

LAKE ROLAND TO BE SITE OF \$80,000 PARK

City To Build Recreation Area After War, In Hon- or Of Robert E. Lee

The city will erect a park and recreation area around Lake Roland at a cost of approximately \$80,000 and dedicate the work to the memory of Robert E. Lee.

Unlike many municipal postwar construction projects, the money for this one will be available when the City Council adopts an ordinance ratifying an agreement under which the city will assume responsibility for spending the fund for a Lee memorial from the estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth B. Garrett White.

Favorable Report Due

The Council's Committee on Legislation will give the Council a favorable report on the ordinance Monday. Councilman Jerome Sloman, committee chairman, said yesterday that Council approval is certain. The contract already has been approved by the Board of Estimates.

Mrs. White, who died in 1917, provided in her will that her home at 12 East Mount Vernon place be sold and the proceeds appropriated for erection of a memorial statue to General Lee. Her nephew, Robert Garrett, was named executor.

The sale of the house yielded only \$18,000, which was invested by Mr. Garrett. In the interim a statue to General Lee and General Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson has been provided for in the will of the late J. Henry Ferguson.

Heads Recreation Group

Mr. Garrett, who is chairman of the city Recreation Commission, received permission in circuit court to have the money from his aunt's bequest used for city recreational purposes at Lake Roland instead of reserving it for the erection of a monument.

Investments of the original \$18,000, meanwhile, have increased the fund to the approximately \$80,000 which is now available.

The city owns approximately 50 acres of land around the lake.