

BELL EXPECTS TO PROFIT BY PHONE MERGER

Rate Engineer Says Loss of Patrons Will Be Offset.

SYSTEM IS EXPLAINED

A loss of 54,000 telephones and an increase in revenue of \$1,000,000 annually are expected by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company as a result of the unification of the automatic and manual service and the proposed emergency increase in rates, according to testimony given before the Indiana public service commission yesterday afternoon by C. L. Breese, rate engineer of the company. The loss in telephone lines is based on the theory that the only telephones which will go out of use are those where subscribers now have both manual and automatic telephones.

The unification is expected to be completed by Feb. 1, according to C. A. Breese, unification superintendent of the company, who was a witness. He said in answer to questions that after the unification the subscriber will be given his choice in type of telephone wherever possible, but the company would prefer the addition of automatic telephones rather than manuals because there is more surplus automatic machinery than manual. He said when new central office machinery is needed automatic equipment will be installed in calls not expected.

C. Woods, superintendent of traffic, said the company does not expect a material increase of calls on the part of manual telephone subscribers after unification, but it does expect a big increase in calls by automatic subscribers. He said an estimated forty-two million calls a day will be necessary to handle the calls from automatic to manual telephones.

He said the average wage of an operator is \$72 a month.

In connection with the testimony of Mr. Woods, a demonstration of the manner of connecting telephone calls was given on switchboards installed in the Senate chamber where the hearing was conducted. The demonstration was as follows: A call is made from one manual telephone to another, how it is made from one automatic telephone to the other, how it will be made from an automatic telephone to a manual telephone and how it will be made from a manual telephone to an automatic telephone.

The question was brought out by Commissioner Van Auken as to who pays the taxes on the telephone lines which are owned by the Indiana company from the American Telephone and Telegraph. No one could give a definite answer and Mr. Van Auken asked the company to submit evidence on this subject. It was stated that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company owns the main office building and that the Indiana company pays rental of 5½ per cent of the original cost of the building and approximately 80 per cent of the taxes on the property.

MANY PLAN TO ATTEND FEAST

More Than 200 Reserve Places

for Jackson Day Event.

More than 200 reservations have been made for the Jackson day luncheon, to be given to the national committee of women of Indiana in the Elley room of the Claypool Hotel, Monday noon, according to Miss Gertrude F. McHugh, secretary of the Democratic State committee.

Mrs. Samuel M. Ralston of Indianapolis will talk on "The Democratic Party and Its Principles;" Mrs. L. G. Ellington, Ft. Wayne, "Democratic Clubs;" Mrs. Hartwell Miller of Aurora, "The Future of Democracy in Indiana;" and Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, "Has the Republican Party Fulfilled Its Pledges?"

There is expected to be a general discussion of the part of women in the party organization.

COUNTY LEGION NAMES HELPERS

Committee to Act at Conference Jan. 20-21.

At the request of officers of the national headquarters of the American Legion the Marion County Council of the legion met today at the Chamber of Commerce and selected a general committee to assist in the entertainment of legion officials who will attend the big conference to be held in Indianapolis Jan. 20 and 21. The committee is composed of the following: Willard Boyle, chairman; Mrs. R. G. Jeffries; Mrs. John Paul Ragsdale, Myron Hugel, John Flaherty, John Paul Ragsdale, John B. Reynolds, Dr. Carlton B. McCulloch, Richard Habbe, Charles Butler and Morris Flaherty.

The conference will be attended by all national executive committees of the legion, national adjutants and State commanders, together with national officers and national past commanders. A total attendance of about 175 is expected.

Marriage Licenses

Samuel Sklar, Chicago 35
Leah Scott, Chicago 31
William McCull, 322 E. St. Clair st. 41
Helen Coleman, 1731 N. Capitol av. 46
Shermer, Hale, 616 Ogden st. 24
Luisa Bramson, 709 Ogden st. 20
Jesse Simpson, 1641 S. Delaware st. 39
Lizzie Bruns, 1641 S. Delaware st. 38

Births

Edgar and Lydia Irvine, 3031 Nowland, girl. Raymond and Katherine Davidson, Methodist Hospital girl. Earl and Francis Hackleman, 1057 Elmwood, boy. Toney and Floe Stike, 132 Detroit, boy.

Joseph and Anna Drennan, 1121 North Webster, girl. William and Ella Williams, city hospital. Alex and Ella Jenkins, city hospital. Shirley and Harold Miller, 751 Lexington, girl.

Charles and Mayme Johnson, 205 Howard, boy. William and Margaret Gillock, 3962 Kenwood, boy. Benjamin and Rose Brauson, 1502 West Twenty-Second, girl. Harry and Margaret Cuben, 2726 West Vermont, boy. Mitchell and Carry Campbell, 1122 South Street, girl.

Deaths

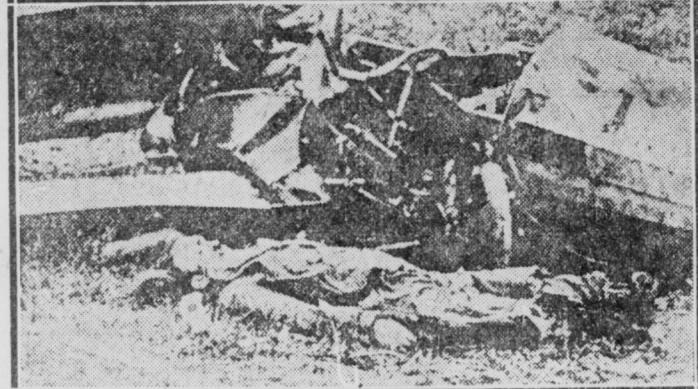
Oscar L. Davidson, 46, 620 Congress, streptococcal septicemia. George David, 31, Julette hospital, pa-

risis. William Holland, 32, 454 West Eighteenth, acute lobar pneumonia. Ruby Jane Burns, 24, 4318 West Washington, pulmonary tuberculosis. Katherine Marie Miller, 29 days, 1137 Pleasant, premature birth. Joseph Whiteside, 35, 531 N. Patterson, lobar pneumonia.

Elmer L. Biggs, 20, Central Indiana Hospital, pulmonary tuberculosis. Joseph Henry Thomas, 65, 1113 West Twenty-Eighth, cerebral hemorrhage. Elmer L. Biggs, 20, 4135 West Washington, arterio sclerosis.

Brownie, 11, bronchitis, pulmonary insufficiency.

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SHANK FAVORS ERECTING TWO FIRE STATIONS

Also Suggests Plans for Levee on East Bank of White River.

GETS OFFICE SCHEDULE

After a special meeting of the board of public safety yesterday Mayor Lew Shank announced that the board has decided to request the board of public works to build two new fire houses, one in West Indianapolis and the other in the extreme northern portion of the city, somewhere between Maple Road and Broad Ripple in the near future. The Jewett administration discussed the erection of these stations for several months. Erection of the one in the northern section has been recommended several times by the national board of fire underwriters.

FLOOD PREVENTION LEVEE PLANNED

The city engineering department is preparing plans for the flood prevention levee along the east bank of White River and the south bank of Fall Creek from the city hospital to Fall Creek, along the south bank of the creek to White River, thence meandering along the east bank of the river to Washington avenue. Mr. Shank said. The resolution for the elevation of the Bell Railroad from White River to Prospect street, which has been prepared for some time, will be presented to the board of public works soon.

The flood prevention levee is the backbone of Mr. Shank's plan for aiding in the elimination of unemployment.

Besides this it was announced for the first time that Miss Alice Mescall, present assistant director of recreation, will remain in the department as director of women's work with Mrs. Corletta Mercer as her assistant.

Other appointments were as follows:

Frank E. Hartman, auditor. Cora Casey, clerk.

Seth Ward, transfer clerk. Charles A. Myers, chief clerk.

Mrs. Opal Moller, clerk.

Frank J. Noll, St. clerk.

J. Edward Perry, engineer.

Paul H. Brown, chief draftsman.

John L. Hutchison and Louis W. Carnes, field secretaries.

Julius Kitzing, custodian Riverside Park.

E. C. Heddon, golf officer, course No. 1, Riverside.

Harry Schopp, golf, South Grove course.

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John Blumberg, custodian Garfield park.

David Morris, chief florist.

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