2nd Negro To Be Enrolled At Clemson Will Be A Coed

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COLUMBIA — The second Negro student to be enrolled at the erstwhile all-White Clemson College next week will be a coed, the 17-year-old daughter of a Horrell Hill cotton and soybean farmer.

She is Miss Lucinda Ernestine Brawley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brawley of Rt. 2, Hopkins, and a graduate last spring of Hopkins High School, where she was salutatorian. She is a math major who achieved a laudable academic high school record. She will live in the new woman's dormitory at Clemson.

Miss Brawley had sought to avoid publicity and her identity never was revealed by college officials who said only that "a second Negro student had been accepted for enrollment this fall."

The Brawley farm consists of approximately 60 acres, 40 of it under cultivation, and Brawley rents additional lands for cultivation. The Brawley home is a modest rural bungalow.

The father, Ernest Brawley, who has five other younger

children in school this year talked to a Greenville News writer from beneath a farm pickup truck on which he was repairing the clutch. "It was her choice," he said, "and I finally told her I would help her as much as I could."

Miss Brawley is not affiliated with any of the civil rights organizations, which have resulted in Negro enrollment at previously White schools in the past.

"I had an entirely different school in mind for her," Brawley said, "and I certainly didn't encourage her going to Clemson, but while we conferred she seemed to have made up her mind that Clemson was where she could get the best education in the field of her interest. It was her decision and I agreed to help her however I can."

Quiet-spoken, Brawley talked briefly of farm problems that have resulted from mechanization. He was concerned over some hogs that had escaped their pasture and had to be rounded up. The farm lies 12 miles east of Columbia, midway between the Horrell Hill section off U. S. Highway 76 and Hopkins.

Miss Brawley, who quietly

made her application to Clemson College, was as quietly accepted by the college on the merit of her qualifications and will register there early next week. Her youthful - appearing father said, "I don't think she would care to have any comment because she isn't seeking publicity." Her identity had been unknown until Thursday.

Brawley, for whom his daughter was named, also is an employe of the Veterans Administration Hospital here. He said Miss Brawley had no scholarship and no help beyond that he is prepared to offer. He said she wanted an education a n d considered Clemson College the best possibility to attain it in the mathematical field in which she has already achieved substantial recognition.

The family, reticent about publicity, insisted that Miss Brawley sought only to go to school and was not concerned with publicity.

Harvey Gantt, first Negro to enroll at Clemson, entered last year as a sophomore architectural student after the previously all-White school was ordered to admit him by the courts.