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Home: Stephens City, VA
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V. Milton Boyce

National Extension Staff, USDA

4-H Statistics: West Virginia 4-Her and FFA member; served as president of both. Received many 4-H awards for his swine, poultry and sheep. In college, was President of Men's Assn. and Agriculture Assn. (1952-56). Selected for Who's Who of American Colleges & Universities. Served as County/Area Agent in Kentucky for 8 years. Served at USDA as a National 4-H Program Leader, Assistant Deputy Administrator of 4-H, and twice as Acting Interim Deputy. Received the "Dare to Lead" award from the International Leadership Network in 1996. The state of New Mexico named a leadership award in his honor.

As National Program Leader in volunteer and paraprofessional staff development, Milt had a significant impact on the national 4-H program. His ISOTURE (Identify, Select, Orient, Train, Utilize, Recognize and Evaluate) Volunteer Development Model has been used by 4-H agents for many years. He helped develop one of the first TV/satellite training programs for national staff. He also provided leadership to the 4-H Bicentennial Committee. During the Carter Administration, Boyce helped develop Extension budgets and received a USDA award for his outstanding efforts. At USDA, he also served as Assistant Deputy Administrator of 4-H and twice as Acting Interim Deputy.

Boyce first demonstrated his leadership skills as a West Virginia 4-Her and FFA member, where he served as president of both groups. In 4-H he received many awards for his swine, poultry and sheep projects. After college, he began as County/Area Agent in Kentucky for eight years. Upon receiving his Ed.D. from NC State he became a National 4-H Program Leader. He served in the US Army in Korea for two years. Milt and his wife Margaret were 4-H club leaders in Arlington, VA, for ten years while their children were in 4-H. Milt continues as an active volunteer with several soil and water conservation organizations in Virginia.

Quote: "4-H gave me a broader perspective of the world. Going to Jackson's Mill (WV State 4-H Camp) and competing in the Super-chicken contest greatly expanded my horizons." As a youth, Milt said he was greatly influenced by his 4-H agent. He used much of what he learned as a 4-H Agent in Kentucky, and later as National 4-H Program Leader.



Milt with Virginia 4-H members during USDA Agriculture Week, 1983.



Milt conducts a teen leadership training workshop in New Jersey



First Lady Nancy Reagan welcomes Milt to the White House.



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Eleanor Wilson

National Extension Staff, USDA

4-H Statistics: 4-H member in Morgantown WV. Became West Virginia 4-H Agent, 1956; later 4-H Girls State Leader. National 4-H Program Leader - 4-H International programs, Citizenship Washington Focus (with National 4-H Council), National 4-H Conference and Staff Development and Training. Organized state specialists to develop national curricula for nutrition, consumer and international programs. Executive Director of the Mulligan Stew TV series; provided leadership for Blue Sky Below My Feet and the 4-H Photography series. Currently volunteers at National 4-H Council to document 4-H history. West Virginia 4-H All Star and life member of NAE4-HA and Epsilon Sigma Phi. Honors: USDA Superior Service Award, NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award, Federal Women's Award nominee, Centennial Class of the West Virginia 4-H Hall of Fame.

A WV 4-H alumnus, Eleanor became a WV 4-H Agent in 1956 and later was 4-H Girls State Leader. As a National 4-H Program Leader, she managed 4-H International programs, National 4-H Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus with National 4-H Council, and Staff Development for paid and volunteer staff. She led efforts to develop national curricula with state specialists for nutrition, consumer and international programs. Her vision to use mass media to reach millions of youth was realized as Executive Producer of the Mulligan Stew TV series, leadership for Blue Sky Below My Feet and the 4-H Photography series. As Asst. Deputy Administrator, Home Economics & Human Nutrition, she stayed involved with 4-H EFNEP, nutrition, clothing and consumer programs, and National 4-H Congress.

Now retired, Eleanor is an active volunteer: Alexandria Christ Church, DAR, officer in a Homeowners association, fund-raiser for the Fairfax Symphony and a regional Home economics group, where she designed their programs for the past three years. She also volunteers at National 4-H Council in documenting 4-H history and as historical advisor to Program Assistants; with the EFNEP program at CSREES, USDA; Epsilon Sigma Phi; and 4-H Japanese Exchange Program. Her honors include: USDA Superior Service Award, NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award, and a Federal Women's Award nominee, and induction into the Centennial Class of the West Virginia 4-H Hall of Fame. She is a West Virginia 4-H All Star and life member of NAE4-HA and Epsilon Sigma Phi.



Wilson and county 4-H members prepare to leave for WV Older 4-H Club Members' Conference, 1961.



Wilson and the team that created the Mulligan Stew 4-H TV nutrition program.



President and Mrs. Johnson greet Wilson and National 4-H Conference delegates at the White House.