

MRS. BETTYE STEELE TURNER

Class of 1931

Mrs. Bettye Steele Turner of Fort Worth, Texas was an outstanding basketball player at Tuskegee Institute. She was also on the tennis and track teams.

After graduating form Tuskegee Institute, Mrs. Turner taught for six years and then in 1939 was selected to fill the position of Itinerant Teacher Trainer (later called Special Supervisor), Home Economics Education for the state of Alabama. She retired form this position in 1972.

Mrs. Turner earned a masters degree in home economics education from Ohio State University.

Mrs. Turner's services to vocational Home Economics have been noteworthy. She was state advisor to the Youth Organization, Alabama Association, Progressive Homemakers, from 1939 to 1945. She served as state advisor of the Alabama Association, New Homemakers of America, from its founding in 1945, until the merger of the National Youth Organization with its counterpart, Future Homemakers of America, July 1965. She was made an honorary member of the Alabama Future Homemakers in 1973.

She has been an active member of the American Home Economics Association, American Vocational Association, Macon County National Foundation and Tuskegee Institute Alumni Club. She served as president and secretary of the college and university section of the Alabama Home Economics Association, president of the Alabama Vocational Teacher Association, and chairman of the Tuskegee Institute Chapter March of Dimes.

Mrs. Turner is now enjoying retirement in Fort Worth. She spends much of her time taking part in programs for senior citizens and working with other community and church related organizations.