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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF CITY PARKS

Committees Appointed to Secure Options on Two Blocks of Close-in Property and Liberal Blocks of Vacant Property in Each End of Town for Transformation into Modern System of Parks and Playgrounds for City's Thousands of Children - Central Park Would Be a Community Center With Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Boys Club House, Library, Etc.

A committee has been appointed to secure options on the properties comprising the two blocks between Second and Fourth streets, between South and Marietta streets, with a view to the same being purchased for a combined park and playground and community center. The plan is that this property, if available, eventually be purchased and transformed into a park through a local bond issue. Other committees are now engaged in endeavoring to secure options on properties in East Gastonia and West Gastonia for the same purpose.

Below is given in full the report submitted by Mr. J. H. Kennedy, of the recently appointed committee on parks and playgrounds for the city, and which was given in part at the meeting of the Rotary Club last week.

This is a subject which should be of vital interest to every citizen of Gastonia at this period of our city's growth and development. There has been much thought and hard work on this matter from time to time by some of our people who realize the importance of such a movement.

About two weeks ago at the Country Club a committee from the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary and the Kiwanis Clubs were entertained at a dinner by a few interested men, for the purpose of discussing the subject of parks and playgrounds for Gastonia. About three hours' time was spent in this discussion and it was the consensus of opinion that we had talked about parks long enough. It was now time for action.

The following plan was suggested and approved: That we have three parks—one central park, one for eastern and one for western sections. The ideal location for the central park is the square between Second and Third avenues and South and Marietta streets. If this property could be secured we would suggest that the McCall home be used for a Y. W. C. A. or a Woman's Club, the Wilson home be used for a library, moving the City Library from the present Y. M. C. A. building, which could be made into a new, the Latham home to be used as a Y. M. C. A. or Boys Club, the rest of the square being converted into a beautiful park. This property is ideally located for all these purposes. There could easily be made swimming pools, tennis courts, etc., while the little woodshed would afford a delightful shaded place for children in summer. This would give us a complete community center for men, women and children. The idea is, of course, that these buildings are for the present only. It is presumed that, as the city grows larger and richer, more modern and costly buildings will be erected. We understand it is the idea of the school board to erect a temporary building on the corner of Second and Marietta for the High School. The architect says that this building can be so constructed that when abandoned by the High School, it can be used for a community building.

For the eastern section we would suggest the grove west of the Modena Mill. We understand the owners of Fairmount Park have offered to donate a section of this park to the city.

For the west, we would suggest the property owned by Rev. E. W. Bradley. At the dinner already mentioned these committees, acting as a general committee, appointed three committees with instructions to get options on the properties mentioned and any others that they might think desirable and report to the general committee at the call of the chairman.

The central committee is as follows: J. White Ware, B. G. Rankin, M. A. Carpenter.

The east committee: R. H. Parker, S. N. Boyce, J. H. Kennedy.

The west committee: J. L. Gray, A. M. Dixon, D. M. Jones.

It is our opinion that we should have a number of small neighborhood parks well located. Savannah, Ga., has the most beautiful chain of small city parks we have ever seen. We were told that these parks were planned and bought by the city when it was no larger than Gastonia is now. They are now prized by the city as among its most beautiful and valuable possessions. Of course Savannah has in addition to these small city parks, large parks outside the city. Some of us hope to see the time when our city can own the beautiful Linwood property and Crowlers Mountain for a large park, but just now, let's provide the small parks.

To get this movement going it is important that we have team work. Cooperation means success. It is too big a proposition for one organization to undertake. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and "let's go."

Here are some of the organizations to make the thing go:
The Chamber of Commerce,
The Rotary Club,
The Kiwanis Club,
The Woman's Club,
The Community Service, Incorporated,
The community workers and these will (Continued on page 6.)

PRESIDENT W. L. POTEAU SPEAKS TO WAKE FOREST ALUMNI IN GASTON COUNTY

Enjoyable Banquet Was Held by Gaston County Students and Alumni of Wake Forest College.

The first annual banquet of the Wake Forest College Alumni Association of Gaston county was held in the Armory at 7:30 Monday night. In addition to a large number of local alumni and prospective students of Gaston county quite a number of friends of the institution were present.

Mr. W. L. Poteau, of the local bar, president of the association, presided and Dr. W. L. Poteau, president of Wake Forest College, was the principal speaker of the occasion. Following Dr. Poteau short talks were made by Rev. W. C. Barrett, Dr. George Collins, of Charlotte, Dr. Johnson, W. J. Francis, M. L. Barnes, A. S. and Jesse Baird, W. C. Bivens, Dr. C. H. King and others. Dr. Poteau gave an interesting account of the recent commencement and told of the aims of the college for the future. He is a member of the board of trustees and is tenderly devoted to the institution.

Dr. Poteau paid an eloquent tribute to the part America had in the recent war, telling in detail of the part played by the college alumni. He made it very clear that America was fighting for an ideal and not alone to save herself. Then in a wonderful way he showed how Wake Forest has endeavored always to foster in the mind and hearts of her students the moral principle which made heroes of those who realized the true cause for which the war was fought by the allies. The devotion to this moral ideal, he said, must be kept alive in the hearts of all the people if future wars are to be avoided. The horrors of war must be kept alive in the hearts of people. They must be constantly reminded of the suffering and privations caused by it and that must be convinced that there is a better way of settling disputes, a way which avoids war and yet provides a more permanent settlement of disputes between nations. He showed very clearly that even after the enormous loss of life, in addition to the war, there is yet no permanent peace in Europe. To avoid future wars, to establish world democracy, he urged a stronger moral tone in the education of all the people. Men must learn a better and nobler way of settling the disputes that arise in private and national and international life. Wars decide nothing which might not be settled in a better way if all the people were trained to higher moral responsibility. Partisan politics may yet defeat the League of Nations and cause the shameful isolation of the United States. "We can't stay out of the League," he said, "because the League is necessary to world peace and we can't get out of the world. If some kind of league is not formed which will avert another war like this, then the world will be the disappointing thing in history. So let us remember the horrors of this war, its failure thus far to establish peace among the European nations. Let us remember also its demoralizing influence throughout the world today. Just now things look dark, we have tried war and it failed to bring peace. In the moral education of all the people lies the destiny of world peace. Our main business is the moral education of all the people."

In conclusion, Dr. Poteau paid an eloquent tribute to the part Wake Forest men are playing in the affairs of the state and nation and the spirit of the institution. "I recently had, Joseph Daniels, ex-Secretary of the Navy said at the college that 'Wake Forest men are on the right side of things.' This spirit of the institution which tries to teach its students the moral side of public questions is one of its most commendable possessions.

CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING BY JEFFERSON OF UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 31.—Educators from all parts of the country and from many foreign nations joined today in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the University of Virginia by Thomas Jefferson. The four days' program opened with exercises commemorating the influence of the university in the religious life of the nation.

The guests, who included several thousand graduates of the university, were welcomed by Governor Westmoreland Davis and Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University. The Rev. William Alexander Barr, D. D., dean of the Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, was the principal speaker at the opening exercises. He was graduated from the university in 1892.

Answering the criticism of historians who attributed Jefferson's tendency toward liberalism in religion as a desire to break away from the established faith of the church, Dr. Barr said that in founding the university Jefferson "aimed no blow at any religious influence that might be fostered by it."

The three classes were represented at the exercises today, answering the call of "back to the old routine." They were led by the members of the class of 1892 of which there are thirteen survivors. The graduates called in a body on Dr. Francis H. Smith, professor emeritus at the oldest living member of the Phi Beta Kappa in the United States.

Several hundred of Virginia's 1,200 World War veterans who saw service overseas held an impromptu reception at military headquarters, which was fitted up to represent the Virginia Union in Paris. It was the first reunion since they were discharged from service.

This evening the new Greek amphitheater will be dedicated with an organ recital by Humphrey John Stewart, musical organist of San Diego, Cal., and Dr. Henry VanDyke Murray, professor of English literature at Princeton University, will speak at vesper services.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK LEADERS EXTEND THEIR AUTHORITY (By The Associated Press.) TOKIO, May 31.—Anti-bolshevik leaders who have established their authority to the northwestern, being in control of the cities of Spassk and Grodekovo, says an official report received here. Resolutions have been adopted by the Vladivostok chamber of commerce, declaring that recent events there were the outcome of communist methods, which drove the population to desperation.

CHAMP BEGINS HIS REAL WORK OF TRAINING.



Having settled down in his quarters in Atlantic City, Jack Dempsey has begun his first real training for his bout with Georges Carpentier in Jersey City, July 2. The photo shows the champion trying his strength at the pipe-threading machine.

STATES' RIGHTS VS. FEDERAL QUESTION OF PERMANENT IS THE QUESTION OF DEBATE HOME FOR THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMES UP AGAIN

Southern Senators Oppose Bill League Officials Are Dissatisfied With What Geneva Has Done to Take Care of League's Requirements.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The question of the rights of the states, as against those of the Federal government, is again being raised in the Senate. The bill for the League of Nations, which has been passed by the House, is now being considered by the Senate. The issue is whether the League should be a permanent institution, or whether it should be a temporary one. The League of Nations is a permanent institution, and it is the question of whether it should be a permanent institution, or whether it should be a temporary one. The League of Nations is a permanent institution, and it is the question of whether it should be a permanent institution, or whether it should be a temporary one.

GENEVA, May 31.—Views are being exchanged here in the Allied nations regarding the possibility of reopening the question of choosing a city as the permanent headquarters of the League of Nations. This matter, which has been discussed in the past, is now being considered at the League of Nations conference in Geneva. The League of Nations is a permanent institution, and it is the question of whether it should be a permanent institution, or whether it should be a temporary one.

So declares General von Hoefler, Commander of German Guards in Silesia. (By The Associated Press.) BREITENBURG, Upper Silesia, May 31.—General von Hoefler, Commander of German Guards in Silesia, has declared that the League of Nations should be a permanent institution, and it is the question of whether it should be a permanent institution, or whether it should be a temporary one.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT (By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 31.—Report of a coroner's jury in a case involving the death of a young man from other sections of Germany. Many of these men were drafted and sent back home, while one corps that was found guilty of plundering was forced to give up its arms. Men who have been unable to produce evidence that they were Silesians have been taken to the front lines, and it is believed that many of these men are still in the hands of the enemy.

BIZZY BEAR SAYS: (By The Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, May 31.—The Baltimore Steamer Company has announced that it will be building a new steamer, which will be the largest of its kind in the world. The steamer will be built in Baltimore, and it is expected to be completed in the near future. The steamer will be built in Baltimore, and it is expected to be completed in the near future.

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BOLD BURGLAR LANDS DR. PLATO DURHAM IS BEHIND THE JAIL BARS BITTER IN DENUNCIATION OF COL. GEORGE HARVEY

Lee Elliott, of Gastonia, Frightened Away While Attempting to Enter Lowell Store, Leads Officers Merry Chase in Car But Is Caught—Clerk Could Have Killed Him But Refrained.

Lowell was the scene of a very daring attempt at robbery last night. As a result Lee Elliott, white, aged 25, claiming Gastonia as his home, is in the county jail in default of a \$500 bond, having been committed by Magistrate S. S. Morris on preliminary hearing this morning.

The principal witness against Elliott was R. L. Featherston, a young man who works in P. P. Rankin and Co's store at Lowell and who sleeps in the store. About a week ago this morning Featherston heard some one tearing off the iron bars from a window near his bed. He quietly slipped out of bed, secured his pistol and made his way to a point near the window where he says he had a good look at the man he would be breaking. Testimony in magistrate's court this morning, Featherston said that he decided once to shoot the would be robber but as the latter turned the criminal's body was below the window sill and he shot instead to fire a bullet into some vital part of his body and perhaps cause death, he decided to refrain from shooting.

After frightening the burglar away, Featherston went out the front door and saw the man putting gas into a Ford car at a store further up the street. A man later the Ford started in the direction of Gastonia and Featherston then telephoned police headquarters there. A squad of motorable policemen started at once to meet the car. When a short distance east of the city, they surrounded the Ford to stop the driver "stepped on the gas." The officers gave chase and got their man at the junction of East Franklin and Church street when two of the Ford tires, having been punctured by bullets, ran off. The driver jumped from the car and was overtaken a short distance away. A pistol which was found in his car. He denied his guilt, but was positively identified by Featherston.

One of the largest gatherings that ever assembled in Linwood cemetery (beyond the bar and sand stand) with bowed heads and linked arms while songs and prayers were being paid to those who fell in Flanders field and others who lost their lives in the cause of their country and democracy during the greatest war the world has ever known.

The services at the gravesides followed a period of former service men and women and representatives of various patriotic, civic and community organizations. Following the service on Tron street, marching north on Tron and out East Second street to the cemetery. The sidewalks along the line of march were lined with people to watch the procession, while automobiles lined the sides of the streets and in side streets, applying braking out many times while the former service men, of all wars, and the service women were passing such points.

Will Disband German Defense Troops as Soon as Practicable (By The Associated Press.) BREITENBURG, Upper Silesia, May 31.—German defense organizations in this city and in other towns west of the Oder river will disband and be disbanded as soon as Allied authority has been re-established in Upper Silesia, said General von Hoefler, commander of German Guards in Silesia.

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