



### VIGNETTES OF COASTAL PLAIN GEOLOGY

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A native of the state of Washington, Katherine V.W. Palmer became interested in Paleontology as an undergraduate at the University of Washington. Encouraged by her major Professor, Charles E. Weaver, she journeyed to Ithaca, New York, to Cornell University where she would study under Gilbert D. Harris. There she was to remain the rest of her life, becoming a founding member of the Paleontological Research Institution in 1935 and assuming its direction upon the death of Dr. Harris in 1952. She was the mainstay of the organization, serving as Director and Editor of the *Bulletins of American Paleontology* until her retirement in 1978. Upon the occasion of her retirement, Tulane University conferred upon her an honorary Doctor of Science degree, noting that she had authored over fifty scientific publications, principally on the paleontology of the Gulf Coastal Plain. (See *Tulane Studies in Geology and Paleontology*, v. 15)