

## Morehead President



DR. HARVEY A. BABB

Dr. Babb was inaugurated president of Morehead State Teachers College today at special ceremonies on the Morehead campus. Formerly superintendent of schools at Mt. Sterling, Dr. Babb went to Morehead several months ago as acting president.

# Inauguration Of Babb Held At Morehead

## Kentucky Officials And Educators Take Part In College Ceremony

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MOREHEAD, Ky., May 5—With fitting ceremonies in which most of the leading educators in Kentucky figured, the Morehead State Teachers College formally and officially inaugurated its third president at noon today when Harvey A. Babb was given the oath of office by William H. Rees, Maysville, judge of the court of appeals.

Hundreds of delegates, visitors, friends of the institution, administrative officers, members of the faculty, students and townspeople filled the spacious Morehead College chapel and heard President Babb conclude a 40-minute acceptance speech with the statement: "In all humbleness, and with a full realization of my obligations and responsibilities, I accept the position of president and the challenge that it carries. To the Morehead State Teachers College I pledge my undivided allegiance and to the fullest extent of my physical capacity and mental ability, I pledge my service . . . and promise faithfully to carry on."

President Babb's address was the last on the program.

### Procession Opens Program

At 10 o'clock a long academic procession of gowned faculty members, speakers, delegates and state educators formed at the Administration building and marched in double file to the college chapel on the other end of the campus. The streets were lined with students and inaugural visitors as the procession passed from the boulevard into the chapel to the strains of Svendsen's "Swedish Coronation March."

With Harry W. Peters, state superintendent of public instruction, presiding the program opened at 10:15 with a song, "America the Beautiful," by the audience.

The invocation was pronounced by Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood, president of Georgetown College, followed with a prelude, "Lohengrin," by the college orchestra. Dean William H. Vaughan introduced the official delegates, and Dr. McVey followed with a brief address.

Gov. Chandler was scheduled to speak but he was unable to attend.

President Babb opened his address by welcoming the friends of the college, speakers and delegates. "To our officials, to the delegates who represent other educational institutions, to our visitors and guests, and to everyone present, we extend the sincere greetings of the college we salute you; we welcome you here for by your presence, your

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# U. K. Squads Are Winners

## Kentucky Varsity And Freshmen Athletes Victors In 4 Events

Four victories were scored Monday by University of Kentucky athletes. The Wildcat varsity and freshman track teams defeated Berea College at Berea, the varsity tennis team defeated the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and the U. K. varsity golfers downed Eastern State Teachers College at Richmond.

Kentucky varsity track men topped Berea by 94 to 40 and the freshmen won by 91 to 43. The U. K. tennis team won over Tennessee by 5 to 4 and the Cat golfers took a 10½ to 7½ decision.

Two state records were broken in the track meet at Berea. Kentucky reduced the mile relay mark to 3:29.7. It formerly was 3:30. Elmore Simpson set a new javelin record when he tossed the javelin 182 feet six inches. The former record was 168 feet three inches.

Willis, Kentucky's star, was again high point man with 15 to his credit. Rankin, Kentucky freshman, was highest for his team with the same number.

In the tennis match at Knoxville, the Wildcats won three singles matches and two doubles.

## INAUGURATION OF BABB HELD

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honor this event and this institution," he declared.

The new president then reviewed the founding of the college from the time the 1920 general assembly authorizing the governor to appoint a commission to make an educational survey of the state; of the recommendation for the establishment of two normal schools in 1921; how another commission, in session at Lexington, in November, 1922, named Morehead as the site of one of the state teachers colleges; the naming of Dr. Frank C. Button as the first president and the opening of the new school Sept. 24, 1923.

Stressing the new buildings that had been constructed, the advancements made in the curriculum and the increase in the student body, President Babb said the school, under Dr. Button's leadership enjoyed a "quiet but steady growth from 1923 until 1929."

President Babb reviewed the advancement made under the presidency of Dr. J. H. Payne from the fall of 1929 until last year.

"Twelve years ago, when the doors of the school were first opened to the public there stood on these grounds four antiquated, poorly equipped and mostly wooden structures x x x while today we point with pride to the ten modern, stately and well equipped buildings on the campus," President Babb said in continuing his thought on the growth of the institution. He pointed out that the first faculty was composed of seven teachers and an enrollment of 21 college students and less than 100 high school students, as compared with 111 faculty and administrative officers today and a registration of 1,678. "The college has issued 555 provisional elementary certificates, 1,239 college elementary certificates, 338 standard certificates and 130 college certificates or a total of 2,260 teachers," he declared. President Babb said there were 242 names on the alumni roll.

"Two phases—the attainment of scholarship and a mastery of the art

of teaching—constitute the companionate purposes of a teachers college," he continued.

The new president set out the qualifications of the faculty and compared it with that of the first year of the school's existence. He next discussed the part the Breckinridge Training school, one of the finest in the south played in the program at Morehead, and stressed the part the college played in developing personality.

"A teachers college, in addition to being an institution to train teachers, is a college of the people," he said. "This college should mean much to eastern Kentucky. The service already rendered to this section of the state is inestimable in value. This institution should be the pride of every county and home in eastern Kentucky," the new president set out.

### College Is Young

"This institution is young; x x x it has no ivy-colored walls, and no shrines. It practically has no traditions, but we believe it has a wonderful future, x x x a future with a bright promise and a great service to be rendered," he declared.

"When we take into account the vast territory of eastern Kentucky and its youth yet to be served, we feel the challenge of the obligation and the responsibility attached to the presidency of the Morehead State Teachers College. x x x I accept the position and the challenge x x x and with the help of an Almighty God, we shall not fail," President Babb concluded.

Immediately following the inaugural ceremonies, delegates and visitors were entertained at a banquet in the cafeteria. The day's festivities include a May Day play on the terrace of Johnson-Camden library this afternoon; a show in the college theater at 7 o'clock tonight and a ball in the gymnasium from 9 until 12 tonight.

The city of Morehead was bedecked in bright holiday colors for the inaugural, special decorators covering the streets, all municipal and county buildings and places of business with flags, bunting and pennants.

There were no classes at the college today.

The college orchestra and the Stephen Foster chorus furnished music for the inauguration. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. John D. Gross, president, Union College, Barboursville.

## COURT RULES RACE TRACKS MUST PAY TAX

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by the proprietor of a race course," Commissioner Stanley wrote. "The conflict is only that the tax levied in 1932 (the daily operating tax) ceased to be 'in lieu of all other' taxes mentioned. The nature of the gross receipts act is not such as to raise an intention to repeal the daily license tax on the business of operating a race course. It was a general tax affecting not only every business but every person in the state."

To hold that the sales tax act repealed the daily license law, Commissioner Stanley continued, "would require a similar construction in relation to every other license tax therefore imposed on every other business or operation. Such disastrous effect was manifestly not contemplated by the legislature."

The appellate court said the contention of the state tax commission that the race tracks must pay the three per cent sales tax on all parimutuel receipts was erroneous, and that it was "manifest that the proprietor operating" the betting system "is but a stake holder of the money wagered to the extent that it is paid to the winners."

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