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This special Golden Anniversary Supplement, prepared by the staff of the Bureau of University Affairs at Morehead State University, is appearing in 25 Kentucky newspapers with a combined circulation of 120,000.

Many members of the MSU staff, both active and retired, made significant contributions to this review of Morehead State University's first 50 years. Staff members, under the direction of Dr. Ray Hornback, Vice President for University Affairs, who worked for many hours on the preparation of copy and pictures included: Keith Kappes, Gene Murray, George Burgen, Fred Hensley, Dr. Harry Mayhew, Don Young, Phil Benton and Emmett Rogers.

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DR. ADRON DORAN (1864-1944)

Dear Friends of Morehead State University:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Morehead State University I take great pleasure in extending greetings to the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky on the occasion of our Golden Anniversary.

Morehead State University is a people's University. Her early predecessor, the Morehead Christian Normal School, which was founded in 1887 by the Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention, came into being to fill a great educational and cultural void in the region. From its inception in 1922 as a state-supported institution, Morehead State University has consistently upgraded the educational, economical, and cultural levels of the region as the university has developed its missions of teaching, research and public service.

The impact of the University upon the life and affairs of every family, community and county in the region has been immeasurable. Not only has Morehead State University made great contributions to the region, but her influence has been felt throughout the Commonwealth and the nation.

This Golden Anniversary year is a unique one in the history of Morehead State University. Through such publications as this supplement and through the planned activities on the campus, much attention has been drawn to the many significant contributions made by the University in her first 50 years. But the completion of the first 50 years should be but a reminder that the second 50 years can be even more notable in achievement and in service to the people.

One's imagination is greatly excited by the challenges of the future which face Morehead State University. As we look to the future, the goals of this University must continue to be to help in building an educational system which will aid our young people in reaching their fullest potential; an economy in which everyone will find full employment; an environment both beautiful and protected; a culture of great fulfillment; and a social harmony in which we all may live in peace and understanding.

We therefore look forward to the next 50 years with great expectations, just as we look to the past with justifiable pride and satisfaction. When Morehead State University was founded 50 years ago, and when her predecessor was founded 85 years ago, little did her founders realize the level of achievement she would attain in these few years. Morehead State University must continue to soar as a Bald Eagle to even greater heights of accomplishment in the days ahead.

Adron Doran
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President

Dr. Doran, the seventh president of Morehead State, was appointed in 1954. He is a graduate of Cuba High School, Freed-Hardeman Junior College and Murray State University. He holds an M.A. from Murray and an Ed. D. from the University of Kentucky. His early educational experience included 15 years service as teacher, basketball coach and high school principal. Before coming to MSU, he was Director of the Division of Teacher Education in the Kentucky State Department of Education. Dr. Doran also served four terms as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives and was speaker for one term. He is a former newspaper editor and past president of the Kentucky Education Association and of the Eastern Kentucky Education Association. Both Murray and UK have recognized him as a "Distinguished Alumnus." He holds three honorary doctorates and was named by the Kentucky Press Association in 1959 as "Kentuckian of the Year." Gov. Edward Breathitt selected him for the "Distinguished Kentuckian Award" in 1966. Dr. Doran's supreme honor came last spring when he joined a select group of about 200 Americans chosen as recipients of Horatio Alger Awards.

Six Presidents Preceded Doran Era

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Dr. Botton was born Nov. 19, 1903 at Quakawka, Ill., and first came to Morehead in 1937 to help his mother found the Christian Normal School. He was educated in Illinois public schools and Transylvania University and received a theological degree from the College of the Bible there in 1937. He received an A.M. degree from Bethany College, W. Va., in 1938. From 1911 until 1932, Dr. Botton served as state supervisor of rural schools under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation. He returned to Morehead as first president of the Morehead State Normal School in 1932 and continued in this capacity until his retirement in 1938. He died in 1932. Dr. Botton also served as mayor of Morehead, as a newspaper editor and as pastor of the Christian Church. Botton Auditorium was named in his honor.



Dr. Frank C. Botton (1923-30)

Dr. Vaughan, who had been academic dean of Morehead State since 1928, was named its fourth president in 1940 and served until 1946. He received an A.B. degree from Georgetown College in 1922, did graduate work at the University of Chicago, and received a master's degree and, in 1927, a Ph. D. from George Peabody College for Teachers. He was superintendent of schools in Louisa before coming to Morehead. In 1946, Dr. Vaughan accepted a position as director of associations and professor of education at Peabody. He later retired from Peabody and presently resides in Nashville. Dr. Vaughan is MSU's only living former president.



DR. WILLIAM H. VAUGHAN (1940-46)



DR. JOHN H. PAYNE (1930-35)

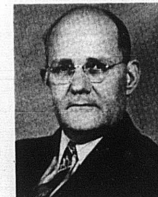
Dr. Payne, the second president of Morehead State, served from 1930 until 1935. He had previously been a public school administrator and superintendent of several city school systems. He resigned in 1935 because of ill health. Later, until his death, he served for many years in the Kentucky Department of Economic Security at Frankfort and was widely known as a public speaker. Dr. Payne was, during his presidency, appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to a committee to study education in Germany when Hitler was in power.



DR. WILLIAM J. BAIRD (1946-51)

Dr. Baird, Morehead State's fifth president, served from 1946 until his death in 1951. A native of Knox County, Ky., he spent much of his life in Berea and was a graduate of the Berea Preparatory and Berea College. He was on the staff of Berea schools from the time of his graduation in 1927 until he left to join the faculty of the Berea Schools in Rome, Ga., in 1942. In that same year, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Berea College. Dr. Baird's education also includes graduate work at Columbia University, Cornell University, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Kentucky.

During a leave of absence from Berea in 1939, he visited 56 campuses in the United States as a representative of the Danforth Foundation. Baird Music Hall was named in his honor.



DR. HARVEY A. BABB (1935-40)

Dr. Babb, Morehead State's third president, came to the college after 14 years as superintendent of schools in Mt. Sterling. He was born in Crittenden, Ky., in 1884 and received a B.A. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1911 and an M.A. from the same institution in 1922. After his graduation from college, Dr. Babb taught high school at Springdale, Ark., for two years and at Henderson (Ky.) High School for three years. He was principal at Henderson for a year before assuming the superintendency at Mt. Sterling. In 1946, he was director of unemployment compensation in Kentucky.

Dr. Spain, Morehead State's sixth president came to Morehead from Peabody where he was dean of instruction. He was graduated from Bethel College, Tenn., and earned a master's degree from Peabody and a doctorate from Columbia. He began his educational career in his native Carroll County, Tenn., where he was a teacher and then a principal. Later he taught at Arkansas State and at Florence State and was a faculty and staff member at the University of Kentucky from 1945 to 1949.

Dr. Spain resigned the Morehead presidency in 1954 to accept a position as dean of the College of Education at the University of New Mexico. He later became superintendent of the Albuquerque public school system and died there.



DR. CHARLES R. SPAIN (1951-54)

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