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1894 – 1986

Louise P. Camp
1912 – 1990
W.B. “Bill” Camp graduated from Clemson in 1916 with a B.S. in agriculture and went on to become one of the country’s leading agriculturists of the 20th century. Often called the “Father of Cotton,” Bill was best known for his pioneering work with the crop. He served in the Roosevelt administration as the assistant director in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and was an outspoken advocate of the need for scientific advancement in agriculture.

In 1956, Bill married Louise Phifer Wise, a grand soprano who had studied under the Metropolitan Opera coaches in New York City. Both Bill and Louise were generous sponsors of Clemson University.

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