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PLAN TO UTILIZE CAMP KNOX SITE TO TRAIN TROOPS

Extensive Plans Under Way for Active Season of Training The Coming Summer Months

Indianapolis, Mar. 12.—Extensive plans for utilizing Camp Knox, Ky., for an active season of training during the coming summer are now being formulated by the staff at Fort Benjamin Harrison, headquarters of the 6th Corps Area, commanded by Major Gen. George W. Read. The plans include courses of instruction for the national guard, for Reserve Officers Training Camp units, for artillery units and for civilians.

All these plans are dependent upon appropriations by the Congress.

Camps for numbers of Reserve Officers Training Corps units will be held from June 16 to July 27. Attendance at the Infantry camp will be limited to students at institutions of the Fourth and Fifth Corps Area. The 5th Corps Area includes Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. The 4th Corps Area includes Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

There will also be an artillery camp for members of all artillery units located at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Virginia, Military Institute Alabama, Polytechnic Institute, Purdue, Culver, Ohio State, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, Iowa State, University of Missouri, Colorado Agricultural College, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, University of Oklahoma, Leland Stanford, University of Utah, and Oregon Agricultural College.

Commencing on July 6 and ending Sept. 4, all the national guard of the Fifth Corps Area will attend for periods of two weeks for each organization. In addition there will be a regiment of artillery from Missouri and a battalion of artillery from Iowa. It is hoped that the national guard units engage in practical training of a nature which cannot be given at their home stations.

RALEIGH PLAYERS PRESENT PLAY AT TRAINING SCHOOL

Green Stockings Captivates Large Audience At Training School In This City Last Night

The Raleigh Community Players and the orchestra they brought with them captivated hearts of Greenville last night because of their splendid performance of Green Stockings. The town and surrounding territory feel greatly indebted to the Sidney Literary Society for bringing the Community Players here. From the first chords from the orchestra until the curtain went down for the last time, the audience was charmed with the performance and there was not a dull moment during the evening.

The play is a delightful comedy, with tangling and untangling of a plot full of suspense and amusement, and it was so cleverly acted that the fine lines got across the foot lights.

The stage was well set for the interior of an English home, and the gowns and hats were indeed handsome.

Every part in it was excellently interpreted.

SERVICES IN COURT HOUSE

Rev. A. H. Butler, of Kinston, will preach in the court house at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday, March 13. The public cordially is vited to all the services.

William De Mille's production The Prince Chap, White's Theatre Monday.

COUNT SFORZA



The most recent photograph of Count Sforza, Italy's minister of foreign affairs.

TRIAL OF CHICAGO WHITE SOX TO BE HELD AT CHICAGO

Trial of Players Charged With Throwing World Series Promise to Bring Out Interesting Evidence

Chicago, Mar. 12.—The trial of Chicago White Sox baseball players charged with throwing the 1919 world series, which begins Monday before Judge William E. Dever of the County Court is expected to bring forth evidence that almost everyone connected with the alleged conspiracy was double-crossed in some way.

The loss of Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the club, of his championship team and of players valued collectively as high as \$300,000 was looked upon at the time of the jury investigation as a double crossing unparalleled in baseball history. Testimony given before the grand jury and which probably will be introduced during the trial, indicated that the alleged plans of the gamblers charged with fixing the series and of players charged with throwing it, also went astray in several respects.

This testimony given by witnesses, was to the effect that the gamblers double crossed certain players by not making good on promise subscriptions certain players in return double crossed the gamblers beginning a game on which the gamblers had pyramided in winnings and thus lost many thousand dollars for the fixers and that some players even double crossed each other.

Chicago lost the first two games of the series and on these two games various gamblers were said to have won many thousands of dollars. Claude Williams and Joe Jackson, in their grand jury confessions, said that the players were promised a certain amount of money after each game, but only Clotte, Jackson and Williams, certain players became very angry when the gamblers failed to make good on the promise of payments after each game and having thus been double crossed by the gamblers, did their best to win the third game of the series.

The gamblers, it was said pyramided their bets, betting on the second game against Chicago all they had won the first. The combined winnings were placed on Cincinnati to win the third game and when Dick Keer came through with a 3 to nothing victory in which he was aided by indicted players the gamblers lost everything.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGES MEN TO ATTEND MEETING IN COURT HOUSE MONDAY

The chamber of commerce request all business men to attend the meeting at the court house Monday at 12 o'clock to hear Dr. Poe's address on co-operative marketing. We believe the sooner we have a good market for our products the more products we will raise and thereby increase the richness of our county.

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KING'S PARTY IS RECEIVING SLIGHT GERMAN SUPPORT

Faction Seeking to Bring About Restoration of Monarchy Fails to Arouse Any Enthusiasm

Berlin, Mar. 12.—The King's Party in Germany, which is seeking to restore the monarchy has failed to arouse any enthusiasm either for the proposal to put a Hohenzollern again in power or for the enthronement of a Bavarian or Wuerttemberg prince.

Opinion seems to prevail that the revulsion against the old regime brought on by the debacle of war cannot be wiped out in less than several generations. Even the men who stood close to royalty before and during the war, with the exception of certain militarists whose prestige and influence mostly vanished, are only lukewarm toward the monarchist movement or flatly oppose it.

There is, however, no apparent inclination to blame the former Emperor or Crown Prince for the damages Germany has suffered, except among the extreme radicals and some of the socialists, and these generally lay the fault to the old form of government more than to the Emperor personally or to his association.

Everywhere in the provinces, thruout Bavaria, Baden-Wuerttemberg, East Prussia, Upper Silesia, among business men and peasants alike, the opinion is firmly held that Germany was forced into the war by England and France, and this has tended to keep alive the Hohenzollern popularity.

At The City Churches

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

N. D. Wiggs, pastor
Sunday evening service 7:30. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. A. G. Walters Supt

Little Workers League Wed. 6:30 p. m. Bettie Mae Potter President.

Prayer services Wed. 7:30 p. m.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Leland Watts Smith, Pastor

All services to be held in the high school auditorium.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor.

Topics—Having the Mind of Jesus, and Winning the Lost.

Special music at both services.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. W. T. Lipcombe Jr. Supt.

B. Y. P. U. 6:30 J. B. Kittrell, Pres.

B. Y. P. U. Jr. Miss Dovie Burnette, President.

Visitors and the public cordially invited to all services.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Rev. C. H. Bascum, rector

5th Sunday in Lent

Holy communion 7:30 a. m.

Church school and Bible class 9:45.

Morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m.

Evening prayer and sermon 7:30.

A cordial invitation extended to everyone.

JARVIS MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

9:45 a. m. Sunday School. No one can take your place in Sunday school.

11:00 a. m. Preaching. Subject—My Father's Business. Church conference.

2:30 p. m.—Bright Jewels.

3 p. m.—Sunday school at Joyner's School house.

3:30 p. m.—Preaching.

3 p. m. Sunday School at Cannon Swamp School House.

6:45 p. m.—Epworth League, Miss Emma Malison Leader.

7:15—Prayer Circle, Ladies Parlor.

7:30 p. m.—Preaching, subject—Repent Ye—Relent Ye.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

S. K. Phillips, Pastor

9:45 a. m. Sunday School Standard and Efficient. That's what we are working for. Help us by coming.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon—Experience with the Holy Spirit. Miss Alleen Jones will sing don't come alone, bring a friend along with you.

MEXICO PLANS TO CARRY LAW SUITS INTO MANY STATES

Government Representatives to Endeavor Bring Under Control Church Property in Jalisco and Oca

Mexico City, Mar. 12.—Representatives of the Mexican government have brought suits in the states of Oaxaca, Michoacan and Jalisco, to bring under federal control church property which is alleged to belong to the Catholic clergy in violation of the Mexican constitution. Under the constitution the Catholic clergy are not allowed to own or administer church property.

It is alleged that the property owned by the Catholic clergy has been placed in the hands of law societies which, in reality, are acting for the clergy. It is said that numerous other similar actions are contemplated to divest these alleged societies of property, the value of which is estimated in million of pesos.

The action just brought are based on the precedent set by the Mexican Supreme Court in its decision in Jan. last in the case against the Society of Piety whose holding in the state of Puebla valued at more than 20,000,000 pesos was ordered to be returned to the Mexican government. The Supreme Court in that case ruled that the Society of Piety was controlled by the Catholic clergy.

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Water & Light Commission Makes Splendid Financial Improvements Last Year



A recent photograph of Lord Ronaldshay, Governor of Bengal.

DR. MERRILL IN EXCELLENT TALK AT LOCAL SCHOOL

Member of Department of Agriculture Tells of Potential Possibilities of the Training School

Dr. Merrill of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, formerly from the Georgia State Normal College at Athens, is a visitor at the Training School and made an excellent talk to the students his morning at the assembly hour.

He spoke first of the potential possibilities in such a school as the Training school, and said that the department of Agriculture considered no phase of educational work more important than what is being done in schools like this.

He spoke especially of the big outstanding ideal in history that shows the growth of men and of government. History he defined as his story, the story of how other people live. He referred to the dry old fashioned way in which people had to study history in the past and shower how interesting it is now. Instead of memorizing long lists of dates, he gave four that should be remembered. These were first of all the year 1. when through the Master's teachings the principles of the brotherhood of men were first known to the world. The next approximate date that must be learned is the signing of the Magna Charta, around about the end of the twelfth century, when people decided a king could not sell and buy other peoples. 1776. When all men were considered free and equal and it was established that no one had a right to govern except with the consent of the governed.

The fourth is November 11, 1918, another declaration of independence for no matter how men may feel, it will always be clear that the principles are the same running throughout the four epochs, and that some day the world will be better.

It is our part to hold on to these principles and push forward. This is the chief object of education in our time. A new man and a new age with different types of mind are needed today. Women have taken a different place, radical changes have come about and citizenship brings new responsibilities. The field is glorious. No matter how circumscribed a person may seem or how small a place each must take his place and do his part to make the world better.

Mr. Merrill spent the day inspecting the school.

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Annual Report of Superintendent Williams Divulges Paying Off Over \$21,149.48 Indebtness

SURPLUS AMOUNT NOW IN TREASURY TOTALS PRACTICALLY \$8,906.19

Careful Management and Economy in Operation Given As Cause of General Improvement

The greater part which economy and careful management have played in operation of the Water and Light Commission of this city for the year ending March 15 is set forth in a comprehensive way in the annual report of Superintendent E. E. Williams made public today. The report deals principally with the great problems which have been handled successfully under new management and shows an improvement in financial conditions that easily surpasses operation activities in many years.

The total indebtedness of the commission March 15, 1920 approximated \$21,149.48 according to a careful compilation of figures available from files after Mr. Williams assumed management last year, and comparative figures in the report today shows all indebtedness has been relieved and that an improvement of \$30,935.67 in financial conditions since the report March 15, 1920. The total amount of surplus cash amounts to approximately \$8,906.19, while a statement of inventories divulges \$2,500.00 more material and supplies on hand than covered by the previous report.

These improvements, the report declares, are not a result of the 25 per cent increase in rates of electric current seven months ago and are due chiefly to more efficient management and economy in operation. This fact is presented forcefully in the announcement of a 20 per cent decrease in rates to become effective April 1st, 1921. The rate increase, it is asserted, became absolutely imperative last July because of existing abnormal prices for labor and coal supplies.

Out side the general improvement in financial condition of the commission, the water and light plant is today considered one of the finest in this section of the state. Improvements in building grounds and equipment has been under way for several months, and is today virtually completed, with the exception of minor matters which laborers have so far been unable to reach.

A bond issue of \$500,000 for equipment purposes was granted by the city several weeks ago and since that time every effort has been made to complete construction work at the earliest date possible. The plant's capacity after all improvements are completed will be fully adequate to serve the city for many years, and there is slight prospect of many patrons throughout the city being subject to poor service, or the needs of further funds to continue operation. The machinery is in splendid condition, and several parts which were reclaimed are capable of rendering excellent service for years to come.

The service for the past year has been far superior to anything in history of the plant. There has not been a single shut down of any consequence and the magnitude of this task cannot possibly be realized by the public unless eye witnesses could have been on the scene when improvements were in progress. The physical condition of the plant, the report states, is every thing that could be desired under existing conditions, and within a short time will be in shape to meet requirements of the city under extreme conditions.

Salient points embraced in Mr. Williams statement referring to the future are very optimistic and encourages belief of continued prosperity along every line. Concerning these he says:

The improvements in the physical condition of our plant and the financial condition of the business during the past year have come as a result of a campaign of reconstruction and reorganization which is by no means completed at the present time. Perhaps

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WILLIAM De MILLE'S PRODUCTION
"The Prince Chap"

AT WHITE'S THEATRE - MONDAY

With Thomas Meighan, Lila Lee, and Kathlyn Williams

Personal

Mr. T. E. Mann, of Lewiston, was numbered among business visitors in the city this morning.

Miss Eva Oglesby, of Raleigh, is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. H. M. Ray, of Raleigh, is spending sometime in the city on business.

Mr. J. W. Churchill, Misses Ruby Giles, Mae Blanton and Margaret Moore, of Kinston, visited friends in Greenville yesterday.

Mr. J. R. Roberts, of Wilson, spent several hours in Greenville Friday.

Mr. H. A. Humphrey, of Kinston, was among business visitors in the city during the morning.

Mr. J. W. Cheshire, of Raleigh, spent several hours in Greenville Friday.

LASSITER—VENTERS

Reported for the Reflector, the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Venters was the scene of a beautiful wedding, Sunday afternoon, March the sixth, when their only daughter, Annie Laurie became the bride of Mr. Roy W. Lassiter.

A profusion of potted plants and flowers was used in decorating the home for the occasion.

The bride was met at the stairway by the groom. They then entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march which was rendered by Miss Ethel Godley of Grimesland. Before an improvised altar of flowers they were united in marriage by the Rev. E. T. Ipeck of Grimesland. The impressive ring ceremony being used.

The bride wore a traveling suit of blue tricotine with grey accessories. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple motored to Wilson. From there they will go to Washington and other cities of interest.

Mrs. Lassiter is one of the very loved young lady of Pitt County. Her many friends wish her much happiness in her wedded life.

Mr. Lassiter who is a native of Coleraine has for the past few months been engaged in the Mercantile business in the little city of Shelmerville, to which place he will return with his attractive bride.

WEST-PERRY

Mrs. Lillian Sutton Perry request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Susan to Dr. Clifton Forrest West on Saturday the second of April at seven o'clock Gordon Street Christian Church Kinston North Carolina.

The above invitations will be of interest to people of Greenville, as Miss Perry, the bride-elect, has visited here several times, and possesses a host of friends.

CIRCLE NO. 1. MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET

Circle No. 1. of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. F. J. Forbea.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT OFFICERS MONDAY

The annual election of officers of Greenville No. 50 R. A. M will be held Monday night March 14th. The convocation will convene at five o'clock for work in the M. M. degree. At 7:30 a banquet will be held in the dining room of the Princeton Hotel and after the banquet will be the election of officers.

All members are urged to attend.

FOUR MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED SINCE YESTERDAY

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the register of deeds since reports of yesterday afternoon: Alfred Taylor to Moe Bell Tyson, both of Farmville district. Oscar W. Rollins to Miss Messie Harper, both of Ayden section; Joseph Clark, of Belvoir, to Miss Corrine Griffin, of Pactolus; J. J. Ford, to Miss Sidney Davis, both of Bethel.

SIX DEEDS OF TRANSFER FILED SINCE YESTERDAY

The following deeds of transfer have been filed in office of the register of deeds for registration since reports of yesterday afternoon. J. W. Turnage to Emma L. Turnage, consideration \$2500; W. H. Arnold, to H. H. Proctor, Sr., consideration \$7800; W. Z. Morton, to C. E. Swain, consideration \$800; J. S. Ross, to Annie Tripp, consideration \$37.50; J. F. Barwick, to A. G. Cox and wife to Fred Worthington consideration \$750.

CIRCLE NO. 4 MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET MONDAY

Circle No. 4 of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. T. A. Person.

FOR RENT—One furnished, two unfurnished rooms. Will board party taking furnished room. Phone 374-J

SALE OF CHILDRENS CLOTHES MARCH 29th AND 30th

Circle No. 2. of the Memorial Baptist Aid Society will have a sale of children's clothing in the Princeton Hotel dining room, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29 and 30. The clothes will be sold at reasonable prices. Chicken salad will also be served.

CIRCLE NO. 3 MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET MONDAY

Circle No. 3, of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. W. J. Hardee, on corner of 3rd and Greene St. at 3:30 o'clock, Monday afternoon. A full attendance is desired. Chairman.

In the District Court of the United States.

Eastern district of North Carolina Before Frank H. Bryan, Referee.

In the matter of Felix Labaki, Bankrupt.

Under the power invested in me as Trustee of Felix Labaki, bankrupt and in pursuance of an order made by his honor Frank H. Bryan referee in Bankruptcy, in the above matter, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the store formerly occupied by Felix Labaki, on Evans Street, in the town of Greenville, N. C. on Friday March 18, 1921, at 11 o'clock a. m. all of the goods, wares, and merchandise of the said Felix Labaki, Bankrupt, now in the store formerly occupied by the said Labaki in said town of Greenville, N. C. and fixtures, and open accounts due the said bankrupt. The said stock of goods, wares and merchandise inventoried \$11,658.25, and the said inventory can be seen at the office of the undersigned Trustee whenever desired.

The purchaser will be required to deposit 20 per cent of the purchase price with the Trustee to await the confirmation of said sale by the Referee in Bankruptcy.

This the 7th day of March, 1921. C. C. Pierce Trustee

HAPPY!

The Clown

TRAINING SCHOOL Monday, Mar. 14, 8 p. m.
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PROGRAM FOR

White's Theatre
For Week of The 14th

MONDAY MATINEE AND NIGHT

William De Mille's beautiful Production
"THE PRINCE CHAP"

With Thomas Meighan, Lila Lee and Kathlyn Williams.
 Matinee 3:45 Adm. 10 and 25c

TUESDAY NIGHT

Douglas Maclean and Doris May in
"THE ROOKIES RETURN"

Jimmie came back from the war to peddle books—and found himself heir to millions—on condition, well that's where the fun started.
 A good clean comedy drama—You are sure to like.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Elaine Hammertsein in
"POOR DEAR MARGARET KIRBY"

Also good comedy.

THURSDAY MATINEE AND NIGHT

George Fitzmaurice's production
"PAYING THE PIPER"

Mr. Fitzmaurice has produced "Playing the Piper" even more lavishly than he did "On with the Dance", "Idols of Clay" and "The Right to Love".

FRIDAY NIGHT

Beautiful Martha Mansfield in
"HIS BROTHERS KEEPER"

Also Paramount Magazine.

SELL AT GORMAN'S

Gormans sold for the week, 285,376 pounds. The sales finished each day before dinner, until Friday when Gorman's (with third sale and the largest in town, 72,560, lbs) sold about an hour after dinner. Prices on the good bodied and colory tobacco with character sold well all the week finishing Friday fully as high as any day during the week. The common grades, those under four cents are easy and many piles selling

for one cent and under. This tobacco is worth more to the Farmer as fertilizer and would pay to use on the farm under your corn, potatoes, etc. We look for small sales next week. Gorman's has 2nd sale Monday, 1st sale Tuesday, 3rd sale Wednesday, 2nd sale Thursday and 1st sale Friday. Drive to Gormans and you will go home with the top of the Market.

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

March 8th, 1921

Mr. D. S. Spain, Chairman Messrs. L. W. Tucker and E. B. Higgs
Members of the Water and Light Commission;

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit herewith a report covering the activities of our organization for the year ending March fifteenth 1921. This report in its essential details is practically a summary of the periodical reports which have been rendered to the members of the Commission, and is submitted to you for your approval.

FINANCES

In order to arrive at the extent of the improvement in our financial condition for the past year it is necessary to make a few prefatory remarks regarding the condition of affairs at the beginning of the present superintendency. At that time I was of the belief that the indebtedness of the Commission would approximate \$9,000.00, and the current funds had been practically exhausted in paying old accounts.

There was no record of the outstanding accounts payable, no ledger was kept. Invoices were put away in an unsystematic manner until funds became available with which to pay them. This condition of affairs made it very difficult to check statements which were received later, and in a great many instances absolute checking was impossible.

Several months elapsed before we could determine the total indebtedness as of March 15, 1920, but we can now give the correct figures from our records. The voucher records show that we have paid to date on accounts payable March 15 1920, \$16,472.58 (See exhibit A attached hereto, listing every item in this total with voucher number and invoice date.) When our books were audited last July it was found that our regular account was credited with \$4,676.90 through error. Correction of this error removed this amount from our regular account, thus adding \$4,676.90 to the actual indebtedness of March 15 1920, bringing the total to \$21,149.48.

With these facts in mind, your attention is directed to our financial statement of March 1 1921, which is reproduced in full herewith:

Greenville, N. C. March 1 1921.

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

Statement of Finances — Regular Account

February 1 1921 Bal. on hand \$ 1,114.23	February checks \$12,770.00
February Collections 12,489.20	Balance on hand 832.63
13,603.43	13,603.43
March 1 1921, Balance on hand	\$ 832.65
March 1 1921, Accounts Receivable, (Est'd.)	11,000.00
	11,832.65

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, MARCH 1, 1921

INVOICE DATE	FIRM	AMOUNT
2-11-21	Charlotte Electric Repair Co.	\$ 64.81
2-5-21	Owen G. Dunn	11.54
2-16-21	Owen G. Dunn	11.56
2-23-21	Postoria Lamp Division	29.02
2-23-21	Hubbard & Co	28.22
2-5-21	New River Coal Co.	452.55
2-17-21	New River Coal Co.	478.59
2-25-21	New River Coal Co.	643.40
2-23-21	Texas Co.	28.05
2-23-21	Tower-Binford Electric & Mfg. Co.	5.72
2-7-21	Virginia Carolina Supply Co.	8.05
2-10-21	H. A. White	24.82
		1,786.50
	Customers' Deposits on hand	1,139.50
	Total Indebtedness, March 1, 1921	2,926.46

(Signed) J. O. Duval, Clerk

You will note that the above statement gives a balance above-indebtedness of \$8,906.19 on the first of this month. There was a balance of approximately \$2,000.00 on hand on the fifteenth of last March, and a comparison of inventories reveals that we have on hand approximately \$2,500.00 more material and supplies than at that time. Considering that these two items balance, the above financial report shows an improvement of \$50,056.67 in our financial condition since March 15 1920.

This state of affairs has not been attained at a sacrifice in the quality or continuity of service, nor by the curtailment of plant maintenance. As a matter of fact, the service has been better, and the plant maintained in better condition than heretofore. Our present financial condition has not come about except by diligent efforts toward the improvement and revision of methods and systems that were in force.

We believe that the one thing primarily responsible for this improvement is SYSTEM, for we are now conducting the business in a more business like manner. It is our purpose to enumerate the many factors entering into and causing the present financial situation.

First, a ledger has been installed and kept up to date at all times, thus providing a reliable record of accounts at all times.

A new accounting system was effected to cover our expenses, payrolls, etc., which system provided for more accurate distribution of items of expense. This system had only been in operation a short time before it began to light many sources of loss. It was discovered that certain alterations were being done for the benefit of the individuals, at our expense. This was stopped. This system gave figures on the cost of unloading coal at the plant, and as a result of this information a coal conveyor has been purchased which reduced the cost of handling coal to less than one fifth the cost by the old method. These instances are cited to show the advantages of a detailed cost system such as we have at the present time.

Another feature of this system is that the expense of the water plant and the light plant are entirely segregated. It is an easy matter to tell which department is doing a paying business. Carrying this a little further, we are arranging to meter all of the electric current used at the water plant, and bill the water department for his current. It will then be possible to determine the exact rate that should be charged in order for the water department to avoid operating at a loss.

Certain undesirable practice in the handling of our funds were corrected as fast as they came to our attention. For example, it was found that the cut-off rule was not properly enforced, and this laxity was resulting in financial loss to us. It developed that the payment of tapping fees was not always made a tour office, and a new routine was installed calling for the payment of all moneys to our clerks who are the only ones handling the funds of this Commission at the present time. Furthermore, we now have a double check on every cent of revenue that is received.

We make a practice of selling coal to our employees, and there was no check on these sales until a rigid rule was made calling for an order for coal or any other material that is to be removed from our storage. This order must be in the form of a receipt from the Clerk for the amount paid, and must be countersigned by the Superintendent before it will be honored.

A rule requiring deposits upon application for water and light service

was made effective last July. This rule was necessitated by the fact that we were losing an appreciable sum each month due to nonpayment of bills by parties who moved from one location to another. This rule was not made applicable to customers connected to our lines at that time, only to new applicants for service, yet it has saved us from loss in many instances, and will be a great protection when more customers are covered.

The manner of ordering and storing supplies was very wasteful, there were two stock rooms, one at the plant and one up town, and the purchasing of supplies was not done in an efficient manner. Furthermore, open accounts were run with various concerns in Greenville and practically anyone in our organization could purchase tools and supplies and charge them to our account. The two stock rooms have been consolidated into one stock room at the plant. No material or supplies can now be charged to the Commission except when requisitioned on our regular order form, duly signed by the Superintendent. The savings effected by these changes have been very gratifying.

There were about 150 flat rate customers on our electric lines last March. Meters have been secured as fast as conditions would permit, and up to the present time we have put out over 100 new meters on flat rate customers. Our experience has been that meters so installed easily pay for themselves in three months on the average, and it is our plan to have a meter on every connection to our lines at the earliest possible moment. The additional revenue brought in by the new meters has aided in the financial improvement.

It was discovered that we were paying war tax on freight and express charges. The war tax is 3 per cent on freight charges, and amounts to six dollars or more on every car of coal. We were entitled to, and have secured exemption from the payment of this tax, a saving that will average around \$60 per month, under the present freight rates. In addition to this we are preparing a claim for the refund of all taxes that have been paid on freight charges.

Improvements in the operation and maintenance of the plant have resulted in savings of coal, oil, and alum. We have tried to establish a rule, "No temporary work", and while exceptions have been made, it is interesting to observe that in the main, every job is being done in a lasting way and not just to tide over until the next breakdown. It pays to do the job right the first time, another reason for the financial improvement. Recording meters have been an aid in checking plant operation and costs.

A large factor affecting our revenue and aiding in producing the desired result was the rate increase of last July. An increase of 25 per cent in rates for electric current was ordered at that time due primarily to the fact that coal had advanced forty two per cent, and labor about thirty five per cent over the cost of the year before. The rates were increased on electric current alone, water rates were not charged, and we have had the benefit of the additional revenue for seven months. Even considering this rate increase as a factor in the improvement that has been made, it does not account for half of the total improvement, and we maintain that if the business was losing money with the old rates under conditions existing when those rates were in effect, a twenty-five per cent increase in rates for electric current alone would not have put the plant on a paying basis. If nothing had been done to help the business except raising the rates there would be no prospect of lower rates at the present time.

PHYSICAL CONDITION

The physical condition of the plant last March has been detailed in previous reports, but it may be well to recall the general situation existing at that time. Our boiler equipment consisted of one 512 horsepower and one 264 horsepower Stirling Boilers. The small boiler was equipped with a worthless set of grates, and it was impossible to get satisfactory service from it. The large boiler was being ruined by the corrosive action of the feed water, and we were replacing damaged tubes nearly every week. Due to the fact that the small boiler would not carry the entire town load, it was necessary to operate the large boiler continuously, except when tube trouble forced a shut down. The damage to the boiler tubes caused by the feed water had amounted to several thousand dollars in a few months.

Our boiler plant has been enlarged by the addition of another 512 horse power unit, and this boiler is in operation at the present time. The small boiler has been equipped with satisfactory grates, and is in first class condition at the present time. The old 512 horsepower unit is being overhauled, replacing the damaged tubes and repairing the brickwork. This boiler carried us through the Fall load, which ran as high as 940 horsepower, and there was not a single tube failure. The reason for this is that this boiler received scientific feed water treatment, and the corrosive action of the feed water was stopped. This water treatment was done in the water plant, and will be referred to again later.

The electric generating station contained two turbo-generators, one 750 KW De Laval unit and one 600 KW General Electric unit. The De Laval set was reported burned out, was completely worthless as far as service was concerned. The new General Electric set was operating without any emergency governor whatsoever, a most hazardous condition, and the speed governor would not control the machine because of leaky valves. It is almost a miracle that this machine was not wrecked by overspeeding. This unit has never received the amount of attention that should be given to it because we cannot shut it down for any great length of time until the new equipment for the DeLaval unit is installed.

We had the DeLaval unit in operation early in April, and had it not been for this machine, our town would have been in darkness many times since then. It is ready now to be assembled on the new foundation with the new condensing equipment. Thus it has been reconditioned, and has given good service, and has saved us the purchase price of a new machine when prices were at the peak. As soon as conditions will warrant the expenditure, it will be found desirable to replace this machine with a later type of turbine that will have higher economy.

The General Electric unit is operating nicely, as usual, and the emergency governor is always on the job. However, the steam chest which was ordered many months ago to replace the defective one that was furnished with this machine has not arrived, and until this part is received and assembled we cannot report the unit in perfect condition. This unit, of 600 KW capacity, carried 740 KW last fall without any sign of distress.

So much for the Light Plant. The water plant was practically new, but unfinished, last March. Although provided with equipment for testing the water no tests were made, as a result the filtered water was acid at times, and this acid water caused great damage to our boiler plant. The water is tested daily now, and as a result of these tests we have been able to keep the water filtration system under better control. Our work with the water plant has been to finish the work he was started, and to secure proper operation of the equipment. All of the equipment of this plant is in first class condition at the present writing.

The grounds and buildings comprising our plant have been given attention. Doors and windows have been put in where needed in the Light Plant, and that means nearly all of the doors, and a goodly proportion of the windows. Parts of the Light Plant have been painted, and paint has been ordered to finish the job as soon as the construction work is completed. The water plant has been painted inside and out, including the concrete floors, and it has been necessary to put new putty on all the windows of this building. Cement walls have been laid on the yard between the buildings, a concrete retaining wall has been built at the foot of the hill outside of the Generating room to prevent washing and the damage incident thereto, concrete drains and storm sewers have been provided to care for the precipitation during heavy rain storms. A large proportion of the temporary and dangerous wing has been put in conduit and the material is on hand to finish the job.

Store room have been built for all supplies. The old filter plant has been converted into an oil house and pipe storage.

Eventually we will have a place for everything, which will result in better plant management.

IMPROVEMENTS COVERED BY THE \$50,000 BOND ISSUE

Last May the board of Aldermen, at our request, authorized the expenditure of \$50,000 on the Water and Light Plant, this amount being necessary to provide a new boiler, condensing equipment.

A 512 horsepower Stirling Boiler was purchased and erected, this boiler being practically a duplicate of the other 512 horsepower unit. The new boiler has been in service for some time now, and is operating satisfactory.

The condensing equipment that was purchased is of sufficient capacity to care for a 1,000 EW turbo-generator, there being every indication that the future unit will be of this size. The entire equipment is on hand, and is being assembled in connection with the old DeLaval turbine set.

Boiler tubes for retubing the old boiler have been on hand for several months, due to the fact that treatment of the food waste made possible to postpone the tube work until the new boiler was put in service these tubes have not yet been assembled. A through overhauling of this boiler will be done in the near future.

The proposed concrete coal bin had to be abandoned on account of the fact that the Railroad company objected to the erection of a permanent structure on its right of way. Estimates on the cost of adding extensions showed that it would cost about \$750.00 to extend the siding sufficiently to provide storage space for three or four cars of coal, so I was decided to purchase a coal conveyor for \$1250.00, as this conveyor could store twelve to fifteen cars with the existing siding. The cost of a siding extension and the labor cost of handling coal, as referred to elsewhere in this report, were the two main reasons for the purchase of the coal conveyor. Last summer, due to the necessity of handling the coal several times in order to unload and store it, the cost per car ran as high as twenty-five dollars at times. Since the arrival of this conveyor it has not cost more than three dollars to unload any car, and the average cost has been much lower than this figure. One car was unloaded last week for one dollar and ten cents, total labor cost. Thus the conveyor has been a very material aid in reducing the operating costs at the plant.

It might be well to add that all of the plans and specifications involved in connection with the plant extensions, and all construction work with the exception of the boiler erection have been done by our organization and great savings have resulted thereon. All of the drawings covering the plant extensions were made at our plant. The funds saved in this manner have been invested in a variety of necessary improvements. A large lathe and drill press have been purchased for the repair shop. Concrete walks, drains, and retaining walls have been built on the yards. Recording gages, thermometers, etc., have been purchased for better plant operation. The turbine room is being completely re-arranged to conform with approved engineering practice, and to economize in floor space. This work alone will cost nearly \$3000.00 and was not included in the original plans, but came as a result of our decision to stop doing temporary work.

Considering the fact that all contracts for material were necessarily placed at the time when prices were at the peak and that most of the preparatory construction work was done under the abnormal labor conditions existing last summer, there is reason for genuine satisfaction in the results that have been attained with the fifty thousand dollars that was placed at our disposal.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The improvements in the physical condition of our plant and the financial condition of the business during the past year have come as a result of a campaign of reconstruction and reorganization which is by no means completed at the present time. Perhaps the future work in this connection will not produce such striking results as have been the case during the past two years, but it is well to bear in mind that as the efficiency program is advanced the economies to be affected grow smaller, and the results are harder to obtain. It is therefore well to enumerate some of our plans for the coming year in order to show that the work that has been started is only part of the general program to which we are working.

During the past year our energies have been devoted to the rebuilding and enlarging of the Light Plant. This work will be in condition by the first of June to enable us to turn our attention to the uptown distribution system, which will then be the weaker element of our plant. To make all of the corrections and improvements necessary to this line and equipment serving our customers will cost many thousand of dollars, and it is our purpose to provide the necessary funds from our revenue. This means that it will not be possible to complete this work next summer, as sufficient funds will not be available at that time. As much will be done as possible, however, and it is expected that general conditions will be much better at the opening of the next tobacco season than they were last fall.

It is our aim to have a meter on every customer at the earliest possible moment. In addition to this, we hope to have every meter on our light and water lines tested this year, as we are losing considerable revenue from meters that are not functioning properly.

As soon as the plant extensions are completed we plan to establish a service department to aid our customers in securing the best possible water and light service. One of the duties of this department will be to help customers in the selection and arrangement of lamps and fixtures to produce the most efficient lighting systems. Information regarding the proper use of the various types of lamps appears to be badly needed locally.

Maps are to be made of all water, sewer, and electric lines, as soon as conditions will permit. This work has been started, but the stress of operations at the plant has prevented its completion.

A general campaign toward greater plant economies is in progress at the present time, and will be vigorously pursued until our plant has rendered a satisfactory account of itself. This work has hardly begun, it remains to be seen what can be done. This is our greatest field of endeavor for the coming year.

In conclusion, I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my deepest appreciation to you members of the Water and Light Commission, whose loyal support and wise counsel have been an inspiration to me in striving to faithfully render services to you, and through you to the Taxpayers of our city. Your advice has been sought, and cheerfully given, many times, and it is my hope that the record of our achievements of the past year will voice my appreciation of the many favors that I have received.

It is my pleasure to commend you to the members of our organization, whose co-operation has made possible the results herein enumerated. In spite of the distressing physical conditions that had to be overcome, and the new construction work that had to go on at the same time, there has not been a shut down of any consequence, the service has been better than in the past, and I feel justified in the assertion that the record of the past year has been a record of service.

But, as has been stated before, our work is only started; it is ours to carry on. And it is well to mention that as the improvements are made the benefits resulting therefrom will revert to our customers, the Taxpayers, as is evidenced by the reduction in rates for electric current which I can now recommend for electric current which I can now recommend for adoption, not as a result of lower costs of coal, labor and materials, but as a result of better management and more efficient plant operation.

Respectfully Submitted

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