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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Madge J. Reese contain publications, reports, and statements on Reese's career with the U.S. Agricultural Extension Service, 1914-1955. The collection emphasis is on home demonstration work.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Madge J. Reese on 23 January 1962 (Accession No. WUNP3499).

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1-10 The origin and development of agricultural extension work is traced through legislation and publications dealing with the history of American agriculture. Included in the publications are articles, addresses, and biographies of the leaders in the establishment of extension work, cooperative demonstration work, and 4-H Club activities. There is particular emphasis on the educational needs of farm families.
- f. 11-18 Publication and articles by Madge J. Reese, state and field agent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture extension work from the years 1915 to 1955. Reese deals with Home Demonstration work in relation to girls' clubs, farm women, rural education, home economics and rural families. Extension service programs of conservation, 4-H Clubs, home building and management, and standards of living are described in "Agricultural Extension Service Circulars" and bulletins. Editions of "The County Officer," "Rural America," and "Extension Service Review" contain information about local leaders and sketches of local problems as well as the rural cultural life.
- f. 19-23 Reports and studies of the southern and western states from 1914-1929, dealing with regional canning clubs, clothing projects, and food utilization exhibits. Reports of the various committees on food, clothing, home management and farm beautification are given at State Conferences with a summary of distinctive features for the year.
- f. 24-28 Continuation of reports and studies in western states focusing on territories of Alaska and Hawaii from 1930-39. The histories of the home demonstration work and 4-H Club work in each of the western states are combined with the goals for future accomplishment. Supervisory problems and needs in home demonstration work are summarized in Extension Service Conferences.

- f. 29-32 Reports and studies of western states from 1940-1955 include rural-urban conferences, state meetings, local leadership studies, and flag making reports. The Home Demonstration War program is encouraged and the Urban Home Demonstration work is initiated. Madge Reese summarized the entire reports of Extension Service.
- f. 33-39 Addresses, broadcasts, and statements by Madge Reese from 1916 to 1933 describe and evaluate the organization and programs of Extension Service. Much of her attention is directed toward the educational values of 4-H Club work.
- f. 40-45 Addresses, radio broadcasts and statements by Madge J. Reese from 1934 to 1946. Reese talks about the role of the Extension Service in specific areas and in combination with war activities. Numerous radio programs about the National 4-H Clubs projects and achievements are included, with particular attention to the fifteenth National 4-H Club Camp. In the Farm and Home Hour radio talks, Reese discusses the purpose of Home Demonstration Work.
- f. 46-49 Addresses, radio broadcasts and statements, 1947-1955. Miss Reese discusses camps for rural women, rural vs. the city homes, and urban home demonstration work. Extension work in Hawaii and the western states is chronologically developed and projected into the future.
- f. 50-57 National reports and studies from 1920-39. These include Extension Service Circulars with varied articles about local leadership, 4-H Club work and various committee reports dealing with policy, standardization, and requirements.
- f. 58-61 National reports and studies from 1940 to 1955. An outline of extension work through interpreting various agricultural acts; Smith Hughes Act, George Reed Act, George Ellzey Act and George Deer Act. Studies with continued interest in urban relations and standards for rural home demonstration work are supplemented with reports of program activities and trends in Home Demonstration Work.
- f. 62-67 National Honorary Extension Fraternity Yearbook, "Epsilon Sigma Phi," for the years 1930-36, 1938 to 46, 1951 to 52, and 1957-58. The background of "Epsilon Sigma Phi" and Extension work is traced through biographical sketches of people instrumental in developing extension work and the National Yearbook, as well as articles by leading men in the government concerning Extension Service. In addition, recognition is given present and retired leaders in national and state Extension work for distinguished service. Addresses at Grand Council meeting, national officers' reports, and committee reports are published in each issue.

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