IN MEMORIAM

LUCY RATHBONE

Miss Lucy Rathbone, Professor Emeritus of Home Economics, died November 1, 1990, in Cuero, Texas, at the age of 94. Miss Rathbone was Chair of the Department of Home Economics for 19 years, until her retirement in 1961. She first joined the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin in 1922.

Miss Rathbone was born on June 4, 1896 in Cuero, Texas. She had one brother, Wofford Robert Rathbone, and one sister, Beryl Rathbone Crain. Her father was Robert Rathbone and her mother was Jessie May Wofford Rathbone.

Miss Rathbone received a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from the University of Texas at Austin in 1919, and a Master of Arts in Clothing and Education in 1924 from Teachers' College of Columbia University, New York, New York. Prior to coming to UT Austin, Miss Rathbone was an Instructor at Southwest Texas State Teachers' College for three years.

Miss Rathbone was very active in home economics throughout her career. She co-authored two books with Elizabeth Tarpley, Fabrics and Dress in 1931, and Fashions and Fabrics in 1962. Her research centered around clothing needs of the family. She published numerous research articles especially in the Journal of Home Economics. She was a charter member of the National Council of Administrators of Home Economics; was President of the national home economics honorary society, Omicron Nu, and was Vice-President and Secretary of the American Home Economics Association. In 1960 she was a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth. She was a member of the American Association of University Professors, and was listed in Who's Who in America in 1953, and in Leaders in Education in 1948.

During her tenure at UT Austin, Miss Rathbone was particularly valued for the warmth and support she provided to students and colleagues and, as Department Chair,