

Betty Faulk Peters



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District Two's Dynamo
Representative on the
State School Board

Betty Faulk Peters, Houston County and District Two's representative for the Alabama State School Board, grew up in a family where reading and writing were the meat and potatoes of family life. Peters' roots run deep in Southeast Alabama, where generations have been involved in business and community endeavors. Issues were discussed over supper and showed up in the newspaper the next day because her father was Nat Faulk, editor of the *Dothan Eagle*.

The salary for a state school board member is very modest so, it wasn't the money that motivated Peters to run for the office. Considering the low pay and her heavy responsibilities, both professional and personal (her mother, Alice Faulk, is in her nineties and lives in the Peters' home) Betty found strong reasons to run for office.

"From early childhood, I understood the importance of learning to read and write well. My father was given a strong foundation in only ten years in Dothan