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Lee Hall Auditorium

Benjamin L. Perry, Jr.
Pres. FAMU '76
Saballe D. Leffall Jr.
by
Martha J. Leffall
Carl W. Ferguson
Samuel D. Proctor
Charles W. Smith
Robert L. Allen
Carl Seck
James H. Butler
James Hudson
Wallace H. Burgess
Jerry M. Chance
Julius Wilson
Donyle S. Mobley, SGA Pres.
John Riley
Howell L. Ferguson

Programme

DR. BENJAMIN L. PERRY, JR., PRESIDENT, *Presiding*

ORGAN PRELUDE—"PRELUDE IN B MINOR" J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL—
"WAR MARCH OF THE PRIESTS, FROM ATHALIA" Felix Mendelssohn

HYMN—"GOD OF OUR FATHERS" Roberts-Warren

INVOCATION Dr. James Hudson
*Professor of Philosophy and Religion
and University Chaplain, Retired*

SELECTION—"AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL" Carmen Dragon
*University Symphonic Band
Dr. William P. Foster, Conductor; Julian E. White, Associate Conductor*

PERSPECTIVE ON THE BICENTENNIAL Dr. Charles U. Smith
*Chairman
Bicentennial Planning Committee, FAMU*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr.

THE BICENTENNIAL ADDRESS Dr. Samuel D. Proctor
*Professor of Education
Rutgers University,
New Brunswick, New Jersey*

MUSICAL SELECTION—"THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER" John Philip Sousa
University Symphonic Band

PRESENTATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARDS

REMARKS

BENEDICTION Dr. Jerry Chance
*Chairman,
Area of Philosophy and Religion*

RECESSIONAL—"POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE" Edward Elgar
Robert L. Acton, University Organist

(The audience will remain seated during the processional and recessional)

Biographical Sketches of Candidates for the Bicentennial Distinguished American Award of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

LeROY COLLINS

LeRoy Collins, Governor of the State of Florida from 1955 to 1960, was born in Tallahassee on March 10, 1909. He received the LL.B. degree from Cumberland University (Tennessee) in 1931.

After graduation, Gov. Collins practiced law in Tallahassee until he was inaugurated as Governor in 1955. From 1934 to 1940, he was a representative from Leon County in the Florida Legislature. Thereafter, he served several terms in the Florida Senate.

Gov. Collins was the first Governor in the history of Florida to be elected to successive terms. During his tenure, he was also elected chairman of the National Governor's Conference and the Southern Governor's Conference—the only chief executive to hold both chairmanships simultaneously. While Governor, he served as chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board.

He presided over the 1960 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles as permanent chairman.

Upon leaving the Governor's office in 1960, Gov. Collins became president of the National Association of Broadcasters and served in that post until he was called to federal service by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964.

In the Johnson Administration he served first as director of the Community Relations Service when that office was created. Then he was nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate as Under Secretary of Commerce. He was sworn in at a White House ceremony on July 7, 1965.

Gov. Collins left the federal government in 1966 and resumed his law practice in the firm of Fowler, White, Collins, Gillen, Humkey and Trenan, with the principal office in Tampa and other offices in Miami and St. Petersburg.

At a ceremony in Washington, just before Gov. Collins' departure, Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor, declared:

"Two thousand years ago a wise man said that the purpose of politics must be the good of man. He was talking about the kind of politics that Gov. Collins practices . . . I have never known another man of whom it could be more truly said that he is a man of principle. His ideals, his integrity, his innate ability to know instantly the right thing to do, have been a guide and inspiration to all who worked with him."

CHESTER H. FERGUSON

Chester H. Ferguson, member of the Florida Board of Regents, attorney and businessman, acquired his college education from Mercer University, the University of Alabama and the University of Florida. He also received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from St. Leo College and Florida State University, and the Doctor of Laws from Florida.

After graduating from Florida with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, Atty. Ferguson began practicing law in 1930 in the firm of Macfarlane, Pettingill, Macfarlane and Fowler. In 1935, he became a member of the firm, which today is known as Macfarlane, Ferguson, Allison & Kelly.

Atty. Ferguson was appointed to the Board of Regents for a nine-year term in 1965. He was reappointed for a five-year stint in 1974. From 1965 to 1969 he was chairman of the Board.

As a businessman, Atty. Ferguson is involved with numerous firms. He is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Lykes Bros. Inc., Lykes Bros. Inc. of Georgia, Multi-Line Cans, Inc., First National Bank of Palm Beach and is chairman and president of the First Financial Corp.

Atty. Ferguson is vice chairman of the board of the Lykes Corp., and the First National Bank of Tampa.

He is vice president and director of Lykes Financial Corp., Lykes Insurance Management Co., Inc., Lykes Pasco Packing Co., and Eastern Oil Co.

He is director of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Lykes Electronics Corp., Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., LifeSurance Corp., Keenesaw Life and Accident Insurance Co., Lykes Brothers Insurance

Agency, Inc., Bank of Clearwater, The Lewis State Bank (Tallahassee), Knight & Wall Co., the American Ship Building Co. (Cleveland, Ohio) and the Tampa Ship Repair & Dry Dock Co., Inc.

Atty. Ferguson was formerly director of the Exchange National Bank of Tampa, and the First National Bank of Miami. Also, he was chairman of the Board of Mutual Broadcasting Systems, Inc.

During World War II, Atty. Ferguson served in the United States Air Force and attained the rank of colonel. He was awarded the Air Medal, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit and a Chinese Hero Medal.

He is married to Louise Lykes. They have two children, Stella Louise Ferguson Thayer, an attorney in Tampa, and Howell Lykes Ferguson, an attorney in Tallahassee.

LaSALLE D. LEFFALL, JR.

Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. M.D., acquired his premedical education at Florida A&M University from which he was graduated in 1948 with the B.S. degree.

He earned the M.D. degree from the Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, D.C. in 1952, after which he interned at the Homer G. Phillips Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. from 1952 to 1953. There followed an assistant residency in surgery at Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C. In 1953-54 and 1955-56, assistant residency in surgery at District of Columbia General Hospital, Washington, 1956-57; senior residency in surgery at Freedmen's Hospital, 1956-57, and senior fellowship in cancer surgery, Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, 1957-59. He served as chief of the General Surgical Section, U.S. Army Hospital, Munich Germany, during 1960-61.

Dr. Leffall is currently professor of surgery and chairman of the Department of Surgery at Howard University. Leffall has been the recipient of many brilliant honors and affiliations. Some of these include the presidency of Kappa Pi Honorary Society, the Charles R. Drew Fundamental Forum Award, diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, fellow of the American College of Surgeons and member of the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons. In 1964 he was named one of the "Outstanding Young Men of the Year" by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A prolific contributor to publications of professional journals in his field of interest, Dr. Leffall is also a member of the Medico-Ghirurgical Society of the District of Columbia, 1962; Medical Society of the District of Columbia, 1962; National Medical Association, 1962; James Ewing Society, 1967; Fellow, American College of Surgeons, 1964; Society of Head and Neck Surgeons, 1964; American Cancer Society (National Society); American Association for Cancer Education, 1967; Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, 1968; Member, Southeastern Surgical Congress, 1970; Professorial Lecturer in Surgery, Georgetown University School of Medicine, 1970, and Society of University Surgeons, 1971.

SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR

Born July 13, 1921 in Norfolk, Va., Dr. Proctor is a graduate of Virginia Union University (B.A., 1942), Crozer Theological Seminary (B.D., 1954) and Boston University (Th.D., 1950). He has also done graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania (1944-45) and Yale University Divinity School (1945-46). He has honorary degrees from a number of colleges and universities.

He was ordained as a Baptist clergyman in 1943, and was pastor of Pond Street Baptist Church in Providence, Rhode Island (1945-49). At Virginia Union University, he was professor of religion and ethics, and dean of the School of Religion (1949-50), vice president (1953-55) and president (1955-60).

He was president of North Carolina A&T College (1960-64), associate director of the Peace Corps (1963-64), associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches (1964-65), director of the Northeast Region (later special assistant to the national director) of the Office of Economic Opportunity (1965-66), president of the Institute for Services to Education (1966-68) and dean of special projects at the University of Wisconsin (1968-69).

He began teaching at Rutgers in 1969 and became pastor of Abyssinian Church (formerly pastored by the late U.S. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.) in 1971. He is a trustee of Meharry Medical College, the National Urban League, Ottawa University and St. Paul's College. He is a member of the National Education Association, Kappa Alpha Psi and numerous other professional and civic groups.

He is author of *The Young Negro in America, 1960-80* (1966). He and his wife, Bessie, have four sons, Herbert, Timothy, Samuel and Steven. The Proctors live at 132 E. 138th Street, New York City, New York.

God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

God of our fathers, whose al-mighty hand
Lead forth in beau-ty all the star-ry band
Of shin-ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
Our grate-ful songs before Thy throne a-rise,

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way,
Lead us from night to nev-er end-ing day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace di-vine,
And glo-ry, laud and praise be ev-er Thine. A-men.

Alma Mater

College of love and charity
We gather 'round thy noble shrine;
We lift our voice in praise to thee,
And ask a blessing all divine.

Chorus

FAM-U! FAM-U! I love thee!
I'll fight and win what'er the battle be.
The Orange and the Green thy Sons shall e'er defend
And loyal to thy voice of love attend
FAM-U! FAM-U! FAM-U! I love thee!

On gridiron, diamond track and field,
Thy sons the vic'try never yield,—
And while they tread a broader life
Thy love shall stay them in the strife.

Chorus

God ever keep us true to thee;
Thy faith that truth shall make men free,
Shall guide thy loyal sons aright
And fend them thru' the skeptic night.

Chorus

