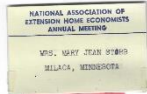
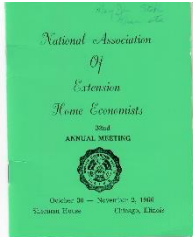


Annual Session – 1966 – 2024

Chris Kneip (WI), Past President & Historian

At the 2023 Annual Session NEAFCS was gifted with Mary Jean Stobb's program book from the 1966 Annual Session and her nametag with a First Convention ribbon - a historian's dream come true! The spring green covered program book (measuring 4.25 x 5.5") is filled with Mary Jean's notes about the conference – quotes from speakers, suggestions for Homemaker meetings, ideas from the fashion shows, menus, meeting locations, attendance numbers, and so much more.



The Meeting started on Saturday afternoon with a President's Workshop and dinner. Opening session was at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday with the keynote "It's Up to you, Jane Doe!" Following the "Performing Professionally" theme, programs included: The Many Roles of a Home Economist, How You Can Increase Your Horse Power, Don't Bother me with the Facts, What is a Virtuous Woman, and Beyond. Sponsored meals, style shows, and meetings went well into the night. The meeting concluded on Wednesday afternoon following the Recognition Breakfast,

Recognition Ceremony, and a Fashion Review.

Returning to 1966, think about our members' work, and what it meant to go to a national meeting. I'm pretty sure that if you were Mary Jean Stobb, living in rural Minnesota, the hometown newspaper reported on your meeting attendance something like this:



"County Home Economist Attends National Meeting in Chicago IL"



Milaca MN: Mille Lacs County Home Economist Mrs. Mary Jean Stobb joined fellow Home Economists from across the country at their Annual Session, October 30-November 2, 1966. Mrs. Stobb, like many attendees, traveled by train to Chicago. The meeting was held at the Sherman House in Chicago, Illinois. This was the 32nd Annual Session of the organization and the convention theme was "Performing Professionally."

Mrs. Stobb shared this was the first National Association of Extension Home Economist Association (NAEHE) Annual Session that she ever attended and felt it was a worthwhile use of her time. She learned about programs to share with the Extension

Homemaker Clubs in the county, projects for 4-H members in foods and clothing, and fashion tips from McCalls. Over 1000 people attended the Annual Session.

As you plan your attendance at this year's Annual Session in Tucson, what story will you be "writing" about the meeting? A first timer? A presenter? An award winner? Will it be an opportunity to re-connect with colleagues from across the country, make new friends, see a part of the USA that you haven't seen before?

Mary Jean Stobb is the mother of Central Region Director – Barb Wollan, IA - a two generation Extension family!

