

Fanny V. St. Clair



Fanny V. St Clair was born and raised on a farm in Upshur County. She was a practicing registered nurse for some 20 years.

She started farming with her husband, Francis, from their marriage in 1937. St. Clair's Green Valley started with a registered Ayrshire dairy herd of 40 milkers. Later the St. Clair's revised their operation, keeping a 65 head cow/calf herd of registered Angus beef cattle. After Mr. St. Clair's death, she continued to manage the 300-acre farm until her

death in 1989.

Mrs. St. Clair was active in the Farm Bureau since its inception in West Virginia. She was County Women's Chairman for 28 years and also served in many other capacities on the county level. She served as state Women's Committee Chairman and a member of the West Virginia Farm Bureau State Board of Directors for 17 years.

Mrs. St. Clair felt it was very important for those people who live in the city to have a better understanding of the farm community. She first organized a "Fram-City" dinner in Upshur County and then went to work to organize such events in other counties across the state.

Through the West Virginia Farm Bureau State Women's Committee, she organized "Agriculture in the Classroom." These activities were geared particularly to the 4th grade level. The program included computer programs that not only helped the students understand activities on the farm, but also helped them in math, science and language arts. She also encouraged counties to take farm animals to the school or to take the students to the farms.

In 1985, the West Virginia Grange declared Mrs. St. Clair Farm Woman of the Year. In 1987, Notable Farm Women/County Women declared Mrs. St. Clair Notable Farm Woman. In 1969, Business and Professional Women declared Mrs. St. Clair Woman of the Year.

In 1989, the West Virginia Farm Bureau erected a flag pole and monument in a flower garden on the front lawn of the new state office headquarters. The monument has the following inscription:

In Loving Memory

Fanny V. St. Clair

1912-1989

West Virginia Farm Bureau

State Women's Committee Chairman

1972-1989

She loved her God, her country, and the world around her.