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Dean Townes Randolph Leigh, newly elected president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, was born at Fair Oaks Plantation, Panola County, Mississippi, of a long line of distinguished ancestry. After receiving a liberal education in the Arts and Sciences he entered the teaching profession and was soon called to the presidency of the college in which he had been instructing. At that time he was the youngest of American college presidents. Feeling that he desired to devote his time to his calling—that of teaching chemistry—he subsequently resigned the presidency and at the age of twenty-four began his graduate work, first at Harvard, then at Chicago from which institution in 1915 he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, *cum laude*.

Dr. Leigh served for a time as Head of the Department of Chemistry at Georgetown College. In 1920 he was called by the University of Florida to head its Department of Chemistry, and in 1923 he was asked by the Florida State Pharmaceutical Association and the Florida State Board of Pharmacy, with the approval of the State Board of Control of the Institutions of Higher Learning, to establish the College of Pharmacy in the University of Florida, of which he has served as Dean from its beginning. The College owes its progress and standing primarily to the splendid and wholesome executive ability of its Dean, and to the high order of scholarship and coöperative spirit of the professors whom he has selected as associates, each of whom holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The new Chemistry-Pharmacy Building on the University Campus is a monument to his diligence, ideals and endeavors. A deserved tribute is paid to the unselfish labor of this man in the published report of the recent Educational Survey Commission of the State of Florida which says in part: "The College of Pharmacy bears every evidence of being effectively administered. If the present rate of progress is maintained this College will be one of real distinction in the scientific world."

For the last four years Dean Leigh has been the national president of the Honorary Chemical Fraternity of *Gamma Sigma Epsilon*. He holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, is a Fellow of the Society of Science, Arts and Letters of London,

and is a member of a number of scientific organizations, the following offices being among many he has filled with honor: President, Kentucky Section of the American Chemical Society; President, Florida Section, A. C. S.; President, Florida Chapter of *Phi Kappa Phi*; President, Gainesville Sector Association of the Army of the United States; President, Gainesville Reserve Officers Association; Adjutant War Service Exchange, War Department, U. S. A.; "Dollar-a-Year Man," Department of Labor; Major, Chemical Warfare Branch, U. S. A.; Member, U. S. Pharmacopœial Revision Committee, XI; President, Gainesville Kiwanis Club; and Florida State Chemist.

Dean Leigh has been honored by membership in the following Greek letter fraternities and societies: *Sigma Xi*, *Phi Kappa Phi*; *Sigma Tau*; *Gamma Sigma Epsilon*, *Rho Chi*; *Sigma Chi*, Scabbard and Blade.

Dr. Leigh is the inventor of the Leigh Fog Screen for the protection of vessels against submarines. He has written many pamphlets and articles on chemical and historical subjects and during the War his facile pen was busy in building up the nation's morale. He produced a series of scientific articles designed to build up the confidence of America and her Allies in American men of science. These articles were translated into many foreign languages and widely distributed at strategic points. In this manner he rendered a peculiarly effective, patriotic service, the value of which has been hard to estimate. These articles written with so keen an appreciation of facts and with a broad knowledge of the needs of men gave Dr. Leigh an international reputation both as a scientist and as a man of letters.

It has been said of Dr. Leigh that he possesses the genius to inspire both youth and age; that he suggests rather than commands; that he knows no short cut to perfection; that his rule of life is one of steadfast adherence to the essentials of Christianity. Perhaps nothing could epitomize his life's work better than the motto which he had carved over the main entrance of the Chemistry-Pharmacy Building at the University of Florida: "Enter to think God's thoughts after Him; go forth to apply His thoughts in service." Such is the new president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.



Left, Cramer's Pharmacy at Paderborn where Sertuerner discovered morphine in 1803; center, Friedrich Wilhelm Adam Sertuerner, 1783 to 1841; right, present pharmacy at Einbeck, formerly Sertuerner's Pharmacy in 1809 to 1820.