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# GREEN WILL SECURE MEMORIAL FOR POST BATES IS INFORMED

## Legion Request for Big Gun Will Be Carried Out by Congressman R. A. Green

Dr. T. H. Bates, Legionnaire and Chairman of the local committee composed of himself and Reverend E. P. Montgomery, for the obtaining of a memorial in the form of a trench mortar for World War Veterans, the same to be placed in Lake City, announced Wednesday that a large trench Mortar weighing some 625 pounds had been obtained from the War Department largely thru correspondence between Congressman R. A. Green and the Secretary of War. Congressman Green was in this city Monday en route to Live Oak and a conference was held with the committee.

The trench mortar, it was decided at the meeting of the local Legion post Monday night, will be secured from the Raritan Ordnance Depot, at an early date.

According to plans of the Legion at present, the mortar will be secured and set up in DeSoto Park behind the Columbia County Court House and will face out over Lake DeSoto. The mortar along with two captured German machine guns will be dedicated on Armistice Day. Congressman Green, who was so instrumental in securing the memorial gun, has been invited to be present at the dedication service on November 11, and make an address befitting the occasion. Those acquainted with the Congressman's ability at speech-making will be present to hear one of his brilliant and inspiring addresses.

At the meeting Monday night the Legion also discussed plans for representatives to attend the mid-summer conference of Legion Posts to be held at Melbourne on August 25. At which time local legionnaires will put forth every effort to secure endorsement of Florida department for location of the Soldiers Home in this city.

Sites for a Legion home in Lake City were discussed at this meeting. After a general discussion it was clearly evident that the majority of those present favored a location for the proposed Legion home which will front a lake front. Several sites have been proposed but none has been accepted thus far.

The placing of the large trench mortar in Lake City will be an inspiring memorial to those boys who "went over there." Not only will

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