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Fond Memories of Working the Elevator

Charles Marston explains why he enjoyed his work as an elevator operator.

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I got to meet so many nice people. I remember Senators and Congressmen that go way back. And little idiosyncrasies about them. Matter of fact, Mr. Beckley rode my elevator one day. I didn't know who he was. I didn't appreciate his riding my elevator. He asked me one day if I'd come to work for him. I said, "No, I'm not interested." Word got back to my boss in the Engineering Department that I wouldn't take the job. Mr. Murray said, "You'll take that job or I'll fire you and make you take it." So I took it. And missed the elevator job. I got to take Presidents, Vice Presidents, Senators of all kinds. I don't want to sound like I didn't like my job in the press gallery. It's just that I got to meet more notables.