

Police Capt. Hulseley to Lead Reforms at City Prison Farm

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A new head for Atlanta's City Prison Farm will be named within a week.

Mayor Ivan Allen confirmed reports Wednesday that Capt. Ralph Hulseley of the Atlanta Police department would be named to a new position of "director" at the prison.

Supt. A. E. Thomaston "will be retained to run the prison farm," Allen said.

He said the actions were being handled by his administrative aid, Earl Landers, and by Alderman John Flanigen who is chairman of the aldermanic prison committee.

"I had concurred in it and was fully aware of it," Allen said.

Flanigen verified the report and said Hulseley's appointment "still has to be cleared through the personnel department."

The aldermen are expected to be asked to create the new position at the prison in their meeting Monday. The Hulseley appointment is likely to be made official then.

Flanigen said Hulseley "is supposed to go over there and get it set up and organized so we can get started on a new program."

The creation of an interim directorship was suggested in a little-publicized study of the pri-

son made in 1964 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The interim director was to be followed by a full director, but Flanigen said this has not been decided yet.

Conditions at the prison were brought to public attention recently in a series of articles by a Constitution reporter who spent six days in prison on a pre-planned sentence.

Flanigen said Capt. Hulseley would be on leave from the police department and work at the prison "about a year."

Hulseley is now head of the police department's identifica-

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tion bureau. Flanigen said his job at the prison farm will be to "see what's needed and do it." He will be placed above Thomaston because "he has to be given a free hand."

"It's just a question of organizing the place and getting (the new program) going," Flanigen remarked. "He is a good organizer and a good administrator. It was a question of getting him in for that."

He said it would be "too much for one man" to administer the farm and the prison's present program and also tackle the revamping job, and that was why Thomaston would be retained, but only as the farm's manager.

"We've been talking about this on and off for months," Flanigen said.

He said Hulsey would go out to the prison "right away—within the next couple weeks."

"We're also trying to get some money in the budget for the prison so we can make improvements out there," Flanigen said.

He said the \$590,000 budget for next year requested by Thomaston "is not nearly enough for what's needed" but "I don't think we can get any more than that right now." That figure represented a giant step of almost \$100,000 over what was budgeted for the prison this year.

Flanigen said the improvements needed at the prison will require a bond issue and "we're going to have to have some money in the next bond issue for the prison."

That bond issue will probably be within the next three years, Flanigen said, but "it's all in the future right now."