

Jeannette Poe



Jeannette Arnett Clayton Poe for more than 50 years gave unselfishly of herself and her time working with rural organizations, especially Homemakers Clubs, and since its organizations, as a leader of the West Virginia Agricultural and Forestry Hall of Fame, with nine years as Treasurer.

Born at Baxter, in Marion County, Jeannette Poe attended Marion County public schools and Fairmont State College. A Homemakers member for more than 40 years, Mrs. Poe has long been a firm believer in the informational and social opportunities these clubs make available to farm women. To her, Homemakers has always meant a chance to help others in the community and a chance for farm women to serve in leadership positions. But, most of all, Jeannette Poe is a great and true believer in farming, a heritage from many generations of Claytons, whose first farm in Marion County came by way of a soldier's land grant for service in the Revolutionary War.

In addition to her 40-plus years of great work with the Homemakers, Jeannette Poe has been an active member of the Fairview Chapter of the Federated Farm Women's Club, a long-time member of the Southern States Women's Auxiliary, and has held offices in the Parent-Teacher Association, the church, a Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Winfield District Fair Committee, and has served as Farmers Home Administration Committee person from Marion County. She has been honored many times by State and national Homemakers councils, has received many community and church citations, and in 1977, received the Soil Conservation Farm Family of the Year award.