

HOUSING COMMITTEE WILL CANVASS CITY

Ascertain If Obligations Are Fulfilled.

Ascertainment Among Business Men Is That If Shipyard Is To Be Permanent Local Capital Will Provide the Houses.

Now that it has been officially announced that the government will take no hand in the solution of the housing problem in Wilmington...

There is no secret about the fact that the Wilmington people obligated themselves to build a certain number of houses...

The committee is in possession of letters from Wilmington people obligating themselves to build a certain number of houses...

There seems no doubt of the committee finding persons obligating to build homes who have not done so...

On the other hand, in determining which of the nation's yards will be maintained and which abandoned...

MAYOR MOORE RETURNS

Attended Southern Commercial Congress in Baltimore—Made Address.

Mayor D. C. Moore returned last night from Baltimore where he attended the sessions of the Southern Commercial Congress...

Mayor Moore was delighted with the sessions of the congress and says that it is going to be productive of great benefit to the country...

As usual, he suffered the Wilmington embarrassment when he was introduced by Congressman J. Hampton Moore...

IS COLONEL KING NOW.

Former A. C. L. Official Represents Railroad Interests of Allies at Spa.

The silver stars which have been awarded Van R. C. King, former A. C. L. superintendent...

People of Culture.

Progressive, cultured people want and will have the best possible reference library...

FOOD DEALERS ARE NOT PROFITTEERING

Resent Idea That They Are Taking Undue Profits.

Say Town Is Saturated With Idea That They Are Robbers and Deny They Are Guilty of the Popular Allocations.

The food dealers of the city are resentful of the widespread idea that they are taking undue profits...

"This town is saturated with the idea that we food dealers are a lot of robbers," said Frank M. Ross...

"Mr. John W. Towle, Wilmington, N. C., Dear Sir: I wish to address you in regard to an article appearing in today's issue of The Morning Star...

"In the very beginning I wish it clearly understood that I do not take issue with you personally...

"It has been my good fortune to have as patrons of my establishment a great number of the officials and employees of the Carolina yard...

"I also wish to call your attention to the fact that because some of your men found it cheaper to board than to keep house...

"In further defense of my own establishment I enclose you a copy of the official bulletin of the United States Food Administration...

"In conclusion let me say that I consider that you are in a position to render a real service to the general public and at the same time bring about a more confident feeling between the consumer and the merchant."

"Yours very truly, FRANK M. ROSS."

"Copy to The Morning Star."

Jim McNeill Taken to Hoke. Sheriff Hall of Hoke county came to the city yesterday for the negro, Jim McNeill...

Wound Was Not Critical. A letter received yesterday by J. F. Harris from his son, Major J. F. Harris, states that the latter's wound, reported Thursday by the war department as being severe...

In Recorder's Court. A case against Willie Williams for assault on a female, was settled in recorder's court yesterday...

Souvenir From France. A Hun helmet, with blood on the interior, has been forwarded to Mrs. Josie D. Grant...

WILMINGTON IS ON VERGE OF NEW ERA

Possibilities of Port Development Unlimited.

Meeting of Business Men Interested in South Atlantic Maritime Association Held to Discuss Part Wilmington Must Play.

The first local meeting in connection with the activities of the recently organized South Atlantic Maritime Association...

The association, it will be recalled, is made up of business men living in Wilmington, Charleston, Brunswick, Savannah and Jacksonville...

"There was in evidence enthusiasm, hope and determination at the meeting, and leading business men who have visioned a Greater Wilmington spoke of the necessity for grasping at once this city's greatest opportunity to become a really important factor in the new maritime and commercial day which is breaking for the United States."

The South Atlantic Maritime Association, with headquarters in Savannah, Ga., president, Mr. Hale is vice-president of the Liberty Shipbuilding company of Wilmington...

The meeting yesterday was presided over by John H. Brown, Mr. Lippitt acting as secretary. Mr. Brown stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to get all business men in the city...

"The plan is, through this organization, to have the government assign vessels to these ports for trade between the five cities and South American and other ports...

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"With kind personal regards, I remain, Yours very truly, FRANK M. ROSS."

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EMPLOYMENT PLANS COMPLETE SUCCESS

Government Will Continue Its Labor Bureau Service.

Has Found Positions for Several Million Workmen During the Past Year Now Redistributing War Workers.

The United States employment service, established as a war necessity, has made good to such an extent that it will not only be continued in operation after the war...

"We will need between two and three million workers during this year, the production departments of the government told the department of labor last January. 'Can you get them?'"

"The employment service was chosen for the task. It was divorced from the bureau of immigration, made a separate arm of the department of labor, and immediately the building up of an efficient national labor recruiting machine was undertaken."

"The signing of the armistice and the cessation of hostilities find the service far from 100 per cent perfect, but able to report a good job done and a daily progress toward the top line of efficiency."

"Thus far the service has successfully handled the replacement of thousands of released war workers and during the coming months it will be as busy redistributing labor as it has been recruiting it during the last 10 months."

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AVIATORS PROBABLY LEAVE CITY TODAY

Make Return Trip This Morning If Weather Favors.

Birdmen go Back to Langley Field Via Goldsboro and Franklin, Va.—Express Appreciation of Courtesies Shown Them.

The four army airplanes which came to Wilmington from Goldsboro last Tuesday afternoon will leave the city this morning, provided weather conditions are favorable...

"The unfavorable weather continued, forcing the birdmen to remain on the ground. One of them made a short flight about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, circling around the golf links at the country club and sailing over outlying residential sections in the eastern part of the city."

"The aviators, while talking for the press last night, asked that their appreciation be expressed to citizens of the city and particularly to the Red Cross motor corps, the chief of police and the chief of the fire department for the many kind attentions and acts of service rendered them during their stay in Wilmington."

"The people of the city have undoubtedly been interested in the visit of the aviators and have enjoyed the spectacle of war planes in flight over the city. Future visits of men in the air service will be welcomed."

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SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES. We have recently installed in our vault 50 additional Safe Deposit Boxes to rent at \$1.50 per year. THE PEOPLES' SAVINGS BANK. Corner Front and Princess Sts.

The Appropriate Christmas Gift. for all, and especially for the young people, that conforms to our government's request that practical, serviceable presents be selected this year, is a SAVINGS PASS BOOK showing a deposit of some amount, and we cordially invite you to open accounts in this bank with any sum from \$1.00 upwards. THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO. 110 PRINCESS STREET. Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank.

NOTICE—W. B. & S. TRAINS. Effective Sunday, December 15, W. B. & S. train will leave Southport at 8:15 a. m., arriving Wilmington 10 a. m., and leave Wilmington 5:45 p. m., arriving Southport 7:30 p. m. H. E. GOODWIN, Traffic Manager.

Flowers for Christmas. Cut Flowers and Blooming Plants. "Say it with Flowers" Include them on your Gift List. Fifth Avenue Florist. Phone 1125.

Week-End Xmas Specials. With only eight days remaining in which to do your Christmas shopping, we urge you to take advantage of the Christmas specials offered for this week-end. Sale of Millinery for Christmas. Ladies' & Misses' Coats, at... \$19.95. Two Shoe Specials. That Will Make Your Christmas Money Reach Farther. Men's gun metal Goodyear welt Shoes in blucher or English last, good comfortable shapes and shoes that will give 100 per cent. satisfaction in wear. Ladies' & Children's Underwear. Ladies' fine ribbed, comfortable fitting, flatlock seam Union Suits, regular and extra size, \$2.00 value, at... \$1.69. Belk-Williams Company.