

HOSPITAL RATES ARE INCREASED

Community Hospital announces an increase in hospital rates effective April 1, 1953.

The revision in rate structure is due to the upward trend in prices which is no exception in the hospital field. Hospitals throughout the country have been faced with the problem of continuous rising costs for some time. The increases have reflected themselves in many ways. The costs of medical supplies, which include drugs, sterile bandages, x-ray, films, surgical instruments, and other essential items, have risen in proportion to the rise in everyday household goods. The salaries paid hospital employees have also risen to higher levels.

During the past year the revenue from pay patients was insufficient to meet their expanding needs. The cost of operating one general hospital bed per day averaged \$10.00 during the fiscal year 1952-53 to date. The proposed increase in rates from \$5.00 per day to \$6.00 per day for ward accommodations, from \$5.50 per day to \$6.50 per day for Semi-Private accommodations, from \$6.00 per day to \$7.00 per day for Private Room "C" accommodations, from \$6.50 per day to \$8.00 per day for Private Room "B" accommodations, and from \$7.50 per day to \$9.00 per day for Private Room "A" accommodations still does not cover the total cost of hospitalizing a patient for one day.

Although Community Hospital is a City-County Hospital it is operated as a community hospital and is confronted with problems similar to those of a voluntary institution.

News Of Wilmington



WILLISTON ON PARADE — Above is the crack Williston Industrial high school band as it winds down Front Street Saturday morning in the mammoth 6th annual Azalea Parade which attracted 239,000 spectators. The music was splendid, and the band looked good in the new uniforms which were sported by the musicians.



BISHOP AT ST. MARK'S — Palm Sunday was another memorable day in the life of Saint Mark's Parish. The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina made his Episcopal Visitation and confirmed a class of fifteen persons presented by the Rev. Edwin E. Kirton. Members of this class were: Harold Brown, Rosalia

Stickey, Dennis and Richard McKay, Carl Parker, Oscar King, the Misses Virginia Fowler, Juanita Howard and Pochahontas Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Best and Mesdames Germaine Scott, Mattie Johnson and Ernestine Payton and Carter Newsome. The Bishop also received into the Church family, the Sants

Mark's Branch of the National Guild of St. Vincent Acolytes, sixteen in number, and presented the Character to its president, Mr. Oliver Bellamy. The service was most inspiring and a large congregation of members and friends were present to greet the Bishop. The choir rendered special music with Mrs. W. H. Cotton at the organ.

REVIEW FROLIC VERY SUCCESSFUL

By MRS. GWENDOLYN GRAY
In years to come Wilmingtonians can reflect to THE FASHION REVIEW AND GAME FROLIC, a benefit affair for the Phyllis Wheatley Club, sponsored by The Wilmington Chapter of Links, Inc. as one of the highlights of the Easter Season, 1953 and one of the FIRSTS of its type to be given in Wilmington. Native Wilmingtonians observed that it was the first time all of the fashions modeled in a fashion show for our group were supplied by leading Wilmington apparel shops for women. Modeling the generous selection of garments and accessories were Miss Bertha Boykins, Mrs. Janet LaFlore, Mrs. Juanita Chette, Mrs. Jacqueline Tully, Miss Inez Richardson, Mrs. Erietta Childs, and Mrs. Thelma Williams.

In undertaking such functions a great deal of support from the community is desired and needed. Without this support we cannot accomplish a set goal. In an attempt to render a needed and worthwhile service to our community The Wilmington Links could not have realized the overwhelming success of its effort without the business concerns who rallied with tangible support. The generous donation of prizes presented to winners of the several games and door prizes were given collectively by local merchants. Likewise participating with cooperation and goodwill were those of our friends and neighbors who purchased tickets rendered to the success of the occasion. With the collective effort of The Wilmington Chapter of Links, Inc., Wilmington businesses, and interested citizens, the girls of Phyllis Wheatley YWCA are looking forward to a brighter future.



IN AUTO WRECK — Mrs. E. high school, St. Stephen, S. C. Alcen P. Stokes, insect, wife of the Rev. Wm. Franklin Stokes, minister of Ebenezer Baptist church, escaped injury last Sunday evening, when the Lincoln Commodore in which she was driving ran off the road on U. S. highway 17 and crashed. Damage was estimated at \$1,500. She was enroute to St. Stephen

where she teaches English in the twelfth grade. Mrs. Stokes is a graduate of Morris College and has done further work at Temple University. In the car at the time of the accident were Old Franklin, III, nine-months-old son and Roosevelt Stokes, 12-year-old nephew. Neither was injured.



QUEEN — Miss Delores Fenell, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fenell of 106 So. 13th street, was chosen Queen of the "Just Us Club" and Miss Y-Teen of 1953. She is an active member of the Y-Teen group, the V-Teen club, and the Girl Scouts, and Price Memorial church. She will be crowned at the Y-Teen Ball on April 17 at the Community Boys club. She will receive several gifts from local firms.

PLAY IN RETURN ENGAGEMENT

Because of popular demand, a return engagement of "For Pete's Sake" will be presented at Williston Primary School Auditorium Friday April 10 at 8:00 p.m. This play which is being sponsored by the Community Hospital Alumni Association is check full of laughs from its beginning 'til the final curtain. You'll enjoy Peter Pepperdine who specializes in the art of lying. When his exasperated aunt, in an effort to discipline him starts on a Summer tour of Palestine, without him he writes her mansion against her expressed desire, to her dearest enemy, the mother of his lady-love, and masquerades as her butler, disguising his pal Bill as her gardener, and Nugsy, the despised college grand who is supposed to tutor him all summer, as her housemaid. A laughing lid traveling at express speed. The female impersonation is a riot. Cost also includes an affected society matron, her two charming daughters, a self-important banker, a fetid village poet; the college grand's jealous sweetheart; a timid dean and a superstitious cook. E. I. King, popular showman is director of this hilarious farce.



EATON HONORED BY OMEGAS — A love are Doctors Hubert A. Eaton and Daniel C. Roane, who Sunday afternoon were honored by the Omicron Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as "Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year, respectively. The Omegas chose these men for



ROANE spearheading various civic and community movements, especially the school suit which resulted in Negroes getting over a million dollars in new school facilities. Attorney Robert R. Bond made the presentation at the annual Talent Hunt, sponsored by the fraternity. The awards cover the year 1952.

WILLISTON NINE IN WORKOUT

By J. W. GREENWOOD, JR.
The Williston Tigers Baseball squad held their initial workout this afternoon under the watchful eyes of coaches Corbin and Robinson. Holdovers from last season are pitcher Joe Sessions, third baseman Stan Jones, outfielders Guy Lucke and Edward Edmunds. Also first baseman Frank Freeman and

catchers Herbert Anderson and William McDonald. Newcomers showing promise are the forty-one hopeful candidates are Sam Bowers, Will Harvey, William Murphy, Tony McLaughlin and Danny Bloodworth. Bowers may be converted from an outfielder to a first baseman with Freeman moving in as number one pitcher. Harvey, a strong armed fielder, may be converted to a catcher. Murphy and McLaughlin and left handed are also to move up to the pitching staff. Charlie Hill, who was out of school last year, is making a strong bid for an infield post.

WHITE CITIZEN FETES BOYS

Thirteen Negro boys, between the ages of nine and twelve, were treated to the final show of the First Annual Azalea Festival Rodeo held at Legion Stadium on Sunday afternoon, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. Ed M. Sears, local land surveyor, was host to the boys. Friday night he strictly entertained fifteen white boys. Sears had given W. T. Childs, probation officer, who accompanied the boys, sufficient money to cover reserved seats but at the stadium Childs discovered that Negroes could purchase only general admission tickets. After the show, Childs turned the balance of \$9.50 over to Sears, who insisted that the money be used to purchase something to help boys. Sears had given Childs a check for \$20. Needless to say, the boys enjoyed the event and are appreciative to their host, who is a native of Fayetteville and who attended school in Akron, Ohio. Sears who resides with his wife in Colonial Apartments, says he has no children of his own but that he had a happy childhood and would like to see all children have the same.

Rent Forum

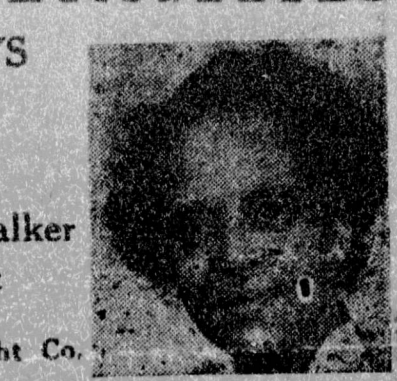
These questions were selected from those often asked of the local rent office. They apply ONLY to those accommodations which are under rent control. If you have a question or if you are in doubt as to whether your accommodation is under the rent stabilization program, contact the area rent office at Room 124, Custom House, Wilmington, N. C. QUESTION: My lease has ex-

Fight Halts Funeral Rites

The dignity of a funeral was interrupted in Pine Forest Cemetery Friday afternoon when two prominent local figures engaged first in an exchange of words and later in a fist fight which was parted by equally prominent individuals. It appears that the Rev. R. Hamilton Jeter, widely known minister of Gregory Congregational church and popular radio artist, was at the cemetery in his capacity as secretary of the Pine Forest Cemetery Corporation. It is reported that when the cortege arrived Luther H. Jordan, owner of Jordan's Funeral Home and prominent fraternal leader, approached the Rev. Mr. Jeter and told him that he had been looking for him for some time to secure a permit for the opening of the grave for the deceased but that he was unable to find him. It is further said that Mr. Jordan told the minister that he had called by phone at a specific time, upon which, it is alleged, the divine told him that "it was a lie." Mr. Jeter said Mr. Jordan cursed him. Witnesses say a further exchange of words took place and that Jeter struck the Rev. Mr. Jeter. An unidentified minister, in the role of peacemaker, also was hit. The two were finally parted by other ministers and mourners. The Rev. Mr. Jeter insisted that he was acting in the line of duty and demanding that payment for the opening of the grave be made prior to the burial, as cemetery rules so state. Mr. Jordan, who is also a member of the cemetery board, said he offered to pay Mr. Jeter at the cemetery but that the minister said he would issue the

DOROTHYE SAYS

By Dorothy Lane Walker Home Economist Carolina Power & Light Co.



Starch puts the finish on cotton and linen clothing by preserving the cleanliness of your laundry work, it stands between you and the next wash. Let starch work for you. It will protect your clothes and household linens from soil. It will restore the original finish to many fabrics if properly applied. A few practical starching tips: 1. Do not allow starch to stand uncovered. A scum forms over it which breaks up into lumps when the starch is used. 2. Hot starch penetrates the fabric better. Use rubber or plastic gloves to help protect your hands from the heat. 3. Use enough starch to cover each garment. Dip and squeeze the garment several times in order to force the starch through the fabric. It is this penetration which makes a good starch job. Excess starch on the surface of the fabric causes trouble in ironing. 4. Do not rinse after starching. Wring the garments well. 5. Starching in the washer is easy on the hands. The starch penetrates the fabric better and the water extraction is more efficient. Follow the directions of the manufacturer of the washer.

There's no wonder your highways are jam-packed. In 1947 it was predicted the USA would have 46 million vehicles in use by 1970. To day, there are 53 million vehicles—7 million more than we were expected to have 17 years from now. Motorists are most bothered on country roads, says an Automobile Manufacturers Assn. survey, by narrow roads and curves. In cities, motorists are most disturbed by pedestrians. A reasonable road expectancy is 20 years—and you can only expect that when you have good construction, plus efficient maintenance. President Eisenhower said "The obsolescence of the nation's highways presents an appalling problem of waste, death and danger. Next to the manufacture of the most modern implements of war is a guarantee of peace through strength, a network of modern roads is as necessary to defense as it is to our national economy and personal safety. A total of 227,000 students in 1218 high schools across the nation are participating in safe-driver-education programs. Some 25,000 trucks, trailers and buses are owned and operated by the nation's railway lines. Motor transport moves every living grown on the farm. Since 1949 rubber roads have been laid in 17 states, Massachusetts has 300 miles of all types. United Nations traffic experts working to make symbols for sharp curve, winding road, slow school, train and South Dakota. Fifty symbols are finished. 25 STATE legislatures may ask Congress to repeal Federal tax on motor fuel. "Creeping lanes" to accommodate slower vehicles on hills under test in Kansas. Safe driving rule No. 1 "keep windshield clean."

Cemetery Board Supports Jeter

Failure of Luther H. Jordan to appear at a special meeting of the cemetery board of directors on Monday night to investigate the fight between Jordan and the Rev. R. Hamilton Jeter, secretary of the cemetery board, resulted in the board's acceptance of the version of the incident as offered by the secretary. The two men came to blows at a funeral in Pine Forest cemetery over a grave-opening permit. The board went to all lengths to protect Jordan's interest in his absence, as other matters concerning the undertaker's alleged breach of cemetery rules were brought up. But a majority of the board members saw no infraction of rules on the other matters. The board emphatically stated that it did not want any such incidents to occur in the future and that it will again instruct the custodian of the cemetery to dig a grave only upon receipt of a permit, since the undertakers now have three choices from which a permit may be obtained. It was agreed that had the cemetery custodian been abiding by this rule and had the rule of three choices been kept, the Friday incident might have been avoided. Some board members did not know that the rule had been changed to restrict the issuing of permits to one person. The board said it was much concerned with the embarrassment of the family in question and stated that strong measures would be used should a similar incident occur. Below is the official statement released by the board: "At our recent meeting held for consideration of the regrettable incident which occurred on Friday afternoon at Pine Forest Cemetery, Mr. Jordan, the undertaker involved and also a board member, refused to appear and would not give us any time when he would meet with us. In his absence, and because of his refusal to appear and would not give us any time when he would meet with us, in his absence, and because of his refusal to cooperate in helping us to get to the bottom of the matter, the board unanimously voted to sustain Mr. Jeter, as secretary, in seeking to carry out his duties." The Rev. Mr. Jeter has been serving without pay, though he is entitled to a commission.



The great responsibility that Dr. David D. West shoulders as President of Meharry Medical College is shown in the "Negro in Medicine," a new documentary film. Highlight of the film shows an actual operation being performed at Meharry.



12-year-old Leslie Uggans, one of the country's brightest young singers, is featured with other great stars in "Entertainment Greats," one in a new series of Negro America documentary films.



Mrs. Edith Sampson, who holds the important position as alternate delegate to the United Nations, gives a first hand film report on how Negro women have established themselves at the top of their professions in many different fields in the interesting documentary, "Women in the News."



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College co-eds prefer men with mustaches, a survey shows. —There are more than 6,500,000 civilians on Federal, state and local payrolls — meaning that taxpayers support one person out of every ten in the land.

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Atlantic Credit Union was organized January 14th 1932 — during the worst of the depression — and was sustained by a struggling "faithful few" members who stuck with it through its lean years, beating down many efforts close it while Race people built

To Speak

The Practical Nurses of Wilmington will present Dr. Miriam N. Muldrow, prominent physician-surgeon of Whiteville at their second anniversary observance on Sunday, April 12, which promises to be a highlight of the year, is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Central Baptist church, corner 7th and 14th

Cross streets. The public is invited.

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