

IN MEMORIAM
AMANDA STOLTZFUS

In the death on October 11, 1930 of Miss Amanda Stoltzfus, The University lost one of its most faithful workers and people of rural Texas one of their most faithful servants and staunchest friends.

Her entire educational career was spent in endeavoring to improve rural life and rural schools. Beginning near Knoxville, Tennessee, Where she organized and conducted a rural school, which was nationally known, she continued her service in this field at Tuleta in Bee County, Texas, where the Tuleta Rural Consolidated School attracted interest throughout Texas. Under her principalship it became not only a center of educational activity adapted to rural life, but an effective means of community uplift. From this work she was called to The University of Texas, to become Lecturer in Rural Education, which position she held for many years.

Miss Stoltzfus had a grasp of rural life and its problems, which is possessed by few leaders. She loved the rural home and understood the difficulties and hardships of the rural housewife. She loved children with a passionate devotion, and especially those of the great open spaces.

She knew the paucity of social and recreational opportunities in rural sections and gave unstintedly of her time and her private means to bring sunshine into lives from which it seemed to have passed. No night was too dark or wet or cold for her to travel, often I by wagon, from the humble farm home, where she was the guest, to the school house, where she led the assembled group of young and old in plays and games and gave illustrated lectures depicting better homes and improved school conditions. Through her activity in this line, she became known as the "play lady" of Texas. She gave her life in self-abandonment to the upbuilding of rural homes, rural schools, and rural community life.

BE IT RESOLVED by the General Faculty of The University of Texas that we express by formal vote our sense of loss occasioned by her passing and our sympathy for bereaved members of the family.

RESOLVED FURTHER that this resolution be written in the minutes of the faculty and a copy be sent to the family of Miss Stoltzfus.

Special Committee:

T. H. Shelby, Chairman,
Annie Webb Blanton,
Roy Bedichek,