

*The
War Chest
Fund*



Eaton County

Under Authority

*Eaton County War
Board*

Outline of War Chest Campaign Conducted Under the Supervision of the Eaton County War Board

It is becoming increasingly evident that the sums to be raised by donation during the coming year for such purposes as Red Cross, War Y. M. C. A., and other war charities cannot much longer be successfully raised under methods so far used. The system of isolated campaigns for specific purposes is a waste of time and a duplication of effort arousing enthusiasm which is soon lost when the single aim has been attained. Their continual recurrence is dulling this enthusiasm and the burden is falling with increasing weight upon a diminishing section of the community. The multiplicity of campaigns is confusing even to a willing giver and worthy objects are likely to suffer through conflict with some that will not bear investigation. Most important of all, the people as a whole have not given equally in proportion to their financial ability. Some parts of the community are skipped under present campaign methods.

Such considerations have induced the Eaton County War Board to take a more comprehensive view of the general problem and to meet the requirements of the situation by establishing a general fund, universally supported by all elements in the community, and carefully administered in accordance with sensible business principles. Their solution is given in the following resolution:

Resolutions of War Board

The following motion was passed by the Eaton County War Board at their official meeting on Sunday afternoon, May 5th:

Resolved, That through the authority invested in this War Board by the Governor of the State that this Board apportion against all property in the county $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%, and that a pole tax of \$2.00 be apportioned against each male voter, and further that a tax of \$1.00 be apportioned against each woman in this county over 21 years of age. That the money raised in this manner shall be distributed by the Eaton County War Board, and that it shall be Eaton County's approved quota of war funds as authorized by the President of the United States and the Army and Navy Boards of the Government, such as subscriptions to the Red Cross, the War Y. M. C. A. and such other funds as may from time to time be approved by the President and the Army and Navy Boards of the Government for War Work.

Previous to this motion the members of the Eaton County War Board had proceeded to the organization of the Board. They elected James H. Brown as chairman, E. E. Horner, vice chairman; W. C. Alsover as treasurer, and G. Robert Galloway as secretary. Cassius Alexander, Dr. James B. Bradley and Geo. M. Fenn are the other members.

Another motion was passed by the War Board:

Resolved, That W. C. Alsover be elected as treasurer and that he furnish a surety bond of \$25,000.00, the cost of which is to be borne by the Eaton County War Board.

WAR CHEST FUND.

$\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of all taxable property for War Relief.

A pole tax of \$2.00 for each male voter in the county, not a taxpayer.

A tax of \$1.00 for each woman in the county over 21 years of age, not a taxpayer.

One fund, county-wide in scope, contributed to by every member of the community; adequate to cover all legitimate demands for purposes of war relief.

ITS AIMS.

To eliminate the wasted effort and expense involved in individual money raising campaigns for various purposes.

To avoid conflicting campaigns between equally worthy objects.

To insure against levies which may be unfair in amount or intended for unjust purposes.

To unite all parts of the county in a reasonable and hearty support of war relief donations.

To secure an open field for Liberty Bonds, War-Savings and Red Cross membership campaigns as the sole basis of general public solicitation.

ITS PLAN.

A general fund administered under the authority of the Eaton County War Board. Once established no other solicitation for patriotic donations is to be sanctioned in the community other than above noted. Investment campaigns are not a gift and they will be the only campaigns authorized. The membership campaigns to each local Red Cross Chapter will be conducted as heretofore.

ITS MEANING.

This fund is the measure of the real patriotism of the community.

ORGANIZATION FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

The members of the Eaton County War Board are to act in the same capacity as in the Liberty Loan "drive". This includes not only the Executive Board, but also the township chairmen, the division chairmen in the townships and their various committeemen as ap-

pointed under them for the loan campaign. In cases where the supervisor of the township has not been on the executive committee of the township he will be appointed so as to assist in spreading the apportionment. The desire of the Board is to make the assessment as equitable as possible.

PAYMENT OF FUNDS.

Every person will be expected to arrange for payment when called upon by the committee and it is desirable that in so far as possible every person solicited make his or her payment at once, and where this is not possible pledge cards will be presented by the local committee calling for payment at the bank designated by each individual on or before October 1st, 1918.

ORGANIZATION FOR COLLECTION OF PLEDGES.

The collection of subscriptions as far as possible will be made automatic with the view of avoiding burdensome and expensive machinery. Each bank in the county will be an official depository of the funds. Every citizen subscribing to a pledge will find his card on file in the bank which he designated and on payment of his pledge he will receive an official receipt in return. On the first of each month each bank shall report in duplicate their collection for the previous 30 days, one going to the secretary's office and one to the treasurer's office.

DISBURSEMENT METHODS.

The actual disbursement of the War Chest Fund is handled by the Eaton County War Board. It shall consist of Eaton County's approved quota of war funds as authorized by the President of the United States and the Army and Navy Boards of the Government, such as subscriptions to the Red Cross, the War Y. M. C. A. and such other funds as may from time to time be approved by the President and the Army and Navy Boards of the Government for war work.

The local patriotic calls will be taken care of from time to time as the money is needed and will form a part of the budget.

ENDORSED

By

**CITY AND VILLAGE COUNCILS AND TOWNSHIP
BOARDS OF EATON COUNTY**

And

THE STATE AND FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION

THE EATON COUNTY WAR BOARD

James H. Brown, Chairman	-	-	-	-	Charlotte
H. H. Horner, Vice-Chairman	-	-	-	-	Eaton Rapids
G. Robert Galloway, Secretary	-	-	-	-	Charlotte
W. C. Alsover, Treasurer	-	-	-	-	Vermontville
Dr. James B. Bradley	-	-	-	-	Eaton Rapids
Cassius Alexander	-	-	-	-	Grand Ledge
Geo. M. Fenn	-	-	-	-	Charlotte