

# Clemson Alumni Meet, Addressed By B. R. Tillman

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CLEMSON, May 12. — Several hundred Clemson alumni, including 10 members of the institution's first graduating class 50 years ago, came back to the campus for back-slapping business, and reminiscing today as the 1946 commencement season swung into high gear.

At the annual alumni banquet tonight, the old grads heard one member of the first class, B. R. Tillman of Washington, D. C., son of South Carolina's "Pitchfork Ben" Tillman, warn that "it seems that capital and labor are organized not for what they can contribute to the nation, but for what they can obtain from it."

The speaker also expressed the hope that returned veterans would take over America's national affairs.

## BRYAN TO SPEAK

Clemson's final commencement exercises will be at 6 o'clock tomorrow night, when degrees will be conferred on 38 young men and Wright Bryan, editor of the Atlanta Journal, will address the graduates.

Tomorrow will be a combined commencement - visitors' - Mother's day occasion on the campus. Visitors have been invited to attend services at the churches on the campus tomorrow morning and to visit the halls and barracks.

At 3 p. m., the Tiger platoon, fancy drill outfit, will offer a precision drill exhibition on Bowman field and at 4 p. m. the student body will stage its Mother's day parade and will be reviewed by Miss Adelaide Best, Furman university student, as honorary cadet colonel.

S. C. McMeekin of Columbia was elected president of the Clemson Alumni association at the annual business meeting this afternoon, succeeding J. S. Williamson of Columbia. J. B. Kaufman of Columbia was named vice president and J. H. Woodward was reelected secretary.

The association chose the following as directors in rapid-fire order: Hugh Agnew of Anderson, Harold Turner of Greenville, W. K. McGill of Chester, W. Ed Hallman of Aiken, M. E. Zeigler of Orangeburg, George Warren of Hampton, Paul Quattlebaum, Jr., of Charleston, J. T. Lazar of Florence, R. H. Pike of Atlanta, Frank J. Jervey of Washington, D. C., J. L. Young of Chicago, W. B. Camp of Bakersville, Calif., Fritz Furtick of Salina, Kan., Cecil Reid of Fredericksburg, Va., and W. C. Herron of Anderson.

## NAME DIRECTORS

The directors then named the following as trustees of the Clemson foundation: Mr. Reid, A. B. Taylor of Spartanburg, Charlie Gignilliat of Seneca, Dr. Porter Kaufman of Columbia and Mr. Young.

Former Judge J. Strom Thurmond of Edgefield, who this week

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announced his gubernatorial candidacy, was present at the session and got a rousing hand when introduced. Coach Frank Howard spoke briefly, assuring the alumni Clemson would have a better team this fall than in several years but warning that the school's opponents also would have better teams.

Dr. B. Rhett Turnipseed of Greenville was chosen chairman of the 1896 class when the 10 members of the school's first class got together for a session. Others present included F. G. Tompkins of Columbia, B. R. Tillman of Washington, D. C., Dr. L. C. Smith of Spartanburg, J. E. Hunter, W. W. Klugh, R. E. Lee and C. C. Newman, all members of the Clemson faculty; Charlie Furman and Ernest DuPre of Columbia.

Sixteen of the 36 members of the 1896 class at the college still are living.

Mr. Tillman, Washington attorney who is with the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice, was the main speaker at the alumni banquet in the mess hall tonight.

"I have lived through three wars—the Spanish-American, World War I and World War II," the speaker said. "There is always patriotism and willingness to sacrifice, even unto death, while a war lasts. At the close of each, and we have been victors in all, there has come a period of greedy ruthlessness, selfishness, money madness.

"I hope well equipped veterans will take over national affairs. They have fought to save the nation, fully aware of many of the problems abroad, as well as those at home. They have not only knowledge gained during the war, but the discipline gained by service in it.

## HITS SELFISHNESS

"With the beginning of World War II, a new era began and with the ending of World War II problems and issues have arisen which touch every phase of society the world over. They are so grave that unless we master them they will master us.

"We must lose the old life and find a sane, reasoning, just attitude, not only in individual dealings with one another but in nations dealing with one another.

"Organized labor and the capitalistic groups, or economic royalists, or business men of the wealthier class can and must become reconciled to cooperation and mutual help, or we are throwing away the fruits of the sacrifices made by the millions who won the war.

"In closing I will say this: Our democracy is being interpreted as giving rights, but not requiring duties, and seems to have lost loyalty to justice, fair play, brotherhood and concern for the welfare of all. These are fundamental and are the things our armies fought for.

"It would seem that both capital and labor are organized not for what they can contribute to the nation and the world—in its dire distress—but for what they can obtain from it. Let us unite for a better America, a free America. Let us pay up in full the obligation to those who served and help them retrieve from selfish groups the land they fought and died for."