

TELEPHONE GIRLS TO GET EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Specific Information Was Asked of the District Manager Yesterday

IS EFFECTIVE THIS WEEK

Becoming impatient at what they considered unnecessary delay in reducing their working day from nine to eight hours, the central girls employed in the local telephone exchange waited on District Manager Myers yesterday afternoon and asked for specific information concerning the chopping of an hour off their working day. There were no formal demands made nor were any ultimatums issued by the "hello" girls. They were merely impatient and wanted to know when their day would be lessened. They were advised that the company expected to shorten their day by an hour during the coming week, this keeping with plans that were formulated weeks ago and which are being put in force in the various exchanges of the company. That ended the matter.

Rumors were rife during the afternoon that the exchange girls had issued an ultimatum demanding an eight hour working day and were preparing to walk out unless these demands were met. The matter was discussed on the street corners, but the statement given out by District Manager Myers discredited street reports in their entirety.

Mr. Myers did not deny that the girls had asked for specific information concerning the recently promised shortened working day. In speaking with a Dispatch man he stated that his company decided weeks ago to lessen the girls' working day by an hour giving them the standard eight hour day, but that it had been impossible to put this plan into effect in every exchange simultaneously. Because of this the new working hours were being made effective in the various exchanges when the best opportunities were presented. Continuing, he said that the company intended putting this policy into effect next week and that beginning early in the coming week the girls will be required to work eight hours a day.

Furthermore the district manager spoke at length upon the recent salary increases that have been granted employees, saying that the company intended to grant additional increases in the early future, as it realized that the necessities of life had gone up in an alarming manner and that the salaried person experienced difficulty in making both ends meet.

In discussing matters generally Mr. Myers went into detail concerning its recently adopted policy of limiting telephone conversations to the beach to five minutes. Action of this nature was taken, Mr. Myers said, because the company believed that it could best serve its patrons in this manner.

The fact that the average woman, especially if she is removed from her business, has no regard for time when engaged in telephonic conversation was offered as one reason for the limiting of conversation. Mr. Myers said that business were often annoyed because of their inability to reach home on the telephone, perhaps on matters of importance. The same policy is being carried out elsewhere, he said, and Wrightsville is not an exception. If the conversation, he continued, is important the telephone user can hang up and re-call the number, but this would give the person wishing a connection the opportunity of speaking with the one he was endeavoring to reach.

LENGTHY SESSION OF COURT WAS FEATURELESS

Yesterday's session of recorder's court was without feature although of a long drawn out nature, adjournment not being taken until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The principal case of the day was that charging LeRoy Hufham, small boy, with an assault with a deadly weapon on Thomas Craig. The case was not gone into, however, although everything was ready for trial when decision was reached to continue it until Wednesday. Hufham, it will be remembered, is the youngster who struck Craig over the head with an iron golf club on the Cape Fear links weeks ago, and it was feared at that time that his injuries would prove fatal. The boys were working as caddies when young Craig was struck.

Probable cause was found against Willie McIntire, charged with feloniously aiding and counseling and abetting in the temporary larceny of an automobile, and bond in the sum of \$250 was required for his appearance in court. Prayer for judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs in the case charging Archie Hall with operating an automobile on which no number appeared. Henry Washington, convicted of an assault on a female, was allowed to go on the payment of the cost, and E. W. Wood was fined \$25 and cost for an assault.

GREENFIELD STREET LOTS WERE SOLD YESTERDAY NOON

The principal realty transactions of yesterday and which was not filed for record because the office of the register of deeds closed exactly at 1 o'clock—the Saturday closing hour—was that transferring from C. B. Bellows and wife to C. S. Burnett and wife property located on Greenfield street, between Front and Second, and in close proximity to the main entrance to the concrete shipyards. The property has a frontage of one block and extends back over 90 feet. There is one building on the property. The purchase price approximated \$5,000.

LABOR IS DESTINED TO RUDE AWAKENING

Shipyard Officials' Opinion of Men Hired Locally Anything But Flattering

CONCERNS ALSO SCORED

The Rotary club is vitally interested in the rapid and successful building of ships and will put forth every ounce of energy to see that the shipbuilding institutions already located here are receiving the proper co-operation and for this purpose a committee consisting of George P. Galvin, Roger Moore and Ed Bailey met with the local representatives of the Liberty Shipbuilding company to ascertain what co-operation they were receiving and what co-operation was necessary to build ships rapidly at this port. H. W. Nutt, purchasing officer, met with the Rotary committee and expressed a disappointment in the lack of co-operation from the business interest and made mention of the fact that it was not an infrequent occurrence to phone some business concern as many as eight to ten times in order to secure a quotation. There is an unwritten rule with the Liberty Shipbuilding company that local business concerns be patronized and local labor employed instead of going outside of Wilmington, but there is no hard and fast rule obligating any shipbuilding corporation to purchase from local business concerns if they cannot make the best price and give the best service and when any business is so neglectful in their own business development as not to quote prices immediately and properly to the shipbuilding companies, needless to say will not secure the business, thereby injuring the opportunity of other local business institutions that are anxious to secure some business and give their fullest and best co-operation to shipbuilding companies.

The shipbuilding companies have furnished the rotary committee with a list of business institutions in Wilmington with whom they have had some business dealings and this committee will put opposite the name of the company the proper officials from whom quotation will be asked for the purpose of conducting business through the proper channel and it is the idea of the committee that where there are no complaints and if the local business concerns are not co-operating to the fullest extent with the shipbuilding institutions and after thorough investigation the committee will recommend that the particular concern showing inattention to the shipbuilding business will be cut from the list and no future quotations will be asked from these concerns. This will be a drastic measure, but if local business institutions so far forget their own business enterprise and particularly the needs of the shipbuilding institutions as to not give the proper co-operation, they must suffer the consequences and be deprived of future business. Labor has gained the false impression that they can go to the shipyards and receive the highest rate of pay by working a few hours a day and killing as much time as they desire, which fact Mr. Nutt made mention of and said that it was a very serious mistake for the laboring people to entertain such thoughts where they are not local labor being discharged when not giving a fair day's work, and outside labor taking their places. He further mentioned the fact that outside labor was giving him far better returns from the wages paid than most local labor, and that labor coming from the western part of North Carolina has demonstrated better ability and appreciation of the high wages and a determination to give a full day's work for wages received. He mentioned the fact that this is a bad condition to exist here and the local labor must change their attitude if employed by the shipbuilding companies and must give results in keeping with the wages paid. They have adopted a new rule that a man is given 24 hours in which to make good. It was further mentioned by Mr. Nutt that the business institutions must realize that the work on ships takes preference over any other work and that they are empowered by law to commandeer any institution and use facilities of that institution to work on ships. Any accessories and that on shipbuilding secures an order from a shipbuilding company must immediately realize that that work must take preference over any other work or order that the concern may have on their books. He said that we are in war, war to the hilt, war until Germany's accursed lust for world power has been completely destroyed, and this must be the one supreme issue to every concern in Wilmington and every individual in the country and every employe connected with shipbuilding. A concern that is handling war orders or an individual that is working on war orders is as essential to the winning of the war as soldiers in the trenches. His work is as necessary as the work of the soldiers and every American should realize that it is up to everyone to give the best that is in them and any individual showing the lack of co-operation with shipbuilding or any laborer not being willing to give a good honest day's work is a slacker of the worst kind. The employes on shipbuilding have every reason to be proud of their work as a soldier in the trenches and he is a part of the army to defeat Germany's world power intentions.

PLANS ARE OUTLINED FOR PROPOSED DRIVE

Selection of Those Who Are to Handle War Savings Campaign Is Made

MANY AT THE MEETING

A preliminary meeting to form plans for the war savings drive, which begins Sunday, June 23, was held yesterday afternoon at the chamber of commerce. The meeting was presided over by Joseph W. Little, chairman of the national war savings committee. There were in attendance the members of the local war savings executive committee, Hugh MacRae and W. B. Cooper, of the state executive committee; the members of the woman's committee for the third liberty loan; representatives of the national special aid, and of the Red Cross; Mrs. J. M. Solky, president of the North Carolina Sorosis, and other war savings workers.

It was stated that the meeting had been called in accordance with the plans outlined by the national war savings committee, and that the method to be followed in preparing for the intensive campaign during the week of June 23rd to 29th would be what is known as the Nebraska plan. It was pointed out that the particular purpose of the meeting was to adopt the plan and make any minor changes necessary in order to meet local conditions.

The work of organization was gone into the rural section of the county was first organized. This section embraces four townships as follows: Cape Fear, Federal Point, Harnett and Masonboro, and these townships will be under the general supervision of Rural Chairman J. O. Brown. At the meeting Saturday afternoon the following appointments of township chairmen were made:

GRASP ON HOUSING SITUATION FIRMER

Rotarians Will Assist in Providing Thorough Understanding

CANVASS IS ON TUESDAY

By the end of this week it is expected that Wilmington will have a firm grasp upon the housing situation that is so vital to the development of the city and possess a thorough understanding of what Wilmington can provide in the way of houses and furnished rooms and what buildings are to be erected will be known. It is anticipated that so far as providing furnished rooms and board the city will fully measure up to requirements, the people responding to the call to provide such, both as a patriotic duty and to help the city progress in an industrial way.

This week the house-to-house canvass by the Rotary club will be made and the Victory Home company, the million dollar local concern that will erect houses, will complete its organization and get down to active work. A canvass will also show the individuals in Wilmington who intend to build houses.

The canvass by the Rotary club will be conducted Tuesday and will be in line with a policy inaugurated by Industrial Agent Cowan, of the chamber of commerce, so that the two shipyards may have at all times a thorough understanding of what houses are vacant, where furnished rooms and board can be obtained and the location of boarding houses, and that this information may also be kept on the taps at the rooms of the chamber of commerce, so that it will prove timely assistance to any one who comes to Wilmington and needs such information. Cards will be distributed by the Rotarians and signatures sought to them, after certain questions have been answered. These questions while seemingly many are all important, as they will go to make up a complete history of the situation in Wilmington and will result in quick action when rooms, houses or board are wanted. For instance, the information as to furnished rooms will be coupled with word setting forth the nearest place where table board can be obtained, and when a "furnished

States, the governor of North Carolina and the mayor of Wilmington. Every other government activity is to give way for the war savings drive and every state in the union is to conduct a drive at the same time.

There is a great deal of clerical work necessary to be done in connection with the launching of the campaign. While the various officers and sub-committees will draft workers for the canvass, if there are any ladies or others who can give some clerical assistance to the county chairman within the next few days, he will greatly appreciate this voluntary service.

To work in conjunction with publicity chairman for New Hanover county, Malcolm G. Little, the North Carolina Sorosis appointed a committee composed of Mrs. Geo. L. Mitchell and Mrs. J. B. Rice. These ladies have already gotten their work well under way and it is their purpose to have war savings ads in every issue of the local papers between now and the close of the campaign. The merchants and professional men are showing ready co-operation with this committee.

At the meeting yesterday afternoon a speakers' committee was also named. This committee is composed of Mrs. J. M. Solky, Hugh MacRae, Mrs. A. M. Waddell and E. H. Freeman.

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The matter of dividing the city for organization was then gone into with the following result: The city was divided into two districts, Market street being the dividing line. P. H. Mason was elected director general of the district north of Market street, and William Struthers, Jr., director general of the district south of Market street. These districts were in turn divided into precincts, and precinct chairmen elected to work under the supervision of the directors general. The precincts north of Market street with their precinct chairmen are as follows: First precinct, all of the territory north of Red Cross street; precinct chairman, Rev. J. A. Sullivan. Second precinct, all of the territory bounded by Market street, Seventh street, Red Cross street and the Cape Fear river; precinct chairman, W. H. Sprunt. Third precinct, all of the territory bounded by Market street, Seventh street, Red Cross street and the city boundary line on the east; precinct chairman, C. L. Dickinson. The territory north of Market street to be known as district No. 1.

The precincts south of Market street with their chairmen are as follows: Fourth precinct, all of the territory bounded by Market street, Sixth street, Castle street and the Cape Fear river and the southern boundary of the city; precinct chairman, J. H. Curtis. Sixth precinct, all of the territory bounded by Market street, Sixth street, Castle street and the eastern boundary of the city; precinct chairman, T. R. Ames.

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