

CONCORD COLLEGE
Athens, West Virginia
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CITATION

DAVID KELL ALLEN
Doctor of Humane Letters

DAVID KELL ALLEN, born seventy years ago on a farm in Ohio, you have served your fellow-men well as a minister and a teacher. Following Army duty as a "sniper" in Europe during World War I, you returned home to graduate from the College of Wooster. Called to the ministry, you received your degree in theology from Western Theological Seminary, and then traveled to Scotland -- the Mecca of all good Presbyterians, if we may mix our Faiths -- where you earned your Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Edinburgh. After serving several churches in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, you went to Davis and Elkins College in 1953, and the following year became its President. The decade of your presidency was one of distinguished achievement: the college was transformed in both its physical aspects and in the quality of its instruction. Besides buildings, you had donated to your college the entire town of Norton, including one hundred thirteen houses -- one of the truly unique gifts in the history of all higher education! But your significant monument is a college now known for a strong curriculum emphasizing the best in liberal education. A man who has lived a life of service to his fellow-men deserves our honor, and Concord College is pleased to confer upon you her degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, and of the College the ninety-fifth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President