



CREED OF THE NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA

I believe in the dignity of farm work and that I shall prosper in proportion as I learn to put knowledge and skill into the occupation of farming.

I believe that the farm boy who learns to produce better crops and better livestock; who learns to improve and beautify his home surroundings will find joy and success in meeting the challenging situations as they arise in his daily living.

I believe that rural organizations should develop their leaders from within; that the boys in the rural communities should look forward to positions of leadership in the civic, social and public life surrounding them.

I believe that the life of service is the life that counts; that happiness endures to mankind when it comes from having helped lift the burdens of others.

I believe in the practice of co-operation in agriculture; that it will aid in bringing to the man lowest down a wealth of giving as well as receiving.

I believe that each farm boy bears the responsibility for finding and developing his talents to the end that the life of his people may thereby be enriched so that happiness and contentment will come to all.



Dedication Program

THE S. B. SIMMONS CAMP

New Farmers of America

Hammocks Beach

Swansboro, North Carolina

June 20, 1958, 11:30 a.m.

"Sincere congratulations to the New Farmers of America upon the opening of their camp facilities."—*J. F. Stevens, President; Gate City Savings and Loan Association of Greensboro*

"This dedicated man, the late S. B. Simmons, who worked so hard to bring the Camp into reality, was an inspiration to all who knew him."—*J. S. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer; Mutual Savings and Loan Association of Durham*

"S. B. Simmons' influence will be his memorial. It has been a privilege for me to be counted among his friends."—*W. F. Stewart, Professor; Agricultural Education, Ohio State University*

"A. and T. College and the State of North Carolina, owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the late S. B. Simmons."—*F. M. Staley, Dean; The School of Agriculture, South Carolina State College*

"On the occasion of the dedication of their Camp, Shaw University extends greetings to the New Farmers of America."—*William R. Strassner, President; Shaw University, Raleigh*

"This is a much deserved recognition of S. B. Simmons' many contributions to New Farmers of America and Vocational Agriculture."—*A. L. Teachey, Former Supervisor; Vocational Agriculture, North Carolina*

"I am happy that this Camp of the New Farmers of America is being dedicated to the late S. B. Simmons who was so outstandingly instrumental in the establishment and growth of this farm boy organization both on the State and National level."—*J. R. Thomas, Past National Executive Secretary; New Farmers of America, Petersburg, Virginia*

"I hope that the Camp will grow in size and service, and that those who use it will grow in the qualities which made the late S. B. Simmons a great leader."—*H. L. Trigg, Co-ordinator; Negro Activities, N. C. Prison System*

"The naming of the new Camp for the late S. B. Simmons certainly was an excellent idea because he dedicated his life to vocational agricultural work and made many worthwhile contributions to the program . . . for the entire Southern Region."—*T. G. Walters, State Supervisor; Agricultural Education, Georgia State Department of Education*

"The late S. B. Simmons' devotion to the task of preparing young men for fruitful farming careers will go down in history as one of the significant contributions of our time."—*J. H. Wheeler, President; Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham*

"Congratulations to the North Carolina New Farmers of America Association for its achievement in developing a Camp to serve the NFA youth of North Carolina."—*McKinley Wilson, Head Itinerant Teacher Trainer for Georgia Negro Schools*

"It is a fitting and noble act to dedicate the camping facilities in honor of an outstanding North Carolinian, the late S. B. Simmons."—*F. A. Williams, Dean; The Graduate School, The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina*

"The Camp for New Farmers of America will add substantially to our North Carolina resources for young people."—*Ellen Winston, Commissioner; North Carolina State Board of Public Welfare*

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THE FOUNDER



1894 — S. B. SIMMONS — 1957



CLASS IN FORESTRY

"The Maryland Association of New Farmers of America . . . is proud to see and witness the permanency of S. B. Simmons' work enshrined in the New Farmers of America Camp."—*Claud C. Marion, State Advisor; Maryland Association of New Farmers of America*

"May your dedicatory services be crowned with success!"—*L. A. Marshall, Specialist for Vocational Agriculture in Negro Schools; State of Florida*

"I have a deep and sincere appreciation for those who served unsparingly in the past. Accept my best wishes for the future."—(*Mrs.*) *Marie C. Moffitt, Area Supervisor and NHA State Advisor; North Carolina*

"You have my best wishes for your inspiring dedicatory program at the S. B. Simmons Camp in June."—*J. A. Oliver, Agricultural Department; Maryland State College*

"It is our hope that the program of the Organization will continue to progress, guided by what we are sure will be the unscen influence of the late S. B. Simmons."—*Willa B. Pleyer, President; Bennett College, Greensboro*

"The Camp is an appropriate memorial for the late S. B. Simmons. It will serve to remind us of his dynamic leadership in Vocational Agriculture and of his genuine interest in the welfare of rural youth."—*G. F. Rankin, Acting Dean; School of Agriculture, A. and T. College*

"To say that the late S. B. Simmons dedicated his life to the development of youth for economic security, would be putting it mildly."—*F. J. Rogers, Business Manager; Hammocks Beach Facilities, 1955-57*

"It is fitting and proper that the Camp for the New Farmers of America at Hammocks Beach be named in honor of the late S. B. Simmons."—(*The late*) *W. Kerr Scott, United States Senator from North Carolina*

"The efficient labors and notable achievements for a third of a century by the late S. B. Simmons on behalf of the New Farmers of America will be preserved only if we who are left behind will put our shoulders to the wheel in order to bring to consummation his hopes and dreams."—*J. W. Seabrook, President Emeritus; Fayetteville State Teachers College*

"To the late S. B. Simmons goes the chief credit for making the New Farmers of America Camp a wonderful success at the 'Dear old Hammocks'."—*Dr. William Sharpe, DONOR; New York City*

"All of the youth who will be privileged to use these splendid camp facilities will be indebted to the professional leadership who made it possible. We commend them for their efforts."—*J. Warren Smith, State Director; Vocational Education, N. C. Department of Public Instruction*

"Under the supervision of the late S. B. Simmons The New Farmers of America made phenomenal progress in North Carolina. Dedication of this Camp is but a milestone as we vision continued development in the future."—*Rudolph Jones, President; Fayetteville State Teachers College*

"S. B. will always be remembered as the one person who gave so much to so many. Not only did he convene a National NFA organization, but he knew and did take the right steps to create it. We not only depended on him for leadership, but accepted it and expected it. No greater tribute could the North Carolina Association make than to perpetuate his memory by naming its Camp for him."—*D. C. Jones, Teacher Trainer; Agricultural Education, Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma*

"S. B. Simmons beckons from his restful life in eternity to you, the New Farmers of America, to rise up in your faith in God and in your trust in all mankind to bestir yourselves anew."—*T. B. Jones, President; Harbison Junior College, Irmo, South Carolina*

"The naming of this Camp for the late S. B. Simmons is in all probability the highest symbol of his dedication to the objectives of agricultural education and its influence upon youth in North Carolina and throughout the nation."—*R. E. Jones, State Extension Agent; N. C. Agricultural Extension Service*

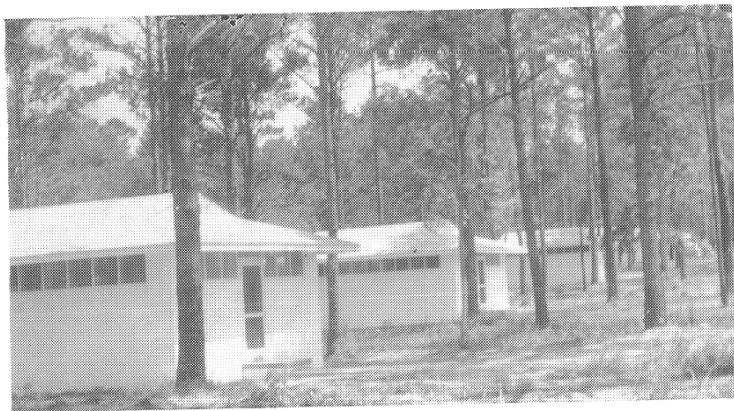
"The dedication of the S. B. Simmons Camp by the North Carolina Association of New Farmers of America . . . is a fine tribute to the memory of a truly dedicated, dynamic and capable leader in the field of Vocational Agriculture."—*W. J. Kennedy, Jr., President; North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company*

"Under the dedicated and unselfish leadership of S. B. Simmons, the Negro rural youth of this state were given an opportunity to secure an education that enabled them to develop, to the fullest, their capabilities."—*J. R. Larkins, Consultant; N. C. State Department of Public Welfare*

"May your New Farmers of America be wholly dedicated to the development of moral, spiritual, intellectual and physical growth."—*P. J. Manly, State Advisor; Kentucky Association, New Farmers of America*

"The dedication of this Camp for the late S. B. Simmons is most appropriate, because the growth and development of Vocational Agriculture in North Carolina among Negroes will always be a monument to him and his untiring efforts."—*John C. McLaughlin, Professor; Rural Sociology, A. and T. College*

"We wish to congratulate you and your organization on the establishment of this Camp, and it marks a milestone that I am sure will ever be remembered in your organization."—*E. C. McLean, Vice President; The Guilford National Bank of Greensboro*



VIEW OF CABINS

Biographical Sketch

Sidney Britton Simmons—1894-1957—born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, received his early training in Fayetteville and at Lincoln Academy, Kings Mountain; and Fayetteville State Normal School, now Fayetteville State Teachers College. He received degrees in Agricultural Education from both the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina, and the University of Illinois, and did further study at the University of California, Kansas State College, and Colorado State College.

He taught at the Dowingtown Industrial School, Dowingtown, Pennsylvania, the Topeka Industrial School, Topeka, Kansas, and served as Teacher-Trainer for Vocational Agriculture at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Itinerant Teacher-Trainer, the Agricultural and Technical College, 1924-30; Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education in Negro Schools, 1930-57.

He organized the North Carolina Association, New Farmers of America, and was one of the motivating forces responsible for the development of the national organization of New Farmers of America. He served the national organization—first as Executive Secretary-Treasurer, 1935-41; and Executive Treasurer, 1941-55.

He appeared before the National Government Educational Committee with two of his workers, which aided in convincing the Committee of the worth of Vocational Agriculture.

The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and former President Harry S. Truman, honored him with certificates and medals for his work with Selective Service during World War II. The late Governor R. Gregg Cherry appointed him to serve on the State Appeal Board. Each succeeding Governor re-appointed him.

He served as Trustee of the Colored Oxford Orphanage, and as Chairman of the Trustee Board of Saint Matthews Methodist Church.

The teachers of Vocational Agriculture honored him in 1949 for his twenty-five years of service, and gave a testimonial dinner in his honor in 1954 for his thirty years of service.

Dedication Program

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JUNE 20, 1958, 11:30 A.M.

W. T. JOHNSON, Executive Secretary, North Carolina Association
New Farmers of America—Presiding

OPENING SONG—"Lord, I Want to be a Christian" NFA Chorus
Directed by T. M. Reynolds, teacher of Vocational Agriculture,
Westside High School, Chadbourn

PRAYER Rev. Sampson Bouie, Jr.
Field Scout Executive, Greensboro

MUSIC: "Look Into Heaven" NFA Chorus

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT W. T. Johnson

GREETINGS:

State Department of Public Instruction—
Dr. S. E. Duncan, Supervisor, High Schools

North Carolina Colleges—
Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, President, A. and T. College

State Department of Vocational Agriculture—
A. G. Bullard, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture

North Carolina High Schools—
C. J. Barber, Principal, Washington High School, Clarkton,
and President, the North Carolina Teachers Association

State Department of Welfare—
J. R. Larkins, Consultant

Home Economics Education—
Mrs. Lucy Fuller James, Area Supervisor

Onslow County—
Carl V. Venters, Chairman of the State Advisory Budget
Commission, and Representative of Onslow County

The Hammocks Beach Corporation—
Dr. J. W. Seabrook, President Emeritus, Fayetteville State
Teachers College, and Former Chairman,
Hammocks Beach Board

The Businesses of North Carolina—
J. H. Wheeler, President, The Mechanics and Farmers Bank



MORNING EXERCISE

"S. B. Simmons went up, down, and across North Carolina carrying sunshine, helping others, doing good. His name is indelibly written in the annals of that great state."—Arthur Floyd, Assistant Supervisor; Vocational Agriculture, Tuskegee Institute

"It is very fitting to name the New Farmers of America Camp for a man who gave himself and time untiringly for Vocational Agriculture, and the progress made speaks for the efficient determination he had for the work."—E. Y. Floyd, Director; Plant Food Institute of North Carolina and Virginia

"The New Farmers of America and the State of North Carolina are indebted to the late S. B. Simmons for the inspiration and the diligent work he afforded during the years of his life."—Robert H. Frazier (Lawyer), Greensboro

"No less tribute should be paid to the late S. B. Simmons, since he touched so many lives in a constructive manner."—James N. Freeman, State NFA Advisor; Jefferson City, Missouri

"I believe this Camp represents one long-time dream of the late S. B. Simmons, and I am hopeful that it will play an important part in developing our farm boys into good farmers and good citizens."—Warmoth T. Gibbs, President; The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

"You are to be commended for naming the New Farmers of America Camp for the late S. B. Simmons. To me this is the greatest honor you could remember him by."—W. C. Greenway, Program Director; The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia

"This is truly an appropriate name in view of the late S. B. Simmons' admiration for NFA work."—R. C. Haynie, Head Teacher Trainer; Agricultural Education, and James Ladd, Arkansas State President; New Farmers of America

"The Camp of the New Farmers of America points to one of the outstanding achievements of the late S. B. Simmons."—Lucy F. James, Area Supervisor; Home Economics Education, North Carolina

"The late S. B. Simmons for a third of a century devoted his talent, energy and life unreservedly to the interest of farmers and the 'sons' of farmers."—(Mrs.) D. M. Jarnagin, Executive Secretary; North Carolina Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers

"This camp which is named for the late S. B. Simmons, will stand as a symbol of progress and the improvement of opportunities for rural youth."—C. B. Jeter, Area Supervisor; Vocational Agriculture, Commonwealth of Virginia

"The late S. B. Simmons left an impact of stimulation and satisfaction for the betterment of those with whom he labored."—E. J. Johnson, Acting Director; Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

"It is very appropriate that the New Farmers of America Camp is named for the late S. B. Simmons, who gave unselfishly of his talents and energy to the development of Vocational Agricultural Education in the nation."—A. G. Bullard, *State Supervisor; Vocational Agriculture, N. C. State Department of Public Instruction*

"The unselfish and effective service rendered by the late S. B. Simmons has brought such enrichment to rural living. The benefits of his labors will be greatly expanded by such fine organizations as The New Farmers of America."—Charles F. Carroll, *State Superintendent of Public Instruction; N. C. State Department of Public Instruction*

"The North Carolina Association of New Farmers of America dedicates a Camp to the memory of a great man—the late S. B. Simmons."—M. J. Clark, *State Advisor; Louisiana Association, New Farmers of America*

"The late S. B. Simmons' leadership in Agricultural Education marked him as a real friend to the man of the land."—G. W. Conoly, *National Advisor; New Farmers of America, Tallahassee, Florida*

"The project itself is of real significance, and to name it in honor of the late S. B. Simmons is an appropriate tribute to his years of faithful service."—Robert P. Daniel, *President; Virginia State College*

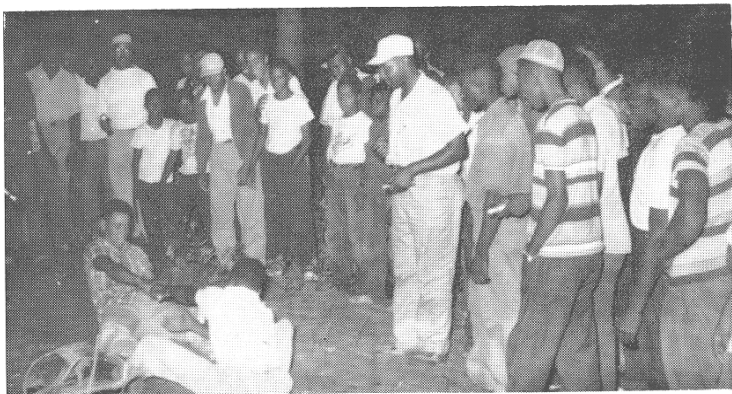
"A venture which should definitely broaden the horizon of educational opportunities for the youngsters of this state."—L. C. Dowdy, *Dean; School of Education and General Studies, A. and T. College*

"The New Farmers of America's Camp at Hammock's Beach stands as an educational monument to its sponsors and will increasingly be considered as one of the most outstanding contributions ever made to rural youth in North Carolina."—S. E. Duncan, *State Supervisor of High Schools; N. C. Department of Public Instruction*

"S. B. Simmons lived a dedicated life and this camp which now bears his name is evidence of his dedication to the highest ideals and objectives of the New Farmers of America."—A. Elder, *President; North Carolina College at Durham*

"S. B. Simmons, one of the founders of the New Farmers of America, sincerely believed in the organization because he knew how valuable it was for developing the qualities of good citizenship and leadership in the farm boys of America."—W. N. Elam, *Program Specialist; Agricultural Education, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.*

"It is difficult to evaluate his (S. B. Simmons) services, since so many social and economic influences will flow on through the years to bless the people of our state and Nation."—G. H. Ferguson, *Director; Division of Negro Education, N. C. Department of Public Instruction*



CAMPFIRE

The Churches of North Carolina—

Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, Sixth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Wilmington

MUSIC: "Rock-a My Soul" NFA Chorus

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER:

THE SPEAKER Dr. E. M. Norris
National Executive Secretary, New Farmers of America, and
Teacher Trainer, Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College
Prairie View, Texas

NFA CREED SONG NFA Chorus

INTRODUCTIONS J. W. Warren, Jr., District Supervisor
Vocational Agriculture

MUSIC: "Show Me the Way" NFA Chorus

UNVEILING OF THE PICTURE OF THE LATE S. B. SIMMONS—

Dr. G. F. Rankin, Acting Dean, The School of Agriculture,
A. and T. College, and Douglas Miller, State President, New
Farmers of America

THE DEDICATION RITUAL Rev. C. M. McCoy
Director, Religious Activities, A. and T. College

Leader: Dearly beloved, we learn from the Holy Scriptures that "it is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God." We therefore assemble here for the purpose of dedicating this Camp for the youth of our State, and at the same time give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the lives of those whose keen insight visualized the need, and who set forth towards the goal which makes possible this day.

The People Uniting in Prayer: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this Camp to our Heavenly Father.

We dedicate this Camp to the NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA in the State of North Carolina.

We dedicate this Camp to the youth of our state who will come here—

For Worship, as they receive the guidance of those who have been set aside to lead them;

For Recreation, as they spend a brief respite from the cares and responsibilities of their chosen vocations;

For Helps which they will receive for the purpose of improving their activities along the lines which they will follow in these chosen vocations;

For Fellowship which will be possible, through the meeting here of youth of their own age who will make contributions to their lives;

For Helps towards Clean Living, as will be set before them by precept and example.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love, and have loved this hallowed spot—WE DEDICATE THIS CAMP.

In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course—WE DEDICATE THIS CAMP.

The People Uniting in Prayer: We now, the people here assembled, grateful to all who have made possible this NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA CAMP, aware of the many persons who made contributions, do pledge ourselves to a renewed interest in this work that has been done, and express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for making this day possible.

Leader: Accept, O God our Father, this service at our hands, and may this Camp serve the purpose nobly for which it was built, and may many youth of our State be able to live fuller, richer lives because of the opportunities made possible through the facilities of this Camp—Amen.

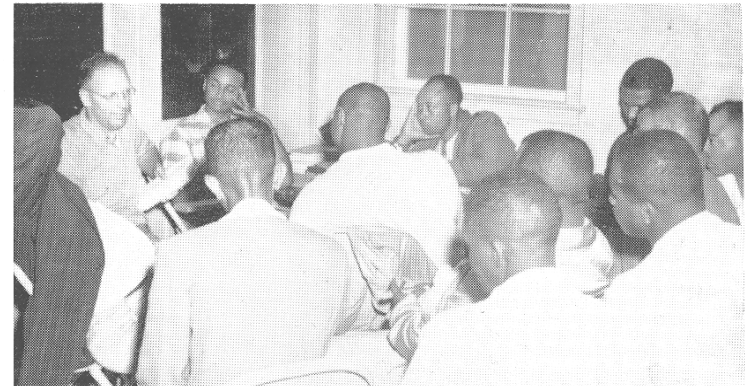
OUR ACCEPTANCE J. L. Faulcon, President
North Carolina Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association
Robert L. Vann School, Ahoskie

MUSIC: "Study War no More" NFA Chorus

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch
Pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro



RECREATION



CAMP PLANNING, DR. HAROLD L. NOAKES IN CHARGE

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

"It is a pleasure to commend to the youth of America the life and work of the late S. B. Simmons."—*Benjamin S. Anderson, Resident Teacher Trainer; Fort Valley, Georgia*

"This Camp is a symbol of the steady progress made by NFA in North Carolina, and a means for even greater gains in the future. Its leaders and members are to be congratulated on the vision, hard work and perseverance that have made the Camp possible."—*L. Y. Ballentine, N. C. State Commissioner of Agriculture*

"On behalf of our state organization of 10,000 members, we pledge our continuing moral support to your fine group of boys and their present leadership."—*C. J. Barber, President; North Carolina State Teachers Association*

"You and your colleagues are doing a splendid work, the rewards of which will be reaped by North Carolina in years to come."—*Herbert G. Bailey, Jr.; Greensboro*

"If I know of a man whose activities, contributions and interest in Vocational Agriculture would entitle him to have a fine Camp bear his name, it is the late S. B. Simmons."—*Graham A. Barden, Congressman; Third District, North Carolina*

"The great contribution made by Mr. S. B. Simmons to the field of Vocational Agriculture in North Carolina will forever serve as a monument of his work."—*James A. Boyer, President; Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh*

"Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and unless they are developed the progress of our nation will become stagnant."—*J. H. Brockett, Jr., Acting President; Livingstone College, Salisbury*

"The many years of interest and sympathetic cooperation in our program by the officials of the New Farmers of America gives us additional pride in your accomplishment."—*R. H. Brooks, Superintendent; The Colored Orphanage, Oxford*

"As long as the program is a success and the Camp is in use it will be thought of as the S. B. Simmons' Site for Youth Development."—*P. R. Brown, Superintendent; Morrison Training School, Hoffman*

"No man has ever contributed more toward the improvement of Agricultural practices and living conditions among the Negroes of North Carolina than the late S. B. Simmons."—*T. E. Broune, Former State Director of Vocational Education in North Carolina*

"The S. B. Simmons NFA Camp will serve as an inspiration to thousands of boys, their leaders, vocational agriculture teachers, supervisors, and the unending hosts who will follow will gain new strength from this memorial."—*Charles H. Bynum, Director; Interracial Activities, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, New York, N. Y.*