

CONCORD COLLEGE
Athens, West Virginia
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CITATION

FESTUS PAUL SUMMERS
Doctor of Humane Letters

FESTUS PAUL SUMMERS, fifty years ago, on the occasion of your graduation from this School, you gave the class history; today you stand before us as a distinguished historian, true scholar, well-known author, and beloved teacher. Born seventy-two years ago on a West Virginia farm, you began your teaching career in a one-room country school. Four years later you came to Concord seeking a higher education, and, following the receipt of your diploma here, you served nearby in this County as Principal of Spanishburg High School before entering the Army during World War I. The holder of advanced degrees from the University of Chicago and West Virginia University, you served for thirty years as a member of the University faculty, the last sixteen as Professor of History and Head of the Department of History. Concord College welcomes your homecoming after an absence of sixteen years, and your Alma Mater is proud to honor a deserving son by awarding you, on the Golden Anniversary of your first graduation, her degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and of the College the ninety-sixth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President