

## **Mrs. Eva Nelson Holland**



Eva Nelson Holland was born in Meansville, Georgia, on May 19, 1914, and graduated from Zebulon High School in 1930. She completed requirements for a bachelor's degree from the Georgia State College for Women in 1934 and later earned a Master of Education (1956) and specialist degree from the University of Georgia (1961).

Mrs. Holland began her teaching career in Byron, Georgia in 1934, following her graduation from GSCW. She subsequently taught in Chauncey, Pineview and Hawkinsville schools before beginning her long tenure in Perry in 1951. She especially enjoyed teaching fourth-graders who, she said, were "young enough to love you but

old enough to respect you."

Never one to draw attention to herself, she did an outstanding job in the classroom during and after school. She was known on numerous occasions to stay after school, on her own time, to work individually with students she had identified as needing to improve their reading skills.

Mrs. Holland was active in the community and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional honor society of women educators that promotes excellence in education. Eva Nelson Holland spent more than 40 years as an outstanding classroom teacher. The last 28 years she taught fourth-grade at Perry Elementary School, before retiring on June 7, 1978. She passed away on January 2, 2001.