

## HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION

Very few facts concerning the early history of the Kentucky Home Agents' Association are available. Records prior to 1937 have been destroyed.

The records of the organization from 1937 to the present are intact and information concerning the association may be obtained from the minutes of the meetings.

Ida Hagman, Home Agent in Graves County was elected the first president in 1924. She resigned to continue her education and Mrs. Roxie Perkins succeeded her.

Mrs. Catherine Johnson of Jefferson County was president in 1929. She was followed by Miss Isadore Williams in 1930.

Alda Henning served as president in 1937. During her term, the recommendation of the budget committee that \$50 be allotted for a delegate to attend the National Convention and \$30 for a delegate to attend a meeting in another State was accepted.

Miss Zelma Byerly was elected president in 1938. During her term a home demonstration agents' council consisting of state officers and a director from each of the six districts was formed.

The Directors were:

Purchase. . . . .	.Alda Henning
Pennyroyal. . . . .	.Ruth Taylor
South Central . . . . .	.Miriam Kelly
North Central . . . . .	.Jeanette Thompson
Mountain. . . . .	.Sunshine Colley
Blue Grass. . . . .	.Ruth Latimer

The first meeting of the council or board was held in 1942 at the home of the president, Miss Ruth Latimer, Sunday afternoon preceding Agents' Conference.

Kentucky is pleased to have had members serve on the National Board and on various committees of that organization.

Miss Lilah Hembree of Oldham County was secretary of the National Home Demonstration Agents' Association in 1951-52.

Mrs. Louise Craig had the distinction of being the first Home Demonstration Agent to receive the Grace Frysinger Award in 1951. Miss Elizabeth Word received this award in 1958.

Mrs. Ruth Harralson received the superior service award of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as applied to the Extension Service in 1954.

Mary Ellen Murray was the first Home Demonstration Agent to receive the Florence Hall award for the Southern Region in 1954.

In 1950, a handbook modeled after the handbook of the national organization was prepared and one copy placed in the Extension office of each county in the state.

In 1952, the organization established a fellowship for a member to study in some other state for a period of two weeks. This was in the amount of \$50.00 and later was increased to \$75.00. The agent is to study Extension methods in that state and report to Kentucky agents.

That same year the state organization with the approval of the administrative staff recommended that regular district meetings of the agents be

held. As a result, agents have found this to be an excellent means of exchanging ideas, stressing professional improvement and planning and coordinating work within the district.

Attendance at National Meetings has grown steadily among Kentucky members. Those who attend find the meetings to be a source of excellent information, inspiration and fellowship. A highlight of the State Annual Meeting is the report of these meetings. In 1963 the report was made through Choice Pickins, the organization's publication.

The Kentucky Home Demonstration Agents Association has cooperated with other groups through the years. This is evidenced by representation on Administrative Committees, Kentucky Agricultural Council, the Dean's Grass Roots Committee and others.

The business of the organization is planned and coordinated by the executive committee and the Board of Directors which meets twice each year.

The following have served as Presidents of the Kentucky Home Agents' Association:

1924	. . . . .	Ida Hagman
1926	. . . . .	Roxie Perkins
1927	. . . . .	
1928	. . . . .	
1929	. . . . .	Catherine Johnson
1930	. . . . .	Isadore Williams
1931	. . . . .	
1932	. . . . .	
1933	. . . . .	
1934	. . . . .	
1935	. . . . .	
1936	. . . . .	
1937	. . . . .	Alda Henning
1938	. . . . .	Zelma Byerly

1939 . . . . . Irene Piedlau  
1940 . . . . . Lois Sharp  
1941 . . . . . Francis Fleming  
1942 . . . . . Ruth Latimer (Saunders)  
1943 . . . . . Doris Wheeler  
1944 . . . . . Miriam Kelley  
1945 . . . . . Leone Gillett  
1946 . . . . . Elizabeth Word  
1947 . . . . .  
1948 . . . . . Bina Foree  
1949 . . . . .  
1950 . . . . . Lilah Hembree  
1951 . . . . .  
1952 . . . . . Margaret Sullivan  
1953 . . . . .  
1954 . . . . . Ruth Harralson  
1955 . . . . . Mary Jordan Morris  
1956 . . . . .  
1957 . . . . . Mary Ellen Lilly  
1958 . . . . .  
1959 . . . . . Alice Killpatrick  
1960 . . . . .  
1961 . . . . . Jane Jones  
1962 . . . . .  
1963 . . . . . Louise Craig  
1964 . . . . .