

Morehead President Ousted; Will Appeal To Association

**Dean W. C. Lappin
Named To Replace
Dr. W. H. Vaughan**

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 21 (Special)—Dr. William H. Vaughan today met the same fate that every president of Morehead State Teachers Collogo has encountered when the Board of Regents in a three-hour session passed a resolution declaring the president's office vacant at the expiration of Dr. Vaughan's present contract on June 30.

Dean Warren C. Lappin was named acting president, his duties to commence on July 1 and continue until a successor to Dr. Vaughan has been elected.

Prior to the meeting reports were heard that some 500 Morehead students would strike if Vaughan were removed, but the announcement of his dismissal brought no immediate response from student leaders on the campus.



Dr. William H. Vaughan



Dean Warren C. Lappin

Willis Non-Committal

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 21 (AP)—Governor Willis tonight declined to comment on the ousting of Dr. W. H. Vaughan as president of Morehead State Teachers Collogo, but added that he might have something to say after he has studied a full report of the removal action taken today by the school's Board of Regents.

Superintendent of Rowan County Schools Roy Cornette, secretary of the board, said after the meeting that William Kiefer, vice president of the Ashland Oil and Refining Company, had moved that Dr. Vaughan's contract be renewed but the motion died for a lack of a second. The actual vote on the resolution removing Dr. Vaughan was not disclosed by the regents.

President To Appeal

Dr. Vaughan released a statement to the press saying that he would appeal to the American Association of Teachers Colleges, of which he is vice president, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Morehead is a member of both organizations.

Prior to the meeting a representative of the American Association of Teachers Colleges, Dr. Leslie R. Gregory, president of Fredonia (New York) State Teachers College, advised the board that unless charges against Dr. Vaughan could be substantiated, an investigation would be made with the possibility that the institution might be taken from the accredited list.

No charges were preferred against Dr. Vaughan by the board of regents today, the only information made available to the press being a copy of the resolution declaring the office vacant after June 30 and naming Dean Lappin as acting president.

Charges Action To Politics

"I am appealing because I have been dismissed without cause, and because the college will be forever cast in politics unless this is stopped now," President Vaughan said.

The Morehead president, visibly touched by the regents' action although he had told reporters this morning that he expected the vote to be three to two against him, said that he would make a further statement tomorrow.

During the session of the regents a representative of the faculty released to the press a petition, signed by 87 per cent of the faculty, requesting that Dr. Vaughan be retained. Copies of this petition were mailed to the board of regents on May 5, but the contents were not released for public consumption until today. Each member

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Clark Street Link Opens For Traffic On Thursday

**New East-West
Traffic Lane Is
Ready For Vehicles**

Clark street, the newly-constructed concrete link between Pleasant Stone street and Corral street, will be opened to traffic Thursday, City Engineer M. J. McGruder announced yesterday.

The completed section will provide a straightaway from Limestone street to Midland street and is half-way between Main and Third, the city's most-traveled streets, Mr. McGruder said.

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Regan said the new street should divert some traffic from Main street and stated that he would suggest to the Board of City Commissioners that the street have only one name instead of the three it now bears.

The section from Limestone street (at the rear of the Federal building) to Walnut street is labeled Pleasant Stone street; from Walnut to Dewees street it is Clark street, and from Dewees street to Midland street it is Corral street.

Thirty-five houses on the Clark street site were razed. The city began purchase of the property shortly after Ward Havelly became mayor and the razing was begun in 1941. Construction of one section was completed before the labor shortage became acute.

The street was constructed entirely by laborers in the city's maintenance crews, Mr. McGruder said. Property on both sides of the street is owned by the city and is in Business B zone.

Keen Johnson Will Not Run For Senate

RICHMOND, Ky., May 21 (AP)—Keen Johnson, former Kentucky governor, announced in a telegram from Washington today that he would not be a candidate for nomination to the United States Senate in the August Democratic primary.

Johnson, part owner of the Richmond Daily Register, had been prominently mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate in the race to fill the unexpired term of A. B. Chandler.

In his telegram to Shelton M. Sautley, editor of the Register, he said:

"I want to express my appreciation for the confidence indicated in me by the friends who urged me to enter the race for the Demo-

End Comes To I. N. Combs, 71

**Funeral Services
To Be Held Today**

I. Newton Combs, 71, of 472 West Third street, president of Combs Lumber Company and former Lexington postmaster, died at 8:45 a. m. yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital where he had been a patient since May 9. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Combs was a native of eastern Kentucky, a son of the late Alfred and Esther Horton Combs, and was educated in Menifee county. A resident of Lexington since 1894, Mr. Combs, with his father and brothers, organized the lumber company he headed at the time of his death.

He was the first president of the Kentucky Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

Mr. Combs, a Democrat, was appointed postmaster Jan. 1, 1936, and served in that capacity until April 1, 1937. He was a member of Christ Episcopal church and the Lexington Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Smith Combs; two sons, I. Newton Combs Jr., former Lexington newspaperman and now with the United States Treasury Department at Washington, and William A. Combs, Lexington; two brothers, S. S. Combs and James H. Combs, Lexington, and two grandchildren, William A. Combs Jr. and Anne M. Combs, Lexington.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p. m. today at W. R. Millward mortuary chapel, the Rev. James W. Kennedy, rector of Christ church, officiating. Burial will be in Lexington cemetery.

Casket bearers will be E. S. George, J. D. Nichols, J. K. Waller, J. P. Jackson, V. P. Drake, Ben R. Patterson Jr., O. W. Faulkner and Martin B. Henry.

Grocery Stores To Close On Memorial Day

Members of the Central Kentucky Independent Food Dealers Association last night voted to close food stores Thursday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Stores will be open Wednesday, May 29.

Other holidays to be observed by the food dealers during the year

Morehead President

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of the board also was handed a copy of a resolution adopted last night by the Morehead Board of Trade, asking the regents to renew Dr. Vaughan's contract for four years.

Twice during the session the board called Dr. Vaughan in to consult with him, and a few minutes prior to the releasing of the board's resolution, Superintendent Williams and Mr. Klefer conferred with Dr. Vaughan.

Dr. Vaughan, 46, Morehead's fourth president, was graduated from Georgetown (Ky.) College in 1923, received his Master's degree from George Peabody Teachers College, Nashville, Tenn., and his Ph. D. from George Peabody in 1937.

He had also attended the Univer-

sity of Chicago, and before his appointment to the deanship here he had served as superintendent of Louisa city schools.

He was appointed president of Morehead college in 1940, during the administration of former Gov. Keen Johnson.

The first president, Dr. Frank C. Button, served from 1923 until 1929 and was made president emeritus after an investigation. He was followed by John Howard Payne who was released as president in 1935. Harvey A. Babb, present director of unemployment compensation in Kentucky, served from 1935 until 1940 when he was replaced by Dr. Vaughan.

Lappin, who holds an A. B. degree from Transylvania College, a Master's degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph. D. in education from the University of Indiana, has been a resident of Morehead since 1920 when he came here as a member of the faculty of the old Christian Normal Institute.

Since then he has served as principal at Morehead High school, as a professor at Morehead State Teachers College, 1926, as director of the college's Breckinridge Training school, and since 1940 as dean of the college.

Lappin said that he had not been notified officially of his appointment as acting president, and that he had no comment.

● Livestock Sales

Clay-Gentry—Lexington

Clay-Gentry stockyards yesterday reported the sale of 809 head of livestock. Receipts and quotations follow;

Cattle—Receipts, 214; baby heaves, \$15@17.25; feeders, \$15@15.50; fat heifers, \$14.50@17; stock heifers, \$13@15.50; fat cows, \$10.50@14.00; canners and cutters, \$8@10.25; cows and calves, \$60@110; butcher bulls, \$10.50@13.70; stock bulls, \$50@105.

Calves—Receipts, 119; good to choice,