

Georgia 2004

Martha Harrison Jones

State Leadership - 4-H & Home Economics



Born: Bartow County, GA
Nominated by: Georgia 4-H
Year Inducted: 2004

4-H Statistics: 4-H member in Washington Co. Employed over 30 years by Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Secretary, National 4-H Foundation; Chair, 1956 National 4-H Club Congress delegate program; Chair, National 4-H Clothing Development Committee; Member, National Sub-committee on 4-H Club Work. 1963 recipient of USDA Superior Service Award for first Women's People-to-People Goodwill Tour to Europe & Russia. Named Honorary Georgia Master 4-H Club member (1948) and Honorary Rock Eagle Counselor (1971). Vice-President, Parliamentarian, and Committee Chair of the Georgia Home Economics Association; Member: Phi Upsilon Omicron National Home Economics Fraternity, Georgia and American Home Economics Association, and Gamma Sigma Delta Agriculture Honor Society.

Martha was a native of Bartow County and later moved to Washington County, where she was an active 4-H club member and "where I dreamed of becoming a home demonstration agent." Martha received her BS degree in Home Economics from the University of Georgia in 1942. While still in college, she had worked as an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Mitchell County. She began her official Extension career as a Home Demonstration Agent in Monroe County after graduation. In 1944 she moved to Thomas County as the Home Demonstration Agent. From 1946-1960, she served as State 4-H Club Leader. In 1960, she assumed the position of Northeast District Agent in Home Economics; in 1969, she served as State Home Economics Leader until her retirement in January, 1972.

Martha was a Charter member of the Georgia 4-H Club Foundation, where she led a campaign that raised over \$3 million for the development of the Rock Eagle 4-H Club Center. When construction began on Rock Eagle 4-H Center in 1952, Bill Sutton, State 4-H Leader, granted Martha a one year sabbatical to complete her graduate study at Cornell University. Her thesis and essay "A Study of 4-H Club Camping" was the beginning of the summer camping program that exists at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. She returned from Cornell as Associate State 4-H Club Leader in 1954. Martha initiated the Georgia 4-H Club Community Improvement Program. She served on the Governors Commission for Mental Health and Mental Retardation and as the President of the Carroll County Association of Retarded Citizens in 1980.



State 4-H Officers present plaque to Associate State 4-H Leader
Martha Harrison Jones



Dr. Tommy Walton

Asst. Director of Cooperative Extension, 4-H Youth Development Programs

Hometown: Columbus, GA
Nominated by: Georgia 4-H
Year Inducted: 2004

4-H Statistics: Joined the Cooperative Extension Service as an assistant County Agent in Cobb County, 1949. Transferred to UGA as an extension economist, community development specialist, 1951. Appointed State 4-H Leader, 1954. Appointed assistant director of Cooperative Extension, 4-H Youth Development Programs, 1972. Established the U.S. Senate/Georgia 4-H Patronage Program. Director of the Georgia 4-H Foundation, 1976-1978. Named Distinguished Faculty member, UGA College of Agriculture, 1969; Outstanding Educator in America, 1972.

Dr. Walton was a native of Columbus, GA. He served in the Navy from 1942-45. Walton received a technical degree from Dar Aero Tech, Bachelor's and Masters' degrees in Agriculture from the University of Georgia, and a Doctorate in Education from Cornell University (1962). He joined the Cooperative Extension Service as Cobb Co. assistant County Agent in 1949. In 1951 he transferred to UGA as an extension economist, community development specialist, then was appointed State 4-H Leader in 1954. In 1972 he was appointed Assistant Director of Cooperative Extension, 4-H Youth Development Programs. Walton was a regional leader for Extension and active at the national level of 4-H. After retiring, he served as Georgia 4-H Foundation Director, 1976-78.

Dr. Walton is remembered for his vision and contributions to leadership development. Because he believed that 4-H'ers should become responsible, informed, productive, and active citizens involved in government, Walton established the U.S. Senate / Georgia 4-H Patronage Program that continues today. He supported the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors and 4-H District Officers with the statewide 4-H Officer Training program. Georgia 4-H established the Tommy Walton 4-H Leadership Endowment and Lecture Series to honor his commitment to 4-H leadership. The Endowment provides funds to enhance officer training for newly elected district and state officers, and the Lecture Series brings leading personalities to the State 4-H Council program.

Quotes:

"The year I spent in Washington changed my life. Thanks to Dr. Walton for his insight in establishing this unique program." - Buddy Darden, 1962-63

"The opportunities to learn, grow and become...to see the government first hand, to meet national leaders...to work in Senator Russell's office!...The year I served as State Council President provided one of the most positive, unforgettable learning experiences of my life." - Dot Meadow Knox, State 4-H President

"Standing on stage at Rock Eagle, introducing speakers, presiding over State Congress functions, and much more... Working with Dr. Walton's guidance and care was a learning experience which I cherish very much today." - Sue Parker, State 4-H President 1976-77



Dr. Walton and his family at the unveiling of his State 4-H Leader portrait in the lobby of the Talmadge Auditorium, Rock Eagle 4-H Center.



Dr. Walton talks with a Junior Leader in the Georgia 4-H Horse Program



Dr. Walton accepts the first bag of corn for the 4-H Hybrid Corn Program from representatives of Georgia Power Company.