

CONCORD COLLEGE  
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CITATION

CLAUDE CLIFFORD DOVE  
Doctor of Humane Letters

CLAUDE CLIFFORD DOVE, these West Virginia hills welcome your return to the place of your life's beginning. Born in a log house not far from here, you know first hand the hard work of earning a living by muscle and sweat. Formal education was not handed to you on a silver platter, and you were twenty before you had nine months of elementary schooling. Concord beckoned, you walked eight miles daily to this campus to earn your diploma, and set forth on your mission as an extraordinary teacher. You earned your Master's degree at Cincinnati, and thirty years ago at the University of Colorado you became the first Concord graduate to earn the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Long an ardent defender of the American heritage, you served your country with distinction in both World Wars. The State of New Mexico now claims you, and there you have been an oasis of progressive thought and action in the arid areas of conformity and apathy. Involved in many crackling arguments on education, you have pursued as one major professional goal the establishment of free public kindergartens. Founder of the College of Teacher Education at New Mexico State University, and probably the most colorful figure of that academic community, you are known to generations of New Mexico students as a man who opened the doors of thought and study for them. On your retirement two years ago, your colleagues had a large plaque made for your office door on which these words are inscribed: "Dr. Claude C. Dove, Consultant, On Any Subject." Distinguished son of Concord, your

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Alma Mater is proud to honor you for your outstanding service in the cause of American education by awarding you, on the Golden Anniversary of your first graduation, her degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and of the College the ninetieth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.  
President