

ANNIE ELIZABETH COWARD SALTER

After graduating in 1939 from Meredith College, in Raleigh, N.C., where she major in English and History, and later in her career she would later become certified as a Librarian and as a speech-and-hearing instructor.

In the fall of 1939, Smyrna's principal, Eugene Gaskill, hired her to teach English and History, and she was assigned by the Superintendent, Mr. Allen, because of her musical skills to the Glee Club.

Mrs. Salter would go on to teach for 32 years. Her first check was for \$96.00 a month from which she had to repay some college debt.

She taught for 16 years at Smyrna, taking off three (3) years to have two daughters, and after returning from the birth of her first child in 1944, and because there was no opening at Smyrna upon her return, she taught at Beaufort for seven (7) years. After consolidation in 1965, she taught at East Carteret High School for eight (8) years where she taught English and History for three (3) years, and was the Librarian for five (5) years. She also spent one (1) year traveling among the Down-East Schools as the speech-and-hearing instructor.

Since her retirement, she has volunteered at The History Place for many years. Her interest in history led her also to years of research into family history. She keeps the Marshallberg Cemetery records up-to-date, and she has been a member of Marshallberg Baptist Church, where she has been the organist for forty years.

After her retirement, she has been able to travel in Europe several times. She has gotten to see many of the famous places and monuments that she had so often talked about in her world history classes: the Parthenon, in Athens; the Louvre, in Paris; the Swiss Alps; Buckingham and Windsor Palaces (seeing the Queen Elizabeth ride by); the Anne Frank house, in Amsterdam; the Kremlin, in Moscow, and so on.

Mrs. Salter was married 44 1/2 years until his death in 1987. She has two daughters, Carolyn S. Mason and Barbara S. Gates. We have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She has always believed in and still belongs to the professional teaching organizations. As for her profession, she said, "I have never regretted my choice. I have always enjoyed working with high school students, as I remember my own high school years so very well. I felt enthusiastic about the subjects that I taught."

"On the whole, I can say that I have had good, respectful students. Once in a while, I would see the general love of learning shine in someone's eyes! To a teacher, this is a real reward. The rewards of teaching continue over the years as you again meet students in the grocery store, see them at class reunions, or read about their achievements in the paper."

"Though I have spent several "all-nighters" grading exams, read and marked hundreds of papers, played for many graduation marchers, and toiled over many a Junior-Senior banquet, I would not have had it otherwise."

Because of her Life-Time of Service to our schools and to our community, this is our chance to thanks Mrs. Salter for her service...