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COUNTY HISTORIANS OF STATE TO RECORD KENTUCKY'S PART IN WAR.

Fred P. Caldwell, member of the Louisville Bar Association for eighteen years, author of several well known law books, has been appointed State Historian of the Kentucky Council of Defense. It will be his duty to gather and arrange all material relating to Kentucky's part in the present war.

To enable him to do this, it will be necessary to appoint a historian in each county, whose duty it will be to report to the State Historian facts relating to that county's part in the war.

Questionnaires will be sent to county historians periodically, calling for such facts as the State historian may need in his work. It is important, therefore, to select for this work a person who has aptitude for gathering statistics and who will give prompt attention to correspondence. The facts which will thus be gathered will supply material for the future history of Kentucky in the great war. It matters not how much a county may have done in the war, it will fail to receive credit unless it is careful to see that what it has done is accurately reported. Either a man or a woman may be named as county historian, but it is believed that in most counties, it will be easier to find a woman who is fitted for the work than it will be to find a man.

Mr. Caldwell should have as soon as possible the name of some man or woman in each county who is fitted for and willing to undertake this work. Address: Fred P. Caldwell, 1014 Inter-Southern Bldg., Louisville, Kentucky.

Data To Be Sought

Forty-one counties have already named prominent residents to take charge of this important work.

Kentucky is one of the first states in the union to recognize the value to future generations of filing accurate records in connection with the war. Mr. Caldwell is calling upon county historians as rapidly as they are appointed to compile complete rosters of all men entering the military and naval service from their counties, to keep an accurate record of the respective careers of these men and to set down in a prominent record reports of all civilian activities relating to the war in each county.

The State Historian has arranged for a uniform method of keeping these accounts and the general public is called upon to aid the county historian by supplying them with information coming in letters and telegrams from camps in America and in Europe.

At the close of the war the records will be deposited in the archives of the various counties and a synopsis of all county reports will be made as a permanent State record.

The list of county historians appointed up to October 8, follows:

Names of Appointees

Anderson—Miss Mary Dowling Bond, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

COUNCILS ASKED TO REPORT ARMY DELINQUENTS

The Adjutant General of the War Department has requested the Kentucky Council of Defense to assist in the detection of deserters and delinquents, including technical draft evaders, that is, delinquents who have failed to file questionnaires, appear for physical examination, or otherwise comply with the Selective Service law. The following program is suggested for various County Councils:

1. Instruct the members of your Council and Community Councils of Defense to undertake this work in such a way that each member will feel a personal responsibility in detecting deserters in every community.

2. Influence each Community Council to investigate the case of any strange man in uniform, whose presence is not fully accounted for. If he is on legitimate errand he will have with him evidence to establish this fact.

Barren—Mr. E. W. Elliott, Glasgow, Ky.

Fath—Miss Angie Young, Jackson, Owingsville, Ky.

Bourbon—Miss Fanniebell Sutherland, Paris, Ky.

Boyle—Dr. Fayette Dunlap, Danville, Ky.

Butler—Miss Cora Guffy, Morgantown, Ky.

Campbell—Mrs. Thomas P. Carothers, Newport, Ky.

Carlisle—Mr. R. T. Hocker, Arlington, Ky.

Crittenden—Miss Ethel Hard, Marion, Ky.

Daviess—Miss Alice Hite, 410 E. Third St., Owenboro, Ky.

Elbert—Miss Mary Vansant, Sandy Hook, Ky.

Fleming—Mrs. Clark Overton, Flemingsburg, Ky.

Franklin—Mr. Frank Johnson, Frankfort, Ky.

Graves—Miss Eugenia Parham, Mayville, Ky.

Hancock—Miss Cecil Jackson, Hawesville, Ky.

Hardin—Mr. J. R. Ashlock, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Jackson—Mr. Roy E. Rader, Bond, Ky.

Kenton—Mrs. Shelly D. Rouse, Covington, Ky.

Knox—Mrs. Edith Clark Heldrick, Barbourville, Ky.

Laurel—Miss Lillie M. Letten, London, Ky.

Lawrence—Mrs. Hannah Moore Lackey, Louisa, Ky.

Leslie—Mr. W. H. Lewis, Hyden, Ky.

Livingston—Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Smithland, Ky.

Madison—Mrs. John R. Pates, Richmond, Ky.

Marion—Prof. J. R. Sterrett, Lebanon, Ky.

McLean—Prof. D. B. Lutz, Calhoun, Ky.

Mercer—Mr. Henry C. Wood, Harrodsburg, Ky.

Monroe—Mr. Rowland G. Railey, Forkton, Ky.

Montgomery—Miss Mary Everett Turner, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Morgan—Mr. H. G. Cottle, West Liberty, Ky.

Nelson—Mr. Ludwell E. McKay, Bardston, Ky.

Ohio—Miss Lettie Marks, Hartford, Ky.

Oldham—Miss Mary C. Goldsborough, Lagrange, Ky.

Owen—Mr. C. L. Vallandingham, Owenton, Ky.

Robertson—Mrs. J. W. Zoler, Mt. Olivet, Ky.

Rowan—Mr. H. H. Yont, Morehead, Ky.

Shelby—Mr. T. F. Poynter, Shelbyville, Ky.

Simpson—Mrs. S. A. Whitesides, Franklin, Ky.

Union—Mrs. George A. Prentice, Morganfield, Ky.

Washington—Mr. George W. Colvin, Springfield, Ky.

Whitley—Miss Martha Mason, Williamsburg, Ky.

3. Suggest to your Council and Community Councils that they investigate the case of any unknown civilian of 18 to 45 years of age, and endeavor to find out whether he has his registration, or exemption card.

4. Keep in touch with your local draft boards in this matter. It is more than likely, however, that delinquents in any particular locality will come from other districts.

5. Question each man in uniform as to the length of his furlough, and if it is found that his furlough is about to expire, urge his immediate return to service. Desertion is frequently caused by men in the army overstaying their furloughs and being afraid to report for service. In cases of this kind, bring to their attention the necessity for immediate return, and aid them with their local boards in accomplishing this.

By order of the Kentucky Council of Defense, Edward W. Hines, Chairman, Pendleton Beckley, Executive Secretary.

NEW SCHOOL OPEN DEC. 1 FOR INFANTRY OFFICERS

The following communication is self explanatory:

"Chicago, Ills., Oct. 20, 1918. Professor of Military Science and Tactics, University of Ky. Lexington, Ky.

"Pursuant to War Department instructions, on December 1, there will be established at Camp Fremont, California, an Infantry Officers' Training School with a capacity of 20,000 students for the purpose of turning out second lieutenants of infantry. The duration of the course will be about two months with eligibility rules the same as those for Infantry General Officers' Training Schools except as modified.

"All draft registrants between 18 and 46 are eligible except registrants in class 1 who registered prior to September 12 and all registrants in deferred classifications on account of industrial occupation or employment including agriculture.

"The physical requirements are those for general military service. The quota for your state is 436. There is urgent necessity that this quota be supplied as far in advance of December 1 as possible. Give all available publicity to this matter.

"Applicants will submit to examining officers the usual application blank if practicable, if not practicable a letter setting forth their qualifications, also physical examination should be forthcoming. Report letters of recommendation. After examination of these and a personal interview, you will make the final selection and forward immediately to these headquarters, form 2,006. If a sufficient number of form 2,006 is not on hand, a letter or statement setting forth the required data will be sufficient.

"In addition to this quota, prepare a list of eligibles of approximately 10 per cent. of the quota as alternate. On form 2,006 request induction of men you have examined to these headquarters, provided their papers have not been transmitted to the Central Officers' Training Schools now in operation. Acknowledge receipt.

Rules for Examination

1. Dates: Every Monday and Thursday.
2. Formal application may be made after arrival in Lexington.
3. Three letters of recommendation are required.
4. No telephone calls will be answered.

H. N. Royden, Captain U. S. Army, Examining Officer.

PATRIOTIC CALL SENT OUT FOR COMMON LABORERS

The War Department advises that work at Camp Knox, Stillton, Ky., is seriously hampered at present by lack of common labor, and if the present forces at Camp Knox cannot be augmented materially within the next week or ten days, it is very doubtful whether the men in tents at Camp Taylor and West Point can be housed before cold weather sets in.

It is the State's patriotic duty to do all it can to see that soldiers are comfortably housed before winter comes, and County Councils of Defense are appealed to for help in this matter.

Laborers will be paid 35c per hour for a day of eight hours and 50% additional for overtime. Laborers generally are employed ten hours per day. Free transportation is furnished, meals cost 30c, and lodging is free.

Applicants should apply at the nearest U. S. Employment office. Such offices are now established in the following towns and cities in Kentucky:

Ashland, Bowling Green, Henderson, Louisville, Covington, Lexington, Middlesboro, Owensboro, Paducah.

Living conditions at Camp Knox have been greatly improved, and are now excellent. Sufficient barracks have been constructed to house all employees, these being the same barracks which will be occupied by soldiers when the camp is completed.

HOW PUBLIC CAN AID IN CHRISTMAS BUYING

County Councils of Defense are requested to carry forward an educational campaign in the various counties, with reference to Christmas buying. This campaign will involve two phases: (1) the general public; (2) the merchants.

(1) Work With the General Public. In presenting this matter to the general public you should bring home the following special points:

(a) Buy Useful Gifts. Plan your giving so that your gifts will be particularly useful to those who get them. Toys for children are specifically excepted.

(b) Buy Early. Let the public understand that merchants have agreed that they will not increase the number of their employees, nor increase the hours of labor, in view of the Christmas trade. Christmas shopping, therefore, must be spread out over the months of October and November. Late shopping will be considered unpatriotic.

(c) Send Early. Let the public understand that our transportation facilities are overburdened with essential war business. The sending of Christmas packages should not be delayed until December.

(d) Do Not Burden Local Services. Advise the public to carry home all purchases, if possible; never to expect special deliveries; and to avoid use of local mails and special messengers, by delivering gifts personally where possible. The merchants have expressly promised the Government to keep down delivery services in connection with Christmas trade.

(2) Work With The Merchants. See that each merchant in your county understands the fact that merchants have assumed a solemn obligation with regard to Christmas trade.

(a) That merchants will use a part of their advertising space, and will otherwise assist in educating the consuming public to buy useful articles, and to buy and send gifts early.

(b) That merchants will not increase their working forces by reason of the holiday business over the average force employed by them throughout the year, nor increase the working hours of their forces during the Christmas season.

(c) That merchants will comply fully with the deliveries program of the Commercial Economy Committee of the Kentucky Council of Defense.

The Council suggests that these matters be brought to the attention of the people of all counties through the press.

RIFLE RANGE ESTABLISHED AT VALLEY VIEW, KY.

A rifle range for the training of the students of army training corps at the University of Kentucky has been established at Valley View on the Kentucky River. About 100 men will be sent to the range every three days and they will be given thorough drill and practice in rifle shooting.

The range is in charge of Lieutenant Earl Stephens whose reputation as a rifleman has been appreciated in other camps. The men will go to the range in groups and will return after three days to the University to continue work there.

UNIVERSITY OPENING IS DEFERRED ONE WEEK

The University of Kentucky which was closed Thursday, October 11, with the announcement that class work would be resumed October 28, will not be opened until the following Wednesday, November 6. This step was decided upon by University authorities.

Furloughs to students of the army training corps will end with "taps," Sunday night, November 3.

DEFENSE COUNCIL ASKS EARLY CLOSING DATA

The Kentucky Council of Defense, as a means of conserving fuel and labor, is considering the issuance of an order closing all mercantile establishments at an early hour during the winter months.

The Commercial Economy Committee of the Kentucky Council of Defense and the United States Federal Fuel Administrator for Kentucky, have recommended that these steps be taken, and have shown that the saving in fuel will be very great.

It has been suggested that all mercantile establishments be requested to close their places of business at 5 p. m. While many merchants, for patriotic reasons, have agreed to this, they have shown that it is more or less necessary for them to remain open until a later hour on Saturdays, it being generally conceded by merchants of Louisville that nine o'clock Saturday would be a proper regulation. There have been many protests against application of the proposed order to small stores in factory districts.

Before adopting such an order, the Kentucky Council of Defense wishes to have the views of the various County Councils in Kentucky. To this end County Councils of Defense are urged to get in touch immediately with merchants of their counties, and advise the Kentucky Council of Defense as soon as possible of the effect the uniform closing hour would have on their business. Please answer the following question:

Are there any peculiar local conditions which would make five o'clock closing on all working days, except Saturdays, and nine o'clock closure on Saturdays, an undue hardship to your merchants? Responses should be forwarded to Edward W. Hines, Chairman, Kentucky Council of Defense, Pendleton Beckley, Executive Secretary.

OATH REQUIRED OF ALL COUNTY COUNCILMEN

To the County Councils of Defense:

Herewith we enclose a form of oath, which you will please have each member of your County Council and each officer of each of your Community Councils take before a notary public, or some other officer authorized to administer an oath.

By order of the Ky. Coun. of Def. Edw. W. Hines, Chm., Pendleton Beckley, Exec. Secy.

Text of Oath

I, _____ having been appointed _____ of the Council of Defense for _____ County, under the act of the Kentucky Legislature, approved March 15, 1918, creating the Kentucky Council of Defense, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kentucky against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter; so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 191_____.