

# Mrs. Hamilton Resigns Urban League Post

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, executive director of the Atlanta Urban League since March, 1943, has resigned to assume a position in September with the National Women's Christian Assn. She will serve as community relations consultant in the Southern region.

Robert A. Thompson Jr., who has served the league as associate director for housing, has been elected executive director.

Mrs. Hamilton served as executive director for a longer period than any other person in the 40 years of the league's history.

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**A HIGHLIGHT** in league accomplishments during Mrs. Hamilton's 17½ years as its executive director was the development of Hughes Spalding Pavilion at Grady Hospital.

On her resignation, Mrs. Hamilton paid tribute "to the rewarding associations with a loyal and conscientious staff, with the public-spirited citizens who have been members of the league and the board of directors, and the many other persons in other organizations and agencies with whom the league works for the welfare of all Atlanta."

In announcing her resignation, the league's board of directors noted that the Spalding Pavilion has "provided more than 100 new occupational opportunities for Negroes in technical and professional classifications and has made possible the beginning of a graduate medical training program for Negro physicians utilizing the tax-supported public hospital."

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**THE BOARD** noted these additional contributions during Mrs. Hamilton's directorship: improvement of public school facilities following the league's Report of Public School Facilities for Negroes in Atlanta and improvement of recreational facilities following the league's Report of Parks and Public Recreational Facilities for Negroes in Atlanta.

A graduate of Atlanta and Ohio State universities, Mrs. Hamilton was on the faculty of Clark College and the Atlanta School of Social Work and LeMoyne College. She was also secretary for Interracial Education with the College and University Division of the National YWCA.

During 1954-55 she took a leave of absence to serve as associate director of the Southern Regional Council. She is the wife of Dr. Henry Cooke Hamilton, registrar of Morehouse College. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Towns who have long been identified with the educational and civic welfare of Atlanta.

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**HER SUCCESSOR**, Mr. Thompson, has achieved national recognition. Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Morgan College with a graduate degree from Atlanta University. His staff affiliation with the league began in 1943, with an interruption for service in the army. Since 1946 he has been housing director.

Mrs. Hamilton will assume her new position Sept. 1. Her office will be 41 Exchange Pl., SE.