

## "First" Woman Student At Harvard



MISS BERNICE TAYLOR

### Bernice C. Taylor First Woman To Take Up Studies At Harvard

The distinction of being the first woman ever to be registered at Harvard University has been granted to Miss Bernice C. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Taylor, of Bethlehem R. D. 4. She has been awarded a scholarship, granted by the board of education of Harvard University and the education department of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and is registered as a student at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., and at Harvard. At the university she will major, with post graduates, in social and economic welfare and do research work.

Realizing almost a life-time ambition, Miss Taylor has matriculated at college. She was graduated from Liberty High School in 1935 in the midst of the depression and was unable to go to Penn State College as she had planned. Instead, she became employed in the Klein dress shop and became active in many local organizations. She was president of the South Side Industrial Girls' Club of the YWCA, was district educational director for

ILGWU, was a Red Cross first aid instructor, a member of the Motor Corps and the casualty station at Wydnor.

Miss Taylor had won scholarships to the Hudson Shore Labor School, formerly the Bryn Mawr Summer School, at West Park, N. Y., and while there was elected by the student body to the board of directors. She also won a scholarship to Wellesley College.

In January, 1943, Miss Taylor enlisted in the WAC and received an honorable discharge from the WAC on Labor Day. For the past 16 months she had been stationed at Fort Stevens, Ore., with the rank of sergeant, and was chief clerk in charge of the Army Water Transportation office. She also taught a class in orientation in her company.

Miss Taylor left September 10 for Radcliffe College, where she will be at home during the coming year. She writes "all traditions are being shattered (at Harvard), but the boys are taking it in their stride."