

# Morehead Normal Grads Renew Request For Naming Building After Their Beloved Dr. Frank C. Button

## Leo Oppenheimer Named President At Sunday Meet

Alumni and former students of the old Morehead Normal School renewed their efforts Sunday to perpetuate the memory of their beloved president and leader, the late Dr. Frank C. Button, by having a building on the beautiful campus named after him.

By resolution and by conversation the white-haired men and women who attended school at Morehead Normal from 1877 to 1922, indicated they would consider this the highest tribute to the man that taught them from text-books and who instilled the guidance of God in his every action.

It's no secret that they would like for the new Fine Arts Build-

ing, now under construction, to be named the Dr. Frank C. Button Memorial. Efforts to name the Science Building or Men's Hall for Dr. Button failed in the late 30's because these magnificent structures are partly financed through a Federal loan. The Federal government's loan contract prohibits this.

### Recall Pump Site

The campus on which the 82 Normal School grads gathered Sunday is a far-cry from the scene of Burgess Hall and frame structures they used from 65 to 30 years ago when their drinking water came from a central pump and winter heat was coal stoves. The Morehead College campus is now considered one of the south's most beautiful and its buildings equal to that of any university in the land.

Many of the visitors pointed out the spot where the old water pump used to be; others remem-

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## 'Will You Print Our Song?', Grads Request

Their voices weren't as strong and their hair was thinner but the 82 graduates of the Morehead Normal sang their school song with gusto aplenty at Sunday's luncheon. Perhaps a tear could be seen to drop from eyes as they recalled their boyhood and girlhood days on the campus of the church school that Dr. Button built.

A group called on the editor of the Rowan County News with two requests: (1) help us work to get a building named after Dr. Button because "we know you can get that done"; and (2) won't you print our song in your paper.

The first request is up to the

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Dr. Charles R. Spain . . . 'we're making progress'

## Many Towns And States Represented

Those from Morehead attending the Morehead Normal School meeting Sunday included: Ruth Anglin Lappin, Mayme Wiley, Cora Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Oppenheimer, Deward Evans, Lester Blair, Herb Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crutcher, Ida Bradley Davis, Ma Kesler, Ethel Patton, C. P. Caudill, Ella Tolliver Caudill, Mrs. Ruby Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Spain, Anna Carter, Ora W. Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havens, J. H. Powers, Mrs. H. L. Wilson, Mrs. Lyda C. Hogge, Inez Faith Humphrey, Beulah N. Williams, Elizabeth Nickell, Mrs. Charles Bishop and

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John Wesley Hatcher, Berea, who served as president of the Morehead Normal School from 1908 until 1919.

#### Several States Represented

The address of welcome at the banquet was delivered by Azel Bryant, Huntington, while Mrs. Ethel Ellington, Ashland, gave the devotional. The entire meeting was conducted in an informal manner.

Not as many states were represented this year as in the past, but a check of the register showed Sunday's group came from Indiana, Illinois and Washington, D. C.

In his address Dr. Spain said Morehead State College had made marked progress and its greatest needs are a new gymnasium and student union building. Both have been applied for to the Kentucky Building Commission.

The meeting was slow in breaking up as the group continued to exchange pleasantries and memories. Many copied down addresses of classmates whom they hadn't seen in years.

Miss Carter expressed the opinion that next year's Morehead Normal meeting would be the largest in history and indicated efforts will be made to locate hundreds whose present address is unknown.

## Will You --

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Board of Regents, but this newspaper has editorially discussed in several issues that Dr. Button's great work should be commemorated.

Here is their song, to the tune of the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic':

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This school has seen the glory of  
the coming of the day,  
When we'll go forth with di-  
plomas, each to tread his  
chosen way.

And with clear and joyful voices  
we will sing our merry lay,  
Hurrah for M. N. S.!

Chorus:  
Morehead Normal, how we love  
her!

M. N. S., there's none above her!  
Morehead Normal, yes we love  
her!

Our dear old M. N. S.

On the days that lie behind us  
we can backward look with  
joy,

There were pleasures mingled  
with them, duty never could  
alloy,

Happy days at Morehead Normal,  
which we did all enjoy,  
Hurrah for M. N. S.!

Chorus:

On the years that lie before us,  
we must look with graver  
thought,

Lest the learning we've obtained  
here with hard study come to  
naught.

Let us plan then for the future,  
how our duties may be  
wrought

Hurrah for M. N. S.!

Chorus:

Praise and honor let us give to  
this dear school we love the  
best,

With the knowledge that we gain  
here, we can surely stand the  
test,

Praise our earnest, worthy teach-  
ers, may they all by Him be  
blest,

Hurrah for M. N. S.!

Chorus:

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bered vividly the location of each building.

But, the main topic of conversation was about Dr. Button, the mild-mannered little man who came to the village of Morehead with his mother to establish the normal school in a two-room frame building, and who interspersed religion and right-living with his every thought.



