



GRINDSTONE AWARD



1971

Ruth E. Taylor

A tireless worker for the betterment of all mankind, Mrs. Ruth E. Taylor was the first woman, and the fifth person, to be awarded the title Berea's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Mrs. Taylor graduated from Wilberforce University, where she majored in home economics. This led to positions in dietetics at several major hospitals, including Crile Veterans' Hospital. Her skill in this field led to operating her own catering service.

Not content to serve only the inner man, Mrs. Taylor also became a licensed practical nurse, a humanitarian occupation in which she has served for 24 years at Southwest General Hospital.

Her involvement in community service and in helping people began early, when, as a working mother, she found time to be active in the PTA at her daughter's school and in the Girl Scouts.

Because of her selfless dedication, her advice in personal

matters has continually been sought, and her judgments accepted, Women's Republican Club of Berea. With her concern about people, Mrs. Taylor has been a member and officer in the Berea Council of Human Relations. She also has served three terms as an appointed member of the Mayor's Citizens Design Advisory Committee in Berea's Department of Community Development.

Music is another of Mrs. Taylor's many talents, and she serves her church as accompanist for the Gospel Chorus, as well as in other capacities.

Because of her long-standing interest in her fellow man, her understanding of and wisdom in dealing with the human condition and her personal involvement with civic, humanitarian and church affairs, Mrs. Ruth E. Taylor has earned the respect, and the thanks, of the entire Berea community,

Mrs. Taylor lives with her mother, Mrs. Lowe, on Pearl Street. She has one daughter, Mrs. Winifred West, and two grandchildren, Shelly Dawn and Shawn Randolph.

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