

Monday Afternoon, July 27, 1953

# Memorial Honors Founder Of Old Morehead Normal

MOREHEAD, Ky., July 27 (LNS)—The Morehead State College board of regents last week named the college auditorium in honor of Dr. Frank C. Button and in honoring Dr. Button also honored the former students of the old Morehead Normal School, which preceded the present college.

Two weeks ago these "students" got together on the college campus as they do every year and passed a resolution urging that one of the Morehead buildings be named in honor of Dr. Button, their old president, who steered at the helm of the Normal School from the time it was founded in 1887 until 1903. He came back as president of the state college from 1923 until 1929.

Dr. Button and his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Button, came to Morehead from Midway where Mrs. Button had taught at the Female Orphan School. In those days Morehead was known as a town where murder was an every day affair and feuds were so bitter—and liquored—it is said that blood poured down the streets many, many times, especially on Sunday. There were no churches at that time.

So the Buttons, mother and son, started a little shack-like school, under Christian sponsorship, down where the big white courthouse now stands. They dedicated them-

selves and their school to the education of Christian schoolteachers and in two years had made such headway they were able to move to the hillside site of the present college.

Over the years a number of Tudor type buildings have sprung up on this hill to house the ever-changing students. The last structure built by Dr. Button is now the Button Memorial auditorium.