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Mrs. John N. Garner--a National Figure

Mrs. John Nance Garner, who died at her home in Uvalde Tuesday, was a national figure although she never held official position. Her prominence and standing were all the more unusual since she was of the modest, self-effacing, home-loving type.

The wife of the former vice-president was a remarkable woman who filled the roles of assistant, adviser, homemaker and source of inspiration for her husband for more than half a century. Mr. Garner's office in the national capital was a favorite place for members of Congress and Texas visitors to gather and enjoy the amenities. There the womanly graces, charm and personality of Mrs. Garner expressed themselves and endeared her to so many.

Mrs. Garner was her husband's secretary throughout his public career which began in the Texas Legislature where he served as member and speaker. It was logical and proper that she continue as associate and adviser when Mr. Garner

went to Washington as a representative and later was elected speaker of the House and vice-president of the United States. In that role she was invaluable and irreplaceable. Aptly her husband described her as being his "right hand."

Only a Texas woman of the old school with sound rearing, breeding and culture was able to fill the varied responsibilities that Mrs. Garner carried out so well. She gave to Washington warm Texas hospitality, the deep intrinsic worth and charm of Texas womanhood.

The mutual devotion and respect, the compatibility and close companionship of couples like the Garners attest the meaning and value of marriage. The example of a woman of Mrs. Garner's caliber and character is profound and widespread. Texas naturally took pride in a daughter like Mrs. Garner; it appreciates her husband's irreparable loss, and shares his grief. Her life was well spent, no phase of it incomplete. She was an inspiration to many.
