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DEDICATION
of the
LENA B. WATSON RESIDENCE
CENTER FOR MEN



TENNESSEE AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL
STATE UNIVERSITY

KEAN HALL GYMNASIUM

NOVEMBER 25, 1964

10:00 A. M.

God Of Ours Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory laud, and praise be ever thine.

A-men.

Program

DR. G. M. SAWYER, *Presiding*
Director of Communications and Publications

BAND PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL—"Pomp and Circumstance" *Elgar*
John H. Sharpe, University Organist

HYMN FOR THE AUDIENCE—"God of Our Fathers" *Warren*

INVOCATION The Reverend Samuel Watson
Pastor, Community Church, Casopolis, Michigan

MUSICAL SELECTION—"Ave Maria" *Arcadelt*
The Men's Glee Club
DR. E. C. LEWIS, *Director*

GREETINGS:

Mr. Daniel Aldridge
President of the Student Council

The Honorable Frank G. Clement
Governor, The State of Tennessee

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Dr. A. V. Boswell, Vice President
Dr. W. S. Davis, President
Rev. W. J. Simmons, University Minister
Major James Conley, Head Resident (USAF Ret.)
The People

(The President, Vice President and Minister Standing)

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. President, visitors, friends of the University, faculty and students: The new Residence Center for Men, which by the favor of God and the labor of man has been completed, symbolizes the duty of each generation to develop to its highest potential, leaving the age that it inherits on a higher plane. For the fulfillment of this challenge, we need not only the best of which man is capable, but above all, the blessings of Almighty God.

Let us therefore, bring to Him our praises for His assistance in these endeavors, and our prayers on behalf of the people of the State of Tennessee, who by their generous consideration and service shall participate in fulfilling the purpose for which these buildings are prepared.

THE PRESIDENT: In dedication of service to Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State University, Mrs. Lena B. Watson is without equal. Mrs. Watson's warm and genuine friendliness displayed during twenty-five years of devotion to duties as Matron of East Dormitory and Coordinator of Religious Activities has endeared her to her many sons the world over. Her sincerity, her deep concern for spiritual nurture of the human personality, the Christian influence of her physical presence have made her a friend to all who have met and known her. Because of these qualities of influence, leadership and guidance, we dedicate the Residence Center for Men to the honor of Mrs. Lena B. Watson, former dormitory matron and religious counselor.

THE MINISTER: Let the people stand.

THE MINISTER: They seek themselves private retiring places, as country villages, the sea shore, mountains; yea, thou thyself are wont to long much after such places.

THE PEOPLE: But all this, we are told, proceeds from simplicity in the highest degree.

THE MINISTER: Yea, for anytime soever thou wilt, it is in thy power to retire unto thyself, and to be at rest.

THE PEOPLE: A man cannot any whither retire better than to his own soul which affords unto him perfect ease and tranquility.

THE MINISTER: Afford then thyself this retiring continually, and thereby refresh and renew thyself.

THE PEOPLE: Within the walls of the Residence Center we retire unto ourselves.

THE MINISTER: In the morning when thou findest thyself unwilling to rise, consider with thyself, it is to go about a man's work that I am stirred up.

THE PEOPLE: Was I not made for this, to lay me down, and make much of myself in physical comfort?

THE MINISTER: Seest thou not how all things in the world besides—every tree and plant, sparrow and ant are intent to perform whatsoever doth become and belong unto them?

THE PEOPLE: But we must have rest.

THE MINISTER: Yea, thou must, but beware lest thou goest beyond thy stint, and beyond that which would suffice; and in matters of action there comest short of that which thou mayst.

ALL: We retire unto ourselves for nurture of our minds and bodies with the knowledge and comfort that no greater cause exists than to direct ourselves and our talents to lofty ideals and purposeful action.

THE PRESIDENT: Let us all believe that it is only right and proper that structures erected for service in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should be formally and devoutly set apart for their specific purpose. For such a dedication and statement of purpose we are now assembled.

The new Residence Center for Men is dedicated to serving the youth of Tennessee, to providing for care and protection of their persons. They are designed to free their young minds from fetters of physical discomfort, permitting them to bring the full force of their intellectual and spiritual powers to bear upon their pursuits of wisdom and understanding.

THE HEAD RESIDENT: By what name shall this building be known?

THE PRESIDENT: From this moment hence, the new Residence Center we are dedicating shall be named The Lena B. Watson Residence Center for Men. It is so named for Mrs. Lena B. Watson, Matron of East Dormitory for men and Director of Religious Activities for twenty-five years, now retired. And so, for the youth of Tennessee and the citizens thereof, I hereby present the keys of this building to you, the Head Resident of The Lena B. Watson Residence Center for Men. This we do according to God's Holy Will.

THE HEAD RESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. President. I accept the keys to the building and with them the responsibilities that ensue. I shall at all times revere the trust that is mine; I shall be ever mindful of my stewardship to the University, the State of Tennessee, and to the God of those whose futures are entrusted to our keeping.

THE PEOPLE: We beseech you who occupy these halls that you present yourselves a living sacrifice, clean and free of defilement.

THE MINISTER: In the Name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit, we dedicate this structure to the nurture of young minds and bodies.

Let us pray. To thee in whom we have our being, we lift our voices in thanksgiving for the fruits of a benevolent spirit in the form of The Lena B. Watson Residence Center for Men. Accept it, we pray, as we now dedicate it to Thee, to Thy Service, and to Thy Glory. AMEN.

(The People Seated)

MUSICAL SELECTION—"To Thee We Sing"*arr. Tkach*
The Men's Glee Club

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERDr. J. A. Payne, Jr.
Dean of Students
Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State University

ADDRESS—"The Higher Learning and College Residences".....
.....Dr. E. G. Williamson
Dean of Students and Professor of Psychology
University of Minnesota

MUSICAL SELECTION—"His Name So Sweet"*arr. Johnson*
The Men's Glee Club

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND PRESENTATIONSDr. A. V. Boswell
Vice President of the University

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALMA MATER

BENEDICTIONThe Reverend W. J. Simmons
University Minister

BAND POSTLUDE

Alma Mater

In the land of golden sunshine,
By the Cumberland's fertile shore,
Stands a school for greater service,
One that we adore,
Alma Mater, how we love thee!
Love thy white and blue.
May we strive to meet thy mandates
With faith that's true.

Many come to thee for knowledge,
Come from East, North, South and West;
For they know that thou doth offer
Such a rich bequest.
Alma Mater, all thy children
Worship at thy shrine;
May the God of nations bless thee
With gifts divine!

Send forth sons both strong and valiant
Send forth daughters wise and true,
Filled with hope and dauntless courage;
Motives sane and true.
Alma Mater, kindly mother,
Smile on Tennessee;
May she lift her head toward heaven,
Honor Country, God and thee.

—L. M. Averitte, '18

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