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UNIVERSITY NOTIFIED OF RURAL SCHOOL PLAN

President Frank L. McVey, University of Kentucky, has been advised that Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, president of the National Education Association, has proposed a program for better rural schools and is asking Federal aid to the extent of \$140,000,000.

The program is to be carried out, according to Mrs. Bradford's plan, in 10 years. One-tenth of the proposed money is to be spent each year, the Government to co-operate with the State and county. Mrs. Bradford speaks of this as a program of rebuilding rural life in America by war modified education.

Mrs. Bradford's program would have the Federal Government spend as much as the State Government to improve rural schools.

It provides that it shall not go into effect until June, 1921, proposing that in the intervening three years the United States Bureau of Education wage a campaign to educate the country to the need of better rural schools. It proposes that Congress appropriate to the Bureau two hundred thousand dollars to carry on this propaganda work. The general scheme is to reduce the number of rural schools in the country by consolidation and to provide each rural school room with a professionally trained teacher. It also proposes trained rural nurses to look after the health and sanitation of their communities, also the establishing of libraries in rural communities with aid of Federal funds. Mrs. Bradford suggests that the Government give \$5,000 to each county which pledges \$20,000 for the erection of a library.

It is planned to consolidate rural schools each year until the present two hundred and ten thousand are reduced to seventy-nine thousand. This consolidation would mean the saving of money to spend on school equipment and teachers' salaries. The minimum salary proposed for teachers is from \$700 to \$900 a year. The annual salary of the average rural school teacher at present is \$250.

The program proposes a course in rural education in every State University, Agricultural College and Normal School. It proposes a Federal Commissioner of Education to designate certain such institutions each year for such a course, increasing the number each year. Those approved by him must annually turn out not less than 100 trained rural teachers who pledge themselves to teach in rural schools for at least three years. These teachers if they remained through a nine-months' term in the schools to which they were assigned would receive \$150 a year from Federal Government, \$150 from State and \$600 from county and local school board. To increase the number of available teachers the plan provides that High Schools, County Agricultural Colleges and Normal Schools in rural districts may establish a year's course in rural education with Government recognition for their graduates provided each annually turns out 50 graduates pledged to teach in rural schools.

SEED CORN SITUATION IS ALARMING FOR KENTUCKY

The seed corn situation in Kentucky is considered so serious by the College of Agriculture and Extension Division of the University of Kentucky, that the regular bulletin published by the Extension Division, devotes its entire space to the subject, together with the proclamation issued last week by Governor Stanley. The fact that the scarcity of seed corn seriously threatens the food supply is set forth on the first page in black face type.

Newspapers of the state are urgently requested to call to the attention of farmers and seed men generally the necessity of exhaustive tests before planting.

The College of Agriculture will co-operate with those desiring information on how to make these tests.

R. O. T. C. MEN HELD NOT EXEMPT FROM WAR DRAFT

Captain H. N. Royden, commandant University of Kentucky, has received official notice from the War Department that men enrolled in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps are not exempt from draft thru the local boards. This question has puzzled the local board and recruiting officers since the corps has been formed.

Captain Royden says that it is advisable that every man who is subject to immediate call by his local draft board should give his name to the commandant, and if he is found better fitted for some special duty, he will probably be exempt during a period of training here.

"In view of the fact that members of these units are not obligated to accept commissions in the reserve corps upon completion of the prescribed course," the memorandum said, "they cannot be held to be enlisted in the service and are consequently not entitled to exemption or deferred classification."

This has been demonstrated in the case of Walter Piper, of Lexington, a junior in the College of Arts and Science, who was drafted and summoned to appear for examination before the local board. Being a member of the Signal Corps of the University, which is a branch of government service, training men for special work, he was exempt from immediate service and ordered to finish his semester's work. He now is a regular soldier of the United States, drawing full pay and also a reserve soldier in special training in the University.

PROMINENT STUDENTS HONORED BY Y. W. C. A.

The annual election of officers of the Y. W. C. A., University of Kentucky, was held Sunday evening at Patterson Hall. Miss Leah Gault, president, conducted the meeting until the unanimous election of the new president, Miss Mildred Graham, Louisville.

The following were elected to the other offices: Miss Ruth Duckwall, Louisville, vice-president; Miss Austin Lilly, Richmond, secretary; Miss Elizabeth McGowan, Bagdad, treasurer, and Miss Louise Will, Louisville, annual member. As annual member, Miss Will will have charge of the unification of the three associations of Transylvania, Georgetown and Kentucky.

Last year's officers were: Leah Gault, president; Mildred Graham, vice-president; Ruth Duckwall, secretary; Frieda Lemon, Providence, treasurer.

Miss Graham has chosen the following members of her cabinet: Program, Mildred Collins, N. Middletown; social service, Mary Beal; social, Eliza Piggott, Irvington.

LEWIS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW POWDER PROCESS

A. T. Lewis, class of 1906, College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, University of Kentucky, a member of the firm of Lewis, Robinson & Gant, of Philadelphia, contracting engineers for the Buffalo Forge Company of that city, through the Carrier Air Conditioning Company, is the engineer identified with several large smokeless powder plants being built by the Du Pont Powder Company in various parts of the country.

Mr. Lewis is responsible for important changes made in the process of manufacturing smokeless powder, reducing the time of seasoning from five months to forty-eight hours.

STEWART CALLED TO SERVICE.

Brady M. Stewart, of Kevil, a student of the College of Arts and Science, University of Kentucky, who volunteered twice for service in the United States army was called in the last draft and is now a member of Company 12, 3d Battalion, 159 Depot Brigade, Camp Zachary Taylor.

RESERVE CORPS MEN TO GET THEIR FIRST PAY

Captain H. N. Royden, Commandant University of Kentucky, has just received from the War Department thru the Department Quartermaster, Central Department, Chicago, Illinois, the following information:

"With reference to your estimate of funds dated February 20, 1918, request has this day been made upon the Treasury to have \$5,599.40 appropriated as indicated herewith deposited to your official credit with the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C."

This means that after the Treasurer of the United States announces the credit the forty-five officers of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps will receive their first three months' pay and that the clothing company that supplied uniforms for the battalion will receive pay for them. Of the total amount, \$4,508 is required to pay for the 322 uniforms and the balance, \$1,091.40 is for commutation subsistence.

The officers of the Quartermaster Department are making out the checks for the officers and immediately upon receipt of the credit balance will issue the checks. Captain Royden said immediately thereafter they will prepare the second payroll of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps to be submitted to the Treasury Department not later than March 31.

FULL LENGTH PORTRAIT OF DIRECTOR RECEIVED

A full length portrait of the late Joseph Dicker, Superintendent of Shops, University of Kentucky, has been received and placed in Mechanical Hall, for criticism by friends who knew him intimately. The portrait was painted by Ferdinand Graham Walker, of Louisville, and is the gift of the alumni of the University.

Formal ceremony presenting this portrait to the University will be held some time during the Commencement week in June. The portrait is regarded by those who knew Mr. Dicker best, as a remarkable likeness.

KELLY BACK TO RESUME HISTORY MAJOR STUDIES

E. E. Kelly, of Whitesville, who received an appointment to Annapolis Naval School last fall, on being ineligible for examination, has returned to the University to major in history in the College of Arts and Science. His brother, Arthur M. Kelly, a first honor student of last June, from the University, is in the cavalry branch of the United States Army at Fort Leavenworth.

LEADING SPEAKERS WILL ADDRESS THE STUDENTS

C. H. Hurrey, Y. M. C. A. secretary for foreign students in American colleges, will address the students of the University of Kentucky at chapel Tuesday, March 19, and will visit all other educational institutions in this State during the month.

Dr. R. A. Bennett, secretary of vocational guidance and ministerial supply for the Young Men's Christian Association, will be in Lexington Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 24-26, and will meet the students of the University.

He will hold conferences with the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. Sunday and Tuesday he will address the student body in chapel.

BOLLING IN FOOD CONSERVATION.

Mr. J. E. Bolling, graduate of the class of 1915, College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, University of Kentucky, is Chief Engineer for the Drying Systems, Inc., of Chicago, and is at present erecting a ten thousand pound per day plant for the Chicago market. This process is one of the most important in the present plan of food conservation.

SLADE TAKES TRAINING FOR SERVICE IN AIR

Prentice Slade, formerly an Arts and Science student in the University of Kentucky, majoring in Journalism, but now a volunteer student in naval aviation, in on a visit to his home in Lexington and expects to leave March 18 to report for further study at Massachusetts school of Technology.

Since enlisting, Mr. Slade has been at Newport, Rhode Island, in the Naval Reserve Training Camp. While there he handled sports and made cartoons for the Reservist, which has a circulation of 2,000 copies, is published by young University men and is the only publication of its kind in the service.

Mr. Slade wrote for the Brooklyn Eagle and for the Providence Daily Journal, while in camp. He was detached from active service January 5 and then went to Dayton, Ohio, to work in an aeroplane factory. While there he took advantage of several opportunities to enjoy flying as a civilian passenger. He goes to Massachusetts to study ground work in naval aviation and 10 weeks later will go to some aviation school for finals before receiving his commission to go to France.

OLD UNIVERSITY MAN IS CHASING SUBMARINES

Lieutenant John I. Bryan, 1895, famous in his day as a half-back on the University of Kentucky football team, is "somewhere chasing submarines." A letter recently received by the University gives some interesting accounts of the effective processes employed in this fascinating pastime.

Lieutenant Bryan graduated from the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering in the class of 1895 and immediately afterward took the examination for U. S. Revenue Cutter Service—standing fifth for the appointment of ten vacancies from twenty-five contestants.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

On account of the very large demand for artisans and men trained in engineering pursuits, President F. L. McVey, University of Kentucky, has appointed an Engineering Employment Committee, consisting of Professor D. V. Terrell, A. L. Wilhoite and T. J. Barr. All students or graduates, looking for either summer employment or permanent location, should apply to this Committee as it already has on file a large number of requests for men.

WAR COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT

President Frank L. McVey, University of Kentucky, has appointed a University War Committee composed of Dr. J. W. Pryor, chairman, Captain H. N. Royden, Dean F. Paul Anderson, Prof. George Roberts, Prof. Mary E. Sweeney, Prof. E. L. Gillis and Wellington Patrick. The student representatives on the committee are D. Ellis, Emmanice; Tilford L. Wilson, Lexington; Miss Frieda Leman, Providence, and Miss Louise Mayer, Louisville. The duty of the committee is to consider the work of the University in war measures.

ARNOLD H. WEBB MADE PRINCIPAL OF SCHOOLS

Arnold H. Webb, of West Liberty, a student of the College of Arts and Science, University of Kentucky, completed his work as a major in History and has accepted the position of principal of the schools at Forks of Elkhorn, he has also been appointed pastor of the Hillsboro Baptist Church. Roy C. Scott, who was Mr. Webb's predecessor as principal of Forks of Elkhorn schools, was also a history major at the University and was graduated in 1917. He resigned to join Hospital Unit No. 40, now at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

WELFARE WORK AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN NEEDED

The University of Kentucky has been advised that welfare work with school children during wartime was discussed in the National Education Association Conference held in Atlantic City. Several educators of national importance are demanding that physical training have equal place in educational system with the three "R's." The large percentage of rejections of drafted men for physical defects and the reason the city man has made a better showing than his rural brother, were discussed by Doctor Sargent and Dr. Thomas D. Wood, Professor of Physical Education at Columbia University. Dr. Dudley Sargent of Harvard University said:

"Any one who has read Provost Marshal General Crowder's recent report, and noted that from twenty-five to seventy-five per cent. of our young men were exempted from military service on account of physical disabilities and preventable diseases, cannot help having some misgiving as to the future of our country. If the object of education is to prepare us for life, and I think I may say in all seriousness for the 'battle of life,' what a grave commentary upon our methods of preparation and our habits of working and living is this large percentage of physically incapacitated men.

"More than fifty per cent. of our young men have been rejected as unfit for military service while the country is spending millions and millions at the training camps in trying to get those who have been accepted in fit condition to perform the duties of a soldier."

WAR DIMINISHES NUMBER OF GRADUATES FOR 1918

Ninety-two students are candidates for graduation with the class of 1918, University of Kentucky, divided as follows: Arts and Science, 30; Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, 20; Agriculture, 18; Law, 12; Home Economics, 6; Civil Engineers, 3; Mining, 2. The graduating class has become smaller each year since the beginning of the war and the 1918 class is the smallest of the four. In 1915 there were 154 graduates; in 1916 there were 147; in 1917 there were 136. While there are 92 candidates for graduation this year, some may leave the institution before June, but many of these will have made sufficient standing to receive degrees.

UNIVERSITY MAN HONORED BY KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE

John Marsh, Maysville, class of 1917, former student in the Department of Journalism, University of Kentucky, and until recently correspondent from Frankfort for the Lexington Leader, left Friday for Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, as a member of Hospital Unit No. 40 under Major David Barrow. Before leaving, Mr. Marsh was honored by the Kentucky Legislature, whose lower house passed resolutions commending his patriotism and self-denial in surrendering his professional position to offer his service to his country.

HARRISON ENTERS SERVICE.

Clyde D. Harrison, of Lebanon, a student in the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, joined the Barrow hospital unit and left with the 200 volunteers last Friday for Camp Zachary Taylor. Harrison was a junior in the University and his leaving the institution will necessarily postpone his graduation.