2—From news butch to preacher to college president—that's Morehead's Adron Doran

M ORCHEAD, Ky., Dec. 5—His wavy dark hair held partly under control by a uniform cap, the lanky young man who used to hawk peanuts while walking the littered day-to-day aisles.

Persistently he hawked peanuts, crackerjack, chewing gum, cigars and cigarettes on the train between Parsons, Kan., and St. Louis.

At that time the new butch, a Western Kentucky boy named Adron Doran, "had as his only ambition to become a teacher. And peddling peanuts was one way to make a little money to help finance his education. He not only achieved his school-teaching goal but went on to head the Kentucky Education Association and eventually to become a college president.

Almost Anywhere

When not too busy with college administration, Dr. Doran is likely to be found almost anywhere. He is an admitted "hitch-hiker"—a dor- dom is he absent from a meeting of the Eastern Kentucky Regional Planning Commission. Often he attends Boy Scout Council sessions throughout the area. He is in constant demand as a high-school commencement speaker. And on most Sundays he can be found preaching in Eastern Kentucky churches.

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Graduate Of Cuba

Born near Boydville, Dr. Doran was graduated from Cuba High School where he was 6 feet 2 inches tall, "jumped center" on the basketball team. It was a pretty fair team, too, winning the district championship in 1928. Like a later Cuba team that won the state championship, Doran's quintet might have gone undefeated had it not been for a constant turnover that year except for one thing:

Parents of the Cuba players refused permission for Adron to play in the regional tournament at Lone Lake. Too far to travel just to take part in a basketball tournament, they agreed. But the Dorans didn't want their boys traveling 35 miles away, so he drove his own car.