

FUTIAWA

Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture *Workers' Association*

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RESEARCH DEAN SEARCH

A search committee has recently been established to fill the position of Dean of Research for UTIA. Dr. Buddy Moore, College of Veterinary Medicine, will serve as chair for that committee, according to a memo to UTIA faculty from UT Vice President for Agriculture Joseph A. DiPietro.

We will be in the midst of evaluating bids soon for the services of a professional search firm to assist with a national search for a research dean, DePietro said. Hopefully that aspect will conclude quickly and the search will be underway, he added.

I am grateful to Interim Dean Tom Klindt for continuing to serve in his present capacity until a successor is appointed, DePietro said.

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RETIREE BUTLER HONORED

William I. Butler, retired Hardin County Extension agent, was honored by former Hardin County 4-Hers at a picnic and reception on the 65th anniversary of the Bataan surrender in World War II, April 9, 2007.

Also a joint resolution in the Tennessee legislature honoring Mr. Butler for his service to our country and his devotion to duty while enduring the Bataan Death March and three and one half years in Japanese concentration camps was introduced by State Senator Jim Tracy, Shelbyville, son of former Hardin County agent and UT swine specialist, James Tracy.

The local group honored Butler by having Emory Bradley, Farm Bureau insurance agent from Paris, Tennessee, one of his 4-Hers, read the resolution to him at the picnic held at Pickwick Landing State Park. His daughter, Paula Jones and his two grandsons, Chris and Clint Jones, were present along with members of the Tennessee history class of a former 4-Her and other friends and family members.

Butler has told his war story for decades to various history classes from South Haven Christian School in Springfield, Tennessee when they travel to Shiloh and the Hardin County area for an annual overnight field trip. The school group also developed the William I.

Butler 4-H scholarship to honor a deserving 8th grader who has excelled in 4-H.

Mr. Butler has been a great influence to many lives in Hardin County. "He was instrumental in helping me get started in Extension and acclimated to Savannah and Hardin County," said Neal Smith, area 4-H specialist and former agent in Hardin County. "He used to take me square dancing at the local Senior Citizens Center in order for me to meet new people. He also taught me his 'secrets' for training Plant and Seed Identification Judging Teams. I used those skills to train three state winning teams," Smith said.

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HISTORY OF TENN. EXTENSION

Interim Dean Charles Goan has asked for volunteers from the Former UTIA Workers Association to help with the "History of Tennessee Extension."

Much work has been done in past years to prepare this history. Over the years, many individuals have contributed their time and talents in gathering and writing information for compiling a detailed history of Tennessee Extension educational programs and related activities and people.

We were reminded of this ongoing project recently when we learned from the obituary of Jamie Sue Lender that she had been writing and editing a history of University of Tennessee Extension at the time of her death.

Extension administrators now have all of the items that have been prepared by Ms. Lender and others who have been working on the history. Much of the information is almost ready to be released. Other sections appear to need additional input and possibly some rewriting. There is also a great need for good quality pictures that relate to the educational programs that have been conducted throughout the past nine decades.

We encourage anyone interested in helping with this project to contact Brenda Voiles, Extension Dean's Office, phone: 865-974-7114, e-mail: bvoiles@utk.edu or George Mays, FUTIAWA communications director, phone: 423-638-8624, e-mail: gmays@utk.edu

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by: Harry D. Bryan
FUTIAWA President

Renewing and Developing New Friendships

It appears most of us enjoyed the district and state meetings of FUTIAWA. It gave me a chance to renew old friendships and develop some new ones as well. You can expect that some "old tales" came out of some of the meetings.

While visiting the Cumberland district, Roger Thackston had to bring up the time we initiated fireworks at the 4-H camp. I had forgotten some of the most humorous parts of the story concerning a fireworks display that had been left over from the Morgan County Fair in the late 1960's. I thought the 4-H boys (boys and girls camped separately then) would enjoy seeing fireworks at camp; so I just loaded the display on the bus and took it to camp. We soon found out that noise would add to the display that would be reflected over the lake.

You can imagine the creativity of some agents such as Albert Warren, Roger Thackston and Rodney Smith. Albert, being an expert welder, made some mortars to use in shooting the fireworks. One of the guys mentioned above, I will not say which, came up with the idea of cutting dynamite sticks into four quarters and lighting them at the same time the fireworks display went off.

Needless to say, we did have an awesome fireworks display that has never been duplicated. To top it off, Rodney got so excited he fell in the lake while lighting the fireworks on the dam of the lake. I am not for sure if Mr. Clark put a stop of having fireworks at camp or if we could not come up with another "free" display.

In Jackson, Bill Butler, of Savannah, was telling us about his former 4-Hers getting a resolution passed in the Tennessee General Assembly honoring him for his years as a prisoner of war in World War II.

In chatting with Bill, I told him of my late friend and Optimist Club of Knoxville past president and bank Vice President who had also been a POW. Bill said, "are you referring to 'Piggy' Word? He was with me." I cannot say enough for those individuals who endured the hardships they faced while POW's and then come home and make the great contribution to our country as citizens. It is no wonder they are called the "greatest generation."

In Murfreesboro, the meeting took me back to the early 1970's when Ben Powell was making plans to move to Knoxville to become a state 4-H specialist. I was invited to Rutherford County to see if I would be interested in filling the vacancy Ben was leaving. I

remember walking down the third floor hall of the courthouse and seeing the wall lined with pictures of Rutherford County 4-Hers who had become state winners. I knew right then, I did not have the courage to try to replace Ben Powell. But then, I eventually ended up in Knox County and really got to know the Powell family with Thomas, Mark and Amy all becoming state 4-H winners.

Dr. Susan Hamilton presented a program about The University of Tennessee trial gardens and also told of some interesting phone calls on her popular radio program in Knoxville, "The Garden Girls." When a caller was trying to identify a particular plant, it reminded me of a Knoxville landlord renting to UT students many years ago. He brought a plant into the Extension office for identification. Doug Dalton and I thought we knew the answer, but we took it to the sheriff's office just to be sure. Some enterprising students were just trying to supplement their income by raising some marijuana.

We welcome your ideas on how we can increase attendance at all of our meetings. Our objective is to provide activities that will promote social contact with former co-workers, and with that, **WE NEED YOU.**

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NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Former UTIA workers or retirees who have recently joined FUTIAWA as lifetime members are:

- **Sandra 'Sandie' Morton**, 1824 E. Glenwood Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, 865-546-1800, smorton@utk.edu, *Administrative Coordinator I, UT-Extension Administration, Knoxville.* (retires 06-30-2007)

Former UTIA workers or retirees who have recently joined FUTIAWA as new annual members are:

- **Frederick Harper**, 936 Blackstone Dr., Knoxville, TN 37934, 865-675-2306, fharper@utk.edu, *Extension Horse Specialist, Dept. of Animal Science.*
- **Ramona Robertson**, 6691 Leipers Creek Rd., Columbia, TN 38401, 931-682-3020, reecerobertson@netzero.net, *Administrative Support Assistant II, Dept. of Animal Science, Central Regional Office.*

Annual membership renewals received since last newsletter:

- James Anderson
- Marcus Davis
- Frank and Ruth DeFriese
- Bob Demott
- Ann Jared
- Joseph McKnight Martin
- Jesse Pipkin

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Information About UTIA Retirees

A retirement reception to honor **Sandie Morton**, who is retiring from Extension Administration later this month, is scheduled Monday, June 11 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. in room 156–157 of the Plant Biotechnology Building at UTIA in Knoxville. Contributions for a gift for Sandy may be sent to Sharon McClain, Room 120 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996-4530.

Also mark your calendars on Thursday, August 9, 2:00–4:00 p.m. for a retirement reception for **Gary Dagnan**, Artist, UTIA Marketing and Communications. *Details in August newsletter.* A “memories book” for Gary is being compiled, Those wishing to participate should send e-mails or letters for inclusion in the book to Patricia Clark McDaniels, 104 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996-4507, e-mail pclark@utk.edu by August 1.

Two former UTIA workers celebrate their 100th birthday in 2007. **Elizabeth Lowe** celebrated with family and friends on March 10 and **Maurine Cassetty** will celebrate on July 13. More information about each of these remarkable ladies can be found in the ‘Featured Reports from Former UTIA Workers’ section.

Hugh McCampbell reports that he is now doing great after having prostate surgery in February. He had the relatively new robotic surgery and was feeling normal in a couple of weeks. He is now back on regular schedule working every day. Hugh encourages all men to get a PSA test if they are not presently having that done.

Nancy Curtis, retired Extension agent in Roane County, has a new e-mail address: hiddenacresfarm@att.net

Congratulations to **Harry and Laura Bryan** who participated in the high school graduation for the oldest of their four grandchildren on May 19. Brian David Mullins, the son of Janet and Chris Mullins, graduated with honors from Dobyns Bennett High School, Kingsport. Janet Mullins is Harry and Laura's only daughter. Logan, Bryan's brother will be in the class of 2009. Harry and Laura also have a son, Harry Jr., married to April and they have two children, Megan and Matthew. Megan, editor-in-chief of the school newspaper next year, will graduate in the class of 2008 from Powell High School and Matthew, presently in middle school, plans to graduate in the class of 2013 at Powell. You can view the memory page that Harry has created for grandson Brian at: <http://www.bryangroup.net/graduation/>

Three members of the FUTIAWA family are currently in the hospital or have recently been hospitalized. Retired Extension Dean **Bill Hicks** has been undergoing extensive tests at UT Hospital to determine the cause fluid retention. Retired Plant Science Specialist **Al Rutledge** was in the Intermediate Care Unit at Fort Sanders at last report undergoing treatments. **Woody Darken**, husband of Cherry Lane Darken, retired Davidson County Extension leader, had surgery recently at Vanderbilt due to an aneurysm. E-mail reports are being circulated frequently to alert friends with updated information on these individuals.

The postal service notified FUTIAWA in April that they can no longer deliver mail addressed to Mr. **Ben Clift** at his last reported address in Knoxville. We have determined that he probably worked for Extension as an Assistant District Agent in Nashville from 1943 to 1945. He is/was a life member. If anyone can provide additional information about his current status, please notify George Mays (*address on page 9*).

No firm dates or details relating to summer meetings or activities for FUTIAWA members have been received at press time. The Central District group discussed the possibility of August 13 or 14 as a **tentative date** for a summer activity at their Spring meeting.

RECENT UTIA RETIREMENTS AND TERMINATIONS

The UT Human Resources Office reported the following persons have retired from UTIA:

- **Roy C. Thompson**, Research Associate I, Middle Tenn. REC, retired 02-01-07 with 29.08 years of service.
- **Mary Ann Walking**, Accounting Specialist I, UTIA, retired 04-01-07 with 20.83 years of service.

The UT Human Resources Office reported the following employees with more than five years of service have left UTIA employment:

- **Meredith Nipper Collins**, Extension Agent II, UT–Extension, Marshall County.
- **Scott D. Oderson**, Service Aid I, East Tenn. REC.

We invite each of you to become an active member of the Former UTIA Workers' Association.

Annual members – If your name is highlighted in yellow on the mailing label for this newsletter, your membership dues should be paid by July 10, 2007 in order to receive the August newsletter when it is mailed. Life members do not pay annual membership dues.

FEATURE REPORTS FROM FORMER UTIA WORKERS

In the April newsletter, we encouraged former UTIA workers who retired before 1980 to send us information that could be used to write a short feature report on their activities after retirement. The response has been good. Features on 17 former workers prepared from the information we received are printed in this newsletter. Several others in the before 1980 group have promised to send information that can be printed in future newsletters.

It has been exciting for me to learn more about some former workers who before the information was received were only names and addresses in the association mailing list as well as those I have known throughout the years. Several of those responding were short-time employees who has to resign their Extension appointment after marriage. We appreciate all of the responses and the assistance provided by Alma Jean Johnson and Woodrow Luttrell in gathering this information.

We want to continue these features in future newsletters. Former workers who left UTIA employment between 1980 and 1984 will be featured in the August newsletter. If you are in this group, please send us your name, where you worked, date of retirement, years of service, highlights of your activities after retirement, where you live now, your current health status and any other items that you would like to share with others. Send the information to George Mays (mailing address on page 9) before July 25th.

Former workers who left UTIA employment between 1985 and 1989 get your pencils sharpened. We want to hear from you soon. – the editor

Mary Neal Alexander – “Miss A,” as she was affectionately know throughout District 4 where she worked as associate district supervisor, retired after 30 years in Extension work in 1972. She grew up in the LaVergne community of Rutherford County, graduating from Middle Tennessee State University. She started her Extension career as a special agent in Cannon County in 1941 and later worked in Hickman and Sumner counties before serving as program supervisor in the Upper Cumberland district. “Miss A’ said her greatest pride and joy was seeing people develop in their leadership and citizenship potential. She gave an example of one woman whom she saw develop from a “shy, peep-into-the demonstration-room observer to a club leader and later a county representative to state conventions.” Mary Neal currently lives in the Donelson section of metropolitan Nashville. Her address is: Box 140435, Donelson Station, Nashville, TN 37214.

Claude Ann Huddleston Burton – In 1960–61, Claude Ann Huddleston worked as Extension assistant home demonstration agent in White County with co-workers

Betty Sue Carr Bilbrey, Dan Rich and Billy Jernigan. She is a home economics graduate of Tennessee Tech University. In 1960, she married David Burton. David passed away in January 2004. They have two daughters, Mary Chaffin and Lora Bohannon, and four granddaughters. In 1962, Claude Ann began a second career teaching home economics at Cumberland County High School and Upperman High School in Baxter for eight years. She then worked as a program coordinator for a homemaker aid program through the Upper Cumberland HRA and regional health offices. She also owned a consignment shop, ‘Annie’s Trunk,’ in Cookeville for 20 years. After seven years of retirement, she has now opened an antique shop, ‘New Traditions’ in Cookeville. Her address is: 743 Cove View Circle, Cookeville, TN 38506.

Carolyn Butler began work with UT in May 1956 as Extension home agent in Scott County. In June 1957, she transferred to White County to work as assistant home agent. She left UT employment in March 1959 with two years, ten months of service. “How I wished we could have continued working after having children,” she said. “I am glad they changed that rule.” After leaving UT, she raised three children and taught school in Knox County retiring from the Knox County school system in 1989. She lived in Knoxville for 43 years and moved to Cookeville in 2004. Recently Carolyn has not enjoyed the best of health. She is currently on chemotherapy for multiple myeloma. Her home address is: 560 Laurel Park Circle, Cookeville, TN 38501; phone 931-520-3969.

Marguerite Smithson Cannon was employed by Extension from 1950 through 1960. She worked as home agent in Overton County during 1950–52, assistant home agent in Putnam County 1952–57, and assistant home agent in Williamson County 1957–1960. Marguerite and her husband, Brown Cannon, have two children and two granddaughters. After marriage, she was busy with farm life and raising her children. She is currently enjoying an active retirement. Her home address is: 105 Tarragon Court, Franklin, TN 37064.

Maurine Cassetty, worked for UT–Extension as home demonstration agent in Clay County from 1952 to 1957. She transferred to Putnam County as home agent assigned to 4-H in 1957 and changed to Extension agent for adult home economics in 1960. She retired in 1970. In recent years, Maurine has lived with her daughter,

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Barbara Ann Hestand (Mrs. John Hestand) in Chattanooga. Maurine will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 13, 2007. Her address is: 900 Channel View Lane, Chattanooga, TN 37415.

Frank DeFriese is a native of Birchwood in James County, later dissolved by the state of Tennessee and incorporated as a part of Hamilton County. He earned a B.S. degree from The University of Tennessee in 1935 and an M.S. degree from UT–Knoxville in 1958. His first work for UT began in 1935 as a cotton adjustment agent working in Meigs, Rhea, Roane and Franklin counties for about five months. Later in 1935 he was appointed Extension agricultural economist and worked as a specialist for 38 years, with headquarters in Knoxville, until his retirement in 1973. Frank DeFriese and Ruth Liggett were married in October 1937. *(more on Frank and Ruth included in next paragraph.)*

Ruth Liggett DeFriese is a native of Berlin in Marshall County. She earned a B.S. degree from The University of Tennessee in 1934 and an M.S. degree from UT–Knoxville in 1958. She was the first Extension home agent appointed to work in Washington County. She worked there from 1935 to 1937 under the guidance of Miss Oma Worley, her close friend and mentor. She also worked as a dietitian at the UT cafeteria for two years and taught vocational home economics at Young High School for 25 years. Ruth Liggett and Frank DeFriese were married in October 1937. They have one daughter, Eugenia – Mrs. Jim Bond, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Throughout the years, Frank and Ruth have been very active members at Church Street United Methodist Church and have participated in numerous UT and community activities. Both Ruth and Frank were active 4-H members in their respective counties as youngsters. Their home address is: 4125 Woodlawn Pike, B-5, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Margaret Bacon Hale – Margaret Bacon, a native of Chattanooga, graduated from UT–Knoxville in 1943. She worked as Extension home demonstration agent in Bledsoe County from 1943 until 1948. In 1948, she was selected to be the first district home economics agent in the newly developed Extension district 4, with headquarters in Cookeville, where she worked until 1952. Margaret married Steve Hale, a Cookeville pharmacist and they raised two daughters, Margaret Helen and Dottie, and currently have two grandchildren. After leaving Extension, Margaret earned a masters

degree from Tennessee Technological University and worked in guidance and counseling at Cookeville Junior High School. Margaret resides at: 767 East Lowland Road, Cookeville, TN 38501.

Betty Sue Johnson–Young, worked as Extension home demonstration agent in DeKalb County from 1954 until 1959. She had married and was pregnant with her first child when she left employment at UT. “I have many precious memories from my UT employment,” said Betty Sue. “I feel privileged to have worked for and with wonderful specialists, district agents, and home and county agents.” After UT employment, she devoted her time and talents to home making, raising three children, and doing volunteer work, Betty Sue lives in McMinnville and currently enjoys good health. Her address is: 185 Rolling Hills 5th Street, McMinnville, TN 37110.

Louise Cox Judd started work for the Extension Service as 4-H agent in Greene County in July 1946 and continued working there until July 1948. She transferred to Putnam County in 1948 and continued working there until the spring of 1952 when she had to resign because women agents were not allowed to continue work for the Extension Service after marriage. She married in 1951. After leaving Extension, Louise went back to college at Tennessee Technological University where she earned an elementary teacher’s certificate. She then taught second grade for thirty years. Margaret is the mother of Dr. Denise Judd Brandon, associate professor of family relations, UT–Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Department; and Cameron Judd, a well-known author. Louise’s address is: 382 Campbell Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501.

Elizabeth Atchley Lowe, a native of Sevierville, graduated from East Tennessee Teachers College in Johnson City, worked on a Master's Degree at UT, and taught home economics in Florida before beginning work for UT as home demonstration agent in Rutherford County from 1935–38. In 1936 Elizabeth was awarded the "Best Citizenship" trophy in Murfreesboro. She later married Nathan J. Lowe, an Eagleville High School graduate, who worked for Extension as an agricultural agent in Houston, Humphreys, Smith and Williamson counties, retiring in 1974 with 40 years of service. Nathan died in 1986 at the age of 74. They have three children – Betty Dalton, Franklin; Judy Johnson,

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Knoxville; and Ted Lowe, Spokane, Washington. After the children were in college, Elizabeth worked about 10 years as food service director for Williamson County Schools. She now lives in an assisted living center in Franklin where she enjoys playing bingo and exercising daily. Elizabeth, who was born March 10, 1907, celebrated her 100th birthday this year with a large number of family and friends. Her address is: Elizabeth Lowe, c/o Morningside of Franklin, 105 Sunrise Circle, Franklin, TN 37067.

Fletcher Luck began work for UT as assistant county agent in Clay County in 1946 and retired in 1987 after 41 years of service as UTIA Director of Services. He worked in Clay County from January 1946 until May 1947, Macon County: May 1947–June 1967, Specialist In Rural Civil Defense, Knoxville: June 1967–August 1968, UTIA Director of Services August 1968– March 1986. Fletcher reports that health wise he is getting along pretty well for an 83-year-old. He has experienced some heart problems in the past two years. He still has a great sense of humor remarking, “If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself.” He has recently moved to 7733 Ester Way, Knoxville, TN 37909.

Margaret Miles Price was a District 4 home economics supervisor when she married and left UT employment in 1960. She began work with UT in 1952 as assistant home agent in Lawrence County where she was later promoted to home agent. In 1956 she was promoted to assistant community development specialist based in Knoxville. During 1958, she was enrolled in graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin. She returned to Tennessee and was employed as District 4 supervisor in 1959. “When I married Randall Price in 1960 and left Extension, my program development efforts changed,” she said. “We have two grown sons – one is a professor of chemical engineering and one a molecular biologist doing cancer research at NIH. I’ve stayed involved with Extension as Randall worked in Extension in Arkansas, in Missouri, and returned to Arkansas where he retired as interim director.” During retirement they have continued to live in North Little Rock. Margaret is a life member of FUTIAWA. Their address is: 3425 McCord Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72116.

Betty Williams Rose was first employed by UT in 1950 as a student trainee in Extension methods and worked in Macon County. She was later employed as Extension

home agent in Smith County where she worked during 1951 to 1953. She married Jerry L. Rose, Sr. in 1954 and taught home economics in Smith County from 1954 through 1960. Betty and Jerry were married for 51+ years before he died with Alzheimer’s in May 2005. They have four children – Cindy Rose Dowell, Jerry L. Rose, Jr., Rhedona Rose, and John William Rose – and two granddaughters and two grandsons. “Our four children have earned a total of 10 college degrees and are all employed,” she added. Betty and Jerry developed Rose Hill Subdivision at the Gordonsville exit of I-40. Betty reports that she currently has fair health.

Max Springer, joined the faculty at UTK in 1957 and retired as professor of plant and soil science in 1979. After retirement he has continued with his interests in gardening, traveling, fishing, running, and UT sports. He has a vegetable garden and flower beds at his home each year and he has done almost all of the tree planting and pruning of shrubs at Second Presbyterian Church. In the past 28 years he and his wife, Jean, have traveled several times to western Europe, and to Canada, Mexico, Alaska, Costa Rico, Japan, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand. In the U.S. they have made numerous visits to their three sons and their families – Steve, a chemist in Dearborn, Michigan; Kent and Scott, electrical engineers – Kent in Pepperell, MA and Scott in San Jose, CA. Often they have combined attending Elder hostels in those areas with the family visits. He has enjoyed teaching his two granddaughters how to fish. Max was involved in planning for and organizing the UT Retirees’ Association where he served as one of its early presidents. Since 1978 he has run in many 5,000 and 10,000m races with the Knoxville Track Club, most recently a 5000m run in January 2006. He has competed and won medals in the National Senior Games, in USA Track and Field national masters’ meets, and in the World Masters’ Athletic Championships, competing in England, Puerto Rico, and Spain. Currently he holds world indoor records for the 90-94 age group in the 800m, mile and long jump. He was elected to the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2004 and to the USA Track and Field Masters’ Hall of Fame in 2006. He continues to work as a volunteer official at several UT track meets each year. In July 2006 Max was diagnosed with stomach cancer, and had chemotherapy for several months. At age 93, he has now planted his spring garden, mows the lawn, and is able to walk a mile.

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Hazel Smithson Tuley worked in Jackson County as Extension home economics agent from 1949 to 1953. She transferred to Smith County in 1953 and worked there until 1960. After leaving Extension she married William Tuley, Jr. and they raised a family. They owned and operated a furniture store in Carthage. After retirement, she remained in Carthage. Hazel is currently 80 years old and enjoys good health. Her address is: 630 Carmack Ave., Carthage, TN 37030.

Patsy Reynolds Yates worked for UT–Extension as home economics agent in Clay County from July 1959 until September 1962 before a graduate assistantship at the UT College of Home Economics lured her away. She earned a Master’s degree in Family Relationships in 1963, was employed as Texas Extension family life specialist from October 1963 until September 1966, and as instructor in Family Life Education during 1966-67. Patsy was named to Outstanding Women in America in 1965. She later worked with the South Carolina Interagency Commission on Aging, and in New Mexico first as a volunteer and later as director of the Senior Citizen’s Department for the city of Las Cruces. Her husband worked as a family life specialist first in South Carolina and later in New Mexico. He is an Extension retiree. They retired to Jackson County, Tennessee in 1994 to be near Patsy’s 84 year old mother and assist with her care. Address: P.O. Box 67, Granville, TN 38564.

IN SYMPATHY

We express sincere comfort and speedy healing to the following UTIA employees or retirees:

Dr. **Ann Berry**, assistant professor, Extension Family and Consumer Sciences, in the death of her mother, Sue Allgood. Ann's mother lived with Ann and her family and had been ill for some time. The memorial service was held in Baton Rouge, LA, on May 5. Ann's home address is: 2276 Argonne Drive, Maryville, TN 37804.

Herb Lester, Extension Central District Director, in the death of his sister, Sharon Martin, who passed away May 16 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. Sharon was 64 years old, a life-long resident of Rutherford County, and a former school teacher. Herb's address is: 3409 Daisy Trail, Antioch, TN 37013.

The **family of Everett Carrell**, deceased Fayette County Extension Agent, in the death of his widow, Wilma Carrell, on May 19.

Dennis Jones, UTIA Development Director, and wife Karen in the death of Karen’s father, Myles Guy, who lived in Bradley County. The home address for Dennis and Karen is: 8601 E. Emory Rd., Corryton, TN 37721.

UTIA EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

Cattle management and hay production and storage will be on the minds of cattle producers attending the 2007 Beef and Forage Field Day, Thursday June 14 at the Blount Unit of the East Tennessee Research and Education Center. Activities will begin with a trade show at 7:30 a.m.

Blooms Days Garden Festival and Marketplace, Saturday and Sunday, June 23–24, UT Gardens, Knoxville.

Tobacco, Beef and More Field Day, Thursday, June 28, Highland Rim Research and Education Center, Springfield.

Annual Summer Celebration, Thursday, July 12, West Tennessee Research and Education Center, Jackson.

Tobacco and Forage Production Field Day, Thursday, July 19, Research and Education Center at Greeneville.

The 84th State 4-H Roundup will be held at UT–Knoxville, July 23-27. State project finalists have been selected and will attend Roundup.

Making Forages Work, Summer Field Day, Thursday, July 26, Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill.

Annual Steak and Potatoes Field Day, Tuesday, August 7, Plateau Research and Education Center, Crossville.

Mark your calendars for the 2007 UT Ag Day scheduled Saturday, September 22 beginning four hours before kick-off for the UT vs. Arkansas State football game. The deadline for ordering football game tickets reserved for Ag Day is August 1.

Space was not available in this issue for UTIA News, Faculty and Staff Honors and Recognitions, reports from Extension association meetings and some UT Events and Activities. These items will be posted on the association web site and can be viewed at: www.agriculture.utk.edu/FUTIAWA

MINUTES OF SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT AND STATE MEETING

by: Bob Burney

State Secretary-Treasurer

The Smoky Mountain District and State Meeting of FUTIAWA was held in Knoxville on May 18, 2007, in Hollingsworth Auditorium, Plant Sciences Building, UT Agricultural Campus.

Registration and refreshments began at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of Shirley Hensley, Smoky Mountain District Secretary. The noon meal was catered by the Knox County 4-H Volunteer Leaders.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, Elmer Ashburn, Smoky Mountain District Vice President, could not be present and Harry Bryan presided in his absence. There was a short break between the state and district meetings.

After a call to order by Harry Bryan, state President, Martha Jo Tolley shared a Thought for the Day.

Dr. Mary Albrecht, Associate Dean of the College, gave an update report for CASNR. Dr. Charlie Goan, Interim Dean, gave an update report for Extension.

Dr. Susan Hamilton, Associate Professor and Director of the UT Trial Gardens, spoke to us about activities at the Trial Gardens. She also shared her experiences as one of the "Garden Girls" on a local radio program. She talked about the benefits of gardening.

The Smoky Mountain District elected Tom Bundy as Vice President and Alice Harless as Secretary. Roy Lessly served as chairman of the nominating committee.

Harry Bryan gave the President's report. Bob Burney presented the Treasurer's report with an audit report by LaVerne Farmer. Membership in FUTIAWA is steady and funds are adequate.

For the state offices, the committee nominated Harry Bryan, President, Bob Burney, Secretary-Treasurer, and George Mays, Editor. They were elected to serve for the 2007-2008 year.

Harry Bryan read the names of 11 deceased former UTIA workers and shared information about their UT careers. We then observed a moment of silence and prayer.

Alice Ann Moore, state 4-H director, thanked the Association for their support of the 4-H Poster and Essay Contests and provided a display of the winning entries.

The invocation for lunch was given by Jesse Francis.

CENTRAL MEETING MINUTES

by: John Basinger

District Secretary-Treasurer

Central District FUTIAWA meeting was held May 17, 2007 at the Through the Grapevine Restaurant in Murfreesboro. The gathering started at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and muffins. Twenty-one members and guests attended.

Glenda Booker Central District Vice-President, called the meeting to order and served as Master of Ceremonies. Shirley Miller gave a thought for the day.

Each one present introduced themselves and shared

some of their extension career experiences and current things in their lives.

Interim Dean of Extension Charles Goan gave a report on what is happening in Extension. State FUTIAWA President Harry Bryan gave a welcome. Dennis Jones, UTIA Development Director, gave a talk on new developments in the Institute of Agriculture.

Martin Koons, Central Region 4-H Specialist, gave an update report on 4-H Region Activities. 4-Hers Rachel Lee and sister Mary Beth Lee, both Region All-Star officers and from Rutherford County, gave information on 4-H All-Star and Senior activities. Luke Willoughby, Dekalb County Senior 4-Her, provided entertainment.

John Basinger gave the district treasurers report. Robbie Adcock, retired Rutherford County Extension secretary, was elected to replace John Basinger as the new Central District FUTIAWA secretary.

CUMBERLAND MEETING MINUTES

by: Norma Jean Johnson

District Secretary-Treasurer

Thirty-one members and guests participated in the Cumberland District meeting at Clyde M. York 4-H Center in Crossville on May 8, 2007

Vice President Clare Nell Breeden welcomed the group by telling of any events that had happened since we met in 2006.

Dennis Jones, Development Director, gave an update of happenings in the UTIA. Walt Hitch, Director, Plateau Research and Education Center, talked of ongoing research at the center. Of special interest is the research in greenhouse tomatoes.

Harry Bryan, state president of FUTIAWA, gave an update on the organization.

A memorial tribute, honoring former FUTIAWA members who had died since May 2006, was given by Secretary Alma Jean Johnson.

Business: Nominating Committee Chairman Roger Thackson reported that the current officers Vice President Clare Nell Breeden and Secretary Alma Jean Johnson had consented to serve another year. They were elected by acclamation.

During the delicious meal, it was noted that retiree Rose Welch was a former head cook at the 4-H Camp.

Following the meal, Camp Director Scottie Fillers led those interested on a tour of facilities. The group toured the newer buildings and the older buildings being renovated.

Minutes from the Western District meeting had not been received when this issue went to press. Because of limited space in this newsletter, the treasurer's report and pictures from the district meetings will be printed in future issues of the newsletter. Pictures from the district meetings will also be posted on the association's web site in color.

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Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Workers' Association

Membership Enrollment Form

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I worked at: AG COLLEGE___; EXPT STAT___; EXTENSION___; VET COLLEGE___

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New Member___; Membership Renewal___; *Lifetime Membership \$30.00 Annual Membership \$3.00*

A check payable to *FUTIAWA* in the amount of \$_____ for payment of dues is enclosed.

Mail to: **Bob Burney, FUTIAWA Secretary-Treasurer, 1838 Poplar Hill Rd., Knoxville, TN 37922**

FUTIAWA – The Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Workers Association is an organization of people who worked together and interacted with one another during their careers at The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. Association purposes:

- To unite all former Institute of Agriculture workers.
- To serve as a communication liaison between the former employees and the present Institute of Agriculture administration and employees.
- To keep all former employees informed of policy and retirement benefit changes.
- To solicit all former Institute workers support for Institute programs.
- To provide social contact with former co-workers.

Membership Qualifications

Membership in the Association is open to all former workers at UT-Extension, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, or a combination of these units at UTIA.

It doesn't matter if you were one of the support staff, a teacher, research scientist, Extension educator, a farm worker, custodian, laboratory technician or an administrator. If you worked at UTIA, we welcome you to join FUTIAWA.

Our newsletter and web pages are communication links with the Institute and current and retired employees. Check out the web site at: www.agriculture.utk.edu/FUTIAWA

When employees retire or terminate employment at UTIA, their names are added to our mailing list to receive a couple of complementary issues of the quarterly newsletter and an invitation to the next regional meeting located closest to their current residence. All retirees are encouraged to join the association. Lifetime membership is only \$30.00 or you may join for one year for \$3.00. Use the bottom section of this page for membership enrollment or to report an address change.

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