

DULUTH--Former Provost John E. King will speak on "The Next 50 Years" at UMD summer commencement exercises at 8:00 p.m. August 17 in the Physical Education building.

Dr. King is president of Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas. He served as academic dean and associate professor of education at UMD from 1947-'50. King was provost from 1950 to 1953 and was instrumental in the early planning of the new UMD campus.

King received his B.A. degree at North Texas State College in 1932, his M.A. degree at the University of Arkansas in 1937, and his Ph.D. degree at Cornell University in 1941.

King was a teacher and coach at Frisco, Texas high school from 1933 to 1935; from 1935-'37 he was educational adviser for a Civilian Conservation camp in Arkansas, where he taught illiterates to read by using silent films with subtitles.

From 1937-'40, he served as principal at Dwight Indian School at Vian, Oklahoma. He was superintendent of the Tucson, Arizona Indian School from 1941 through 1943.

During World War Two, King served as deck officer aboard the USS Hyde and was released from active duty in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant. He presently is commanding officer of a Naval Reserve electronics training division in Emporia, holding the rank of commander.

King was honored in 1954 by the Topeka Daily Capital as the outstanding Kansan in the field of education. During his eight years at Kansas State Teachers College, enrollment of full time students has more than tripled.