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BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

GERALDINE G. FENN

1. Full Name: Geraldine G. Fenn
2. Current Address: 417 West Hayes Street, Bozeman, Montana 59715
3. Date and Place of Birth: April 1, 1912 Brookings, South Dakota
4. Period of employment with the Extension Service:  
1936-46 Ten years a member of the State 4-H Club Staff, South Dakota State University  
1946-67 Completed over twenty-one years as a member of the State 4-H Staff, Montana State University. Was Acting State 4-H Club Leader in 1954-55. Currently, Associate Professor Emeritus. Was leader of 4-H international programs for 20 years, and Extension liaison person for the Peace Corps.
5. Education
  - a. Schools, colleges, or universities attended (with dates)  
Elementary and secondary education: Brookings, South Dakota public school system  
1933 - Home Economics Education and Music, South Dakota State University, Brookings  
1949 - Cooperative Extension Education, The George Washington University, Ithaca, Washington, D.C.  
Other advanced work:  
Extension Summer School, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, 1946  
Human Development-Human Relations Workshop, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1955  
Courses and Activities in Anthropology, Philosophy and Political Science, New School for Social Research, New York City, 1958  
Courses in Africa and in Art, Montana State University, Bozeman, 1952 and 1963
  - b. Scholastic degrees and honorary degrees  
B.S. Degree, 1933, at South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota  
M.A. Degree, 1949, at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.  
Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities, 1971, South Dakota State University  
Elected to membership in the following organizations:  
Pi Gamma Mu, Social Science Honorary  
Phi Upsilon, Omicron, Home Economics Professional Honorary  
Epsilon Sigma Phi, Honorary Extension Fraternity  
Mu Beta Beta, 4-H Honorary  
Received the Sarah Bradley Tyson Scholarship for graduate study from the Women's National Farm and Garden Association  
1961 - Received gold key and a citation at the National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C., for 26 years of service with 4-H youth work  
1965 - Distinguished Alumna by South Dakota State University  
1976 - Received national "Friend of IFYE" award from the IFYE Association of the U.S.A.  
Listed in Who's Who of American Women  
Listed in Who's Who In the West
6. Career  
1933-36 High school teacher of home economics and vocal music, Castlewood, South Dakota. Principal of the school the third year.  
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- Summer of 1950 - Visiting specialist in home economics and youth work, Germany, under the auspices of the Department of State.  
Short Term Assignments: North Dakota, Minnesota, Washington, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, and Connecticut  
1967-69 Was a self-employed, free-lance Youth Consultant for one year and nine months. Was Education Director of the first Encampment for Citizenship held in Montana.  
1969-71 Served as Community Planning coordinator, Children and Youth Programs for the Human Resources Council of the State of Montana.  
1971-77 Same position as above but serving as a staff member for the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth.
7. Authorship  
Study-Action leaflets on other countries  
Recreation and Intergroup Relationships, 1964  
Guidebook for Return Campers, 1965 and 1966  
Working with Young People in Self-Determined Projects, 1963  
Make Up Your Own Mind - Decision Making Guide for Self-Determined Projects, 1967  
Case Study: Ecuador 4-F and Montana 4-H Club Program, 1967  
The Land-Grant University and Youth Development Programs, 1967  
Ways With Workshops, 1968  
Leaflets, newsletters, data and reports for efforts related to the White House Conferences on Children and Youth, 1969, 1970, and 1971  
Being a Child in Montana Today, 1970  
What's It All About? The Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth (with Opal Winebrenner), 1973  
Legislative Handbook for Montanans (with Opal Winebrenner), 1973 and 1974  
Reading programs for young people. Consultant to Dr. Nancy Larrick, representing 4-H, in the preparation of her book, A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading.
  8. Outstanding Accomplishments  
4-H international programs, including the International Farm Youth Exchange and the Peace Corps.  
Development of leadership among 4-H members, young people 10-30 years, local leaders, and county extension personnel.  
Development of experimental programs for the staffs of teenage camps.  
Development of the Self-Determined project concept which has been adopted by nearly all of the states.  
Pioneered in work with committees where a cross-section of youth and adults serve on a 50-50 basis.  
Established a scholarship program at South Dakota State University for an urban experience between the junior and senior years. To date, 28 South Dakota State University Home Economics students have gone to Denver for six weeks in summer to learn how to function in an urban society.  
Initiated the "People Partners" program with the Cooperative Extension Service at Montana State University in 1975. Thirty-eight youth groups have been helped with "seed money" to carry out ideas to improve life in money.  
Executive Secretary from 1977 to the present of Montanans for Children, Youth and Families, Inc.; a private, non-profit corporation. Was one of the eight founding incorporators.  
Was one of 17 Montana representatives to Los Angeles White House Conference on Families as delegate-at-large in recognition of sustained efforts on behalf of children, youth and families which MCYF persons have made since 1976.