Atlantic Coast Officials Hear Reports and Plan for Greater Results

low to prevent injuries among ems while they are performing work of various kinds that presents hazards, was one of the many "safety first" problems discussed at great length by the members of the Wilmington dis-

and file during the past 60 days. This restricted, work was undertaken by the A. C. L. safety committee with a view of impressing upon the employes the importance of their using every precau-

tion while engaged in their work.

insurance and safety department and long as its responsibilities under the ecution of his office, but you have not chairman of the safety committee, old (now obsolete) private laws con- only done this to a marked degree, but gave an interesting review of the tinued, but that since the Board has you have contributed a wealth of literyear's achievements of the safety de- been relieved by the settlement of the ary and historical treatises and articles partment and urged upon the commit- questions of jurisdiction, the Board and addresses on subjects relating to tee greater activity with a view of having been given full power by the the port and to the river. Your valumaking the record for 1921 the best Legislature to act in all matters per- able public papers on Cape Fear Alds in the history of the A. C. L. system. taining to the pilotage and navigation to Navigation, on Cape Fear Lights, Superindent A. J. Moore, Jr., chairman could now withdraw without prejudice on the Coast Guard Service, on Cape of the Wilmington district safety com- to the interests of the port. mittee. Twenty members and visitors Mr. H. C. McQueen having taken the L. Stover, J. E. Cothran, H. R. Carroll, resignation was read: W. H. Chinnis, L. Clifton, J. S. R. Hinnant, C. R. Johnson, J. T. Mishoe, D. W. Monroe, C. E. McCullough, D. B. Nicholson, W. H. Newell, Jr., W. D. Quarles, C. S. Taylor, S. A. Haines, Robert Scott, J. R. Adams, W. P. Martin, R. D. Matthews and Fred Edwards.

WM. L. SHARP DEAD AT HIS HOME NEAR CITY

Remains Taken to Vance County for Burial

of the death of William L. Sharp, who the membership of this Board. died at his home, "The Pines" near Presbyterian church, and the remains for many expres

ing him are his wife, who was Miss of every pilot on the Cape Fear. Pearl Hunter before marriage; his mother, Mrs. J. H. Sharp; a brother, courtesies during the course of our Henry Sharp, of Asheville, and sisters: Mrs. Virginia S. Hardy, of Boston; Mrs. Robert Patton, of New York; Mrs. Edward Irby, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs.

L. C. Vass, of Cartersville, Ga. As a youth and young man the deceased resided in this city, but a number of years ago made his home elsewhere. A few years ago he returned and made his home at "The Pines," beliving that his health would be benefited there. He continued to Dear Dr. Sprunt: fail, however. He was a son of Capt. J. H. Sharp who died at his home, "The Pines" early last month.

BICYCLE WEEK BEGINS TODAY ALL OVER LAND

Wilmington Dealers Have Program for Week

Beginning today and lasting until next Saturday the 7th, "National Bicycle" week is to be observed all over the United States. The local dealers in the popular machines have mapped out a program for every day, which follows:

"Today-Every one is invited to the various bicycle stores to get an idea just how the week is to be observed and see that their bicycles are in good

"Monday May 2-All bicycle stores tion possible will be given pertaining to the bicycle.

"Tuesday May 3-It is requested by the Cycle Trades of America, that everybody ride a bicycle this day. If you have a wheel that has been laid up for a time get it out and ride, the slogan will be 'Everybody Ride a Bicycle.'

"Wednesday May 4-There will be a bicycle run for everyone who who cares to take part in it, ladies, men, boys and girls, meet us at the city hall, 3 p. m. May 4, for a big ride to the

"Thursday May 5-This day has been set aside for 'father and son" day. It is urgently asked that every father go on a bicycle ride with his son this afternoon. You may meet at your dealer's store 3 p. m. A good time is in store for all who attend this out-

"Friday May 6-This day has been set aside for Boy Scouts. All Scouts have been requested to meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 3 p. m. for a long ride, stunts will be pulled off and various contests will be staged, prizes will be awarded to the winners of these con-

"Saturday May 7-We respectfully ask that you write your dealer this day and if you have taken part in any of the above occasions express yourself so that we can tell if this 'National Bicycle' week has been a

FEDERAL COURTROOM WILL BE READY IN AMPLE TIME

Work of making acoustical improvein another day the workmen will have fairs and your business connections of the spring with European Houses. An incident from Pinehurst, where he attended the term of court, May 10. Completion of will illustrate this. On one occasion annual convention of the North Carothe courtroom was delayed greatly on the Master of a British Steamer and the British the courtroom was delayed greatly on the Master of a British Steamer just lina Medical society. account of the contractors being unable to procure promptly certain ma-

Tests have been made of the acoustics since the new walls have been completed and so far as it can be ascertained, the former bad sound features have been entirely overcome. However, the contractors will only be satisfied with their work when a court

has been held. The courtroom now presents a fine appearance. The greater part of the old walls and ceiling have been re-moved and in their place a beautiful silk cloth has been substituted. Behind this cloth has been placed a thick padding, which, though not seen, produces the wanted sound effect. The light green interior of the courtroom with the shade of the grey silk cloth gives a very pretty effect

SAFETY COMMITTEE IN Chairman James Sprunt of SESSION HERE FRIDAY Navigation Board Resigns

At Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage, Withdrawal of Chairman Sprunt, After 35 Years Service, Is Announced, and He Is. Elected An Honorary Member

Commissioners of Navigation and you that the sailing directions for trict safety committee of the Atlantic was called yesterday for the purpose TICES TO MARINES" were incorrect over the selection of Clifford Older of now that the state corporation com-Coast Line at a very interesting meet- of acting upon the resignation of the and that they had nearly put him eral headquarters of the Coast Line Chairman, Mr. James Sprunt, who dehere yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. sired to be relieved since the new law, ton which verified his finding and then Aside from the 24 items submitted which was recently enacted by the you reported the matter to the British for consideration and correction, a fine General Assembly, has gone into force Government, calling their attention to accept the offer made by the commisreport was made on how "safety" was and effect, giving the Commissioners this discrepancy and in time received presented to 566 employes of the rank full powers which hitherto have been

Present: Mr. James Sprunt, Chairman; Mr. H. C. McQueen,

Mr. C. C. Chadbourn,

Mr. T. F. Wood. The Chairman stated that he was Robert Scott, superintendent of the willing to remain with the Board so life contributes more than efficient ex-The meeting was held in the office of of the Cape Fear River, he felt that he on the General Character of our Coast,

were present, among them being rep-tchair by the request of the Chairman, bodied in part in your excellent volume resentatives of the central safety the following correspondence in refer- | CHRONICLES OF THE CAPE FBAR organization. Among them were: M. ence to the matter of the Chairman's Wilmington, N. C., April 25, 1921.

> sioners of Navigation and Pilotage, Wilmington, North Carolina. Your active initiation and co-operation during a most trying period of commercial depression, and unhappy personal dissensions on the part of the pilots, having brought relief through legislative enactment with the mutual approval of all concerned, and I having served as a member of this honorable board for 35 years, and as Chairman for 17 years, and having passed the age allotted for human activities,

do now ask the favour of your per-

mission to resign the Governor's com-

I have endeavored in my official and Wilmington, yesterday afternoon at 2 private life and in my public writings ship. o'clock following a long illness. Fun- to magnify the office and the personnel (Signed) eral services were held yesterday af- of the pilots with whom I have been ternoon at the residence by Rev. Dr. intimately associated for several gen-John M. Wells, pastor of the First erations, and to whom I am grateful were taken to Vance county for inter- mendation, and it is a source of great satisfaction that I shaff carry with me Mr. Sharp was 51 years old. Surviv- the assurance of the personal devotion

Thanking you again for your service together, I am,

Yours faithfully, (Signed) JAMES SPRUNT, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage.

Wilmington, N. C., April 29th, 1921. To Dr. James Sprunt, Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage, Wilmington,

North Carolina.

This Board has received your formal application for release from the Chairmanship and membership of the Board, with very deep regret, and it is only because you have urged the acceptance your strength a work which you have work is to continue on the scale of its

leadership It cannot be amiss for us to refeatures of your administration. They nevertheless always been gratified to are known to you and they are evident observe during your long service as a to the Board, and we wish that they member and chairman, the consummate might be kept in mind by those who way in which you have met and overshall in the future, work for the de- come many difficulties and obstacles. velopment of this port. We wish they Not only your time, but your substance might be known by our citizens at has been freely given to the solution large and by our youth that is growing of many problems, and we wish to up beside us, for the service which thank you not only for ourselves but you have rendered, Sir, have been of in behalf of the interests of the port will be decorated and all urged to make the richest constructive value. Your of Wilmington. first important contribution to the port was having the text of the appropria-

tions changed from "below Wilmington" to read "at and below Wilmington." This difference in the phraseology of the bill made it possible for work to be done in the harbor. It could not be authorized under the old chief joy." text and all improvements began below

Light House Board, to the Secretary of Commerce, to the Chairman, Senator Frye, of the Committee on Commerce, and finally to the Senate and secured an appropriation of \$115,000 for a new lightship, which is the finest on the Coast, safeguarded by an especial act of Congress from removal

from Cape Fear waters. Again after futile efforts in 1912-1913 to establish river lights by appealing through our usual channels to the Washington authorities, you went in person to Washington with several members of the Board, and with the excellent support of our Congressmen appealed to the Congressional Committee and secured 33 excellent lights clocks are engaged in trying to mould marking the dredged channel of the sentiment to the end that the "sum-

to Wilmington Not the least of your many services mer' time in the good old summer time" as Chairman of the Board has been seems to be the way they feel about it. ments in the federal courtroom in the the contribution of your extensive custom house has been completed and knowledge of naval and maritime afin another day the workmen will have fairs and your business connections

A special meeting of the Board of arrived in Wilmington mentioned to

the thanks of the British Admiralty. The recognition of the British Admiralty indicates the value of this service to their commerce and maritime

It is seldom that an official in public Fear Life Saving Service, on Federal Harbor and River Improvements emare the only treatises on this most recorded in permanent form, and it is Mr. McGirt. this most important phase of your

In your writings you have magnified the office and personnel of the pilots with whom you have been intimately associated for several generations, and you carry with you, Sir, as you give up the office of Chairman, the high esteem and veneration of the commissioners, and the affection and respect of all the Cape Fear Pilots. In accepting with sincere reluctance your resignation, we claim the right to seek the advice and counsel of one whom Friends will deeply regret to learn April 15th, 1925, and to withdraw from of North Carolina, and to whom we now tender our grateful recognition for seventeen years of the highest leader-Yours respectfully,

Commissioners H. C. M'QUEEN. C. C. CHADBOURN. THOMAS F. WOOD,

M. T. CRAIG. J. J. ADKINS E. H. ADKINS, J. F. ARNOLD, H. C. CORLETTE J. A. WILLIAMS,

I. S. DAVIS, THOS. M. MORSE, J. S. SELLERS, J. L. DANIELS, WILLIAM ST. GEORGE, B. F. NEWTON, C. B. ST. GEORGE, THOMAS ST. GEORGE. WALKER NEWTON,

NEWTON ST. GEORGE.

resolutions having been These adopted, Mr. McQueen made the following remarks, with the presentation of a walking cane as a mark of personal regard and appreciation:

"While it is a pleasure for me to say of your resignation on the ground of a word at this time, the pleasure is advanced years, that we feel we should mingled with regret at the occasion heed the request. We cannot ask you for it. Your name has been associated to continue beyond the limitations of with this Board so ... ug, and your service has been so conspicuous in its carried so nobly for 35 years. Yet we history that it is not only difficult to can scarcely see how this important realize with unconcern the import of their official ending, but it is impospresent service without your wise sible for me to give suitable expression to our sorrow for it.

"While my official hearse in this letter some of the salient has been of short duration, I have

The members of the Board have accorded me the privilege of presenting to you this slight token of their appreciation and long friendship, and to wish you many more years of happiness and useful service to your country and your God, which we know is your

To which Mr. Sprunt replied: "I am deeply sensible, gentlemen, ot We also recall that in 1908 after our your great kindness to me throughout Frying Pan Shoals Light ship had been our personal and official intercourses arbitrarily removed from the Knuckle It is no small matter to have served Shoal by the Light House Board at on this Honorable Board for 35 years, Washington and no response was made an epoch in our port's history 61 to our demands for its restoration al- great activity and large development. though we pressed them for a year, and the kindly associations which have that you went to Washington and united us in a bond of affection will labored with Senator Overman for its be cherished by me while life lasts. I return. It was a tedious undertaking, thank you cordially for this useful Senator Overman went with you to the token of your appreciation and good

> A motion was made by Commissioner Wood that an invitation be extended to Mr. Sprunt to be present as an honorary member of this Board at every meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc-Queen and Mr. Chadbourn, and carried. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN CARTER, Clerk to Board.

"SUMMER" TIME ADVOCATES OF THE CITY ARE PUSHING IDEA The daylight saving idea is appealing to some of the folks of the city, and those who favor turning up the Cape Fear River from the outer Bar mer" time may become an actual fact during the coming season, "More 'sum-

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M'GIRT SATISFIED AT GAS CONSUMERS WILL REAL START ON ROADS GET

struction in the Wilmington Highway District

W. A. McGirt, district highway com-Pilotage for Cape Fear River and Bar lished by the British Maritime "NO- McGirt expressed great satisfaction of making proper reduction in gas bills, stating that Mr. Older was an engineer of national reputation and a practical road builder. Mr. Older resigned as state highway engineer of Illinois to sion of North Carolina.

Mr. Morson, an engineer of the fourth division, this state, has been transferred to this district and will proceed at an early date to organize a maintenance force here.

No construction work will begin immediately in this district and it will duction or a notice of a rebate. probably be a month or longer before working on a five-year program of road building, said Mr. McGirt.

"We could not build all of these highways in one or two years if we wanted to and it would be very risky to attempt it, because of possible extravagance, incompetency and waste. We must first complete an organizavaluable line which have ever been tion and then proceed to build, said The apportionment of Gentlemen of the Board of Commis- the duty of this Board to emphasize funds was made on a basis of three divisions, viz: area, mileage and population and this district will secure about \$998,000 a year. No district can take from another district any part of its funds. That feature is settled in the new state road law and guarantees an equal distribution of the \$50,-000,000 bond issue."

SECOND TANKER IN PORT The Standard Oil company tanker thousand gallons of kerosene oil and gasoline, arrived in port yesterday. Because the Standard Oil company mission which expires by limitation on we consider among the first citizens tanker Somerset is now discharging at the local distributing station, the Communipaw dropped anchor in the basin and will remain there until the Somerset has sailed from the port, which probably will be today or early tomorrow morning.

ONE N. C. CONGRESSMAN MAY

(Special to The Star) WASHINGTON, April 29 .- The North Carolina congressmen today received letters from Representative John P. Hill, of Maryland, asking them where "dry," with perhaps one exception.

Reports No Immediate Con- Manager Hunt of the Tidewater Power Company Explains Situation

Raymond Hunt, general manager of missioner, returned from Raleigh yes- the Tidewater Power company, yesterterday, after attending a three-day day explained in detail just how his session of the state commission. Mr. company intended to handle the work Illinois as state highway engineer, mission has ruled that on and after April 1, this year the cost of gas in Wilmington shall be \$2.35 per thousand feet instead of the temporary rate of \$2.65 granted some time ago:

Many users of gas in the city, upon learning of the reduction ordered by the commission, and knowing that the new charge for the gas would be as of April 1, could not understand why that the bills rendered them early in this menth did not contain the re-

Mr. Hunt explained yesterday that the maintenance organization is com- his company was not officially notified pleted. There are certain details that of the reduction by the state corporamust be worked out, said Mr. McGirt, tion commission until late in this before a program of this magnitude month, therefore, all bills rendered becan be successfully launched. The fore the notice was received were made people must be patient and understand out at the old rate. Bills made since from the beginning that the state is the notice was received are containing the 30 cent reduction on each thousand feet of ras consumed.

Mr. Hunt said also that those persons receiving bills made out from gas meter readings taken in April that do not contain the reduction, will get the necessary rebate in their next month's bill, or they can call at the traction company's office and be paid the difference in cash.

As the company has several thousand gas bills to be made out each month, it was stated that some little trouble was encountered in providing a system of caring for the new rate as provided by the corporation commission.

THREE ARE FINED \$10 AND COSTS IN SPEEDING CASES

C. N. North, C. F. Howell and F. H. Communipaw with several hundred Coerr, convicted of speeding, were fined \$10 each and costs in recorder's court yesterday. A number of other automo-

bile cases were continued. Adjudging the presecution frivolous and malicious, the recorder taxed the prosecuting witnesses with the costs in the following cases, and ordered that the witnesses be sent to the roads for 30 days if they did not pay the same: Mary Lillie Roberson, charged by H. G. Bowden with assault with a deadly weapon; Thomas Mitchell with assault with a deadly weapon by Neal Barzell and Evangeline Donelson charged by Neal Barzell with assault with a deadly weapon.

GOES AFTER PRISONER Deputy Sheriff C. 5. Holleman left they stand on his proposition to repeal last night for Chester, Pa., to bring the Volstead act. Answers have not! back Fornie Scott, white, who escaped been made as yet, but they will be several months ago while serving a term on the county roads.

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