Agriculture and Education, University of Malaysia with the Louisiana State University (LSU)-Ford Foundation Project. He provided leadership for the LSU team to upgrade and develop programs for the fledgling University of Agriculture and Applied Science in Malaysia, and introduced instructional programs in extension methodology, home economics and the social sciences. He helped develop the first training program for agricultural teachers for the Malaysia school system. Lynn was responsible for USAID programs to upgrade the agricultural research station in Nicaragua and a project to develop rice processing technology in India. In retirement, he served as Executive Director of the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development with USAID, and assisted USAID as a consultant in defining the role and relationships of U.S. universities with developing country institutions.
- Marvin Boss joined the faculty at the University of Ottawa teaching courses in research and test development.

- V. Joseph McAuliffe consulted on 4-H type programs in several countries in Western Europe and Canada and was leader of a team to study 4-H in Viet Nam. In retirement, Joe consulted with National 4-H Program-Jamaica and the Caribbean 4-H Conference with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. As a VOCA volunteer, he was instrumental in starting 4-H in Romania. He also participated in the first 4-H conference in Eastern Europe.
- When Jane Merry Chavez and Jerry lived in Brazil, she volunteered with USAID in Rio de Janeiro providing orientation to Brazilians coming to the United States for study and later with the 4-S Peace Corps where she conducted training and provided technical support in home economics for 4-S youth workers. When Jerry was assigned to El Salvador, Jane volunteered with the El Salvador National Extension Service and worked on 4-S clothing and nutrition project development and agent training with national home economics leaders. Jane and Jerry were recognized “Con nuestro agradecimiento a la familia Chavez del Personnel de CENTA” (Translation—With our heartfelt thanks to the Chavez Family from the El Salvador National Extension Service personnel).
- Joan Engle Wieckert has hosted hundreds of international visitors to the University of Wisconsin campus.
- Lucille Jamison Watson represented Radio and Communications in Korea and in Latin and South America for ten years with The Evangelical Alliance Mission.
- Elizabeth Snoddy Cuellar married and moved to Mexico City where she taught English as a second language. She was Coordinator of the World Exhibition of Folk Art for the XIX Olympics and continued as a writer and translator for the official Olympic publication on Popular Art, Fine Art and Modern Art. Elizabeth went with the collections that remained in Mexico to the National Autonomous University of Mexico as Museum Curator of Folk Art, Coordinator for International Programs and Professor of Folk Art and Indigenous Cultures of Mexico. Elizabeth has served as Study Leader and Lecturer for museum study tours.
- William Tedrick worked in Sri Lanka on a USAID-Texas A&M University (TAMU) assignment and in the Dominican Republic with a TAMU project.
- Lois Redman organized Oregon’s first 4-H International Committee, developed the guidelines for the LABO-4-H Volunteer County Coordinator system, and helped set up one of the first Japanese-U.S.

exchange programs. Through the Oregon-Costa Rica Partners Program, she secured funds to send Extension youth development agents to Costa Rica to teach nutrition education and rabbit production. In Kansas, she developed the first long-range youth exchange program for the Kansas-Paraguay Partners Program. Lois also served as the international programs representative on the [national] Extension Committee on Organization and Policy-4-H Leadership Development Committee and assisted with national-level 4-H international workshops and alumni conference programs for the International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association. She attended a Professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange in Sweden and visited 4-H and other youth programs in 25 countries.

- George (Buddy) Russell hosted several Virginia Tech alumni trips to England, China, Australia and the Scandinavian countries.
- Virginia Griffin joined the faculty of the Ontario Institute for the Study of Education, University of Toronto, as a Professor of Adult Education.
- Donald Mitchell served USAID as an agricultural officer in advisory positions with the governments of Thailand, Laos, Turkey and the Philippines and provided support for agricultural programs in Asia. Prior to his retirement, he counseled agricultural officers in the Agency regarding career guidance, placement and development of personnel policies.
- Donald Esslinger worked four years on USAID projects on contract with the Consortium of International Development, Tucson, Arizona serving as a Technology Transfer Advisor for the National Agricultural Research Project, Ministry of Agriculture, Arab Republic of Egypt in Cairo, Egypt. His work involved assisting with decentralizing extension services, strengthening research-extension linkages, enhancing media products, and building liaison with other development projects. He also advised the committee planning the Egyptian television series, "Land Secrets," a national program in support of agricultural development. Don also provided communications training and consultation to Albania, Swaziland, Botswana, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras and the Philippines.
- Donald Osburn, as an active member and officer in Rotary International, helped raise more than \$15 million for the Rotary International Polio campaign. He and his wife, Barbara, volunteered with a Polio Immunization program for Rotary International in Nigeria and India.
- Rose House Frutchey joined her husband on an assignment to Thai-

land where she volunteered with the Thai Border Patrol Police and the Community Development Counseling Service and managed the Hill Tribe Handcraft Project in Chieng Mai. She later worked with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on a socioeconomic study of several irrigation projects in Thailand.

- John Paul Duke was Group Leader for a National 4-H Foundation 4-H Teen Caravan Program to Austria, Denmark, Italy and the Netherlands.
- Sara Naragon Morgan's husband's lifelong hobby of collecting military insignia led them to become entrepreneurs, manufacturing and wholesaling these items worldwide. Challenges that were experienced included dealing with import-export regulations, international banking and extensive travel to visit suppliers and customers around the world as they learned how global economics, interests and cultures inter-relate.
- Donald Moore was chosen as a charter member of The Centurymen, an auditioned group of music ministers selected to provide choral music for radio and television. One highlight of this experience was the presentation of an NBC Television Easter Sunrise Service on the ruins of the synagogue at Capernaum on the banks of the Sea of Galilee.
- Betty Easter Walch participated in a National 4-H Foundation Extension Employee Exchange Program working with Extension and 4-H Agents in Peru.
- Frances (Sue) Kleen Benedetti accompanied her husband in his international assignments and this led to numerous consultant ships and work with international programs. In Botswana, she established the Communications Department and did teaching and curriculum development for the Southern African Regional Institute of Development Management, coordinated the U.S. Embassy's Self-Help Program, and conducted studies for the USAID Workforce and Skills Training Project for the Academy for Educational Development Excellence. Sue also coordinated activities for the U.S. Information Service at the 1986 International Trade Fair and for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's African Regional conference on Health, Education and Agriculture, both held in Gaborone. In Kazakhstan, she served as the Regional Constituency Building Coordinator for USAID's Non-Governmental Organization Strengthening Program and provided consulting for USAID's Global Training, Aid to Artisans and Volunteers for Overseas Cooperative Assistance Programs. Sue also worked with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as an International Rural Youth Development Consultant in Namibia and conducted an

assessment of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, USDA Human Capacity Project in South Africa.

- James Sais traveled to Nicaragua in 1987 as a USDA Extension Consultant to assist Nicaraguan Extension Agents train farmers to change from bean and corn agriculture to more horticulture enterprises.
- Linda Crow served as the North Dakota State 4-H International Program Leader and pioneered and coordinated North Dakota's involvement in the Labo-Japanese exchange program for 18 years.
- David Pace was a Program Assistant with the National 4-H Council International Programs for one year. In Minnesota, he coordinated and conducted 4-H Cross-Cultural International Educational Exchange Programs at the county, state, multi-state and national levels involving more than 4,000 inbound/outbound participants from 86 countries. Multi-state programs were developed with Norway, Finland, Australia and Japan. Minnesota programs included the 4-H/USSR/Bulgaria Camp, USSR/Minnesota Pioneer Palace of Moscow Performing Arts and Water Quality Environment Issues Programs, and the 4-H/Soviet Union Photography Exchange. David was a member of the USA 4-H Delegation to the People's Republic of China, of the USA 4-H Japan Exchange Committee, and of 4-H Study Tours to Africa. He assisted in establishing 4B Clubs in Botswana and 4-I Clubs in Romania. David served as a member of three 4-H international committees: the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) 4-H International Task Force, the ECOP Sub-Committee on 4-H International Programs Curriculum Development and Training Committee (five years), and the National 4-H Youth Development Global Education Design Team. David has served as an officer and chair of numerous committees for the Minnesota/Uruguay Partners of the Americas.
- Dallas Smith served as Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in USDA. During his tenure, he provided leadership to the Agricultural Committee of the Gore/Mbeki Bicentennial Commission with South Africa and the United States. Dallas represented American agriculture in bilateral discussions with high ranking officials in Zimbabwe, Ghana, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Liberia, South Africa, and Uganda. He also conducted global workshops on the World Trade Organization and risk management for government officials and private sector companies in Poland, Austria, Germany and South Africa and instituted the development of an agricultural risk management partnership program for the South African government and private insurance companies in South Africa.

## **Volunteer and Community Service**

The part of the questionnaire inquiring about volunteer and community service evoked more responses than any other section. To do justice to the breadth and depth of the responses would require an entire chapter, if not a book, in itself. Brief summaries of service to 4-H and other programs serving youth, state and national 4-H programs, State Extension Services, other State organizations and programs, colleges and universities, professional associations, and local communities will be provided with selected quotations. Please refer to the biographies at the end of the chapter for a more complete picture of the volunteer and community service contributions by former 4-H Fellows.

### **4-H and Other Programs Serving Youth**

Twenty Fellows (8 men, 12 women) reported serving as volunteer 4-H leaders. Some examples:

Dallas Smith was President of the Patuxent River 4-H Center Foundation that provided a rural camping environment for nearly 20,000 urban and suburban youth each year.

Charline Hamilton Powell served as a volunteer 4-H leader for several clubs, livestock and recreation project groups, and a 4-H Strings ensemble. She was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer Leader in East Tennessee.

Bob Davis was President during the purchase of 250 acre camp development property for a multi-camp association and served on a committee that raised funds for the new Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center.

Wanda Gumprecht Redmond served 15 years as a judge and leader for Northwest Colorado's 4-H programs.

John Stanley was a member of an Inner-city 4-H Advisory Council that launched a program in the 1980s that reaches 5,000 youth per year.

Jane Merry Chavez worked 13 years with members and their parents in a 4-H club organized for disabled youth.

Donna Kragh Rosenkranz assisted local 4-H Clubs with demonstration projects and judged at county fairs.

Five former Fellows worked with the Scouts as leaders, scoutmasters, and merit badge counselors.

Fellows were also involved as volunteers in their community schools serving as officers or board members of parent-teacher groups and booster

clubs, library coordinators, and counselors. Some other types of activities included:

RubINETTE Miller Niemann co-directed the collection of thousands of donated books by high school students and their distribution to elementary classes through the *Share a Book* program.

Edward Merritt chaired the Steering Committee for Connecticut Agriculture in the Classroom for nine years.

John Sterling was appointed as Massachusetts' first Executive Director of "Agriculture in the Classroom" by Governor Dukakis.

Ella Fazzalari Smart was Coordinator of the St. Ambrose School Library for 8 years.

Jane Merry Chavez provided encouragement, counseling and advice to outstanding Hispanic students to attend college. She also developed a Special Education Parents Association in the school district.

Ruth Brasher serves as a Board Member and fund raiser for both the State of Utah and Utah County's Children's Justice Center Friends Board.

Jane Merry Chavez helped organize and operate a Special Olympics with the help of school personnel, community leaders and parents of the disabled which continues in her community.

### **State and National 4-H Programs**

Fifteen former Fellows were appointed or volunteered to serve on national, regional and state committees and task forces pertaining to curriculum development, policy formation and resource development (fund raising). Dwight Palmer, Betty Pingley McCartney, Donald Osburn and Howard Lahlum served as officers or members of their state 4-H Foundations. Ella Fazzalari Smart helped identify and secure donors for the Maryland 4-H program. Ralph Kirch chaired the Michigan State 4-H Policy committee.

At the national level, Edward Merritt was the first county agent to serve on the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) National 4-H Subcommittee and Lois Redman was the international programs representative on the ECOP 4-H Leadership Development Committee. George Broadwell chaired the ECOP National 4-H Subcommittee and the ECOP Standing Committee on 4-H Long Range Program and Budget Planning.

Broadwell was also a member of the Extension Service (ES)-USDA Technical Advisory Panel on 4-H Administrative Staffing, the ES-USDA Long Range 4-H Program Development Committee, and ES-USDA Program Review Teams for two states. Dale Apel served on four national/

regional task forces/committees: National Task Force on Philosophy and Curriculum for 4-H, National Curriculum Task Force for Youth Development Professionals, the North Central States 4-H Leadership Project, and he chaired the National Committee for Development of a 4-H TV Series, "Living in a Nuclear Age." David Pace served as a member on three 4-H international committees: the ECOP 4-H International Task Force, the ECOP Subcommittee on 4-H International Programs Curriculum Development and Training Committee, and the National 4-H Youth Development Global Education Design Team.

Betty Pingley McCartney was a member of a National 4-H Advisory Committee. Linda Crow and Helene Horimoto Zeug were members of a National 4-H Curriculum Committee. Joe McAuliffe participated as a committee member or advisor in developing each of the National 4-H Volunteer Leadership Policy Statements. Broadwell also chaired the National 4-H Council Education Resource Center Committee and was a member of their Publications Review Committee. Sue Kleen Benedetti served on the committee that developed the Kathleen Flom exhibit at the National 4-H Center.

### **State Extension Services**

The Fellows have also provided a variety of volunteer services to State Extension Services both during their employment and in retirement. As retirees, Linda Crow and Howard Willson took the Master Gardener training and provide information to gardeners in their communities. Crow also volunteers for the Washington State University Extension Beach Watch and Admiralty Head Lighthouse providing environmental education for Island County residents and training for lighthouse docents. Gloria Cleland Horner, Betty Easter Walch and Bob Davis have served on County Extension Advisory Committees and Boards.

John Cutlip was a member of the Virginia State Extension Advisory Committee, and Dale Apel was chair of the Kansas State University-Extension Service Committee on Health and Wellness Planning.

Eldora Keske edited the *Journal of Extension* and Ann Thompson was President of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Editorial Committee of the *Journal*.

### **Other State Organizations and Programs**

Clinton Conant chaired five organizations in Maine including (1) Governor's Advisory Committee on Health and Welfare; (2) Maine Health Systems Agency; (3) Coalition of Ambulatory Care Centers, (4)

Community Action Program Directors Association, and (5) the New England Community Health Center Assistance Programs.

RubINETTE Miller Niemann was an unpaid County Director of the Clean Virginia Program for two and one-half years. Over 2000 volunteers were involved, and Washington County received top recognition for its program. RubINETTE also received the Governor's Award for Volunteering Excellence in 1991 for "addressing the needs and concerns of your community." Other State programs and organizations cited by former Fellows include:

- Nebraska Community Improvement Program – Harold Allen, Urban Representative.
- West Virginia Governor's Task Force on Families, Mountain State Art and Craft Fair, West Virginia Preventative Care Advisory Committee – Betty Pingley McCartney, Co-Chair, Board member.
- New Jersey Museum of Agriculture – Russell Smith, Instructor and Tour Guide.
- Friends of Utah State Children's Justice Center – Ruth Brasher, Board Member.
- Minnesota History Museum – James Kemp, Docent.
- Garden Clubs of Texas – Margie Sellers Rice, Judge.
- Ohio Bed and Breakfast Association – Bob Davis, Director.
- Tennessee Make it Yourself with Wool – Charline Hamilton Powell, State Director.
- Virginia Municipal League – John Cutlip, Board of Directors Chairman
- Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts – R. Calvert Steuart, President
- Kansas Council of Women and Kansas Cattlewomen – Mariellen Jones Appleby, President.
- Minnesota/Uruguay Partners of the Americas and International Institute of Minnesota – David Pace, President, Board Member.
- Oregon Consumers League – Marilyn Lingo Lunner, Founding Member, President.
- New York State Wide Senior Action Council and New York Department of Corrections – Carlton Doane, President, Volunteer.
- Minnesota Department of Health Special Task Force on Rural Elderly

and Northwest Minnesota Retired Senior Volunteer Program – Glenice Rugland Johnson, Advisory Committee Member.

- South Dakota Governor’s Committee on Volunteerism – V. Joseph McAuliffe, Member.

### **Colleges and Universities**

Alumni organizations and advisory committees attracted 15 Fellows who reported they assisted colleges and universities as officers and/or board members. Specifically,

- University alumni groups – Marcele Barelman Skelton, Eleanor Inman Smith, Rubinette Miller Niemann, Mariellen Jones Appleby.
- College alumni groups and advisory committees – Ella Fazzalari Smart, Lois Redman, Rubinette Miller Niemann, Mariellen Jones Appleby, Nancy White Wills.

Examples of other college/university service include:

- Ella Fazzalari Smart served as a member of the Board of Governors for the University of Maryland.
- Betty Pingley McCartney was President of the Board of the West Virginia University Appalachian Lifelong Learners Program.
- Ralph Kirch chaired the Michigan State University Spartan Horse and Chariot Committee.
- Linda Crow was President of the North Dakota State University Memorial Union Board.
- Rubinette Miller Niemann worked on the Virginia Tech University Committee to build an alumni center.
- Don Wiles coached a Dodge City (KS) Community College soils judging team for 11 years winning three national championships.
- Bronna Elkins Godwin served as President of the University of Florida Agriculture Women’s Club.
- Lois Redman was the International Coordinator for the Oregon State University Women’s Club and the Faculty Advisor for the OSU Baptist Student Union.
- George (Buddy) Russell was a member of the Board of Directors of the Peter Dye River Course at Virginia Tech University. He was also President of the University Club and the Retirees Association.
- Donald Esslinger served as faculty advisor for Farm House Fraternity

at Kansas State University.

### **Professional Associations**

Many leadership roles have been held by former Fellows in national and state professional associations. Nationally in Extension associations, Ralph Kirch and James Kemp served as President, John Sterling as Treasurer, David Pace as a Board Member and Linda Crow co-chaired a national conference for the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Bob Davis was President of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, and Ella Fazzalari Smart was a regional President and Betty Pingley McCartney an Advisor for the National Association of Extension Home Economists.

Serving the International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association were David Pace (President) and Eleanor Inman Smith (Board Member).

State wide, James Kemp, Donald Moore, Marilyn Lingo Lunner, Bob Davis and James Sais served as Presidents of their State agent associations; Ralph Kirch, Linda Crow and Helene Horimoto Zeug led their 4-H agents' organizations, and Presidents of State Extension home economists included Ella Fazzalari Smart, Allene Willson Pierce, Nancy White Wills and Helene Horimoto Zeug. State Presidents of Epsilon Sigma Phi chapters included James Sais, David Pace, Linda Crow, Glenice Rugland Johnson and John Paul Duke.

Other Fellows who served as presidents, board members, committee chairs for international and national professional organizations in administration, adult and continuing education, college editors, communications, community health centers, higher education, home economics [family and consumer sciences], horticulture, rural development, student personnel administration, and textiles include Harold Allen, Ruth Brasher, Joye Brown Kohl, Clinton Conant, Donald Esslinger, Sue Kleen Benedetti, Charlene Lind, Donald Mitchell, George (Buddy) Russell, and Georgia Beth Smith Thompson. Two people addressed public policy issues—Joye Brown Kohl testified at a Congressional Briefing on Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and Clinton Conant was Spokesman for National Association for the Community Health Care Centers Legislative Committee. Ruth Brasher was the National Director of Fellowships for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

A similar pattern of service occurred with regional and state associations concerned with adult and continuing education, agriculture, chemicals, education, family relations, food service, home economics, horticulture,

volunteerism and weaving. Among those serving as officers, committee chairs, newsletter editors were Harold Allen, Betty Bernard Giesen, Ruth Brasher, Joye Brown Kohl, Harlan Copeland, Bronna Elkins Godwin, Joan Engle Wieckert, Lucille Jamison Watson, Mariellen Jones Appleby, Charlene Lind, V. Joseph McAuliffe, Lois McClure Kemp, Kenneth Migchelbrink, Glenice Rugland Johnson, James Sais, Ruth Seacord Miller, Margie Sellers Rice and Nancy White Wills.

### **Local Communities**

The United States has long been recognized as a nation of volunteers. Continuing in this tradition, Fellows volunteered in a variety of community institutions – local government, community and economic development, religious, human services, social and cultural, service clubs and community organizations.

### Local Government

Don Wiles was elected County Commissioner for Ford County, Kansas from 1993-2000. Georgia Beth Smith Thompson's civic involvement includes being elected as a member of the Cedar City, Utah Council (first in 2000-2003 and reelected for a term running from 2008-2011), being Secretary of Cedar City Building Authority, and serving on city boards and committees. George Broadwell chaired the Trumansburg, New York Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Broadwell and James Kemp were chairmen of the Boards of Education for Trumansburg, New York and Wayzata, Minnesota respectively. Kemp also chaired the Wayzata Community Education Advisory Committee.

Ella Fazzalari Smart, Jane Merry Chavez and Eleanor Inman Smith were members and officers of Boards of Education for the St. Ambrose, Sacred Heart and Wesley Academy Board private schools in Maryland and Texas.

### Community and Economic Development

Volunteer activities in this category dealt with a wide range of local issues – air and water quality, soil and water conservation, environmental improvement, economic development, tourism, agriculture and community organization. Fellows served in a variety of offices, chairmanships, and as members of boards, committees, task forces and coalitions

- Soil and Water Conservation District Supervision was provided by Rose House Frutchey, Cal Stuart, and Bob Davis.
- Production agriculture and marketing involved Howard Lahlum, Wil-

liam Tedrick and Donna Kragh Rosenkranz through their organizational work with the Farm Bureau. Donald Mitchell and Wanda Gumprecht Redmond were members of Boards of Directors for a cooperative and a Community Agriculture Alliance respectively.

- Water and air quality coalitions and committees were concerns for George Rendell, Richard Bitterman, Don Wiles and Donald Mitchell.
- Donald Mitchell and Bob Davis were board members of their local Chambers of Commerce.
- Davis also worked to promote tourism as President of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and with a bed and breakfast association.
- Economic development boards and committees were priorities for Donald Mitchell, Richard Bitterman, George Rendell, and Donald Moore.
- Rose House Frutchey was involved in a Citizen's Coordinating Council for an Environmental Improvement Project.
- Margie Sellers Rice was President of her local chapter of the Texas Masters Naturalist Program.
- Wanda Gumprecht Redmond was a Board Member of the Yampa Valley, Colorado Community Foundation.
- Georgia Beth Smith Thompson served on a Bureau of Land Management Advisory Board.
- Donald Mitchell also served as a member of the U.S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management Southwestern Oregon Province Advisory Council.
- Margie Sellers Rice was President and Harold Allen was co-chair of their neighborhood/community organizations. James Sais served as President for the Dulce Community Organization, Jicarilla Apache Reservation.
- Harold Allen chaired the Lincoln, Nebraska Mayor's Roundtable, and served on community committees dealing with solid waste and storm water management, infrastructure maintenance and financing.
- Donald Osburn was Treasurer for the United Fund in Easton, Maryland.

### **Social Services**

Communities rely on volunteer assistance in providing social service. Listed below are examples of assistance with food banks, meals on wheels,

women's centers, adult literacy, care for the elderly and preventive health care provided by various Fellows.

Allen Jensen was a Board Member of the Visiting Nurses Association of Northern Virginia and chaired the Social Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation in his county. He was also the faith community's representative on his county's Planning Commission to End Homelessness.

Coordinators of and/or workers with Food Banks or Meals on Wheels Programs included Russell Smith, William Tedrick, Roy Hougen, Carlton Doane, and Betty Pingley McCartney.

Heart and Cancer Associations and the Red Cross had help from Nancy White Wills (Speaker's Bureau), John Cutlip (Fund Raising), Virginia White Alford (Mended Hearts President), and John Stanley (Advisory Board member). Rubinette Miller Niemann chaired her community's Walk for America March of Dimes.

Jo Ann Tilley volunteers at her local hospital and Willa Morava Huston was in charge of the hospital volunteers and volunteered at thrift shops in support of the local hospital. Joye Brown Kohl served as a Trustee for a Hospital and Retirement Center Foundation. Clay Joseph did a lot of volunteer work in caring for the elderly in his community, and Donald Eslinger was an officer for Proud Residents Independently Donating Essential Services in Sun City West, Arizona. Jane Merry Chavez implemented a sheltered workshop for disabled persons now run by state employees and Georgia Beth Smith Thompson was a Board Member for a women's crisis center.

### **Religious Institutions**

Approximately one-half of the 97 former 4-H Fellows assisted with their local religious institutions. They served as teachers, youth group leaders, choir members, elders, deacons, trustees, and on various administrative and program boards and committees. There are other examples of service as well:

Margaret Stahly Hanson reports that her volunteer work has basically been with the Church. She has served as a Sunday School teacher, Confirmation Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, sang in the choir, played organ and piano for worship services, and served on the Worship, Music and Stewardship Committees. Her major involvement has been with the financial area as she has been Church Treasurer for 25 years. Since retirement, she has filled the position of Business Manager as a full-time volunteer.

Jane Kamisato is beginning her third year as President of the Hawaii

District (including Guam and Saipan) of United Methodist Women (UMW) where she leads a team of 23 women coordinating district wide events and events for the California-Pacific UMW Conference as one of eight district Presidents. They help fund more than 350 mission projects (102 in the U.S. alone) for women, children, and youth in need. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Susannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu. She has previously served as Vice-President, and on several committees of the UMW Hawaii District.

In retirement, Henrietta Van Maanen volunteers with Volunteers in Mission, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church. She alternated between two locations in her four tours of “duty”: Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska and Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina.

Lynn Pesson volunteered as Chairman and Vice-chairman for eight years on the Board of Trustees of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System. He was active with the Franciscan Sisters project in Haiti that provides health and hospice care and an elementary school serving people in the mountains north of Aquin. One of his last projects was writing a history about how the Order built a health system with three institutions of great benefit to the people and communities of Louisiana.

John Stanley served on the Pastoral Counseling Advisory Board and was an Instructor for the Stephen Ministries program in Peoria, Illinois.

Don Osburn continues to volunteer with the Presbyterian Church’s Habitat Housing Project in New Orleans.

Jerry Klement was ordained as a Deacon by the Catholic Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland in retirement. He began another career as Director of Deacon Ministry for the Catholic Diocese of Austin, Texas; he is assigned to St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Temple, Texas.

### **Service Clubs**

Membership in the service clubs of America (and the world) – Rotary International, Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, Sertoma, Civitan International and Altrusa International – was reported by 16 Fellows. Many were presidents or other officers of their local clubs.

In addition, Donald Osburn and George (Buddy) Russell served as District Governors of Rotary International. Russell also served as the President’s Representative and Osburn helped raise more than \$15 million for the Rotary International Polio campaign and volunteered with a Polio Immunization program in Nigeria and India.

For Kiwanis, Edward Merritt and John (Jack) Heller were District Lieutenant Governors. Harold Allen was also a District Governor for Sertoma and helped charter two Sertoma service clubs.

The only woman reporting serving as an officer in a service club, Gloria Cleland Horner, was President of the Altrusa Club in Sandusky, Ohio.

### **Social and Cultural**

This category includes volunteer activity in libraries, history centers, museums, parks, garden clubs, community festivals, athletic clubs, fairs, social organizations and women's organizations.

- Jane Merry Chavez served as a Member of the El Progreso Memorial Library Board that built a \$5 million community library with most financing coming locally from the city and county. Carlton Doane and Bob Davis were Presidents of local library boards and Davis was Vice-President of the Ohio Valley Area Libraries serving four counties.
- History Society officers, board members and educators included James Sais, Donald Osburn, Wanda Gumprecht Redmond, Barbara Smith Turner, and Rubinette Miller Niemann. Don Wiles was President of the Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron Santa Fe Trail Association, and Wanda Gumprecht Redmond works to preserve historic barns as a Board Member for Barns, Etc.
- Offices in Women's groups including the Daughters of the American Revolution, League of Women Voters, P.E.O, American Association of University Women and honorary and sorority groups were held by Barbara Smith Turner, Henrietta Miller Niemann, Willa Morava Huston, Marcele Barelman Skelton, Eleanor Inman Smith, Georgia Beth Smith Thompson, Joye Brown Kohl. Betty Pingley McCartney was President of the Present Day [discussion] Club, and Sue Kleen Benedetti co-chaired the American Women's Association in Botswana.
- Marcele Barelman Skelton, Joye Brown Kohl and Ella Fazzalari Smart held offices and served on boards in figure skating, golf and swim and racquet clubs.
- Garden Club presidents included Betty Pingley McCartney and Margie Sellers Rice.
- Richard Bitterman was a Director of a county fair and exposition and Gloria Cleland Horner organized the open class exhibits at her county fair.
- Georgia Beth Smith Thompson has assisted the Art Committee and a Friends of Fine Arts Gallery in Cedar City, Utah and Lucille Jamison

Watson was an officer of the Sarasota, Florida Opera Guild.

- James Kemp served as a docent for the Minnesota Historical Society Mill City Museum and as Treasurer of the Minneapolis Friends of Loring Park.
- Rubinette Miller Niemann helped co-chair the Virginia Highlands Festival.
- Carlton Doane has been President and Treasurer of the St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club.
- V. Joseph McAuliffe is Past-President of the St. Paul chapter of Nordmanns-Forbundet (the League of Norsemen).
- Mariellen Jones Appleby was a local coordinator for the KNOW AMERICA Program. The program provided for adults to travel to Washington, D.C. and stay at the National 4-H Center and to observe and participate in national government. During the Bicentennial year, she organized 16 bus loads of adults from Southeast Kansas to participate in the program.

### **Honors and Recognition**

The professional and personal accomplishments of former Fellows have been recognized at international, national, regional, state and local levels. Since it is not possible to do justice to the scope of honors and recognition reported by former Fellows in the summary below, the reader is encouraged to consult the individual biographies which conclude the chapter.

At the international level, Jane Merry Chavez and Jerry have been recognized by the El Salvador National Extension Service and Lois Redman received the Partners of the Americas Award for Youth Program.

Nationally, nine Fellows have been honored by the U.S. government. President Clinton conferred the “Rank of Distinguished Executive in the Senior Executive Service” upon Dallas Smith. Smith also received the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary of Agriculture’s Service to Agriculture Awards in 1984, 1988, 1993 and 1998 and Reinventing Government Award. V. Joseph McAuliffe, Dwight Palmer, Edward Merritt and Jerome (Jerry) Klement received the USDA Superior Service Award. Other USDA recognition was given to George Rendell (Honor Award and National Diversity Award), Sue Kleen Benedetti (Executive Young Leader) and Linda Crow (Juried Curriculum Citation and Certificate of Appreciation for Juried Curriculum). Clay Joseph received a Certificate of Service from the Department of Defense.

Fellows inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame include Ralph E.

Kirch, David E. Pace and V. Joseph McAuliffe. They join Kenneth Anderson, a Payne Fellow, who was inducted in 2003.

The three national agent associations have presented Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service and other awards to 21 individuals. The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents has recognized Ruth Ann Seacord Miller, Rhoda Peck Shaw, Linda Crow, Helene Horimoto Zeug, V. Joseph McAuliffe, Dale Apel, George Broadwell, Harry Vieth, Duane Lau, James Kemp, Edward Merritt, John Sterling, Roy Hougen, and David E. Pace. Ruth Ann Seacord Miller and Helene Horimoto Zeug were also honored by the National Association of Extension Home Economists as were Betty Pingley McCartney, Ella Fazzalari Smart, Nancy White Wills and Glenice Rugland Johnson. The National Association of County Agricultural Agents' awards were presented to Don Wiles, Howard Willson and Bob Davis.

Epsilon Sigma Phi recognized Ann Thompson with its Distinguished Ruby Award and Lois Redman with its International Service Award. Dale Apel was selected as a National 4-H Intern and the International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association has honored Linda Crow, Lois Redman, V. Joseph McAuliffe and David E. Pace as National Friends of IFYE or with Meritorious Service and Appreciation awards.

Organizations providing recognition at the State Extension level include 4-H Halls of Fame, 4-H Alumni programs, agent associations, Epsilon Sigma Phi, and State Extension Services.

Dwight Palmer, Howard and Audrey Lahlum, Ann Thompson and David Pace have been inducted into State Halls/Walls of Fame in North Dakota, Washington, Alabama and Minnesota.

State 4-H Alumni Awards have been presented to John Cutlip, Ella Fazzalari Smart and Ralph Kirch.

Recognition by state extension agents associations was reported by Dale Apel, Harry Vieth, David Pace, Howard Willson, and Glenice Rugland Johnson.

Epsilon Sigma Phi state chapters have recognized 10 for Distinguished or Meritorious Service, leadership, team teaching, volunteerism, and international service: Linda Crow, Ruth Ann Seacord Miller, Russell Smith, Don Wiles, V. Joseph McAuliffe, William Tedrick, Bob Davis, John Sterling, Roy Hougen, and David Pace.

Other State recognition was accorded James Sais and Ralph Kirch (Distinguished Service), Donald Osburn (Extension Director's Award), Lois Redman (Extension Hall of Fame and Friend of IFYE), Ruth Ann

Seacord Miller (4-H Service), George Rendell (Outstanding County Administrator), Marilyn Lunner (County Staff Recognition), and Derald Suffridge (National Distinguished Service Nominee).

Universities have conferred a variety of honors to eight former Fellows with Lecturer, Distinguished Teaching, Distinguished Alumni, and Emeritus Faculty Awards. Individuals honored include: Nancy White Wills (University of Kentucky), Charlene Lind and Ruth Brasher (Brigham Young University), Glenice Rugland Johnson (University of Minnesota-Crookston), Howard Lahlum (North Dakota State University), Bob Davis (Ohio State University), George Rendell (University of California) and Donald Osburn (University of Maryland).

Recognition by State, Regional, National, and International Associations and Organizations for leadership and service was also reported. Some examples:

Ruth Brasher was presented the Broken Link Award by the ChainBreaker Foundation for her work in helping break the debilitating cycle of abuse.

John Cutlip was named the Economic Developer of the Year for Virginia and Southeastern United States by the Virginia and Southeastern Professional Economic Development Associations.

Glenice Rugland Johnson received the Northwest Minnesota Community Builder Award from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

Rotary International presented their Distinguished Service and Service Above Self Awards to Donald Osburn and the Paul Harris Fellow Award to George (Buddy) Russell.

Don Wiles received the Outstanding Optimist Award for Western Kansas.

Charline Hamilton Powell was named Outstanding Volunteer Leader in East Tennessee by the Tennessee Valley Fair.

Allen Jensen received Distinguished Service Awards from the National Council on Social Work Education and the National Council on Independent Living.

Barbara Smith Turner was recognized by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for work with the New Hampshire State Committee on Volunteer Recognition and the Good Citizens [High School] Program.

Dallas Smith was presented an Alumni Award by the African-American Males.

Donald Mitchell received the Outstanding Service Award from the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers and the Michigan Horse

Council honored Ralph Kirch with its Distinguished Service Award.

Clay Joseph was designated a Kentucky Colonel.

Sue Kleen Benedetti, Georgia Beth Smith Thompson, John Sterling, Betty Pingley McCartney, Harold Allen, Donald Esslinger and Harlan Copeland were others recognized for their services to professional organizations.

Recognition was received from numerous county and community groups as well.

Howard Willson and Jane Merry Chavez were recognized with Booster Award and Outstanding Service Citations from their County 4-H Leaders. Gloria Cleland Horner received an Outstanding Cub Scout Leader Award.

Eleanor Inman Smith was selected as an Outstanding Teacher by her high school, a Science Engineering Fair and the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Jane Merry Chavez was cited by her school district for her work with Special Olympics.

Wanda Gumprecht Redmond received the Steamboat (CO) Ski and Resort Corporation's Hazie Werner Award for Excellence for her community leadership in organizations throughout the county.

John Stanley was awarded "The Spirit of the Army Award" by the Peoria, Illinois Salvation Army and Don Wiles was named a Dodge City, Kansas Honorary Marshall.

Carlton Doane was recognized as the Senior Citizen of the Year by St. Louis County, New York, a Public Service Award from Pomona Grange, and the Rachel Somers Grant Social Action Award by the Canton, New York Unitarian Universalist Church. Doane was also named as Community Volunteer of the Year by the Ogdensburg and Riverview Correctional Facilities.

Donald Mitchell and Cherie were selected the Outstanding Conservation Family of the Year by Fauquier, Virginia and Margie Sellers Rice was named the Conservation Homemaker of 1985 by the Red River, Texas Soil and Water District. Margie also received a Community Service Award from the Clarksville, Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The Archdiocese of Washington recognized Ella Fazzalari Smart with its Bicentennial Award.

Media Recognition occurred at the local, state and national levels. Locally, Minneapolis, Minnesota Radio Station WCCO honored James Kemp with its "Good Neighbor Award." The *Green Bay (WI) Press Gazette* had articles about Betty Bernard Giesen's support of cancer education pro-

grams for women, how she handled secretarial work as an older worker, and one entitled, "Taking Advantage of Community Programs Helps Betty Giesen Make the Most of her Senior years."

Duane Lau received the Chris Award from the Film Council of Greater Columbus, Ohio for his work in 4-H mass media development including serving as Ohio Coordinator for the 4-H TV series "Mulligan Stew."

Howard Lahlum and Audrey were recognized three times by *Farm Futures* magazine as operating one of the best-managed farms in the United States. The 2007 Christmas wreaths of Donald Mitchell's cut flower farm, Flora Pacifica, were featured on Martha Stewart, in the *Washington Post*, and in the catalogs of *Organic Bouquet* and *Smith and Hawkins*.

### **Personal and Professional Benefits of the Fellowship Experience**

Responses were received from 81 of the 97 individuals who were 4-H Fellows from 1953-1969 about the perceived benefits of their Fellowship experience. Individuals were asked to provide up to three examples each of personal and professional benefits. Thematically, the responses were grouped in twelve categories. Selected responses report some of the personal development, career, social, and academic benefits and expanded knowledge in the eight areas (4-H, the Extension Service, administration, program development, the federal government, other national organizations, social science, and public affairs) that were considered benefits from being a National 4-H Fellow.

#### **Personal Development**

This category received the largest number (N=77) of perceived benefits. The benefits from being a 4-H Fellow included (1) developing self-confidence; (2) acquiring a broadened world view; (3) increasing general education/personal growth; (4) improving or attaining skills; and (5) learning about urban culture.

Nineteen people cited the experience had helped them develop their self confidence. Some specific responses include:

The skills and attitudes I gained gave me a sense of confidence to succeed in Extension situations. I was no longer intimidated by tradition. I enjoyed working "outside the box." Richard Bitterman

[I gained] personal confidence and adaptability for a number of work situations. I haven't been afraid to try new jobs. Lois McClure Kemp

The experience provided me with confidence in dealing with top leadership people in the private sector. Ralph E. Kirch

I developed more self confidence, gained more leadership skills, and became more motivated to continue learning as an adult learner. Marcelle Barelman Skelton

The Fellowship was a huge confidence builder that helped me learn to be assertive when I needed to be. Donald Esslinger

[I] developed more confidence in meeting and adapting to different situations. Jane Kamisato Larson

A broadened world view was cited as a benefit by 17 individuals:

The Fellowship gives you a broader understanding of the world around you and more sensitivity to the things going on in the world. Margaret Stahly Hanson

[I gained] a broader view of things. Jerome (Jerry) Klement

[The experience] opened the eyes of a farm girl to so many opportunities and expanded horizons and possibilities. Nancy White Wills

[The Fellowship] made me aware of a broader world. Wanda Gumprecht Redmond

Seventeen individuals listed responses dealing with general education/general personal growth that were considered benefits from the Fellowship experience:

The relationships with Extension on a national level enhanced opportunity for professional growth. Betty Pingley McCartney

The experience triggered awareness of social programs dealing with hunger and housing for low-income persons. Much of my volunteer work has focused on these areas. Roy Hougen

[The Fellowship] helped me to mature and learn in many ways. Jane Merry Chavez

Learning more about myself through interactions with other 4-H Fellows and resource persons helped me mature as a person during this period. Dale Apel

[The experience] encouraged me to seek other “broadening” experiences – graduate school, employment in other areas of the country, political activities, and international exchanges. Glenice Rugland Johnson

[The Fellowship] placed me in an entirely different environment for learning – learning – learning and enjoying nearly every minute of it. John Sterling

The opportunity to acquire leadership, decision making, organizational,

and communications skills was noted by these respondents:

Writing the monthly reports enhanced my interest and enjoyment in writing, making me a better writer. Lowell Shaw

[The experience was helpful in] acquiring leadership and networking skills. Gloria Cleland Horner

The experience gave John Stanley leadership skills . . . and depth and knowledge which influenced his ability to communicate with people. Judith Stanley Hardesty

I believe that the experience gave me an opportunity to express myself more candidly than before in an atmosphere of safety. Donald Moore

The Fellowship program played a role in helping me sort activities and choose priorities. Bronna Elkins Godwin

The program helped me develop skills I was able to use with the 4-H program in a low-income area, as a horticultural specialist, and as an administrator. James Sais

Another sub-category of personal development involved learning about and gaining sensitivity to urban cultures. Eight people responded that this was a benefit of the Fellowship:

Living in Washington and adjacent Maryland expanded my comfort zone tremendously and provided insight into urban ecology. Margie Sellers Rice

Living in the nation's capital made it easier for my wife and me to adjust when we were posted with USAID in Washington. Donald Mitchell

[The Fellowship] enabled us to experience life in the nation's capital. Linda Crow

[I learned] what it was like to live and work in a major city. John Burbank

The experience was mind-expanding and exciting for Doris McDaniel Broadwell who came from a very rural background. George Broadwell

### **Learning about the Federal Government**

This sub-category received the second highest number of benefits (N=40) obtained from the Fellowship experience. Most benefits dealt with expanding one's general knowledge about government; others reported ways to utilize knowledge about government services and resources in their work.

Two people felt it was useful to be aware of the role of government in people's lives:

[It was useful] to learn about and understand the role of national government at all levels; realizing that government is set up to serve us and that we as county and state workers are a vital link in that chain.  
Barbara Smith Turner

[The Fellowship] made me aware of the role of government in my life and everyone's life. James Kemp

Another benefit of the study of government was learning about ways knowledge of government could be applied in one's work:

[The Fellowship experience resulted in my] developing a contact with the Office of Economic Opportunity for a Home and Family Living Service.  
Henrietta Van Maanen

Lessons learned from an internship were valuable later in traversing the hallways of Congress and understanding the bureaucracy. Seeing Congress at work behind closed doors served me well when I testified before Congressional committees on agricultural programs and policies.  
Dallas Smith

I relied on USDA for food safety advice in my work as a home economist with a major grocery store. Lois McClure Kemp

As a national 4-H staff member, I could see ways to partner with other agencies and businesses to accomplish 4-H goals. V. Joseph McAuliffe

The experience in Washington helped me get more government programs to be available for poor people. Clinton Conant

Acquiring a general knowledge of the federal government was considered a benefit by 26 people:

[I had] the opportunity to see first hand the operation of our government. I will never forget [being impressed by] the excellence of our leaders at the highest levels. Betty Bernard Giesen

[I] gained greater understanding of the role of Congress and how bills become law. Bob Davis

During the Fellowship year we met with a new agency, VISTA – one of the most insightful experiences of the year, the concept of volunteering on a global perspective. Donald Osburn

[A benefit for me was] getting to know our government much better.  
Elizabeth Snoddy Cuellar

[The Fellowship provided] the chance to see government in operation – to understand how things work. Ruth Ann Seacord Miller

### **Benefits for one's Career**

Thirty-seven Fellows believed that the Fellowship experience provided benefits for their careers – employment doors were opened; a professional identity and values were developed, career performance was enhanced and important career relationships were formed.

The most important single benefit cited by 20 individuals was having job employment opportunities open up as a result of having been a National 4-H Fellow. The Fellowship:

Opened doors that we never knew existed. Harold Allen

Started me on a career of getting advanced degrees and, as a result, job opportunities. Ann Thompson

Was directly related to my being identified and hired as Assistant State Program Leader in Michigan. William Tedrick

Opened the door to employment in the Information Unit of the Extension Service, USDA. Sue Kleen Benedetti

Introduced me to minority roles in Extension, which then opened the door to my first job after the Fellowship. James Kemp

Enabled me to become a teacher in Wisconsin. Betty Bernard Giesen

The Fellowship reinforced the desire to work in 4-H and the important of professionalism:

Before, I had thoughts of selecting another career. After the Fellowship, I knew I had selected the right choice and devoted the next 25 years to 4-H/Extension. Richard Bitterman

The program enhanced my interest in Extension education and the value of 4-H Youth Development in each state. I continued to give leadership to the program and make it a career. Rhoda Peck Shaw

[The Fellowship helped me] realize that Extension 4-H Youth Development would be my life career. David Pace

[The experience] provided a basis for my career choice. Linda Crow

[The Fellowship] provided motivation to work toward increased professionalism in the 4-H Youth program as my life's work. Dale Apel

[The program] made me want to attend the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents to share with and learn from my colleagues. Helene Horimoto Zeug

### Enhanced Career Performance

Three individuals listed this as a benefit of the Fellowship program:

John (Jack) Heller credited his experience with contributing greatly to his successful career. Betty Heller Hobbs

I felt well prepared upon returning to my county to handle the full-time program. Jane Merry Chavez

The interviews and contacts helped me in my work to learn the connections between Extension and other national organizations. These connections saved time and money and paved the way to seamless communication with counterparts. Sue Kleen Benedetti

Establishing relationships with Cooperative Extension Service professionals and meeting people who introduced wonderful opportunities in later years were important benefits for Russell Smith and Henrietta Van Maanen respectively.

### **Social Benefits**

The Fellowship provided a variety of social opportunities for forming lasting friendships, for developing professional contacts, networks and relationships, and for learning group dynamics. Thirty-five people considered these as important benefits of the program. Some selected examples include:

[I developed] personal friendships especially with the other Fellows. It was also a family experience for my wife and our two pre-school age children that would not have happened in any other way. Roy Hougen

It was a rich experience working, living, socializing with a racially/ethnically diverse group of Fellows and great friendships continue. Glenice Rugland Johnson

I believe that the Fellowship has been a benefit to my relationships with my family and in dealing with [social] changes and conflicts. Derald Suffridge

[It was helpful] getting to know people from all over the United States and learning to appreciate some of their habits, ways of doing things, and teaching them mine. Eleanor Inman Smith

[The experience helped me] grow in my ability to work with different people. Jane Kamisato Larson

I believe that I became a better team player and leader in work situations and with volunteer groups. Donald Mitchell

[The Fellowship helped to] develop contacts and professional relationships with peers and others. William Tedrick

### **Learning about the Extension Service and 4-H**

The Fellows also felt that the experience contributed knowledge directly related to their work in the Extension Service. Among the perceived benefits were the following:

I developed a much broader perspective of Extension organization and differences and similarities particularly at the county and State levels. George Broadwell

I returned with a clear vision of what Extension could be and my role in making it happen. Richard Bitterman

The Fellowship gave me a new perspective on Extension where I was able to look at problems and opportunities from a more global point of view and to see the dynamics of various groups, agencies and government programs. James Sais

This was my first opportunity to know about programs available in other States. Virginia White Alford

[The Fellowship] broadened my perspective and stretched my vision in work with youth and youth issues and introduced me to many tools and resources. Joye Brown Kohl

The Fellowship experience contributed to my service as a contributing member of the ECOP 4-H Subcommittee. The knowledge received from Fellowship briefings with USDA agencies and other national youth organizations provided a sound basis for evaluating 4-H on a national level. Edward Merritt

The overview of 4-H across the country was a valuable resource in my work on the state staff. Margie Sellers Rice

[The experience helped in knowing] how to provide opportunities for 4-H learning across state boundaries. Russell Smith

Other perceived benefits pertaining to administration and program development were identified:

My Fellowship experience was instrumental in persuading leaders in seven industries and several businesses to locate and/or expand in my county thus reducing the unemployment rate from nearly 16% to less than 3%. John Cutlip

[I developed] increased understanding that goal achievement organizations can be attained even though organizational structures, job titles, descriptions, events and philosophies differ. George Broadwell

[The Fellowship experience] helped me become more effective in

analyzing needs of clientele, planning and organizing educational programs to meet these needs. Howard Willson

[The Fellowship] helped me learn to involve volunteers in needs assessment and planning and the importance of evaluating outcomes. Ella Fazzalari Smart

[I acquired knowledge and skills] in assisting Extension staff in planning and conducting programs. John Burbank

I learned to evaluate experiences to incorporate in my professional and personal life. Charlene Lind

The experience increased my knowledge of program evaluation and its relationship to program development. William Tedrick

The USDA course on evaluation taught by Laurel Sabrosky has been helpful in course evaluations at school and in my work with the Food Service Program. Bronna Elkins Godwin

[I developed] an increased appreciation for the importance for objective based research in the analysis of program results. Dale Apel

### **Academic Benefits**

The opportunity to pursue a master's degree as part of the Fellowship program was considered a benefit by 16 people. The opportunity for a research experience was viewed as benefit by the following:

My research paper on technological change and 4-H project choices generated much interest and encouragement. Howard Willson

The emphasis on the research process has caused me to be more careful in seeking adequate knowledge to reach a conclusion. Margie Sellers Rice

My research work on my master's degree related to improving 4-H literature. William Tedrick

### **An Expanded Knowledge of Social Science**

Eleven people cited this area as a benefit from participating in the Fellowship program and in their graduate studies. Some examples of their responses include:

The Fellowship was an eye-opener about the complexity of human behavior. The interactions with others and formal study created an awareness of concepts that have helped develop my understanding. Derald Suffridge

Probably the greatest benefit from my studies in Social Science was developing the ability to understand and relate to people more effectively.  
Betty Pingley McCartney

Understanding human development processes helped greatly in the recruitment and training of 4-H leaders and developing programs for teen-agers. Howard Willson

The Fellows session exploring how groups function sparked my interest in groups and how they function. This led to more study of sociological theory and continues to help me in my work with groups. Margie Sellers Rice

My study of Social Psychology and work with Gordon Lippitt impacted both my professional and personal life. Dale Apel

The “book learning” in Human Development was a major source of information in raising our four girls. Ella Fazzalari Smart

[I] learned more about human behavior. Don Wiles

### **Learning about Other Organizations and Public Affairs**

While these areas were mentioned by only five people, they relate to two objectives of the Fellowship program. A selection of the perceived benefits from the Fellowship experience includes:

[A] better understanding of several national organizations and their goals (e.g., Red Cross, Farm Bureau, Grange, media organizations, USAID, Organization of American States). William Tedrick

[Learning about] many non-government organizations I later worked with in programming for Extension. Donald Osburn

An opportunity to meet with interest groups from AFL-CIO-Labor to Chamber of Commerce to gain a broad range of political views. Allen Jensen

I had a better idea about grants, agencies and other resources which could be used to enhance or grow programs. Georgia Beth Smith Thompson

Provided me greater understanding and knowledge of the legislative process which was useful in working with our State 4-H Capital Days in Pennsylvania, designing and conducting the Montana Home Economics Association breakfast with the state legislature, testifying before the State Legislative committee, participating in the American Hospital Association’s leadership conference in Washington, and serving as public policy chair of my American Association of University Women branch.  
Joye Brown Kohl

[The Fellowship helped me] do a lot of contacting and promoting political activities. Clinton Conant

It was incredible to have an exposure to the national political scene and the various actors/stakeholders involved. Allen Jensen

I developed a stronger interest in wanting to be involved in the League of Women Voters. Georgia Beth Smith Thompson

## Summary

It is granted that “benefit” is in the “eye of the beholder” and varies from individuals to individual. However, the perceived benefits presented above illustrate the scope of opportunities that were available to participants in the National 4-H Fellowship program. While many of the benefits resulted from the planned group activities, others were attained through the initiative of individuals.

## Biographies 1953-1969

### 1953-1954

- Eldora E. Keske (WI) – Eldora was an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Austria prior to her selection as a National 4-H Fellow. Following her year in Washington, she joined the Wisconsin Extension Staff as an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Dane County in 1954. In 1956, she joined the Wisconsin State 4-H Staff as Assistant State 4-H Program Leader. During 1961-1963, Eldora worked as Associate Program Leader, International Farm Youth Exchange program at the National 4-H Foundation and as Acting Program Leader until 1964. She retired from the Wisconsin State 4-H Staff in 1988. She also served as Editor of the *Journal of Extension*. An Eldora E. Keske Endowment Fund, established in 1992, supports the Wisconsin International 4-H Youth Exchange Program. Eldora is deceased (1994).
- Betty Pingley McCartney (WV) – Betty began her Extension career as County 4-H Agent in Upshur County, West Virginia. She returned to Upshur County as Extension Home Economist (1954-1959) upon completing the National 4-H Fellowship and subsequently served in Randolph and Cabell Counties (1960-1970). Betty briefly served twice as Acting Administrator and then as Program Coordinator (1970-1973) for the 10 county Charleston area. In 1973, she joined the West Virginia State Staff as Extension Specialist for Leadership Development. In 1979, Betty was appointed Administrator for the

State Home Economics Extension program with the Center for Extension and Continuing Education. From 1986 until her retirement in 1990, she was Division Leader for Home Economics and 4-H. Betty completed her Ph.D. in Education at Walden University.

Nationally, she has been a member of the National 4-H Advisory Committee (1988-1989), Advisor to the National Association of Extension Home Economists, Past Chair of the Northeast Extension Home Economics Administrators and on the Northeast Community Development Task Force. She helped establish, taught courses for and served as Board President of the Appalachian Lifelong Learners Program for West Virginia University. Betty was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Families and served on the Mountain State Art and Craft Fair Board (9 years). Other community involvement includes serving: (1) on the Board of the West Virginia 4-H Foundation, (2) as Co-chair of the West Virginia Preventive Care Advisory Committee, (3) as President, Board Member and driver for the Morgantown Meals on Wheels (16 years), (4) as President of the Monongahela Garden Club, and (5) as President of the Present Day Club (a 75-year old organization for women to discuss current issues). She was also an Elder, a Westminster Foundation Board Member, and Co-chair of the Congregational Building Fund Campaign for the First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, WV. Betty has been recognized by the National Association of Extension Home Economists with their Distinguished Service Award and with a fellowship for graduate study. She received the Creative Programming Award from the National University Extension Association (1974), and the Outstanding Home Economist in Extension Award from the West Virginia Home Economists Association (1981). Betty resides in West Virginia.

- Ruth Ann Seacord Miller (NY) – Ruth Ann served as 4-H Agent in Oneida County, New York prior to receiving the National 4-H Fellowship. On her return to New York State, she was appointed Assistant State 4-H Leader (1954-1955). During the next 8 years, she also worked part time in Franklin County, New York. Ruth Ann moved to Florida and served as the Home Economics Extension Agent in Polk County (17 years) and in Sarasota County (2 years) before returning to Polk County as County 4-H Agent for three years until her retirement. She was President of the Florida Home Economics Association in 1984-1986. Her other volunteer activities include serving on the Quilt Committee of a sponsored County Quilt Show, as a county election worker (5 years) and as a Sunday school teacher. Ruth Ann was recognized by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents with their Distinguished Service Award and for 25 years of Service to

Florida 4-H. She received the Florence Hall Award from the National Association of Extension Home Economists and the Distinguished Service Award from the Florida chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. Ruth Ann lives in Florida.

- Harold L. (Hal) Allen (NE) – Hal began his 35-year career with the University of Nebraska as Assistant Extension Editor for the Cooperative Extension Service where he was serving when named a National 4-H Fellow. After his Fellowship year, he joined the National 4-H Service Committee staff in Chicago as Associate Editor for press relations for two years.

From 1956-1965, he served on the staff of the University of Nebraska Turkish Program in various capacities. He first established a new Department of Extension and Information at the Ankara University Faculty of Agriculture and cooperated with the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and the U.S. Agency for International Development in conducting in-service training for provincial and county level extension personnel. He also helped establish a youth program similar to 4-H Club Work called 4-K in Turkish (Kol [arm], Kalb [heart], Kuvet [health] and Kafa [head]). From 1959-1962, Hal served as Associate Chief Advisor for the Nebraska Program in Turkey with primary emphasis on establishing Ataturk University in Eastern Turkey patterned after our U.S. land-grant universities. He was named Chief Advisor of the Nebraska Program in 1962. The new university had 175 students when it opened in 1958, and when Hal left in 1965, there were 1,875 students in two colleges—agriculture and letters and science. He was invited back in 2007 for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the University had grown to 15 colleges with more than 42,000 students.

Returning to the University of Nebraska, Hal served as a TV specialist in the Department of Agricultural Communication while pursuing graduate study. He then joined the Nebraska Division of Continuing Education in charge of statewide programming for noncredit programs and later as Director of Communication Services until his retirement in 1988.

Hal has served as President of the University Association for Administrative Development, as President and Board Member of the Adult and Continuing Education Association of Nebraska, and as Chair of the Communications Division of the National University Extension Association. His community service in retirement includes helping charter two Sertoma service clubs and serving as a District Governor, serving as Chairman and member of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable, and an Urban Neighborhood Representative on the Nebraska Commu-

nity Improvement Program. At the request of the Mayor of Lincoln, Hal has served on advisory committees dealing with solid waste and storm water management, infrastructure maintenance and financial issues.

Among many awards and recognition, Hal was named the Nebraska Adult Educator of the Year by the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association; the State Volunteers Distinguished Service Award by the Nebraska Credit Union League; and the Sertoma International Benjamin Franklin Award for dedication and service to the community.

He and his wife, Barbara (Bobbie), co-chaired their neighborhood association and Hal served seven years as Scoutmaster for his church's Boy Scout Troop. He and Bobbie make their home in Lincoln.

- Lynn L. Pesson (LA) – Lynn was Associate County Agent with leadership of the 4-H program in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. He returned briefly to St. Mary Parish before being appointed as Associate State Club Leader (1954-1960). After completing his Ph.D. in Vocational Education at Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1960, Lynn began serving as Training Specialist and Project Leader in Programs and Training for the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service (until 1973) and also as Professor of Extension and International Education in the School of Vocational Education (until 1987).

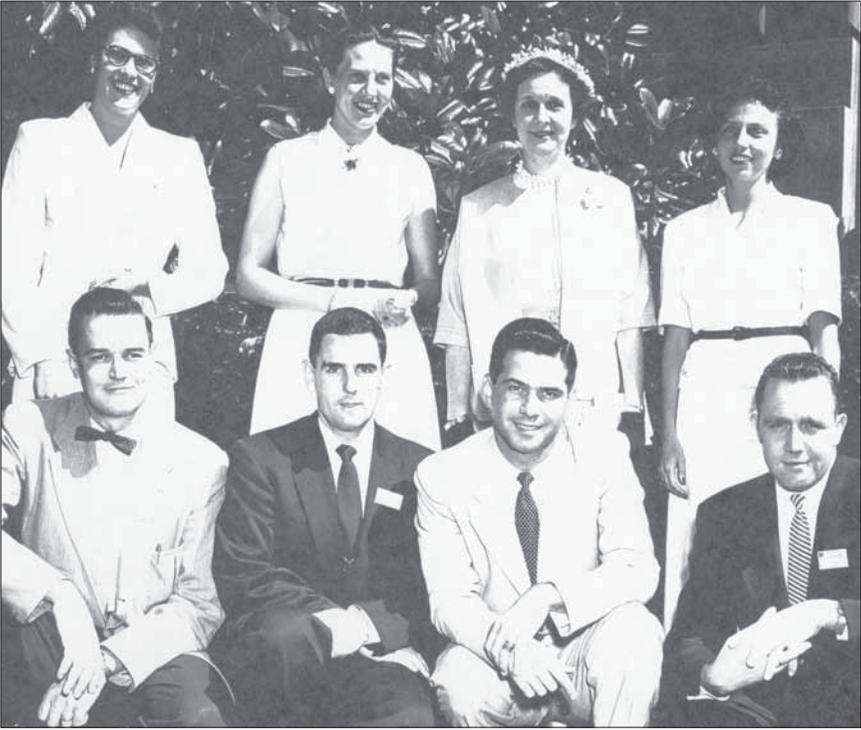
He and his family moved to Malaysia in 1966-1968 where Lynn was a Visiting Professor in the College of Agriculture and the College of Education, University of Malaysia with the Louisiana State University-Ford Foundation Project. He introduced instructional programs in extension methodology, home economics and the social sciences and helped develop the first training program for agricultural teachers for the Malaysia school system. On returning to LSU, Lynn was appointed Head of the Department of Extension and International Education and had responsibility for developing and implementing a Doctoral program in Extension Education which served students from many countries. He provided leadership for the LSU team to upgrade and develop programs for the fledgling University of Agriculture and Applied Science in Malaysia, now considered one of the best institutions in the developing world. He was also responsible for a four-year program to upgrade the agricultural research station in Nicaragua under the auspices of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and a five-year project in India to assist with the development of rice processing technology. During 1973-1987, Lynn served in administrative roles for LSU as Assistant Vice Chancellor for

Academic Affairs (1973-1974), Vice Chancellor for Administration (1974-1981) and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (1981-1987). Upon his retirement from LSU in 1987, he took a three-year assignment in Washington as Executive Director of the Board for International food and Agriculture Development with USAID. He continued to assist USAID as a consultant in defining the role and relationships of U.S. universities with developing country institutions. Lynn served as President and Chief Executive Officer of CSLA, Inc., a non-profit consortium of colleges and universities which provides faculty and facilities for use in development programs beginning in 1990. As a volunteer, Lynn served as Chairman, Vice-chairman and eight years on the Board of Trustees of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System. He was also active with the Franciscan Sisters project in Haiti that provides health and hospice care and an elementary school serving people in the mountains north of Aquin. One of his last projects was writing a history about how the Order built a marvelous health system with three institutions of great benefit to the people and communities of Louisiana. Lynn and Earline reside in Louisiana.

- Russell W. Smith (VT) – Russ was the County 4-H Agent in Orange County, Vermont when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. He returned to Orange County until 1955 when he joined the Ohio Cooperative Extension Service as District 4-H Program Leader and later as Assistant State 4-H Leader. From 1965-1970, Russ was a Program Leader with the 4-H Club Staff in the Federal Extension Service, USDA. He then served as the Extension Northeast Region Publications Coordinator with headquarters at Rutgers University in New Jersey (1970-1983). In 1983, Russ was appointed Publications Coordinator for the New Jersey Cooperative Extension Service until his retirement in 1991; he then continued as a consultant through that year. Russ earned a Professional Diploma in Adult Education at Columbia University in 1966. Since the 1990s, he has volunteered as an editor and proof reader for Extension faculty members, served as a tour guide for school groups and 4-H Club members visiting the New Jersey Museum of Agriculture, and helped with the Somerset County (NJ) Food Bank. Of even greater importance, however, has been his substitution as a single parent for two nieces and two nephews who lost both parents in the early 1980s from malignant brain tumors. Russ was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from Epsilon Sigma Phi. He resides in New Jersey.

### **1954-1955**

- Bronna (Elkins) Godwin (FL) – Bronna was Assistant State Girls' 4-H Agent with the Florida Extension Service when awarded the National



1953-1954 National 4-H Fellows with Mary L. Collings, standing, second from right. Other standing, from left – Betty Pingley, Eldora Keske and Ruth Ann Seacord. Seated, from left – Harold Allen, Russell Smith, Lynn Pesson and Donald Foltz (1950-1954 4-H Fellow)

4-H Fellowship. She returned to that position for two years following her year in Washington. After marriage, she pursued a career in teaching and administration. Bronna taught nutrition classes for Alachua County and Lake City (Florida) Junior College (1960-1968). Bronna served as Manager of Food Service for Gainesville High School in Gainesville and then taught home economics at the school (1968-1971). Bronna moved to the Alachua County Vocational School and supervised the World of Work Program (1971-1972). She returned to Alachua County Food Service as County Food Service Field Supervisor (1971-1978) and then Director from 1978-1986.

Bronna served on the Florida Board and was Region Four Director of the Florida Home Economics Association. She was President of the Florida School Food Service Association and Agriculture Women's Club of the University of Florida. She was on the boards of the Junior Woman's Club and the Parent Teachers Association and taught Sun-

day school at her church for 10 years. Bronna lives in Florida with her husband, Grant, when not visiting U.S. national parks, historic sites, monuments, traveling internationally and cruising extensively to many international ports of call.

- Ella M. (Fazzalari) Smart (MD) – Ella was as an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Maryland with a 100% 4-H girl's assignment when selected for the Fellowship. At the end of the Fellowship, she served in Prince Georges County (MD) as an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent (1955-1958) until she was required to resign because of her marriage. While raising four daughters, she was a substitute teacher for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Schools and Volunteer Coordinator for the St. Ambrose School in Cheverly, MD. From 1973-1976, Ella was employed by The Archdiocese of Washington as Special Assistant, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title II and Coordinator of Library Services. Returning to the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, she served as Extension Agent, Home Economics for Prince Georges and Anne Arundel Counties (1976-1986). Ella was then employed as [State] Leadership and Volunteer Coordinator from 1986 until her retirement in 1992; the last two years she implemented a Family Community Leadership Program funded by a W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant.

Her volunteer experience includes serving as a silent volunteer to identify and secure donors for the State 4-H program, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Patuxent 4-H Center, as President of the Maryland Association of Extension Home Economists, and as the Eastern Regional President for the National Association of Extension Home Economics. For the University of Maryland, she has served as a member of the University Board of Governors, the College of Human Ecology, Home Economics Board of Visitors, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean's Advisory Committee, and President of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Chapter. Ella assisted with the documentation for and coordination and printing of the book, *A Maryland Album – Quilting Traditions 1634-1934*, and assisted with the show "Album of Quilts" sponsored by the Maryland Association for Family and Community Education. Her other community service involved serving on the Board of Directors for Cheverly (MD) Swim and Racquet, serving as President of the St. Ambrose School Board (two terms) and Coordinator of the St. Ambrose School Library (8 years). Ella has been recognized as a Maryland 4-H All Star, with the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension Home Economists, and as producer of a First Place Educational Program, "Better Living," by Metrovision

Cable TV (1985). She has also received the Bicentennial Award from the Archdiocese of Washington, the Silver Award from the Cheverly (MD) Swim and Racquet, and was a Woman of the Year nominee in 1980. Ella is married to Clarence S. Smart, Jr.; they have four daughters and seven grandchildren. Ella and Clarence reside in Clarksville, Maryland.

- Donna (Kragh) Rosenkranz (WI) – Donna was a County Extension Home Economist in Waushara County, Wisconsin prior to receiving the National 4-H Fellowship. Following her year in Washington, she returned to Waushara County from 1955-1959. After marriage and having her family, she re-entered the work force as the Home Economics Coordinator for Marine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin (1970-1980). In 1980, she and her husband established Rosenkranz Farms (which continues in operation today) and raised and marketed fruit and vegetable produce. She returned to the University of Wisconsin Extension Service as Extension Home Economist in Marquette County from 1988-1993. From 1995-2005, Donna operated a Wisconsin state-licensed kitchen and produced and marketed jams, syrups and pies in Wisconsin and Illinois under the label “Donna’s Tastee.”

Donna judged at county fairs through Wisconsin from 1955-2007, and assisted local 4-H Clubs with demonstration projects. She was active in local, county and state Farm Bureau activities, a member of the Wisconsin Farm Markets Association, and chaired the Foods Service Committees for her local church. Donna passed away in December 2007.

- Marvin W. Boss (IA) – Upon graduation from Iowa State College with a B.S. in Agronomy, Marvin worked as a 4-H Club Agent in Scott County, Iowa before the Fellowship. In 1955, Marvin was the 4-H Club Agent in Washtenaw County, Michigan. He joined the State 4-H Club staff at the University of Massachusetts as Assistant State Club Leader in 1958 with responsibilities for leadership training, planning programs for older club members and research into current 4-H programs. From 1967-1969, he completed a Doctorate in Human Development and Statistics at the University of Maryland. He then joined the faculty at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario teaching research and test development courses and was promoted to full Professor in 1974. He took early retirement in 1992 and worked half-time until his last student graduated in 2001. Early in life, Marvin was a juvenile diabetic. Becoming an amputee at age 48, he and his wife, Doreen, visited many new amputees and their families. He is deceased.

- V. Joseph (Joe) McAuliffe (NY) – Joe spent his career working in the Land-Grant University/U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) system. He was a 4-H member in Ulster County, NY; County 4-H Agent in Rensselaer County, NY; Assistant State 4-H Leader, Cornell University; Program Leader-4-H, USDA; Associate State 4-H Leader and Professor, University of Minnesota Extension Service; Director of Educational Programs and Services, National 4-H Foundation/Council; and State 4-H Leader, 4-H/Youth, South Dakota State University. He has also been a 4-H parent and volunteer leader.

His formal education includes Princeton University while in the U.S. Army, a B.S. degree from Cornell University, an M.A. degree from University of Maryland while a 4-H Fellow, and course work for a Doctor's degree at Stanford University and several short study periods at other institutions.

Major job responsibilities have centered on Teen Programs, Volunteer Adult and Teen Leadership, and Innovating 4-H Programs for all youth. He's written numerous articles and publications for state and national use; conducted program reviews in many states; directed "Operation Expansion" nationwide; served as coordinator and/or committee chair of the National 4-H Club Congress and National 4-H Conference. Joe has planned and conducted many national 4-H staff training courses, invented and implemented national and regional Volunteer Leader Forums, and helped establish citizenship short courses at the national level. From 1960-1984, he participated as a committee member or advisor in developing every written document for the National 4-H Volunteer Leadership Policy Statements. Joe has taught 4-H Management and Volunteer Development courses as a visiting professor at Cornell University, the University of Arizona, and the University of California-Davis and served as an Advisor to the Center for Youth Development and Research at the University of Minnesota. He has consulted on 4-H type programs in several countries in Western Europe and Canada and was leader of a team to study Four-H in Viet Nam.

His community work includes serving as President of the Roseville (MN) Rotary Club, and as a member of the South Dakota Governor's Committee on Volunteerism. Joe was a founding member and first President of the South Dakota Association of Volunteer Leaders, President of the St. Paul Chapter of Norsemen Forbundet and a member of the Roseville (MN) Human Rights commission.

In 2008, Joe will be inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame, a nominee from the State where he began his career, New York. He

has received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the National Partner in 4-H Award. Joe was recognized with the Meritorious Service to Extension 4-H International Program Award by the International Four-H Youth Alumni Association. Other honors and awards received include the Leadership Award from the New York Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Merit Award from U.S. Department of Agriculture, and an award for preparation of effective visuals from the American Association of Agricultural College Editors. Joe was nominated to Phi Kappa Phi, and selected as a National Institute of Public Affairs Fellow to study at Stanford University and as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.

In retirement, Joe has been a consultant to the National 4-H Program-Jamaica and the Caribbean 4-H Conference with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. As a VOCA volunteer, he was instrumental in starting 4-H in Romania. He also participated in the first 4-H conference in Eastern Europe. With the support of the Jeep Corporation, he and his wife, June, traveled to major state fairs promoting the Wildlife and Fisheries Project and registered thousands of 4-H alumni proclaiming the value of 4-H in their lives. He feels this was very inspiring for a retired 4-H professional as is the information about the success of the 4-H Fellows published in this book. Joe and June reside in Shoreview, Minnesota.

- Don K. Wiles (NE) – Don began his Extension Career in 1990 as assistant county agent in Custer County, Nebraska where he met his wife, Donitta. Don was serving as County Extension Agent in Madison County, Nebraska when selected for the 1954-1955 4-H Fellowship. From 1955-1956, he prepared and updated 26 4-H bulletins and served as state 4-H dairy show director for the Nebraska 4-H Department as an Agricultural Agent at large. Don was hired as the Ford County, Kansas 4-H Club Agent (1956-1957). He then served as County Agricultural Agent and County Extension Director in Clark County, Kansas from 1958 to 1964. Don returned to Ford County, Kansas as County Agricultural Agent and County Extension Director in 1964 and remained there until his 1991 retirement. He was elected as Ford County Commissioner for two terms from 1993-2001 during which time Don completed the Kansas Commissioner's Association county government procedures course. During the time he served as Ford county commissioner, Ford County completed upgrading the County Rural Fire Department and County EMS Department. Improvements had been started in these two departments by Don with the County Commissioners' support while serving as County Extension Director. During the 1980s Don taught an "Agribusiness Career Op-

portunities” course for the Dodge City Community College (DCCC). He also coached eleven DCCC college soils judging teams that won three national contests, placed second four times and third one time. In Extension, Don conducted an intensive 4-H judging program. Over 1,000 Clark County and Ford County 4-Hers received personal training in the fields of livestock, dairy, land and crops judging and plant identification. Many of the teams and individuals received state and national recognition for their judging skills. Don chaired the Ford County USDA Rural Development Committee that received the Kansas Rural Development Award. He served as Chairman and committee member of a five-county Reservoir Advisory committee that obtained tax financing and public approval for the reservoir’s construction and maintenance. The reservoir, named Horse Thief Reservoir, will be the largest water recreation lake in Southwest Kansas.

While serving as County Agricultural Agent and County Extension Director, Don received the Kansas Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi Meritorious Service Award. He also received the National Association of County Agricultural Agent Distinguished Service Award, National Youth Career Award, outstanding horticulture project award and numerous public information awards for his radio broadcasts and news columns. On a state wide level in Kansas, Don received nine agriculture production, agricultural marketing and conservation awards; the state’s first urban forestry recognition; the Kansas economic development (PRIDE) award and the Kansas 4-H Progress Award.

He served two times as the local Optimist Club president, received the Optimist Club Outstanding Service Award three times and the Outstanding Western Kansas Optimist Award. Don was a charter member, president and vice president of the local Santa Fe Trail Chapter. He was an active member of the Dodge City Chamber of Commerce and served on numerous different Dodge City improvement project committees. At the time of his retirement, Don was designated as Dodge City Honorary Marshall, Donitta (his wife) and Don were awarded the Ford County Outstanding Dedicated 4-H Service Recognition and the new 4-H County Livestock Arena was named after him. Donitta and Don raised three children (Deborah, Denise and Dennis) who were active in 4-H.



1954-1955 National 4-H Fellows with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson. Standing, left to right – Donna Kragh, Ella Fazzalari, Marvin Boss, Wayne Bath (IFYE Fellow), Bronna Mae Elkins, Margaret Ann Dial (IFYE Fellow), V. Joseph McAuliffe and Don Wiles.

### 1955-1956

- Jane Merry Chavez (NY) – Jane was Assistant County 4-H Agent in Monroe County, New York when awarded a National 4-H Fellowship. She returned to Monroe County as Associate County 4-H Club Agent (1956-1960). After her marriage, she and Jerry lived in Brazil and Jane worked as a volunteer with the U.S. Agency for International Development program in Rio de Janeiro providing orientation to Brazilians coming to the United States for study (1960-1963). Jane then joined the Michigan State 4-H Staff for one year (1963-1964) before returning to Brazil to volunteer with the 4-S Peace Corps where she conducted training and provided technical support in home economics for 4-S youth workers (1964-1969). When Jerry was assigned to El Salvador (1969-1974), Jane volunteered with the El Salvador National Extension Service where she worked on 4-S clothing and nutrition project development and agent training with national home economics leaders. Both in Brazil and El Salvador, Jane and Jerry attempted to show what Americans were like – they spoke the local language, made friends with colleagues and neighbors, sent their children to the local schools and enjoyed their customs, culture and countries.

The Chavez family made their retirement home in Uvalde, Texas where Jane continued volunteer service to the community. She and Jerry were leaders for a 4-H Club for disabled youth for 13 years, or-

ganized and operated a Special Olympics which continues today, and implemented a sheltered workshop for disabled persons in Uvalde. Jane also provided counseling and advice to outstanding Hispanic students to attend college. As an El Progreso Library Board member, she encouraged the building of a \$5 million library in the community, and served as a Board Member for Sacred Heart Elementary School.

Jane and Jerry were recognized “Con nuestro agradecimiento a la familia Chavez del Personnel de CENTA” (Translation—With our heartfelt thanks to the Chavez Family from the El Salvador National Extension Service personnel) in El Salvador (1974), with a Special Olympics Citation from UCISD School District, Uvalde, Texas (1992) and with a Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H from the Uvalde County 4-H Leaders Association in 1994. Jane resides in Texas.

- Doris McDaniel Broadwell (OK) – Doris was serving as the County Home Demonstration Agent with responsibility for adult and youth programs in Alfalfa County, Oklahoma when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. She married upon completion of the Fellowship and taught Special Education for the Brattleboro (VT) public schools for one year, owned and operated a retail clothing store in Trumansburg, NY (1975-1982) and was a Department Head for K-Mart Department Stores in New Hampshire and New York. Her primary interests, however, involved raising three children, supporting her husband’s career in Extension and doing volunteer work in her community. She served as a volunteer community 4-H Club leader for 7 years, taught Sunday School and worked on various committees in her church. Doris is deceased (1992).
- Willa Morava Huston (NE) – Willa was Home Agent for Morrill County, Nebraska when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. Some special memories of the Fellowship year include the Orientation trip to Chicago (where she was introduced to homeless people), the cultural activities and just being in Washington, D.C., and the people she met at the U.S. Department of Agriculture who were always encouraging and supportive. Willa returned to Nebraska where she served as Assistant State 4-H Leader for six years. Following her marriage and moving to Oregon, she was a substitute teacher for the Gold Beach (OR) Public Schools. She then moved to Reno, Nevada where she served as Home Agent for Washoe County for three years.

She was President of the Reno (NV) chapter of P.E.O. and was involved in women’s programs and in raising money for scholarships for international students. Moving to Blairsden (CA), she continued her efforts in raising money for college scholarships for young people

for the Blairsden Volunteer Fire Department. Willa was also in charge of the hospital volunteers and volunteered at thrift shops in support of the Portola (CA) Hospital. She also taught crafts and operated a Crafts Room for local residents. Willa now lives in Graeagle-Blairsden, California.

- John Dale Apel (KS) – Dale began his Extension career as County Extension 4-H Agent in Saline County, Kansas. Following the Fellowship, he was named Editor (including advertising sales and publishing) of the *Kansas 4-H Journal* with the Kansas 4-H Foundation (1956-1962). He then joined the Kansas State 4-H Staff as an Extension 4-H Specialist until 1964 when he enrolled in graduate study in Adult Education at the University of Chicago, completing his Ph.D. in 1966. Returning to Kansas State University (KSU), Dale served as Associate State Leader (1966-1983), Assistant Director of Extension, 4-H Youth Programs (Acting) (1981-1983) and Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Programs until his retirement (1983-1997). He also held an appointment as a Professor of [Adult] Education at Kansas State University from 1966-1997. In 1978, Dale was selected as a National 4-H Intern to study staff development with Dr. John Banning at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. He served as Chairman of the National-- and Coordinator of the Kansas--Committee for Development of a 4-H TV Series, “Living in a Nuclear Age.” Dale was also invited to serve on the National Task Force on Philosophy and Curriculum in 4-H, the National Curriculum Task Force for Youth Development Professionals, and on the Steering Committee of the North Central States 4-H Leadership Project. Other committee assignments include serving as Chairman of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration committee for the KSU Extension Service, as Chairman of several KSU Annual Extension Conferences, on a KSU Task Force to develop a research project on “The Effects of Animal-Human Bonding,” as Chairman of the KSU Cooperative Extension Health and Human Wellness Planning Committee and the KSU Extension Drug Education Task Force.

Dale has been recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from both the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the Kansas Association of County Extension 4-H Agents. He has written several publications on 4-H and Youth Development with an emphasis on motivation and learning. Dale lives in Kansas.

- George J. Broadwell (VT) – George was County 4-H Agent in Windham County, Vermont when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. He returned to Windham County for two years following the Fellowship until moving to Schenectady County, New York as County 4-H

Agent (1958-1963). From 1963-1969, George was 4-H Agent-At-Large and Extension 4-H Program Leader with the Cornell University State 4-H Staff. He was appointed Assistant Director, Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H (1969-1982) and Assistant Director for Staff Development and Recruitment in 1982 until his retirement in 1988. He received his Ph.D. in Extension and Adult Education from Cornell University in 1969. George also served as an Assistant/Associate Professor in Extension and Adult Education in the Department of Education at Cornell from 1970-1988 with teaching, advising and consulting interests in administrative management, organizational behavior and leadership development; he retired as Professor Emeritus in 1988. He was elected as a faculty member to Phi Kappa Phi honorary academic society.

Nationally, George has chaired two committees of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy – the National 4-H Subcommittee and the Standing Committee on 4-H Long Range Program and Budget Planning. He also chaired the National 4-H Council Educational Resource Center Committee and was a member of their Publications Review Committee. He was also a Member of the Extension Service (ES)-USDA Technical Advisory Panel on 4-H Administrative Staffing, and the Long Range 4-H Program Development Committee. He served on ES-USDA 4-H Program Review Teams in two states. His community service includes serving as a 4-H leader and Boy Scout merit badge counselor. In Trumansburg (NY), George was President of the Board of Education, Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Chair of the Zoning Commission, and he held various offices in the Lansing (NY) Methodist Church. He has been recognized with both the Meritorious and Distinguished Service Awards from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. George and his wife, JoAnn, maintain a residence in both New York and Florida.

- Howard M. Willson (MT) – Howard began his Extension career as a County Extension Agent in Dawson County, MT where he was serving when he was selected as a National 4-H Fellow. In recalling his busy schedule of conferences with government officials and graduate study, Howard said that without Laura's support and help, he would not have been able to complete the work towards his M.Ed. degree during the Fellowship year. Besides working full-time as a secretary at the Federal Power Commission, she typed his many seminar papers at night, often until 2:00 a.m.

He returned to Dawson County after the Fellowship (1956-1960) and then moved to Washington State as County Extension Agent in Klickitat

(1960-1974) and Walla Walla Counties (1974-1985). He retired in 1985 after serving as Acting District Supervisor for the Washington State University Cooperative Extension Service with headquarters in Walla Walla. Howard was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from both the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and the Washington Extension Agents Association.

Following his retirement, he was a Consultant with the Staff of Life Agricultural Consultants in Pendleton, OR providing farm management analysis for ranchers and banks, and conducting a community resource and marketing study. Later, Howard obtained certification as a Washington State University Master Gardener and volunteered as a Master Gardener for Clark County (Vancouver, WA) for 10 years. His other community service includes planning rural-urban programs as chair of the Agricultural Committee for his Rotary International Club, as a member of his church's administrative council, board of trustees, missionary board, and as a Sunday School superintendent and teacher for more than 50 years. He has been recognized with the Booster Award by the Walla Walla County 4-H Leaders and with an Appreciation Award from the Walla Walla County Wheat Growers Association. Howard also finds time to run three times a week, and has run in four marathons and in four Mt. Hood to Coast relays (197 miles). Howard and Laura live in Vancouver, Washington.



1955-1956 National 4-H Fellows with Guy L. Noble, seated, right and Kenneth Anderson, seated, left, National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. Also seated, Willa Morava. Standing, left to right – Jane Merry, George Broadwell, Doris McDaniel, Howard Willson and Dale Apel.

## 1956-1957

- Joan Engle Wieckert (KS) – Joan began her Extension career as Home Demonstration Agent in Marion County, Kansas. Upon completing the fellowship, Joan supervised Extension home economics programs and personnel in 22 northeast Kansas counties. In 1961, she joined the University of Wisconsin Home Economics Extension as an Assistant Professor where she developed a young-homemaker program, and supervised, recruited and trained personnel. After her marriage, she completed Secondary Teacher Certification and was a Teacher's Aide in Middleton, WI. Other work experiences include Administrative Assistant with the University of Wisconsin School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences and as a Sales Representative for Lands' End. She was Newsletter Editor for the Wisconsin Home Economics Association and Program Chair for the Madison (WI) Home Economics Association. A former International 4-H Youth Exchange delegate, she has hosted hundreds of international visitors to the University of Wisconsin campus. Joan and Dave presently reside in Wisconsin.
- Ann E. Thompson (AL) -- Ann was an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent giving leadership to the 4-H program in Houston County, Alabama prior to the Fellowship. From 1957- 1966, Ann worked in several positions with the Florida Extension Service including State Girl's 4-H Club Agent; State Leader, Home Economics; and Assistant to State Home Demonstration Agent and Director of Extension. Moving to Virginia, she served in the following roles: as Assistant Dean of Virginia Tech Extension and as Director of Family Resources of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service (VCES), Associate Dean and Professor for personnel recruitment (VCES), and later as Associate Dean and Assistant Director of the VCES for support systems. In July 1984, Ann was named the first woman Director of the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, and subsequently named Associate Provost and Vice President for Extension for Auburn University's outreach mission. She completed a Doctor of Education degree in Administration at Oklahoma State University in 1966. Ann has served as President of the Board of Directors of the *Journal of Extension*, and chair of the editorial committee. She was honored by Epsilon Sigma Phi with their highest award – the Distinguished Ruby Award, and, in 2008, was inducted into the Alabama 4-H Wall of Fame. She makes her home in Alabama.
- Virginia E. White Alford (MN) – Virginia came to the Fellowship from Cottonwood County, Minnesota where she was Home Agent. She found a way to combine marriage and raising three boys with

being a County Extension Home Agent in Minnesota and Missouri. Her other professional responsibilities include Food Service Supervisor for the University of Missouri and as a public school teacher for science and learning disabilities in three school districts in Iowa and two districts in Missouri. Virginia obtained her certification in learning disabilities (Truman University) and in special education (Lincoln University). From 1985 until retirement in 1996, she was a Special Education teacher for the Missouri Department of Corrections in Jefferson City and Fulton, Missouri. Her volunteer work includes serving as President for Mended Hearts (an organization of individuals having had bypass surgery), the Lutheran Women's Mission League, and the Learning in Retirement program at Lincoln University. She lives in Holts Summit, Missouri.

- Harlan G. Copeland (KS) – Harlan began his Extension career as County 4-H Club Agent in Ford County, Kansas. He joined the Kansas State 4-H Staff in 1957 as Assistant State 4-H Leader and, in 1960 served as Extension Educationist with the Federal Extension Service, USDA. His responsibilities in Extension staff development included coordinating the National 4-H Fellows Program. He received his Ph.D. in Adult Education from the University of Chicago. His other professional positions include Staff Development Specialist in University Extension and Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, University of Wisconsin, Associate Professor, Syracuse University and Associate Professor, University of Minnesota where he developed the Graduate Program in Adult Education.

He served as President of the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association and was awarded their Founder's Award in 2000. He established a scholarship in honor of his parents for an older 4-H member in Neosho County, Kansas. He also established an award program honoring excellence in adult education programming for the Minnesota Association for Continuing Adult Education and a program recognizing leadership in the area of public policy for the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association. He now lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

- Duane B. Lau (OH) – Duane returned to Lucas County, Ohio where he had served as Associate County Extension Agent prior to the Fellowship. His titles changed to 4-H Agent, and County Extension Agent-Agriculture in Lucas County before joining the Ohio State 4-H Staff in 1964 as District Program Leader, 4-H, and later as Assistant State 4-H Leader, 4-H. He was responsible for several aspects of the Ohio 4-H program including safety, bicycle, electricity, petroleum power, aero-

space, tractor, woodworking, and the 4-H dog program. He received the Chris Award from the Film Council of Greater Columbus (OH) for his work in 4-H mass media development including serving as Ohio Coordinator for the 4-H TV series, "Mulligan Stew" a highly successful program for bringing nutrition education to large numbers of low income, minority and disadvantaged youth. Other media work included developing 4-H TV spots, 4-H film series, and new audio materials for 4-H. Duane received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of 4-H Extension Agents in 1951. Duane passed away in 1995.

- Harry Vieth, Jr. (MO) – Harry returned to his position as Associate County Extension Agent in Jackson County, Missouri which he held at the time of the Fellowship. Later, he served in the positions of Extension Youth Agent, and Youth Agent in Jackson County. His responsibilities broadened and he was appointed Area Youth Specialist for Jackson and Cass Counties; Clay and Platte Counties were added from 1972 to 1976. Beginning in 1976, he provided leadership for inner city youth programs as an Area Youth Specialist specifically for the Kansas City (MO) metropolitan area and for Clay County. Harry provided a case example of 4-H in urban areas (Kansas City, MO) in support of H.R. 10680 to establish 4-H programs in the District of



1956-1957 National 4-H Fellows with Guy L. Noble, seated, and Kenneth Anderson, standing right, National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. Also seated, Ann Thompson. Standing, left to right, Duane Lau, Virginia White, Harlan Copeland, Joan Engle and Harry Vieth, Jr.

Columbia (*Congressional Record*, Vol. 113, No. 98 [June 21, 1967]). The Harrisonville, MO *Democrat-Missourian* credited his leadership in raising funds from private contributions for the development of the Heart of America Youth Center in Independence. In the two years before his retirement in 1984, he served as a Horticulture Specialist for the Kansas City metropolitan area and Jackson County. Harry was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award in 1983 from both the National Association of 4-H Extension Agents and the Missouri Association of Extension 4-H Youth Workers. Concurrently with his Extension appointment and later in retirement, he was co-owner and operator of Harry's Berries Farm and Greenhouse with his father and son. Harry is deceased (2007).

### 1957-1958

- Ruth E. Brasher (UT) – Ruth was a County Extension Agent for Utah County, Utah prior to receiving the National 4-H Fellowship. After the Fellowship, she joined the Oregon State University Extension Service where she was a State 4-H and Youth Development Specialist from 1958-1969. Upon obtaining her Ph.D. in Sociology from Utah State University in 1969, she assumed a variety of administrative and instructional positions at Brigham Young University: Professor of Home Economics Education (1969-1993); Chairman of the Department of Home Economics Education (1969-1980); Acting Dean, College of Family Living (1975 and 1979); Associate Dean of the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences (1980-1985) and Director of the Honor Code Office (1993-1996). She served as Assistant to the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student Life from 1996 until her retirement.

Her professional activities have included serving as President (1988-1989), Spring Convention Chair and Student Section Advisor of the Utah Home Economics Association and as a Consultant, Accreditation Team Member and Commemorative Lecturer for the American Home Economics Association. Ruth was President (1984-1985) of the Oregon/Utah Council on Family Relations and served on various committees of the National Council on Family Relations. She also held numerous committee responsibilities for the Western State Home Economics Educators, in the Oregon Home Economics Association, and in the American and Utah Vocational Associations. Ruth was the National Director of Fellowships (1991-2001) and the National Fellowship Committee member for the Western States (1989-1991) for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Since her retirement, the months of August, September and October are particularly busy for her as she

has been co-chair/chair from 2000 to the present of the Doll House Festival, a major fund-raiser for the Utah County Children's Justice Center. She is also a board member of both the Friends of the Utah State Children's Justice Center and the Utah County Children's Justice Center. She currently serves as a Faculty Representative Board Member for the Brigham Young University Emeriti Alumni.

Among the University honors and awards Ruth has received are the Brigham Young University Maeser Teaching Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Virginia F. Cutler Faculty Lecturer, the Abraham O. Smoot Citizenship Award, and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the College of Eastern Utah. Her professional recognition includes being named as an American Home Economics Association "AHEA Leader," and receiving the Utah Professional Home Economist Award. Ruth was a recipient of the ChainBreaker Foundation "The Broken Link Award" presented for helping break the debilitating cycle of abuse (2007), the Athena Award recognizing initiatives in women's leadership (2002), and The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Member Award (2001). Ruth resides in Utah.

- Lucille Jamison Watson (TN) – Lucille was the Assistant Home Economics Agent in Henderson County, Tennessee, prior to receiving a National 4-H Fellowship. She loved being in the District of Columbia and found it exciting to be with members of her group from the different states. She also recalls being invited with the other Fellows to Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton's home for a dinner party. Many of her memories of that year relate to her music – as a soprano, she sang with the U.S. Marine Band at a 4-H event, appeared in a University of Maryland production of "Oklahoma," and toured with the University's Drama Department on a USO-type tour to Army and Air Force bases in Iceland, the Azores and Bermuda. The following 2 ½ years, she toured with the Macaulay Musical Messengers throughout the Eastern United States; their long play album, "Neil And The Musical Messengers," produced by Sacred Records, is available on the Internet. During this time, she also worked for the Boca Raton (FL) Bible Conference. After her marriage to a minister and moving to Illinois, she served for ten years with The Evangelical Alliance Mission and represented Radio and Communications in Korea, and in Latin and South America.

The Watsons relocated to Florida and she updated her certification in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education and taught one year for the Lakeland (FL) Public School and subsequently was a substitute high school teacher in home economics. She also obtained cer-

tification for Special Education and taught independent living skills to adults at the Sarasota (FL) County Technical Institute and community programs such as Easter Seals for 18 years. Lucille retired in 2002.

She was an active member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and served as a District Committee Chairman and on several committees for the Florida Association. Lucille was also active in several music groups in the Sarasota area and was a performing member and Secretary of the Sarasota Opera Guild. She resides in Sarasota, Florida.

- Elizabeth Snoddy Cuellar (HI) – Elizabeth had three years as a County Extension Home Economist in Iowa before moving to Hawaii where she a County Extension Home Economist for the “Big Island” (Hawaii). After the Fellowship, where she got her master’s degree in Adult Education at the University of Maryland, she enrolled in art classes through the University of Guanajuato (Mexico) for seven months before returning to Hawaii to serve as Extension Home Economist for the island of Kauai for three years. After her marriage to Jesus Cuellar, a painter, they moved to New York City where she taught home economics for Spanish speaking families in the Bowery and then at North Bergen, NJ (1963-1964). Upon moving to Mexico City, she taught English as a second language for five years to get her Mexican residency. In 1968, she was Coordinator of the World Exhibition of Folk Art for the XIX Olympics and continued in 1969 as a writer and translator for the official Olympic publication on Popular Art, Fine Art and Modern Art. Elizabeth went with the collections that remained in Mexico to the National Autonomous University of Mexico where she served as Museum Curator of Folk Art, Coordinator for International Programs and Professor of Folk Art and Indigenous Cultures of Mexico until she retired in 1991. Elizabeth completed a Master of Fine Arts in Applied Art from the University of Guanajuato, Mexico and obtained diplomas/certificates in Tapestry Weaving and English as a Second Language, also in Mexico. The devaluation of the peso forced her to seek other part-time employment: Lecturer and Shore Excursion Staff Member with the Royal Viking Cruise Line, Educational Tour Manager with two travel agencies, Contract Editor with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in El Batan, Mexico and Guest Curator for exhibitions of the Museum of Mexican Costume Luis Marquez. Elizabeth has served as Study Leader and Lecturer for numerous museum study tours. She was a Mexican delegate to the World Craft Council General Assembly in Canada (1974), a guest of the Netherlands to open an Aztec Exhibition in Leiden, Holland (1981), and a Judge of the Grand Prize in Popular Art Contest in

Mexico (1996). She is author of numerous works published in Mexico and the United States on folk art, costume and home economics.

When people say to her “My! How far you have gotten from home economics,” she replies “Not at all. In folk art, women weave to make clothing for their family, and families make pottery to store water, cook and serve food and men carve chairs and benches for their home and toys for their children. It all fits perfectly.” Elizabeth lives in Mexico City.

- Clinton (Clint) A. Conant (ME) – Clint was 4-H Agent in Franklin County, Maine when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. On returning to Maine, he was responsible for the boys’ 4-H programs as an Agent-at-Large (1958-1960). He purchased and operated a dairy farm from 1960-1965. Clint then served as the first Director of the Franklin County Community Action Council, a community corporation concerned with the needs of low income citizens (1965-1971). He continued serving low income citizens as Executive Director of Rural Health Associates which provided prepayment, prevention and health education programs (1971-1980) and as Plan Director for the Franklin Area Health Plan for 3,000 enrollees. Since 1980, Clint has been President of Associates for Rural Progress, Inc. which assists community health programs with training, management, grant writing and program development.

His community service has focused extensively on health care issues including serving as a Board Member and Spokesman for Rural Interest for the Legislative Committee for the National Association for Community Health Care Centers and as Chairman of the New England Health Center Assistance Program. In Maine, Clint was Chairman of the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Health and Welfare, Chairman of the Maine Coalition of Ambulatory Care Centers, and on the Executive Committee and was Treasurer of the Maine Health Systems Agency. He has also served in a variety of roles with the Tri-County Health Planning Council. From 1967-1969, Clint was President of the Maine Community Action Program Director’s Association. Locally, he was active in the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club and his church. Clint resides in Maine.

- John H. Gant (IN) – John was an Assistant County Agent in Parke County, Indiana when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. Upon completion of his Fellowship year, he joined the Division of Management Operations, Federal Extension Service, USDA as a Management Analyst. He subsequently moved to the National Archives and retired in 1986. John returned to the family farm at Flat Rock, Indiana and

raised vegetables and fruit and sold produce at the Columbus (IN) Farmers' Market. John passed away in December 1990.

- William (Bill) E. Tedrick (OH) – Bill began his Extension career as a County Extension Agent, 4-H in Lorain County, Ohio and returned to Lorain County following his year in Washington as a National 4-H Fellow. During the Fellowship, he wrote a series of weekly columns titled “Agriculture in Washington” for the *Wellington (OH) Enterprise Weekly*. He moved to the Michigan State 4-H Staff in 1959 and served as Assistant Program Leader and Area Supervisor through 1971. Bill completed a Ph.D. in Communication Arts at Michigan State University in 1968. He was appointed Department Head of the Department of Agricultural Communication for Texas A&M University (TAMU) (1971-1980), and then served as Program Development Specialist until his retirement in 1988. He also was a part-time Instructor in the Journalism Department. Internationally, Bill worked in Sri Lanka (1980) on a United States Agency for International Development-TAMU Assignment and in the Dominican Republic (1987) with a TAMU project. His community service has involved work with the Kelly’s Island 4-H Camp Development (OH), with County Farm Bureau Community Action Groups (OH and MI), as Secretary and Highway Cleanup Coordinator for his Kiwanis Club, as a Board Member and Food Drive Manager for the Brazos Valley (TX) Food Bank and as Sunday School



1957-1958 National 4-H Fellows with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson and Paul Kepner, seated left, and Joseph Matthews, seated right, Federal Extension Service. Standing left to right, Elizabeth Snoddy, Lucille Jamison, Ruth Brasher, Clinton Conant, John Gant and William Tedrick.

Superintendent and Teacher for his church. He also provides garden produce to the Hillsdale (MI) Food Pantries. The Texas Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi has honored Bill with its Superior Service Award. An avid Horseshoe Pitcher, Bill has pitched over 80,000 shoes in sanctioned tournaments in several states and was recently inducted into the Michigan Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitchers Association's Hall of Fame. He maintains residences in Texas and Michigan.

### **1958-1959**

- A. Lois Redman (MO) – Lois served as a County Home Demonstration Agent for Washington and Marion Counties in Missouri before being selected as a National 4-H Fellow. Following her Fellowship year, she was invited to join the Oregon Cooperative Extension Service as an Extension Specialist, 4-H and Youth (1959-1978). Lois moved to the Kansas State Extension Staff as an Extension Specialist, 4-H and Youth Programs, in 1978 and retired from that position in 1988.

During her 35 1/2-year career, Lois focused on home economics, outdoor education and international programs. She started training programs to upgrade county and state home economics judges in both Oregon and Kansas. She feels that the camp training she provided for Oregon agents, leaders and counselors increased support for 4-H camping programs and for a State Camp facility. She organized Oregon's first 4-H International Committee, developed the guidelines for the LABO-4-H Volunteer County Coordinator system that have been used by many states, and helped set up one of the first Japanese-U.S. exchange programs. Through the Oregon-Costa Rica Partners Program, she secured funds for sending Extension youth development agents to Costa Rica to teach nutrition education and rabbit production. In Kansas, she developed the first long-range youth exchange program for the Kansas-Paraguay Partners Program. Lois also served as the international programs representative on the [national] Extension Committee on Organization and Policy-4-H Leadership Development Committee and assisted with national-level 4-H international workshops and alumni conference programs for the International Four-H Youth Exchange Association. Her continuing education involved attending a Scandinavian Seminar in 1968-1969 and visiting 4-H and other youth programs in 25 countries.

The National Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi recognized her with their International Service Award in 1988. She has received the Partners of the Americas Award for Youth Program and was inducted into the

Oregon Extension Hall of Fame. The International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association presented her with their National Friend of IFYE Award in 1984 and she was honored as a Kansas Friend of IFYE in 1983.

Even her volunteer work has an international flavor: she has taught English as a Second Language classes (25 years), served as the International Coordinator for the Oregon State University (OSU) Women's Club, chaired the OSU Home Economics International Committee, was the Helping International Students Coordinator for her church, taught stained glass classes for international student wives, and hosted numerous international students and visitors in her home. In retirement, Lois volunteered to escort Senior bus trips around the United States and Canada including two to Europe for 10 years. She was the Faculty Student Advisor for the Baptist Student Union at Oregon State and has been a teacher and leader for her church youth groups. Lois recently endowed a Leisure Studies 4-H Scholarship with the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Lois resides in Manhattan, Kansas.

- Jo Ann Tilley (FL) – Jo Ann came to the National 4-H Fellowship program from Pinellas County, Florida where she was serving as an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent. The official opening and dedication of the National 4-H Center was a memorable event during her year in Washington. On her return to Florida, Jo Ann served one year as Assistant State Girl's Agent in Tallahassee. She then returned to Pinellas County as Associate County Agent for one year before moving to Hawaii and serving as a County Extension Agent during 1962. Jo Ann decided to change her career and became a Secondary School Teacher in Clearwater and Countryside, Florida High Schools from 1962 until retirement in 1985. She has volunteered with the Upper Pinellas County Literacy Council, the Mease Hospital in Dunedin, FL and with the Curlew United Methodist Church. Jo Ann lives in Dunedin, Florida.
- Allene M. Willson Pierce (MT) – Allene was County Extension Agent for Custer County, Montana prior to participating in the National 4-H Fellowship program. She and her brother, Howard (1955-1956), have the distinction of being the only sister and brother to participate in the program. She credits her research on the 4-H Leadership Project with helping her prepare three national 4-H leadership winners and with developing leadership abilities of 4-H leaders and adult Extension homemakers. Allene returned to Custer County after the Fellowship for one year before accepting a County Extension Agent position in Flathead County (1960-1968). Allene then served as an Area Home

Economist in Bozeman, MT for 13 counties for eight years before moving to Lake County, Montana as County Extension Agent (1976-1986).

Allene served as President of the Montana Extension Home Economists for two terms. She retired in 1986, and now makes her home in Ridgecrest, California.

- Loren F. Goyen (KS) – Loren was an Assistant State Club Agent with the Kansas State 4-H Staff when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. Following his year in Washington, he joined the Maryland 4-H Staff as Assistant State 4-H Club Agent / Program Leader, 4-H and Youth (1959-1966). Loren then pursued graduate study at the University of Wisconsin as a National University Extension Center Fellow earning his Ph.D. in Cooperative Extension Administration in 1968. From 1968-1970, he served as Extension 4-H Youth Program Development Specialist with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. In 1971, Loren was appointed Associate Professor of Adult Education at the Federal City College, University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. He retired as Full Professor in 1987. Loren resides in Maryland.
- E. Clay Joseph (KY) – Clay was the Associate County Agent working with the 4-H program in Bath County, Kentucky when he was selected as a National 4-H Fellow. His wife, Mary, remembers that it was a very busy year with Clay participating in Fellowship activities and working toward a Master's Degree at the University of Maryland while she taught elementary education in the Prince Georges County Maryland public school system and taking care of their young son, Stephen. Following his Fellowship year, Clay joined the University of Maryland faculty as a Professor of Adult Education. After two years, he had an opportunity to go with the government and begin his government career as Director of Training at the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren, VA. His last government assignment was at the Pentagon, also as Director of Training for the office of the Secretary of Defense.

After retirement, he and Mary moved to Lake of The Woods in Locust Grove, Va. Lake of the Woods is a privately planned residential community with many, many activities. Clay took up golf and truly enjoyed it, golfing four or five days weekly. He also enjoyed fishing and boating as well.

Clay was recognized with a "Certificate of Service" for 30 Years of Federal Service, and as a Kentucky Colonel. He did an enormous amount of volunteer work at his son's high school, his church, and in

caring for the elderly in the community.

Clay passed away in 2004; his wife, Mary, resides at her home in Lake of the Woods in Locust Grove, Virginia.

- George E. (Buddy) Russell (VA) – Buddy began his 39-year career with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University by serving on the Virginia State 4-H Staff and as Director – Resource Development and Home Economics Extension Program Leader for 12 years. He feels that the Fellowship experience was very broadening and helped him realize the need to further his education. He subsequently acquired a Ph.D. in Cooperative Extension Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1964) and did post-doctoral study at the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania and participated in the Institute in Alumni Administration and Long Range Planning conducted by the American Alumni Council.

From 1968-1995, he worked for the Virginia Tech Alumni Association as Director and then as Executive Vice President. Buddy was named Vice President of Alumni Relations at Virginia Tech in 1991. Buddy has served on the Boards of Directors of the Council of Alumni Executives and the Council for Advancement and Support of Higher Education. At Virginia Tech, he has been President of the University Club, the Retirees Association and a Board Member of the Peter Dye River Course. Buddy and his wife, Frances, have hosted several alumni trips to England, China, Australia and the Scandinavian countries.

A Rotarian since 1964, Buddy is a member and past-president of the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Club. He served as Governor of District 7570, as District Conference Secretary, and as the Governor's Repre-



1958-1959 National 4-H Fellows with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, center. Others standing left to right, E. Clay Joseph, Allene Willson, Lois Redman, Jo Ann Tilley, Loren Goyen and George Russell.

sentative to District Conferences. He has also chaired the District's youth exchange committee and the district conference. Rotary International has honored both Buddy and Frances with the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

In his community, Buddy served as a volunteer 4-H Leader and, in fact, organized a 4-H club. He has also served as a member of the boards of the Voluntary Action Center and the Central Fidelity Bank. He and Frances live in Blacksburg, Virginia.

### **1959-1960**

- Eleanor Inman Smith (GA) – Eleanor had been a Home Demonstration Agent in Clinch County, Georgia for one year and had completed one semester of graduate study at Kansas State University when informed that she had been selected as a National 4-H Fellow. After her year in Washington, she returned to Georgia as the Home Demonstration Agent in Tift County until 1962. Upon moving to Texas, Eleanor taught in the Houston, Texas School District as a Substitute Teacher (1964-1969), as Homemaking Teacher for the Fondren Junior High School (1969-1975), as a Science Teacher for Johnston Junior High School (1975-1981), and then completed her career at Bellaire High School as a Science Teacher (Honors) (1981-1998) and then Public Relations Director (1998-2002). During her career, she started a Science Fair and took many students to regional, state and international fairs. Eleanor was also sponsor of numerous school groups and activities (e.g., Pep Club, School Paper, the National Honor Society and the School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publicity Committee). She was selected Bellaire High School Teacher of the Year in 1991 and 1997, and Outstanding Teacher by the Science Engineering Fair of Houston in 1993, 1996 and 1997. The Houston Museum of Natural Science selected her as the Outstanding Science/Math Teacher for a 12-county area in 1997.

Eleanor's community service includes serving as chair, and member of numerous committees and boards for the Sunday school, Women's Society, Hospital Auxiliary, Wesley Academy Board and the Wesley Community Center associated with the First Methodist Church of Houston. She was an Out-of-State Vice President (3 years) and local President (2 years) for the University of Georgia Alumni Association and President of Phi Upsilon Omicron Home Economics Honorary Society (3 years). She received a commendation from the city of Houston for organizing Thanksgiving Dinners for Senior Citizens for the West University Community Center for 22 years. Eleanor cur-

rently serves as a Board Member of the International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association.

As an entrepreneur, Eleanor was a Bridal Consultant for 21 years, and is currently a Sales Associate for Christian Jewelry. She makes her home in Houston, Texas.

- Charlene Lind (UT) – Charlene was returning from a two-year mission assignment in Western Samoa with the Church of the Latter Day Saints where she had taught home economics at Pesaga High School when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. Prior to her Samoan assignment, she had been the County Home Demonstration Agent in Carbon County, Utah. After her Fellowship year, she moved to Oregon where she served four years as the County Extension Agent, 4-H, for Multnomah County (1960-1964). Charlene then entered higher education specializing in clothing and textiles. She joined the faculty of Brigham Young University in 1964 serving in a variety of academic roles: Instructor, Assistant, and Associate Professor. She assumed Acting Chair of the Department of Clothing and Textiles on four occasions, and was named Department Chair in 1973-1981 and again in 1994-1999. She retired in 1999. Charlene received her Ph.D. in Clothing and Textiles from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1974.

She has held the national offices of Secretary and Executive Board Member and was a Candidate for National President in the International Association of Textiles and Apparel (formerly the Association of College Professors of Textiles and Clothing) and chaired and/or served on numerous committees: Membership, Teaching Resources, National Proceedings, Curricular Development and Review, Core Competencies, National By-Laws, and National Meeting Program. She served as a juror for selecting commemorative lecturers, research presentations and innovative teaching presentations for national meetings. In the Western Division of the Association, she was President, Board Member, Counselor and Conference and Scholarship Committee Chairman. Charlene also held offices in the Utah Home Economics Association, the Oregon Home Demonstration Agents Association, the American Home Economics Association (AHEA), the Mary Meigs Atwater Weavers Guild of Utah and the Electrical Women's Round Table, Utah Chapter. She has exhibited in weaving competitions from 1983-2007, some juried, and authored (or co-authored) numerous publications and presentations.

She was chosen as the Virginia F. Cutler Faculty Lecturer for the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences in 1990, and was an AHEA

Fellowship recipient in 1971. Charlene resides in Provo, Utah.

- Rhoda M. Peck Shaw (NY) – Rhoda was Associate County 4-H Agent in Columbia County, New York when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. A special Fellowship memory for her was the opportunity to travel together with the other five Fellows to conferences, to USDA Graduate School courses and special events, to share experiences and to keep abreast of events that occurred throughout the year. Following the Fellowship year, she held state, district and county 4-H positions in four states. First, she joined the Washington State University Staff as an Extension 4-H Specialist for Western Washington in Puyallup (1960-1963). She relocated to Michigan where she served five years as the County 4-H Agent in Ingham County (1963-1968) and then six years with the New Hampshire Extension Service as a State Extension Specialist (1968-1974). In Massachusetts, she was both County 4-H Agent for Essex County and District Extension Educator, 4-H and Youth Development from 1975-1996. From 1966-2001, Rhoda specialized as an Extension Educator with the Extended Food and Nutrition Education Program and Consumer Studies in Jamaica Plain (Boston).

Following her Extension career, she moved to New Jersey to be an Au-pair to help her brother and sister-in-law who adopted two children from Russia. Rhoda received the Distinguished Service Award and a 25-Year Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. She married Howard Shaw in June 2008 and lives at 53 Kitchell Road, Denville, New Jersey 07834.

- John (Jack) H. Heller (KY) – Jack began his 35 years' work with Extension 4-H and Youth Development as County 4-H Agent in Hardin County, Kentucky. Following the Fellowship, he returned to Kentucky as County 4-H Agent in Jefferson County. From 1961-1963, he served as County 4-H Agent in St. Clair County, Michigan before joining the State 4-H Staff with the Kentucky Extension Service (1963-1969). He moved to the State 4-H Staff in Wisconsin in 1970 as a Youth Development Specialist and was also Director of Camp Upham Woods 4-H Environmental Education Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. After retirement in 1985, he served as a State 4-H Camping Specialist with the University of Florida Extension Service. He obtained a Director's Degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Indiana University in 1969. Jack was Lieutenant Governor of the Wisconsin Southern District of Kiwanis for two terms, President of the Kiwanis Club of Wisconsin Dells, and involved with many committees at his church. He passed away in 1988.

- Ralph E. Kirch (MI) – A seven-year 4-H member, Ralph began his Extension career as County 4-H Agent in Branch County, Michigan in 1950 and was in Kent County when he received the National 4-H Fellowship. Ralph appreciated that he could take graduate courses at area universities which allowed him to complete his master's degree at Michigan State University. After his year in Washington, Ralph returned to Michigan and was appointed Assistant State 4-H Club Leader (1960-1961). From 1961-1971, Ralph specialized in financial development and public relations as Director of Resources for the National 4-H Foundation and obtained over \$30 million to complete a debt-free expansion of the National 4-H Center. He was also chair five years of the National Report to the Nation which included an annual presentation to the President. Returning to Michigan, he continued working with financial development programs and also administered and operated a leadership conference center as Executive Director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation (1971-1978). Ralph then moved to the Michigan Department of Agriculture as Administrator of the Expositions and Racing Division overseeing a \$14 million annual budget generated from horse racing revenues under Michigan Public Act No. 327 (1979-1994). From 1994 until retirement in 1996, he was Executive Director of a Private Industry Council in Benton Harbor, Michigan for Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties.

Ralph has held most offices including President of both the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the Michigan 4-H Agents' Association. He has served as Chairman of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Financial Development Seminars and as Chairman of the Michigan 4-H State Policy Committee. Ralph is also a past-Chairman of the Michigan State University Spartan Chariot Committee.

Ralph is one of four former Fellows to be inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame (2006). He has also been honored with the Michigan State 4-H Alumni Award and with the Distinguished Service Award from both the Michigan State University Extension Service and the Michigan Horse Council. Ralph has volunteered with the Sports Booster Clubs of his local high school and Michigan State University and served on the administrative board and financial committee of his church. He and Betty make their home on Gull Lake in Richland, Michigan.

- Dwight E. Palmer (ND) – Dwight served as a County Extension Agent in two North Dakota counties before being appointed Associate State Program Leader, 4-H and Youth Development for North Dakota State

University Cooperative Extension Service in 1957. He returned to that position after receiving the National 4-H Fellowship (1959-1960). In 1971, Dwight moved to Washington State University and served as State Program Leader, 4-H and Youth Development until 1985. Lastly, he joined the National 4-H Council in Chevy Chase, Maryland in 1985 as Project Manager for Volunteers for the Future until his retirement in 1989. Dwight served as a Trustee on both the North Dakota and Washington State 4-H Foundations and as chair or member of the Extension Program/Curriculum Design Committee, of the Extension Program and Evaluation Teams, and of the Extension Faculty Planning Conference Committee at Washington State. He completed his Ph.D. in Sociology at Colorado State University in 1969.

Dwight received an Award for Superior Service from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (1980) "For initiating and piloting an American/Japanese friendship and cultural exchange program that had a significant social and cultural impact in the U.S. and Japan." He was inducted in both the North Dakota (1992) and Washington State 4-H and Youth Development Halls of Fame (2001).

In retirement, he is self-employed. Dwight and Twila reside in Spo-



1959-1960 National 4-H Fellows with Norman Mindrum seated right, National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. Other seated, left to right, Charlene Lind and Eleanor Inman. Standing, left to right, Ralph Kirch, Rhoda Peck, Dwight Palmer, and John Heller.

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### 1960-1961

- Virginia R. Griffin (OH) – Virginia was the County Extension Agent for Home Economics in Lawrence County, Ohio when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. She remained in Washington after her Fellowship year to complete her master's degree and to assist with the planning of the 1961-1962 Fellows' program. She then enrolled in graduate study in Adult Education at the University of Chicago, subsequently completing her Ph.D. Virginia accepted the position as State Chairman for Extension Education for Women's Programs at West Virginia University from 1965-1968. She then joined the faculty of the Ontario Institute for the Study of Education, University of Toronto, as a Professor of Adult Education. Her research interests were in the areas of holistic learning by adult learners and holistic education. Virginia's chapter, "Holistic Learning," may be found in *The Craft of Teaching Adults*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. by Thelma Barer-Stein and Michael Kompf, eds. (Toronto, Ontario: Irwin Publishing, Ltd., 2001).
- Wanda L. Gumprecht Redmond (CA) – Wanda worked for two years as Home and 4-H County Extension Agent in Ebert County, Colorado before joining the University of California Agricultural Extension Service for 10 years as Home and 4-H Advisor for Colusa County. As a National 4-H Fellow, she spent a year in Washington, D.C., and acquired a MS in Extension Education from the University of Maryland. She returned to her previous position in Colusa County from 1961-1963. Upon her marriage, Wanda returned to Routt County, Colorado where she and her husband, Jack, own and manage the Redmond Ranch. (Their ranch is now listed on the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties.) She has helped manage the cattle, sheep and hay production on the Ranch and achieved multi-state recognition for quality sheep. During summers, she rides her horses almost every day managing their cattle on their summer range. In addition, she renewed her certification as a Registered Dietician and was a consultant to five hospitals and nursing homes in Northwest Colorado during the 1970s and was a substitute teacher in the Yampa, Colorado elementary and secondary schools from 1970-1980.

Wanda has also been dedicated to her community. She has served 15 years as a judge and leader for Northwest Colorado's 4-H programs, and has been an active member of the Routt County Cattlewomen and Routt County Wool Growers. She sits on the Boards of Directors for the Routt County Community Agriculture Alliance, for Historic Routt

County!, for the Yampa Valley Electric Caring Consumers, for the Yampa Valley Community Foundation and for Barns, Etc. (an organization concerned with preserving historic barns). Wanda was the 2005 recipient of the Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation's Hazie Werner Award for Excellence for "her dedication to her dream and community loyalty . . . [and] her commitment to the community through her key leadership roles in organizations throughout Routt County." Wanda's considers her greatest honor, however, is having her three children active and successful in 4-H and all obtaining college degrees. She and Jack live near Yampa, Colorado.

- Barbara J. Smith Turner (NY) – Barbara came to the Fellowship program after serving as Assistant 4-H Agent in Steuben County, New York. A memorable Washington event for Barbara was President John F. Kennedy's inauguration when she and the other Fellows stood in the snow and listened. She returned to the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Service as Associate 4-H Agent in Monroe County (1961-1963). After marriage and raising her family, she taught Junior and Senior High School Home Economics for the Wyoming County (NY) Public Schools from 1980-1982. The next four years, Barbara was a Nutrition Educator for the Women, Infants and Children Program in Mt. Morris (NY).

Her volunteer activities extended across youth programs in various agencies – 4-H, public libraries, church, and the public schools – and with the New Hampshire Historical Society and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). Barbara led two community 4-H Clubs in Livingston County (NY) for 10 years, and assisted with youth programs and materials with libraries in New Hampshire and in Venice, Florida. She presided over the Band Boosters of the York (NY) Central School for two years, and was a youth group leader and taught Sunday School for the Leicester (NY) Presbyterian Church for ten years. Barbara was a volunteer educator for the Gilford (NH) Historical Society for five years, and Chapter Regent for the NSDAR Mary Butler Chapter (in NH) for six years. She received various NSDAR awards for committee work which included chairmanship of the New Hampshire State Committee on Volunteer Recognition (3 years) and responsibility for the local NSDAR Good Citizens [High School] Program for six years.

She and Allan maintain homes in Oneonta, New York and in Venice, Florida.

- John A. Burbank (NE) – John joined the Nebraska Extension Staff in 1957 as a County Extension Agent in Antelope County. After six

months active military duty in 1958, he began work as Extension Agent in Otoe County where he was selected as a National 4-H Fellow. Following the Fellowship year and completion of an MS degree in Extension Education at the University of Maryland, he returned to Nebraska as County Extension Agent Chairman for Holt County (1961-1970). After completing his Ph.D. in Adult Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, John moved to the State Extension Office as Associate State Leader, Programs and Reports and Program Reports Specialist from 1973-1984. He then relocated to Carrington, North Dakota where he served as a District Director for 13 counties with the North Dakota State University Extension Service for four years and then as a Distance Learning Coordinator and Director of a Rural Health Distance Education Project which involved the development of an interactive video network throughout the state. In 1992, John began work as Grants Management Specialist in the State office and later as Program Coordinator for the Center for Leadership and Community Development which administered program grants for Financially Stressed and Dislocated Farm and Rural Families, Indian Reservation Programs, Rural Education, and Business Retention and Expansion. Upon retirement from the Extension Service in 1995, he began work for the North Dakota University System where he was Director of the North Dakota Interactive Video Network which connected 13 classrooms on 11 campuses until his retirement in 2002.

John has served on Editorial Committee of the *Journal of Extension* and on numerous Extension and University committees. In Nebraska, he was the Extension representative on the Governor's Drought Task Force (1974), and Chairman of the Extension ad hoc Energy Committee (1973), the State Rural Development Sub-Committee on Energy Conservation in the Rural Home (1978), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) State Sub-Committee on Energy Conservation (1980-1981). He also coordinated and served as moderator for six "Easy on Energy" television programs on the Nebraska Educational Television Network (1978-1979). In North Dakota, John was a member of the USDA Rural Health Distance Education Project Board (1989-1993) and of the North Dakota Educational Telecommunications Needs and Technical Committee (1989-1993).

He was President of the O'Neill, Nebraska Lions club and a member of the Kiwanis Clubs in Carrington, North Dakota and Eau Claire, Wisconsin. His volunteer work includes serving as Chairman of the Cub Scout Pack Committee (Lincoln, NE), on the Nebraska Farm House Fraternity Board, and as a member of Chambers of Commerce, school parents' groups and churches in communities in which he has lived.

John and his wife, Nancee, presently live in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. They have two sons (Steve-Birmingham, AL and Kent-Tucson, AZ) and one daughter (Christy Brickner-Eau Claire WI), five grandsons and two granddaughters.

- James C. Kemp (CO) – Jim was the Assistant County Agent for 4-H in Larimer County, Colorado prior to his selection as a National 4-H Fellow. A memorable event of his year in Washington was the Fellows' conference with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Earl Warren. After the Fellowship, Jim worked for State Extension Services in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Minnesota. His 1961-1965 work as an Area 4-H Agent in Philadelphia was interrupted by his being called to active duty with the U.S. Army at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky (1962). Jim started 4-H block garden projects that had been dirty alleys only a few months before in Philadelphia's inner city that were visited by the 1963-1964 National 4-H Fellows. In 1965, Jim joined the Indiana Extension Service where he served one year as Assistant Extension Agent in Madison County and later as County 4-H Agent in Allen County (1966-1976). Moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota, he accepted the position of County Extension Director for Hennepin County and served from 1976-1987. From 1988-until his retirement in 1994, he was Assistant Director, and later the Interim Director, for the Minnesota 4-H Foundation.

Jim served as President of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) in 1970 and was also State President of the Minnesota Association of Extension Agents. He was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the NAE4-HA.

He served as Chair of the Wayzata (MN) School District Board of Education for two years and also as Chair of Wayzata Community Education Advisory Committee. Jim was Treasurer of the Friends of Loring Park in Minneapolis for several years, and currently is a Docent at the Mill City Museum of the Minnesota History Museum. For his Extension service and his numerous volunteer activities, Radio Station WCCO honored him with their "Good Neighbor Award." Jim resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota and has two daughters, Jana (Dan) and granddaughter Kandyce in Boise, ID and Mary (Mike) and granddaughter Lucy in Minneapolis.

- Donald R. Mitchell (ID) – Don worked with the International Voluntary Service, Inc. in Iraq before his appointment as Assistant State 4-H Club Leader at the University of Idaho and his selection as a National 4-H Fellow. Following the Fellowship year, he joined the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as an agricultural officer

in advisory positions with the governments of Thailand, Laos, Turkey and the Philippines and provided support for agricultural programs in Asia. Prior to his retirement from USAID in 1980, he counseled agricultural officers in the Agency regarding career guidance, placement and development of personnel policies.

During the latter part of his USAID career, he co-owned and managed a 333 acre mixed farming operation producing beef cattle, field crops and commercial vegetables in Remington, Virginia until 1989. Don then moved to Brookings, Oregon and established Flora Pacifica, an 11 acre cut flower farm growing and marketing a variety of fresh and dried cut flowers. He served as President and primary owner of the corporation from 1991-2003 and is currently President of the Board



1960-1961 National 4-H Fellows – Standing, left to right, John Burbank, James Kemp, Donald Mitchell. Seated, left to right, Barbara Smith, Virginia Griffin, Wanda Gumprecht.

of Directors. Their 2007 Christmas wreaths were featured on Martha Stewart, in the *Washington Post* and in the catalogs of *Organic Bouquet* and *Smith and Hawkins*. The Mitchell's have their own web site at <http://www.florapacifica.com/>.

Don served as National Secretary of the Association of Cut Flower Growers, a member of the U.S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management Southwestern Oregon Province Advisory Council, a Board Director of the Brookings/Harbor (OR) Chamber of Commerce and is an active board member of the Coos, Curry and Douglas [Counties] Business Development Corporation. Other community development activities include: Chairman of the Curry County Economic Improvement Board, President of the Curry County Canopy Project [a proposed ecotourism attraction], Board of Directors of the Del-Cur Supply Cooperative, and member of the Chetco [River] Watershed Council and the Chetco Vision Action Team.

Don received an Outstanding Service Award from the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers, and he and his wife, Cherie, were honored as the Fauquier (VA) Outstanding Conservation Family of the Year (1987). Don and Cherie live in Brookings, Oregon.

## 1961-1962

- Betty V. Bernard Giesen (MI) – Betty began her Extension career as a County Home Agent in Taylor County, Wisconsin but moved to Monroe County, Michigan where she was employed when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. This was the only year that seven Fellowships were awarded, and Betty recalls the togetherness of the group and the many activities and opportunities they shared as a highlight. She elected to move to Washington County, Maryland as County Home Agent for three years after the fellowship. Betty then moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and taught home economics for the Milwaukee Public Schools from 1965-1973 and obtained certification as a secondary education and special education teacher. During 1977-1983, Betty was a K-12 Substitute Teacher for the Dickinson/Iron County Community School District in Kingsford, Michigan. Because a hearing disability prevented her continuing as a teacher, she attended Job Training Partnership Act educational programs in clerical, computer and office training from the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and the Curative Rehabilitation Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin to become a professional secretary. Betty subsequently held secretarial positions with the Brown County (WI) Health Department “Healthy Heart, Cancer Program” and the Career Resource Center Temporary

Agency.

The *Green Bay (WI) Press Gazette* published newspaper articles about Betty and her support of cancer education programs for women, how she handled secretarial work as an older worker, and one entitled “Taking Advantage of Community Programs Helps Betty Giesen Make the Most of Senior Years.” Betty now makes her home in Norway, Michigan.

- Jane Kamisato Larson (HI) – Jane was an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent for South Oahu County, Hawaii prior to being selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. Following her year in Washington, Jane was an Assistant and Associate Home Economist for the Islands of Hawaii, Lanai and Oahu from 1961-1965. She then worked one year as Director of the YWCA Beach Club for the Oahu YWCA in Waikiki before deciding to obtain a professional teaching certificate in English, Social Studies and Home Economics and enter the teaching profession. Jane taught home economics and English for 17 years at the Kailua Intermediate School (Kailua) and at the Dole Intermediate School (Honolulu) and then taught reading at the Kalakaua Middle School in Honolulu in 1989. Since 1991, she continues as a Substitute Teacher for the Honolulu Public Schools.

Jane has volunteered extensively for United Methodist Women (UMW) and the United Methodist Church. She is beginning her third year as President of the Hawaii District (including Guam and Saipan) of United Methodist Women where she leads a team of 23 women coordinating district wide events and events for the California-Pacific UMW Conference as one of eight district Presidents. Together with almost one million United Methodist Women in the United States, they help fund more than 350 mission projects for women, children, and youth in need, not only nationally, but globally. There are 102 missions they support in the U.S. alone. Jane also serves on the Board of Directors for the Susannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu.

She has previously served as Vice-President, and on the Membership, Nurture and Outreach Committees of the UMW Hawaii District. In her local unit, Jane has been President, Vice-President, Coordinator of Mission Education and Interpretation, and Chair of various committees. She has also served as Chair and Secretary of the Administrative Council and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee for the Keolumana (Dwelling Place of the Spirit) United Methodist Church. Jane lives in Kailua, Hawaii.

- Margie Sellers Rice (TX) – Margie was the County Home Demonstration Agent for Fannin County, Texas prior to receiving the Na-

tional 4-H Fellowship. It was through Margie's "connections" that the 1961-1962 Fellows were granted a meeting with then Vice-President Johnson at the Capitol. Margie remained in Washington briefly after the Fellowship and worked as an Extension Educationist, Division of Extension Research and Training, Federal Extension Service. She returned to Texas as Assistant State 4-H Club Leader (1963-1967) and after four years a bout with rheumatoid arthritis made traveling difficult. She moved to the Home Economics staff at the University of Houston, and two years later married Sam Rice, a Presbyterian minister. His work took them to several communities, and Margie served as a Homemaking Teacher in Avery, Texas (1969-1972), as a Food Columnist with *The Paris (TX) News* (1979-1988), as an Adult Education teacher of cooking classes at the Paris Junior College (1983-1985) in Paris, Texas, and one year as a Food Caterer in Itasca, Texas.

In retirement, the Rices settled in Red River County in Northeast Texas and Margie obtained certification as a Texas Master Naturalist. She is President of the Red River Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program (sponsored by the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department). Her chapter works with the Texas Nature Conservancy in maintaining and enhancing a nearby nature trail and with the Paris, Texas Trail de Paris (hike, bike and nature trail). Margie was active in the Garden Clubs of Texas during a twenty-year period during which she was president of the Clarksville (TX) Good Earth Garden Club and oversaw landscaping projects in the city. She was a nationally-accredited flower show judge and judged flower shows in Dallas, Fort Worth and north Texas communities. Margie has served on the Presbyterian Women's Coordination Board and committees of the Grace Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of the USA. Locally, she has been a 4-H Clothing Project Leader, is an elder in her church and supportive minister's wife, and Past-President and was chairman of "a bunch of committees" for the Dimple Community Club.

Margie was honored with the first Community Service Award by the Clarksville (TX) Chamber of Commerce in 1976, and was the recipient of the Conservation Homemaker of 1985 by the Red River County Soil and Water District. One of her "Cook's Corner" articles in *The Paris News* was picked up by the Associated Press and appeared in newspapers across the country. She and Sam make their home in the country north of Clarksville, Texas.

- Donald L. Esslinger (KS) – Don was the County 4-H Agent for Rice County, Kansas when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. On

returning to Kansas, he was Editor of the *Kansas 4-H Journal* with the Kansas 4-H Foundation for four years. He then joined the Kansas State staff as an Assistant Extension Editor from 1966-1969. Don moved to the University of Missouri and held the positions of Assistant Agricultural Editor, Interim Director of Extension and Agricultural Information and Professor of Extension Education (Agricultural Journalism) during 1969-1990. He also served as Coordinator of Publications for the College of Agriculture and Extension Division.

Beginning in May 1990, Don worked four years on United States Agency for International Development (USAID) projects on contract with the Consortium of International Development, Tucson, Arizona. His work involved serving as a Technology Transfer Advisor for the National Agricultural Research Project, Ministry of Agriculture, Arab Republic of Egypt in Cairo, Egypt assisting with decentralizing extension services, strengthening research-extension linkages, enhancing media products, and building liaison with other development projects. He also advised the committee planning the Egyptian television series, "Land Secrets," a national program in support of agricultural development. While in Missouri and during his (USAID) assignment, Don provided communications training and consultation to the countries of Albania, Swaziland, Botswana, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras and the Philippines. He retired in 1994.

Don has served as Chair of the Communications Committee of the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development. He has also chaired the International Affairs and Publications Special Interest Groups for Agricultural Communicators in Education and served as a consultant with the Mid-America International Agricultural Consortium (1984-1985). In 1987, he was a Founding Member of the University of Florida Task Force on Communication in Farming System Research and Extension. Don has been recognized by the Agricultural Communicators in Education with Professional Communicators Awards of Excellence in Publications (1983) and Excellence in International Affairs (1989).

His community service includes serving as Superintendent of the Boone County (MO) Fair, as Faculty Advisor for Farm House Fraternity at Kansas State University, as Co-President of the Missouri State Club, Sun City, West (AZ), and as Secretary of Sun City PRIDES (Proud Residents Independently Donating Essential Services). Don and Carla now live in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

- Donald E. Osburn (MD) – Don was Assistant County Agent in Anne Arundel County, Maryland when awarded the National 4-H Fel-

lowship. He recalls meeting Vice-President Johnson and observing the John Glenn parade on Glenn's return from "around the world" as memorable events during his Fellowship year. Don was selected as Maryland Assistant State 4-H Leader for two years following his Fellowship year and then was appointed Regional Extension Director (1964-1967). He joined the National 4-H Service Committee in Chicago as Director of Program Services in 1967. During the process of merging the National Committee and the National 4-H Foundation, Don returned to Maryland in 1976 as the County Agricultural Agent for Talbot County and then served as a Regional Director for the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service from 1988 until his retirement in 1994.

Don served four years as a Director of the Maryland 4-H Club Foundation. He received the Epsilon Sigma Phi Distinguished Service Award from the Northeast Region and the Maryland Chapter. He was the first recipient of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service Director's Award and was a 1994 recipient of the University of Maryland Emeritus Faculty Award.

Rotary International was a major beneficiary of his community service. Don served as Club President, as District Governor, as a Director of Rotary International and as an Aide to the President of Rotary International. Don helped raise more than \$15 million for the Rotary International Polio campaign, and he and his wife, Barbara, volunteered with a Polio Immunization program for Rotary International in Nigeria and India. Don was honored with the Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and their "Service Above Self" Award.

Other community services include serving as Treasurer and with fund development for the United Fund of Easton (MD), as Vice-President of the Talbot County Historical Society, and as Elder, Deacon, and Trustee and as a member of various committees for the Presbyterian Church of Easton. He and Barbara recently worked with the Presbyterian Habitat Housing Project in New Orleans. Don and Barbara make their home in Easton, Maryland.

- John H. Stanley (IL) – John was serving as the County 4-H Agent in Warren County, IL prior to the Fellowship. On his return, he was appointed County 4-H Agent and Assistant Farm Advisor for Whiteside County (1962-1964). He then moved to Monroe County, MI where he was County 4-H Agent for three years. John decided to change his career and completed a Master of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky in 1969. He served churches in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church

in Dennison, Armstrong and Marshall, IL (1969-1972) and then as Minister of the Fairview Center, United Methodist Church in Monmouth, IL (1972-1976). During the next 24 years until his retirement in 2000, John was Associate Minister for the Peoria, IL United Methodist Church with time out to complete a Doctor of Ministry at the Garrett Evangelical Seminary in Chicago. John helped the Peoria (IL) Inner-City 4-H Advisory Council to launch a program in the 1980s that continues to reach 5,000 youth each year. He was also a board member of the George Washington Carver Center, an agency helping inner-city youth, and of the Peoria Red Cross Advisory Board. John served as a member of the Illinois Great Rivers District Committee United Methodist Board on Ordained Ministry, a member of the Peoria (IL) Pastoral Counseling Advisory Board, and helped train over 300 people to provide one-on-one Christian care to members of the congregation and the community through the Stephen Ministries program. John received the Peoria (IL) Salvation Army's "The Spirit of the Army Award" in 1997. He passed away in 2004.

- Derald Suffridge (OK) – Derald was the 4-H Agent in Stephens County, Oklahoma when he applied for the Fellowship. The discussions that the Fellows had as they car pooled to and from their appointments with government officials stand out as one of the most memorable events of his Fellowship experience. On his return to Oklahoma, Derald was appointed County 4-H Agent in Blaine County and re-



1961-1962 National 4-H Fellows – Back row, left to right, Donald Osburn, Derald Suffridge, Donald Esslinger and John Stanley. Front row, left to right, Jane Kamisato, Betty Bernard and Margie Sellers.

mained until 1969 when he moved to Tulsa County, also as County 4-H Agent. Tulsa County is an urban community, and in 1972, Derald's responsibilities expanded to include Urban 4-H Agent as well as County 4-H Coordinator. During the Fellowship, Derald gained an awareness of program potentials (e.g., adult leadership development, teen-age programming and youth recognition models) which needed attention, and which he endeavored to nurture, when named District 4-H Agent for 19 counties in Southeast Oklahoma in 1975. He retired from that position in 1990. Derald was selected as the State nominee for national Distinguished Service recognition in 1974.

Derald is a Past-President of the Lions Club and committee chairman for their Eye Bank program. He has assisted with Senior Citizen Center nutrition programs and with processing and delivery of clothing, furniture and community medical services for his church's service center. Derald and his wife, Linda, live in Duncan, Oklahoma. Another memorable event for them was the birth of their first child, Riley, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

### **1962-1963**

- Marcele Barelman Skelton (NE) – Marcele was a County Extension Agent in Gage County, Nebraska prior to being awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. Among other memorable events, she recalls meeting Vice-President Lyndon Johnson while attending a Congressional Breakfast during her Fellowship year. After receiving her Master's in Education from the University of Maryland, Marcele returned to Nebraska and served as Associate State Leader, 4-H/Young Adults from 1963-1968.

After her marriage, she lived in several Western states and worked with learners of all ages in a variety of settings while obtaining advanced certification in both Developmental Education and Family and Consumer Science and an Education Specialist Degree from New Mexico State University. Marcele taught eight years in the public schools as a Substitute Teacher (all grades and all areas) in Torrington and Laramie, Wyoming and in Las Cruces, New Mexico. In Colorado, Marcele was Coordinator of Family Living Programs for the Colorado Cooperative Extension Service (1972-1975). She later instructed adult learners in the Adult Basic Education/GED/English as a Second Language program at the Adult Learning Center, Laramie County (WY) Community College (1982-1985). On moving to Alaska, Marcele was first a Learning Resource Center Instructional Technician for the Tanana Valley Community College (1985-1988) and later was an Instructor for Learning and Devel-

opmental Education when the campus became affiliated with the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. She retired in 1997.

Marcele has been active in the National Association of Developmental Education and in both the State and National Associations of Family and Consumer Science. She has volunteered as a Library Page for the Mill Creek (WA) Public Library, served as Corresponding Secretary for the P.E.O. women's society, Treasurer of the Fairbanks (AK) Figure Skating Club, and Secretary of the Washington Cornhuskers (University of Nebraska Alumni Club). She now makes her home in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

- Charline Hamilton Powell (TN) – Charline was serving as the Assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Lawrence County, Tennessee when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. She married upon completion of the Fellowship and became a full-time homemaker, mother and community volunteer while supporting her husband, Ben, as a 4-H Agent and later as Tennessee State 4-H Leader.

Charline volunteered with two 4-H clubs and the County Recreation Project while the family lived in Rutherford County (1963-1969). Upon moving to Knox County, she served as a volunteer 4-H leader for several clubs, the livestock and recreation project groups, and the Cedar Bluff 4-H Strings ensemble during 1970-1987. She was recognized as the Outstanding Volunteer Leader in East Tennessee by the Tennessee Valley Fair. She felt that seeing former 4-H members with whom she had worked succeed in life and her three children being named national 4-H winners were her most important recognition. Charline was also State Director of the Tennessee Make It Yourself with Wool program for several years. Her other community service includes volunteering with the Knoxville (TN) Nativity Pageant, the Cedar Bluff School Library and the Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. Charline passed away in 1987 after a six-month bout with leukemia. Her husband, Ben, credits Charline with being the “guiding force in preparing their three children for service: Daughter Amy has been a 4-H Agent for 12 years, son Mark is Manager of the Wilson County Farmers Cooperative and also raises sheep on the family farm, and son Thomas is Executive Director of the American Meat Science Association (formerly the National Livestock and Meat Board).”

- Lois McClure Kemp (KY) – Lois was serving as the Home Demonstration Agent in Hopkins County, Kentucky when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. Lois found that going to different branches of government and meeting important people made the Fellowship year very memorable. After the Fellowship, she joined the New Jersey Exten-

sion Service as County 4-H Agent for Camden County (1963-1965). When the family lived in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, she served as Coordinator for Continuing Education for Women for the Regional Campus of Purdue University. From 1972-1978, she did free-lance work in consumer education for various companies in Northern Indiana and Minnesota before working as an Account Manager for Carlson Companies in Minneapolis. For almost 25 years, Lois was a Home Economist/Culinary Specialist for the Byerly's and Lunds Grocery Stores in Edina and Golden Valley, Minnesota. She retired in 2006.

As a 4-H Club Leader in Indiana and Minnesota, Lois assisted with foods teaching and judging. She served in a number of offices and chaired events for the (MN) Twin Cities Home Economists in Business and for both the Minnesota and Indiana Home Economics Associations. Lois helped evaluate the home economics courses and helped with school referendums for the Wayzata (MN) Public School District. She was named to the Outstanding Educators in America in 1972. Lois resides in Plymouth, Minnesota and has two daughters, Jana (Dan) and granddaughter Kandyce in Boise, ID and Mary (Mike) and granddaughter Lucy in Minneapolis.

- James (Jim) B. Arnold (MD) – Jim began his Extension career in 1954 and worked six months in Baltimore County before serving in the U.S. Army (1954-1956). He was appointed County 4-H Agent for Allegany County, Maryland where he was serving when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. Following his Fellowship year, he was employed by the U.S. Census Bureau before serving as a Research Assistant in Agricultural Economics while he completed his master's degree at the University of Maryland in 1966. Jim then served on the Maryland 4-H Staff as State 4-H Specialist until his retirement in 1990. Jim received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. In retirement, he worked for the Charles County (MD) Fair Office. He lives in La Plata, Maryland.
- Bob D. Davis (OH) – Bob was the County Extension Agent, 4-H in Washington County, Ohio when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. He remained in Washington, D.C. an additional semester after the Fellowship helping coordinate the program for the 1963-1964 Fellows and completing course work for his master's degree. In 1964, he returned to Ohio as County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Chair of the Vinton County Extension program until 1970. He was then appointed County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Community and Natural Resource Development and Chair of the Hamilton County Extension program in Cincinnati until his retirement in 1988. Bob

served as President of a multi-county 4-H Camp Association during the purchase of a 250 acre camp development property and was instrumental in establishing a permanent site for Vinton County's junior fairgrounds. He was also a member of the "Extension Family" committee that raised funds for the new Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center.

Bob served as President of the Ohio Cooperative Extension Agents' Association in 1975 and was elected President of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1987. He received the National County Agricultural Agents Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1977 and was a national winner in their Public Relations in Daily Efforts program. The Ohio State University College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences awarded Bob the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1988. In retirement, Bob served as a Member of the Vinton County Extension Advisory Committee and worked on a Levy Committee to gain support for continuation of Extension programs in the county.

Bob served on numerous boards and committees of economic development and community improvement organizations. He has volunteered as a board member of the Vinton County Chamber of Commerce, served as a Supervisor for both Hamilton and Vinton County's Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and was the Founding President and Trustee of the Vinton County Convention and Visitors' Bureau. Other community service includes serving as President of the Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library in McArthur (OH) and Vice-President of the Ohio Valley Area Libraries serving four counties. Bob chaired his Church Board of Trustees during a complete remodeling of their sanctuary. He was appointed to a joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce and County Commissioners to develop plans to bring affordable business class broadband service to Vinton County residents.

Bob and Janet retired to Vinton County and built and operated Country Pleasures Bed and Breakfast from 1998–2005 near Creola, and he served as a Director of the Ohio Bed and Breakfast Association. Bob and Janet make their home near Creola in rural Vinton County.

- Edward H. Merritt (NH) – Ed was County 4-H Club Agent for Cheshire County, New Hampshire when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. He recalls the spirit of volunteerism was high when he and the other Fellows were in Washington during the days of the Kennedy Administration. After the Fellowship, Ed joined the Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service in 1963 as an Extension Educator for Hartford County; he was named County Extension Administrator for

the County in 1977. From 1987-1990, Ed worked as a District Administrator for the three northern counties of Hartford, Tolland and Litchfield. He then joined the State Staff as an Extension Program Specialist until his retirement in 1992.

Ed was honored to serve a three-year term as the first County Extension Agent on the 4-H Subcommittee of the [national) Extension Committee on Organization and Policy. Ed received the Superior Service Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1978 and the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

He served as a member of the Steering Committee for Connecticut Agriculture in the Classroom for 12 years and was Chairman for nine. Ed values his interactions with community youth leaders in Greater Hartford through his Kiwanis Club membership. An active member, he was Lieutenant Governor of the New England District of Kiwanis and President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Director of the Kiwanis Club of Hartford. Ed has also served as Deacon for five years and on numerous committees for the Manchester (CT) Center Congregational Church. The most memorable event of the Fellowship year for the Merritts was the birth of their first child. Since retirement, Ed has enjoyed his Antiques and Collectables business, with



1962-1963 National 4-H Fellows with E. T. York, Federal Extension Service Administrator, right. Standing, left to right, Edward Merritt, Bob Davis, James Arnold, Marcelle Barelman, Lois McClure and Charline Hamilton.

sales in a group Antique Center and at a weekend two-day Indoor Flea Market. He and Jessie now reside in South Windsor, Connecticut.

**1963-1964**

- Rubinette R. Miller Niemann (VA) – Rubinette came to the Fellowship program from the Virginia Extension Service where she was an Assistant Home Furnishings Specialist. She and George Rendell were featured on “Across the Fence,” a weekly U.S. Department of Agriculture program on WRD-TV, an NBC affiliate. Their program entitled “Windows to a Wider World” reported the objectives and activities of their Fellowship experience. After the year in Washington, Rubinette returned to Virginia and served as Assistant State 4-H Agent (1964-1966).

Although the years 1967-1979 were concentrated on family with two small children, Rubinette was a tour guide for the Corning (NY) Glass Museum and taught Sunday School classes at her church. The family moved to North Carolina 1979-1985 and Rubinette co-directed the collection of thousands of donated books by high school students and their distribution to elementary classes through the *Share a Book* program. This was a parallel to the *Reading is Fundamental* program but with donated books.

Relocating to Abington, Virginia (1985 to the present), Rubinette was an unpaid County Director of the Clean Virginia Program for two and one-half years. Over 2000 volunteers were involved, and Washington County received top recognition for its program. Rubinette also received the Governor’s Award for Volunteering Excellence in 1991 for “addressing the needs and concerns of your community” from Virginia Governor Lawrence Douglas Wilder. Other community service included chairing the 1987 Walk America for March of Dimes, the Black’s Fort Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest (5 years), and the Washington County Flag Design Program (1998). Rubinette has served on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) Alumni Board of Directors for three terms, on the College of Education and Human Resources Board, and on the Committee for building a new Alumni Center at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia.

In the 1990s, she led the Gifted and Talented Education Local History Program that provided classes, research projects and field trips for middle school students. In 1993-1994, Rubinette and her husband co-chaired the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Virginia Highlands Festival which brought over 200,000 peo-

ple to Abingdon for a two-week festival. Currently, she and her husband serve in numerous roles to preserve and promote the Washington County Historical Society Library which includes over 700 members in 42 states. Rubinette and Jack Niemann make their home in Abingdon, Virginia.

- Margaret A. Stahly Hansen (NE) – Margaret was an Extension Educator in Cuming County, Nebraska when she received the National 4-H Fellowship. The memorable event that occurred during her Fellowship year was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. She can tell you exactly where she was and what she was doing on that day. Margaret spent one year as Dean of Women and Instructor at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana before returning to the University of Nebraska Extension Service. She served as an Extension Educator at the Northeast Station at Concord, Nebraska from 1965-1968 and then joined the State 4-H staff for one year as Associate State 4-H Leader. After marriage and being a stay-at-home wife and mother, she joined Wayne State College as an Instructor from 1976-2000.

Margaret's volunteer work has been basically with her church. She has served as a Sunday School Teacher, Confirmation Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, sang in the Choir, played organ and piano for worship services, and served on the Worship, Music and Stewardship Committees. Her biggest involvement has been with the financial area by serving as Church Treasurer for 25 years. In retirement, she's filling the position of Business Manager as a full-time volunteer.

Margaret was recognized in the first edition of *Outstanding Young Women in 1965* and listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* in 1994. She resides in Wayne, Nebraska.

- Henrietta Van Maanen (IA) – Henrietta was awarded the National 4-H Fellowship while serving as an Extension Home Economist in Hardin County, Iowa. A special memory for her was being in the Gallery of Congress as they passed the Civil Rights Legislation. Following the Fellowship, Henrietta served as the Extension Home Economist in Linn County, Iowa (1964-1969). The State of Washington beckoned and she accepted the position of District Program Leader with headquarters in Prosser, Washington until 1974. Henrietta returned to Iowa and served 12 years as an Area Extension Director with offices in Ft. Dodge. She then joined the Nevada Extension Service as an Area Extension Director in Reno in 1986 until her retirement in 1991.

Henrietta then chose to volunteer with Volunteers in Mission, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (1991-2007). She alternated between two locations in her four tours of "duty": Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska and Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Caro-

lina. She found this to be a “wonderful way to enjoy retirement.” Henrietta now makes her home in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

- Richard (Dick) E. Bitterman (NY) – Dick began his Extension career in 1957 as an Assistant County 4-H Agent for Erie County, New York. With strong encouragement from his co-worker and mentor, Margaret Latimer Edwards (1932-1933 Fellow), he applied for and was awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. He recalls that his group took a meaningful field trip to explore Extension programs in New Jersey and a pilot urban, low-income 4-H program in Philadelphia where the emphasis was gardening. At the conclusion of the Fellowship, he returned to his previous position Erie County – a county with a population of 1.1 million people, the second largest rural population in the state, and a \$50 million agricultural industry. When he left as 4-H Division Leader in 1976 after 12 additional years, the 4-H program staff consisted of 7 professionals, 3 paraprofessionals and 4.5 secretaries. In addition, more than 1,200 volunteer leaders were working with nearly 5,000 youth in 206 local 4-H Clubs and another 1,000 adults were teaching 11,600 youth in numerous special interest programs.

In 1976, Dick accepted the position of Agent-at Large for a large Extension program in Clark County, Nevada (Las Vegas) where two-thirds of the state’s population reside. A focus on program development and evaluation, staff training and community relations fueled increased funding and community support which led to additional staffing and programming. A reorganization of the Extension Service based on an Area concept of program delivery created four areas and Dick was appointed the Southern Area Chair for five years (1982-1987). From 1987 until his retirement in 1989, he served as Assistant Extension Director – Field Operations. A major responsibility was chairing a committee that recommended that the Nevada Cooperative Extension be reorganized as a separate, distinct college of the University of Nevada-Reno in order to better utilize the resources of the entire University as a resource base for Extension. This recommendation was subsequently implemented.

In New York, his community service included serving six years as a Director and Officer of the Erie County Fair and Exposition that has an annual attendance of one-half million per year and as Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and Training Officer of his U.S. Army Reserve Unit. In Nevada, Dick was a member of the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board for seven years and helped guide the Las Vegas community on water policy issues for AquaVision of Las Vegas. He has received many honors and recognition in his Coopera-

tive Extension career, but considers his greatest reward “that of being happy, challenged, and enjoying subtle forms of respect and appreciation from clientele.” He and his wife, Jodi, reside in Las Vegas.

- John A. Kiesow (OR) – John was County 4-H Agent in Lake County, Oregon when he was awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. Following his year in Washington, he returned to Oregon as County 4-H Agent in Jackson County for four years. He was then appointed State 4-H Extension Specialist in 1969 and Assistant State 4-H Leader (1972-1973). John was named Extension Area Supervisor in 1973 and Assistant to the Director of Extension for Program Development in 1978. He completed his Ph.D. in Adult and Community College Education at North Carolina State University in 1972. In the late 1970s, he was diagnosed with bone cancer, and took early retirement in August 1980.

Richard Bitterman, a 1963-1964 Fellow, said this about John, “From my viewpoint, the hallmark of John Kiesow was his dedication to excellence, both as a professional and an individual. He set his goals/objectives at the highest rung and made an ongoing commitment to utilize every skill and ounce of energy he possessed to reach them. He had an outgoing, friendly personality and was well liked wherever he went. Beside family, his great love was horses and the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed spending leisure hours in his beloved Oregon wilderness.”

- George D. Rendell (CA) – George was the 4-H Farm Advisor for the California Agricultural Extension Service in San Bernardino County when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. Memorable events for George during the Fellowship year were standing all night to pass by President Kennedy’s casket in the National Rotunda and being present in the Senate Gallery when 99 Senators voted to pass the atomic test ban treaty. He returned to San Bernardino County and served as County Director from 1966-1984. George was then appointed Assistant State Director of Cooperative Agricultural Extension for Southern California counties and program director for public service, urban and community gardens and small farms for five years. He also served as Extension’s Liaison with the University of California-Riverside campus.

George was named Director of Los Angeles County Cooperative Extension and Director of a Statewide Urban Garden Special Project in 1989. As County Director, he was instrumental in retaining and increasing county budget support and provided leadership for the 4-H After School Activity Program at 23 low-income housing developments. This program received a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Honor Award in 1997 and now serves as a national model.

His pioneering work in diversity and affirmative action programs was recognized in 1992 by the USDA Extension Service with a National Diversity Award. George obtained Professional Certification as a Personal Financial Planner from the University of California, Los Angeles. He received an Award of Distinction from the University of California, Davis in 2001 and was twice recognized as the outstanding County Extension Administrator by University of California peers. He retired in 1997.

His community service includes serving as President of the San Bernardino (CA) 180-member Kiwanis Club (1972-1973). In Long Beach, George was a member of the Downtown Development Task Force, a Founding Member of the Long Beach Air Coalition to clean up petroleum coke dust, and a member of the Consultative Committee to monitor compliance by the Port of Long Beach with South Coast Air Quality regulations. George and Sandra reside in Long Beach, California at HarborPlace Tower where George has served as Chief



1963-1964 National 4-H Fellows with Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, center. Other standing, left to right – John Kiesow, Richard Bitterman, Henrietta Van Maanen, Rubinette Miller, Margaret Stahly and George Rendell.

Financial Officer and a Director of the Homeowners Association.

### 1964-1965

- Rose House Frutchey (ME) – Rose had worked with International Voluntary Services (IVS) in Laos prior to serving as a Roving 4-H Club Agent in Maine when she was awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. She remembers a very cold Washington day when she and other

Fellows were on the scene by 4 a.m. to witness President Johnson's inauguration. Rose says that one can *feel* U.S. history just by being in Washington, the feeling is so pervasive. She married an IVS co-worker during the Fellowship year and then joined her husband on an assignment to Thailand. Rose volunteered with the Thai Border Patrol Police and the Community Development Counseling Service (for whom her husband worked) and managed the Hill Tribe Handcraft Project in Chiang Mai for two years. During 1967, she worked with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on a socioeconomic study of several irrigation projects in Thailand.

A two-year assignment in Laos followed for her husband during which time Rose took care of their two children born in Thailand as well as a son born in Laos.

The Frutchey family returned to the United States in December of 1970. After several part time jobs, they purchased a ranch on the Coeur d'Alene River which they continue to operate. During this time, Rose worked 11 ½ years as an electrician for Kaiser Aluminum Corporation followed by 9 years as owner-operator of an income tax preparation company. Both Rose and Frank are now retired from outside work.

Rose has served 8 years on the Kootenai/Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and many years on the Citizens Coordinating Council for the Coeur d'Alene Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission.

In 1997, Rose and her husband received an achievement award for Outstanding Reclamation Contractor for Reclamation of Mine Tailings. This award was presented jointly by the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Department of Interior, the Idaho Department of Lands, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Rose and her husband live near Cataldo, Idaho.

- Mariellen Jones Appleby (KS) – Mariellen was Assistant to the State Leader, Home Economics, for the Kansas Extension Service when she received the National 4-H Fellowship. She remembers the Fellows getting up very early, Inauguration Day 1965, and they were among the first to arrive at the east side of the Capitol to watch the proceedings. She returned to Kansas as a District Home Economist with headquarters in Manhattan. In 1968, she was designated Southeast Area Extension Home Economist with headquarters in Chanute and served for 25 years prior to her retirement in 1989. She was an early pioneer in working from her home in Garnett, and later from Sedan, when not commuting to Chanute or traveling to the 21 counties in the Area or

to Manhattan.

Mariellen was a local coordinator for the KNOW AMERICA Program for 12 years. The program provided for adults to travel to Washington, D.C. and stay at the National 4-H Center to observe and participate in national government. During the Bicentennial year, she organized 16 bus loads of adults from Southeast Kansas to participate in the program.

Mariellen has served as State President of several organizations, namely the Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Kansas State University (KSU) College of Human Ecology Alumni Association, the Kansas Council of Women and Kansas Cattlewomen. She was a Board Member of the KSU Alumni Association for three years. She and her husband, Tom, have always maintained an interest in citizenship education, and she was a candidate for state representative in 1990 and 1992. They are also sponsors of the Reading Award for the Kansas 4-H and Youth Program. She and Tom operate a ranch near Sedan, Kansas.

- Constance Meyer Lydon (OR) – Connie was a County Extension Agent in Linn County, Oregon when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. An obituary in *The Olympian* (Olympia, WA) reported “Connie will be remembered for her love of 4-H, for her dedication to volunteering for everything and anything in her ability, [and] for being an amazing seamstress. . . . She received her Master of Education from the University of Maryland. She worked for Washington State University as a County Agent for 4-H.” Washington State University Extension records reveal that Connie worked in Pierce County from December 1968 until September 1970 and again for six months in 1984 and in Thurston County from January 1990 through January 1997. She was married to Gerald (Jerry) Lydon and had one daughter and one son. She lived in Olympia, Washington and passed away June 26, 2006.
- John D. Cutlip (WV) – John was the Extension 4-H Agent for Fayette County, West Virginia when he received the National 4-H Fellowship. A memorable event for John during the year was having close contact with foreign nationals for the first time and being assigned to help host international guests at the National 4-H Club Conference in Chicago. Another memorable event was attending a National Foreign Affairs briefing at the State Department and getting to personally meet the United States Vice President, Secretary of State, and the Ambassador to the United Nations. Following the Fellowship year, John returned to his position in Fayette County and later transferred to Monongalia County. In 1966, he accepted the position of County Extension-4-H in Shenandoah County, Virginia

and, in 1970, was named Unit Chairman and Agricultural Agent.

Having assisted the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors with a couple of public service projects, the Board asked John to accept the newly established position of County Administrator, a position he held for 23 years (1972-1995), and another three years as Interim County Administrator of Nelson County, Virginia. Following retirement from local government service in 1998, he worked state wide on a part-time basis as an Insurance Consultant with the Virginia Municipal League, headquartered in Richmond. During his local government career, John obtained certification as Civil Defense Coordinator, Economic Developer and as a Land-Use Planner from the Universities of Virginia and Virginia Tech. He was honored as the “Economic Developer of the Year” for Virginia and Southeastern United States in 1989 by the Virginia and Southeastern Professional Economic Development Associations.

John served as Board Chairman and Member of numerous organizations associated with county, regional and state governments, including planning commissions, economic development associations, criminal justice training centers, jail boards, and the Virginia Municipal League’s Local Government Self-Insurance Pools. His community service included serving as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, Lay Speaker, and Coordinator of the Senior Fellowship for Grace Baptist Church of Woodstock; Virginia, as Chairman of the Board and Treasurer for the Community Christian School; and as a Community Fund Raiser for Cancer and Heart Research organizations. He was also a member of the Virginia State Extension Advisory Committee and was a Virginia 4-H Alumni honoree in 1992. John lives with his wife of 50+ years at Strasburg, Virginia.

- John Paul Duke (LA) – John Paul began his Extension career in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana in 1958 and was the Associate County Agent doing 4-H Club work when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. He learned about the Fellowship when he worked as an Associate in Citizenship/Leadership Education with the National 4-H Foundation during the summer of 1963. During his Fellowship year, he particularly enjoyed the interviews, briefings, receptions and interactions with foreign dignitaries at the State Department and the museums, plays and musicals in Washington. He enrolled in course work at the University of Maryland to apply toward his master’s degree at Louisiana State University. Returning to Louisiana after the Fellowship, John Paul was appointed District Program Specialist in 4-H for the southeastern district. He received his doctorate in Extension

Education from Louisiana State University in 1974. In 1975, he was named Specialist (Extension Education) and later Extension Specialist (Personnel). From 1982, he worked with State Programs and Personnel as Assistant, Associate and full State Agent until his retirement from the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service in 1990.

During a leave of absence in 1971-1972, John Paul was Director of the Health Services Educational Activities Project for the Louisiana Capital Area Health Planning Council and he did a feasibility study for the Louisiana Regional Medical Program.

John Paul served as group leader for a National 4-H Foundation 4-H Teen Caravan Program to Italy, Austria, Denmark and the Netherlands in 1967. He also served as President of the Louisiana Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi and is a lifelong member of the Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association. He is a member of the Colfax United Methodist Church and was an officer of and active member with the L.S.U. High 12 Club (High 12 International) (an association of Master Masons) and with Louisiana Lodge #31 – F&AM – St. Francisville, LA. John Paul lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

- Allen C. Jensen (IA) – Allen was County Extension Associate – 4-H in Poweshiek and then Marion County, Iowa prior to receiving the National 4-H Fellowship. Through his wife's employment with a newly-elected Congressman from Iowa, they were present to see Lyndon Johnson sworn in as President and attended the Inaugural Ball in 1965. Instead of returning to the Iowa Extension Service after the Fellowship, Allen launched out in a different career with the beginning of the Great Society programs in 1965. He returned to Iowa to join the staff of the Iowa Manpower Development Council and then the Iowa Office of Planning and Programming (1965-1967). He then had the opportunity to work one year (1968) with the personal staff of Iowa Governor Harold Hughes in 1968.

When Governor Hughes moved to the U.S. Senate in 1969, Allen joined the staff of the National Governors' Association's Washington, DC office as Staff Director for the Human Resources Committee (1969-1975) during the time when both Carter and Reagan were Governors. He was asked to join the Professional Staff of the Human Resources Subcommittee of the Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives from 1975-1989. While with the Committee staff he had lead responsibility for social services programs and the Supplemental Security Income programs with particular emphasis on developing policies related to persons with disabilities.

He left the Committee staff in 1989 and worked as a consultant to the

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and began his work in 1990 with the Center for Health Services Research and Policy at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., where he still works. His work at the University has been through research and technical assistance projects primarily to assist state officials, persons with disabilities and advocates to develop policies and services to improve employment and independent living opportunities for persons with disabilities. He recently completed a major research and policy analysis project for the Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to develop recommendations for revisions in Social Security Disability Insurance program and related health policies for persons with disabilities. He was asked to present testimony related to the study to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee.

He has received Distinguished Service Awards from the National Council on Social Work Education (1980) and from the National Council on Independent Living (1987). Allen has served as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Fairfax County (VA) Social Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation. He is Chair of the Board of Service and Mission at Emmaus United Church of Christ in Vienna, Virginia and represented the Faith communities on the Fairfax County Planning Committee to End Homelessness. Allen and his wife Yvon, a High School librarian, live in Vienna, Virginia. Allen has two sons.



1964-1965 National 4-H Fellows – left to right, Mariellen Jones, John Cutlip, Constance Meyer, John Paul Duke, Rose Anna House and Allen Jensen.

**1965-1966**

- Joye Brown Kohl (WY) – Joye served as the Extension Home Economist in Laramie County, Wyoming prior to her selection as a National 4-H Fellow. She values the Fellowship experience and the Youth Development course taught by John Banning and Einar Ryden as helping her prepare for her career and volunteer work. After the Fellowship, she joined the Pennsylvania Staff as Assistant State 4-H Leader (1967-1969) and then as Assistant State Home Economics Leader until she and her husband moved to Montana in 1971. While raising her children, she served in a variety of positions at Montana State University (MSU) in the Department of Home Economics (Instructor, Research Associate, and Project Director) and in the College of Engineering (Special Assistant to the Dean and Development Officer). Joye also worked as a Research Assistant with the MSU Testing and Counseling Service, and was the Executive Director of the Montana Home Economics Association (1976-1978). She completed her Ed.D. in Adult and Higher Education at Montana State University in 1980.

Joye wrote the grant for and directed a five-year federally funded Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention demonstration project, developing and testing age-appropriate curricula for family communication and sexuality education. The program entitled, “Parents and Adolescents Can Talk” (PACT), was initiated in the MSU Department of Home Economics, transferred to MSU Extension and then to the Montana Area Health Education Center before becoming a non-profit organization. In 1989, the PACT program received the Award of Excellence in Sexuality Education at the American Medical Association’s National Conference on Adolescent Health. Joye also secured the funding for and directed the “Gallatin County (MT) Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition” project funded by the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention from 1990-1992. Other projects that she developed and directed included a national study of sexuality education in high school home economics programs, and a teen sexuality education community action project.

Joye testified at a Congressional Briefing on Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), presented programs at state and national conferences, and served as Chair and Vice Chair of AAFCS Communications Division. She was the Southwest Montana Regional Coordinator and served on the Executive Board (for many years) for the Montana Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition and has served as President of the Montana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

In Bozeman (MT), Joye has been a volunteer 4-H Leader, judge and

chair of 4-H home economics judging in Gallatin County (MT) and as a demonstration judge for the Montana 4-H Congress. She has chaired various committees and volunteered in her local church and the public schools. She was a Trustee (10 years) for the Bozeman Deaconess Foundation (Hospital and Retirement Center) and has remained active in both Montana and Arizona branches of the American Association of University Women serving as program vice president, community project director, Education Foundation chair, public policy chair and webmaster. In Sun City West (AZ), Joye has also served as Vice-President and Webmaster of the Stardust Gulf Club and as Program Vice-President of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Northwest Arizona Alumnae Association. Joye and John maintain homes at Cooke City, Montana and Sun City West, Arizona.

- Sara Naragon Morgan (IN) – Sara was an Extension Home Economist in St. Joseph County, Indiana when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. She returned to Indiana after her year in Washington as a member of the State 4-H Staff (1966-1971). From 1971-1973, she served as the County 4-H Agent in Marion County in Indianapolis. She then joined the University of Missouri Extension Service as a County Youth Agent in St. Charles County (1974-1975). After moving to Arizona, her husband's lifelong hobby of collecting military insignia led them to become entrepreneurs, manufacturing and wholesaling of these items worldwide. They eventually imported from 13 countries and exported to 26 countries. Pete's knowledge of military history and business acumen helped with understanding manufacturing processes in the areas of embroidery, metal stamping and cloisonné. New challenges that were experienced included dealing with import-export regulations, international banking and extensive travel to visit suppliers and customers not only in the United States but also around the world. They found that some parallels of Extension exist when becoming an entrepreneur such as setting goals, evaluating progress, maintaining customer relations and working long hours. Learning how global economics, interests and cultures inter-relate was fascinating as they pursue their lives in Arizona.
- Georgia Beth Smith Thompson (UT) – Georgia Beth was employed as an Assistant Information Specialist at the Utah State University Extension Services working primarily on 4-H and Home Economics news and feature writing when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. Although the appointments with agencies with an international perspective and the U.S. Information Agency were interesting and fun, visiting the White House on two occasions was probably the highlight of the Fellowship year. Georgia Beth had to return to her home community

after the Fellowship because of a family emergency and accepted an opportunity to work in Student Services as Dean of Women at the College of Southern Utah in 1967. The college became Southern Utah University and she was appointed Acting Dean of Students (1971-1972). After her marriage, she managed the Southern Utah field office for Congressman Wayne Owens as a Field Assistant with a focus on citizen assistance and public relations.

Georgia Beth returned to Southern Utah University (SUU) in 1986 as Director of Upward Bound and Student Support Services. She was named Assistant Vice President (1988) and later Associate Vice-President for Student Services in 1992 where she supervised the directors of Student Support Center programs, Career Services and the Student Development Center. She was appointed Vice-President for Student Services in 2002 and retired in 2007. She served as a member of various SUU committees including Institutional Accreditation and National Collegiate Athletic Association Recertification. She was an Instructor of Anthropology, Sociology, English, Study Skills and Politics and Gender courses.

Georgia Beth was a Board member and Newsletter Editor of Region V of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and conference planning committee member of Utah NASPA. She received the Scott Goodnight Award for Service as a Dean by Region V of the NASPA.

Her civic involvement includes being elected as a Member of the Cedar City (UT) Council (first serving in 2000-2003 and recently re-elected for a term running from 2008-2011), being Secretary of Cedar City Building Authority, and serving on city boards and committees dealing with Zoning, Annexation and Housing; General Plan, Adjustments, Planning Commission, and Housing Authority. Georgia Beth has served in several officer positions at local and state levels of the League of Women Voters (1969-present). She is a former member of the Bureau of Land Management Advisory Board and the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center Board. Other volunteer service includes serving as a volunteer 4-H Leader with camp and home economics projects, as publicity director for the Cedar City Art Committee, and membership on the Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery Central Committee. She took two groups to Switzerland in 1968-69 as a leader for the Experiment in International Living. Georgia Beth makes her home in Cedar City, Utah. She and her late husband have one daughter. Georgia has two step daughters.

- Jerome (Jerry) J. Klement (TX) – Jerry was an Extension Agent in

Tarrant and Denton Counties, Texas prior to receiving the National 4-H Fellowship. Two Fellowship year highlights for Jerry were meeting President and Mrs. Johnson at a White House reception and spending time with Congressman Jim Wright. After the Fellowship, Jerry joined the Kentucky Extension Service as an Area 4-H Youth Specialist with offices in Newport, Kentucky until 1969. From 1970-1971, he was at North Carolina State University completing his Ed.D. in Adult Education and working as a Training Coordinator for the Adult Learning Resource Center, Department of Adult Education. Jerry then was appointed State Leader for Rural Development with the University of Maryland Extension Service (1971-1974). He was recognized with a Superior Performance Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1974.

During the next twenty years, he worked in the Rural Development Service (RDS) and the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) of USDA. In the RDS (1974-1978), Jerry was the Director of the Special Projects staff and Acting Administrator of the agency responsible for policy development and program implementation to aid rural residents in securing financial and technical advisory assistance. He moved to the FmHA (1978-1979) as the Executive Assistant to the Associate Director to implement the agency's policies for rural development. Jerry then returned to Texas (1979-1982) as a Rural Development Specialist to assist the Texas FmHA State Director in all phases of rural community development and to coordinate USDA resources with other federal agencies to improve the quality and timeliness of federal financial and technical advisory services to rural communities. He was appointed Chief of Administrative Programs in 1982 and planned, managed and supervised all administrative functions including a staff of 600 employees and a budget in excess of \$30 million for the FmHA in Texas until his retirement in 1994. Jerry was named the FmHA Employee of the Year for Texas in 1989.

Jerry had been ordained as a Deacon by the Catholic Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland (1978) and entered another career as Director of Deacon Ministry for the Catholic Diocese of Austin, Texas assigned to St. Luke's Catholic Church in Temple, Texas (1994-2006). He presently resides in Temple.

- Howard K. Lahlum (ND) – Howard was an Extension Agent for Benson County, North Dakota when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. A meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture (and the follow-up article in the local paper) were memorable events for him during the Fellowship year. Howard joined the State 4-H Staff as Associate State 4-H Leader

on returning to North Dakota from 1967-1971. He then decided to go into general farming in LaMoure County and continues to the present time. Howard and his wife, Audrey, have been honored with the North Dakota State University Agriculturalist Award and their farm was recognized by *Farm Futures* magazine as one of the Best Managed Farms in the United States for three years.

Howard has continued to be active with the North Dakota 4-H program. He served as Vice-President of the North Dakota 4-H Foundation, as Chair of the LaMoure County 4-H Council and as an active leader of the Marion Livewires 4-H Club. Howard and Audrey were elected to the North Dakota 4-H Hall of Fame in 1993, and have been recognized as a North Dakota 4-H Century Family. Howard and Audrey live near Marion, North Dakota.

- Donald (Don) J. Moore (VA) – Don was the Assistant County Agent in Smyth County, Virginia when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. After his Fellowship year, he joined the State 4-H Staff in Virginia as Program Leader, 4-H for the Southwest District, a new position created by a reorganization of Virginia Cooperative Extension (1966-1968). He then pursued his interest in music and served as the Minister of Music and Education for the Abingdon (VA) Baptist Church for six years. From 1975-1977, he studied for a Master of Church Music degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1977, Don returned to Extension as Extension Agent in Montgomery County, home of Virginia Tech, until his retirement in 1989.

In his Extension career, Don was honored to serve as President of his professional society, the Virginia Extension Service Association, and to have been the architect of the Montgomery County 4-H Volunteer Management Plan which was later used as a model for the organization and management of volunteer programs. In his music career, he soloed widely and his choirs premiered several works for composers and publishers. He was also chosen to be a charter member of The Centurymen, an auditioned group of music ministers selected to provide choral music for radio and television programs of the Southern Baptist Convention. The group concretized throughout the country and recorded a large body of work for radio and television. One highlight of this experience was the presentation of the NBC Television special, an Easter Sunrise Service, on the ruins of the synagogue at Capernaum on the banks of the Sea of Galilee. Don and Iris make their home in Pulaski, Virginia.



1965-1966 National 4-H Fellows with Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, center, and Luke Schruben, right, Federal Extension Service. Other standing, left to right, Jerome (Jerry) Klement, Joye Brown, Sara Naragon, Donald Moore, Georgia Beth Smith and Howard Lahlum.

### **1966-1967**

- Betty Easter Walch (MO) – Betty was an Area Home Economist with emphasis in 4-H and Youth Areas with the University of Missouri Extension Division prior to receiving the National 4-H Fellowship. Living in Washington at the beginning of the Viet Nam war and observing the beginning of the drug culture were memorable experiences for her during the Fellowship year. During 1967-1968, Betty participated in a National 4-H Foundation Extension Employee Exchange Program working with Extension and 4-H Agents in Peru. She then returned to her previous position in Missouri until 1969 when she joined the St. Louis (MO) Dairy District Council as Program Director for one year. During the next 21 years she co-owned and operated a family farm at Hull, Illinois while working at various positions. They included Teaching at the Missouri State School for the Severely Disabled (6 years), Co-owning and managing a motel and restaurant in Hull (12 years), directing the Adult Developmentally Delayed Program for the Counseling Center of Pike County (IL), and Teaching Sociology and Psychology at the John Wood Community College in Pittsfield, Illinois. Betty obtained Missouri Certification for Lifetime, Trainable, and Severely Handicapped K-12, and Illinois Certification for teaching High School grades 6 through 12.

In 1991, Betty moved to Arizona as Program Specialist/District Consultant for the System Wide Change Project for the Arizona Department of Education. She then accepted the position of Director of Spe-

cial Education for the Winslow (AZ) Unified School District (1997-2001). She retired in 2007 as Director/Administrator for the Navajo County Special Services Consortium and Rainbow Accommodation School in Holbrook, Arizona but continues to consult with the Sanders (AZ) Unified School District as Special Education Director. Her Arizona Certification was for Supervisor, Principal and Superintendent, and Teacher of the Severely Profoundly Disabled (K-12) and for Vocational Consumer Education (K-12).

Betty has been a member, officer and participant in many community organizations over the past 35 years including being a 4-H and Girl Scout leader for 20 years, and serving on County Agricultural Boards in Illinois. Her other organizational involvement was in church, Parent-Teachers Organization, County Farm Bureau, Lions Club, County Pork Producers, County Fairs, School Groups, Rotary, Daughters of the American Revolution and Queen Contests. Betty lives in Cottonwood, Arizona.

- Lois Howard (OK) – Lois was an Assistant Extension Home Economist, Washington County, Oklahoma when awarded a National 4-H Fellowship. Following her year in Washington, she joined the Oklahoma State 4-H Department as a District 4-H Agent. The following year she joined the National 4-H Service Committee staff in Chicago and continued with the National 4-H Council upon the merger of the Committee and the National 4-H Foundation. Lois owns and operates Yellowjacket, Inc. (a consumer information and events management consulting firm), and now serves as director of school support for the Bartlesville (OK) Public Schools, and the Oklahoma State Department of Education. She completed her Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of Oklahoma (1970) and a second master's degree in Organizational Change and Clinical Practice at Northwestern University.

Lois lives in the beautiful Osage Hill Country near Bartlesville, Oklahoma where her husband is involved in ranching, farming and conservation interests.

- Marilyn Lingo Lunner (NE) – Marilyn was Home Economics Extension Editor at the University of Nebraska when she received the National 4-H Fellowship. Some highlights for her during the Fellowship were visiting a large variety of government agencies, meeting interesting people and working for a brief time in a Nebraska Congressman's office. After the Fellowship, she returned briefly to her previous position before taking study leave. Marilyn then joined the Dairy Council of California as Program Director and Nutrition Educator for eight northern California counties for two and one-half years.

She then accepted a position as County Extension Home Economist in Multnomah County, Oregon, specializing in Consumer Education. Next, she joined the Oregon State University Extension State Staff as Consumer Education Specialist for one year before moving to Clackamas County (OR) as County Extension Home Economist and Staff Administrator until her retirement.

Marilyn served as President of both the Oregon Extension Agents Association and the Oregon Home Economics Association. She was a founding member and President of the Oregon Consumers League—a statewide consumer protection and education organization and was active with several poverty-related programs. She was one of six honored with an Oregon County Extension Staff Recognition Award in 1985. Marilyn resides in Portland, Oregon.

- Lowell R. Shaw (WV) – Lowell was County Extension 4-H Agent in Jackson County, West Virginia when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. Lowell recalls participating in the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as a memorable event during the Fellowship year. He also recalls seeing President Lyndon Johnson walking in the corridor followed by an enormous pack of reporters and photographers when the Fellows were meeting with Assistant Press Secretary Tom Johnson at the White House. On returning to West Virginia, Lowell was appointed County 4-H Agent in Monongalia County (1967-1970).

He entered the teaching profession in 1970 and was a coach, counselor and taught high school and junior high school for 18 years in three locations in West Virginia. In 1988, Lowell moved to Kent County, Maryland and served as County 4-H Agent until 1991. During the next five years, he worked in various service positions before joining Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland as Summer Conference coordinator (1996-2003). From 2004 to the present, Lowell is a Mental Health Case Manager / Rehabilitation Specialist for Crossroads Community, Inc. in Chestertown and is the Women's Basketball Coach at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. During the 2007-2008 season, the team broke the school record for single-season wins.

Lowell had the experience in 1986 of running for the West Virginia state legislature—unsuccessfully, but “an enlightening experience, nonetheless.” His community service includes serving as a volunteer 4-H leader, elementary school Parent Teachers Association President, and in various leadership roles in his church. Lowell and his wife, Carol, a former West Virginia 4-H Agent, reside in Chestertown, Maryland.

- John C. Sterling (NY) – John began his career as an Assistant 4-H Agent in Nassau County, New York (1959) and moved to Tompkins

County as County 4-H Agent/Division Leader at the time he was selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. There were several memorable events during the Fellowship but three that stand out were meeting with Bill Moyers, Press Secretary for President Johnson, working as an Intern in his U.S. Congressman's office and writing legislation, and his Master's program at The American University which was closely focused on the Washington political climate. John returned to Tompkins County 4-H after the Fellowship and was then appointed the first Executive Director of the New York State 4-H Foundation leading a \$1 million Capital Campaign (1969-1972). He then joined Cornell University as State 4-H Program Leader for Urban Programs (1973-1981). In 1981, John moved to Massachusetts as Assistant Director of the Cooperative Extension Service and State 4-H Leader of a program serving 83,000 youth with 4,500 volunteers and 35 professional staff. He was appointed as Massachusetts' first Executive Director of "Agriculture in the Classroom" by Governor Dukakis.

John returned to Cornell University in 1985 as Assistant Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with responsibilities as Director of Alumni Affairs and Director of College Planned Giving. Under his leadership, the College Alumni Association grew from 1,900 alumni in 1986 to 6,300 alumni in 1993 utilizing a "Regional Leadership Concept" taught at Winter School by V. Joseph McAuliffe and implemented by John in the 1960s for the Tompkins County 4-H expansion. Since his retirement in 1993, he has been a Consultant for Organizational and Volunteer Training and Management and Coach for Non-Profit Funding. He is a founding partner of IVY Partners Consultants in 2003, a small firm specializing in Volunteer and Organizational Development and Management for non-profits.

During the Fellowship, John held a summer internship with New York Congressman Howard Robinson. His assignment included writing much of the legislation that established 4-H youth leadership and home economics programs for the District of Columbia. The legislation was passed in 1968 granting funds to the Federal City College as the Land Grant College of the District of Columbia.

John has served as Treasurer of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and was a member of the National Association of Fundraising Professions and the Association of Voluntary Action Scholars. He has received Distinguished Service Awards from the National Association of County 4-H Agents and the New York Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. The National Alumni and Development Association honored him with its Professional Achievement Award. He has been

a nationwide organizer and trainer for volunteer leadership programs.

His community service includes serving as Vice-President and other offices of the Ithaca (NY) Kiwanis Club and Administrative Board Chair and several offices for his church. He and his wife, Nancy (of nearly 50 years), reside in Ithaca, New York. He enjoys collecting, buying and selling antique toys (circa 1920s-1980s).

- R. Calvert (Cal) Steuart (MD) – Cal was the 4-H Club Extension Agent for Prince Georges County, Maryland when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. Following the Fellowship year, Cal completed a Ph.D. in 1968 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He joined Westinghouse Learning Corporation in Alexandria, Virginia as an Educational Consultant for five years. From 1971-1974, Cal was Vice-President and Director of Planning and Development for Prince Georges Community College in Upper Marlboro, Maryland while attending law school at Georgetown University. He completed his J.D. degree in 1974 and has been an Attorney-at-Law in private practice for 35 years. He owns his own law firm, Steuart and Steuart, and Atlantic Coast Title, Inc.

Cal is Vice President of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts and will become President in 2009. He has served 30 years as District Director and Supervisor of the Prince Georges County (MD) Soil Conservation District, and Chairman for 15 years. Cal was instrumental in planning and building a new building for the agri-



1966-1967 National 4-H Fellows with Norman Mindrum, standing, left, National 4-H Service Committee. Also standing, Lowell Shaw. Seated, left to right, John Sterling, Marilyn Lunner, Lois Howard, Betty Easter, and R. Calvert Steuart.

cultural services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the Prince Georges Soil Conservation District.

### 1967-1968

- Gloria Cleland Horner (OH) – Prior to receiving the National 4-H Fellowship, Gloria served as the Extension Home Economist for Erie County, Ohio. Meeting the President of the United States was a memorable event for her during the Fellowship. After her year in Washington, she returned to her previous position in Erie County (1968-1970).

Upon her marriage, Gloria co-owned and managed Horner's Pick Your Own Farm at Bellevue, Ohio until 2003. She was also a Substitute Teacher for the Bellevue City School for five years, and then taught pregnant and parenting teens (Grades 7-12) in the Graduation, Reality and Dual-Role Skills Program for the Norwalk City Schools and the Ehope Vocational School in Milan, Ohio (1991-1998). Gloria renewed her home economics teaching certification at the University of Maryland and obtained her elementary certification from Heidelberg College. Her most recent business venture was owning and managing Gloria's Cottage—an overnight tourist home in Bellevue (2006-2007).

Gloria has served as President of the Erie County Extension Advisory Board and of her Extension Homemakers Club. She helped organize the first Open Class exhibits for the Erie County Fair in 2000 and continues to assist with its operation. Gloria has been President of the Sandusky (OH) Altrusa Club, an election board worker and a contributor of hand made baby blankets and lap robes to the Women, Infants and Children Program and the Huron County Nursing Homes. She has served as a Cub Scout Leader and was honored with an Outstanding Cub Scout Leader award in 1978. She considers her greatest award has been seeing her three sons succeed as a chief executive officer, a medical doctor and an advertising project manager who lives in Hong Kong. Gloria and her husband, Gene, make their home in Bellevue, Ohio.

- Frances (Sue) Kleen Benedetti (WY) – Sue was an Extension Home Economist in Hot Springs County, Wyoming before going to India on the International Four-H Youth Exchange Program in 1966. During her National 4-H Fellowship, she did an academic internship in the Information Unit of the Extension Service at U.S.D.A. and, at the conclusion of the program, was hired as Home Economics and 4-H Editor/Public Information Specialist for the Unit (1968-1978).

After her marriage, Sue joined her husband in his international assignments and her career has included numerous consultant ships and work with international programs. In Gaborone, Botswana, she established the Communications Department and did teaching and curriculum development for the Southern African Regional Institute of Development Management (1979-1982), was Coordinator for the U.S. Embassy's Self-Help Program (1988-1989), and conducted studies for the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Workforce and Skills Training Project for the Academy for Educational Development Excellence. Sue also coordinated activities for the U.S. Information Service at the 1986 International Trade Fair and for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's African Regional conference on Health, Education and Agriculture, both held in Gaborone. In Almaty, Kazakhstan, she served as the Regional Constituency Building Coordinator for USAID's Non-Governmental Organization Strengthening Program (1997-2000) and provided consulting for USAID's Global Training, Aid to Artisans and Volunteers for Overseas Cooperative Assistance Programs (1996-2000). From 2001-2004, Sue worked with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as a International Rural Youth Development Consultant in Windhoek, Namibia. She conducted an assessment of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, U.S.D.A. Human Capacity Project in South Africa in 2000.

While on home leave in the United States, Sue provided consultation to the Extension Service, USDA (4-H Expanded Food and Nutrition guidelines), the Educational Film Center and several business ventures in Falls Church and Alexandria, Virginia. Since 2005 to the present, Sue is a part-time Research and Communication Consultant for the National 4-H Council. She had a major role in developing the 4-H History Exhibit that is in the room honoring Kathleen Flom at the National 4-H Center. Other volunteer work includes serving as a 4-H leader in Arlington County, as Chair of the Federal Hill Community of Falls Church Landscape Committee, and as President and Editor of a cookbook project of the American Women's Association when in Botswana.

Sue received the Young Communicator's Award from the American Association of Agriculture College Editors (1972) and was selected as an Executive Young Leader by U.S.D.A. She was selected as the National 4-H Representative to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (1971-1975), to the White House Conference on Children and Youth (1976) and to the International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association of the U.S.A. (1971-1978). She and

Dave reside in Falls Church, Virginia.

- Nancy White Wills (KY) – Nancy was an Extension Agent for Home Economics in Boone County, Kentucky when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. During her Fellowship year, she remembers the extreme security measures that were taken following the assassination of Martin Luther King, the tent city on the Mall, and the ensuing riots. Returning to Kentucky, Nancy served as the Extension Agent for Home Economics in Boone County from 1968-1989. She then moved to Cincinnati and taught Family and Consumer Sciences at Eastern Hills Junior High School and Aiken High School from 1989-1999. She continued her education with a second master's degree at the University of Cincinnati and obtained certification in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Nancy served as President, Vice President and National Committee Member for the Kentucky Association of Extension Home Economists and was Secretary for the Kentucky Association of Home Economists. She was also President and Board Member of the University of Kentucky Human Environmental Sciences Alumni. In retirement, she volunteers for the Speakers Bureau of the American Heart Association promoting health and speaking on women's health issues.

She was honored by the University of Kentucky College of Human Environmental Sciences as one of their Centennial Laureate Graduates in 2007. The National Association of Extension Home Economists has recognized her with their Distinguished Service and Continuing Distinguished Service Awards for programs that she initiated. Nancy resides in Florence, Kentucky.

- Roy M. Hougen (IA) – Roy began his career as County Extension 4-H Assistant with the Iowa Cooperative Extension Service in Sioux County and moved to Hancock County as County Extension 4-H Associate before serving as District Leader, 4-H and Youth Programs (Spirit Lake office) when he received the National 4-H Fellowship. Roy's memories of Washington include the riots following Martin Luther King's assassination and the "Poor People's March" which reinforced the fact that many are left out of mainstream America through racial and economic discrimination. Roy returned to Iowa after the Fellowship as Assistant State Leader, 4-H and Youth Programs at the Fort Dodge office (1968-1986). He moved to the State Office in 1986 as State Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist for volunteer development and youth community development programs until his retirement in 1992. He completed an Advanced Specialist Graduate Degree in Extension Education and Human Development at the Uni-

versity of Maryland in 1970.

Roy implemented a number of grants dealing with Youth Issues Programming, New 4-H Staff Orientation, and Working with Volunteer Leaders as managers and teachers. He was Co-leader for a grant from the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development to develop a program on Youth Community Leadership for Rural Revitalization and Project Leader for a National 4-H Council grant to evaluate a program on Boards, Councils and Committees. Roy was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (1974) and with a Certificate of Meritorious Service from the Iowa State chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi (1982).

He has been a volunteer local 4-H Club leader, and served on boards, councils and committees of the Civitan Service Club, his Church, and several local organizations working with low income families with hunger, housing and emergency needs. He is presently a Coordinator for a Food Pantry. He resides in Ames, Iowa.

- Kenneth (Ken) J. Migchelbrink (WA) – Ken served as County Extension Agent for Klickitat County, Washington for three years prior to receiving the National 4-H Fellowship. (Ken was encouraged to apply for the Fellowship by a co-worker, Howard Willson, a Fellow in 1954-1955.) He remembers that it was an historical year to be in Washington—a time marked by riots following Martin Luther King’s assassination. After the Fellowship, Ken completed a master’s degree in Agronomy at Oregon State University. Returning to Washington, he served two counties in central Washington as County Extension Agent briefly before joining the Monsanto Company in Yakima, Washington in Sales and Marketing Development for five years. Ken then joined Smith and Ardussi, a fertilizer manufacturing company, in Boise, Idaho for ten years before joining their headquarters staff in Seattle as Vice-President of Marketing. He retired in 2000.

Ken served as President of the Pacific Northwest Fertilizer Association (1985). In retirement, he volunteered with the Habitat for Humanity for three years, and currently is involved with the Washington Nature Conservancy with seashore clean up and reseeding. He also finds time for salmon fishing, golf, tennis and going to Elderhostels with his wife, Nancy. They make their home in Kenmore, Washington.

- James R. Sais (NM) – Jim was an Assistant County Agent in charge of 4-H in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico when selected as a National 4-H Fellow. He returned to Rio Arriba County following the Fellowship and served as Associate County Agent for 4-H for two years and then as County 4-H Agent in Bernalillo County until 1973. From

1973-1980, Jim was the Bernalillo County Extension Administrator as well as County Agent. He then moved to the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service state office as an Urban Horticulture Specialist (1980-1987). In October 1987, Jim was named Extension Department Head for 13 New Mexico counties in the Northern District and served in that position until his retirement in 1992. During his Extension career, he was instrumental in obtaining a 1.8 million dollar community development grant for North Central New Mexico, and two USDA grants to conduct Extension programs on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation and for the Navajo Nation. He has served as President and other offices of the New Mexico County Agents Association and the New Mexico chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. The New Mexico State University presented Jim the Distinguished Extension Award in 1979.

In retirement, Jim is a Horticultural Consultant for All Seasons Environments, a landscape maintenance company in Albuquerque. He was also employed by Rowland Nurseries, Inc. as a Horticulturalist (1993-2005) and since 2005 has provided consulting and training to nurseries, apartment complexes and others. From 2006 to the present, he answers gardening questions weekly as a talk host for KKOB AM Radio.

Jim traveled to Nicaragua, Central America, in 1987 as a USDA Extension Consultant to assist Nicaraguan Extension Agents to train



1967-1968 National 4-H Fellows with Norman Mindrum and Kenneth Anderson, standing, National 4-H Service Committee. Seated, left to right – James Sais, Nancy White, Roy Hougen, Frances (Sue) Kleen, Kenneth Migchelbrink and Gloria Cleland.

farmers to change from bean and corn agriculture to more horticulture enterprises. In his community, he has served as President of the Dulce Community Organization for the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, as President of the Espanola Valley Kiwanis Club, as a Charter member and Vice-President of the San Gabriel Historical Society, as Treasurer of the New Mexico Association of Nursery Industries (15 years), and as Treasurer of ARTA, a mission dedicated to betterment of the lives of Indians living in the Sierra Trahumara and other regions of Mexico. Jim also serves on a variety of community organizations concerned with Arbor Day, Gardens, Trees and service organizations. He makes his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### **1968-1969**

- Linda A. Crow (ND) – Linda was Home Management Specialist for the North Dakota State University Extension Service when awarded a National 4-H Fellowship. Her year group had the unique opportunity to observe the election and the changing of the Office of the President of the United States. After her year in Washington, she joined the University of California Extension Service as a 4-H Youth Advisor coordinating the 4-H programs in Butte and Tehama Counties (1970-1971). Linda returned to North Dakota and served as a State 4-H Youth Specialist from 1971-1999 when she was named Director of the Center for 4-H Youth Development. She pioneered and coordinated North Dakota's involvement in the Labo-Japanese exchange program for 18 years. She retired in 2002.

She has served on the National 4-H Curriculum Committee (1994-1999), co-chaired the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Agents Conference in Bismarck, ND, and held most offices for the North Dakota 4-H Youth Workers. Linda has been president, vice-president and secretary of the North Dakota state chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi and president and vice-president of the North Dakota State University Memorial Union Board of Directors. In retirement, she is volunteering with the Washington State University Extension Service as a master gardener, with environmental education programs including being a beach watcher, and as a docent and trainer of docents for the Admiralty Head Lighthouse. She also assists her church as a Sunday school teacher and with the church youth group.

Linda has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with a Juried Curriculum Citation (1994) and with a Certificate of Appreciation for Juried Curriculum (1996). The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents have honored her for Distinguished Service

(1973), for Meritorious Service (2002) and with their 25 year Award. She has also received the Meritorious Service Award (1991) and the Distinguished Service Award (1998) from the Epsilon Sigma Phi North Dakota chapter, and was designated a National Friend of IFYE by the International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association in 1973. Linda currently lives in Washington State.

- Helene Horimoto Zeug (HI) – Helene was an Extension Home Economist in Oahu County, Hawaii when named a National 4-H Fellow. A memorable event that occurred during her Fellowship year was being a part of Richard Nixon’s presidential gala - the swearing in ceremony, the parade and observing the tense security involved. She returned to Hawaii as Extension Home Economist for 4-H Youth Development in Oahu County (1969-1985). Helene was appointed Assistant State 4-H Leader in 1985 and Acting State 4-H Leader (1999-2001). She retired in 2004. Helene received her Ph.D. in Human Development in 1985 from the University of Hawaii, and worked with John Thompson of the District of Columbia 4-H program during her Grace Frysinger Award in 1971. In retirement, she has contracted to work on the University of Hawaii Centennial Book.

Helene has served as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of both the Hawaii 4-H Agents Association and the Hawaii Extension Home Economics Association. She was a member of the National Curriculum Committee (1989-1990) and the Youth at Risk Summit in 1990. Helene served two years as an Advisor for the Salute to Excellence Program and as a member of the Volunteers for the Future Conference (1989). She also served as advisor to the 1974, 1987 and 2000 Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum.

Helene has been recognized with the Distinguish Service Award and the 25 Year Service Award by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and with the Distinguish Service Award, Outstanding Employee Award and the Grace Frysinger Award from the National Association of Extension Home Economists. She was also named as a Fellow of the Executive Institute of Fund Development (1991-1993). She and Mark reside in Honolulu, Hawaii.

- Glenice Rugland Johnson (MN) – Glenice began her Extension career in 1964 as County Home Agent in Kittson County, Minnesota. After serving as an IFYE to India, she returned to Extension work in Pennington County, Minnesota where she was serving when selected for the National 4-H Fellowship. Glenice was in Washington when Richard Nixon was inaugurated and the first American astronauts landed and walked on the moon. After the Fellowship, she went to New

Jersey for three years as the County 4-H Agent for Ocean County. From 1976-1997, Glenice was an Instructor and Assistant Professor in Home and Family Services, Sociology and Gerontology at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Glenice completed a second master's degree in Gerontology at the University of Northern Colorado (1986). She also obtained certification as a home buying educator from the American Homeowner Education and Counseling Training Institute, and was a Hubert H. Humphrey Institute Fellowship Program participant in Washington, D.C.

She returned to Pennington County as Extension Educator for Community Vitality in 1997. Glenice was designated Regional Extension Educator for Family Resource Management in 2002, and continued in this role when she moved to the University of Minnesota Regional Center in Crookston in 2003. She earned Associate Professor (1998) and Full Professor (2005) ranks at the University of Minnesota, retiring in 2007.

Glenice was President of the Minnesota Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, and chaired committees for the Minnesota Association of Extension Educators and the Minnesota Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She was the national lead chaperone for the 4-H/Labo exchange program to Japan in 2003.

She has been active on boards and advisory committees related to older adults including the Minnesota Department of Health Special Task Force on Rural Elderly, the Northwest Minnesota Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Minnesota Board on Aging Age Odyssey conference. Services to other regional groups include the Northwest Minnesota Flood Recovery Team, the Northwest Home Ownership Educational Delivery Collaborative, and the Northwest Minnesota Tourism Conference.

Glenice was recognized with a Northwest Minnesota Community Builder Award by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation in 2003 and was nominated by the University of Minnesota, Crookston for the national Service Learning Award in 1997. Other recognitions for her professional achievements include receiving state, regional and national awards from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for *Organizing Your Important Papers* curriculum and their Distinguished Service Award (both in 2007). Glenice received the Community Partnership Award from the Minnesota Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Minnesota, Crookston. She is also an American Association of University Women "Woman of Honor."

Glenice lives in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

- Carlton L. Doane (NY) – Carlton began his Extension career in New York and served as Assistant County 4-H Agent in St. Lawrence County, New York when selected as a member of the last group of National 4-H Fellows. He returned to New York after his Fellowship year. He was named Director of the St. Lawrence County Comprehensive Employment and Training Program in 1980. From 1987 until his retirement in 1998, Carlton was a Counselor for the New York State Department of Correctional Services at the Riverview Facility in Ogdensburg, New York.

His community service includes serving as the current President of the New York StateWide Senior Action Council, as Coordinator of Free Will Meals Program serving the elderly, the poor and the lonely, and as a Advisory Council member of the Canton (NY) Community Fund. Previously, Carlton has volunteered with the Department of Corrections Success Outside of Prison Program and as Assistant Director of the North Central New York Walk to Emmaus. Carlton has been President/Chair of the St. Lawrence County Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, of the Morley (NY) Library Board, and of Administrative Board of his Church. He has helped with dog training classes while being President and Treasurer of the St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club.

Carlton has been recognized as the Senior Citizen of the Year for St. Lawrence County, as the Community Volunteer of the Year from the Ogdensburg and Riverview Correctional Facilities, and with the Pomona Grange Public Service Award (2005). The Canton (NY) United Methodist Church has recognized him as the Lay Member of the year, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton honored him with their Rachel Somers Grant Social Action Award. Carlton and his wife, Phyllis, live near Canton, New York.

- David E. Pace (IA) – David was a Multi-County Extension Leader for 4-H and Youth for Iowa State University Extension Service prior to being named a National 4-H Fellow. He particularly remembers having to observe and journal—for a graduate course—the behavior of a head start student who made it very clear that he didn't appreciate this attention. Following his Fellowship year, David was a Program Assistant with the National 4-H Council International Programs for one year. He then joined the Minnesota Extension Service in 1970 as a 4-H Youth Development Educator and as an Associate Professor for the Center for 4-H Youth Development until his retirement in 2002.

His career involved coordinating and conducting 4-H Cross-Cultural

International Educational Exchange Programs at the county, state, multi-state and national levels involving more than 4,000 inbound/outbound participants from 86 countries. Multi-state programs were developed with Norway, Finland, Australia and Japan. Minnesota programs include the 4-H/USSR/Bulgaria Camp, USSR/Minnesota Pioneer Palace of Moscow Performing Arts and Water Quality Environment Issues Programs, and the 4-H/Soviet Union Photography Exchange. David was a member of the USA 4-H Delegation to the People's Republic of China, of the USA 4-H Japan Exchange Committee, and of 4-H Study Tours to Africa. He assisted in establishing 4B Clubs in Botswana and 4-I Clubs in Romania. David served as a member of three 4-H international committees: the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) 4-H International Task Force, the ECOP Sub-Committee on 4-H International Programs Curriculum Development and Training Committee (five years), and the National 4-H Youth Development Global Education Design Team and co-authored curricula and handbooks.

Other leadership responsibilities involved Citizenship Programs, Adult Volunteer Leaders, Teen and Junior Leadership, State 4-H Ambassadors and Community Service Programs.

David served on the Board of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) and was President of the USA IFYE Alumni Association. David has served as Board Chair, President, Vice President, Secretary and chair of numerous committees for the Minnesota/Uruguay Partners of the Americas. He was President of the Epsilon Sigma Phi, Pi Chapter, and a board member of the Minnesota 4-H Foundation and the International Institute of Minnesota.

He was a National 4-H Hall of Fame inductee in 2006. Other honors and recognition received include: National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) Distinguished Service Award; NAE4-HA and Minnesota 4-H Agents Association American Spirit Awards; Minnesota 4-H Hall of Fame; Epsilon Sigma Phi, Pi Chapter's International Award and Mini-Ruby Award; International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association Award for Appreciation and Support of 4-H International Programs and USA 4-H Delegation to the People's Republic of China Management and Organization Technologies of Youth Programs. David and Valerie live in Roseville, Minnesota.

- Dallas R. Smith (NC) – Dallas was the Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent for Bladen County, North Carolina when awarded the National 4-H Fellowship. One of the most notable events for him during the Fellowship year was meeting with Congressman Gerald Ford

and senior managers in the Executive Branch of government where he began to see the relationships between setting national agricultural policy, getting legislation through Congress, and implementing policies through the Executive Departments. Following his Fellowship year, Dallas was a Congressional Intern for the House Agricultural Committee during the summer of 1969. He then joined the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as Cotton Marketing Specialist until 1976 when he became Chief, Peanut Branch (ASCS). From 1977-1992, he served as Deputy Director and Director of the Tobacco and Peanuts Division. Dallas was named Deputy Under Secretary in the Office of the Secretary, USDA, in 1992 for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services until his retirement in 1999.

For his leadership in USDA, President Clinton conferred on him the "Rank of Distinguished Executive in the Senior Executive Service in 1999. Other honors and awards include the African-American Males Alumni Award, the Secretary of Agriculture's Reinventing Government Award (1993) and the Secretary's Awards for Service to Agriculture in 1984, 1988, 1993 and 1998. Dallas was selected to attend the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1995 and received the 1964 Lisle Fellowship-USA/USSR Cultural Exchange.

Dallas served 26 years on the Board of Directors and as President (5 years) of the Patuxent River 4-H Center Foundation, Inc. in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The Center provides camping and 4-H experiences to approximately 25,000 youth per year. He was a founding Board Member of the Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Foundation, Inc. of Durham, North Carolina that provides scholarships for college and has served several years as President or Treasurer. Dallas also served on the Session of the Northeastern Presbyterian Church of Washington and as Church Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Shirley, reside in Peachtree City, Georgia.



1968-1969 National 4-H Fellows – standing, left to right – Linda Crow, Carlton Doane, Helene Horimoto, David Pace, Glenice Rugland and Dallas Smith.



## 7 Windows to a Fast Changing World

*L*ooking back to 1931, one wonders how different and how similar is the need for progressive leadership of the Cooperative Extension Service including the 4-H educational program.

What would happen today if we proposed a year's study in Washington, D.C. for two former 4-H Club members (1 male and 1 female) newly graduated from college with their bachelor's degrees? What is the need for State and County Extension staff to better understand the national picture and their Extension counterparts in Federal Government?

We have a precedent for private financial support for a government employee to spend a year in study and further preparation for 4-H program leadership. Do we now have the need and structure to implement a 4-H staff improvement program nationwide? Is the Payne/National 4-H Fellowship experience of nearly 40 years' duration only a page in our past or is it a template for further action?

During the period of the Payne and the 4-H Fellowships, other national professional improvement opportunities were available to 4-H staff. Opportunities such as the Human Development Workshops of three weeks' duration, the Regional Extension Summer and Winter Schools with courses focusing on specific 4-H staff needs, and the 4-H Intern Program funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation which provided continuing education for both professional and volunteer 4-H leaders, unfortunately, are no longer available.

The National 4-H Fellowship reviewed in this report represents one professional development program for Extension 4-H Youth personnel. Some characteristics of the program should be noted: (1) The target audience was young men and young women many of whom were in their first position following college; (2) The minimum length of the program was nine months and was extended to twelve months in some years; (3) The program consisted of a non-credit liberal arts component (i.e., the study of national government) and graduate study toward a master's degree; (4) The program was conducted in Washington, D.C.—the nation's capital; and (5) The program was a successful example of a public-private partnership which continued for almost 40 years.

This “Windows to a Wider World” program was considered a success from the point of view of almost all of the participants. From the vantage of the Extension Service, the program (1) uncovered Extension 4-H workers with exceptional ability, interest and motivation; (2) brought “fresh thinking” to the national office from the local area; (3) provided much needed public relations for Extension with other agencies and associations through the groups’ asking and answering questions during their appointments and contacts; (4) brought an important exchange of ideas and philosophy among states; and (5) provided an understanding of the mission and role of the federal office (Banning, 1964).

Is there a unit within the National Extension organization structure that could or would provide the necessary leadership for such a professional improvement program even if private support were offered? Are there individuals like Gertrude Warren, C. B. Smith, S. Howard Evans, M. C. Wilson and Guy L. Noble who are now working and have the vision these Extension/4-H professionals and private foundation individuals had . . . individuals who can contemplate the future and conceive the staff improvement needed.

At the time of our fellowship, most of us had limited knowledge of a wider world and little understanding of the educational, commercial and government agencies at the national level. Even given the time frame of the Payne/National 4-H Fellowships – the Great Depression, 1940s World War II, 1950s social change and Korean War, and, finally, the 1960s Viet Nam and Cold War -- with all of this change of world view, the basic concepts of the fellowships still proved useful.

Today our young people have the advantage of knowing in minutes what is happening in every dark corner of our world through modern technology. Instant messaging and exchange of personal thoughts with blogs on the internet keep information flowing. Many have had travel and educational opportunities on a world-wide basis not available to us.

The challenges faced by young people have exploded in the past few decades. The complexities of an ever changing world will take people willing and able to understand and engage in the issues.

Could an educational experience like we had be useful? The 4-H Fellowship gave us opportunities to meet face-to-face with the leaders who assumed the challenges of the day. We met the decision makers and were inspired by their courage. We began to realize our own potential as we could envision ourselves making a difference. Our civic pride and patriotism were recharged when we witnessed the lives of our historic heroes and walked where they once walked.

May this book containing the first published report of the life and times of the Payne/National 4-H Fellows serve as stimulus and inspiration for new and innovative methods of improving the Extension Service, the 4-H program, and most importantly, for supporting all those paid and volunteer staff who have the future in their hands.

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## **Appendix A**

### **The Payne And National 4-H Fellows, 1931-1969**

#### **1931-1932**

Mary Todd, *Georgia*; Andy W. Colebank, *Tennessee*

#### **1932-1933**

Margaret Latimer, *South Dakota*; George M. Harris, *Kentucky*

#### **1933-1934**

Esther Friesth, *Iowa*; Barnard D. Joy, *Oregon*

#### **1934-1935**

Mildred Ives, *North Carolina*; Edwin Matzen, *Iowa*

#### **1935-1936**

Ruth Lohmann, *Minnesota*; James W. Potts, *Texas*

#### **1936-1937**

Ruth Durrenberger, *Florida*; Keith Jones, *Washington*

#### **1937-1938**

Winifred Perry, *Vermont*; Kenneth H. Anderson, *South Dakota*

#### **1938-1939**

Blanche Brobeil, *Iowa*; Max A. Culp *North Carolina*

#### **1939-1940**

Lillian Murphy, *Indiana*; Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr., *Florida*

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**1940-1941**

Jean Shippey, *New York*; Theodore T. Kirsch, *Oregon*

**1941-1942**

Erna Ruth Wildermuth, *Arizona*; J. W. Pou, *North Carolina*

**NO FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED DURING WORLD WAR II**

**1947-1948**

Dorothy Arvidson, *Indiana*; George S. Foster, *Tennessee*

**1948-1949**

Marjorie Erp, *Washington*; Roger L. Lawrence, *Ohio*

**1949-1950**

Hattie Mae Rhonemus, *Ohio*; Dana O. Schrupp, *Montana*

**1950-1951**

Joan Howell, *Oregon*; Donald F. Foltz, *Indiana*

**1951-1952**

Elaine M. Skucius, *Nebraska*; Merle L. Howes, *Maryland*

**1952-1953**

Rhonwyn Lowry, *Georgia*; William J. Kimball, *Wisconsin*

**1953-1954**

Eldora Keske, *Wisconsin*; Betty Pingley, *West Virginia*; Ruth Ann Seacord, *New York*; Harold L. Allen, *Nebraska*; Lynn L. Pesson, *Louisiana*; Russell W. Smith, *Vermont*

**1954-1955**

Bronna M. Elkins, *Florida*; Ella Fazzalari, *Maryland*; Donna Kragh, *Wisconsin*; Marvin Boss, *Iowa*; V. Joseph McAuliffe, *New York*; Don K. Wiles, *Nebraska*

**1955-1956**

Doris McDaniel, *Oklahoma*; Jane Merry, *New York*; Willa Morava, *Nebraska*; John Dale Apel, *Kansas*; George J. Broadwell, *Vermont*; Howard M. Willson, *Montana*

**1956-1957**

Joan V. Engle, *Kansas*; Ann E. Thompson, *Alabama*; Virginia White, *Minnesota*; Harlan G. Copeland, *Kansas*; Duane B. Lau, *Ohio*; Harry Vieth, Jr., *Missouri*

**1957-1958**

Ruth Brasher, *Utah*; Lucille Jamison, *Tennessee*; Elizabeth Snoddy, *Hawaii*; Clinton A. Conant, *Maine*; John H. Gant, *Indiana*; William E. Tedrick, *Ohio*

**1958-1959**

A. Lois Redman, *Missouri*; Jo Ann Tilley, *Florida*; Allene M. Willson, *Montana*; Loren F. Goyen, *Kansas*; E. Clay Joseph, *Kentucky*; George E. Russell, *Virginia*

**1959-1960**

Eleanor Inman, *Georgia*; Charlene Lind, *Utah*; Rhoda M. Peck, *New York*; John H. Heller, *Kentucky*; Ralph E. Kirch, *Michigan*; Dwight E. Palmer, *North Dakota*

**1960-1961**

Virginia R. Griffin, *Ohio*; Wanda L. Gumprecht, *California*; Barbara Smith, *New York*; John A. Burbank, *Nebraska*; James C. Kemp, *Colorado*; Donald R. Mitchell, *Idaho*

**1961-1962**

Betty Bernard, *Michigan*; Jane Kamisato, *Hawaii*; Margie Sellers, *Texas*; Donald L. Esslinger, *Kansas*; Don Osburn, *Maryland*; John H. Stanley, *Illinois*; Derald Suffridge, *Oklahoma*

**1962-1963**

Marcele Barelman, *Nebraska*; Charline Hamilton, *Tennessee*; Lois McClure, *Kentucky*; James B. Arnold, *Maryland*; Bob D. Davis, *Ohio*;

Edward H. Merritt, *New Hampshire*

**1963-1964**

RubINETTE R. Miller, *Virginia*; Margaret A. Stahly, *Nebraska*; Henrietta Van Maanen, *Iowa*; Richard E. Bitterman, *New York*; John A. Kiesow, *Oregon*; George D. Rendell, *California*

**1964-1965**

Rose A. House, *Maine*; Mariellen Jones, *Kansas*; Constance A. Meyer, *Oregon*; John D. Cutlip, *West Virginia*; John Paul Duke, *Louisiana*; Allen C. Jensen, *Iowa*

**1965-1966**

Joye Brown, *Wyoming*; Sara S. Naragon, *Indiana*; Georgia Beth Smith, *Utah*; Jerome J. Klement, *Texas*; Howard K. Lahlum, *North Dakota*; Donald J. Moore, *Virginia*

**1966-1967**

Betty Easter, *Missouri*; Marilyn Lunner, *Nebraska*; Lois Howard, *Oklahoma*; Lowell R. Shaw, *West Virginia*; John C. Sterling, *New York*; R. Calvert Steuart, *Maryland*

**1967-1968**

Gloria Cleland, *Ohio*; Frances (Sue) Kleen, *Wyoming*; Nancy White, *Kentucky*; Roy E. Hougen, *Iowa*; Kenneth J. Migchelbrink, *Washington*; James R. Sais, *New Mexico*

**1968-1969**

Linda A. Crow, *North Dakota*; Helene Horimoto, *Hawaii*; Glenice Rugland, *Minnesota*; Carlton L. Doane, *New York*; David E. Pace, *Iowa*; Dallas R. Smith, *North Carolina*

## Appendix B

### Timeline, Payne/National 4-H Fellows

**1929-1930** Gertrude L. Warren, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Ella Phillips Crandall, National Committee for the Study of Juvenile Testing, New York City, exchange correspondence about books pertaining to youth development and literature about 4-H club work.

**1930** Ella Phillips Crandall requests an appointment for Mr. S. Howard Evans, a young staff member of the Payne Fund, with Miss Warren because of the Fund's "genuine interest in reaching the rural boys and girls."

Miss Warren extends an invitation to Mr. Evans to attend National 4-H Camp June 18-24, 1930 in Washington.

**1930** Mr. Evans reported to the Payne Fund on a November visit with Dr. C.B. Smith, Chief [Assistant Director], Office of Cooperative Extension Work and Gertrude Warren to discuss a fellowship for the 4-H Clubs. Dr. Smith and Miss Warren agreed that the youth fellowship plan was feasible and practicable. Dr. Smith was also interested in research on the contributions of the 4-H movement and in bringing adult state leaders to Washington to see the [Extension] Department functioning in Washington.

**1931** Dr. Smith reports the Payne Foundation plan to award two one thousand dollar scholarships annually to a 4-H boy and girl to work with the Department in Washington to Director [of Extension] C.W. Warburton.

**1931** Dr. Smith reports to Mr. Evans that the Department promises full cooperation in the guidance of the students if the Payne Foundation wishes to grant the Fellowships.

**1931** Mr. Evans reports that the Board of Directors, at a meeting on January 20, officially approved the awarding of two fellowships of \$1,000 each to the 4-H Clubs (1 for girls and 1 for boys).

**1931** Mr. Evans announces Mary Todd (GA) and Andy Colebank (TN) as the first recipients of the \$1,000 fellowships by the Payne Fund at the fifth annual National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C.

**1932** Margaret Latimer (SD) and George M. Harris (KY) were awarded

the National 4-H Fellows for 1931-1932.

**1933** Esther Friesth (IA) and Barnard D. Joy (OR) were selected as the National 4-H Fellows for 1933-1934.

**1934** Mildred Ives (NC) and Edwin H. Matzen (IA) were named National 4-H Fellows for 1934-1935.

**1935** Ruth Lohmann (MN) and James W. Potts (TX) received the National 4-H Fellowships for 1935-1936.

**1936** Ruth Durrenberger (FL) and Keith Jones (WA) were the National 4-H Fellowship recipients for 1936-1937.

**1937** Winifred Perry (VT) and Kenneth H. Anderson (SD) were awarded the National 4-H Fellowships for 1937-1938.

**1938** Blanche Brobeil (IA) and Max A. Culp (NC) received the final National 4-H Fellowships provided by the Payne Fund for 1938-1939.

**1939** Kenneth H. Anderson, a former National 4-H Fellow, joined the staff of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work.

**1939** The Payne Fund of New York City ends its funding of the Payne/National 4-H Fellows after eight years.

**1939** A reunion of the Payne/4-H Fellows was held in Washington, D.C. June 16-18.

**1939** The National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Chicago, Illinois, began sponsorship of the two \$1,000 fellowships for 1939-1940.

**1940** Lillian A. Murphy (IN) and Wilmer W. Bassett, Jr. (FL) received the National 4-H Fellowships for 1939-1940.

**1941** Jean Shippey (NY) and Theodore T. Kirsch (OR) were the recipients of the 1940-1941 National 4-H Fellowships.

**1942** Erna Ruth Wildermuth (AZ) and J. (Joe) W. Pou (NC) received the National 4-H Fellowships for 1941-1942.

**1942-1947** No Fellowships were awarded during World War II.

**1947** The National 4-H Fellowships provided by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work were resumed following the war. The Fellowship stipend increased to \$1,200 for the 9 months' residence and study at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**1947** Dorothy Arvidson (IN) and George S. Foster (TN) were the National 4-H Fellowship recipients for 1947-1948.

**1948** The 1948-1949 National 4-H Fellowships were awarded to Kathleen Weldon (GA) and Roger Lawrence (OH). Miss Weldon declined the Fellowship to marry Robert Pinckney in December 1948. Marjorie J. Erp (WA) was awarded the Fellowship.

**1949** Hattie Mae Rhonemus (OH) and Dana O Schrupp (MT) received the National 4-H Fellowships for 1949-1950.

**1950** Joan Howell (OR) and Donald E. Foltz (IN) were the National 4-H Fellows in 1950-1951. Mr. Foltz' period of study was temporally suspended as he was called for military service. After the Korean War, he completed his program with the 1953-1954 Fellows.

**1951** The 1951-1952 National 4-H Fellows were awarded to Elaine M. Skucius (NE) and Merle L. Howes (MD).

**1952** Rhonwyn Lowry (GA) and William J. Kimball (WI) were named as National 4-H Fellows for 1952-1953 during the National 4-H Camp in Washington in June. The Fellowship stipend was increased to \$1,500 from \$1,200.

**1953** Massey-Harris joined the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work in sponsoring four additional fellowships annually until the program ended in 1968-1969. Stipends were \$1,500.

**1953** The six National 4-H Fellows for 1953-1954 were Eldora E. Keske (WI), Betty J. Pingley (WV), Ruth Ann Seacord (NY), Harold L. Allen (NE), Lynn L. Pesson (LA) and Russell W. Smith (VT).

**1953** Massey-Harris merged with the Ferguson Company to become Massey-Harris-Ferguson.

**1954** Bronna Mae Elkins (FL), Ella Fazzalari (MD), Donna Kragh (WI), Marvin Boss (IA), V. Joseph McAuliffe (NY) and Don K. Wiles (NE) were the 1954-1955 recipients of the National 4-H Fellowship.

**1955** The 1955-1956 National 4-H Fellows included Doris N. McDaniel (OK), Jane Merry (NY), Willa Morava (NE), John Dale Apel (KS), George Broadwell (VT) and Howard Willson (MT).

**1956** Joan Engle (KS), Ann E. Thompson (AL), Virginia E. White (MN), Harlan G. Copeland (KS), Duane Lau (OH), and Harry Vieth, Jr. (MO) were awarded the 1956-1957 National 4-H Fellowships.

**1957** A Twenty-fifth Anniversary Reunion of the Payne and National 4-H Fellows was held in Washington, D.C.

**1958** The winners of the 1957-1958 National 4-H Fellowships were Ruth Brasher (UT), Lucille Jamison (TN), Elizabeth Snoddy (HI), Clinton Conant (ME), John Gant (IN) and William Tedrick (OH). The Fellowship stipend was increased to \$2,000 per person.

**1958** Guy L. Noble retired as Director of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work.

**1958** Norman C. Mindrum succeeded Guy L. Noble as Director of the National Committee on Boy and Girls Club Work, a sponsor of the National 4-H Fellowships, on May 1.

**1958** Massey-Harris-Ferguson changes its name to Massey-Ferguson.

**1958** Jo Ann Tilley (FL), A. Lois Redman (MO), Allene M. Willson (MT), Loren F. Goyen (KS), E. Clay Joseph (KY), and George E. Russell (VA) were named the 1958-1959 National 4-H Fellows. The Fellowship stipend increased to \$2,400 from \$2,000 per person.

**1959** The 1959-1960 National 4-H Fellowships were awarded to Eleanor G. Inman (GA), Charlene Lind (UT), Rhoda M. Peck (NY), John Heller (KY), Ralph E. Kirch (MI) and Dwight Palmer (ND).

**1960** The National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work changed its name to the National 4-H Service Committee.

**1960** Virginia R. Griffin (OH), Wanda L. Gumprecht (CA), Barbara J. Smith (NY), John A. Burbank (NE), James C. Kemp (CO) and Donald R. Mitchell (ID) were the 1960-1961 recipients of the National 4-H Fellowship. The annual stipend increased to \$3,000 person and remained at that level through 1968-1969.

**1961** Successful Farming magazine and the Edwin T. Meredith Foundation of Des Moines, Iowa provided a one-time seventh National 4-H Fellowship of \$3,000 during 1961-1962.

**1961** The only group of seven National 4-H Fellows included Betty Bernard (MI), Jane Kamisato (HI), Margie Sellers (TX), Donald L. Esslinger (KS), Donald E. Osburn (MD), John H. Stanley (IL) and Derald W. Suffridge (OK) in 1961-1962.

**1962** The 1962-1963 recipients of the National 4-H Fellowship were Marcele Barelman (NE), Charline Hamilton (TN), Lois McClure (KY), James B. Arnold (MD), Bob D. Davis (OH), and Edward H. Merritt (NH).

**1963** RubINETTE R. Miller (VA), Margaret A. Stahly (NE), Henrietta Van Maanen (IA), Richard E. Bitterman (NY), John A. Kiesow (OR), and George D. Rendell (CA) were named the National 4-H Fellows for 1963-1964.

**1963** Reunion – The 1962-1963 4-H Fellows arranged a reunion dinner

for 4-H Fellows at the National 4-H Center during the National 4-H Conference. Twenty-two Fellows attended.

**1964** Rose House (ME), Mariellen Jones (KS), Constance A. Meyer (OR), John D. Cutlip (WV), John Paul Duke (LA), and Allen C. Jensen (IA) were awarded the National 4-H Fellowships for 1964-1965.

**1965** The 1965-1966 National 4-H Fellowships were awarded to Joye Brown (WY), Sara S. Naragon (IN), Georgia Beth Thompson (UT), Jerome J. Klement (TX), Howard Lahlum (ND) and Donald J. Moore (VA).

**1966** Betty Easter (MO), Marilyn L. Lunner (NE), Lois Howard (OK), Lowell R. Shaw (WV), John C. Sterling (NY) and R. Calvert Steuart (MD) were the 1966-1967 recipients of the National 4-H Fellowship.

**1967** Gloria Cleland (OH), Frances (Sue) Kleen (WY), Nancy White (KY), Roy E. Hougen (IA), Kenneth J. Migchelbrink (WA), and James R. Sais (NM) received the 1967-1968 National 4-H Fellowships.

**1968** The National 4-H Fellowship program ended with the awarding of fellowships to Linda A. Crow (ND), Helene Horimoto (HI), Glenice Rugland (MN), Carlton L. Doane (NY), David E. Pace (IA), and Dallas R. Smith for 1968-1969.

**1969** The National 4-H Fellowship program ends.

**1972** Informal talks of merging the National 4-H Service Committee and the National 4-H Foundation begin.

**1973** A Joint Study Committee on merging the National 4-H Service Committee and the National 4-H Foundation begins meeting.

**1974** The Joint Study Committee developed an agreement leading to a Joint Committee on Organization and Operation. The agreement was approved by the two national groups.

**1975** A Joint Resource Development Program was set up by the Joint Study Committee which merged the fund raising functions of the two organizations.

**1976** Articles of Incorporation for the National 4-H Council were filed in Ohio.

**1976** Formation of the National 4-H Council from a merger of the National 4-H Service Committee and the National 4-H Foundation.

**1976** The National 4-H Council Board of Trustees holds its charter meeting.

**1977** The National 4-H Foundation and the National 4-H Service Committee transferred their assets, functions, liabilities and personnel to the National

4-H Council and the National 4-H Council became operational.

**1978** Kenneth H. Anderson, Associate Director of the National Committee, retired.

**1988** Reunion – Harlan Copeland (1956-1957) hosted a Reunion of National 4-H Fellows, IFYE Fellows and Kellogg Fellows during the 1988 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents' Conference, November 10, 1988 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**1989** Reunion – George Foster (1947-1948) hosted a “Get-Together” of former National 4-H Fellows, Extension National 4-H Interns, and retirees and life members of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents at the NAE4-HA Annual Conference in Mobile, Alabama November 7, 1989.

**1995** Massey-Ferguson was purchased by the U.S. based AGCO Corporation.

**2007 – 2008** Joe McAuliffe and Harlan Copeland researched the history of the Payne/National 4-H Fellowship Program. The list of former Fellows was updated, questionnaires were sent to former Fellows, and a report was prepared.

**2008** The National 4-H Fellows Archives was established in May at the National Agricultural Library with funds (\$2,500) and materials donated by former Fellows.

**2008** A national reunion of Payne and National 4-H Fellows was scheduled October 11-13 at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

## **Appendix C**

### **Payne/National 4-H Fellowship 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion**



Payne and National 4-H Fellows in attendance at the 25th Anniversary Reunion in Washington, D.C., June, 1957.





# Appendix D

## Methodology

### Purposes

The purposes of the Payne/National 4-H Fellowship history project were to:

- Document the history, funding, objectives and operation of the Fellowship experience.
- Identify the participants' perceptions of the value of the program – both personally and professionally.
- Develop a system for preserving historical documents and memorabilia pertaining to the Fellowship.
- Reflect on the contributions of the Fellowship to the professional development of Extension 4-H educators and its potential for other youth educators.

The documentation of the Payne/National 4-H Fellowship experience involved the following: (1) Review of the literature, (2) Library research, (3) Updating the list of the Fellowship recipients and (4) a Survey of current Fellows (2007-2008) pertaining to their selection, their experience in Washington, D.C., their career path after the Fellowship and their perceived benefits of the Fellowship experience – both personally and professionally. Changes in the names of organizations involved, subject matter disciplines and position titles during 1931-1969 will also be noted.

### Review of the Literature

Reck (1951) and Wessel and Wessel (1982) briefly acknowledged the existence of the Fellowship program in their histories of 4-H Club Work.

A notable event at the 1931 National 4-H Camp was an announcement by S. Howard Evans, representing the Payne Fund, that beginning in 1931 fellowships would be provided for one young woman and one young man, selected from the country at large on the basis of activity, ability, personality and leadership qualities. Under the Fellowship, the two designated 4-H members would spend a year in Washington, making a study of Governmental activi-

ties, taking academic courses, in the U.S.D.A. Graduate School, and pursuing a research problem of their own choosing. The selected pair were college graduates and their program of study was designed to lead to a Master's degree.

From 1931 to 1939, the Payne Fund Fellowships, awarded each year, provided the Extension Service with many trained and skilled leaders. Since 1939, the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work has continued the grants as the National 4-H Fellowships" (Reck, p. 218).

Wessel and Wessel noted the addition of the Massey-Ferguson Company and the Edwin T. Meredith Foundation as sponsors of the Fellowships and the discontinuance of the program because of economic conditions (Wessel and Wessel, p. 131).

Paul Taff, Iowa State 4-H Leader, in an unpublished history of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, cites the need for 4-H research as the reason for establishing the Fellowships in 1931.

The 4-H Clubs grew up without the benefit of precedents. Everyone was conscious from the beginning that 4-H Clubs were developing in an uncharted field. . . . as the work grew and became more complicated, the need was being felt for scientific studies of various phases of leadership, membership, awards, literature and the like. Very little had been done along these lines on a broad research basis. . . . States in a few cases had conducted research on a restricted basis. . . . Also, the U.S. Department of Agriculture had done some early needed research.

This need led to the establishment of the fellowships in 1931. . . . The period of study was over a year and was supervised by the Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Each recipient selected a vital phase of club work for study under guidance of the Department's graduate staff.

The National Committee had observed the results of these fellowships and considered them a vital factor in 4-H club work. [When the sponsored fellowships ended in 1939], The National Committee announced it would continue the grants, provided the Department of Agriculture would select the recipients and supervise their studies. At this point, the name was changed to the National 4-H Fellowships" (Taff, p. 152).

Only one study, "National 4-H Fellowship 1987," of the Fellowship program was found. Laura S. Sternheim [Dilts], a National 4-H Intern in 1987, conducted a telephone survey of 16 former National 4-H Fellows as part of her project to develop a proposed "National 4-H Doctoral Fellowship Program." Her questions dealt with (1) Benefits of the Fellowship program to their subsequent Extension or non-Extension work, (2) Motivation to remain in Extension, (3) Perceived unique learning from the program, (4) Recommendations for academic course work and additional experiences, (5) Value of the area cultural experience, and (6) What type

of advisory help was needed and should be included.

The benefits were varied, but respondents cited learning about the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other government agencies, the national picture of Extension and 4-H and the opportunity to obtain an advanced degree as the primary benefits of the program. The recipients reported the experience helped develop (or enhance) their commitment to pursue a career in 4-H or with Extension. The Fellows reported the program helped broaden their lives outside of their work—politically, culturally, internationally and intellectually. In general, the Fellowship experience was evaluated most positively and recommendations for academic courses, seminars, guest speakers and program organization and implementation were offered (Sternheim [Dilts], 1987).

The *Extension Service Review* announced the recipients (1931-1941, 1950, and 1954) and the *National 4-H News* provided (1) the recipients of the Fellowship (1937-1942, 1947-1960, 1961, 1966, 1968), (2) announcements of the Fellowship opportunity and (3) State 4-H staff changes in “State Briefs” (1933-1960), and the 1939-1940 Fellows, Lillian Murphy and Wilmer Bassett, Jr., provided five articles about their Fellowship experience (March-August 1940).

### Library Research

- The Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio – Papers of Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton and the Payne Fund pertaining to the Payne Fellowship housed at this library were reviewed to ascertain the history of the Payne Fund’s support of the original 16 Fellowships from 1931-1939. The collection includes correspondence between S. Howard Evans of the Payne Fund and Extension Service personnel (Gertrude Warren, C. B. Smith and M.C. Wilson) and a file of each of the 16 Payne Fellows including a photograph, monthly reports, copies of major and minor theses, reports of classes taken, reports of government agencies visited, and an academic record.
- National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work/National 4-H Service Committee Files – Documentation pertaining to the continuation of the Fellowships in 1939-1940 by the National Committee and to the Committee’s involvement in obtaining financial support of sixty-four (64) Fellowships by Massey-Ferguson and one (1) Fellowship by *Successful Farming*/Edwin T. Meredith Foundation was not located at the National 4-H Council (Chevy Chase, MD), the National Agricultural Library (Beltsville, MD) or Archives II (College Park, MD).
- Archives II in College Park, Maryland has one container labeled “Na-

tional 4-H Fellowship and Other Fellowships” included in its present collection pertaining to 4-H Club Work. The files include a collection of photographs of the later Fellowship groups.

- In establishing an Archive for the National 4-H Fellowship at the National Agricultural Library, complete copies of Fellows’ monthly reports were located at the Library for all years except the first two (1931-1933) and the last year (1968-1969).

### **Updating the List of Payne/National 4-H Fellows (1931-1969)**

It had been some time since a list of former Fellows and their addresses had been prepared. Two lists provided a starting point for this task: “Windows to a Wider World” which was prepared in conjunction with a reunion of former Fellows in 1964, and an updated list of names and addresses prepared by Elsie Carper, retired from the Division of 4-H and Youth Development, Federal Extension Service. A questionnaire was mailed using these addresses and information about address corrections and deceased Fellows was received. Several “undeliverable” letters were returned. Organizations who maintain mailing lists (e.g., the National 4-H Council, the International Four-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association, State 4-H Foundations) helped locate other individuals. Former Fellows provided information about members of their year groups and numerous colleagues in State Extension Services were consulted about the status of Fellows whose letters had been returned “undeliverable.” County Genealogical Societies and Internet People Directories were also consulted.

As of August 2008, we had obtained addresses and had been able to contact directly or indirectly through a relative 115 of the 131 former Fellows. Former co-workers and friends responded for an additional 7 individuals. Our 9 non-contacts included: 8 former Fellows who are deceased, and one person for whom we were unable to make any contact.

### **Survey of Fellows**

Fellowship recipients were asked to complete two questionnaires: (1) a one-page questionnaire confirming one’s mailing address and willingness to participate in the study, and (2) a six-page questionnaire requesting information about their careers and volunteer service, their fellowship experiences, memorable events during the year, and their perception of benefits to them personally and professionally.

Information was received about or from 119 former Fellows or their relatives, friends or former colleagues. Information about 12 Fellows was obtained from secondary sources such as past issues of the *Extension Service*

Review and the *National 4-H News*, obituaries, and personal knowledge of the research team and others.

### **Terminology**

Numerous changes have occurred in the names of organizations, disciplines of knowledge, programs and position titles from the beginning of the Payne Fellowships (1931) to the present time. The following terms and definitions are used in this report in order to provide some degree of standardization and simplification.

National Committee – This organization, a sponsor of the National 4-H Fellowships and located in Chicago, Illinois, was the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work when incorporated in 1924 in Illinois. The name was changed to the National 4-H Service Committee in 1960 and merged along with the National 4-H Foundation into the National 4-H Council with headquarters in Chevy Chase, Maryland in 1976.

Extension Service (ES) – The organization with offices at the national, state and county level was created by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 and administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At different times in various states, its name has been the Agricultural Extension Service, the Cooperative Extension Service, and University Extension.

Federal Extension Service (FES) – The name of the department of the U.S. Department of Agriculture providing leadership and oversight for the Extension Service during the period of the 4-H Fellowships (1931-1969). Originally called the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, then the Federal Extension Service, its functions are presently (2008) diffused among units within the Cooperative Research, Education and Extension Service (CREES).

Home Economics – This was the name of the field of knowledge and the area of Extension practice pertaining to issues related to families and family life during 1931-1969. The name of the baccalaureate degree received by women in this study has subsequently been changed to “Human Ecology,” “Human Development,” and more recently, “Consumer and Family Science.” The official name of the American Home Economics Association was changed to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 1994.

County 4-H Club Agent – The title of the position providing leadership for the 4-H Club program at the county level has also been known by various names in different states – County Extension Agent, 4-H; Extension Educator, Assistant/Associate County Agricultural/Home Economics Agent; Farm/Home Advisor and others.

Extension Home Economist – The early position titles for many women in this study were Home (or Assistant/Associate) Demonstration Agents. Later titles have included Home Agent, Extension Home Economist; Extension Educator -- Home Economics; Extension Educator -- Family and Consumer Sciences, and Home/Extension Advisor.

International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) - A 4-H International program of the Cooperative Extension Service providing for an exchange of young adults between the United States and over 80 countries beginning in 1948. Originally called the International Farm Youth Exchange, the name was changed in 1973. It was administered by the National 4-H Foundation (now National 4-H Council) until 1990.

Massey Ferguson (MF) – This major international producer of farm implements was known as Massey-Harris prior to its merger with the Ferguson Company (M-H-F) in 1953 when they began sponsoring four annual 4-H Fellowships in 1953. The name was changed to Massey Ferguson in 1958. A series of financial difficulties and downsizing led to the company being broken up. Today, the company exists only as a brand name used by the Allis-Gleaner Corporation (AGCO) but remains a major seller around the world (Wikipedia, n.d.).

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