



MS. JESSIE ELLEN ABBOTT
Class of 1940

Jessie Ellen Abbott, Tuskegee Institute, was a member of the basketball, tennis and track and field teams at Tuskegee for six years. She received a gold medal in basketball, a silver cup and silver medal in tennis and gold, silver and bronze medals and a winged "T" in track and field. She competed in five AAU National track and field meets and was a member of the winning Tuskegee girl's track team for four years at the National AAU Outdoor Track and Field Championships. She won the girls singles trophy in tennis in the Florida State Tennis Association meet in 1936 and she won second place in the girls singles in 1932 at the Southern Tennis Association Meet.

Ms. Abbott received the M.S. degree in physical education from the University of Wisconsin in 1941. She has been a physical education teacher at Lincoln High School in Evansville, Indiana and at Tennessee A&I College where she started the first girl track team. She worked as a corrective therapist at the Veterans Hospital in Tuskegee and as an American Red Cross girl in Korea. She was a physical therapist for 8 years at Provident Hospital in Chicago, the V.A. Hospital in Tuskegee and John A. Andrew Hospital at Tuskegee Institute.

She received the V.A. Incentive Award in 1960. She is a member of the Alabama Chapter of Physical Therapy. She has done volunteer work as a dance teacher, assistant coach and physical therapist. She is a member of St. Andrew's Altar Guild Episcopal Church.