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Dec. 24, 1919.

Gov. Edwin P. Morrow,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

My dear Governor Morrow:

In compliance with the law of Kentucky and with a deep regard for your request, I have pleasure in submitting the following:

The Western Kentucky State Normal School belongs to the people of Kentucky. It is a human stock company. The people of the State are the stockholders. It was created in the interest of moral, intellectual, physical, and industrial thrift. Its dividends go to all of the people of the State. It's a people's school. The Board of Regents, faculty, students, as well as other persons held responsible for its management and work, have done everything within their power to make the institution an eminent success, and a strong and efficient factor in the work of training the teachers of the Commonwealth. The Institution has labored earnestly to fulfill its mission by offering the teachers opportunities that would prepare them for a larger life and leadership in their chosen work. It has recognized that the institution was created in order that the teachers of Kentucky might have more life to give to the children of Kentucky, and it has worked to the extent of its vision and capacity to build up the teaching and academic power and the professional spirit of the teachers of the State.

We are sending you herewith a biennial report which is a statement of every dollar received and every dollar expended by the Western Normal during the last biennial period. There is on file with the Auditor and on file with us an itemized account and receipt for every dollar and every cent spent by the institution during the biennial period.

We give below a concise statement of the emergency needs of this institution and a budget showing the needs of the institution for the next biennial period:

The Western Normal, in reality, is now being conducted in three buildings, as follows:

The Administration Building, which contains an Auditorium, offices, class rooms, toilets and sanitary arrangements.

Recitation Building, which originally was a private female school but which is now being used by the Western Normal for class-room purposes.

Cabell Hall, which is used for Domestic Science and Arts and Music. This building was originally a private residence used by the President of the private school which was conducted in Recitation Hall.
In addition to the above the school is using Frisbie Hall and Bailey Home, two buildings located on the old school plant, which offer inadequate accommodation for rooms for less than one hundred and twenty students and which provide for table board accommodations for about three hundred students. With these exceptions the institution is without rooming and boarding accommodations, notwithstanding it enrolled prior to the war 1820 student-teachers, and promises to equal and even increase this number in the near future, provided proper physical accommodations can be provided for the young men and women seeking admission.

EMERGENCY NEEDS OF THE WESTERN NORMAL.

The Western Normal has heretofore been fortunate in having an unlimited number of available rooms in the private homes of the citizens of Bowling Green which it has used for school purposes, but on account of the tremendous commercial development in this community, and especially on account of the oil development which is now going on in this section, there is a demand for the few houses, apartments and rooms left at SKY-RATES that makes it practically impossible for the institution to find available rooms for its student-body at any price. There is hardly a home or a room in the city that is available. A serious condition exists. There is no way for the institution to succeed in doing the work expected of it by the people of Kentucky and the work it must do in order to effectively aid educational advancement in the State, until it is relieved of the present embarrassing, inadequate and inefficient boarding accommodations. In fact, the morale and usefulness of the institution will be reduced to a minimum, if not destroyed, unless it receives immediate assistance.

The Western Normal needs at once $300,000 for the construction of a Girls' Boarding Home that will accommodate 300 students and that will provide for the opportunities and environments every girl is entitled to while away from home and in school; for the establishment of a culinary department that will accommodate not less than 600 table boarders, and for a central power plant which will furnish heat and power for the buildings already constructed on Normal Heights and for the proposed Girls' Boarding Home, and other buildings which will be constructed in the future. These things are immediate necessities in order to preserve the work and influence and to execute the vision and mission of the Western Normal. A close investigation will justify the statement made herewith and will emphasize the importance of immediate action upon the part of the State in its efforts to put a trained teacher at the door of every child in the commonwealth.

Even if the above buildings are provided for by the State, the institution is still without a Gymnasium, Boys' Boarding Home, Training School Building, suitable Library arrangements, sufficient class rooms, proper buildings and equipment for the management of the farm, and other physical necessities. It is imperative, however, to have a boarding home and power plant immediately in order to save the institution from serious embarrassments and from inefficient efforts.
THE PROPOSED PLANT FOR THE WESTERN NORMAL.

We give herewith printed matter and a picture of the proposed plant of the Western Normal. Every building indicated in this perspective is needed at this time. This plant could be completed and the necessities of the institution provided for, however, if appropriations covering a period of ten years were made as follows:

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TOTAL $825,000

BUDGET SHOWING THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE NORMAL SCHOOL FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1919, AND CLOSING ON JUNE 30, 1921, COVERING A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

Salaries........................................ $184,182.20
Stationery, printing and binding.......... 3,200.00
Postage, freight and express............. 3,500.00
Traveling expenses.......................... 4,000.00
Telephones, telegrams, messenger service. 1,200.00
Furniture and equipment & building of roads and walks............. 8,000.00
Renewals and repairs....................... 6,000.00
Supplies....................................... 4,000.00
Miscellaneous................................ 6,000.00
Fuel, light and water........................ 8,000.00
Library........................................ 4,000.00
N. O. T. C.................................... 1,400.00
Special talent for Summer School.......... 5,000.00

TOTAL $238,492.00
EXPLANATIONS.

The salary item includes all of the salaries paid, including faculty, workmen, janitors, and others.

Traveling expenses include the total expenses for the field work of every individual connected with the institution.

Furniture equipment and building of roads and walks include necessary equipment of school departments with school furniture, the building of necessary walks, maintenance of same, the construction of necessary roads and maintaining the same, and other items of a like nature.

The renewals and repairs include the wear and tear of buildings, equipment, replacing of farm implements, school equipment, and other similar things.

Supplies include materials used in the Departments of Domestic Science and Arts, the Department of Science, and for chemicals, quilts, sheets, pillow slips, etc., as well as supplies for the Training School and other similar departments.

Miscellaneous includes insurance, ice, laundry, and things of this nature.

Library includes books, library tables, stacks, and all of those things that enter into a live library.

R. O. T. C. includes expense connected with the maintenance of the R.O.T.C. Unit, rifle range, and other things required by the National Government of the institution that have the R. O. T. C.

We believe we are justified in the conclusion that the present apportionment of the tax to the Western Normal will meet the current expenses of the institution for the present and possibly for the future.

The foregoing is submitted for your consideration, with a hope that it will furnish you the information you desire. We assure you of our earnest desire to aid you in every possible way to make Kentucky the best place on earth in which to live by giving every child in the broad Commonwealth the educational advantages that will enable the children to prepare for their chosen endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

President.

HHC. RHS.