

## Movement Toward Broadening Social Frontiers In U. S. Outlined For Morris Brown College Graduates

ATLANTA, Ga. — New frontiers of American Democracy, home and abroad, were defined here last Wednesday for the Morris Brown College graduating class of 116 by an internationally known author and educator.

Dr. Helen Edmonds, professor of history at North Carolina State College, Durham, N. C., said the United States had become a world power long before many people realized or were willing to admit it. She warned the graduates against accepting "false values" and basing achievement on "whom you know or by mere association."



DR. EDMONDS

Dr. Edmonds called attention to the "American Dream" and said men like Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln were largely responsible for making it a living reality. And, as a result, she said, it has been broadened for all the people.

Dr. Edmonds briefly traced the changing philosophy of education in America, beginning with John Dewey in the 1920's. She said, beginning with 1933, progress for the Negro began to take on a new theme. Classroom techniques changed, she said. Teaching was carried on the same basis of citizenship and not on the basis of group.

**ORDER OF YESTERDAY**  
"Segregation was the order of yesterday," Dr. Edmonds said.

There, was a time, she said when the teaching of democracy was meant for the classroom alone to the majority group.

"In 1954, when the U. S. Supreme Court rendered its decision against public school segregation, the American ideal was on trial."

Dr. Edmonds told how hate groups emerged following the Supreme Court's ruling and told how even some "liberals" had been coerced against compliance with the Court's decree. She said no one knew any better than school superintendents and educators themselves about the inconsistencies of the prac-

tices of these groups.

The educator criticized newspaper propaganda and the effects it has had on young people.

During her visits in Europe, Dr. Edmonds said she was questioned about American concepts and practices. She said Europeans wanted to know, "How can a state defy a ruling of the United States Supreme Court and why did they let the 'killers go free?'"

She said people in Europe wanted to know why Autherine Lucy was treated as she was.

**HUMAN RELATIONS**  
In her thesis of New Frontiers of American Democracy, Dr. Edmonds called for a new emphasis on human relations. She said, its an old subject, but that it needs a new injection of enthusiasm. She challenged the graduates to seek careers in the area of human relations.

In this whole concept of freedom, she said, "We cannot take anything for granted. She said the present roadblocks would pass away."

The frontiers will be more meaningful, "when we solve the problems of roadblocks."

She told the graduates to tell the truth about America wherever they go, and not overlook the fact that since 1933, Negroes have made "tremendous progress."

## Social Security Office Head Urge Applying For Benefits

More than one hundred thousand severely disabled people in communities all over the nation will receive their first social security disability insurance checks in August, announced Mrs. Nina H. Matthews, district manager of the Durham Social Security Office, last week. But many other eligible disabled workers 50 to 65 years of age, some of them no doubt living in Durham County, have so far failed to make application to their social security offices. Those who have been disabled for work for a long time must apply before June 30, Mrs. Matthews pointed out, or they will lose their rights to these new benefit payments.

grams." To be found "disabled" under the social security law, she said, a worker must have a disability which, in the words of the law, makes him unable "to engage in any substantial gainful activity." It must be the kind of physical or mental condition which shows up in the medical evidence, including his doctor's report, hospital reports, or special tests, and it must have lasted for at least 6 months and be expected to continue for a long and indefinite time.

In general, she said, "sub-

stantial gainful activity" means the performance of a substantial amount of work with reasonable regularity in employment or self-employment. A person does not have to be completely helpless to qualify under the social security disability provisions, Mrs. Matthews emphasized. Consideration is given to all of the facts in the individual's situation, both medical and non-medical.

First consideration is, of course, given to the severity of his condition as shown by the medical evidence. This evidence must show that the person has a condition which makes him unable to perform significant functions such as moving about, handling objects, hearing, speaking, understanding, or reasoning, so that he cannot

with his training, education and work experience engage in any kind of substantial gainful activity.

Any severely disabled person who has worked under social security for at least 5 years and who has been disabled for 6 months or more should get in touch with his social security office right away, the social security district manager said. If he is between 50 and 65 years of age, he may be eligible for monthly disability insurance benefits. If he is under 50, he may be eligible to have his social security record frozen to protect his future right to disability payments, and also his and his family's rights to old-age and survivors insurances.

"Unfortunately there is a lot of misunderstanding," Mrs. Matthews said, "as to how disabled a worker has to be to get social security disability insurance benefits or to have his social security record frozen. The rules in the social security law for deciding whether a person is 'disabled' are different from the rules in some other Government and private disability pro-

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## Bennett Prexy To Attend Clinic At Harvard

**GREENSBORO**  
Dr. Willa B. Player, president of Bennett College, will be among 36 college presidents attending the Institute for College and University Administrators at Harvard University, June 18-26.

The institute, directed by Dr. Robert W. Merry of Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, is specifically planned for newly-appointed presidents (since June 1, 1954) and is the third to be held.

Sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Association of American Colleges, it will provide the administrators an opportunity to study, analyze and discuss problem situations which college presidents may face.

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## High School Newspaper Advisers Organize New Press Association

Representatives from high schools throughout North Carolina met at North Carolina College (Durham) last Saturday and organized an interscholastic press association.

The new group has been tentatively named "Campus Echo Scholastic Regional Press Association," and is scheduled to begin operations in September.

Mrs. Ruth J. Tillman, assistant adviser to *The Panther*, student publication at the Person County High School in Roxboro, was elected president.

According to Mrs. Tillman, the new association is designed to encourage more and better newspapers and yearbooks in the high schools of North Carolina and sister states. All high schools in the Carolinas and Virginia are eligible for membership, she said.

According to plans outlined at the meeting in Durham, the association will set up a bureau offering critical and other services to high school publications.

Immediately projected are a materials and information center at North Carolina College and a bureau of specialists to assist in the establishment of newspapers and yearbooks in high schools. The organizers also made plans for awards recognizing outstanding journalistic accomplishments to be given at the Campus Echo Publications Conference in the Spring of 1958.

In addition to Mrs. Tillman, other officers elected include: Mrs. M. L. Lakin, Hillside High School, Durham, secretary; Mr. George Thorne, North Carolina College, treasurer; and Mrs. Virginia Hart, and Mrs. Evelyn H. Monk, Robert L. Vann High School, Ahoskie, and Mrs. Inez B. Evans, Central High School, Whiteville, regional directors.

H. G. Dawson, Jr., English instructor and *Campus Echo* adviser at North Carolina College, was elected executive secretary.

A special committee was appointed to draft a constitution which will be circulated among the high schools in September, according to Mrs. Tillman.

**NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY JUANITA P. WHITE VS. HOWARD BRUCE WHITE**  
In the Durham County Civil Court

**NOTICE**  
The above named defendant, HOWARD BRUCE WHITE, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Durham County Civil Court, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the ground that plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Durham County Civil Court, in the Courthouse in Durham, North Carolina on or before twenty (20) days after the 6th day of July, 1957 and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

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