

SITE FOR NEW MONUMENT TO BE DEDICATED

Columbus Memorial Program Wednesday to Include Parade

A parade that is scheduled to swing thru Salina street at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, beginning at Sniper monument in North Salina street, and ending at St. Mary's circle, will be the opening event on the program for celebration of Columbus day in Syracuse and dedication of the site of the memorial to the discoverer of America.

The climax of 20 years' effort and planning on the part of Italian residents of the city will be reached with the parade, dedication ceremonies, and a banquet in Hotel Syracuse ball-room.

Col. Guido Verbeck of Manlius will be grand marshal of the parade. Formation will be under direction of five marshals, Lieut.-Col. Harry H. Farmer, William R. Dixon, Supervisor John Giminski, John Falcone, and Joseph Barry. In line of march will be contingents of the national guard, school children, members of fraternal organizations, and a number of decorated floats.

Exercises at 2 O'clock

Dedication exercises will begin at 2 o'clock, when Mayor Marvin will present the site to Italian residents. After a few words by Dean Paul Shipman Andrews of the College of Law, Syracuse university, John W. Barnell, for many years a leader in the effort to realize the dream of a Columbus monument, will turn the first bit of earth.

Nicholas Pirro is general chairman for the banquet at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. Dean Andrews will be principal speaker. Others will be Mr. Bonell and Joseph Pietrafesa. Capt. Pasquale Bennett will be toastmaster. Mr. Pirro said yesterday he had received 1,000 reservations.

For several years the Columbus Monument association has been working with Prof. Lorenzo Baldi, sculptor, on designs for the monument. Dwight James Baum of New York was selected as architect. After several conferences between Professor Baldi, Mayor Marvin representing the city, and Mr. Baum, the finished design was approved. The contract for the work was awarded to the Mondo Construction company.

Water in Pool

The parks department has agreed to keep the monument, base, and surroundings in good shape. Water will be supplied to a pool surrounding the monument during the summer and fall months of the year. Work will proceed with the necessary foundation and rough concrete work for the pool and pavement following the dedication.

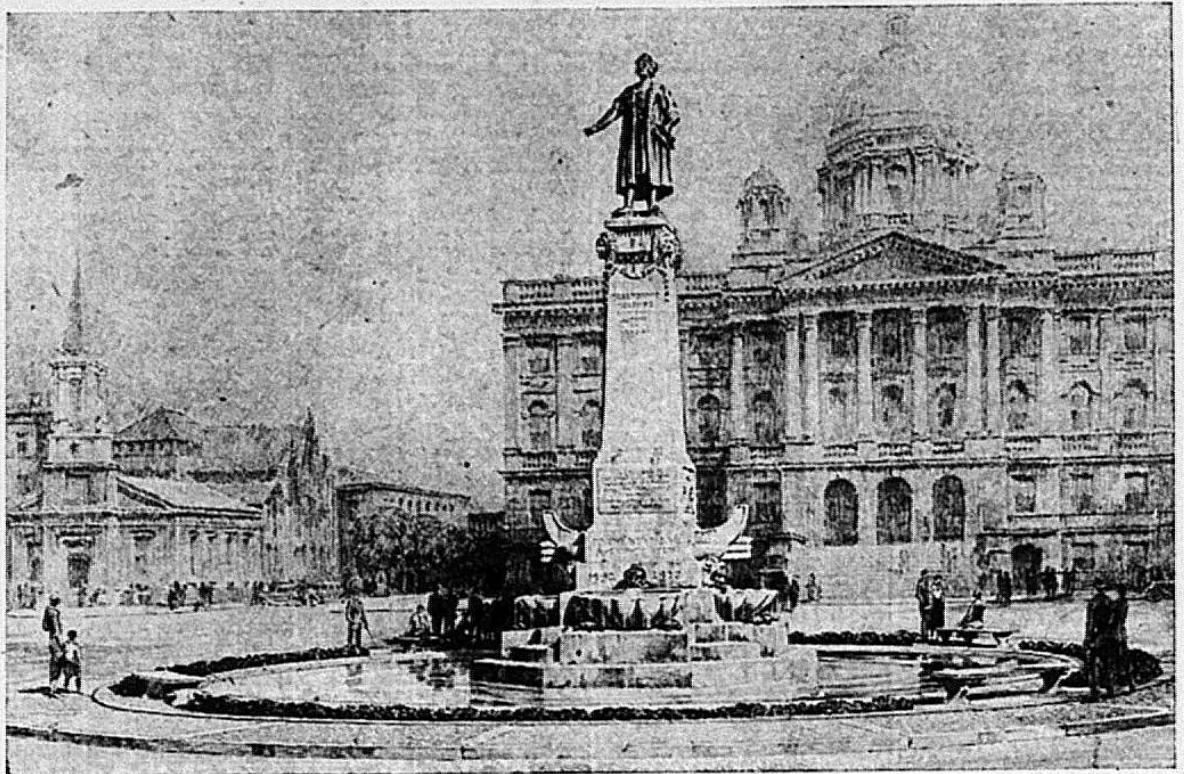
In the spring work will be resumed on the outer part and during June the granite will arrive from Italy. The bronze figure will be sent in the early fall so that complete erection ceremonies and unveiling can be held on Columbus day of next year.

Roughly the plan follows: The outer rim is to be 8 feet wide with a curb, borders of granite, and panels done in white and pink pebbles set in the concrete after the manner of old Italian monuments. Inside the outer rim is to be a planting area for flowers.

Benches Around Circle

At four points around the circle will be benches. Next to the planting is to be a large granite coping which borders a circular pool filled with water. The bottom of the pool is in the form of a compass. The base of the monument is octagonal, 22 feet wide. Above the lower base will be four large shells of pink granite, each 7 feet wide, resting on bronze turtles. On the outer edge of each shell is a bronze masque from which water will flow to the pool. A shaft 30 feet high will rise above the shells and on the top will be an 11 foot statue of Columbus.

New Columbus Monument as It Will Look With Courthouse in Background



First picture of memorial to discoverer which Italian societies will erect.



Dwight James Baum
Monument architect



John W. Barnell
Program chairman