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KATHERINE E. ROBERTS '25

Katherine Roberts Returns From Hawaii

Miss Katherine E. Roberts, '25, a member of the faculty of the Merrill-Palmer school in Detroit, Mich., who has been on leave of absence for the past year for special teaching duty in Hawaii, has just recently returned to Kentucky and is now visiting her father, Prof. George Roberts, at 340 Transylvania Park, Lexington, Ky.

While in Hawaii, Miss Roberts was employed in the pre-school division of the Teachers' College of the University of Hawaii at Honolulu. The work of the unit is to train teachers for teaching in the public schools throughout the island group, especially teaching the younger children. Children of all nationalities are enrolled in the school, with ages ranging from two to six years.

The educational system of Hawaii has been greatly modified since the Pearl Harbor attack. Much of the defense work has been placed in care of the teachers. Immediately after the attack, the teachers were given the task of going from house to house enumerating the population. Schools on the islands were closed from December 7, till February 2, and when they were opened, managed under a revised schedule. This was necessary, since many of the buildings were taken over for defense purposes, and the schools that remained open had to take care of the students of the other schools.

Miss Roberts stated that after the Pearl Harbor attack, all persons on the islands were fingerprinted. This is probably the greatest mass fingerprinting job ever done by our government. Everyone had to be inoculated for smallpox and typhoid. Many people bought identification discs similar to those used by the army, but this was not compulsory.

All nonessential civilians have been asked to leave the islands, and gas masks have been issued to those who remain. Although there was a shortage of certain food articles at times, according to Miss Roberts, there was never a real food shortage on the islands. The only articles that were limited were luxury items, and there has not been any sugar rationing in Hawaii.

Miss Roberts was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1925, and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Romance Languages. She later attended the University of Iowa where she received her Masters in 1930, and her Doctor of Philosophy Degree in 1932, this being in Child Psychology. While Miss Roberts was at the University of Iowa she was a research assistant in Iowa Child Welfare. From 1932 until 1941, she was on the staff of the Merrill-Palmer school in Detroit. She will return to Merrill-Palmer this September.

Alumni Return For Annual Reunion

Despite conflicting and very discouraging conditions the 1942 Commencement season at University of Kentucky was a decided success and the return of members of the twenty re-unioning classes was most satisfactory, the class of 1907 leading with its return of twenty-nine alumni.

Although the program did not formally open until Thursday at 9 o'clock with registration the 1907 group convened for a get-together and formal dinner at the Lafayette hotel Wednesday night and wives or husbands of members were invited as guests. It was a gala party and the 'old grads' turned on for much fun and retrospection.

After registration, campus tour and alumni luncheons many assembled in Memorial Hall for the Baccalaureat exercises at which the Right Reverend H. P. Almon Abbott, Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington was the speaker. The Hall was filled to capacity.

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SIXTEEN KENTUCKIANS GET HONORARY DEGREES

Many reasons combined to make the 1942 commencement one long to be remembered on the Campus. The largest number ever graduated received diplomas and sixteen outstanding Kentuckians were given honorary degrees. The Honorable Alben W. Barkley, senior senator from Kentucky, was the speaker of the occasion and 574 degrees were conferred including masters and doctorates. President Donovan presided for his first time as president of the University.

As has been a custom of the last few years the stage was built in mid Stoll field facing the south side stadium. Powerful lights flooded the field and friends were seated in the stadium while the faculty and graduates were in chairs on the field level. The University band led the academic procession, which was of unusual brilliance and color, and the opening musical number was given by the University symphonic orchestra.

Honorary degrees with appropriate citations were conferred on the following:

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IN MEMORIAM

The Alumnus, official organ of the Alumni Association of the University, publishes in this issue obituaries of two graduates of the College of Engineering who have contributed in every substantial way to the development of the University and to the quality of the men and women who have followed them as graduates of their Alma Mater. No men gave better examples of what Kentuckians should be and none was more generous in time or service to any institution of learning than were J. Irvine Lyle and W. E. Freeman.

The May edition of the Alumnus was off press only a short time when the news of the loss of these two valuable men was announced in Lexington. Messages of condolence were sent to the bereaved families by the officers of the Alumni Association and it was with full realization of the fact that we on the Campus as well as the relatives had suffered a great loss.

Both Mr. Lyle and Mr. Freeman had served as president of the Association and were untiring in their effort to advance the interests of the University and to bespeak for the institution from which they were graduated the support of Kentuckians where ever they were found. In these matters they set worthy examples of generosity and loyalty. The line of Engineers who have been inspired by these two, representing as they did the successful industrialist and teacher, can be imagined as stretching into the distant future until the shadows fade into eternity.

To those of us who knew Mr. Lyle and Dean Freeman intimately the sound of the striking of the anvil, the whirr of machinery, the flash of electricity, the sound of a bell and the rising of smoke from the industrial plant will serve to remind us that we were privileged to have known them and to have benefitted by their example.

To YOU! And YOU!

And YOU!

With this issue the Alumnus begins a new life under conditions so well known to all former students of the University of Kentucky that it would seem unnecessary to recall any details, however, the future is all ablur and cautiously the editors and officers must step forward in the task of keeping together records, addresses and information and, in due time, advising every alumnus or alumna no matter where the troublous times find the subscriber.

Since taking over in May the job of editing the Alumnus and also of executive secretary the major attention has been given to preparing a letter to be sent, with other matter, to the 13,000 graduates whose names are listed in our files. The editing and, mailing of this, the July Alumnus, was the second matter of importance.

Whoever receives a copy of the publications sent through the Alumni office would be of great service if when news of interest comes to their notice they would send it in to the Secretary for publication or for record and files. Any appreciable percentage of interest from 13,000 members would be of enormous help and would be greatly appreciated. When visiting on the Campus a personal call at the Alumni Office would aid us materially in acquaintance forming and in clarifying information placed on our files.

Under the leadership of G. Lee McClain assisted by other officers and members of the Executive Committee the work of the organization will go steadily forward. The home guard will keep work going, but please do not you who are afar throw away that letter and not let the treasurer hear from you. Remember in your dues to include something to make up for the men in foreign lands who cannot get that letter and who more than any others would enjoy knowing that the Association would survive. Send in your dues promptly, enough if you can to furnish assurance that the Kernel and the Alumnus will come to you regularly, and do send to the office changes in address, name, profession or occupation, births and deaths. Let us hear from you soon and often.

U. K. Seeks Information About Former Students In The Service

In an effort to complete a roster of University of Kentucky graduates and former students who are in the armed forces of the United States, Prof. Ezra L. Gillis, emeritus-registrar at the University and head of the Bureau of Source Materials in Higher Education, has sent out an appeal to Kentucky alumni everywhere to notify his office of the activities of former University students, especially those in military or government service.

It is the plan of the Bureau head at the University to publish a pamphlet containing these names, and it is hoped that complete information may be obtained concerning all University of Kentucky alumni.

McCLAIN AND CREECH NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

G. Lee McClain, of Bardstown, graduate of the University in 1919 was elected president of the Alumni Association at the annual election held by balloting during the month of May and took up his duties at the annual business meeting, Friday May 29. Grover Creech of Pineville and Louisville, class of 1920, was elected Vice-president and Marguerite McLaughlin, class of 1903, was appointed executive secretary, Helen King, class of 1926, was re-appointed acting treasurer a duty she has carried since James Shropshire was called to the Service, about a year ago.

Mr. McClain, who for eighteen months carried the duties of Executive Secretary rendered valuable help to an office that seriously needed his experience and superior judgement to raise to the rank of efficiency worthy of an alumni association which has a mailing list of 13000 graduates. Many benefits could be counted as a result of his leadership. The Alumnus has become a regular publication; new clubs have been organized and others revived, and the dues and other finances planned to make more valuable contributions to the upbuilding of the organization.

Mr. Creech, president of the Louisville Alumni Club, has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association during the past year and has attended every monthly meeting all of which were held in Lexington. His work with prospective students has been one of his notable contributions.

Mrs. Thomas R. Underwood (Eliza Piggott) of the class of 1919 and Dr. Davis Buckner, class of 1908, were elected to the Executive Committee a duty which they have filled for several years. Dr. Buckner has served as president of the Association and Mrs. Underwood vice-president during past years. Many times as chairman of local committees each has devoted time and interest to making a success of whatever undertaking was before them.

Miss Helen King, who has faithfully contributed her talents as a writer to the Alumnus and has shown unlimited interest in the obtaining of members for the Association has continued through the last twelve months to act as treasurer in the position held for several years by Captain James Shropshire who is in the service of his Country.

UK GRADS GO WAAC—Y

Three University Alumnae have been notified by the War Department that they had been selected for officers' training in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. They are to report August 1st.

Receiving notices of appointment were Miss Frances House, 1930, 144 Iroquois court, teacher at Picadome school; Miss Heln Horlacher, 1941, 639 Maxwellton court, teacher of home economics at Versailles high school, and Miss Lois Perry Brown, 1931, 157 Bassett avenue, teacher at Picadome school.

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MEETING OF 1907 REUNION CLASS AT LAFAYETTE HOTEL

Standing (left to right) L. E. Hillenmeyer, Mrs. W. D. Nicholls, W. D. Nicholls, A. M. Kirby, Mrs. Hillenmeyer, B. E. Brewer, Robert Acker. First row, left (Rear to front) Anne Crenshaw Phelps, J. F. Stigers, Mrs. J. W. Thorne, J. W. Thorne, Mrs. E. L. Rees, E. L. Rees, Viola Lewis Herndon, Goldye Lazarus Oppenheimer, Rodes Arnsperger. Second row: C. A. Mahan, Mrs. Mahan, L. S. Boggess, Swift Parrish, D. C. Estill, R. S. Hart

Third row: Walter McKinney, J. J. Yager, Mrs. B. E. Brewer, Catherine Carmody, Estelle, D. P. Branson, Elizabeth Wallis, Louise Kornfield, Joe Hermann, Jr.

Fourth: A. S. Karsner, Catherine Crawley Barnson, W. S. Ham-

ilton, Mrs. Kirby, Joseph Hermann, Mrs. Hermann, Miss Hermann, Jack Estelle. Attending the reunion but not in the picture, Mary Lockridge Cannon, and P. C. Grumwell.

Letters and telegrams of greeting were received from the following members of the class who were unable to attend the reunion: John G. Allen, J. R. Timmerman, S. T. Baer, W. W. Brown, S. B. Colens, D. J. Dodd, A. L. Donan, Flora Gordon Morper, F. H. Lawson, Logan Lewis, T. B. McClelland, J. T. Madison, Sadie S. Martin, P. Rule, B. F. Scherffius, C. E. Schoene, J. M. Sprague, Mildred Stiles Bigham, and Gordon Sumner.

NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS NAMED AT U. K.

Three major changes in the history, chemistry and botany departments at the University of Kentucky were announced, following the June meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees.

At the request of Dr. Frank T. McFarland, head of the department of botany, and of Dr. Ralph N. Maxson, head of the department of chemistry, both were relieved of their administration duties to devote more time to teaching and research, and Dr. Herbert P. Riley, associate professor of botany at the University of Washington was named the new head of the botany department and Dr. Lawrence Larkkin Quill, former supervisor of the division of general chemistry at Ohio State University was named head of the department of chemistry.

Dr. Edward Tuthill, head of the University's department of history was granted a leave of absence for two quarters, upon his request, and Dr. T. D. Clark, associate professor in the department was named acting head.

The executive committee also announced the appointment of Dr. H. N. Sherwood, former president of Georgetown College, as assistant editor of publications at the University Experiment Station.

WILDCATS 1940 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The Wildcats of the University of Kentucky will play their first night game at home when they tangle with the Washington and Lee Generals in the third game of the 1942 season to be held at Stoll Field October 3. Coach Ab Kirwan said that the game will be played at night as an experiment on attendance. The coach said that national defense work and the six day week will probably have an effect on football attendance this season.

Two other night games are scheduled, but both of them are in other places. The first of these will be on September 25th in Cincinnati, when Kentucky plays Xavier. This game has been played at night for several years when it has been an away from home game. The second night game is scheduled for October 30, when the Wildcats play George Washington University in Washington, D. C. Air raid precautions and government regulations may make it necessary to change this game to a day game as the season progresses.

All other games, both at home and abroad are scheduled as day games and will probably remain that way. Kentucky will begin the season on September 19, when she plays Georgia in Louisville. There will be four games in Lexington, one in Louisville, and five away from home.

McRIGHT NAMED CAT GRIDIRON AID

Ralph McRight, football coach at Paducah high school for the last five years, will join the University of Kentucky grid staff on Aug. 1 as an assistant to Head Coach Ab Kirwan.

McRight, 38, is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he was blocking back on the 1930 Tide team that defeated Washington State in the Rose Bowl, 24-0. Alabama that year won 10 straight games without defeat, including the Bowl walk-over, and scored 272 points to the opposition's 13.

After graduation from Alabama, McRight coached at Hopkinsville, Ky., for six years, then shifted to Paducah. His teams have been powerhouses in western Kentucky and he has developed several players of college caliber, including Jesse Tunstill, outstanding high school back of 1940 who is expected to be a sophomore star at U. K. this coming season.

Twice McRight was selected to coach the West team in the annual Lexington Shrine Hospital charity games. At present he is president of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association. He is married, has no children.

Don't forget the Treasurer.
More Dues—More U. K. News

J. Irvine Lyle Was Industrialist and Leader

J. Irvine Lyle, who was graduated from the College of Engineering of the University in 1896, died at his home in Syracuse June 7, 1942, after an illness of three months. He was a member of the University Board of Trustees for eight years and was a life member of the Alumni Association, also assisting financially with the upkeep during World War I.

Mr. Lyle was a pioneer in the field of air conditioning and was co-founder of the Carrier Corporation of which he was president at the time of his death. He was a leader not only in the business side of air conditioning but in its technical progress. Numerous inventions, especially those dealing with atmospheric controls, are among his contributions and many papers prepared by him on these definitely technical subjects have been published.

Born in Fayette county his interests were always those of the native Kentuckian and his first position was held in Ludlow in the Pullman Company shops and he later became superintendent of motive power for the Southern Railroad system, meanwhile, working on changes in and testing locomotives and designing freight cars. After ten years association with the Buffalo Forge Company he joined in the founding of the Carrier Air Conditioning Company of which he was general manager, treasurer, vice-president, director and finally president. At the time of his death he was president and director of the Carrier Corporation, Carrier Engineering Corporation, Carrier-Brunswick Int., Inc.; treasurer and director of Aerofin Corporation; treasurer and director of Auditorium Conditioning Corporation. Professionally he was a member of American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers; Tau Beta Pi; Triangle; and he was a member of the social fraternity of Sigma Chi and many Clubs throughout the United States.

As a horse breeder and owner he was director of the Hamiltonian Society and treasurer of the Trotting Horse Club of America. Friends looked forward to his coming to Central Kentucky annually for the fall trotting horse races where he was successful in racing some very superior horses. From his father, who was aid-de-camp to General Henry Overstreet of the Confederate Army in the war between the States, he inherited his love of the Blue Grass country and its sporting history.

The July edition of Heating-Piping and Air Conditioning published an interesting account of Mr. Lyles' active and successful life paying tribute to his outstanding characteristics of thoroughness and his pioneering spirit.

Mr. Lyle, whose funeral was held in Plainfield, N. J., on Tuesday, June 9, at 2:30 o'clock, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth May Biggerstaff Lyle, formerly of Lexington; one daughter, Mrs. Martin Snyder, Skaneateles, N. Y.; one son, Joe Irvine Lyle III, of Syracuse and two brothers Ernest Lyle of Florida and C. R. Lyle of New York.

Alumni Return

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the attendance of graduating students being larger than on any previous occasion.

Following the Baccalaureate services President and Mrs. Donovan received alumni, faculty, seniors and friends for tea at Maxwell Place. The host and hostess were assisted in receiving by the governor and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. W. Carnahan and Mrs. Carnahan, Dean Thomas Poe Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, President Emeritus Frank L. McVey and Mrs. McVey, Dr. E. C. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott and Dean William S. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor. Guests were received on the lawn.

Carrying out the scheme of the occasion the decorations for the annual Alumni dinner, Thursday evening at the Lafayette Hotel, were of patriotic colors and the programs at each place was adorned with the flag. The music numbers by the assembly and the principal address by Senator A. B. Chandler were appropriate to the military times. Seated at the Speakers table were: President and Mrs. Donovan, Governor and Mrs. Johnson, Senator and Mrs. Chandler, Bishop and Mrs. Abbott, Dr. and Mrs. Elliott, Colonel and Mrs. Brewer and the toastmaster James Park and Mrs. Park. At a table directly in front of the speakers were seated guests who would receive honorary degrees on the following night, Mrs. Mary Breckinridge, Judge Samuel Wilson, Mr. J. W. Carnahan, with Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Carnahan, Dr. and Mrs. McVey and Dean and Mrs. Cooper. It was hoped that all who were to be honored would be present for the dinner but several did not arrive in Lexington until Friday. Three hundred were served at the dinner.

Sixteen Kentuckians

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tions were conferred by President Donovan on; Bishop Abbott, Episcopal Bishop of Lexington; Senator Barkley, senior senator from Kentucky; Mrs. Mary Breckinridge, Wendover, Ky.; J. W. Carnahan, Chicago, Ill.; Judge H. Church Ford, Georgetown, Ky.; General Allen W. Gullion, Washington, D. C.; President Raymond F. McLain, Transylvania College, Lexington; Rabbi Joseph Rauch, Louisville; Rogers Clark Ballard Thruston, Louisville; Dr. Charles W. Welch, Louisville, Colonel Samuel M. Wilson, Lexington; Dr. Irvin Abell, Louisville; Dr. Fred Rankin, Lexington; Dr. A. L. Crabb, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Mark F. Ethridge, Louisville; and Dr. John G. Metcalf, University of Virginia. Irvin S. Cobb, who was also to have been distinguished by the University was recalled after he had spent a few days at his home in Paducah and was unable to be present for the exercises. He returned to the West coast for an emergency call to duty for the Government.

Governor Johnson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University and Senator A. B. Chandler were presented to the assembly by President Donovan who introduced them as; "two outstanding young Kentuckians."

Edwin Freeman, UK Engineer, Succumbs

William Edwin Freeman, '04, assistant dean of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering and head of its department of electrical engineering, died May 21, 1942, at his home, 1020 Fincastle Road, Lexington, Ky., after an illness of several weeks.

Dean Freeman was an outstanding alumnus of the University, having been active in student, faculty and alumni affairs since his appointment to the engineering college faculty in 1911, and his loss is a severe blow to his college and to the entire University family.

W. E. Freeman was born in Lexington, September 25, 1880, and holds an A. B. degree from Transylvania college, received in 1901, and a B. M. E. degree from the University in 1904. In 1912 obtained the degree of Electrical Engineer from the University.

From his graduation from the University in June 1904, until he returned in 1911 as professor of electrical engineering, Dean Freeman was employed in the engineering department of the Western Electric Company, and was located in both Chicago and New York. Returning to the University in 1911 as head of the department of electrical engineering, Prof. Freeman was named acting dean of the college in 1921-'22, during a leave of absence of the then Dean of the College F. Paul Anderson, and upon Dean Anderson's return the next year was named assistant dean of the college which title he has since held. Again in 1934 Prof. Freeman was appointed acting dean of the college for a period of one and one-half years prior to the appointment of Col. James H. Graham as dean.

In 1920-'21 Dean Freeman was granted a 15-months leave from the University to serve as supervisor of commercial training with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. In 1935 he was named a member of the important delegatory committee for accrediting curricula of Engineering schools in region four, representing the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Dean Freeman was past president of the Kentucky section of the Society for the promotion of Engineering Education; vice-president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, 1931-'33; past president of the Lexington Rotary Club; past moderator of the Elkhorn Baptist Association; a member of Kappa Alpha social fraternity; Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary; Omicron Delta Kappa, campus leaders fraternity; Lamp and Cross, senior men's honorary; and is listed in "Who's Who in Engineering." In 1921 he was also chairman of the committee on marketing of the National Association of Corporation Training

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sherille Jane Freeman, and two daughters, Jane, who is a graduate of the University in the class of 1938, and Marjorie, who is now attending the University.

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