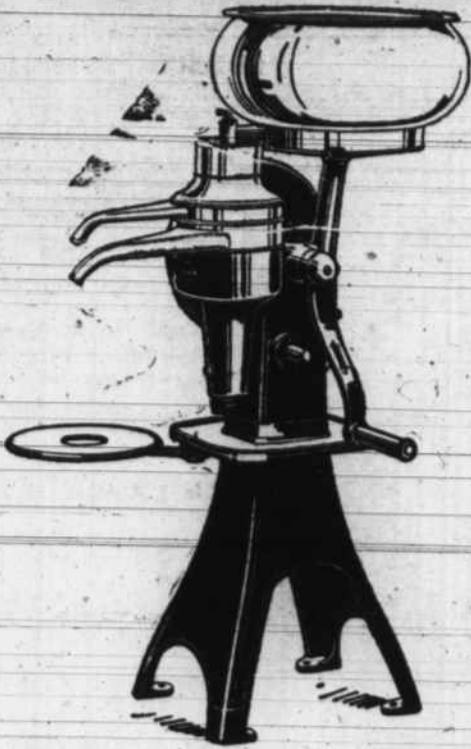


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DR. GAINES FORMALLY INSTALLED PRESIDENT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Governor McLean and Other Notables, Including Many Visiting College and University Presidents, Take Part in Inauguration of 36-Year Old Executive, Dr. Poteat and His Successor Lead Procession

Wake Forest, April 25.—With presidents and official delegates from more than 50 American colleges participating in the exercises, Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, 36-year-old educator, was formally installed today as president of historic Wake Forest College here.

Dr. Gaines, who has been directing the activities of the college since last fall, was officially welcomed to North Carolina by Governor Angus W. McLean, after the ceremony of installation had been conducted by Dr. J. A. Campbell, president of the board of trustees, who is also president of Campbell College.

The new president, walking with his predecessor, Dr. William Louis Poteat, now president emeritus, led the academic procession, which opened the program from the college library to the auditorium of Wake Forest church. In the rear came Governor McLean and other speakers, official delegates, the board of trustees and the faculty.

Several Addresses

The significance of the event, the importance of the small college in American cultural life, was the theme of addresses by Dr. Poteat, speaking for the faculty; Gilbert T. Stephenson, for the alumni; Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, president of Furman University of Greenville, S. C., for the church colleges; Dr. H. W. Chace, president of the University of North Carolina, on behalf of North Carolina colleges, and Dr. Albert Bushness Hart, of Harvard University, for the colleges of America.

Dr. Gaines' inaugural address closed the program here, after which the delegates and visitors returned to Raleigh for a banquet. Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University; Dr. John Calvin Adams, of the University of Virginia; Dr. H. A. Royster, of Raleigh, and Dr. B. W. Spilman were the speakers for this occasion.

On Threshold of New Era.

Wake Forest College is at present upon the threshold of a new era of useful and constructive service, Governor McLean said.

"I feel that the greatest era of growth and usefulness in the history of the college has been the period just closed, during which the beloved, the scholarly and the renowned Dr. William Louis Poteat, directed its destinies. He gave it, not only national, but international standing."

Governor McLean said he felt and the people of the state felt that Wake Forest has contributed "in large measure, not only to our educational progress in the past, but has helped to engender in our people the determination that educational progress shall continue until every vestige of illiteracy in North Carolina has been wiped out and there is available to every child in the state educational advantages that will enable him to make a useful, happy and prosperous citizen."

Pleads Cause of Small College

Accepting Governor McLean's tribute to the work which Wake Forest has contributed to the welfare and progress of the state, Dr. Gaines, in turn, assured the governor that "Wake Forest shall seek still to turn into the channels of our state strong brains, laboring for civic vision, strong lives born for honest action and for better duty. To my predecessor, that beloved aggregate of strength and gentleness, of mind and heart, and through him to my colleagues here, I confess my joy in this fellowship and my prayer for spiritual cohesiveness of all who share it.

"Poor taste, to say nothing of small wisdom," continued Dr. Gaines, "must be chargeable to any man who would with rigid ideas assume a task like this. A college, nourished by affection and shaped by the judgment of manifold personalities, is an organism that may be guided, but can hardly be forced into the stiff frame of one man's belief."

Dr. Gaines pleaded the cause of the small, four year college of liberal arts and cited the "unhappy prediction" that such a college may be ground out shortly between the upper milestone of the great universities and the professional schools and the nether milestone of the junior college.

"Against such pessimism we fortify ourselves not only by the recollection that such colleges have in time past been the seed bed for notable leadership in all of life's activities, but by the satisfying conviction that development of contemporary civilization make increasingly important the mission of these schools . . . of these schools. If the world yields them, it must be because they have compromised their own ideals."

No Stranger To State.

Dr. Gaines is no stranger to many residents of this and other states. He has in the past year spoken at various gatherings in eastern North Carolina. Before coming to Wake Forest, he taught at Mississippi A. and M., Furman, University of Virginia and Wake Forest. English is his chosen field. While at Furman University Dr. Gaines was in great demand, as he is today, for after dinner addresses.

Dr. Gaines, one of the youngest college presidents in the country, is a native of Due West, S. C. He is now in his 36th year. Mrs. Gaines was prior to their marriage in 1917, Miss Sadie Duvergne Robert, of South Carolina and Mississippi. They have two young sons.

Dr. William Louis Poteat resigned as president of Wake Forest in 1927. Dr. Gaines assumed charge here at the beginning of the 1927-28 session.

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