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# Ambassadors

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The Ambassador Program has been a benefit to so many people, including me both then and now

When I started college at A & M in 1943 the country was in the middle of World War II. I had always planned on going to college at Stillwater and didn't think that the war would affect me very much. I was right out of high school. Little did I know....

The first sign was having trouble finding room and board, on or off campus. The military had taken over the dormitories both girls and boys. The men's fraternity houses were now called "Victory Houses" by the girls living there.

Thousands of servicemen marched to class in military formation. Everyone had to stop and let them go by, even if it meant being late to class for us. I never heard much complaining from the girls, we knew it was important for us to sacrifice some things because most of us had brother, fathers or even husbands in the service. I had a brother. For me, living in the Sigma Chi house was an adventure. I can say that now, actually, college was an adventure. It was difficult to concentrate because we worried about family at home also about our servicemen.

The "boys" started coming home when I was a junior. I now lived in Murray Hall. All of us were concerned about our future. I now planned on becoming a teacher, then my father died. That changed my life, but my mother encouraged me to finish my education and I met my future husband at the Lutheran Church in Stillwater. He was a veteran who also wanted some college training and the GI Bill helped him do that. I married Bill and we lived in the Vet Village a year while he completed his. We moved to his family farm. I used my education as I raised five children, helped milk cows (only when we got electric milkers!). I joined a Home Ec Club, majored in sewing and canning for the county fair even was Garfield County fair chairman for 2 years, joined an Extension team traveling around the state encouraging people to re-cycle, worked with June Cash and other Extension people. I was able to get away from home as the children grew old enough to take my place at home. I joined a group on a bus trip that took us to Washington DC and stayed 2 days and met our representatives in congress. I enjoyed going places with all the women in Extension both educated ones and the ones that didn't have to go to college to be so educated, I learned from all of them, they are all around us.