

STATE NORMAL COMMISSION PAYS VISIT TO LOUISA

Three Hours of Intensive Inspection Made by Lo- cation Body.

The Commission to locate the new State Normal Schools for Kentucky visited Louisa Wednesday of this week arriving at 9:55 a. m. from Paintsville. All of the eight members were present, as follows:

Judge Edward C. O'Rear, Lawyer, Frankfort, Ky.; Earl W. Senff, County Judge, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Arthur Peter, ex-County Judge, Louisville, Ky.; Alex G. Barrett, Lawyer, Louisville, Ky.; William S. Wallen, Lawyer, Prestonsburg, Ky.; Thomas A. Combs, ex-State Senator, Lexington, Ky.; Sherman Goodpaster, ex-State Treasurer, Frankfort, Ky.; J. Lewie Harman, President, Bowling Green Business University, Bowling Green, Ky.

As their stay in Louisa was to be short, special arrangement was made for the train to stop just south of the city, on the tract from which the site is offered. The commissioners got off there and were greeted by a large crowd and a long line of automobiles. Eight official cars were provided, into each of which one commissioner was placed along with a lady and other Louisa people acting as committeemen and escorts. A drive was made over part of the 238 acres from which a site is offered, to be selected by the commission if Louisa shall be designated. The entire tract was viewed from the highest point, and the drive was extended around the west side of the large body of land on the return to town.

Then the commissioners were driven over the city to give them a chance to see our beautiful streets, attractive homes and lawns, and all that goes to make Louisa one of the prettiest towns in Kentucky.

Stopping at the court house at 11 o'clock the party found gathered a large crowd of enthusiastic citizens of Louisa and Lawrence county. Col. Jay H. Northup welcomed the members in a few well chosen words and then introduced Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Commonwealth's Attorney, who presented the claims of the Big Sandy Valley and Louisa. His address was superb and was greeted with much applause, both from the commission and the audience. He presented an argument, backed by facts and figures, that seems invincible.

Judge O'Rear, chairman, made a very pleasing talk and introduced Mr. Alex Barrett, who spoke interestingly on some phases of the educational system and of the objects sought in establishing more State Normal Schools.

This brought the meeting to time for luncheon and the commissioners were escorted to the Brunswick Hotel where a delightful repast was served. This was followed by another automobile drive, ending at the N. & W. depot from whence the commissioners boarded the 1:10 train for Kenova.

The commission went to Paintsville Tuesday evening. At Kenova they were met by an Ashland committee in automobiles and driven to Catlettsburg and Ashland. From there they went to West Liberty on Thursday, via Morehead and Wrigley. On Friday they are due in Morehead, which ends the personal inspection of sites.

An early decision is hoped for.

The people of Louisa have a very favorable impression of the commission.