

Steps Taken For Early Launching Of Campaign To Build Modern Hotel

Official Personnel of Executive Committee Named; Selection of Site Set for Friday Night

DRIVE JUST AHEAD
Plans for Financing Project to be Announced This Week; Pugh Tells of Work Already Done

Formation of an executive committee to sponsor plans for financing Elizabeth City's proposed new hotel, to cost \$300,000 to \$500,000, was announced Wednesday, coincident with acceptance on the part of the officers heading it.

They follow: C. O. Robinson, chairman; J. Wesley Foreman, associate chairman; R. C. Job, secretary, and L. C. Blades, treasurer. The committee as a whole is made up of 34 Elizabeth City residents, chosen with particular reference to their prominence in the business and professional life of the city. Others are still to be added, it was stated.

Naming of the official personnel of the committee was effected at a meeting Tuesday night, presided over by C. R. Pugh, chairman of the original hotel committee. Mr. Pugh declined the chairmanship of the permanent committee, stating as his reason the pressure of other business.

Site Committee Reports
Selection of a site for the hotel was deferred to a meeting to be held Friday night at the Chamber of Commerce, after the site committee had reported last night on a number of tentative locations for the new hostelry.

W. C. Donnell, secretary and treasurer of the William Four Hotel Operating Company, which has signed a contract for operation of the new hotel, was present at the meeting and stated he was enthusiastic over the prospect for success held forth in the building of a modern hotel here.

We made a careful study of your hotel situation, and are fully convinced that the new hotel can be operated at a very satisfactory profit. We have many applications to take over the operation of hotels, but we are taking only those which we are reasonably certain at the start can be operated upon a satisfactory financial basis," Mr. Donnell declared.

In the course of his address, Mr. Donnell mentioned a number of features in the layout and design of a hotel which he considered essential for satisfactory operation, and particularly stressed the importance of adequate shop-rentals. He pledged the co-operation of his company in assisting the committee in designing the new hostelry.

Grover C. Winn, of the Hockenbury System, which is assisting in the financing of the project, spoke generally on the hotel situation and of the tremendous influence of a modern hotel in promoting the development of a community. He announced that detailed plans of the approaching financial campaign will be presented at the meeting Friday night.

Tells of Steps Taken
C. R. Pugh, speaking at the opening of the meeting, outlined in detail the steps which had been taken thus far in the project, resubmitting those presented during the four weeks had been spent in a thorough survey of the situation here before the campaign was undertaken. He stated that a hotel of 100 rooms had been recommended.

"This project is the biggest thing ever undertaken by this community," Mr. Pugh concluded, "and its importance to Elizabeth City is sufficient to challenge the interest of every business man." The membership of the committee is announced as follows: L. C. Blades, W. T. Culpepper, E. C. Conger, M. L. Clark, W. P. Duff, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, J. W. Foreman, O. F. Gilbert, C. W. Gaither, W. G. Gaither, A. B. Houtz, R. L. Hinton, Harry Johnson, H. G. Kramer, W. T. Love, Sr., G. R. Little, M. G. Merrisette, J. T. McCabe, Dr. A. L. Pennington, C. R. Pugh, C. O. Robinson, J. C. Sawyer, W. L. Small, H. W. Sanders, Raymond Sheely, W. P. Skinner, Frank W. Selig, M. Leigh Sheep, S. B. Templeman, W. J. Woodley, Sr., W. H. Weatherly, Sr., and H. C. Job.

ANNOUNCE AMOUNT SPENT BY CITIES

Washington, March 10.—The 244 cities of the country with populations over 30,000 spent \$2,129,749,000 in the fiscal year 1924 for operation of their governments. This figure, the Commerce Department announced today, was equivalent to \$25.76 per capita.

PLAN FOR WORLD WAR MEMORIAL IS TAKING SHAPE

Representatives of Many Local Organizations to Meet Tomorrow Night to Work Out Details

NUCLEUS AVAILABLE
Appropriation of \$500 by County Commissioners Will be Started in Financing Project

As a means of forming an organization to go systematically about plans for a suitable memorial for Pasquotank County's World War heroes, a group of representatives from the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, the Woman's Club, the Daughters of the Confederacy, the City Council, the Board of County Commissioners, and other organizations will meet at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

J. Kenyon Wilson, representative of Pasquotank in the General Assembly, and president of the Kiwanis Club, is taking the lead in fostering plans for the memorial. Himself a veteran of the World War, Mr. Wilson has manifested keen interest in the plight of those veterans who were disabled in the conflict, and in erecting an appropriate memorial to all who endured its hardships.

Just what form this proposed memorial will take, and just how it will be financed, are details to be worked out as a result of Thursday night's meeting. The nucleus of a fund for the purpose is available in an appropriation of \$500 made by the Board of County Commissioners, largely with a view to erecting a monument to Corporal Seth Edward Perry, only Pasquotank County soldier killed in action, so far as the records disclose. It is thought likely now, however, that when the monument is erected, it will be designed to memorialize the others as well.

May Move Body
Corporal Perry's body lies buried on the west corner of the courthouse square. At the time of the interment, the war was but recently ended, and in the enthusiasm of the moment was made what many have come to regard as a serious error. There is a strong sentiment now for removal of the body to what might prove a more suitable perpetual resting place.

In view of recent steps toward development of the most pretentious cemetery property in the county of the South in the vicinity of Hollywood Cemetery, the suggestion has been offered that Corporal Perry's body be interred there, and that, perhaps, the proposed World War monument be erected there also. It is believed that the New Hollywood Cemetery Association, sponsoring this cemetery, would co-operate readily in the project.

The new cemetery is being developed on a plan which provides for the setting aside of a permanent endowment fund, the interest from which is to assure that the property will have perpetual care. This fund, it is explained, cannot be touched for any purpose. Thus, as far as those interested in the cemetery care make this perpetual care a certainty, it has been made so.

It is declared also that the New Hollywood Cemetery Association would donate to the World War committee, or any similar organization which might succeed it.

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Elizabeth City Decidedly Dry If Folks Voting As They Drink

PROHIBITION BALLOT
Prohibition Editor, The Advance, Elizabeth City, N. C.

I have marked below, with a cross my position on the prohibition question.

I favor keeping the prohibition amendment as it now stands, with strict enforcement.

I favor repeal of the prohibition amendment.

I favor modification of the prohibition law so as to allow the sale of light wine and beer.

Signed

Street address

City

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The Advance plans to keep the ballot running until all members of the families in which the new-

paper circulates 18 years old and over have had opportunity to vote. The address as well as the name of each voter must be given on the ballot in order that the prohibition editor may be assured that no fake votes are being dropped in the box.

Thomas McGee Here Despite Warning Thrice Given

Thomas McGee, battered bit of human driftwood, still is in Pasquotank County despite an ultimatum by Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer in recorder's court Saturday that he leave the County by 10 o'clock Monday morning—and he is still at large. Saturday's order that he depart from Pasquotank was the second issued him.

Learning that McGee still was encamped at the Fair Grounds with his half starved horse and pair of mules, Trial Justice Sawyer had Chief Holmes bring the wanderer before him Wednesday morning and informed him that if he hadn't left these parts by sundown, he would be played by jail, to serve the 30-day term imposed Saturday, and effective if he failed to leave Monday.

McGee, aged, bent and forlorn, and pitiable despite his dogged air of defiance, represented that he had been physically unable to get his belonging together and leave earlier. When convinced that Mr. Sawyer meant business, he agreed to comply with the terms of the latest ultimatum.

As evidence of the despicable visitor's attitude, it is told that he went to a home in the vicinity of his camping place in the Fair Grounds, and asked that he be given something to eat. The housewife kindly brought out a plateful and offered it to him. "Is that the best you've got?" he queried. He was told that it was. "Well, put the blankety-blank stuff in a bag, then," he snapped. Kindly disposed Elizabeth City folks made up a small purse for the old man Wednesday morning, to help him on his way.

LINDSAY WARREN SUCCEEDS RAKER

Washington, March 10.—Representative Lindsay Warren, of North Carolina, was Tuesday elected by the House to fill the vacancy on the committee on immigration and naturalization caused by the death of Representative Raker, of California. He had previously been selected for this assignment at a meeting of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee upon motion of Representative Dough-ton.

The committee is an important one. Over a hundred bills have been introduced to weaken the present immigration laws. Mr. Warren will join that group on the committee who believe in a rigid policy and who are in favor of strengthening the present law rather than weakening it.

HAS NO PREFERENCE IN MATTER OF BILLS

Washington, March 10.—House leaders are undetermined whether to accept or reject the Senate amendment to the House omnibus resolution, Chairman Snell of the rules committee said today after a conference with President Coolidge. The President, he reported, expressed no preference between the House and Senate draft.

Spring's about ten expectations and nine disappointments away now.

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Dean of Educators Again To Head Graded Schools

Prof. S. L. Sheep, dean of North-eastern Carolina educators and a leader in his field in the State, last night was reelected superintendent of the Elizabeth City Graded Schools for the year ahead by unanimous vote of the board of school trustees. He is rounding out his fifteenth year at the head of the present graded school system, having headed it since its establishment in 1907, except for four years spent in similar work in Western North Carolina.

In school work here for nearly half a century, Professor Sheep now is teaching grandchildren of many whom he instructed in his first years in this city. In point of service in one school system, he holds the record for the State. Mr. Sheep came to Elizabeth City from Pennsylvania, his home State, in 1878, and opened a small private school on the rear of the J. H. Flora residence property on East Main street. After a couple of years, the former Elizabeth City Academy, first school of major pretensions here, was built by popular subscription, and was rented and operated by Mr. Sheep.

Some years later, Mr. Sheep founded the former Atlantic Collegiate Institute, operating it as a private school until the establishment of the graded school system in 1907.

Besides his long connection with the school system here, Mr. Sheep has taken an active part in educational affairs of the State, having served as president of the Association of High School and College Presidents and of the Graded School Superintendents' Association, and for 14 years having been instructor in mathematics in the teachers' summer school maintained at the University of North Carolina. Before undertaking this latter work, he conducted teachers' institutes in various parts of the State for four or five years.

Members of the sophomore class in cookery at the High School were hostesses to the board of trustees, Mr. Sheep, A. B. Combs, principal of the High School, and M. P. Jennings and J. M. LeRoy, respectively superintendent of the County schools and chairman of the County Board of Education, at a supper in the High School cafeteria room, Tuesday night. They were directed by Miss Mary Kendrick, in charge of the domestic science department of the school, and received many warm compliments from their guests.

The cafeteria room was decorated for the occasion in a fashion reminiscent of St. Patrick's Day, with shamrocks, green shaded lights, and other accessories. The menu cards bore pictured shamrocks, and the place cards were decorated with green St. Patrick's Day hats. The menu comprised grapefruit, veal chops with rice and gravy, tender green peas in patties, candied potatoes, hot biscuits, olives, coffee, banana salad with crackers, pineapple ice cream, food cake and green mints.

The hostesses were: Misses Neulsh Haper, Helen Bright, Eleanor Lane, Isabel Menden, Elizabeth Cross, Katherine Cartwright, Katherine Davis, Lavinia Jones, Ruth Jones, Katherine Mann, Doris Abbott, Catherine Hathaway, Helen Wells and Helen Little.

Council Ratifies Power Contract And Forwards It To Virginia Company

DRIVE TO SELL MEMORIAL COINS ON IN EARNEST
Unanimously Adopts Document as Recommended by Utilities Commission, Without Change

ACCEPTANCE LIKELY
Carrying Charge of \$30,000 a Year on Transmission Line From Suffolk Dropped Entirely

A brand new contract whereby the City Council and Utilities Commission agree to purchase current from the Virginia Electric & Power Company on a 20-year basis, was forwarded to the super-power company today after ratification last night by the Council, upon recommendation of the Commission.

The main point of difference between the city's tendered contract and that offered by the company is that in the new one, the \$20,000 a year carrying charge on the transmission line which would be built from Suffolk to Elizabeth City, is stricken out altogether. Whether the power interests will agree to this is uncertain. In their eagerness to reach this city, and with every prospect that they would soon be supplying Hertford and Edenton with current also, there is a strong disposition here to believe that they will.

Power Rate Accepted
The company's wholesale industrial power schedule as in effect in Virginia is adopted as a whole. Under it, members of the Council figure that current on a basis of 160,000 kilowatts a month, or nearly 2,000,000 kilowatts a year—will cost \$2,090.31 a month. It is declared that the coal bill alone at the local plant is about \$2,100 a month.

All members of the Council were present at the meeting last night, and voted unanimously for acceptance of the contract and bill of term and conditions. The body had received a letter from the Utilities Commission setting forth that the latter recommended its ratification.

The contract, as stated, is to run for 20 years. It is provided also that at its expiration, it may be renewed automatically for year periods. The power company is directed to begin construction of the power line within 30 days after the contract becomes effective, and to pursue the work "with all diligence and dispatch" until it shall be completed. All costs incident to construction of the line are to be borne by the company.

Metered At This Point
In accordance with the terms of the contract submitted by the power company, it is stipulated that, in the event the new contract is accepted, the current shall be metered at Elizabeth City, instead of at the other end of the line, as had been suggested by power company officials in earlier negotiations here. In this it is pointed out, the power company would absorb the lossage incident to transmission of current over a 40-mile stretch—a substantial item in itself.

The power company is directed to construct a 2300 volt wire line from its sub-station here, at or near the city limits, to the city's present power station or to the city's contemplated new power plant. Members of the Council and Utilities Commission are warning with keen interest the action of the Virginia Electric & Power Company on this new tentative contract. There is a general disposition on the part of both bodies to hold tight to the terms it sets forth, and apparently there is little likelihood that it will be modified, at least in any essential detail.

KNOWN DEATH TOLL REACHES FOURTEEN

Eccles, West Va., March 10.—The known death toll in the Crab Orchard Improvement Company mine explosion reached 14 today when three more bodies were located in the workings where 25 miners were entombed Monday. Ten were found alive last night and five are still missing.

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 10.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 19.25, May 18.80, July 18.19, October 17.25, December 17.06. New York, March 10.—Spot cotton declined 20 points. Futures, closing bid: March 19.20, May 18.84, July 18.05, Oct. 17.25, Dec. 16.97.

Hi There, Fellars, Here I Am

Jim Williams has brought me back to your town and I'm holding 'em up for your amusement on the editorial page today. Jim is a darn good scout to get along with and he can put us inmates of his little ink bottle through a lot of funny antics for the amusement of The Advance readers, but gosh darn it I sure wish he'd give me a new belt or a pair of suspenders for a change.

It sure gets tiresome holding 'em up all the time. It really only gives me one hand and all my fellow inmates have two. But then I guess our old friend Jim knows best. He's trying to entertain you folks of the real world and we little ink marks have to do just what Jim wants us to. But we're satisfied. We're helping you to enjoy life, so what more could a feller want, eh?

Turn to the editorial page and see "Out Our Way." Show it to your friends and tell them what they're missing if they are not reading The Daily Advance. P. S. "Out Our Way" also appears in The Daily Advance "funny paper" each Saturday.



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