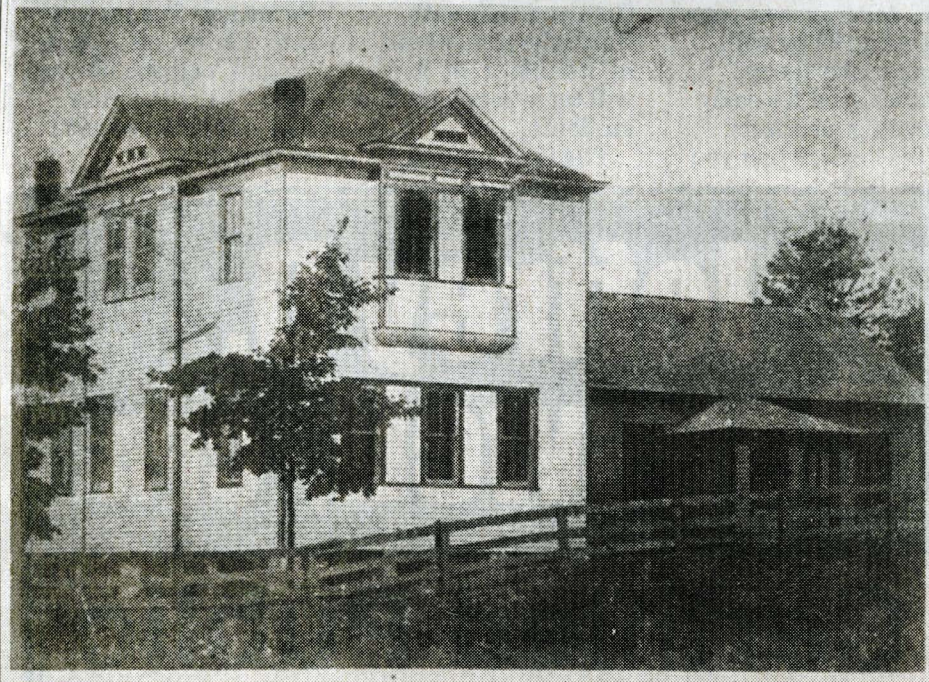




Looking back

From the collection of Dr. Jack D. Ellis. Oxen team and steam engine on Railroad Street (now First Street), late 1880s. People's Hotel, tall building on the left.



Looking back

(From the files of local author and historian Dr. Jack D. Ellis.) The Morehead Normal School, which became Morehead State University, celebrates their 125th anniversary this year. It all began in this first building, built for the Morehead Normal School. It was called “Hodson Hall.” When it was first built it was used for classrooms and a women’s dormitory. Later it was used only as a women’s dormitory. This writer’s mother was a student in the Normal School summer term in 1927, and she kept the writer (6 months old) with her that summer. An aunt babysat the writer while she went to class.

Looking back

Looking back at Morehead and Rowan County's rich history. From the files of local historian and author Dr. Jack D. Ellis. In 1949, when

Morehead was the only city in Kentucky where the "Train of Tomorrow" stopped and picked up passengers.



Newspaper dated Thursday, March 31, 1949

RIDING IN STYLE—These are the Moreheadians that were guests of the General Motors Company on its "Train of Tomorrow." They and three bus loads of newspapermen, state officials and Lexington businessmen boarded the dream train at Morehead Friday afternoon and rode to Lexington. Morehead was the only place in Kentucky that the train picked up passengers. The above photo was taken at the rear of the almost all-glass observation car by Charlie Fentress, Lexington Herald photographer. Reading from the left: County Attorney Elijah M. Hogge; Postmaster Claude L. Clayton; County Superintendent Ted Crosthwait; William Jesse Baird, Morehead College president; Dr. Baird's son, David H. Baird, who is an official of the production control department of General Motors at Bristol, Conn.; Mayor William H. Layne; Morehead Lumber Company President Walter Swift; and Board of Trade President W.E. Crutcher, who also represented the Rowan County News.



Looking back: 125 years and counting

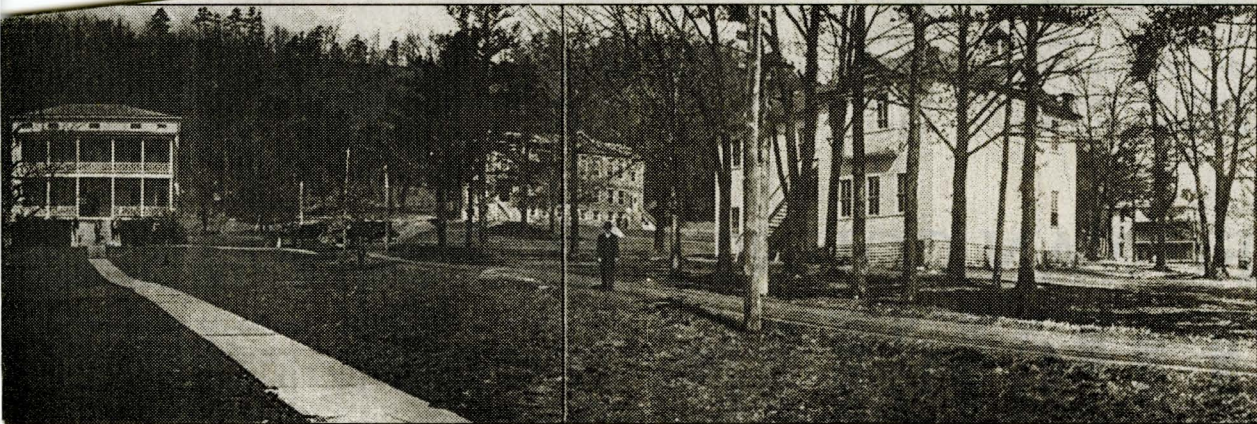
From the files of local historian Dr. Jack D. Ellis. First student enrolled in the Morehead Normal School, 1887.

Original caption: George Johnson, Ashland, was the first student of the old Morehead Normal School, enrolling in 1887. He is the father of Ellis Johnson, Morehead State College basketball and baseball coach. In this picture Mr. Johnson is shown holding the American flag in ceremonies at the annual MNS meeting on the Morehead campus.



Looking back

From the files of Dr. Jack D. Ellis. The first commuters at the Morehead Normal School, 1892, Alice A. Williams and Warren M. Woodrum.



Looking back

(From the files of local historian Dr. Jack D. Ellis) In 1910 Brother Button, MNS President, stands alone on the Morehead Normal School campus. These buildings stand on 50 acres purchased by the Christian Missionary Society in 1898 from Col. Warren Alderson, Jack Ellis' great-great-grandfather for \$225. From left, Withers Hall (boys' dormitory), Burgess Hall (library, bookstore and president's home), Hargis Hall (classroom building), and Hodson Hall (girls' dormitory). The deed for these 50 acres is on file in Mortgage Book No. 1 in the Rowan County Courthouse. The mortgage was never released.



Looking back

From the files of Dr. Jack Ellis, local historian. The Morehead Normal School faculty, 1922. From left, Miss Leslie, Helen Fulbright, Inez F. Humphrey, "Ma" Hart, Caroline Whitenan, Bernice Miller, Warren C. Lappin, Cora Lappin, and Warren D. Lappin.



Morehead Normal School Alumni Association in 1942 donated an old pump first used by students in 1887. It was the only source of water (except borrowing from neighbors' wells). MSU Archives



Looking back

From the files of Dr. Jack D. Ellis, local historian. Earliest known photo of the city of Morehead, taken in 1889. Looking north across Triplet Creek from the top of the hill one can see Railroad Street and Main Street, old wooden courthouse, Christian Church, Baptist Church, Morehead Normal School dormitory and classroom.



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Looking back

From the files of Dr. Jack Ellis, local author and historian. The first football team fielded by the new Morehead State Normal School, 1925. The “kid” holding the ball in the front row is well-known Republican, farmer and druggist “Bob” Bishop.



Looking back

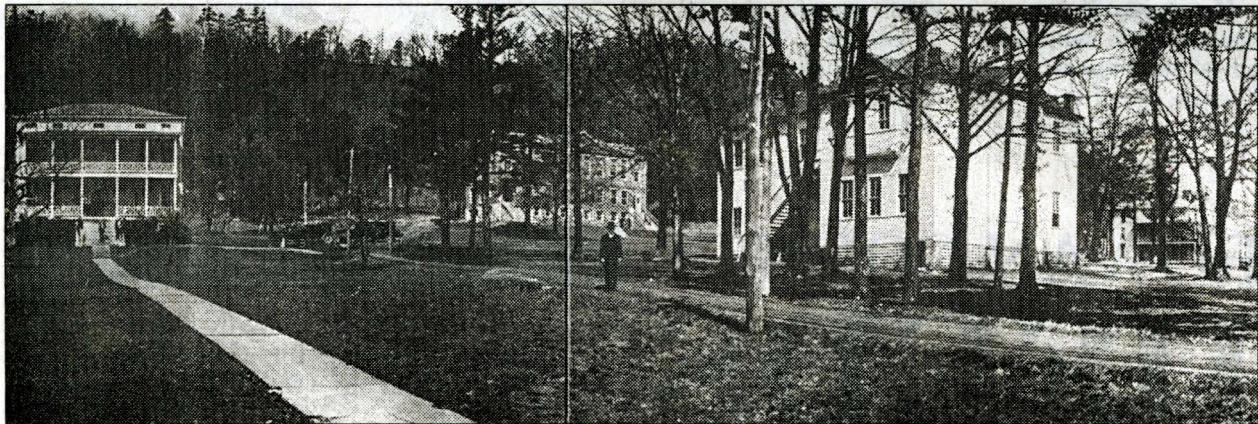
From the collection of Dr. Jack D. Ellis, author and historian

The Morehead Company was established in 1947 and built a building on West Main Street. It was leased to the Cowden Manufacturing Company, who opened a sewing factory in 1948. By 1950 they employed 250 women. The company manufactured shirts and pants for such companies as J.C. Penney's, Sears and Montgomery Ward. At the height of production, they produced one garment every 11 seconds. Among those identified are: Elsie Maddox, Christine Boyd, Julia Dehart, Golda Burchett, and Ada Botts.



Looking back

From the files of Dr. Jack D. Ellis, local author and historian. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was in West Liberty in 1934 to dedicate the new West Liberty High School. The building was constructed with all native stone under the WPA (Works Progress Administration), one of President Roosevelt's alphabet agencies. With Mrs. Roosevelt is Ova Haney, Morgan County school superintendent.



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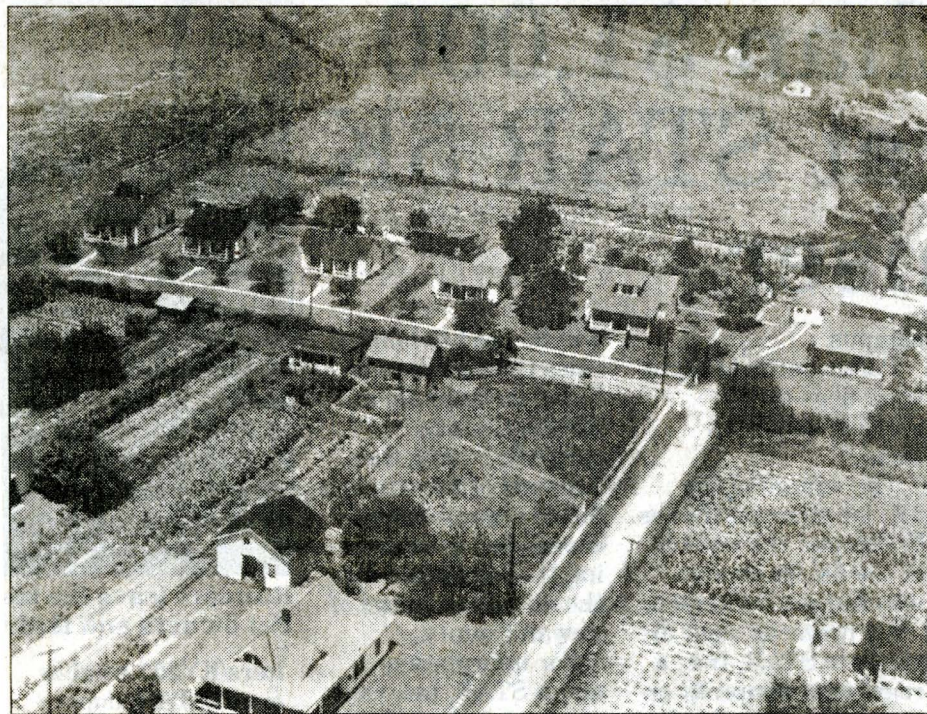


Looking back

(From the files of Dr. Jack Ellis, local author and historian) Morehead has always had an outstanding music department. The first dance band in school history was organized in 1930. It was called "The King's Jesters." It was popular throughout Kentucky. The band included Leola Caudill, vocalist; Prof. George Young, piano; Oscar Palmer, bass; Paul Johnson, guitar; Jack Lewis, drums; Joseph Marshall, 1st trumpet; Roger Caudill, 2nd trumpet; Paul Young, trombone; Thomas Paul, 1st saxophone (alto); Prof. Earl Senff, 2nd saxophone (tenor); Harold Blair, 3rd saxophone (alto); and Richard Wilson, 4th saxophone (baritone).

Looking back

From the files of Dr. Jack Ellis, local author and historian. 1940 aerial view of the present site of St. Claire Regional Medical Center, Morehead Clinic, and McDonald's. Allen Drive is at the rear of the row of houses. Knapp Avenue is in the far rear of the photo in front of the small white house. The houses belonged to Mr. Barbour; this was called Barbour Court. The land at the rear belonged to Jack Cecil.





K.I.A.C. CHAMPS—These Morehead College baseballers won the first K.I.A.C. baseball title in the school's history. Left to right, they are: Front row—Don Cuzzort, 3d; L. Kinney, 1st; R. Cunningham, p; M. Perpish, c; J. Ellis, ss; M. Wells, c; C. Chattin, ss; J. Wing, 3d. Back row—Coach Stanley Radjunas; W. Prokopovich, p; Ed Stumbo, 2b-p; R. Scroggin, cf; G. Kinney, p; M. Lyons, c; J. Danner, p; J. Purkhiser, manager. Jack Carson was absent when picture was taken.

Morehead Eagles Capture First Kentucky Conference Baseball Title

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Morehead, Ky., June 4.—Proving that the old saying—"The best defense is a good offense," Morehead's Eagles rolled past all opposition at least once during the baseball season just ended to win its first Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship.

In winning seven games and losing only one in conference play, the Morehead nine compiled a batting average of .303. Topping the list of hitters was leftfielder Manuel Lyons who hit a healthy .390. Following Lyons were Dick Scroggin, centerfielder and Jerry

Wing, third baseman-pitcher, with .380 and .342, respectively.

In the pitching department, Jimmie Danner led Coach Stanley Radjunas' Blue and Gold crew with three wins against no losses in conference competition. Bob Cunningham won two games with a single loss while Ed Stumbo and Gordon Kinney had 1-0 records.

In all games played, Morehead won 10 and dropped four.

Probably the most spectacular feat of the Morehead season was the scoring of 10 runs with two out in the ninth to down Union 16-12 May 26.

The largest feather and most colorful in the Eagles' cap came from their 8-6 win over their ancient rivals, the Maroons of Eastern.

Looking back

From the files of Dr. Jack D. Ellis, local author and historian. 1948 was the last year Morehead College was in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC). In 1949 Morehead State College became a charter member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

A COLUMNIE RUN IN THE MORNING HOURS LOOKING BACK

FROM THE FILES OF LOCAL HISTORIAN DR. JACK D. LEIST

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