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Questions and comments by Erika Thomas are in boldface type; Tammy's responses and comments are in lightface type.

I am Erika Thomas. This is the interview with Tammy Farnam for the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council Oral History Program. This is being done March 30, 2012 at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Office [at Perryville] in Perry County.

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Tammy Farnam. T-A-M-M-Y, F-A-R-N-A-M. And, I live in Perryville, Perry County, Arkansas.

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.

What has been your association with the Extension Homemakers Program?

Professional.

And, how did you learn about the Extension Homemakers Program?

When I started working for the Extension Office in Perry County.

And, what year was that in?

1990.

OK. How long have you been associated with the program?

Twenty-one years.

Have you attended state Council meetings?

No, I have not been able to do that.

How has Extension Homemakers touched your life?

Through the many people that I have met, and the volunteers that have been in the program.

OK. What has been your favorite event or activity?

The Christmas Councils because of all of the different activities and crafts they used to do left a lot of memories.

What has been your least favorite event or activity?

I really don't have one except that they have done away with most of the craft projects.

And how did that make you feel?

Sad, I think we have lost some people due to that.

What changes have you experienced in the Extension Homemakers organization?

The name has changed several different times, but it always comes back to Extension Homemakers. [*Laughs*] It's kind of funny. But, I think if I would do anything, I would leave the education in it that they have now, but I would also bring back the fun activities like the crafts and do some new things.

Has Extension Homemakers taught you anything about people?

Yes, there's people that will always be there for you and then there's the followers. There's just a big difference in the generations that I think's [has] been neat to figure out. They have all touched my life in one way or another.

Any other memories, experiences or thoughts that you would like to share?

I miss a lot of them that have passed on. But, I'm also enjoying meeting the new ones that have come in. And, I would like to get more people involved.

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

Thank you.

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