

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

Tallahassee, Florida

Hall of Fame Series

Sunday Vespers



"FAMU: Illustrious Past...Challenging Future"

FAMU LIBRARY

Sunday Evening, the Eighth of April

Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Two

Six O'clock

Lee Hall Auditorium

Program

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President, Presiding

PRELUDE: "I Call to Thee" **Bach**

INVOCATION **Dr. James Hudson**
University Chaplain

HYMN: "Faith of our Fathers" (Audience) **Faber**

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
When-e'er we hear that glorious word!

CHORUS

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows
how
By kindly words and virtuous life.

REPEAT CHORUS

THE OCCASION **G. W. Conoly**
Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee

SELECTION: "Worthy is the Lamb" **Handel**
University Choir
Rebecca W. Steele, Director; Mary Warren, Organist

ADDRESS **Dr. W. W. Weatherspool**
Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

UNVEILING OF PLAQUE **Mrs. T. Lang, Percy Goodman**

PRESENTATION OF HONOREES **Atty. Charles F. Wilson**
President, General Alumni Association

Education
Thomas DeSaille Tucker*
Thomas Vann Gibbs*
Nathan Benjamin Young*
J. R. E. Lee, Sr.*

Business
Noah Harold Bennett, Jr.
Edward A. Welters, DDS

Science
Booker Jones*
Healing Arts
L. H. B. Foote, M.D.
Daniel T. Rolfe, M.D.
Jack E. White, M.D.

Religion
Thomas A. Harris
W. W. Weatherspool

Social Work
Samuel M. Jenkins

Humanities
Mrs. Jessie Bennett Sams

Government
Frank E. Pinder

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES **Dr. George W. Gore, Jr.**

ALMA MATER

POSTLUDE: "Toccata" **Nervin**

Charlotte Giles, University Organist

*Posthumously

Hall of Fame Honorees

THOMAS VANN GIBBS—Son of Jonathan C. Gibbs, was educated at Oberlin and West Military Academy. As a member of the Florida Legislature, he introduced the bill that provided for the establishment of this college and was appointed vice president by A. J. Russell, Superintendent of Public Instruction. In the organization of the college, President Tucker was ably assisted by Mr. Gibbs. The announcement sent out by Superintendent Russell to acquaint the colored people of the state with the newly created school, closed with the following: "For further information address Professor T. DeS. Tucker, for the present at Pensacola or Professor T. V. Gibbs, at Jacksonville, Florida."

NATHAN BENJAMIN YOUNG—Son of Frank and Susan Young, was educated at Talladega and Oberlin Colleges. He received his Master of Arts degree from the latter institution in 1891. Mr. Young came to the Florida A. and M. College as president in 1901 where he served until 1923. During his tenure he was responsible for many changes in the program of the institution, significant among which were the placing of the institution under the management of the Board of Control in 1905 and the change of the name from the State Normal School to the Florida A. and M. College in 1909. With the termination of his services at this institution, he became president of another state institution, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, where he served from 1923 to 1926. The following year he accepted the position of Inspector of Colored Schools for the State of Missouri. He died July 19, 1933, and was buried in Tallahassee, Florida, in accordance with his request.

***THOMAS DeSAILLE TUCKER**—Born July 21, 1844, in Sierrre Leone, West Africa, the son of the daughter of an African King and French explorer, DeSaille. He came to the United States as a youth and was educated at Oberlin College, graduating in 1866. He taught school at Georgetown, Kentucky, and New Orleans, and later moved to Pensacola where he practiced law for eighteen years. In 1887, he came to Tallahassee as the first President of State Normal College, later Florida A. and M. College, and at present Florida A. and M. University. He was co-founder of this institution, the honor being shared with Thomas Vann Gibbs. The type of man that Mr. Tucker was can be judged from the following published in the Pensacola Southern Leader, August 20, 1887:

"OUR NORMAL SCHOOL"

The State Board of Education certainly deserves much credit for the appointments recently made for this school. Professor DeSaille Tucker of Pensacola has been appointed Principal. We have known Professor Tucker for about eighteen years and we have never met a more genial, broad-minded and sterling gentleman. He possesses first-class qualities as a friend, gentleman and scholar, and commands the respect of all who know him. He is a strong man, morally and intellectually and the new Normal has a security of success under his charge.

He left Tallahassee in 1901, practiced law in Jacksonville, died in 1903 and was buried in Baltimore, Maryland.

J. R. E. LEE, SR.—Appointed president in 1924, at a very critical time in the history of the institution. As a result of great tact, persistence, patience, and faith in the friends of humanity, he was able to get increased support for the institution from the State and bring

to the college large grants of money from out-of-state agencies. Among those which gave very generously at this time were the General Education Board, the Rosenwald Fund and the Carnegie Foundation. Their gifts resulted in the erection of Jackson Davis Hall, the Administration Building (now J. R. E. Lee Hall), N. B. Young Hall, Lucy Moten Training School, and the purchase of library and science equipment. The untiring efforts of President Lee culminated also in the installations of a central sewage system, the hard surfacing of the walks and streets through the campus, the rebuilding of the dining hall, Science Hall and the Mechanic Arts Building, the erection of the dairy barn, McGuinn Hall, formerly South Hall for Women, Sampson Hall, formerly South Hall for Men, the President's Home, and the construction of Sampson-Bragg Athletic Field.

EVERETT BOOKER JONES—Dr. Jones; a native of Tallahassee, graduated from Florida A. and M. University in 1895. After teaching several years, he entered Colgate University from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1904. It was at this time that he earned the Phi Beta Kappa key. He earned the Master's degree in Science in 1926, and did further study toward the Ph.D degree. Prior to his death, he was serving as Professor of Chemistry at Lincoln University in Missouri.

Many students of science and medical doctors in Florida and elsewhere claim that they were fortunate to receive training in science from him. He was devoted to his work and gave all that he had to the development of the young men and women whom he helped to train. He worked untiringly for the building of a science department at the Florida A. and M. College.

He was the organizer and first President of the Florida A. and M. Alumni Association; organized the "College Wits," the first literary society for college men in the institution. He is remembered by those with whom he came in contact as one who inspired his associates by his example and devotion to duty.

NOAH HAROLD BENNETT, JR.—Mr. Noah Harold Bennett, Vice-President and Actuary of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, North Carolina, a native of White Springs, Florida, was graduated from Florida A. and M. University in 1934 with a bachelor of arts degree in Mathematics. Received the M.A degree in Mathematics from the University of Michigan in 1941 and a year later was awarded a second Master's Degree in Actuary Science. Taught Mathematics at Lincoln High School, Gainesville, Florida for three years. Served as Home Office Auditor for the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville, Florida for three years. Has been with the North Carolina Mutual for 19 years. He is a veteran of World War II and is active in a number of professional and civic organizations. Received the Meritorious Achievement Certificate at Florida A. and M. University at the 1961 June Commencement. A steward of St Joseph A.M.E. Church, Durham, secretary of the John Avery Boy's Club, a member of the American Legion and the N.A.A.C.P., he holds membership in the American Statistical Association, Associate of the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice, and a member of the Durham Business and Professional Chain. He is married and is the father of a 12 year old daughter.

L. H. B. FOOTE—Dr. Foote was born in Cockeysville, Maryland, attended the Cockeysville Elementary School, the Baltimore High School, and graduated from Howard University in Washington, D. C. with the B.S. degree.

FAMU HALL OF FAME HONOREES (Continued)

Received the M.D. Degree from Howard University in 1925, and served his internship at the John A. Andrews Memorial Hospital, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. His post-graduate work includes further study in Gynecology and Obstetrics, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C., Gynecology and Surgery, University of Virginia, X-ray processing—Eastman Kodak, Rochester New York, Hospital Administration, University of Chicago, Special Course in Tuberculosis, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, the Annual Post-Graduate Course for Physicians, Jacksonville, Florida. From 1926-53, served as Medical Director of the Florida A. and M. College Hospital, served as College Physician and Superintendent of the Florida A. and M. College Hospital from 1926 through 1948. From 1929-52, he served as Radiologist of the Florida A. and M. College Hospital and Professor of Materia Medical for Nurses at Florida A. and M. College. From 1927-51 taught surgical diseases for nurses at the University. Director of University Health from 1953-57. His professional affiliations include Surgical Supervisor, John A. Andrews Clinical Society, Tuskegee Institute, 1930-34; 1940-48. President, John A. Andrew Clinical Society, 1934-35; First Chairman of the Negro Committee of the Florida Tuberculosis and Health Association, 1934-43; General Supervisor of Clinics, John A. Andrew Clinical Association, 1932-34; President, Florida Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, 1941-48; Member of Committee of Awards, National Medical Association, 1949-51; Co-Chairman of Hospital Campaign Fund Raising Committee, 1939-49; Assistant Secretary, National Medical Association, 1949-55; Secretary, Medical Staff, Florida A. and M. University Hospital 1940-53, Zone Director, National Medical Association, 1954-55; Chairman of Publicity, Florida Medical Association, 1954-55; President of Southeastern Medical Society, 1955-56. Secretary-Treasurer, Florida A. and M. University Clinical Association, 1929 to the present time. Dr. Foote has received many awards for his outstanding services. He holds membership in the National Medical Society, American Association of Student Health in Colleges, John A. Andrew Clinical Association, Leon County Medical Society, William J. Gunn Medical Society, Florida A. and M. University Clinical Association, National Teachers Association, Tallahassee Civic League, Florida State Teachers Association, Florida Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, Florida T. B. and Health Association, the Southeastern Medical Society, the Masons—Shriners 32 degree, Elks, Chi Delta Mu Medical Fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Sigma Phi Phi Boule, Chi Rho Sigma Chemical Fraternity. He is a member of the Basil A.M.E. Church, Cockeysville, Maryland and the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Presently, in the Private Practice of Medicine in Tallahassee, Florida. He is married to the former R. Hilda Jones.

FRANK E. PINDER—Mr. Pinder graduated from Florida A. and M. University in 1933 with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. Attended Cornell University during the 1951-52 academic year as a U. S. Department of State Fellow. Holds honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Monrovia College and Campbell College, both in Monrovia, Liberia. Dr. Pinder has had a long and distinguished career of public service, both in America and in Africa. From 1933 through 1941, he served as County Agent in Alachua County, Florida. The following two years he served as Cooperative Specialist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. From 1943-44, he served as an Agriculturist with the USDA. During 1943-46, he was Head Agricultural Production Specialist, Foreign Economic Administrator assigned to Liberia. In 1947-48, he was Agricultural Officer attached to the U. S. Embassy in Liberia. He also served as Chief Agricultural Officer, U. S. Operations Mission to Liberia, his present position is Chief Food and Agricultural Officer, U. S. Operations Mission to Ghana. Mr. Pinder has been the recipient of numerous honors including a citation by the Jamaican West Indian Agricultural Workers in 1943,

a Meritorious Service Award from the Department of State in 1951, ICA Meritorious Service Award in 1955, a citation by the Government of Liberia in 1957, a citation by the Government of Ghana in 1961, at which time a college dormitory was named in his honor. In June, 1961, he was awarded the Meritorious Achievement Certificate by the Florida A. and M. University.

THOMAS A. HARRIS—Mr. Harris graduated from Florida A. and M. University in 1936 with a major in agriculture. Following graduation he taught in the school system of Florida from 1938 through 1947. In 1940 he accepted a position as Agricultural County Agent for Jackson County, where he served until 1947 when he joined the Missionary Work of the Methodist Church and was assigned to areas in China by the U. S. Department of Foreign Service. After serving for several years in China, he was transferred to Borneo. Aside from his work at Florida A. and M., he has done advance study at Hartford Seminary, Yale University and the University of California, Los Angeles. He is married to the former Jennie L Hampton. They have two children.

SAMUEL M. JENKINS—Mr. Jenkins graduated from Florida A. and M. University in 1923. He received the M.S. degree in Religious Education from the Hartford Seminary Foundation. In the year of his graduation from A. and M., with capital of \$3.00, he founded the Independent Social Center, Inc. of Hartford, Connecticut. In 1951 he received an award from the Hartford Friends Society, Inc. for pioneering work in the field of social work in the State of Connecticut. Florida A. and M. University awarded him a Meritorious Achievement Plaque in 1953. The Independent Social Center is now valued at \$300,000. Mr. Jenkins is the Executive Secretary (retired). He is married to the former Lela Barnett. They have two children.

DANIEL T. ROLFE—After an early education in the Tampa schools, Dr. Rolfe received the B.S. degree from Florida A. and M. University in 1922. In 1927, Meharry Medical College conferred on him the M.D. degree with highest honors. From 1928-30 he did post-graduate work in Physiology at the University of Chicago. He has served as a guest of the Department of Physiology of the Cornell University Medical College, and at present he serves as Dean of the School of Medicine at Meharry. He is a member of numerous medical, scientific and honorary societies and of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He was a recipient of the Meritorious Achievement Award at Florida A. and M. University in 1953. His publications in scientific journals have caused him to be listed in American Men of Science, Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in Colored America, and Who's Important in Medicine.

JESSIE BENNETT SAMS—Mrs. Sams was born in Alachua, Florida, and completed high school work there. She was graduated from Florida A. and M. University in 1938, and has done graduate work at the University of Colorado. Mrs. Sams is presently employed in the public school system of Los Angeles, California, where she has been for the past eleven years. Earlier in her career, she taught in Alachua, Florida. When not teaching, she writes, paints and has worked extensively in ceramics. She is the author of the book *White Mother*, an autobiography, copyright, 1957. She is now completing her second book. *White Mother* has also been printed in London, England, and Oslo, Norway. Mrs. Sams was a recipient of the Meritorious Achievement Award at Florida A. and M. University in 1958.

FAMU HALL OF FAME HONOREES (Continued)

W. W. WEATHERSPOOL—The Reverend Dr. W. W. Weatherspool is a minister, writer, lecturer, counselor and administrator. He was graduated from Florida A. and M. University in 1932 with an A.B. degree; the Chicago Bible School, M.Th.; Honorary D.D., Natchez, College, Natchez, Mississippi, and did further study at Indiana and Pittsburgh Universities. His travels have taken him throughout the U. S., some of South America, all of Central America, several countries of Europe, all of Palestine and some of the countries of Asia, the northeastern coast of Africa, throughout the West Indies and the Islands of the Mediterranean Sea. He has had wide and unique experiences in the field of the ministry, having been guest preacher for the Baptist of Hjørring and Northern Denmark, Bahama Islands, Barbados and Georgetown, British Guiana, South America; and to the people of Bluefield, Nicaragua, Central America. The Reverend Dr. Weatherspool has held pastorates in Bainbridge and Columbus, Georgia. At present he is pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church Atlanta, Georgia, and President, Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union. He is the author of several books and pamphlets. Some other activities include: Executive Secretary-Treasurer, General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Correspondent for the Atlanta Daily World on a trip through Europe, Asia and the northeastern coast of Africa, Co-Register of the education in the Bahama Islands of the West Indies.

EDWARD A. WELTERS—Dr. Welters was born in Key West, Florida. He entered Florida A. and M. University in 1900, spent five years at above college, entered Waldon University and Meharry Dental College in 1905; graduated from Meharry Dental College in 1910. He practiced dentistry in Florida, Maryland and Illinois. He is Founder, chairman, financier of the Peoples Welfare Organization of Chicago, Elected Illinois State Representative in 1945, served four years; author of state Hospital Licensing Act (denying tax exemption to all hospitals

which deny admission or use of their facilities to persons because of race, color, creed or national origin); sponsor of Dental House Bill No. 363. He was awarded a certificate of merit by the Chicago Defender in 1947 for contribution to American Principles. The Meharry Medical College honored him in 1960 for 50 years of service to mankind. He is president of the E. A. Welters Manufacturing Company, established 1910, manufacturers of Dr. Welters Tooth Powder, and president of E. A. Welters Products Company, manufacturers of toilet preparations and proprietary medicines since 1925. He is married and has five children.

JACK E. WHITE—Dr. White graduated from Florida A. and M. University in 1941. In 1944 he received his M.D. degree from Howard University Medical School. From 1945-46, he was Assistant Resident Surgeon, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C. From 1946-47, he was Assistant Resident Surgeon in the U. S. Marine Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. Since that time he has been Chief Resident Surgeon of Freedmen's Hospital, Fellow of the American Cancer Society, Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York, N. Y.; Assistant Director, Cancer Teaching Project and Assistant Professor of Surgery, Howard University Medical School; Assistant Director, Tumor Clinic and Associate Surgeon, Freedmen's Hospital. He was a candidate for the Meritorious Achievement Plaque at Florida A. and M. University in 1953. Dr. White's contributions to research publications have been many and have gained for him the honor of being named Fellow of the New York Academy of Science and of the National Medical Association, and Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. His present appointment is as Assistant Professor of Surgery and Director of the Cancer Teaching Project of the Howard University Medical School and as Director of the Tumor Clinic and Associate Surgeon of Freedmen's Hospital.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. The nominee must be nominated by a member in good standing of Alumni Association, or the administration, or the faculty, or the staff or the student body.
2. The nominee must have been affiliated unquestionably with the institution as a student, or as a staff member, or as a faculty member or as an administrator.
3. The nominee must meet one of the following requirements:
 - (a) If an alumnus, he must have graduated from the institution at least 20 years prior to being considered.
 - (b) If an administrator, or a faculty member, or a staff member, he must have served the institution at least 10 years prior to being considered.
4. The nominee must have attained national and/or international eminence in his field of endeavor.
5. A maximum of two persons may be selected for each category each year.
(However, for 1962 and only for 1962, a larger number for any area may be selected.)
6. The nominee must have exerted positive influence upon his contemporaries.



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