



HAZEL MARIE SMITH
Class of 1937

Hazel Marie Smith, Madison, Illinois, played basketball and tennis at Tuskegee Institute from 1933-1937. She lettered in varsity basketball four years and in tennis three years. She was the Southwest Intercollegiate singles tennis champion in 1937; winner of the Prairie View Tennis Tournament, 1937, and represented Tuskegee Institute in the ATA National Tennis Championships in Ohio in 1936. In 1937 she was elected Miss Texas by the Lone Star State students enrolled at Tuskegee. That same year she was chosen Miss Senior Class. She was member of Kiyi Scholastic Club and the Varsity T. Club at Tuskegee.

After graduation she taught home economics in Hoffman, N.C. and then in St. Louis, MO. In 1942 she went to Lincoln High School in Venice, ILL. as a home economics and physical education teacher and taught there until 1964. Mrs. Smith received her M.S. degree in 1955 from the University of Illinois. In 1973 she became coordinator for vocational education in Venice and served in this position until 1979. She also served as coordinator for the Venice Vocational Advisory Council sponsor for the Future Homemakers of America and president of the Venice Federation of Teachers.

Mrs. Smith received the Distinguished Service to Education Award from Phi Delta Kappa at Southern Illinois University and the Citation for Dedicated Service to Education of Madison County youth-Regional Superintendent of Schools. She was honored by the Venice Board of Education, former students and co workers upon her retirement after 37 years of service.

She has worked hard to promote interest and participation in interscholastic and life sports, particularly basketball and tennis among the youth in her area. Mrs. Smith has seen significant improvements in the quality of family living in her community as a result of students she has taught being influenced to further their educations.