

GIRLS MAY OPERATE PASSENGER ELEVATORS

Instructions Given a Class at the Murchison Building Last Night

ARE ANXIOUS TO START

Realizing that the time may, and probably will, eventually come when the male elevator operator of today will be needed to shoulder a gun or engage in war work of some description and wishing to be in position to meet any emergency that may arise as a result of the unusual conditions existing today as a result of the war that has turned all Europe red and put submarines off the American coast, a class of young women were given initial instructions in operating elevators in the Murchison building last night by J. C. Hobbs, Jr., superintendent of the building, and in a statement made this morning Mr. Hobbs expressed the opinion that the girl operators would do the work just as competently as it is now being done in event it becomes necessary to replace the present force.

The Murchison people do not intend to place girls in charge of their elevators until such a course becomes necessary, but in event such a position is brought about the Murchison people, thanks to the foresight of Mr. Hobbs, is going to be in position to handle any emergency. The superintendent of the building spent a long period last night instructing several young women in the manipulation of the elevators in the handsome ten-story building and the girls are not only willing but anxious to be given work of this nature. Mr. Hobbs does not anticipate any trouble whatever in replacing his force in event the government decrees that the man power of the nation must be used in more necessary occupations.

The question of replacing the male operators with girls came about through published statements that the man power of the country must eventually be used in more useful occupations; that theatre and hotel attendants, elevator operators and others following a like line would be put into the first draft class unless they engaged in what is considered a useful line of business. Realizing that sooner or later they would lose their operators, Mr. Hobbs has been given a free hand by the owners of the building in breaking in girls to take their places and from the manner in which they responded to his call and their willingness to work made possible a good night's sleep for him for one of his worries is at least removed.

A CALL ISSUED FOR RED CROSS NURSES

Wilmington has been called upon to furnish a number of nurses for Red Cross work in the army, the nation has asked for 25,000 at once, and this city is expected to provide its proportion of this number. In order to assist the government in preparing this large body of nurses for service, all graduates in first aid are requested to send their names to Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, chairman of the educational committee of the Red Cross.

Nurses from Wilmington already in the service include Mrs. Hengeveld, Miss Lowry, Miss Petteway, Miss McIntosh, Miss Graham, Miss Toomer and Miss Frederic, and six more are waiting to be called for Dr. Long's base hospital unit, these being Misses Armstrong, Sears, Payne, Livingston and Loman and Mrs. Powell. Five others have volunteered, these being Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Mrs. Paul and Misses Lynch, George and Ashcraft.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

The following report showing receipts and disbursements of the Associated Charities for the month just closed is: Receipts, New Hanover county, \$200; Hall & Pearsall, \$10; Ahrens Brothers, \$5; S. and B. Solomon, \$5; J. H. Rehder company, \$10; Pearsall & Co., \$10; Corbett company, \$10; cathedral auxiliary of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, \$5; Mrs. W. L. Parsley, \$4; General James I. Metts, \$5; Mrs. W. \$2; Mrs. J. A. Taylor, \$10; C. W. Yates company, \$5; R. R. Bellamy, \$5; Colonel Walker Taylor, \$5; A. D. Brown company, \$; Wilmington Grocery company, \$5. Disbursements: secretary's salary, \$33.33; Catherine Kennedy Home, \$12.50; groceries, \$212; rent for those in need, \$13; cash help, \$6.45; telephone, \$2.33; janitor, \$1; gas for office, \$1.68; postage, \$1.25.

RAN INTO AUTOMOBILE AND HAD ARM BROKEN

Frank Williams, colored boy, had a leg broken yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock when he ran into an automobile driven on Front street between Meares and Marsteller by L. B. Biggs, and was removed to the hospital by Mr. Biggs, who reported the matter to the police. An investigation, made later in the evening by a member of the force, bore out the statements of the driver of the machine and exonerated him of all blame. Eyewitnesses said that the Williams boy was playing in the street with another boy and that he ran into the machine, which was moving at a very low rate of speed.

MR. REILLY ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

James Owen Reilly, prominent real estate dealer, has been elected to the board of managers of the James Walker Memorial hospital, succeeding M. J. Corbett, recently resigned because of his inability to give the time that he considered necessary to the work. Mr. Reilly is an experienced and successful business man and will naturally make a valuable addition to the hospital board.

ANOTHER MACHINE IS STOLEN AND WRECKED

Use Car Until It Gives Out, Then Steal Parts and Abandon It in the Street

THE POLICE POWERLESS

Another stolen car was added to the long list of machines that have been "borrowed" without permission of the owners this morning, and although it was recovered about three hours later, both rear tires had suffered "blow-outs," a new inner tube had been stolen from the tool box and the machine otherwise damaged. The car belonging to Street Superintendent James E. Holton was taken from in front of his house on South Fourth street about 4 o'clock. It was recovered about three hours later at Ninth and Brunswick streets, where it had been abandoned, both the rear tires flat and in an otherwise damaged condition. Absolutely no clue was to be had as to who had been using the car, and there was nothing for Mr. Holton to do other than dig down into his pocket and pay the bill for the joy riding of the unknown "friends" who had used his machine unblushingly and without either his permission or consent. There is hardly a day passes that some irate motorist does not call at police headquarters to leave the number and description of his car which has been stolen and to ask the police to assist in locating it. In most cases the car is found, but always in a damaged condition.

The users of the machines as a rule abandon them after they have tire or other trouble, for in most instances those taking the cars are novices who know very little about operating machines and nothing about making repairs. The opinion of those who have lost machines is that the court is too light on those who are caught and convicted of taking automobiles and they are convinced that the practice will never be broken up completely until this class of people is given to understand that they will get road sentences in event they are apprehended.

What has been said of automobiles is largely true of bicycles. Only yesterday a Western Union boy recovered his bicycle with police assistance. It had been stolen by some irresponsible person and after abandoned in the suburbs and had lain there for days while the boy, working on a commission, had been obliged to trudge about the streets on foot delivering telegrams, necessarily delaying their delivery, earning less money and naturally worrying over the loss of his bicycle.

REMAINS OF MRS. M'CLAMMY LAID TO REST THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret F. McClammy, wife of the late Charles F. McClammy and mother of Herbert McClammy, a member of the local bar, whose death occurred at the James Walker Memorial hospital at 10:30 o'clock last night, following an illness that had extended over a long period of time, was conducted from the home of her son, 403 Market street, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. John Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, and interment was made in the family burying ground at Scott's Hill, by the side of her husband. The services were largely attended by friends who came to pay a last respect to a woman that all loved and honored for her goodness of character and upright life. The floral designs were profuse and a beautiful attestation of the love and esteem in which she was held.

The deceased was 78 years of age and had made her home with her son here for the past several years. She was entered as a patient at the hospital a few days ago with the hope that medical skill might prolong her life, but without avail, and she passed away last night. Mrs. McClammy was the daughter of the late Owen Fenell, sheriff of New Hanover county for 18 years or longer, and Mrs. Elizabeth Feibel, both of whom answered the final call years ago. In addition to her son she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. D. Lodge, of Gaffney, S. C., who was with her when she died; a brother, Gaston Fenell, this city, and Mrs. Delyle Cobb, of Sampson county. Mrs. McClammy was a member of the Baptist church, holding her membership in the first church of this city.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. YOUNG THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Young, wife of the late Major Wilton Young, whose death occurred yesterday evening at 9 o'clock at her home, 315 South Second street, will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 5 o'clock and interment will be made in the family plot at Oakdale cemetery. Mrs. Young had been in declining health for several years and while her death was not unexpected the shock was none the less severe to friends and relatives. The deceased, who was a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal church and a regular attendant upon services whenever her health would permit, was a native of Wilmington and had spent almost her entire life here. Mrs. Preston Cumming, a sister, survives.

FOSTER ELECTED MEMBER CITY CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

D. R. Foster, Princess street real estate dealer, has been elected a member of the city civil service board, having jurisdiction over the firemen and police, or rather entrusted with the duties of preparing the examinations which they can stand before they are either taken on the force or into the department. Mr. Foster is well qualified for the position and will make the board a valuable man.

CHADBOURN ELECTED SECRETARY-TREASURER

Marsden Bellamy Is Attorney For the Victory Home Company

DIRECTORS IN SESSION

The election of C. C. Chadbourn as secretary-treasurer and Marsden Bellamy as attorney, together with an address by John W. Towle, representing the emergency fleet corporation, concerning the housing problem in connection with shipyard activities here, featured yesterday afternoon's meeting of the directors of the Victory Home company, the city's million dollars house building corporation. The election of a general manager was deferred pending investigations that are being made, and it was further stated that an architect would be employed in the early future. The Dispatch, early in the week stated that the name of Mr. Chadbourn would be presented for secretary-treasurer and that he would be elected in event he could be prevailed upon to accept, yesterday's action bearing out the paper's prediction in every particular.

The housing problem was gone into in detail and it was shown that a vast number of houses would be necessary to accommodate the influx of mechanics and laborers and their families, especially since there is a probability of doubling the number of ways at the fabricated steel plant. The colored labor is not giving serious trouble, as the city is in position to house a vast number of negroes comfortably, but many houses, Mr. Towle stated, are going to be needed to take care of the increased white population. Many of these houses will have to be of large proportion and of architecture of an appealing nature, while others will be constructed at a lesser cost.

One of the outstanding features is that it is going to be necessary to build several hundred houses, regardless of the number of vacant houses and rooms that can be had at present. The Victory Home company is alive to this fact and fully cognizant of the responsibilities that rest on its shoulders and is prepared to go the limit in every manner possible. Mr. Towle further agreed that houses be built by private individuals; that the investment was a good one and that it mattered little who built the houses just so long as they were built.

ARRANGE MEMORIAL EXERCISES TONIGHT

(By Geo. F. King.)

Patriotism was the pertinent feature of the public session of the Independent Order of Tents last night in St. Luke's A. M. E. Zion church. Hundreds of colored women of this organization who revealed a cheerful disposition to meet the needs of the hour gave Mayor P. Q. Moore at times tumultuous applause. He delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city and the striking zeal of the women to serve their country and hundreds among them having sons and relatives with the colors at home and abroad, inspired the mayor and every one present until the event became a signal demonstration of the characteristic loyalty of negroes to their country.

The mayor was serious and spoke to his large audience under the impulse of the situation. He paid tribute to the negroes of the country for being 10 per cent. American and exclaimed that they were not Afro-Americans, but strictly Americans, and that their loyalty and conduct merited such recognition. He commended the women for the progress they had made under the leadership of their founder and president, Victoria Loftin, and exclaimed that the order's subsequent activities would eventually make it one of the greatest fraternal agencies at work for the uplift of the negro.

Dr. E. L. Madison delivered the welcome address on behalf of the church. He strongly emphasized potent factors at work among his race that distinguish them as a praying people and indomitable warriors on the battlefields. He told the visiting delegates that Wilmington was the best city in North Carolina and that North Carolina always furnishes its full quota to everything that stood for progress.

Miss Jane D. Wood made in a concise and highly enlightening manner a talk that thrilled the audience. She singled out the things that made the audience deeply appreciate what democracy really meant and stress many of the needs of the hour which meant the abnegation of self along many lines.

The wife of Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, of Wilson, presided, and made interesting comments. The responses to the welcome address were short, well prepared and pregnant with timely and wholesome facts.

The organization will have its memorial exercises tonight at Central Baptist church.

AFTER RECRUITS FOR TRANSPORT SERVICE

Idea Is to Provide Sunshine For the Soldier Boys Who Are Crossing Over

ALL WORRY ELIMINATED

A whirlwind recruiting campaign for men for the transport service of the army and navy Y. M. C. A. has just been started throughout the southeastern department, embracing the states of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina, and it is hoped that between this date and September 1, one hundred men will be secured for work on the transports. By transport service is meant the work of scattering sunshine among the soldier boys when they are making their trips across the ocean and it is hoped that the southeastern department will do as well in this work as they have in the drive for men for the general work of the army and navy Y. M. C. A.

The transport problem has been the one missing link in the great chain that the Y. M. C. A. has woven about the boys in khaki or in the navy and it has been a source of considerable worry to the war work council. However this worry has been eliminated and now the secretaries are being placed on every transport that sails from our shores. They have met with great success in the test cases that have been made recently and the value of their work has been so apparent that the war department has asked that this work be continued. This leaves nothing missing, as the Red Triangle Man is now found on the trains carrying the draft men to camps, in the camps in this country, on troop trains going to port of embarkation, on the transports, in the training camps of France and England and in all camps in these countries, thus making the "Y" follow the flag and the soldiers wherever they go.

The transportation bureau of the war work council is authorized to place two secretaries on each transport, whose duties it will be to make the voyage of the soldiers both comfortable and enjoyable and to provide games, musicals, moving pictures, stage entertainments, furnish writing materials and stamps and many other things that the soldiers need. This work is no romance. It challenges a man to show his full ability, courage and devotion to the cause of assisting the soldiers. It means hardships, unpleasant tasks and dangers but at the same time offers an opportunity for service that can be equaled nowhere. To enter this service a man must be above the draft age, but not over 50 years of age; sound health; have executive ability and personal magnetism; be a true Christian but not one who cannot be broad in his views; always cheerful; absolutely loyal to the cause of the allies; ability to keep lips sealed, and ability to mix with men. Such men who are interested in this branch of the service are asked to take the matter up with the Y. M. C. A. recruiting authorities in his own state or with the personnel division of the army and navy Y. M. C. A. at Atlanta.

MAY GREATLY ENLARGE THE STEEL SHIPYARD

If Wilmington shows her ability to properly house workmen the capacity of the Carolina Shipbuilding corporation will very likely be greatly increased, according to announcement by Lorenzo C. Dilks, president of the corporation who with John W. Towle, representative of the United States shipping board is in the city looking over the work already done and outlining plans for the future. Mr. Dilks expects to return to his New York office tonight, but will move the offices of the corporation to Wilmington July 1.

The company has a contract with the government for the construction of 12 fabricated steel ships of 3,600 tons deadweight, and had planned four ways for its yards. However, it has been found that there is ample room for at least four more ways and if Wilmington measures up to the demands the company will go after other government contracts which will necessitate enlarging the plant. Plans have already been drawn for eight ways and everything is being prepared to handle additional contracts, according to the statement.

The officials who spent today in looking over the shipyard express complete satisfaction with the progress that has been made.

Mrs. Martha Forster Steele, a former school teacher, has the distinction of being the first woman ever appointed to membership on the Seattle board of park commissioners.

Ministers having church notices they wish to appear in either Saturday or Sunday's paper, or both, are requested to have them in the office of the city editor not later than Friday evening at 6 o'clock. Otherwise their appearance in either issue cannot be assured. If received by the time specified they will be certain to appear in the regular church columns of both the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning paper, or in either, as the minister may desire.



Extra Special Values For Friday and Saturday

Each week-end we put on sale some very good numbers. This week-end we will place on sale the following articles and you will find exceptional values at this time:

We Are Closing Out Our Spring Suits at \$15.00

We are closing out our spring suits that have been selling from \$29.50 to \$45.00. These suits may be had in tan, gray, Pekin blue and checks. This special price is for cash only and a small charge will be made for alterations \$15.00

Spring Coats Special at \$21.50

We will place on sale Friday and Saturday our spring line of coats, in grays, tans, greens and Pekin blues, values from \$29.50 to \$45.00, special at \$21.50

Children's Wash Dresses Special at 75c

We have only a few of these dresses left at this price. They are \$1.25 to \$1.75 values, and this will probably be your last chance to buy at this low price. Special Friday and Saturday at 75c

Special in Silk Hosiery Friday and Saturday

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