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EDUCATION LEADERS, CHURCHMAN TO

RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES FROM WLU

Three leaders in Canadian education and one of North America's leading churchmen will be awarded honorary degrees at Waterloo Lutheran University's fall convocation on October 19, it was announced today by Dr. William J. Villaume, WLU president and vice-chancellor.

The university's new mace will also be dedicated and used for the first time at the ceremony, timed to begin at 3 p.m. A total of 62 degrees will be conferred by Waterloo University College, the arts faculty of WLU, and by Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Convocation address will be given by Ontario Minister of Education, Hon. William G. Davis, who will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Also receiving honorary Doctor of Laws degrees will be Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America, chairman of the central committee of the World Council of Churches, and former president of the Lutheran World Federation; and Dr. Albert W. Trueman, director of the Canada Council since its inception in 1957 and former president of the University of Manitoba and the University of New Brunswick.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Letters will be conferred upon Professor A.S.P. Woodhouse, head of the department of English, University College, University of Toronto, and head of the School of Graduate Studies, U. of T.

Mr. Davis, at 34, is one of the youngest ministers of education in the history of Ontario, and was the youngest MPP when elected to the legislature in 1959. A graduate of the University of Toronto and Osgoode Law School, he was called to the bar in 1953 and joined his father's Brampton law firm as a partner. As minister of education he is charged with the task of implementing the Robarts government's new education policy.

Rev. Dr. Fry was elected first president of the 3,200,000-member Lutheran Church in America at its formation in June 1962, after having served since 1944 as president of the United Lutheran Church in America. From 1957 until last August he was president of the Lutheran World Federation, spiritual leader of 50 million of the world's 70 million Lutherans. He has received awards from the German Federal Government and the Austrian Government, honorary citizenship of Korea, and holds 20 honorary degrees from Canadian, American and German universities.

Dr. Trueman, after education at Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, and Oxford University, England, became head of the English department at Mount Allison in 1937. From 1942-54 he was superintendent of schools, Saint John, N.B. In 1945 he became president of the University of Manitoba, and from 1948-53 he was president of the University of New Brunswick. He was Government Film Commissioner and chairman of the National Film Board from 1953-57, when he took up his present position upon the formation of the Canada Council. Dr. Trueman was recently guest speaker at the opening of the new arts wing at Waterloo Lutheran University.

Professor Woodhouse is a distinguished man of letters. After graduation from the University of Toronto, he pursued graduate studies at that university and at Harvard University. He was assistant professor of English at the University of Manitoba from 1923-29, and since then has been associated with the department of English at the

University of Toronto. He has been head of the department since 1945, and since 1948 has been head of the department in the School of Graduate Studies, U. of T. Professor Woodhouse has been a special lecturer at many universities in Canada, U.S.A. and England, and has published numerous writings on Spenser, Milton, Puritanism, the Humanities and Romanticism.