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PRESIDENT, STATE UNIVERSITY TEACHERS COLLEGE

at

Cortland, New York

1943 - 1953

Brockway Hall

Saturday, March 28, 1953, 7 p. m.

TESTIMONY

DR. ROSS L. ALLEN - Toastmaster

INVOCATION

*Dr. Ralph C. Lankler
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church*

CITY OF CORTLAND

Dr. Robert H. Kerr, Mayor

BOARD OF VISITORS

Louis H. Folmer, Chairman

FACULTY

Dr. Francis J. Moench, Dean

*STATE UNIVERSITY
OF NEW YORK*

*Dr. Hermann Cooper,
Executive Dean*

Music by the Gerald Barry Quartet

DONNAL VORE SMITH

Donnal Vore Smith is the son of C. M. and the late Louise (Kreicher) Smith. He was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, on January 3, 1901. After graduating from Convoy High School in 1919, he attended the Coaching School at the University of Illinois. He then became physical education director at Bloomdale, Ohio, leaving in 1922 to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University. In 1925 he was married to Aline M. Planson of Delta, Ohio, and has three sons: Donnal, Charles and Philip.

From 1924 to 1926 he was principal of the high school at Delta, Ohio, and the next year became instructor at the University of Texas. During these summers he had begun work on his doctorate at the University of Chicago, receiving his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1929. In the fall of that year he joined the staff of the social studies department at the State University College for Teachers at Albany, becoming chairman in 1939.

In 1943 Dr. Smith was appointed President of the State University Teachers College at Cortland. During that summer his Alma Mater conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Smith has been a member of, and has taken an active part in the affairs of many national, state, and local lay and professional organizations. In addition to his dissertation, CHASE AND CIVIL WAR POLITICS, the President has contributed many books and journal articles, especially in the field of social studies.

STATE UNIVERSITY TEACHERS COLLEGE

CORTLAND, NEW YORK

1943

FACULTY - Total 42

ENROLLMENT

Undergraduate 443

BUDGET (App.) \$204,000

ALUMNI (App.) 8,000

FACILITIES

Administration Bldg.

1953

FACULTY - Total 113

ENROLLMENT

Undergraduate 1439

Graduate 325

BUDGET (App.) \$885,000

ALUMNI Over 10,000

FACILITIES

Wickwire Residence (1948)

Huntington Memorial

Camp - 200 acres (1948)

Jenman Athletic Field -

25 acres (1950)

Brockway Hall - Student

Union (1951)

Two Residence Halls -

Housing 350 (1951)

Power Plant (1952)

Health and Physical

Education Building (1953)

Throughout the first decade of his administration at Cortland, Donnal Vore Smith has given unstintingly of himself. His untiring efforts and his complete devotion to Cortland State has resulted not only in great physical change to the campus but also in the development of high morale among students, faculty and alumni. Too, he has already projected himself and the college into the second decade. Dreams and vision, effort and plans to make them come true, have established great goals for the future.

We commend and congratulate you, Dr. Donnal V. Smith, on the success you have enjoyed during the past ten years; and join you in asking God's blessing on the projects of the years ahead.

