

Mrs. Arrowood Stretched 3 Week Help To Six Years of Community Service

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Tiny Mrs. C. F. (Flora) Arrowood—a sweetfaced dynamo who agreed to fill in for three weeks at AOPJ sorority housemother and stayed for six years—retires this June.

But after a summer of getting some "lar on her heels" in her native North Carolina, she'll be back in Austin and undoubtedly spearheading worthwhile drives for civic progress.

A look behind the scenes of many of Austin's most successful civic betterment campaigns would disclose Flora Arrowood hard at work.

She has served as president of the Austin branch of AAUW, the Austin Nursery School, Women of the University Presbyterian Church among others and been board member of the Travis County Association for the Blind, Girl Scouts, Child and Family Service, American Red Cross, Well Child Conference, YWCA and countless others.

Helping others has always been

a preoccupation with Mrs. Arrowood, stemming from the family training she got on a North Carolina farm near Clinton, where her earliest recollections were of her mother going out in all kinds of

weather to care for sick tenant children on their farms.

After attending private school and North Carolina College for Women, the pretty brownhaired North Carolina lass met her future husband when she became the new school teacher at a school where a young educator, Charles F. Arrowood, was superintendent. Before the end of the year they were engaged to be married.

Dr. and Mrs. Arrowood moved to Austin in 1929 where he taught education at the University of Texas, and Flora, who had never completed her B.A. degree, took three courses at the University and received it.

Interested in helping others, Mrs. Arrowood taught Braille at the State School for the Blind, praises highly the management of the school, and has continued a life long interest in welfare of the blind.

She returned to the University to take a master's degree under Latin-American scholar, Dr. Charles W. Hackett, and in 1935 accompanied her husband to the international education conference in Geneva.

One of the outstanding civic drives which Mrs. Arrowood headed was during the depression when the AAUW decided to sponsor a nursery school for children of low income working parents at Chalmers Housing Authority as Austin's greatest civic need at that time. The project has now become a part of the United Fund.

Mrs. Arrowood's next major drive was to get accredited hospitals at that time, and she headed a committee of civic leaders sponsoring the bonds. They passed by a large majority.

Subscriptions for a bookmobile for the Austin Public Library was another project which she headed, and she served on committees campaigning for better schools and to improve the Austin school system.

She took on the job as AOPJ housemother "temporarily" after her husband's death, stayed, and became a second mother to the girls. The sorority won the scholarship cup during her administration.

Although she's retiring, there's little doubt that she won't be long away from her favorite occupation of helping others.



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