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## Sixth President Of University Accepts Seal Of Authority

With the inauguration of Dr. Herman Lee Donovan as president of the University of Kentucky on Wednesday, May 6, plans which were started last Fall came to a conclusion. Representatives from 260 educational institutions were received and entertained by the University and the Faculty. Although many changes had to be made at the last hour, because of inclement weather, the schedule of events went through as expected.

Governor Keen Johnson appointed a committee of fifteen members, with the former acting president, Dean Thomas Poe Cooper, as chairman, and requested that they work out details for the installation. Since this was the first inaugural ceremony to be held in twenty-five years, since the selection of President Emeritus Frank L. McVey, the Committee dreamed of a very gala occasion, and then came the New Year with all of its threats and sorrows and it was deemed

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## Hundreds Hear Speech Of Newly Inducted Leader

"What I See From My Window" was the subject of the impressive address made by President Donovan on the occasion of his inauguration in Memorial Hall, Wednesday afternoon May 6.

After accepting the seal of the University from Governor Johnson the newly installed executive said in his address: "We at the University have mapped out a program for serving the nation in this hour of peril. It is a program of action and militant in character. But the University is essentially an educational institution. We who teach and administer colleges and universities have the inescapable responsibility of seeing that they do not become casualties in this war."

"It is our determination," President Donovan continued, "to chart a safe course for the University of Kentucky during these evil days. We shall remain essentially an educational institution, stewards of man's

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## Exercises For 1942 Graduates And 17 Honorary Degrees

The seventy-fifth commencement exercises of the University will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Friday night, May 29, on Stoll Field and Senator Alben W. Barkley of Paducah will deliver the commencement address. Five hundred and sixty-nine graduates will receive degrees. Eighty-nine of the candidates completed their work last January but the mid-year graduation has been discontinued. The Right Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott will deliver the Baccalaureate Address at 3 P. M. Thursday afternoon, May 28, in Memorial Hall.

Seventeen distinguished men and women, Kentuckians, either by birth or by adoption, will receive honorary degrees. In making the announcement President Donovan said that the University of Kentucky is recognizing the seventy-fifth anniversary of the University in conferring honorary degrees on the following group of men and women: The Right Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott, Episcopal bishop of Lexington; Alben W. Barkley, senior senator from Kentucky; Mrs. Mary Breckinridge, Wendover, Ky.; J. W. Carnahan, Chicago, Ill.; Judge H. Church Ford, Georgetown; Gen. Allen W. Gullion, Washington, D. C.; President Raymond F. McLain, Transylvania College; Rabbi Joseph Rauch, Louisville; Rogers Clark Ballard Thruston, Louisville; Dr. Charles W. Welch, Louisville; Col. Samuel M. Wilson, Lexington; Dr. Irvin Abell, Louisville; Dr. Fred W. Rankin, Lexington; Irvin S. Cobb, Paducah and Hollywood, Calif.; Dr. A. L. Crabb, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Mark F. (Willie Snow) Ethridge, Louisville, and Dr. John G. Metcalf, University of Virginia.

The University does not present honorary degrees in absentia and all the recipients have signified their intention of being present on Stoll Field, May 29.

## At Home For Alumni

President Herman Lee Donovan and Mrs. Donovan will be at home to faculty, seniors and guests on the Campus at an At Home Thursday afternoon after Baccalaureate exercises. Maxwell Place will be open to friends and alumni as it has in many years and the occasion will continue to be one of the main social features of the graduation season.

The host and hostess will be assisted in receiving by Dr. E. C. Elliott, Mrs. Elliott, Dean W. S. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Lee McLain, and will be assisted in entertaining by other members of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association. The tea will precede the annual Alumni dinner.

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### Dr. Herman Lee Donovan, Kentucky's New Leader Inspires Co-operation

Accepting the responsibility of the presidency of the University of Kentucky, Dr. Herman Lee Donovan, a Kentuckian and University of Kentucky alumnus, was inducted into that office Wednesday afternoon, May 6, in Memorial Hall while a group numbering 1200 persons offered congratulations with hearty applause. In a ceremony replete with dignity and sincerity Governor Keen Johnson, assisted by Judge Richard Stoll and President Emeritus Frank L. McVey presented President Donovan with the seal of the University. Dean Thomas Poe Cooper, acting president of the University from July 1, 1940 to July 1, 1941, was the presiding officer for the inaugural services.

Dr. Donovan and Mrs. Donovan moved from Richmond to Lexington last summer and have resided at Maxwell Place for about ten months. Without fanfare or ostentation they took up the threads of a new life and in impressive fashion began to design its pattern. The figures in that pattern grow more distinct; the colors more vivid and the weavers more courageous as the days go by.

Very naturally all roads lead to Maxwell Place or to the President's office and in either place the caller is welcome. Imagine a busy man whose duties crowd every hour saying to a visitor at the end of a talk, "thank you for coming in and come anytime you have opportunity to do so," and you will realize how President Donovan has impressed his associates since he took up his present work, for impress his associates he has and that most favorably. A man with a broad vision, an appreciation of the past and an understanding, as far as it is possible, of the future has taken up the reins of government on the Campus and in spite

### Army Signal Corps Established At U. of Ky.

A unit for training of future officers in the Army Signal Corps was authorized Monday, May 11, and the University of Kentucky became one of the three Universities in the nation to have such a unit attached to its R. O. T. C. Foundation of the company was authorized by President Donovan acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Col. B. E. Brewer, Commandant of R. O. T. C. regiment was immediately placed in command of the Signal Corps Company.

Organized as a supplement to the present 1000-man infantry the Signal Corps Company will have a personnel of two regular signal corps officers, one signal corps enlisted man, 40 junior and senior advanced course cadets and 160 basic students enlisted from the freshman and sophomore classes.

Other schools selected as sites for similar companies are the University of West Virginia and Ohio State Universities. The Ohio State unit has been in operation several years and heretofore has been the only one of its kind in the nation.

In communications between President Donovan and the War Department three reasons were given for selection of the University of Kentucky:

1. Proximity to the Army Signal Depot at Avon.
2. Training facilities of the University's engineering and physics departments.
3. The good record of the University R. O. T. C.

Colonel Brewer said, when interviewed, that he planned to recruit basic course students from the electrical engineering and physics departments and if the company was not filled men would be accepted from other departments where special training or in some cases hobbies, like photography or training pigeons, radio amateur experts, etc. made the student particularly apt. Colonel Brewer also said that when the signal corps company begins operation at the beginning of the Summer School quarter in June, all freshman and sophomore students in Electrical engineering and physics would be required to take R. O. T. C. training in the Signal Corps instead of the previously required infantry training.

When the signal corps company reaches full strength, according to Colonel Brewer, the University R. O. T. C. would have in training yearly 210 future officers for the United States Army.

Approximately 65 senior university students will be commissioned as second lieutenants in infantry and placed on active duty this month.

of the universal gloom the ultimate success of his undertaking is virtually assured.

Dr. Donovan the man, the educator, the leader, the confere and the friend established his position in the State of Kentucky before he came to Lexington and the confidence that he has inspired here is not surprising. The Alumni Association joins many others in felicitations and pledges its unqualified support.



Dr. Peter

Dr. Alfred M. Peter of the class of 1880 one of the reunioning classes this year, was the first president of the Alumni Association of the University of Kentucky. After graduation Dr. Peter, following in the footsteps of his illustrious father, Dr. Robert Peter, remained on the University staff, and was among the original members of the Association which was organized in 1889 with sixteen graduates of the University as members.

Although Dr. Peter retired from active duty several years ago he returns to his office in the Kentucky Experiment Station every day and is about as 'active' as any one could be until the closing hours.

### Lyon Awarded Cup For History Work

Bobette Lyon, Peoria, Ill., has been awarded the cup given annually to the outstanding senior specializing in European and English history by Phi Alpha Theta national honorary history organization. The presentation was made at the initiation banquet held recently at the Lafayette hotel.

### Webb Called To New York

Dr. W. S. Webb, head of the physics department and the anthropology and archaeology department, left Sunday, May 3, for New York, where, through Paul V. McNutt war manpower board, he will do personal work in placing physicists in vital jobs. He was called last week by Henry A. Barton, head of the physicists department of the board.

Dr. Webb has applied for a two month leave of absence from the University, however, it was indicated that the leave may be extended. His vacancy will be filled at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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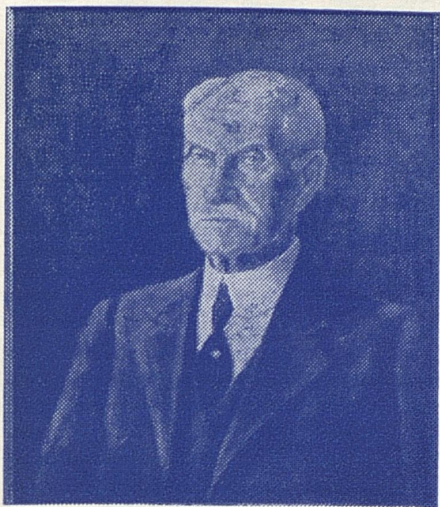
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Dr. McHenry Rhoads, professor emeritus of the University, continues his interest in educational affairs and in the progress of the several institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth. Dr. Rhodes is an authority on pedagogical training and has in years past given careful consideration to the enactment of laws which have been of great value to the building of the program of education advancement throughout the South.

## Alumni To Assemble For Annual Dinner Thursday, May 28

Alumni from twenty re-union classes, men and women in the service uniforms which they have donned since and before December 7, will return to the Campus for the annual alumni banquet, business meeting, tea at Maxwell Place and the graduation of friends, relatives and sons and daughters. In spite of the times a large number is expected to return for May 28 and 29.

The annual banquet will be held this year at the Lafayette Hotel at 6:30 Thursday night and the program as arranged by the Executive Committee of the Association includes an address by Senator A. B. Chandler, '24, with James Park, '15, acting as toastmaster. Dr. E. Cronley Elliott, '02, will preside and introduce distinguished guests. Governor Johnson, '22, will respond to a toast for the Commonwealth as will President Donovan, '14, for the University and the invocation will be offered by the Right Rev. Bishop Abbott. Patriotic vocal numbers will be sung by the group.

Special guests for the dinner will be the seventeen recipients of honorary degrees, the baccalaureate, commencement and dinner guest speakers, and Dr. Alfred Peter, '80.

The Committee in charge of the banquet includes: Dr. G. Davis Buckner, chairman, Miss Marguerite McLaughlin, Mrs. Edward Shinnick, Mrs. Thomas Underwood, Miss Helen King, Miss Susan Jackson, Miss Rebecca Van Meter, Mr. H. C. Robinson, Mr. Grover Creech and Senator Earle Clements.

## Law Scholarship Prize Is Awarded Boone

For having the highest scholastic ranking in legal bibliography at the University of Kentucky law school, Wheeler Bunny Boone, 19, of 667 Elsmere park, has been awarded the annual scholarship prize given by the Lawyer's Co-Operative Publishing Company of Rochester, N. Y. Boone, first-year law student, will receive a law dictionary.

Prof. Ewing C. Baskette directs the bibliography course at the University.

Bobby Boone, brother of Wheeler, placed second in the same competition last year. The brothers are professional musicians, playing both the harp and vibraharp. They are active in the University band, and Bunny is first harpist for the University Little Symphony and Philharmonic orchestras.

## Society Names Dr. Gallaway

Dr. W. F. Gallaway, associate professor of English, was recognized as the outstanding faculty member of the year at the annual banquet of the Patterson Literary society last week.

Known for his literary work and campus activities, Dr. Gallaway will be honored by having his name engraved on a plaque which hangs in the periodical room of the Union building.

Recent names to the plaque include those of Dr. J. Huntley Dupre of the history department, added in 1939, and of Prof. M. E. Potter, recent head of the physical education department, added in 1941. No name was engraved in 1940 and no name is repeated.

Bob Ammons, Lexington, has been announced as the new president of the organization.

## COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

6:30 P.M.—Military Field Day and R.O.T.C. Graduation Exercises, Stoll Field.

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration of Alumni, Student Union Building.  
 10:00 A.M. and  
 11:00 A.M.—Campus Tours, with Campus Alumni Club as Host.  
 12:00 —Reunion Luncheons.  
 2:30 P.M.—Baccalaureate Procession forms on Plaza between Physics and Mining Buildings and on drive leading to Administration Building.  
 3:00 P.M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Memorial Hall: The Rt. Reverend H. P. Almon Abbott, Bishop, Diocese of Lexington.  
 4:00 P.M.—President and Mrs. Donovan at home to Alumni, Faculty, Seniors, and Guests of the Graduating Class, Maxwell Place.  
 6:30 P.M.—Alumni Banquet, Ballroom, Lafayette Hotel.

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 10:00 A.M.—Meeting of the Board of Trustees, President's Office.  
 10:00 A.M.—Tour of the Bluegrass, conducted by the Lexington Alumni Club.  
 12:30 P.M.—Commencement Luncheon—Guests, Friends, Alumni, and Faculty of the University; Student Union Building.  
 2:00 P.M.—Annual Meeting of Alumni Association; Student Union Building.  
 7:00 P.M.—Commencement Procession forms, driveway in rear of Student Union Building.  
 7:30 P.M.—Commencement Exercises, Stoll Field. Address by Honorable Alben W. Barkley, United States Senator from Kentucky.

## Course Graduates Will See Service In Cincinnati District

The third course for Ordnance Inspector Trainees will begin at the University of Kentucky, June 1, and will last twelve weeks, it was announced by Professor D. V. Terrell of the engineering Dept.

All appointments are to be made by civil service. Rate of pay \$1440 a year while the applicant is in school, and \$1620 a year upon completion of the course. Service will be in the Cincinnati Ordnance District.

Requirements for applicants are one year of study in an engineering college or two years college including courses in mathematics through trigonometry and either physics or chemistry. The applicant must not be in 1-A classification in the selective service.

Applicants are advised as follows:

1. Write to Philip Jentleson, U. S. Civil Service, 154 Market St., Lexington, Ky.
2. Give details concerning education, experience, age, sex, and draft status.
3. Those wishing to apply for admission should do so at once.
4. If further information is desired write D. V. Terrell, College of Engineering, University of Kentucky, Lexington.

First Ordnance Inspector Trainee Course ends May 30. The second ends July 11.

## Carpenter To Head Defense Council

Dr. C. C. Carpenter, economics professor, has been chosen to succeed Dr. W. S. Webb as acting chairman of the University Defense Council. Dr. Webb was granted a leave of absence last week to serve on the personnel division of the war manpower board in New York.

The council, under Dr. Carpenter will continue to furnish information to draft boards concerning deferment of students. Students, engaged in studies which the board considers essential to national defense, will be recommended by the council to be allowed to complete their courses.

## Lamp And Cross Buys War Bonds

For the second time, Lamp and Cross, senior men's honorary society, has invested its surplus funds in war bonds.

Possessor of a liberty bond purchased in 1918, the fraternity has added to its original investment until last week it had accumulated sufficient funds for the purchase of defense bonds valued at \$150.

The bonds were taken out in the name of the Lamp and Cross society, University of Kentucky, T. R. Bryant, treasurer who with Dean W. E. Freeman, guided the society in its initial investment in government securities.

## Sixth President

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proper to change at least the magnitude of some of the features but to carry on with dignity and hospitality as became the Institution and the State.

Dr. Donovan, who suggested that his induction be a very simple affair within the confines of his executive offices, was overruled in this and agreed to the Committee plans that he should make an inaugural address and that he should make a choice of speakers for the several programs under consideration.

After the registration of delegates in the Great Hall of the Union Building the guests were entertained at luncheon in the Blue Grass Room. The program consisted of introduction of the delegates, musical numbers by the Men's Glee Club and the presiding officer for the program was Dr. John Brooker, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Kentucky, an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees of the University.

The inaugural ceremony was held in Memorial Hall, the guest speaker Dr. E. O. Holland, president of Washington State College, making the address. Dean Cooper presided for the afternoon and introduced Judge Richard Stoll, representing the Board of Trustees; Dr. Frank L. McVey representing former presidents and Governor Johnson representing the State of Kentucky, who presented the Seal of Office.

The subject of President Donovan's address was, "What I See From My Window". The address was broadcast over WLAP. Twelve hundred persons including delegates, faculty, guests, and students crowded Memorial Hall.

From 5 to 6:30 after the inauguration President Donovan and Mrs. Donovan received hundreds of friends at Maxwell Place. National and State officials, educators from other institutions in the State and in near by states, faculty, trustees, students and many friends passed down the line and greeted the new official and Mrs. Donovan.

At 7:30 P. M. the Blue Grass Room of the Student Union Building was again a brilliant scene for about 500 friends who gathered for the inaugural dinner. Seated at the speaker's table in addition to the Governor, members of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Donovan and a group of distinguished guests was President Donovan's mother who was a guest at Maxwell Place for the ceremonies.

President Howard L. Bevis of Ohio State University was the principal speaker for the after dinner program and President Donovan presided. A lovely program of music was furnished by the Girl's Glee Club, Miss Mildred Lewis conducting, and President Donovan expressed his appreciation for the co-operation of all present and others who had assisted in carrying out the program of the day.

Mrs. F. L. Adams (Mabel Pollitt) of Tampa, Florida; Professor John T. Faig of Ohio Mechanics Institute of Cincinnati; Dr. E. Cronley Elliott of Lexington, president of the Alumni Association of the University and G. Lee McClain, secretary of the Alumni Association represented the Alumni at the

## Hundreds Hear

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achievements, translating the minds of men into the candles of the Lord."

The speaker cited two objectives he thought Universities should strive to attain namely, social engineers and a generation of youths educated for governmental service. "The major assignments of a social engineer," Dr. Donovan explained, "are to establish a society where justice shall prevail, to provide honest work for all men, to find ways and means to distribute goods and service to people, to eliminate dire poverty, to reduce crime, to care for the unfortunate, to solve our race problem, to cultivate the intellectual and spiritual development of our people, to maintain the great freedom and above all to bring about universal peace and good will."

Then turning to the State and its approach to the 150th anniversary the President said: "We are discovering Kentucky. There is much about the State that our generation needs to discover. Sometimes I think Kentucky is a sleeping giant staked to earth by tiny threads. Kentucky needs only to be aroused from her slumber; then she will shake herself, rub her eyes, rise and recover her might and go forward to her destiny."

Regarding the future of the University Dr. Donovan said: "I see gathered here a community of scholars and students 'bent upon the errands of the mind', a faculty of minor statesmen living in an atmosphere of intellectual freedom, free to teach and to publish the truths their researches reveal to them. The University I see will have a social vision and it will be consecrated to the building of a better world in which to live." Education must go on; otherwise chaos and the long night."

Prolonged applause greeted the pronouncement of these stirring words and a rising vote of approval was given to Governor Johnson when at the conclusion of the inaugural ceremony he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, delegates and representatives of universities and colleges, learned societies, educational organizations and foundations and citizens of Kentucky, I present to you Herman Lee Donovan, president of the University of Kentucky."

Because of the rain earlier in the day the scene of the inauguration was changed from Stoll Field to the Memorial Hall and while the large audience filled the Hall to capacity and remained standing for more than an hour in the foyer and the door ways, hundreds of others heard the addresses over the radio in their homes, or in the U. S. studios and by radio in the Union Building.

Editorial approval appeared in the Courier Journal, in the Lexington Herald and Lexington Leader and members of the Associated Press and United Press were present during the entire day.

inauguration and Lena Madesin Phillips of New York and Kentucky was unable to attend as an alumni delegate.

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