

Mildred A. Engelbrecht, Ph.D., Biography



Mildred Amanda Engelbrecht, - Class of 1917 - b. July 31, 1899 - d. ???, From the EHS Yearbook, the Maroon: Melusina, Ruth, Comedy Concert, Junior Glee Club.

She was a U.S. bacteriologist educated at Elgin High School and the University of Wisconsin, (A.B. 1927; fellow, 1927-1930; M.S. 1930; Ph.D., 1934) She was a University of Wisconsin instructor in agricultural bacteriology (1930-1938), a University of Alabama assistant professor (1938-1943), an associate professor (1943-1946), professor (from 1947), head of the department (from 1950). Date of her death is unknown.

Mildred Engelbrecht was twenty-eight years old before she got her bachelor's degree. From that time on, she made rapid academic progress. After her bachelor's degree, she took two years off and worked as a technician in a laboratory. She returned to the University of Wisconsin in 1929 as a fellow and within five years had earned a doctorate. After getting this degree, she stayed on for four more years at Wisconsin, continuing in her position as instructor in agricultural bacteriology. She then took a position at the University of Alabama as assistant professor in bacteriology and physiological chemistry. By 1947 she was a full professor and by 1950 head of the department. Engelbrecht was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the Society of Microbiology, the Public Health Association and the Royal Society for Health. Her research was on Streptococci, especially those found in milk and in microslide methods for growing organisms.

From the June 16, 1957 **Tuscaloosa News - Dr. Mildred Engelbrecht Honored By Royal Society** - A new honor this spring comes to Mildred A. Engelbrecht, chairman of the department of bacteriology and medical t

She was also the author of: "*Laboratory Manual for General Bacteriology*" in 1950.