

The Kenton County Historical Society



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PROGRAM

On Tuesday evening, October 8, at the Kenton County Public Library, Covington, Dr. Joe Gastright will speak on,

JOSEPH RODES BUCHANAN AND "WONDERFUL SCIENCE"

This topic is of interest because Buchanan became nationally known as an expert and advocate regarding phrenology, regarding the channeling of spirits, and regarding other exotic theories applied to diagnosis and healing.

The topic should be interesting because Buchanan's theories can be related to similar modern claims and because their study helps to define and understand "science."

And Buchanan is of interest because this nationally known author lived much of his career in Covington.

The program will be free and open to the public. There will be a brief business session beforehand.

Tuesday evening

October 8

7:00 PM

Kenton County Public Library

Fifth and Scott streets

Covington, Ky 41011

DINSMORE HOUSE

On Saturday afternoon, November 9, the Kenton County His. Soc. will sponsor an outing free and open to the public at the Dinsmore estate in Boone County. Starting time will be 1:00 PM at the estate. Bring your own food and drink. Excursion. Picnic.

MEMBERSHIP

For only \$5.00 per year per person you can help support local history by membership in the Kenton County Historical Society.

CAMPBELL COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

We recommend that you consider --- They Came Down Two Rivers to Settle Campbell County, Kentucky.

(See enclosed fliersheet)

COVINGTON'S CITY MANAGERS GOVERNMENT

By the late 1920s Kentucky statutes allowed cities such as Covington and Newport to appoint a City Manager who was to be held directly accountable for performance of the various municipal departments. In the November 1929 elections four Covington businessmen were elected on the promise to appoint a City Manager for the first time (Col. James Franklin Bell). In fact, since the Kentucky constitution placed limits on officials' salaries, the four candidates had promised to pay \$3000.00 (out of \$3600) each from their own salaries as needed incentive for Bell.

Charles Zimmer, Sr., defeated Theodore Kluemper (11,686 to 6,730). Kluemper, was the center of opposition to the four City Manager advocates; his victory, even if his three running partners were defeated, it had been hoped, would thwart the City Manager plan. But they all lost and, indeed, according to the newspaper, this was the first election in years where a commissioner had not been re-elected. Zimmer, owner of the Zimmer Hardware Company and Zimmer Motor Company at 537 Pike street (residence 712 Pike) was elected Safety Commissioner

Louis Meyer defeated Wm. H. Newhall (12,151 to 5,309). He owned the Louis Meyer Motor Company near Seventh and Scott (residence 630 Scott) and was elected Commissioner of Finance.

Joseph Pieper defeated Thomas F. Bailey (12,151 to 5,949). Pieper's jewelry store was at 616 Madison (residence 1534 Greenup). He was elected Commissioner of Public Works.

T. Monroe Swindler defeated John F. Kingsley (911,903 to 6,283). Swindler had a funeral home at 212 W. Southern (in Latonia, residence 3612 Myrtle). He was elected Commissioner of Public Property.

Although Mayor Thomas F. Donnelly (residence 1409 Greenup) did not have to run this time because he had two years left in his term, his position (like the commissioners) in theory became one more dedicated to politics and ceremony, as the new City Manager was to be held accountable in person for the city's administrative performance. The following are the City Managers who have held this responsibility since January 1930:

James Franklin Bell	1930-1930
Stanley Chrisman (interim)	
Oscar A. Kratz	1930-1932
H. D. Palmore	1932-1933
Theodore Kluemper	1934-1940
Jack Maynard	1940-1944
Theodore Hageman	1944-1948
George S. Lyon	1948-1950
Stanley Chrisman (interim)	
Edward B. Abbett	1950-1952
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George J. Schaefer	1952-1956
Oscar Hesch	1956-1958
Ralph P. Rich (interim)	
Glenn Lovern	1958-1958
Ralph P. Rich (interim)	
Joseph Dressman	1958-1960
Ralph P. Rich	1960-1962
Thomas L. Rose	1962-1964
Ralph P. Rich	1964-1966
Thomas Rice	1966-1968
Robert F. Wray	1968-1971
Donald Wintersheimer (interim)	
Paul Royster	1972-1975
Joseph T. Condit	1975-1978
Robert P. Gettys	1978-1978
Robert Sidell (interim)	
Walter J. Pagan	1978-1983
Joseph T. Condit (interim)	
Donald Eppley	1983-1986
Arnold Simpson	1986-1989
Gregory Jarvis	1989

This City Manager list was updated and documented by the late John Burns.
(John Boh)

HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION OF KENTUCKY

The Northern Region (eight counties) will have a meeting open to historical organizations both inside and outside the region. It is open to those groups interested in local history and cultural activities. For only \$15.00 per year you can join HCK an affiliate of the Kentucky Historical Society (HCK, P. O. Box H. Franfort, Ky 40602, 502-564-2662). An organization can join for three years at \$40.00. You receive a bi-monthly publication and other information and benefits. This meeting open to members and those other organizations so interested:

Saturday Morning

October 26

9:30-10:00 AM (registration)

Boone County Public Library

7425 Highway 42

Florence, Ky (Florence Union exit off I-75 to Florence; library adjoins municipal building)

Topics will include current Kentucky Bicentennial activities, the new Kentucky History Center, and other pressing business. Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant.

KENTUCKY HISTORY CENTER

The 1990 Kentucky General Assembly funded the initial phase which has resulted in much planning and decision making regarding site and architecture for the Kentucky Historical Society's new History Center. The plan is to use the Kentucky Bicentennial celebration as a motivational base for securing funding for the center which would be a facility for central storage, display, office, tourist, and educational efforts by KHS (which was organized in 1836).

The new center would be state-of-the-art, and would help Kentucky keep up with other states which have already modernized. The center would provide better access for genealogists and historians. It would greatly increase the society's contribution to both adult and child education. It would increase the state's investment in tourism. And it would provide central storage for some of the state's most valuable historical artifacts. You are urged to write Frankfort and acknowledge your support.

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