

TRAVELERS' AID HAS MANY TASKS

Thousands Of Men, Women Given Advice, Help By Organization

"Finding a place for people to live" is just one of the many services offered by the Traveler's Aid society, Mrs. Helen Galloway, executive director said yesterday. The local office has aided the needy in several groups during its operation here, including among whom are members of the armed forces, ex-war workers, women and girls, immigrants and refugees, foreign war brides, runaways, veterans, migrant youth, as well as adults, unattached men, and migrant families.

Biggest Service
"During the war years, and even now, when these people are relocating, finding a place for them to live is numerically the Traveler's Aid's biggest service, but not the only one," Mrs. Galloway said.

"The society," she explained, "is an organized social service, whose aim is to help travelers, strangers, and newcomers who encounter difficulty while making a journey, or while trying to establish themselves in a new community."

In Difficulty
Among the large group of moving people who ask for aid at the society, and who are the "special concern" of the workers, many are away from friends, and relatives, in an unfamiliar community, and frequently find themselves in some kind of difficulty.

"Perhaps they are seeking employment, or housing, and need help with their emergency travel plans, have lost their wallets, or their ticket, or are having trouble locating a relative in town. Whatever the trouble of the person "on the move", the society is on hand to answer the "wheres, whys, and hows" of the traveler."

Well Equipped
"This nationwide organization, of which the Wilmington office is a member, is well-equipped through its decades of experience in helping travelers in difficulty, to help untangle problems of the enormous number of persons who are now moving about the country," the executive director said. "Last year thousands of Travelers Aid workers, and volunteers, gave more than 40 million services to travelers in difficulty, throughout the nation."

ACL OPERATING REVENUES DOWN

Report For Month Of February Shows Decrease Over Same Period '45

Operating revenues for Atlantic Coast Line during the month of February show marked decreases over those for the same month last year, and were about two million dollars less than two years ago.

Officials have disclosed that the slump in revenues over a two-year period, are not altogether a result of traffic and freight decreases, but are caused too by the operation of the Atlanta, Birmingham, and Coast railroad, absorbed by ACL last year.

Revenues
Revenues for February were \$11,075,691, while the same month last year the report showed a total of \$13,330,681, and in 1944, \$14,064,326.

Operating expenses for February were \$8,646,774, while for the same month last year, \$8,721,677, was the total, and in 1944 the month showed a total of \$7,753,538.

Net Revenues
Net operating revenues for February were \$2,428,917, while in 1945, they were \$4,609,004. In 1944 they were \$6,310,798.

The amount required for taxes during February was \$1,100,000. The net railway operating income for the month just passed was \$969,349.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Real estate transfers yesterday recorded with the Register of Deeds included the following:

Fred W. Killeto to H. E. De Hart, tract Seagate Park.
Mamie M. Struther to Mike Jacobs, tract Martindale.
Alton A. Lennon to H. F. Kanter, lot 6-18, North Shores.
G. T. Armstrong to J. S. Crowley, lot 158, Shore Acres Dev. No. 1.
Otis A. Minton to J. L. Sharp, lot B-14, Sunset Hills.
Ralph E. Winchell to E. L. Oliver, lots 20, 21, 22-17, Fed. Pt. Twp., lot 22 Ft. Fisher Sea Beach.
L. E. Bunch to Philip V. Helms, lot 16-20 and 16 A-20A, Carolina Beach, North section.
Stuart Warren and O. O. Allsbrook to Wilmington Savings and Trust company lot 4, 5-164, City.
Hugh MacRae and company incorporated to Mrs. Undine J. Snyder, lots 13, 15, 15 A 5, Wrightsville Beach extension.

Oil exploration is under way in the Georgia-Florida-Alabama area, with 40,000,000 acres of land under lease.

Welds for Tuition



MANY and varied are the methods of working one's way through college. Attractive Mary Balinski picked an unusual one when she became a welder at night to pay her tuition as a student at the University of Pittsburgh. Mary, who will receive a BS degree in June, is shown on the job at a Smoky City steel plant. (International)

CHECKER EXPERT WILL PLAY HERE

Willie Ryan Will Play Simultaneous Match Blindfolded At USO Club

Willie Ryan, world champion blindfold checker player will attempt to defeat 12 local checker enthusiasts tonight in a local exhibition.

Ryan, the nationally tabbed "Bronz Comet," author of "Scientific Checkers Made Easy," now editor of the American Checkerist magazine has played and won more matches and tournaments than any other player, according to national checker officials.

Sponsored Visit
His visit to Wilmington is a highlight of local checker enthusiasts, and is sponsored by the New Hanover County Checker club, in cooperation with the Second and Orange USO, and the City Recreation department.

He will arrive in the city this afternoon, be feted by the club, after which he will go to the Second and Orange USO building to prepare for his matches to be held, at 8 o'clock.

Veterans Invited
Charles E. Robertson, director of the local USO said yesterday that the public is invited, and issued a special invitation to the servicemen and veterans of the area.

The local players competing for the honor of defeating the checker champion of America, have not been named. It was estimated there will be a capacity house at the main auditorium, USO building, however.

Book Offered
A complimentary autograph copy of Ryan's book, which contains 220 pages on the nationally favored game, will be given the winner in the 12-man competition bout with Ryan.

ATU AGENTS CAPTURE MULES, NOT STILL IN PENDER COUNTY RAID

Anybody want two mules? Federal Alcohol Tax Unit agents caught two of the half-horse, half-donkey breed red-handed (or red-hoofed, you might say) while they (the mules) were transporting illicitly-manufactured liquor in Pender county on Monday.

The two bootlegging mules will be auctioned off to the highest bidder on March 30, 11 a.m., at the home of Theodore Lee, Maple Hill.

The two two-wheel carts, which the moonshiner-mules were drawing at the time of capture will be auctioned off too.

The liquor in the carts, however, cannot be sold at any price.

The mules might make a risky purchase. There's no telling what kind of habits they may have picked up during their term of employment in the moonshiner business.

Star-News Carriers Enjoy Big Evening At Carnival

"Look at Joe, Bill is having a swell time, Sam is now on the swings, let's go there next" ... All this was heard at Legion Field last night when The Star-News carriers, 100 strong, invaded the R. and S. Amusement's shows and rides as the guests of Jimmy Raftery, owner of the shows.

Jimmy, a former Star newsboy, invited all the Star-News carriers to be his guests last night for free rides and shows and he gave the carriers a well time on the ferris wheels, O'opus and swings and other rides.

Federal Government Jobs Ease Employment Burden

About 2,500 jobs being offered by the Federal government, is expected to "ease the burden" on local employment offices, Harold M. Hinkle, manager of the local office said yesterday.

Calls for workers of practically all types have been issued through the local employment office. The help is wanted in Hawaii, and the Panama Canal zone.

Hawaii Jobs
Hickab Field, Hawaii is calling for about 1,250 workers to man major federal projects, while about the same number of skilled and clerical workers are wanted in Panama, the manager said.

Rates of pay for skilled workers range from 95 cents per hour to \$1.59, while for clerical workers, the pay ranges from \$1.720 to \$2,400 per annum. Both classes of pay are listed for 40-hour weeks, and pay time and one-half for overtime.

Housing accommodations for workers will be available in Army barracks, while the workers will have access to Federally supervised food.

Workers will also have the opportunity of trading at government trade centers.

Only drawback to the outlay is that persons hired may not be able to take their families with them now, the manager said, however, arrangements for this phase may be arranged at an early date.

18-Month Period
Applicants must be willing to contract to work in either of the places for a period of 18 months.

Four New Appointments Announced By ACL Here

Four new appointments in the purchasing department of Atlantic Coast Line railroad were made yesterday, company officials announced.

The appointments will be effective April 1.

J. U. King and L. C. Walsh were appointed assistant purchasing agents, and N. V. Oldenbuttel was named general storekeeper. L. F. DuVall was made supervisor of reclamation. The four men will maintain headquarters in Wilmington.

Mitchell Promoted
The announcement followed closely, yesterday's announcement that Thomas L. Mitchell had been elevated to the post of purchasing agent, effective, April 1, replacing F. H. Fitchig, who retires from the company service.

King, a native of Wilmington, is being advanced from the position of general storekeeper. He began his railroad career in June, 1900, as a messenger boy, and was later made mail clerk in the comptroller's office.

Up The Ladder
Entering the department in 1903, he has held nearly every office there is in the department, officials say. He was made general storekeeper December, 1926.

Walsh who is also a native Wilmingtonian, entered the service of the company Aug. 1, 1917 as a clerk in the valuation department. He transferred to the purchasing department in 1918, as secretary to the purchasing agent.

Named In 1926
He was made assistant chief clerk in 1926, the position he now holds.

Oldenbuttel entered the Coast Line employ in 1907 as messenger boy at the age of 13. Also a native Wilmingtonian, he joined the purchasing department as mail clerk in 1907, holding various clerical positions prior to his appointment as assistant general storekeeper of the Southern division, ACL, the position he now fills in Vaycross, Georgia.

DuVall who was born in Whiteville, entered the Coast Line service, November 8, 1911, as a clerk in the purchasing department.

He held various clerical positions until his appointment as assistant general storekeeper in charge of reclamation, the job he now holds.

LOCAL HOSPITAL GETS DUKE CASH

Five Other Southeastern Carolina Facilities Aided By Endowment Award

A total of \$13,077 — including \$6,774 for Wilmington's Community hospital — has been appropriated to six hospitals in southeastern North Carolina by the Duke endowment trustees, Dr. W. S. Rankin, Charlotte, director of the endowment's hospital and orphan section, announced in New York last night.

The other five hospitals and their appropriations are: Thompson Memorial hospital, Lumberton, \$657; Baker Sanatorium, Lumberton, \$1,009; Columbus County hospital, Whiteville, \$1,048; Doshier Memorial hospital, Southport, \$1,632; and Good Shepherd hospital, New Bern, \$1,957.

The over-all endowment totals \$565,522.66 for 99 hospitals and 39 orphanages in the Carolinas.

In North Carolina, 65 hospitals received \$206,782 and 25 orphanages received \$93,379.47.

In South Carolina, 34 hospitals received \$227,364 and 14 orphanages received \$37,997.19.

West Virginia ranks fifth among the states in the production of natural gas and first east of the Mississippi.

One oil company is teaching 4-H clubbers in its area how to maintain, repair and operate powered farm machinery.

OFFICIAL VISIT NOT ANTICIPATED

Roland Says He Doesn't Expect School Committee To Come Here

New Hanover county school officials are not anticipating an official visit by a committee appointed on February 7 by the State Board of Education for the purpose of making a study of school buildings in the state, as authorized by Resolution No. 49 of the 1945 General Assembly, H. M. Roland, superintendent of schools stated yesterday.

"Sometime ago I furnished the State Department of Education with all available information regarding what little building we expect to be able to do this year, and in view of this, I hardly think this committee will find it necessary to pay New Hanover county an official visit," Roland said.

Resolution 49
Under terms of Resolution No. 49, as passed by the 1945 General Assembly, the State Board of Education was required to appoint five of its members as a special committee to make careful investigation and study of the situation throughout the state, with reference to the school buildings provided for the use of the children, with a view of reporting back to the full State Board of Education their findings and recommendations as to what program should be presented to the next General Assembly for consideration as to the state policy with reference thereto, and with a view of providing for a more uniform educational opportunity throughout the state.

Committee Duties
Among the duties of the committee, Roland pointed out, is visiting such sections of the state as may be deemed necessary to collect all facts with reference to the school building situation and the ability of the counties to provide adequate and sufficient buildings therefore necessary to the health and welfare of children attending such schools.

Further, the committee is required to consider whether or not the state shall further extend its policy of making loans for school building purposes; whether or not grants in aid thereof should be made in order to equalize educational opportunities.

Members of the special committee, as named by Lieut. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, state board chairman, are D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times; H. E. Stacy, Sanford Martin, Altona E. Edwards and J. A. Pritchett.

TODAY'S VETERAN

He is single, 24 years of age, and a high school graduate, class of '38.

He served nearly three years in the Army of the United States, performing general office duties, and doing special statistical work.

His previous experience consisted of two and one-half years general office work, and receiving clerk.

He can use an adding machine, typewriter, and calculating machine.

Any employer who has a job of this type in or near Wilmington has been asked to contact Graham K. Cottingham, veteran's representative, U. S. Employment Service.

SLAUGHTERERS CITED

ATLANTA, Ga., March 26.—(U.P.)—The regional OPA here announced Tuesday that court actions at the rate of about 20 per week were being brought against Southeastern meat slaughterers and packers in a drive against alleged black market operations.

One oil company is teaching 4-H clubbers in its area how to maintain, repair and operate powered farm machinery.



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