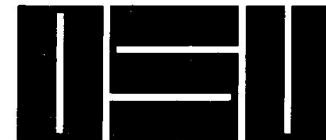


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**Oklahoma State University**

**Saturday, May 7, 1983  
Stillwater**

### **Alma Mater Hymn**

Proud and immortal,  
Bright shines your name;  
Oklahoma State,  
We herald your fame.  
Ever you'll find us  
Loyal and true  
To our Alma Mater,  
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## PROGRAM

Dr. Lawrence L. Boger

President, Oklahoma State University, presiding

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" . . . . . Elgar  
University Symphonic Wind Ensemble  
Professor Paul Montemurro, Conductor

The National Anthem . . . . . Key  
Wind Ensemble and Audience  
Professor Glenn Dowlen, Director

The Invocation:  
The Reverend William Powell, Rector  
St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Stillwater

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

The Commencement Address:  
Dr. Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., Chancellor  
State University of New York

Conferring of Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Awards

Conferring of Degrees\*

Recognition of graduates who are members of Phi Kappa Phi

Recognition of Newly-Commissioned Officers

"Alma Mater Hymn" . . . . . McCulloh  
Wind Ensemble and Audience  
Professor Glenn Dowlen, Director

The Benediction:  
Mr. Chauncey Hammond, President  
Oklahoma State University  
Student Government Association

Recessional for Platform Guests: "Processional" . . . . . Ployhar  
University Symphonic Wind Ensemble  
Professor Paul Montemurro, Conductor

(Graduates and guests will remain in their seats until members of  
the Platform Party have recessed.)

\*All persons whose names appear in this program are candidates for the  
respective degrees, which degrees are conferred subject to the completion  
of the requirements therefor.



**The  
Henry G. Bennett  
Distinguished Service Award**

The award is named for the former president of Oklahoma State University (1928-51) who made outstanding contributions to the university, to higher education, and to the benefit of mankind as the first director of America's Point Four program for technical assistance to nations around the world.

Bennett is generally credited as being the originator of technical assistance which used teams of specialists from American colleges and universities to teach natives of other countries how to improve food production, housing, health and education "with the tools at hand."

The award recognizes persons of outstanding citizenship and leadership. Selection is made by a committee representing the faculty, administration, board of regents and alumni of the university, and the general public. The 1980 awards are presented to:

## MR. FERDIE J. DEERING

Mr. Ferdie Deering has been the premier agricultural writer in Oklahoma and the Southwest for more than 40 years. He joined the Oklahoma Publishing Company in Oklahoma City in 1937 as associate editor of *The Farmer-Stockman Magazine*. He was named editor of the magazine in 1942, editor and manager in 1967, and vice president and editorial director in 1972.

Today, though he is retired, Mr. Deering continues to command wide readership and influence as editorial writer and columnist for *The Daily Oklahoman* and *Oklahoma City Times*. He also is agri-business columnist for *The Sunday Oklahoman*.

He has written three books. The most recent is *From the Grass Roots Up*, a history of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, published in 1980.

Mr. Deering is a past president of the American Agricultural Editors Association. He was a member of the Hoover Commission for reorganization of agricultural services of the federal government in 1951. He served on the USDA Committee on Information Services during 1953 and 1954.

Mr. Deering has been more than an agricultural writer. He has been a civic leader, church leader and promoter of Oklahoma's economy and a better life for all its citizens. In 1946, he helped organize the Oklahoma Flying Farmers, the first such group in the nation. This led to the establishment of the International Flying Farmers. He was appointed a member of the Oklahoma State University Advisory Committee by the man whose name this award bears, President Henry G. Bennett, serving from 1948 until 1962.

His counsel is sought by universities, corporations and government agencies. He was appointed by four different Oklahoma governors to commissions and boards, serving as chairman of two. He is the recipient of two Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge Awards for editorial writing.

Mr. Deering is a past vice president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the organizing committees of the Sirloin Club of Oklahoma, Southwest American Livestock Foundation, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, and other groups.

## MR. T. BOONE PICKENS, JR.

Mr. Boone Pickens, a man of outstanding citizenship and leadership abilities as well as many other accomplishments, was born in 1928 at Holdenville, Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in geology.

After several years of experience in the petroleum industry, he merged two companies he had founded to form Mesa Petroleum Company. Under Mr. Pickens' management as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer for 19 years, Mesa is one of the leading oil and gas exploration and production firms in the nation.

Mr. Pickens is a respected spokesman for business and industry. He has earned a national reputation for his innovative thinking and executive management. In 1981 he was cited by the *Wall Street Transcript* to receive the gold award as the Outstanding Chief Executive Officer in the oil producers' industry.

Mr. Pickens has many other interests that show his genuine concern for people. As a strong advocate of physical fitness, he built for his employees a major physical fitness facility at Mesa headquarters. He is a long-time supporter of heart and cancer research, and serves as a member of the Board of Visitors for the University Cancer Foundation of the University of Texas Cancer Center, and the National Corporate Cabinet of the American Heart Association. He has also devoted time and leadership to Heart Fund activities in his local area.

Service on other boards of directors has included the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, YMCA and Kilgore Children's Psychiatric Center, and the Board of Regents for West Texas State University. He has been recognized for his staunch support of the arts by the Texas Arts Alliance, which in 1979 presented him the Texas Art Award.

Mr. Pickens was selected as a Fellow in the Academy of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State University, and more recently was named a Distinguished Fellow of the College of Arts and Sciences. He has a lengthy history of philanthropy, one of the notable examples being his \$1 million gift to his Alma Mater to help build a new facility for the School of Geology.