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Western Kentucky University UA3 President's Office Series 3 Kelly Thompson Subseries 2 Speech File

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Biographical/Historical Note: The president's office was created in 1906. Assistant to the President Edwin Kelly Thompson became acting president during Paul Garrett's last illness. Upon Garrett's death February 28, 1955 the Board of Regents approved Thompson to continue as acting president until a replacement could be found. He was elected president on October 17, 1955 a position he held until his retirement in 1969.

Kelly Thompson was born in Lebanon, Kentucky on January 28, 1909. He came to Western in the fall of 1928 on a football scholarship and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. Thompson spent his early career at WKU as college representative and publicity director. During World War II he served in the Navy, after which he returned to campus to work as an assistant to E.A. Diddle and President Paul Garrett. [Harrison, pp. 139-143]

During his tenure as president, Thompson oversaw a steady increase in student population which resulted in the construction of new buildings and WKU gained university status in 1966. He stepped down in 1969 and later went on to serve as president of the College Heights Foundation. Thompson died August 14, 1993.

Description: Speeches written and delivered by Kelly Thompson at various events.

Dates: 1955-1969

Subject Analytics:

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Education
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Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce

Bowling Green Industries

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Eastern Kentucky University

Eisenhower Elementary School, West Palm Beach, FL

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Flag Day

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Hearing, Believing, Doing and Being

Helm, Harold

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