

# Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

## Ashton C. Kitchens

Class of 1927

ASHTON C. KITCHENS, '27 - was a member of the varsity football teams during the years 1921-1923. His team mates selected him captain of the 1923 team and that year, Tuskegee was co-champion of the Southern Conference. He was also a member of the 1923-24 varsity basketball team and participated in the intramural tennis program. The spring of 1924 he was graduated and was awarded the school's Academic Diploma and a Certificate in Steam Engineering.

Tuskegee Institute inaugurated a two year industrial arts course in 1925, and Mr. Kitchens returned to continue his education. During the next two years he played varsity football and basketball and was elected captain of each team by his team mates in 1926. In 1925 and 1926, the team was Southern Conference Football Champions (undefeated). In his senior year he was a member of the Dramatics Club, the Debating Team, and the R.O.T.C., obtaining the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer.

Following graduation in 1927, he was employed by the Wissahickon Boys Club of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as camp counselor. He worked between the Bennezet House Community Center and the Wissahickon Boys Club until 1930. From 1930 to 1940, he worked for Children's Aid Society, and the Workers Progress Administration in New York City, obtaining the rank of Recreation Supervisor of Community Centers in Harlem.

Mr. Kitchens earned his B.S. degree and M.A. degree at Teacher's College, Columbia University. He has been a U.S.O worker, U.S.O assistant director, U.S.O director. He resigned from the U.S.O program in favor of a business venture in Los Angeles, California in which he is presently engaged.

Ashton is an active member of the Los-Angeles-Tuskegee Alumni Club. He served as president of the club for seven continuous years, and has served in other positions with the alumni program. He states that "Tuskegee will be remembered in my Will."