

SCULPTOR GIVES SUGGESTIONS ON WAR MEMORIAL

James Novelli, Carver of Many Noted Statuary Groups, in Conference With Local Committee

PLANS ARE LAUNCHED

Trend of Sentiment Is for Distinctively Appropriate Remembrance for Pasquotank's Heroes

Presentation of suggestions by James Novelli, of New York, widely known sculptor, for Pasquotank's proposed World War Memorial marked a special meeting of the memorial committee Friday.

As a prelude to exhibiting his own work, the sculptor outlined the general theme which the memorial should embody, suggesting particularly two subjects, one depicting America victorious and the other a doughboy, on the eve of leaving France for his native land, standing with head bowed at the grave of a fallen comrade.

At the close of the meeting, Chairman Wilson was empowered to name a committee to decide upon the type of memorial to be erected, and to report back to the general committee later.

The majority of those present agreed that it would be better to erect a distinctive memorial than to undertake to found a library, a playground, or other utilitarian object in memory of the county's war heroes.

Those present at the meeting included: Mrs. Edson Carr; Mrs. E. R. Outlaw, and Mrs. M. P. Hill, from the Women's Club; Mrs. C. D. Bell, Mrs. S. W. Gregory, Mrs. J. H. White, Miss Lillie Grady and Mrs. Walter Small, from the Daughters of the Confederacy; W. T. Love, Sr., J. Kenyon Wilson, N. Howard Smith, A. B. Houtz, Jerome B. Flora, and Buxton White, representing variously the Board of County Commissioners, American Legion, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, and other interested organizations.

Born in Italy in 1885, James Novelli came to this country with his parents when a small boy, and was reared in humble surroundings in New York City. He early evidenced a strong propensity for art, and after a few years in the public schools, went to work with the idea of saving enough money to go to Rome to study painting and sculpture.

Arriving at Rome the young Novelli was immediately apprenticed to a marble cutter, and six months later began attending the Royal Academy. Five years later, he returned home. After many reverses, he succeeded in winning the prize for the best design for "Peace and Victory," a great World War memorial erected in Saratoga Park, Brooklyn. From then on he says, the path was easier.

"America Triumphant," in Pershing Field, Jersey City, also was designed by Mr. Novelli. In addition, he has executed many other memorial sculptures, including a group, "Motherhood," for the late General Julian S. Carr, of Durham.

Mr. Novelli estimates that an attractive World War memorial in Elizabeth City can be erected for \$3,500 to \$4,000.

CHARLOTTE COUNTRY CLUB LINKS BEING OVERHAUL

Charlotte, March 19.—The links of the Charlotte Country Club are undergoing a general overhauling in preparation for the Southern Women's Championship Golf tournament opening May 24.

Other cities entered include Birmingham, Dallas, Mobile, Nashville, and New Orleans.

On B. Y. P. U. Program



PRESIDENT C. F. GORE



REV. WALTER M. GILMORE



REV. R. W. PREVOST

The Eastern Regional B. Y. P. U. Convention opens tonight at 6:30 at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church. At that hour delegates will be enrolled and at 7:30 the song service will begin, led by J. D. Hamrick of Wake Forest with Miss Madie Lee Wade of Chowan College at the piano.

City Of Dead Makes Way To Let The Living Pass

Fraught of Humankind and Its Works Revealed Anew When Workmen Begin Task of Unearthing Cemetery Near First Baptist Church

Quitting a century old rendezvous, a city of the dead made way for the growing needs of a city of the living today, when workmen dug up the ancient cemetery at the rear of the First Baptist Church in order to clear the way for the extension of Matthews street to Cherry, and thereby provide another badly needed through east and west street for Elizabeth City.

When the first graves were dug into, it seemed, almost, that the dead, anticipating that their rest would be broken at last, had picked up their coffins and had stolen silently away to another resting place. There was absolutely nothing in the first three graves except a little discolored earth. Caskets and the mortal remains they had held vanished with the passing of the years.

In the fourth grave, however, there was a rusted metallic coffin bearing a silver name plate which was deciphered readily. It bore the name of a feminine member of a family long illustrious in the annals of the Albemarle. Burial had occurred 53 years ago.

At the head of the metal casket there was a plate, fastened by a couple of brass screws, encrusted with rust. These were removed carefully, disclosing a glass plate beneath the metal one. Large beads of moisture had collected on the under side of the glass.

At first glance, it appeared that there was a second metal plate under the first; but presently a drop of water fell heavily from the upper glass, with a splash that showed that the coffin was nearly full of water. A nest of young snakes was uncovered near the head of this grave, the tiny reptiles wriggling indignantly at being disturbed.

The removal of the graves was carried on under the supervision of Street Commissioner Anderson and City Manager Ferebee. A number of boxes of various sizes had been provided, in which to carry the remains to Hollywood cemetery for re-interment. It early became apparent, however, that few of these would be needed.

A small crowd of neighbors, mainly feminine, and a few other curious ones gathered to watch the work and ponder, perhaps, on the frailty of humankind and its works.

JOSEPH ELLIS DEAD Joseph Ellis, aged 48, and for 24 years a dry goods merchant here, died at Beaufort, S. C., on February 21, according to a letter received here by his brother, M. Ellis of this city. Ellis was a naturalized American citizen and left Elizabeth City about two years ago to visit his old home at Beaufort, S. C. Besides his brother, M. Ellis of this city, he is also survived by a nephew, Joseph M. Ellis, a Potomac street merchant of this city.

Police Nab Stolen Coupe and Arrest Two Occupants

Suspecting that everything was not as it should be, Police Officers Roughton and Winslow, at the passenger station Friday morning, made a little investigation which prompted them to arrest a white youth and an older companion, and to take in charge the Ford coupe in which they were riding. Later, they learned by long distance telephone that the coupe had been stolen in Danville, Virginia, the day before.

Hence it happens that the two occupants of the car are now in the Elizabeth City jail awaiting arrival of officers from Danville. The two gave their names as J. W. Strickland, 87 South street, Kannapolis, this State, and Willie Johnson, alias J. J. Jones. The latter did not give his address.

Before the officers arrested the pair, they observed that one door of the coupe was locked on the outside, and the glass had been smashed from the other. This led them to think the car had been stolen. After the arrests had been made, Strickland and Johnson told several conflicting tales as to how they had come into possession of the coupe. Finally Strickland, who is apparently about 17 years old, admitted it had been stolen, claiming that Johnson was the culprit. Then Johnson made a similar admission, except that he claimed Strickland stole it.

OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE OARMEN TRAINING FOR GREAT RACE London, March 19.—For the great aquatic event of the year, the Oxford and Cambridge boat race, to be rowed over the historic course Putney to Mortlake on March 27, the contesting sights are putting in some strenuous work.

So far as can be judged there is very little to choose between the two teams during their practice on still waters, Oxford on the Isis and Cambridge on the Cam.

The Oxford eight, with their heavier weight, however, are more evenly distributed in the shell. It will be one of the heaviest crews Oxford has put into the race. They are being coached by Campbell Douglas, while the light blues are in the hands of Captain Whitt.

FLORIDA TOURS ADVANCE Effective April 1, Florida Hollywood tours will advance to \$115 instead of \$87.50 per person. Take advantage of low rate and go with the party on the next trip, March 22. For particulars, see Mrs. T. H. Cooke, Perma street, Phone 497-J. 1926.

W. A. HART DIES SUDDENLY FROM HEART ATTACK

State Highway Commissioner From First District Passes Away at Home in Tarboro

LONG PROMINENT

Mentioned As Possible Candidate for Governor: Was Well Known in Northeastern Carolina

Raleigh, March 19.—William A. Hart of Tarboro, member of the State Highway Commission since the creation of that body as at present constituted, died suddenly here this morning at 5 o'clock when he suffered a heart attack. He had been in failing health for some time. At one time it was rumored that he would resign from the Commission on account of his physical condition, but he was prevailed upon to continue.

Mr. Hart was first appointed by former Governor Morrison during the 1921 meeting of the General Assembly and was later appointed by Governor McLean. He had been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for Governor, prior to the campaign of 1924, but declined to let his name be taken seriously. However, there was a movement on foot to induce him to enter the race for Lieutenant Governor in 1928 and it was generally thought that he was not averse to this.

Mr. Hart was a striking example of the self-made man. He started business life with a few paltry dollars. Hard work brought him a fortune reckoned in millions, and had interested him throughout the State. He was a prominent Presbyterian layman and built one or two churches. He is survived by Mrs. Hart, and one son, B. M. Hart. Funeral arrangements are yet incomplete.

Highway Commissioner W. A. Hart, who died suddenly Friday morning at his home in Tarboro, was well known in Elizabeth City and elsewhere throughout the Albemarle district, through the circumstance that during his tenure in office on the State Highway Commission, he had made many trips to this section. Numerous expressions of sorrow were heard on the streets here Friday morning, when news of his death had spread.

Intensely and whole heartedly interested in the development of North Carolina's great State Highway System, and particularly insofar as it affected his district, Mr. Hart had won many friends here. Only a few weeks ago, he attended a meeting of the Currituck Board of County Commissioners, held in connection with a plan to finance additional hard-surfacing in that section, and, as was his wont, had manifested again his intention to do all in his power to further the State's road program.

Mr. Hart was present at the opening of the Virginia link of the George Washington Highway at Wallaceon last summer, representing North Carolina, officially at that event. He had attended many semi-social club functions here, and had become, perhaps, better known to Elizabeth City folks generally than any other prominent North Carolinian living in another part of the State.

GREEK PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Athens, Greece, March 19.—Admiral Coundoniotis has resigned the Greek presidency. An election will be held to decide his successor.

Film Premier



No French politics for Jean Painleve, above, son of the French ex-premier Paul Painleve. He has turned movie star.

GAITHER NAMES COMMITTEES TO FINANCE HOTEL

General Executive Body Divided Into Smaller Units to Facilitate Stock Sales Campaign Here

ON COMMUNITY BASIS

Every Resident of Elizabeth City to be Urged to Co-operate in Drive for Modern Hostelry

Following the announcement yesterday of the appointment of W. G. Gaither as general sales manager of the hotel campaign organization, Mr. Gaither announced Thursday night the appointment of the various sub-committees, formed from the members of the executive committee.

The executive committee was divided into six sub-committees with the following as chairman: W. T. Culpepper, J. W. Foreman, A. B. Houtz, H. G. Kramer, Dr. A. L. Pendleton, and J. C. Sawyer. The complete personnel of the sub-committees follows: Committee No. 1—W. T. Culpepper, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, M. P. Gallop, R. L. Hinton, T. P. Nash; No. 2—J. W. Foreman, W. J. Woodley, S. H. Johnson, W. L. Small, L. C. Blades, W. P. Duff, C. O. Robinson; No. 3—A. B. Houtz, L. R. Foreman, W. T. Love, W. H. Weatherly, Sr., M. Leigh Sheep, W. B. Koenig, S. H. Templeman; No. 4—H. G. Kramer, M. L. Clark, H. W. Sanders, E. C. Conger, J. T. McCabe; No. 5—Dr. A. L. Pendleton, G. R. Little, M. G. Morriette, C. R. Push, W. P. Skinner, R. C. Job; No. 6—J. C. Sawyer, C. W. Gaither, O. F. Gilbert, R. B. Sheely, F. W. Sells, Taylor Graham.

In addition to supervision of the assignments of the executive committee, Mr. Gaither will have charge of the building of a citizens-sales organization which will be composed of some 120 members in addition to the present executive committee.

Under the plan, it is proposed to have the campaign organized on a community basis, in which every business man or citizen interested in the progress of Elizabeth City will have an opportunity to take part in the work of the hotel organization.

Chairman C. O. Robinson, in opening the meeting, stated he believed the time had come for the citizens of this community, who have expressed their belief in the hotel, and in the future of the community, to substantiate that belief by their subscriptions to stock in the new hotel enterprise.

The chairman announced that with the appointment of the committees work of financing the hotel would be undertaken.

Attention of the committee was called to the publicity being given this section by the various newspapers, and to the importance attaching to Elizabeth City's new hotel through linking it up with the other units of the William Four Hotel Corporation. Since the signing up of the contract with this company, hotels at Macon, Georgia, Wildwood, New Jersey, and Richmond, Virginia, have been announced by the operating company.

The committee voted to make Taylor Grandy a member of the executive committee.

Youngster Hurt In Road Mishap

Theotis Lowry, 11-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Lowry, living near the plant of the Southern Roller Stave and Heading Company, about a mile from this city, was struck and knocked down by an automobile truck said to have been driven by Al Divers, of this city, yesterday morning while he was playing in front of Corinth School. The boy was rendered unconscious, but an examination later disclosed that he had apparently sustained no injuries more serious than a variety of bruises and minor abrasions.

Immediately after the accident, the youngster was brought to the office of Dr. C. B. Williams, in this city, and Dr. Williams rendered first aid treatment. Shortly afterward, he was taken home by his father, and apparently was little the worse for the mishap today.

Witnesses of the accident declared young Lowry and several other boys were playing in the road when the truck came along, and that the driver undertook to avoid striking the boy, but without success. Al Divers, driver of the truck, is said to be about 20 years old.

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 19.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: May 18.70, July 18.22, October 17.55, December 17.20, January 17.16.

Loses Battle For Life



Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the President, who died last night while the son was speeding to the father's bedside.

Trifle Late For School Board To Raise Racket Over Scheme For Teacherage, Aydtlett Says

Members of the School Board who are opposed to the erection of a teacherage should have expressed themselves long ago, instead of waiting until plans have been drawn and bids are about to be advertised for, in the opinion of E. F. Aydtlett, chairman of the board.

"When the \$400,000 bond issue for school improvements was voted," Mr. Aydtlett declared yesterday in recounting the history of the teacherage plan, "the sum of \$10,000 was expressly included for the building of a teacherage. The money has been kept intact for that purpose, and the School Board has no legal right to use it for anything else.

"Then, when it became apparent that the teacherage would cost more than \$10,000, an additional levy was made, and the money has been collected—making a total of \$15,000 to \$18,000. The School Trustees have no right to spend it for anything but that. The teacherage plan was brought before the board, and was discussed for six months or more. Finally, a committee was appointed to get a site, and later it was decided to build the teacherage on the school property on North Road street, near the Grammar School. The building would be 40 feet, or maybe more, away from the Grammar School, and should not interfere with the lighting of the rooms on that side of the school.

"Still later, the firm of Benton & Benton, of Wilson, was employed to draw plans for the teacherage. The board took up these plans about two months ago, decided they were not entirely satisfactory, and the plans were changed accordingly. There was not a vote against it. The architects now have a bill of \$600 to \$700 for these plans, and it must be paid. If the board should decide not to build a teacherage, that much money will have been wasted.

"Many of the teachers in our schools would prefer to live in a teacherage, if one were available here. A number have expressed the teacherage plan works well in other places, where teacherages are conducted properly, and that the teachers living in them are enabled to live at lower expense than if they boarded.

"Under the teacherage plan, only young lady teachers would occupy rooms in the building. They would pay a reasonable rent, and they would take care of the property.

"As to any controversy over the teacherage among members of the School Board, I know of none, although I am aware that several recently have begun to think it would be unwise to build a teacherage. Personally, I think it is the best thing to do; and I don't see how the School Board, having proceeded this far, can afford not to go on with it. They were supposed to have known what they were doing when they took these various preliminary steps to build it."

HEPBURN WILL SUBMIT SHOALS PROPOSAL

Washington, March 19.—Fredrick T. Hepburn, organizer of the Pennsylvania Power System, will submit his proposal to the Muscle Shoals Congressional committee Monday to operate the property under Government supervision.

Under Mr. Hepburn's program the Government would be requested to construct transmission lines for the distribution of power so the corporation could sell power to consumers rather than being forced to sell it to existing power companies. The power rates would be subject to regulation by various state agencies.

SENATE ADJOURNS IN RESPECT TO COOLIDGE

Washington, March 19.—The Senate adjourned today as soon as it met on the motion of Senator DeLo, Republican of Vermont, out of respect to Colonel John C. Coolidge.

INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK WHITE MOTOR COMPANY

Cleveland, Ohio, March 19.—Stockholders of the White Motor Company at a special meeting today authorized the proposed increase of capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

CAMDEN YOUTHS IN JAIL AFTER THEFT OF MEAT

Charged with the theft of bacon valued at \$100 to \$125, Willie Creekmore and James Powers, Camden County youths, are in jail at Camden Court-house to await trial at the next term of Superior Court in that county in connection with a foray upon the smokehouse of J. Logan Sawyer, prominent farmer living about five miles above South Mills, a few nights ago.

Upon discovering that a large quantity of bacon had been stolen from him, Mr. Sawyer began an investigation which revealed that the missing meat had been sold in Norfolk. Various incidents are said to have pointed to Creekmore and Powers as the culprits. They were arrested and given a hearing before Justice of the Peace G. F. Spencer, at South Mills Wednesday night. Their bond was fixed at \$400 each. Lacking it, they went to jail.

Stricken Last April The condition of the President's father first attracted public attention early in April of last year, about a month after he had returned from Washington, where he had attended the inauguration of his son. His condition grew more serious until the latter part of June when an operation was deemed necessary.

Applied of his father's condition and an impending operation, the President and Mrs. Coolidge together with his friend Frank W. Stearns hurried from Boston to Ludlow, Vermont, on a special train. At Ludlow the party was met by Attorney General Sargent and driven here, a distance of about 12 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge found the patient already on the way to recovery and his improvement was so rapid that they were enabled to return to Boston a few days later in order that the President might keep an important speaking engagement. Colonel Coolidge, himself, urged that this

COOLIDGE TRAIN AT END JOURNEY IN EARLY MORN

President and Mrs. Coolidge Breakfast at Inn Before Starting on Auto Journey to Homestead

A RACE WITH DEATH

John C. Coolidge Dies During Night as Distinguished Son on Special Train Speeds Toward Bedside

Plymouth, Vt., March 19.—President Coolidge came home to Plymouth today. At 10 o'clock this morning the President arrived at the white farm house where his father, Colonel John C. Coolidge, lay dead.

He was driven from Woodstock accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, their son John, Attorney General Sargent and Major James F. Coupa, White House physician.

The Presidential staff arrived in sleighs, having left their automobiles at Bridgewater Corners for the last seven miles of snow-covered roads.

A military guard saluted the Executive as he turned from the main highway into the road leading to his old home. At the farm house the President was first to enter, followed closely by Mrs. Coolidge and John.

A battery of cameras mounted on eight-foot snow heaps beside the porch clicked as the party passed into the house.

Across the road in front of the general store the entire population of the village stood in silence. All the old neighbors, many of them bound to the Colonel by ties of blood, were in the group.

While the mourning family remained with their dead the President's boyhood friends stood about silent and with little demonstration of sorrow, for folk of this Vermont hamlet do not wear their hearts on their sleeves.

Funeral Hour Announced Major Coupa announced that the funeral would be held from the house tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Reverend John White, Episcopal clergyman, of Sherburne, will officiate. Burial will be in the little cemetery here where many members of the Coolidge family lie.

Woodstock, Vt., March 19.—Losing by more than eight hours in a race with death, the Presidential Special arrived here this morning at 7 o'clock, following the death at 10:41 last night of Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the President.

The President and Mrs. Coolidge, leaving their car immediately upon its arrival here, went directly to Woodstock Inn, where they took breakfast.

At 10 o'clock last night the physician and Mrs. May Johnson, the nurse, who had been with Colonel Coolidge throughout his illness, saw that the end was at hand. The aged patient failed little by little, and at the last appeared to go to sleep. He suffered no pain.

The President, kept closely informed of his father's condition over a special telephone circuit to the White House, left Washington for his boyhood home here when informed yesterday that death was at hand for his father.

The sick man was told his son was on the way to see him. He nodded his head slightly and Dr. Cran said he believed he understood the message.

Only an indubitable will kept alive the spark of life on many occasions, those near to Colonel Coolidge, said. At the worst of his heart attacks he would throw off his weakness if he thought of some duty unperformed, the physician said.

With him when he died, in addition to the physician and Mrs. Johnson, the nurse, was Deputy Sheriff MacAuley, who has been in attendance as body guard since last June.

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