$117,000 Contributed To Help Locate College Here

The undistinguished citizens and residents of Calloway County, Kentucky, have contributed in cash, which is now on deposit in the First National Bank and the Bank of Murray at Murray, Kentucky, the total sum of One hundred and seven thousand ($177,000.00) Dollars, as a gift to the State of Kentucky for the location and establishment of a State Normal School at Murray, Kentucky, under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, approved May 30, 1922, which act, as it now reads, in substance, contains the following:

"That the State Normal School Commission, acting under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, approved April 7, 1922, be and the same is hereby authorized to enter into the location and establishment of a State Normal School in any city or town in the State of Kentucky, with the approval of the Governor of said State, within the limits of said city or town. And be it further provided that the name of the said Normal School shall be Murray State Normal School; that the schoolhouse shall be the first Normal School building erected in said city or town, and that all records of said Normal School District be and the same are hereby transferred to the Murray State Normal School. And be it further provided that all other lands, buildings, and improvements belonging to said Normal School shall be conveyed to the said Normal School. And be it further provided that the said Normal School shall be established as an educational institution for the purpose of normal training of teachers, and that the said Normal School shall be a part of the University of Kentucky, and that the said Normal School shall be conducted by the Board of Trustees of said University; and be it further provided that the said Normal School shall be incorporated in said University by the Board of Trustees of said University, and that the said Normal School shall be conducted by said Board of Trustees. And be it further provided that the said Normal School shall be incorporated in said University by the Board of Trustees of said University, and that the said Normal School shall be conducted by said Board of Trustees."
The following dates and names were provided by Dr. Ralph H. Wells in a manuscript of his story, "The founding of Murray State Normal School." On January 10, 1922, in Judge O'Rear's office, the Senate Bill 14 was passed by the Senate. On February 10, 1922, Senate Bill 13 was passed by the House, but with certain amendments. On February 11, 1922, the Senate concurred in the changes made by the House. The Governor was notified by telegram on the 17th of February that the Bill authorizing the establishment of two normal schools, one in each county, had been signed by the Governor. It included a provision that a normal school committee, consisting of eight members, be appointed and that one of the members be a representative of the county of which the normal school was to be established. The Senate Bill 14 authorized the State to provide for the location of the normal school at Murray until adequate buildings were constructed by the State for the institution from four suggested or it:...

Answer. 2495.

Answer. 710.

Answer. 632.

(d) How many contributors with names signifying their willingness to aid in presenting Murray's story contributed to the State Normal School Commission? The total number of contributors was 2495.

Answer. 1352. Average contribution was $82.10. The largest single contribution was $125,000, which the State of Kentucky for the location of the Western State Normal at Murray until adequate buildings were constructed by the State for the institution from four suggested or it...
The names listed in this reprint of the December 11, 1970, issue of The Ledger & Times as donors of the $117,000 contributed toward the establishment of Murray State Normal School in Murray, Kentucky, consist of names that were presented to the Normal School Commission on May 31, 1922.

Additional contributions were made after the list of names was prepared and presented to the Normal School Commission.