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

M O R E H E A D, Ky., Dec. 5—His wavy dark hair held partly under control by a uniform cap, the lanky young man had just been walking across the campus while pacing the littered day-coach aisles.

Presumably he hawked peanuts, erack- jerk, 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 that of becoming a teacher. And peddling peanuts was his way to get into the preaching business.

Aside from Dr. Doran’s educational and religious work, he has served four terms as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives. During one of those terms, he was Speaker of the House.

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Education Degree

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Keeping pace with the constant enrollment of the student to has been the college’s physical expansion. The Doran Student House has been built during his administration.

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