IN MEMORIAM
MISS BESS HEFLIN

Miss Bess Heflin, one of the most dedicated and loyal members of The University of Texas faculty, was born May 21, 1887 in Austin, Texas, and died in her native city on November 13, 1960. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Rex Baker of Houston.

Miss Heflin received a Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Texas in 1913, a Master of Arts degree from Columbia in 1917, and did postgraduate work at Columbia, Iowa and Cornell Universities.

For twelve years she taught in the public schools of Beaumont and Austin. In 1918 she joined the Home Economics Faculty, and during her thirty-six years of service to The University of Texas, she advanced from the rank of instructor to Professor. From 1924 to 1952 she was head of the Teacher Education Division of her department Miss Heflin retired in 1953 with the title of Professor Emeritus in the Department of Home Economics.

Miss Heflin's professional interests were keen and broad. She was a delegate to the International Congress of Home Economics in Stockholm and again in Edinburgh, one of three members of the North American Committee of the International Federation of Home Economics, and corresponding member to the Fribourg office of this federation.

During her long membership in the American Home Economics Association', she served as chairman of its Department of Colleges and Universities. She was also a life member of the American Vocational Association and a member of the National Education Association's Department of Higher Education and Home Economics, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of University Professors, the National Council on Family Relations and the-National Retired Teachers Association.

Always civic minded, Miss Heflin participated enthusiastically in many community activities and organizations. She was a member of the League of Women Voters, the city YWCA,
Austin Art League, Texas Society for Mental Health, Red Cross, Association for the Blind, Austin Symphony League, Heritage Society, Knife and Fork Club, and the University Baptist Church.

On the state level she was active in the Texas Home Economics Association, serving twice as its president and as chairman of the committee to study home economics at the lower college level. She was a participant in the Texas Academy of Science, the Texas State Nutrition Council, serving as its chairman, and the State Advisory Committee to the Coordinator of Women's Activities in Civil Defense.

As a woman of great intellectual ability and professional accomplishments, she was able to share her knowledge, enthusiasm and inspiration with those with whom she worked. She gained the respect and esteem of her students and endeared herself to them. The memory her colleagues keep is her faith in her students and her love for her profession and its ideals. Although the University and the Department of Home Economics have lost much in her death, it is reassuring that her work and influence will live on.

Her publications are as follows:

1. Collaborated with State Curriculum Executive Committee of State Department of Education in writing the Texas State Course of Study in Home Economics, 1937.


3. L'Enseignement Manager - Bulletin of the International Federation of Home Economics:
   (b) "Youth - A Nation's Greatest Asset," 1953.
   (c) "Home Economics in Institutions of Higher Learning in the United States of America," 1953.
   (d) "Highlights of the American Home Economics Association Annual Convention," 1953.
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