

Gladys Wasmuth Knapp



Born in Moundsville, West Virginia, Gladys Wasmuth Knapp received a B.S. from West Virginia University and a Masters from Cornell University.

She served as Home Demonstration Agent in Mercer County and as Extension Specialist in Home Management.

In 1948, she was selected and appointed by the Federal Research Service at Penn State to provide leadership for the Housing Need and Preference for Farm Families in the Northeast.

She returned to West Virginia as an extension specialist in Home Management and Furnishing. During her 17 years as extension specialist, Mrs. Knapp wrote and/or co-authored 35 lessons for Extension Homemaker Clubs.

She retired from the Extension Service in 1960, only to be called back into service again for the 1960-1961 academic year as Acting Assistant Dean, Director and Professor of Home Economics at West Virginia University.