



### **GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS INDUCTEE 1978**

**WILLIAM M. SPENCER**, a native of Alabama, attended the University of Alabama and Harvard Law School. He practiced law in Birmingham for many years and was also a part-time farmer. One of the founders of the Birmingham Museum of Art, he served as Chairman of that board for 20 years. Under his enthusiastic leadership, the Birmingham Art Museum tripled its size and became one of the finest art museums in the Southern United States. One of the Museum's wings is named in his honor.

Mr. Spencer was active in the business community and a board member of the Woodward Iron Company and other corporations in Alabama. He was a member of various city boards and agencies interested in the enrichment of Birmingham. He received many awards for his contributions of time and effort.

He passed away at age 89 in 1979.