

Stockholders Decide to Begin Plans for New Country Club

Authorize President to Appoint Committee of Five to Prepare Plans and Start Financial Campaign—Spirited Meeting With Much Discussion Over Perpetuity Clause.

Stockholders of the Greensboro country club after a three hours' meeting at the O. Henry hotel last night which covered a wide range of club history and at times stirred up warm feelings voted that the clubhouse, destroyed by fire several weeks ago, be rebuilt.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee of five to consult with architects relative to plans, to prepare and to prosecute a financial campaign, and if further funds are needed, to arrange if possible for a mortgage to raise the remainder. Before incurring any except preliminary expenses the committee of five will report back to the stockholders for their approval.

Although the final motion did not mention a sum, the discussion from the floor indicated that the new country club will cost approximately \$50,000 to \$65,000, the exact amount depending in part on what financial arrangements can be made.

The formal motion did not state the site of the new club, but again the discussion points to the new buildings being erected where the destroyed one was.

The storm-center of the meeting last night, a matter which has been brewing in the minds of the stockholders since the question of rebuilding was raised, was the "perpetuity clause," so called, by which, according to a deed made several years ago with the Irving Park company, the golf links are required to be managed as a golf links perpetually.

Whether the actual ground on which the old clubhouse stood was included in the perpetuity clause was a point on which lawyers disagreed sharply last night. A. L. Brooks thought there was no condition on the club's title to that part of the property and also the part immediately adjoining. R. D. Douglas and F. P. Hobgood doubted whether the club owed any land with a clear title.

The point is of importance to the club because, as repeatedly stated from the floor last night, if the club has no clear title to any property, it will have difficulty in borrowing money, and money has got to be borrowed for the new building.

In the discussion on this point, in which many stockholders took part, Mr. Brooks brought out the old minutes of the club to show the action that was taken with the Irving Park company. Following him, Bernard Cone went into history a little himself and said that the action of the club officials in incorporating the perpetuity clause was not in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the members. He said further that at a certain meeting several years ago when action was taken every person present except himself was either interested in the Irving Park company or interested in some manner with the plan other than from the point of view of the country club.

which, according to various stockholders, carried all the authority the club possessed and ignored the directors, executive and finance committees. The angle was finally straightened out by directing the committee report back to the stockholders before taking final action.

President Pierce Rucker, speaking through his parliamentary adviser, wanted the stockholders to appoint the committee of five, but the stockholders refused to accept the buck and passed it back to the president.

No proposition was presented to the stockholders on the matter of a joint clubhouse with Greensboro and High Point members, to be erected between the two cities, and the matter did not come up for discussion except occasionally when in discussing other matters some stockholder would say he was against the idea. Apparently it is not favored.

The meeting was largely attended and in the course of three hours several hundred motions must have been made. But they were all straightened out by the president, assisted by Mr. Hobgood.

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SURMISES RIFE AS TO DAIL EIREANN'S ACTION

De Valera Says Any Agreement Subject to Ratification By Dail Eireann.

London, Dec. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Conjecture continues rife regarding the decision of the dail eireann will make at its momentous meeting Wednesday on the Irish treaty. Conferences continued at the Mansion house today, but little leaked out to indicate the trend of the discussions.

A statement issued by Eamon De Valera at Dublin tonight, in which he declared that any agreement was subject to ratification by the dail eireann, is considered in some quarters to lend support to those who think the dail eireann will make no decision but refer the issue to the electorate on the ground that the members of the dail eireann were not authorized by the Irish people to accept the settlement the delegates signed.

Mr. De Valera's statement apparently was occasioned by the persistent argument in the newspapers that the treaty must be ratified because the Irish signatories were plenipotentiaries. It is reported from Dublin that Professor McNeill, speaker of the dail eireann, and K. Hayes, a noted figure in the Irish republican army, are in favor of ratification.

Conservative and moderate elements throughout the south are pressing for ratification and a powerful impetus will be given this movement if the hierarchy, which meets tomorrow, comes out with a plea for acceptance of the treaty.

At Belfast the Ulster party held a meeting to hear Sir James Craig's report of his visit to London. After a discussion described as "stormy" it failed to decide whether Ulster should join with southern Ireland or contract out of the all-Ireland parliament. Sir James Craig informed the parliament that the situation was grave and complicated as never before by the agreement reached between the British government and the Sinn Fein. He charged Mr. Lloyd George with violating the pledge given to Ulster, but advised against taking any action not constitutional. He concluded with a plea that Ulster's interests be left in the hands of its leaders.

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NEITHER SIDE YIELDS IN PACKERS' STRIKE

Monday Showed Less Change in the Situation of Any Day With Exception of Sunday.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The second week of the strike of packing house workers opened today with both sides standing firm and less change in the situation than on any day since the strike started, except Sunday.

The anticipation of strike sympathizers that large numbers of workmen of allied industries in the packing plants would join in a sympathetic strike apparently had failed to materialize except in sporadic walkouts.

Reports that members of the packing house teamsters union intended to join the strike were denied by George Golden, secretary, and officials of the packing plants denied that large number of car repairmen in the stockyards district had walked out.

Cornelius Hays, international president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, which called the strike, said there was no change in the situation today so far as the union was concerned. The strike was practically 100 per cent effective, he asserted, and said there could be no change.

DURHAM AND MURPHY SCORE 4-PLY LEAGUE OF THE BIG NATIONS

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The Durham and Murphy 4-PLY LEAGUE OF THE BIG NATIONS, which was organized in Wake Forest, N. C., last week, has scored a victory in the Durham Superior Court today.

The defense is specially interesting since George Scott of the New York Police Force is under indictment with C. J. Kelly of Sanford. Three of the defendants have confessed and Major A. W. Hoffman of New York City, also a member of the police force, once upon a time is the accused of Scott.

The defense moved a non-suit at the close of the government's evidence. Friday afternoon, but Judge Connor took the case under advisement. To date Kelly is charged with having handled more than 50 stolen automobiles, of which number Harry Craig of Philadelphia seems to have supplied about 40.

Kelly occupied the stand all afternoon. Judge Connor had not made up his mind as to dismissal of Scott's case as motion had been made but indicated he would act tomorrow.

DISTRICT PYTHIAN MEET IS HELD IN GREENSBORO

Pythians of Seventh District Are Guests of Greensboro Lodge Number 50.

A large number of Pythians of the five counties in the seventh district of this state attended the district meeting held at the Greensboro lodge No. 50 hall on North Elm street last night.

The address of welcome to the visitors was delivered by O. C. Cox and U. L. Hackney responded. The rank of equire was conferred on several candidates, W. M. Lyles having charge of the exemplification of the secret work. An interesting address on the activities of the fraternity in the state and the nation was delivered by E. M. Geier, grand chamberlain.

Refreshments were served after the work of the evening had been finished. Davidson, Rockingham, Alamance, Randolph and Guilford counties are included in the seventh district.

MEN CHARGED WITH KILLING SID MATFIELD ARE ON TRIAL

Welch, W. Va., Dec. 12.—A jury was selected in two hours and a half today in the case of C. E. Lively, George "Buster" Pence and William Sellers, being tried in criminal court on charges of killing Sid Hatfield, and Ed Chambers, August 1, on the steps of the courthouse, where the defendants are now on trial.

As soon as the panel was complete court adjourned until tomorrow upon request of the prosecution as it was said several of its material witnesses had not arrived.

Contracts for seven and a half million pounds of tobacco, representing last week's sign-up in four counties, reached Raleigh headquarters of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing association Monday morning.

Columbus county is now in the 30 per cent signed column and expects to climb higher this week. With practically every important tobacco county over its minimum quota, the race for first place in percentage signed, which has been held by Greene county so far, is getting close and several county leaders have announced that the winning county must go better than 90 per cent.

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