

## **Nellie M. Gordon**

In 1929, Miss Gordon a strong willed, energetic and knowledgeable teach came to Fairfield County to work. She came from Columbia, South Carolina where she had received her early training, having obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Benedict College. She also received a Master of Arts Degree from New York University. After graduating from college, she taught in public school in various towns in the state. However, most of her career was spent in Winnsboro.

Miss Nellie M. Gordon began teaching at what was then called Fairfield County Training School. She remained there until a new elementary school was built in 1955. The citizens of Fairfield County deemed it was fitting to name the new school in Miss Gordon's honor. On March 18, 1956, the Fairfield County School Board presented Miss Gordon with a plaque during the dedication services naming the school Gordon Elementary. With her professional training, outstanding personality, loyalty, love for children and ingenuity, it is said, Miss Gordon worked unselfishly and diligently to guide children along the educational standard set by the State Department of Education. These traits made her a successful teacher, with outreached arms welcoming boys and girls to learn. The influence she has had on the children she taught has been a contribution factor in the success of many individuals. She retired from teaching in 1966, after having devoted 37 years to her profession in Fairfield County.