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Questions and comments by Sheri are in boldface type; Marjorie's responses and comments are in lightface type.

I am Sheri Patton. This is the interview with Marjorie Goins for the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council Oral History Program. This is done November 7, 2011, at the Sheridan Recreation Center in Sheridan, Arkansas, in Grant County.

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Yes, I guess that was the question.

First, I'd like you to give your complete name and spell it for me, and then tell me the city and county in which you presently reside.

My name is Marjorie Goins. M-A-R-J-O-R-I-E G-O-I-N-S. And what was the rest of it?

City.

Huh-uh.

What city?

Oh, I was born in . . .

No, that you live in . . .

Oh, we live in Sheridan Arkansas, close to it.

County?

Grant County.

Marjorie, this is going to be a very informal interview, I want you to share your memories of your involvement with the Extension Homemakers Program—the good times and the challenges.

Well, I have always enjoyed going and sometimes there was. I had to learn a lot about making—cooking and things that went on in the country life. And I enjoyed it because I got to meet people and to take and to learn to meet people, as well as our leaders and just help me have a better time and better life.

What has been your association with the Extension Homemakers Program?

Well, there was sewing, there was cooking, and there was just a lot of things that comes around in the house or shortcuts to different kinds of things we could do. And, or a way to do things in and do a better job at it.

Have you—were you a member?

Yes.

O.K. How did you learn about the Extension Homemakers Program?

Well, I had been in the 4-H, and then as I got older the 4-H was present—there where I could join.

How long have you been associated with the program?

I don't really think that we timed it—about all my adult life.

What has been your association with the Extension Homemakers Program?

What now? No.

What was the first club with which you were associated and what year?

Well, the first one was here in Sheridan and I don't remember the exact year. But, I was in the club for about the time I moved here, when I was about 25.

Are you presently a club member?

Well, not now.

Do you have any special remembrances of the first meeting or the first club?

Well, I guess I was a little bit scared because I didn't know anybody, but soon made friends.

Why did you join?

Because I wanted to learn what they were teaching.

Why did you continue your membership?

Well, one thing I got kind of old, and well, right now I don't have a car to run around in. And my kids want, they don't want me to fix it 'cause [because] I'm 92 years old and they don't want me to drive anymore. [*Laughs*]

How involved did you come? Please list the offices, committee chairman[ships] and special responsibilities you held.

Well, I think I was treasurer for quite a while. I was president for a little while of the local church, and I think I did some reporting, too. [*Laughs*]

Have you attended the state Council meetings?

A few of them.

If so, what year did you attend your first one.

I can't remember that. [*Laughs*]

And do you have special remembrances of that event?

Well, just that I had a report to make and that was reported—that's all I remember other than that's been too long ago.

How has Extension Homemakers touched your life?

Well, I have been in a long time and learned a whole lot from it.

What is your favorite event or activity of Home Extension?

Well, getting to know people and to kind of know how they live. And also how I—they can help me and maybe I can help some of them, too.

What has been your least favorite event or activity?

I can't remember. They was all pretty good. [*Laughs*]

What changes have you experienced in the Extension Homemakers

organization?

What—What?

What changes have you experienced in the Extension Homemakers organization?

Well, just . . . Well, not a whole lot. We get more literature. I know more ideas—is really not much different. I mean except we might go a little deeper now in some things than we did before.

Has Extension Homemakers taught you anything about people?

Yes. That you learn about different people—you—well, you learn that people have different ideas. [*Laughs*]

Any other memories, experiences or thoughts that you would like to share maybe about 4-H or how you got started in that and then went to Home Extension?

Well, yes. We—I was quite young and went to a little country school. And, well, it was just a vacation. We learned to sew and do simple things like that. And it was really enjoyable and I liked it. [*Laughs*]

Thank you for all your contributions to Extension Homemakers and for sharing your time and memories with us.

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