In 1927, Miss Henderson left Wilson County because the county court did not appropriate money for the programs.

For more than 8 years, Wilson County did not have a Home Demonstration Agent, but they continued to thrive with 18 clubs throughout the county. In August, 1935 Miss Claire Gilbert came to Wilson County. She was instrumental in organizing and developing the first County Council in 1936. The presidents and secretaries of the 18 clubs constituted the membership. This group would be the executive body for the women’s Extension work in the county. Miss Gilbert resigned in 1946 and began as Associate Professor of Home Economics Extension at UT.

Other Home Demonstration Agents for Wilson County were:
- Betty Lou Mitchell 1946 - 1948
- Ruth Sneed 1948 - 1950
- Joy Wren 1948 - 1951
- Betty Jo Robertson 1951 - 1955
- Winifred Fly 1955 - 1959
- Jean Tyree 1959 - 1978
- Connie Hamilton 1978 - 2003
- Shelly Phillips Barnes 2006-Present

**WILSON COUNTY fce CLUBS**

- **First Wednesday** Cottage Home 2:00 p.m.
- **First Thursday** Cedar Hill 10:00 a.m.
- **First Friday** Oakland 10:00 a.m.
- **Second Monday** Carroll 10:30 a.m.
- **Second Monday** (call before attending) Statesville 6:00 p.m.
- **Second Tuesday** Tuckers Crossroads 10:00 a.m.
- **Second Wednesday** Shop Springs 10:00 a.m.
- **Second Wednesday** Commerce 11:00 a.m.
- **Second Wednesday** Friends & Neighbors 1:00 p.m.
- **Second Thursday** Mt. Juliet 10:00 a.m.
- **Second Thursday** Major 11:00 a.m.
- **Third Monday** Norene 10:30 a.m.
- **Third Wednesday** Leeville 10:00 a.m.
- **Fourth Tuesday** Green Hill 10:30 a.m.
- **Fourth Wednesday** Horn Springs 10:30 a.m.

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WHAT IS fce?

fce® For more than 100 years, a network of friends in communities in Wilson County have shared a common goal:

♦ To learn through shared experiences
♦ To improve home and community life
♦ To strengthen adult education
♦ To promote projects which enhance family and community life

Through our rich history, we have grown from small community clubs to a worldwide network focused on growth through education. You may recognize us by some of our earlier names; Home Demonstration Clubs and Extension Homemakers.

TO LEAD.....
Leadership development is a focus of fce. Through shared opportunities, you can learn skills helpful in bringing growth to your community, church, local government and family.

Yes, leadership skills can be learned. fce offers learning opportunities as officers, program leaders and service stewards. Together we build better lives for individuals, families and communities.

TO GROW AND SHARE....
Each year fce provides the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of families in our community. With a network, each club can find a way to serve their community.

HISTORY OF WILSON COUNTY

The first Family and Community Education Club (Home Demonstration Club) began in Wilson County in the Oakland community in March, 1913. The purpose was to be helpful to the neighbors in the community and to share and exchange ideas.

Mrs. Ilah (Dr. James E.) Pohill came to Lebanon in April of 1917 as the first home demonstration agent where she began work with the girls in all the schools. At that time these clubs were called Tomato Clubs and the girls grew tomatoes and then canned their products. Through the girls interest, many mothers asked the home demonstration agent for help. Mrs. Polhill left Wilson County after 5 months to become a State Agent.

Mrs. Seth McCallen was Wilson County’s second agent. She continued to spend most of her time with the girls and to help the women with visits to their homes. An outstanding event during her stay was the 4-H club fair held at the courthouse. Mrs. McCallen left the agent’s position in November, 1919.

In May of 1921, Miss Mary Henderson was hired as Wilson County’s third home demonstration agent. Miss Henderson organized clubs for the women while continuing to work with the girls. She conceived the idea of rural club members coming together for a three-day encampment. Miss Henderson organized and directed the first camp in June, 1922 with help from the State Extension staff. The main purpose of this camp was for the good of the country woman. Relaxation was emphasized because this was the only vacation many of the club members would have. An article appearing in The Lebanon Democrat in May, 1924, stated that the Wilson County Club Camp was the first organized in the United States. Also, in the same article it was pointed out the mode of travel was the TN Central Railroad.