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UNIVERSITY ENJOYS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

The American University Union in Europe, of which the University of Kentucky is a member, is rendering vital and increasingly large service to American college men in the European war and is cultivating friendly and helpful relations between the universities of America and those of the allied countries that are destined to result in better co-operation in international educational work not merely during the period of the war but afterward.

The University of Kentucky has just received notice of adoption of the following, regarding American casualties and prisoners of war, by the Executive Committee in Paris of the American University Union in Europe:

"Voted, to send to the Trustees of the Union for transmission to the various members of the Union the following form of statement:

"For supplying information and for answering inquiries from relatives and friends concerning American casualties and prisoners of war, the American Red Cross has established a Bureau of Home Communications (Hospital and Home Service). To relieve the demands on the cable and to secure, as far as possible, prompt, consistent and satisfactory service, answers to inquiries are sent through the Red Cross Office at Paris to their office at Washington and thence transmitted to the parties concerned. Acting in harmony with suggestions from the Red Cross, the American University Union in Europe transmits to the Red Cross Bureau such inquiries as it receives, together with the name and address of the inquirer, and replies are in turn sent by the Red Cross Bureau in Paris for transmission through their Washington office."

TELEGRAM DEFINES PLAN OF S. A. T. C. INDUCTION

President McVey, University of Kentucky, has received the following telegram from the Committee on Education and Special Training, affecting students entering the Selective Army Training Corps in the University this month, which explains itself:

Washington, D. C., August 22, 1918.

President Frank L. McVey, University of Kentucky, Dear Sir:

Students over eighteen years old will enter the S. A. T. C. after registration date under the amended selective service act by individual voluntary induction not enlistment. This change is made in view of the probable reduction of the draft age to eighteen and probable fixing of the registration date about September 10. This change in the draft age, involving the calling of men, eighteen to twenty-one, earlier than previously estimated, will require readjustment of the Military Training Plan and Academic Work Regulations and suggestions will be sent as soon as practicable. Except for changes necessitated by new legislation, the corps will be organized as already outlined. Uniforms, ordnance and other supplies will be issued by the committee direct. No requisition is needed and must not be sent.

Committee on Education and Special Training.

COLORED PEOPLE OF STATE ORGANIZED FOR WORK

At a conference of colored people of the State held at the Board of Trade building in Louisville on August 6th in connection with the work of the Kentucky Council of Defense more than sixty representative colored men from as many counties of Kentucky were present. These delegates had been appointed by Governor A. O. Stanley.

The conference lasted the entire day. Capt. Charles F. Huhlein, Chairman of the Committee on the Organization of Colored People for War Work, of the Kentucky Council of Defense, presided.

Addresses were made by Governor A. O. Stanley, Hon. Matt Cohen, Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. George E. Haynes, Director of Negro Economics, Department of Labor, and J. H. Garvin, Emergency District Agent.

The afternoon session was opened by an address by Mr. Edward W. Hines, Chairman of the Kentucky Council of Defense, outlining the purposes of that organization in reference to the organization of colored people.

Constitution Submitted.

The Committee on Constitution, appointed by the conference, and composed of C. H. Parrish, Chairman, E. B. Davis, Secretary, Phil H. Brown, J. H. Garnier and A. E. Meyzeek made its report, which is now in the hands of the committee on the organization of colored people for war work of the Kentucky Council of Defense.

At a patriotic meeting, arranged for the evening of August 6th by the Jefferson County Council of Defense at Phoenix Hill Park, approximately 3,000 representative negro citizens were present.

A communication from leading merchants in reference to Christmas buying was sent to the Retail Merchants' Association for information and guidance.

Suggests Dropping German Names.

A letter from the Jefferson County Council of Defense suggesting that German societies which retain German names be requested to change them to English equivalents, was considered by the Executive Committee. A bulletin carrying out this suggestion was sent to each of the County Councils so that the matter might be uniformly handled throughout the State. The suggestion of Mr. Hughes that publicity be given to the old names and the new names adopted by each community as an evidence of the patriotic position of the members of the various organizations was incorporated in the bulletin.

To Insure Red Cross Loyalty.

Application of the American Red Cross for aid from the Kentucky Council of Defense in furnishing reports on the loyalty of persons to be employed by the Red Cross, was considered by the Executive Committee. A list of all county chairmen was sent to Mr. R. C. Ballard Thruston, Manager American Red Cross for Kentucky, and a bulletin to the chairman of each County Council was issued from this office.

Close Garages to Save Labor.

At the request of the County Council of McCracken County the Executive Committee considered the closing of garages at Paducah at 6 p. m. each day and on Sundays as a means of conserving labor. Mr. Hines was advised that the matter was receiving consideration by the National Council and that a full statement would later be sent to him.

At a meeting of the heads of the various war activities in Kentucky at the office of the Kentucky Council of Defense, August 8th, the following were present:

Mrs. Helm Bruce, Chairman of the Woman's Committee; R. C. Ballard Thruston, Manager of the American Red Cross for Kentucky; Dr. Fred Mutchler, Agricultural Extension Department, University of Kentucky; Dean Thomas P. Cooper, University of Kentucky; Wylie B. Bryan, Fuel

Administrator for Kentucky; Pratt Dale, United States Employment Service; Earl Gwin, Liberty Loan Committee; H. W. Brigman, War Savings Stamps; and C. A. Tevebaugh, United States Boys' Working Reserve.

The meeting was called at the request of Mr. Thruston to consider conditions existing at Corbin, Ky. Matters of general importance to war work in the State were discussed. It was decided to establish headquarters at the Kentucky State Fair for all war activities where information concerning each branch could be given. Mr. Hines, Mrs. Helm Bruce and R. C. Ballard Thruston were appointed a committee to carry out this plan.

REGISTRAR ANNOUNCES MATRICULATION DATES

Prof. E. L. Gillis, Registrar of the University of Kentucky, announces officially the following dates affecting registration of students for the forthcoming session:

University opens for matriculation of students September 16 and 17 at 8 a. m.

Class work begins September 18 at 8 a. m.

Agricultural College opens for class work October 14, 8 a. m. Home Economics courses in College of Agriculture, however, will begin at the same time as classes at the University, namely, September 18th, and subject to the same dates of registration.

Examinations to remove conditions imposed on students of the University will be held September 11, 12, 13, and 14.

Examinations to remove conditions on agricultural students will be held October 9, 10, 11 and 12.

LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED THIS FALL

Judging from inquiries by young men and women throughout the State, and especially by students of high schools, for information concerning courses of study at the University of Kentucky, enrollment for the forthcoming session will be gratifyingly large.

Pressing demand by the Government for services of trained men and women, as emphasized by the attitude of the War Department in its "enlist and go to college" campaign, is believed to be largely responsible for the encouraging outlook for attendance.

BOYS URGED TO "ENLIST AND GO TO COLLEGE"

In pursuance of the Government's "enlist and go to college" movement, originated by the War Department, and referred by the State Council of Defense to W. D. Cochran, of Maysville, Chairman of the Committee on Education, at its Ashland meeting in July, Mr. Cochran met by appointment, July 22, at Lexington, Dr. W. A. Ganfield, President of Center College, and Captain H. N. Royden, Commandant at the University of Kentucky, and with these men adopted plans to further the movement and give it the widest possible publicity.

The purpose of this movement, as stated by the War Department, is to provide for the very important needs of the army for highly trained men as officers, engineers, chemists, doctors and administrators, and offers to able-bodied college students over the age of eighteen an opportunity to enlist in the military forces of the United States and to obtain training in the colleges in order that they may be prepared for more exacting forms of military service.

The conferees established headquarters from which to manage the campaign at Room 204 Fayette National Bank Building, Lexington. These quarters have been placed in charge of Mrs. Katherine Clay Wooten, wife of an officer now at the front in Europe.

All County Superintendents and City Superintendents in cities having independent schools, are requested to

head the movement in their respective localities. In most instances they have agreed to do so.

The organization has a large mailing list consisting of college men and high school graduates, and through the press, the ministers and educators of the State, are endeavoring to reach every available young man in the State.

TEXT OF BULLETIN ON CHANGING GERMAN NAMES

Following is the text of bulletin No. 7, sent out by the Kentucky Council of Defense to County Councils of Defense throughout the State, suggesting immediate action in the matter of substituting English equivalents for all organizations in Kentucky bearing German names:

To the County Councils of Defense:—

The Kentucky Council of Defense feels that the time has come when every organization, or society, in the State of Kentucky, bearing a German name, or displaying a German sign, will in justice to its members be glad to change the name to its English equivalent.

The Kentucky Council of Defense suggests that you bring this request to the attention of all organizations and societies in your county still bearing a German name, or displaying a sign in German.

The Kentucky Council further suggests that due publicity be given to the former name of the organization or society, and the new name selected.

The newspapers will, we are sure, be only too glad to publish accounts of such changes as an evidence of the patriotic position taken by the organization, and the loyalty of its members.

By Order of the Kentucky Council of Defense,

EDWARD W. HINES, Chairman,
PENDLETON BECKLEY, Executive Secretary.

COUNCIL URGES COUNTY BOARDS OF INSTRUCTION

The Kentucky Council of Defense, following an interview with and approval of the plan by Major Henry F. Rhodes, Chief of the Selective Service Department of the State of Kentucky, authorized the Jefferson County Council of Defense to organize in that county a Board of Instruction for men in the draft.

The selectives were called to these meetings by their local boards. Instruction was given them in matters relating to their obligation to the Government, as well as to prepare them for rapid progress in military education after joining the Army.

So successful was this plan that Major Rhodes requested the establishment of boards of instruction in each of the counties of our State. The Kentucky Council of Defense has undertaken, through the County Councils, to co-operate with the local Selective Service Boards in carrying out this request.

To that end the Council of Defense suggests that local selective service boards of all counties have joint meetings of their councils with the local boards so that the work desired to be accomplished can be thoroughly discussed.

Major Rhodes has outlined to the local boards the instruction to be given in the meetings to be held for men called for service. At these meetings talks by physicians on health, military men on discipline, teachers and lawyers on history, especially history of this war, is expected to do much to prepare the selectives in a practical way to enter upon their training for service.

GOVERNMENT URGED TO HELP STORE WHEAT CROP

The report of Dr. Samuel Halley, of Lexington, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the Kentucky Council of Defense, outlining plans of the Extension Department of the University of Kentucky to bring about an increased acreage of wheat in this State, and results so far attained, brought before the council at its meeting August 14th, the most vital matter on its program of projected war work.

Doctor Halley suggested that something should be done by the Government, looking toward the purchase and storage of wheat which could not be cared for by local millers. After full discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Kentucky Council of Defense acquaint the Federal Food Administration of the conditions prevailing in certain counties of Kentucky where facilities for buying and storing the large wheat crop, produced in 1918, have been insufficient, so that this condition may be remedied before the next wheat harvest and full assurance of this fact be given to the farmers of Kentucky, in order that they be encouraged in the sowing of a larger acreage of wheat this autumn; and

Further, That the Kentucky Council of Defense offer to the Food Administration the full co-operation and assistance of its Committee on Agriculture, and the assistance of its County Councils in preventing the recurrence of the condition set forth above.

JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES STYLE BOOK

Among University publications prepared during the summer months is a bulletin in the form of a style book, published by the Department of Journalism and intended primarily for use by students of that department.

The work undertakes to set forth correct usage in preparation of matter for publication by newspapers and periodicals and seeks to acquaint the student with the many pitfalls that beset the pathway of the young reporter and copywriter.

While, as its preface announces, it does not claim to be all-inclusive in its instruction and its admonition, it nevertheless indulges the hope that it will be found of real service not only to students but to more mature news handlers, in that it goes into interesting details concerning correct use of words, capitalization, punctuation, abbreviation, spelling, preparation of copy, proofreading, construction of news stories, and general style of presentation in the columns of the press.

In addition to the more technical phases of the contents of the bulletin, will appear a discussion of the law of libel as it affects newspapers and a brief dissertation on accepted usage in preparation of correspondence by stenographers.

The forthcoming publication, which is expected to be off the press the first week in September, will contain about 100 pages. It is the intention of the Department of Journalism to issue another edition of the style book later. The edition now on hand is the second this department has issued on this subject and it goes into the subject somewhat more fully than is customary in similar works in use in newspaper offices. A limited number of these copies will be distributed gratis among newspaper editors of the State who desire them.