

DR. E. B. NORTON

Dr. E. B. Norton, President of Florence State University, was born in Jefferson County, Alabama. He is the son of a Methodist minister. He received his elementary and early high school education in the public schools of North Alabama. He graduated from high school at the Bingham Military School in Asheville, North Carolina. He was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree from Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama and has been awarded honorary degrees by Auburn University and Birmingham-Southern.

He has served as teacher, coach, high school principal, County Superintendent of Education, Alabama State Superintendent of Education, Deputy United States Commissioner of Education, and Executive Secretary of the National Council of Chief State School Officers. He has been President of the Alabama Education Association and the Alabama Association of School Administrators. He has served on important state and national committees and commissions in education and parent-teacher association work, including the White House Conference on Rural Education in 1944 and the United States Education Mission to Japan in 1946. He is a past President of the Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Dr. Norton is active in the Methodist Church, serving as a teacher of the Men's Bible Class and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of his local church.

He was designated as Shoals Area Citizen of the Year in 1967 and received the Bronze Award of the Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults in 1968. He received the Preeminent. He was awarded by the Kappa Phi Kappa Educational Fraternity as Alabama Educator of the Year in 1972. Dr. E. B. Norton has been selected to receive in 1973 the American Association of School Administrators Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Norton is currently serving as President with Division of Higher Education and Alabama Education Association. He is chairman of the Shoals Labor-Management Relations Committee and a member of the Board of Directors with the YMCA in Florence. He is Vice-Chairman for Finance for Birmingham Region of the Red Cross Blood Program. He is a member of the Regional Advisory Board, Alabama Law Enforcement Planning Agency. He is also a member of the Alabama Social Welfare Manpower Commission.

He has been President of Florence State University since December, 1948.

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