

### CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOW AT WORK ON PENDLETON BETTERMENTS

Big Auto Park, Septic Tank, Playgrounds and Auditorium Among Other Features Contemplated for the Future.

To assist in solving civic problems which have to do with the laying out of parks, the preservation of natural scenic advantages, and the improvement of the city in every respect along the "city beautiful" line is the function of the City Planning Commission which is a recent addition to the government of Pendleton. The formation of this commission was effected this summer after an ordinance which embodied provisions of a state law passed two years ago, had been adopted.

The decision to avail the city of the services of a number of citizen "commissioners" on this commission was made after the council had been considering for several months the municipal needs in the way of improvements if the reputation of Pendleton was to be upheld; and when it was found that the task of establishing a set plan of action would be necessary in order to do the work in true Pendleton fashion of thoroughness, the council voted unanimously to establish the commission.

**Studies and Recommendations.**  
The function of the commission is of an advisory nature, and of itself it has no power in the final issue; but questions of some kind must be passed on the body before the council can take action, and in matters of civic improvement, its recommendations are expected to carry great weight with the municipal government.

The officers and members are Judge G. W. Phelps, president; Dr. W.

D. McNary, vice president; Fred Bension, secretary; Mrs. James Johns, Sr., H. J. Mann, H. E. Inlow and W. D. Humphrey. The ex-officio members are Mayor G. A. Hartman, Harold J. Warner, city attorney, and F. B. Hayes, city surveyor. The state law requires that these officers shall be members of the commission.

Mayor Hartman, in the months preceding the formation of the commission, repeatedly called attention to the big task that Pendleton faces if the development of the city from the point of view of civic beauty is taken care of rapidly enough to keep pace with the material growth which has been made. His championship of the commission idea followed a study of the problems of other cities, notably Portland, which overlooked the idea of making themselves beautiful until their physical growth had reached such proportions that the problem was doubly difficult and much more expensive than it would have been if a definite plan had been established many years earlier, and a certain amount of the work done as funds would permit.

#### Commission Establishes Policy.

Several meetings have already been held by the commission, and tours over the city have been made to get a thorough grasp of conditions. An invitation was extended to the public to contribute ideas of improvement to the commission as a basis on which its studies might be made. In response to this invitation many letters were received, and the suggestions made

covered the major questions on which the commission is now bending its efforts.

The first few weeks of the life of the commission has largely been spent in a broad survey of conditions and in getting organized and working out preliminaries, but already some definite policies have been outlined.

For one thing, the commission as a body has gone on record as favoring a big plan for the beautification of the city and one which will permit of realizing the best possibilities of the natural effects at hand. The work of development may be spread over a period of indefinite length, but the commission has insisted that every plan of improvement be made with the future growth of the city borne in mind so that future work can be done economically.

#### Some of the Projects.

One of the first matters on which a decision has been reached and a definite stand taken is the necessity of the municipality acquiring property in the west end for the purpose of erecting a septic tank to take care of sewage disposal. This problem has confronted the city for many years. Property is available to serve this purpose, and in addition it lends itself to park purposes, according to the opinions expressed by members in meetings.

"We must have a better auto park," is a statement that has been made many times by members and concurred in by others of the commission and it is now tentatively planned to use a part of the property in the west end for this purpose. In order to get this ground cleared of rubbish now on it where the city dumping grounds have been established for a number of years, it will be necessary to procure another site for the dump grounds, and a move is under way to buy such a site.

#### Other Improvements Probable.

Ultimately it is thought that more property will be added to the ground already owned by the city in the east end and that a park will be laid out which may finally become Pendleton's real auto park. Playgrounds for children are a pressing need, the commission thinks, and the development of the new city park block may be undertaken before long. The same plan may be worked with a part of the Round-Up park.

A big building to serve as an auditorium, and which will be both a community house and a memorial hall, is another project which is being considered by the commission. Most of the cities the size of Pendleton are well provided in this respect, it has been pointed out by Judge Phelps, president of the commission.

#### New Playground.

The building of the McKay Creek reservoir will create a new playground for Pendletonians, and the commission is looking forward to this addition to the city's attractions of the city with satisfaction.

The city leaves provides possibilities for a grave and promenade which the commission has not been slow to realize, and it is thought that this work can be done at slight expense by utilizing the labor of vagrant prisoners

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with very little expense to the municipality. Another suggestion has been made that a "skyline boulevard" be planned to be built some time in the future. It would skirt the city on the crest of the encircling hills, and its possibilities as an advertisement for Pendleton have been pointed out, not by private citizens and the commissioners.

#### "Want Citizens' Help."

"What the commission needs as much as anything else," said Judge Phelps in speaking of the work that is to be accomplished, "is for the public to take an intelligent interest in the problems before the city, and then for cooperation to be practiced. The commission, as I see it, stands as an intermediate body between the voters and the city council. We can't accomplish much unless we have the support of the people as we start, and the support of the council as we finish with the tasks which will be yours to do."

The inculcation of a keener civic spirit and a pride in the appearance of Pendleton in the minds of Pendletonians is considered a real necessity by the commission, and the cultivating of such a spirit is one of the ideals to be followed. For the first year of its operation, the city council has included in the budget an item of \$2,000 to be used for employing a landscape architect and such other help as may be necessary to work out the ideas which have already been presented by citizens in their suggestions to the body.

The commission has displayed deliberation in its work, but with much preliminary detail out of the way, a new slogan has been adopted. It is a little different in wording from the Round-Up cry of "Let 'er Buok," but the spirit is about the same: "Let's go!" In the way Judge Phelps expresses this spirit.

### WOMAN WITH HEAD FAST IN CROCK IS DROWNED

WELLSBURG, W. Va.—(I. N. S.)—Stumbling en route to the spring house where she was making butter, Miss Beulah Freshwater, aged thirty-two, struck her head in a barrel-shaped two-gallon crock filled with water and was drowned. The lifeless body with her head wedged in the crock was found by her father, John Freshwater, prominent Brooke County dairyman, two hours after the woman left for the spring house. Her head was so tightly wedged in the heavy earthen crock it was necessary to break the crock with a hatchet.

### WOULD BE HERMES IS NOT FAVORED BY VENUS

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—(I. N. S.)—The Texas Hermes, Cleavor Wood, who stepped right up forward and said he was willing to claim Audrey Munson, perfect artists' model, as his bride and start a line of Greek Venuses and Apollos, will meet with disappointment in his eugenic aspirations. It was indicated today, for Miss Munson, who several days ago said she could not

asked her if she intended to be married. She replied she did not want to and sent a message that she would not return to Syracuse for some time.

She has literally gone to the country to rest on the farm of John Bailey, two miles from Mexico.

She was visited by her father, Edwin Munson, a real estate man, who

asked her if she intended to be married. She replied she did not want to and sent a message that she would not return to Syracuse for some time.

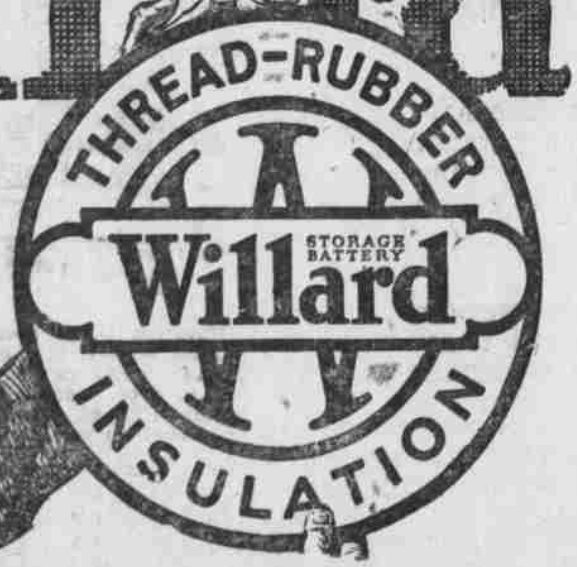
Miss Munson said she had received no answers to her strange proposal to marry a perfect man and establish a pure Greek colony which would follow the traditions of classic days.

Newspapers have quoted her as saying she believes it her duty to perpetuate a figure which artists have called divine, but she is now shielding herself from publicity. Whether she will change her mind when the Texan arrives is a matter of conjecture. The Texan has stated he possesses the correct Hermes dimensions.



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