

## PICKED BY DEAF GROUP

# Mt. Clinton Woman Is Mother Of Year

Mrs. Clarence Christian of Mt. Clinton has been selected as Virginia's Deaf Mother of the Year by the state association of the deaf.

Association president T. Vernon Cherry Jr. said in his announcement of the award, "We pay homage this year to you who have labored untiringly for the well-being of your family and given unselfishly of your time, talent and treasure in lifting up your daughter morally, intellectually and spiritually.

"Your courage and perseverance are, and will continue to be, an inspiration to other deaf mothers in Virginia."

Mr. and Mrs. Christian and their daughter Shelby are all members of the association and attended the Virginia School for the Deaf in Staunton. Twenty-four-year-old Shelby, who nominated her mother for the award, will graduate in June from Gallaudet College for the deaf in Washington, D. C. She plans to teach education courses or beauty culture.

Mrs. Christian and her daughter both became deaf after early



**MRS. CLARENCE CHRISTIAN**

illnesses and Mr. Christian has been hard of hearing for a number of years. A son, Andrew, who died last year in a boating accident, was the only member of the family without a hearing handicap.