JAMES GORDON HANES: born in Winston-Salem in 1886; A.B., University of North Carolina, 1909; a member of an illustrious North Carolina family, he has had a notable career in manufacturing, business, politics, and civic and religious affairs. A graduate of this University who has distinguished himself in many ways, he has made an indelible impression upon the growth and development of this state. The positions of leadership which he has held and the services that he has rendered defy enumeration but a few may be mentioned as illustrative: a long-time president and member of the Board of Directors of the Hanes Manufacturing Company, he has been a director of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company; in his earlier years he was an alderman of his native Winston-Salem, served as Mayor of this city for four years and as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County for more than twenty years; he was a member of the War Labor Board, of the Board of the United States Chamber of Commerce and a director of the National Association of Manufacturers; he was a trustee of the Methodist Children's Home and of Woodberry Forest School and Chairman of the Board of Greensboro College; he is a director of the University of North Carolina Business Foundation and of the John and Mary Markle Foundation of New York City. The dedication of the James Gordon Hanes Community Center in Winston-Salem in 1958 is symbolic and commemorative of his interest in civic activities. Because of accomplishments and leadership in Winston-Salem, in North Carolina and in the Nation and because of his devotion to his Alma Mater it is appropriate for the University of North Carolina to confer upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

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