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TOWNS: Newport

Newport, 29,744 pop., 536 alt., is one of the 2 co. seats of Campbell co. It lies in the bottom land along the Ohio riv., immediately above the mouth of the Licking riv., across the Licking from Covington and across the Ohio from Cincinnati. It is thus in the Cincinnati metropolitan area, and has been influenced in its growth by that fact. Practically contiguous with Newport are the towns of Dayton and Belleview.

Named for Capt. Lord Newport, of the Jamestown, Va. settlement, the town was incorporated in 1795. Its early history centers about its location at the mouth of the Licking, which early was a favorite entrance to the state for the marauding Indians of Ohio. It was also a frequently used rendezvous for the Ky. troops marching against them. As late as 1813, it was used as a rendezvous, when 5,000 troops under Col. Isaac Shelby marched from here to reinforce Gen. Benjamin Harrison in his N. campaigns against the British.

Since its establishment, Newport has served as seat for the long term of the co. courts. Alexandria the short term.

As early as 1795 Cincinnati, through an advantageous swing of the riv. channel to its N. bank, began to dominate the region, and Covington, across from the early Cincinnati, also outstripped the older Newport.

In 1854 a suspension bridge to Covington was constructed. In 2 weeks it fell, but was later replaced.

Like Covington and Cincinnati, Newport has a city manager form of government.

It lies on the L. & N. and the C. & O. R.R., and is served by the C. N. & C. electric line. An airport is located a few mi. to the S. E. and Cincinnati is regularly served by American Airways. US27 and Ky.9 lead S. from the town. Two bridges connect it with Cincinnati and four

with Covington, and bus service is available to all parts of the nation. The Ohio riv. provides freight service to points up and down stream from Pittsburgh to New Orleans.

A post office, 2 national and 3 state banks, telegraph service, one public library and 3 small hotels are located in Newport. Like Covington, it depends on Cincinnati for much that an isolated town of its size would have in its own right.

Campbell co. is third among the manufacturing counties of the state. Newport, as the metropolis, is largely responsible for this ranking. It specializes in metal working, decorative tiling, and other molding industries. An exceptional quality of molding sand is found along the streams of the co.

Noted citizens include Sarah Little Bolton, 1820-1893, author and singer; Frank W. Hunt, 1861-1906, gov. of Idaho; Noah Noble, 1794-1844, gov. of Indiana; Nathaniel S. Shaler, 1841-1906, geologist and educator.