

City Council Has Power Create City Plan Body

Act Passed by Last General Assembly Gives Governing Body of Town Complete Authority to Take Step to Direct the Future Growth of the City

The City Council of Elizabeth City has full power and authority to create and appoint a board to be known as The City Planning Commission of Elizabeth City, and consisting of not less than three or more than five members.

This Commission, when created, is empowered to employ clerks and subordinates, including technical and expert advisers, and to incur such expenses as it may deem necessary, providing that the total amount of expenditures shall not exceed the amount set apart in the city's budget for such purposes.

The Commission is further empowered to prepare maps and plans for the systematic development of the city to subdivide the city into districts and zones, and to have supervision of the opening of new streets and of the extension of existing streets; to locate parks and recommend their acquisition by the city; and, in general, to study ways and means to relieve congestion and to beautify the city.

However, before the City Council may adopt the city plan recommended by the City Planning Commission there must be a public hearing, duly advertised, on the proposal.

The facts set forth in the foregoing paragraphs may be somewhat of a surprise to the people of Elizabeth City.

In the closing days of the last session of the General Assembly this newspaper carried a report of the passage by the House and the Senate of a bill providing for a city planning commission for Elizabeth City.

However, no action since that time has been taken by the City Council looking toward the creation of such a commission. Nobody, so far as this newspaper could learn, had ever received a copy of the bill, both Clerk of Superior Court E. L. Sawyer and City Clerk John Snowden being unable to give any information as to its contents.

The foregoing facts led to a question in the minds of many as to whether a city planning commission bill for Elizabeth City ever, in fact, became a law or not. Nobody seemed to know anything definite about the matter; that is, nobody until a reporter for The Advance went to Senator P. H. Williams about it. Mr. Williams remembered that such a law was passed. When he had refreshed his memory he recalled that the law was in the form of an amendment whereby a city planning act, passed by the Special Session of 1921 to apply to the counties of Buncombe and New Hanover, had been made to include Pasquotank County also. Mr. Williams then very kindly looked up the act, passed on April 19, 1921, and amended to include Pasquotank in the closing days of the session of 1923.

Here, except for the stereotyped phrases of the concluding sections of the measure, is the bill as originally passed:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the governing body of any city or town in the State of North Carolina is authorized and empowered to create and appoint a board to be known as the "City Planning Commission." Such board shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members; one of whom shall be the mayor or an executive officer appointed by the mayor. Of the original appointees to such board, at least two shall be appointed for a term of one year, and the remaining member or members for a term of two years. The services of the ex officio member shall terminate with his tenure in office. The successors of the original appointees shall be appointed for a term of two years. Vacancies upon such board shall be filled by the governing body for the unexpired term. The members of such board shall serve without pay, except that the governing body of any such city or town may prescribe a per diem for attendance upon meetings not to exceed five dollars per meeting.

Section 2. Such city planning board, as soon as practicable after its appointment, shall meet and organize by electing one of its members chairman, and shall also elect a secretary, who may be a member of such board, and shall meet thereafter at some designated place upon the first Wednesday in each month for the transaction of its business, and oftener if necessary.

Section 3. The said board is authorized and empowered to employ such clerks and subordinates, including technical and expert advisers, and to incur such expenses as in its judgment may be necessary: Provided, that the total amount of expenditures made by such board shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount set apart in the budget of said city or town for such purposes.

Section 4. Such city planning board shall study the resources, possibilities, and needs of the city or town, and shall prepare plans and maps for the systematic future development and betterment of the city or town, and from time to time make

GERMANS ARREST FRENCH COURIER

(By The Associated Press)

Berlin, July 25.—Berlin newspapers report that the German police have arrested a French courier, belonging to the French embassy in Berlin, in an express train near Hagen on the edge of the Ruhr. Important documents intended for the commander of the French Ruhr army were seized, it is said.

Great State Fair Is The Expectation

Enthusiasm Follows In Wake Of Mrs. Vanderbilt's Recent Tour Of Old North State

Raleigh, July 25.—Every day in every way interest in the progress of the North Carolina State Fair is growing stronger and stronger, according to General Manager E. V. Walborn, who day by day is working away at his job of getting exhibits in line.

Since Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt's recent expedition into Eastern North Carolina, Mr. Walborn has had his hand full, for in addition to getting the premium list in shape he has had many inquiries about the kinds of exhibits desired.

Many housewives are busy getting canning exhibits in shape during these canning days, and many a farmer is keeping a close watch over his corn field for likely specimens to send to the State Fair. Many a chicken fancier is busy in his poultry yard with a view to capturing a blue ribbon this fall. The agricultural end is a big feature of the fair, and is going to be bigger this year than ever before, according to Mr. Walborn.

North Carolina manufacturers are manifesting great interest in the plans for enlarged industrial exhibits, he states. Better textile exhibits than ever before are promised while the furniture manufacturers down at High Point, the second largest manufacturing center in America, and up at Lenoir, the third largest furniture making city in the country, are planning to put these cities on the State Fair map this fall.

Booking wholesome amusement attractions is another one of the jobs to which Mr. Walborn is devoting considerable attention. Mrs. Vanderbilt will be satisfied with nothing but the best in this line and it is up to Mr. Walborn to get them. He is getting them.

Another Indictment Is Asked Against Ward

White Plains, N. Y., July 25.—The extraordinary grand jury which reopened the investigation of the slaying of Clarence Peters of Haverhill, Massachusetts, by Walter S. Ward, wealthy baker's son, was today reported to be receiving from Attorney General Carl Sherman a plea for another murder indictment against Ward.

RUN ON REISCHBANK BEGAN EARLY TODAY

(By The Associated Press)

London, July 25.—A run on the German Reichsbank began soon after the opening today, according to a Central News Dispatch from Berlin which gives as the cause an insufficiency of bills of large denominations to satisfy other banks.

KLAN DETECTIVE IS REMAINING IN JAIL

Lumberton, July 25.—H. L. Tallaferrro, Klan detective, remained in jail here today as no bond was forthcoming, pending the appeal from the sentence of 90 days for contempt.

changes in the same, when change is deemed advisable; and to this end shall subdivide the city or town into districts or zones and prepare maps and plans of same, specifying and governing the height, area, and manner of construction of buildings thereafter to be erected, altered, or reconstructed in such zones, the purposes for which buildings and premises therein may be used, and establishing rules governing building lines; and submit same to the governing body for its approval and adoption.

Section 5. Before any new street is opened, or any existing street is extended, or before any new subdivision for residence, business or industry is made, the governing body shall cause to be prepared a plan for the systematic future development and betterment of the city or town, and from time to time make

HOLD MAN IN \$290,000 SWINDLE.



Reported to have had \$127,527 in his pockets, Philip Weisenthal of New York city was arrested as he left the Munson liner American Legion, just in from Rio de Janeiro, after being trailed half way around the world. The police allege Weisenthal obtained \$290,000 from the American Express Company by raising invoices. It is said the company will lose \$240,000. Photo shows Lieut. Gegan and Philip Weisenthal at Police Headquarters.

METHODISTS ABOUT TO UNITE CHURCHES

Cleveland, July 25.—The reunion of the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church was declared to be practically assured today when members of the joint commission on unification convened. The committee of 16 which was approved by both branches in separate meetings yesterday.

MRS. PRITCHARD DEAD

Mrs. Olynthus Pritchard, aged 58, died at her home in Camden Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock after a long illness. She is survived by her husband; by three children, Mrs. Clarence Meggs of Burnt Mills, Miss Irene Pritchard and John Pritchard of Camden; and by her mother, Mrs. Bettie Sandeford of Camden. The funeral will be conducted Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at the home by Rev. S. H. Templeman.

District Rotarians To Meet At Raleigh

More Than Thousand Members of Eastern Carolina And Virginia

Raleigh, July 25.—The annual conference of the 37th district Rotary Clubs will be held in Raleigh on April 3 and 4, 1924. Henry M. London, Secretary of the local club, has been advised by District Governor G. Franklin Lenz, of Newport News, Va., who is attending the meeting of the International Board of Governors at Chicago.

Raleigh was unanimously selected for the 1924 district conference at the annual meeting of the 37th district held recently at Petersburg, Va. The time for holding the 1924 session was left to the International Board of Governors for selection. Mr. London said the conference would bring to Raleigh more than 1,000 Rotarians and other visitors. The 37th district is made up of Rotary Clubs in Virginia and Eastern North Carolina.

International Director John Gibson, of Toronto, has been assigned by the International board to attend the conference here. Mr. London stated that invitations will be extended to International President Gundacker, of Philadelphia, and Rotarian Post Eddie Guest, of Detroit to attend.

Committees have already been appointed by the local club to work out a program of entertainment for the visitors, Ernest Larfield, having been appointed general chairman. Mr. London said the visiting Rotarians will be royally entertained during the conference.

The following North Carolina cities have clubs in the 37th district: Raleigh, Wilson, Farmville, Rocky Mount, Greenville, Washington, Elizabeth City, Clinton, Goldsboro, Kinston, New Bern, Henderson, Oxford, Durham, Wilmington and Fayetteville. Twenty-one Virginia cities are represented in the district.

SWAIN-MARKHAM

Miss Julia Markham, daughter of Mr. Ed Markham, and Leary Frank Swain, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Swain all of Weaverville, were married Wednesday morning by Rev. W. J. Banks at his home at Euclid Heights.

Seek Extension Of Mt. Hermon Road

Mt. Hermon Folks and Adjoining Section in Perquimans Want Road to County Line

A determined effort will be made at the August meeting of the Pasquotank Highway Commission to have the Commission authorize the extension of the Mt. Hermon road from its present terminus at Blackhead Sign Post to the Perquimans line, a distance of a half mile, more or less.

Those back of the movement are residents of Mt. Hermon township and residents of the contiguous section of Perquimans County. Representatives of these interests were in the city Tuesday securing signatures to a petition urging the Pasquotank Highway Commission to make this extension and, judging by the signatures, the proposition has practically the unanimous support of Elizabeth City business interests.

The argument advanced for the extension is that the road will eventually have to be paved and that the work can be done now at a great saving while all the equipment and about half the material necessary for construction work is on the ground. If the road is not paved, say advocates of the plan, Perquimans farmers in the section served by the Mt. Hermon road will have difficulty in getting to Elizabeth City in bad weather and Perquimans County will have no inducement to pave its own road connecting with the Mt. Hermon road to the Perquimans-Pasquotank line.

SEEK NEW SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION

Washington, July 25.—A brief advocating placing disabled former service men on a permanent compensation basis and the abandonment of the present system of examinations every 90 days was filed with Director Hines of the Veterans Bureau today by disabled American veterans of the World War.

Oldest Veteran Is Nearly Ninety Nine

Youngest Inmate of Confederate Home Is Seventy Six Years of Age

Raleigh, July 25.—Private John Shriver, oldest inmate of the Soldiers Home for Confederate Veterans, will celebrate his 99th birthday on August 22.

Mr. Shriver is one of the most active men at the home, according to Superintendent J. A. Wiggs, retaining all his faculties. "He is as spry as a cricket," said Mr. Wiggs, "and is one of the jolliest boys at the home. He has a good appetite, sleeps well, and I think he will live considerably past the century mark."

Mr. Shriver is from Forsyth County and entered the home about a year ago. He saw much service during the War Between the States. The youngest veteran at the camp is 76 years of age, Mr. Wiggs stated.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST PUBLISHER DISMISSED

New York, July 25.—Indictments charging George Maxwell, president of the American Association of Authors, Composers and Publishers, with forging and sending Allan A. Ryan and others poison letters attacking the characters of Mrs. Ryan and half a dozen other women were dismissed today by Judge McIntyre.

SHIPPING BOARD REJECTS OFFER

Washington, July 25.—The Shipping Board yesterday rejected the proposals of the American Steamship Owners' Association to operate the Shipping Board fleet without the board's supervision.

LADY ASTOR'S BILL NOW WAITS ON KING

London, July 25.—Lady Astor's bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to persons under 18 years of age yesterday passed the House of Lords and will become a law when the King gives his assent.

ARREST SECRETARY FOR MURDER OF ACTOR

Martinez, Cal., July 25.—Edward Sans, former secretary of William Desmond Taylor, actor who was murdered, was captured here yesterday and is suspected of the murder.

GOVERNOR BLAMES IT ALL ON MAXWELL

Asheville, July 25.—Governor Morrison yesterday issued a statement declaring that Commissioner Maxwell wrote the revenue law of 1921 and if the deficit occurred then the fault is with Maxwell and not with the Morrison administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Caroon of this city will leave to visit friends at Jarvisburg Thursday.

CUMBERLAND FOLK BREATHE EASIER

Re-assured by Promise of Police Protection by Governor Trinkle During Sensational Garrett Trial This Week.

(By The Associated Press)
Cumberland Courthouse, Va., July 25.—Re-assured by Governor Trinkle's promise of police protection during the trial of Robert and Larkin Garrett, prominent county officials, charged with murder of Rev. Edward Sylvester Pierce in front of the Baptist parsonage here June 5, this little town today breathes easier than it has in weeks.

Court day opened as quietly as in 1818 when the little red brick courthouse was built. There was nothing to indicate that potential trouble between the factions involved in the tangled skein of the case would develop.

The Garrett trial is scheduled to begin tomorrow. Will Camp on Lawn
Cumberland Courthouse, Va., July 25.—Picked men from the police department of Portsmouth, Petersburg, and Lynchburg will supplement Sheriff Adam's force of eight men at the trial of the Garrett brothers Thursday. They will be sworn in as special deputies and will camp on the courthouse lawn.

Must Appoint Clerk
Richmond, July 25.—The appointment of a clerk to serve at the Garrett trial will be necessary before the hearing can be started, it was learned officially here today.

S. B. Chermiside of Charlotte county, who was designated to serve in place of Robert Garrett, Cumberland clerk and defendant, has given notice that he will be unable to serve.

Women Missing In Asheville Fire

(By The Associated Press)
Asheville, July 25.—Misses Alice White and Thelma Opperman are missing in the fire of undetermined origin which enveloped the Emporium building here at noon today. It is feared that they perished in the flames.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES NOW IN HOME DISTRICTS

Raleigh, July 25.—For the first time in five years all superior court judges are now in their home districts holding court or will be when the fall terms start. Miss Mamie Turner, executive clerk, in the office of Governor Morrison stated today.

Summer Schools For Adult Illiterates

South Carolina Plan to Educate Growups is Working Well This Hot Weather

Columbia, S. C., July 25.—The summer school idea, in a modified form, is being used by South Carolina in this state's fight to wipe out illiteracy.

Vacation boarding schools for men and women who have lacked educational opportunities have been arranged for this summer by the state department of education, in cooperation with the authorities of Lander College for Women, at Greenwood, and Erskine College for Men at Due West. A full month's course in elementary subjects is offered at each institution at a cost of \$12.50 to the student, which includes all expenses except transportation and laundry.

Pupils whose education has equalled that of an average sixth grade pupil are not accepted for enrollment, nor are boys and girls under 14 years old.

The pupils live in the college dormitories and eat in the college dining halls, and in fact, according to Miss Wil Lou Gray, state supervisor of adult school work, lead the same lives that are led by the college students during the regular term.

Eighty-nine girls and women attended the first "opportunity" summer school, which was conducted at Lander College last summer. The course offered this summer at Erskine is the first made available to men and boys. The ages of the Lander students ranged from 14 to 54 last year, the average age being 18 years. Many of the women came from the cotton mill villages, and not a few of these had their expenses paid by the management of the mills in which they worked for the remainder of the year.

"I wanted to be able to help my little seven-year-old son with his lessons," one of the older women students said last year, when explaining what had prompted her to leave her family, and enroll for the summer course.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 25.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 23.90 a 75 point decline. Futures July 23.45, Oct. 22.90, Dec. 22.72, Jan. 23.50, March 22.65.
New York, July 25.—Cotton futures opened at the following levels: July 23.60, Oct. 22.55, Dec. 22.50, Jan. 22.30, March 22.35.