

Northern Kentucky Views Presents:

25th Anniversary Celebration of the
Campbell County Chamber of
Commerce

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*Anniversary Celebration
and Banquet*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
of
CAMPBELL COUNTY
KENTUCKY



Monday, March Twenty-first

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-five

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Informal Reception Cocktails
Six-thirty to Seven

Banquet The Granada
Seven o'clock

Presiding Richard W. Neiser
President, Campbell County
Chamber of Commerce

Invocation Harry F. Schaeper

Introduction of Board Members and Honored Guests

Introduction of New Members Howard Wendling

Remarks Judge Fred M. Warren
Campbell County Judge

Remarks E. R. Mitchell
Regional Vice President
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Introduction of Speaker William Y. Glier
Program Chairman

Speaker Dr. Neal Bowman
National Association of Manufacturers
"Changes and Challenges" New York, N. Y.

It's Everybody's Business Chamber of Commerce
of United States Film
22 Minutes — Technicolor

Adjournment

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CAMPBELL COUNTY ACTIVITIES

The realization that a "civic awakening" was very much needed in Campbell County was responsible for the forming of the Chamber of Commerce of Campbell County in March, 1930.

In that year a group of spirited business men joined together during the height of the depression to organize the Newport Commercial & Civic Association, which was renamed the Chamber of Commerce of Campbell County in 1936. The main purpose of the organization was to promote the commercial, industrial and civic welfare of Campbell County.

There were at that time many things which were vitally necessary for the growth of our county. Over the years your Chamber, through its leadership, has been responsible for many of the projects developed and completed in Campbell County.

During the first year of our existence we were responsible for the passage of the \$100,000.00 bond issue for the elimination of the grade crossing at 12th and Monmouth Streets. After the bond issue was passed many obstacles arose and it was only after three and a half years of hard work and discouragement that actual construction began. The Monmouth Street Underpass was finally completed in 1936.

In 1931 we conceived the idea of freeing Newport bridges of tolls. Many years were devoted to this project before actual freeing took place. The L. & N. Bridge was freed in 1941. Your Chamber assisted in having the tolls on the Central Bridge reduced in 1949, which led to the freeing of the bridge in 1953, much sooner than anticipated.

Chief credit is due the Chamber for the passing of the \$350,000.00 flood bond issue, which made possible the Newport Flood Wall. The flood protection bond issue was first placed on the ballot in 1938, and was overwhelmingly defeated. In 1939 the Chamber held a flash campaign of ten days duration, but the issue was again defeated. The Chamber tried again, this time promoting an Education Campaign. For over a year the officers, directors and a committee from the Chamber made plans and preparations, held fifty meetings, and at last met with success, the bond issue being passed in 1940. If it had not been for the vigorous efforts of the Chamber the bond issue would surely have been defeated.

The Chamber was instrumental in bringing to the city of Newport in 1938 a huge and modern factory, the Hyde Park Clothes, Inc., and four years later in 1942 with the fine assistance of the Hyde Park Clothes, we brought into our community another big industry, the Palm Beach Company. The Pebbleford Distillery's moving to our county was also the result of the efforts of the Chamber.

The Senior Chamber of Commerce conceived the idea of organizing a Junior Chamber for the young business men of Campbell County, and after several meetings the Campbell County Junior Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1935.

The Campbell County Chamber was of paramount importance in promoting the construction of the Veterans Memorial Bridge (Fourth Street Bridge), which was formally dedicated in 1936.

The development of U. S. Highway No. 27 was very much a part of the Chamber's program and will always continue to be.

Considerable effort was expended in 1946 and 1947 to bring a radio station to Newport. Our efforts were rewarded by the establishment of Radio Station WNOP, "The Voice of Hospitality," in 1948.

The St. Luke Hospital was the outgrowth of an investigation that was started by the Chamber in 1946 for the building of a hospital in our county. In 1948 when the \$1,000,000.00 Hospital bond issue was placed on the ballot, your Chamber worked untiringly for its passage. While the Hospital was under construction in the spring of 1954, the Chamber continued to work with the Hospital Board by granting them use of office space for the purpose of interviewing their prospective personnel.

The Chamber worked in conjunction with the Planning Commission of Ft. Thomas in 1945 for the construction of the \$685,000.00 Memorial Highway, which was completed in 1953.

The wholehearted cooperation of the Chamber was given on the \$7,600,000.00 Northern Kentucky Ohio River Pollution program.

We have led the fight in many tax issues. Frequently we were successful, sometimes we failed, but we were always in there fighting.

The Chamber has always participated in the Charitable Fund Raising projects, and we were one of the pioneers in the organizing of the Northern Kentucky Community Chest in 1954.

Through the cooperation of your Chamber the \$1,000,000.00 Home Building Program, that was at a stand still in the outlying communities for over six months in 1954, was resumed after a program was worked out. The disposal of sewage by those communities not served by sanitary sewers became a health menace, and all building was halted by the Board of Health. The Chamber in conjunction with the Fiscal Court and Health Department worked diligently to correct this situation and to bring about the building of homes once again.

There are numerous other activities that your Chamber has participated in during the past twenty-five years, but the foregoing are the major accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce of Campbell County.



PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HOWARD J. LITTLE.....	1930-1932
WILLIAM J. BAKER.....	1933
DANIEL ZIEGLER.....	1934
J. ROBERT GEISEN.....	1935
WILLIAM A. EIMER.....	1936-1937
VINCENT W. HEROLD.....	1938-1947
WILLIAM J. PFIRMAN.....	1948-1954

MEMBERS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CAMPBELL COUNTY

- Albers Super Markets, Inc.
 *American National Bank
 *The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.
 *W. J. Baker Co.
 Bank of Alexandria
 Bank of Dayton
 *Fred B. Bassmann
 *Edward J. Beiting
 Bellevue Com. & Sav. Bank
 Beneficial Finance Co.
 Benton, Benton & Luedeke
 Odis W. Bertelsman
 Wm. C. Betz Sons
 *Bihl Bros.
 Blase & Galt Dry Cleaners
 *Leo G. Broering Real Estate & Insurance Agency
 R. Breitenstein & Sons
 *Victor H. Brown
 *F. A. Buchanan Co.
 Calhoun Auto Sales
 Campbell County Motors, Inc.
 Campbell County Board of Realtors
 Campbell County Junior Chamber of Commerce
 Camins Furniture & Floor Coverings
 The Charcoal Pit
 Checker Store
 Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co.
 Cinti., Newport & Covington Ry. Co.
 *Citizens Telephone Co., Inc.
 *Collier's Shoe Store
 Clifton-Southgate Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
 *Clover Leaf Dairy, Inc.
 Community Finance Corp.
 Cookie Jar Bakeries
 Creditors Adjustment Bureau
 Crown Distributing Co.
 Dalton's Ladies' Apparel
 Daylight Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
 Dependable Loan Serv., Inc.
 *Dine Furniture House
 Dixie Chili Parlor
 Dixie Clothiers
 A. C. Dobbling & Son
 *The Dorsel Company
 *Dow Drug Company
 O. L. Droege
 Howard Edwards Motors, Inc.
 *H. Eilerman & Sons, Inc.
 The Enquirer
 Enslens Dot Food Stores
 *Fred A. Erschell & Son
 Family Finance Corp.
 Farr Trade Mart, Inc.
 *Fenbers & Rosing
 Fennell Company
 Firestone Store
 Ft. Thomas Bldg. & Loan Assn.
 Ft. Thomas Bank
 General Paper Corp.
 Gerner Appliances
 B. F. Goodrich Co.
 Goodyear Service Store
 Grand Central Bldg. & Savings Assn.
 The Grote Mfg. Co., Inc.
 *Adam C. Haas Real Estate
 Hall Concrete Products
 Hallbach Custom Cabinets
 *Harmeyer Paint & Wallpaper
 Harvey Supply Co.
 *Samuel B. Harton
 Hatfield Coals
 Dr. E. G. Heiselman
 Highland Bank
 Hiland Motel
 *John Hieber
 *Hiland Dairy Co.
 A. C. Hindman Dry Cleaning
 H. J. Hosea & Sons Co.
 Household Finance Corp.
 Hyde Park Clothes, Inc.
 Interstate Finance Corp. of Kentucky
 *Kentucky Enterprise Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
 *Kentucky Sales & Service Co.
 *The Kentucky Post
 *Kentucky Times-Star
 F. A. Klaine Company
 Jim Knobloch Co.
 *Eugene Krauss Sons
 *S. S. Kresge Co.
 *The Kroger Co.
 Licking Valley Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
 Lovins Auto Service
 Macey Jewelry Co., Inc.
 *Louis Marx & Bros.
 Mastercraft Metals Co., Inc.
 *Thom McAn Shoe Co.
 Megerle's Electric Shop
 *Meister's Dry Goods
 Midwest Bottle Gas Distributors, Inc.
 *Minges Hardware Co.
 Model Shoe Store
 Monmouth Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
 *Monmouth Jewelry Co.
 *W. S. Muehlenkamp & Sons
 Mutual Finance Co.
 *National Band & Tag Co.
 Naltner Oil Co.
 *Newport Mineral Water Co.
 *Newport Mutual Fire Ins. Co.
 *Newport National Bank
 *Newport Steel Corporation
 Newport Welding Co.
 *Wilbur H. Otting
 *H. Otto Printing Co.
 Palm Beach Co.
 Paramount Construction Co.
 Peters Coal & Supply Co., Inc.
 Public Loan Corp.
 *John J. Radel Co.
 Ralph Rice Signs
 E. J. Robinson Glass Co.
 *B. Y. Rolf Hardware
 Root Radio & Television
 *Geo. Rosen Auto Sales Co.
 *Rust Cafe & Restaurant
 *Schmitz Dry Goods Co.
 Schroder's Express
 Schulkers Pharmacy
 Sears Roebuck & Co.
 Security Savings, Loan & Bldg. Assn.
 Seibert-Swing & Associates, Inc.
 *J. W. Shaw Real Estate
 Ralph F. Simpson Insurance & Real Estate Agency
 Standard Oil Company (Ky.)
 Star Clothing Co.
 *Sticklen's Dry Goods
 Sumerele's Tire & Appliance
 Sunshine Hardware Supply Company
 Superior Coal, Heating & Supply Co.
 Hall L. Swenson Furniture & Appliance
 Edwin F. Thorburn
 Louis Trauth Dairy
 *Frank A. Trik
 Union Light, Heat & Power Co.
 Union Store
 United Building Assn.
 Van Der Veer Motor Co.
 *Vonderhaar & Stetter
 *Wadsworth Div. of Elgin
 National Watch Co.
 *Weingartner Lumber Co.
 Welfare Finance Corp.
 Wendling Printing Co.
 West Side Savings Bank
 The Geo. Wiedemann
 Brewing Co.
 *Dr. J. A. Winkler
 Radio Station WNOP
 *F. W. Woolworth Co.
 Yorkshire Bar, Inc.
 Yung & Company
 Zeff Bros., Inc.
 *Ziegler Towel Supply
 *Otto Zimmerman & Son Co., Inc.

*Charter Members.

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