

### REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL WAS TAME AFFAIR

Matters Scarcely of Passing Interest Disposed in Less Than an Hour

### FOUR VACANCIES EXIST IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Voted to Deduct Two-Seventh of Bill of Tidewater Power Co. for Street Lighting

"Thicken feed" legislation and communication of almost less than passing interest to the public generally, claimed the attention of City Council for a period of 40 minutes at the regular weekly session of that body Wednesday morning. The session was peculiarly tame, no requests being made upon Council by individual citizens.

The question of filling the four vacancies that now exist in the fire department was discussed at length by two firemen, Messrs. H. W. Wright and E. K. Barhill, tendered their resignations and these were accepted. Chief Scribner wanted to know if Chief Faircloth, lately resigned, would be given the advantage of the four vacancies he had served in the department as regards salary in event he returned to the service and was advised that this would be a matter for Council to determine after he had re-studied the Civil Service examination and gotten his name on the eligible list. The chief asked that he be granted the privilege of employing Mr. Faircloth if all vacancies are filled and motion on this effect was voted upon favorably. The chief explained that he is an experienced fire fighter and that during his four years of service nothing had ever been brought against him. Councilman Shepherd, in charge of that department, made the statement that he had plenty of men ready to go to work but it developed that all were green men and had not stood the examination necessary.

Upon motion of Councilman Merritt, Council voted to deduct two-sevenths of the Tidewater Power Company's charges for street lighting from the bill because of observance of two lightless nights weekly. Councilman McCaig voting "no" in this matter. Council is of the opinion that the city should not pay for light it does not use and expressed the opinion that a court settlement might be preferable to settlement by arbitration, the plan suggested by the company.

Calling attention to the danger pedestrians and drivers of vehicles are subject to from street cars at the intersection of Fifth and Red Cross streets, Councilman Bradshaw inquired if there was an ordinance covering the situation and was advised by City Attorney Ruark that the only requirement of the company was that the pong be sounded by the motorman before reaching the corner. Councilman McCaig suggested that the clerk be advised to write the traction company asking that this corner be made a stop corner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merritt, who expressed the opinion that rapid street car service was, in his opinion, unnecessary on Red Cross street, as the cars always stood for a considerable period at the end of the line.

### COMBINATION SALES NECESSARY

One Buying Wheat Flour Must Also Purchase Cereals.

Wheat flour cannot be purchased unless the buyer is willing to include the amount of cereals with the purchase, according to ruling received by County Food Administrator J. G. McCormick from State Administrator Henry A. Page, of Raleigh. The telegram received was to the effect that the ruling is iron clad and that violation is punishable by either heavy fines or stiff sentences. In other words, the man or woman who buys a pound of flour must also buy a pound of cereals or barley flour. Mr. Page requests that the press give the ruling the widest publicity as conformity with the ruling and not prosecution is the thing wanted. Mr. McCormick is also advised that all county administrators will meet with the State administrator in Raleigh February 6.

### THE PAGEANT WAS AN INSPIRING SPECTACLE

Annual Meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Was Well Attended

Election of directors, submission and acceptance of reports showing the organization to have progressed in a wonderful manner during the past year and to be in splendid condition at the present time and presentation of the pageant "Christ in America," showing Columbia to be victorious, featured the annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association, held in the auditorium of the Hemenway school building Tuesday night. The meeting was well attended and the pageant enjoyed by all. Directors elected to serve for a period of three years are Mesdames George Peschau, Milton Pittman, C. D. Weeks, George Rountree, John D. Bellamy, Sr., Robert Ruark, Mrs. W. H. Sprunt and Mrs. C. C. Covington.

The pageant was given under the direction and supervision of Miss Sue Hall and her untiring efforts along rehearsal lines were largely responsible for its success. Miss Mary Worth as "Columbia" was supported by an able cast, all members of the association, and the presence of the Boy Scouts, under direction of B. B. Cameron, scoutmaster, lent a militant air that was especially appropriate of the occasion. Martial America was ably presented by these youngsters and their efforts were well received. Because of illness, Mr. Beaty, who was to have rendered several solos, was unable to attend and Miss Nancy Anderson, secretary of the association, filled in for him in a pleasing manner, the audience joining with her in chorus singing of "Columbia Victorious" and "Sons of America." The association glee club rendered a number of selections and was well received.

The pageant told a story that is all too true; the trials and tribulations of the immigrant girl, but the finale is pleasing, for these girls find that which they have been seeking, "Christ in America," through the spirit of the Y. W. C. A. Their plea to "Columbia" is touching, but her call for assistance from the girls of America falls on deaf ears until these girls have been taught service and self sacrifice through the spirit of the association, a role capably played by Miss Byrne, physical director.

The singing was under the direction of Miss Pauline Williams and was a pleasing feature within itself. The pageant was closed with the singing of "America" by the audience, Mr. Edward H. Munson accompanying. The business meeting was of peculiar interest to the members, those interested in the association and also those who contemplate affiliation with the organization. The report of Mrs. J. B. Sidbury, chairman of the physical education committee, showed what had been accomplished in the gymnasium and was followed by an earnest appeal from Miss Byrne in behalf of her work as physical instructor. She pointed out the need of young women for training in these days when so much is expected of them.

Miss Vonnie McLean, secretary of the association, was introduced by Mrs. C. C. Covington and in a few words pledged her best services to the association and its work. Other reports submitted included those of the housing committee, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, chairman; education committee, Miss Ethel Wood, chairman; religious work committee, Mrs. Howard B. Branch, chairman; membership committee, Mrs. F. G. Rose, chairman, offered by Mrs. W. G. James, for the chairman. The report of Coolesees Club was submitted by the secretary of the club, Mrs. Maul. The financial report was made by Miss Elizabeth Haile, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Walter Sprunt who was prevented from attending because of illness. The report of Miss Anderson, secretary of the association, gave a comprehensive resume of the association's work during the past year, outlining clearly its duties to the young women and the obligations of citizens to help in the work.

### Steel Earnings Decrease.

New York, Jan. 29.—Total earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the quarter ended December 31 were \$59,724,125, compared with total earnings of \$68,243,784 the previous quarter.



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### PREPARING DATA LOOKING TOWARD HURLEY'S VISIT

All Vacant Property in City Being Listed by Realty Men and Agents

### PRESIDENT CHAMBER HAS WIRED CHAIRMAN

Senator Overman is Advised City Doubly Anxious Have Hurley Come and Investigate

That the many "for rent" signs to be seen in the residential sections of the city are to be supplemented by the presence of smiling children in the early future is the opinion of those interested in probable government activities here and the coming of Chairman Hurley, of the United States Shipping Board, is being looked forward to with a good deal of interest by those who are interested in the progress of the city and who know that the government needs most at this time Realty men and rental agents have been busy for the past two days listing vacant property and Chairman Hurley will be supplied with all the data he can possibly digest upon his arrival in the city.

That his coming will result in a big step forward by the city, all feel confident, for those in close touch with the situation, who realize the enormity of the freight congestion and resultant confusion in the New England States, are confident that this part of a partial solution of the problem that is being faced. The very fact that the city has vacant property that is ready for occupancy is perhaps her biggest asset, for in event the government decides upon utilization of the port it will be unnecessary to besiege Congress for aid along the housing line.

Norfolk and other Atlantic port cities are enjoying undreamed of prosperity from government activities and expenditures of money, and yet the housing problem in those cities is acute, workmen being unable to remain in many instances because of their inability to locate their families.

Newport News found herself helpless to cope with the housing problem and government aid was necessary in erecting houses in order that men could be kept in the shipyards there. Erection of barracks by the government in Washington, D. C., was necessary in order to accommodate the influx of government employees. There is hardly a city mentionable that has not faced conditions similar to these and yet Wilmington stands able to handle just such a situation with ease. With the erection of government terminals and an army depot at Norfolk, the city has been advised to expect an additional increase of 10,000 in population and Norfolk is still debating how she is going to house these people. Property on which the terminals and concrete buildings are to be built has already been leased from the city and material is en route. Numerous realty companies have offered propositions, but none of them have been accepted up until the present.

This is a condition that will not exist, however, in event Chairman Hurley recommends utilization of this port. The houses are here and are ready for occupancy. They have not been permitted to deteriorate because they were vacant and the expected influx of laborers will find conditions that do not exist in hardly another port city of the country. Chairman Hurley, according to Washington dispatches, is to be expected here shortly and when he reaches the city for his inspection he will find the city amply prepared to take care of any proposition that he may make.

Following is a copy of the telegram that went forward yesterday and which may hasten the proposed visit of Chairman Hurley:

"Hon. Lee S. Overman, Washington, D. C.

"The Chamber of Commerce requests you to extend to Honorable Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, a most sincere and urgent invitation and request that he visit the port of Wilmington, North Carolina. With an open, all-the-year climate, health conditions unexcelled elsewhere, ample docks and railroad facilities, standard warehouses, housing facilities for several thousand men now available, and from 26 to 27 feet of water to the sea, we know that this port cannot be excelled for the services of the government.

"MARCUS W. JACOBI, President Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

ADD PREPARING DATA... Following the lead of the Chamber of Commerce and in an effort to do everything in their power to influence the coming of Chairman Hurley, the Rotary Club has dispatched the following telegram to Senator Overman: "Senator Lee S. Overman, Washington, D. C. "The Rotary Club of Wilmington thanks you for your efforts to have Chairman Hurley visit Wilmington and urges you to have him come at the earliest convenient moment. Rotarians pledge you every support in your laudable effort to have the port

### MANY HAVE EYES ON REGISTER DEEDS OFFICE

Friends of Mr. Walter Blair Seeking to Get Him Into the Race

The political dope going the rounds Wednesday was devoid of any excitement or features of surprise. Several new candidates had definitely announced themselves and this added to the interest already being manifested in the primary campaign.

Mr. Henry Horne announced on Tuesday that he would be a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds. Mr. Horne made a good race several years ago for the same office and his friends predict success for him in the present contest.

Mr. B. F. King, Sr., has also announced his candidacy for the office of Register of Deeds. Mr. King is a man widely and popularly known in the community. He was for some time city clerk and treasurer and more recently has been connected with the sheriff's office as tax lister and clerk.

Friends of Mr. Walter H. Blair are seeking to prevail upon him to make the race for Register of Deeds. Mr. Blair has been prominent in local politics for the past few years and will undoubtedly claim the support of many friends.

Mr. John Haar, the incumbent of the office of Register of Deeds, has not yet announced his decision to run again, but it is almost certain that he will do so. Mr. Haar has been the efficient register for nearly 12 years.

Mr. John W. Gafford, a prominent attorney, is also considering the race for Register of Deeds, but had come to no decision Wednesday morning.

Representative L. Clayton Grant has definitely announced his candidacy to succeed himself as member of the lower House of the General Assembly. No candidates have so far been mentioned in opposition, though others are said to be getting ready to come out.

Constable John H. Davis, who for several years has filled his office most acceptably, will again be in the race for constable of Wilmington township. So far no others have announced themselves for this position. In the last primary the constable had a formidable array of candidates lined up against him, but his win was so complete that thus far none have ventured out.

Justice G. W. Bornemann is also out for re-nomination as a justice of the peace and the "judge" expects to lead the ticket, as usual.

of Wilmington recognized by the government and requests you to use their services in any possible way. "LOUIS T. MOORE, Secretary." "J. C. WILLIAMS, President.

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### SMILEAGE CAMPAIGN IS EXTENDED WEEK MORE

Big Drive for Sale of Books is on in Earnest—All Are Optimistic

The "Smileage" Book campaign is now on in full swing and the Rotarians, who have the sale of the books in charge, are confident that it will be an unbounded success. The Rotary Club has appointed 10 of its members who in turn will appoint 10 each, thus organizing a committee of 100 who will be in the drive to the finish. In the meantime the books are on sale at various stores in the city, where they may be had. Attention is called to the sale by placards placed in conspicuous places, so that none may overlook their duty.

Advices from general headquarters of the "Smileage" campaign are to the effect that on account of the five-day closing order it was deemed advisable to extend the campaign for one more week. Thus the workers will have until the end of next week to wake up the public to the necessity of purchasing amusement tickets for the soldier boys.

Want Higher Steel Rate. Washington, Jan. 30.—Rate increases ranging from 15 cents to \$1.75 a ton on iron and steel from Southern producing points to South Atlantic and Gulf ports for export, were asked in applications filed today with the Interstate Commerce Commission by Southern railroads.

### Catarrh is a Real Enemy and Requires Vigorous Treatment

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FOR COLORED PEOPLE. One Hundred and Twenty Leagues in Thirty-eight Counties. (Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30.—One hundred and twenty community leagues, the purpose of which is to improve health and school conditions among the colored people of the State, have been organized in 38 counties and are now in active operation. These leagues are under the direction of the Extension Department of the Bureau of Tuberculosis of the State Board of Health and the Jeanes Fund of the Educational Department. Their work is carried on mainly through the colored rural supervisors of these counties with Florence C. Williams as general supervisor.

The work of the leagues embraces timely subjects as the conservation and preparation of food, and the importance of purchasing war savings stamps; subjects fitting to the season as corn and pig clubs; gardens and canning; and subjects that are always in season, as health and sanitation, education and the improvement of the school and grounds. Plans are under way to raise an army of women between 16 and 65 years of age in the next three months to work on farms in North Carolina next summer.

## "Adieu!—until after the war"

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