

# Lila Burton's Generous Gift to Youth

THE LATE LILA O. BURTON'S decision to leave most of her estate for a college scholarship fund ought not to go unnoticed by residents of Waukesha County. With an initial grant of \$461,440 from Mrs. Burton's estate, the fund will provide scholarships for college students selected on the basis of ability and need, without regard to race, color or creed.

While Mrs. Burton intended the scholarships should be granted mainly to Carroll College students, the selection committee is not restricted to Carroll students. Further, she asked that the trustee of the fund publicize each year in the Freeman the amount of money available to encourage worthy students to apply for the grants.

We knew Mrs. Burton when she was a supervisor on the County Board representing her constituents in Eagle. She was an individualist who spoke her mind, avoiding cliques and voting according to her principles rather than expediency. So it should not come as a surprise that she chose to use her accumulated savings for establishing a scholarship fund.

We have observed that too often persons ordinarily choose their families while ignoring churches, charities or other worthwhile projects, to inherit their wealth. We hope the example Mrs. Burton has set in using her estate to further the cause of education by widening the opportunity for potential students, will serve as an inspiration to other persons considering how to dispose of their estates.