

Florida Women Honored At Forest Hills



FOREST HILLS, Fla.—Signally honored on last Sunday afternoon during dedicatory rites of elaborate Forest Hills School for Girls were these noble and distinguished women leaders.

These women, important in various affairs of the state and in the nation and regarded as leaders in their respected communities, had seven cottages there named in their honor due to their outstanding work in behalf of the home. They were presented the plaques seen held before them.

Presenting the citations to these women was Tanner Stafford superintendent of the Florida A. and M. University Hospital. The women later made talks of acceptance

before a crowd of more than 500. The cottages have a total capacity of 147, 21 to each cottage, and superintendent there is Mrs. Alice D. McPherson, as well as the Florida Industrial School for white girls near here. Mrs. H. B. Edmondson is principal of the school.

Pictured left to right are Miss Eartha M. M. White of Jacksonville; Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Daytona Beach; Mrs. Fannye Aver Ponder of St. Petersburg; Mrs. Minnie L. Rogers of Bradenton; Mrs. Alice G. Mickens of West Palm Beach; Dr. E. C. Hampton, medical doctor of Ocala, and Mrs. Elizabeth Austin Boyer of Tampa.

Each of these women played im-

portant roles in the goal to have the state provide an institution for delinquent Negro girls from all over Florida. The plaques which honored these women have been placed on each of the seven cottages they were named for.

Appearing on the program with these women were H. M. Efferson, administrative dean at the Florida A. and M. University; Attorney J. W. Perkins, Jacksonville; two of the guiding influences in the movement to establish the institution dating back to 1916.

The home was built at a cost of one and a half million dollars and is regarded as "the finest of its kind in the United States."