

SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 1949

Inside Indianapolis

KNIGHTSTOWN'S Midkiff brothers have played important roles in the Hoosier railroad industry for over half a century.

Since the early 1880's John, Frank and Roscoe Midkiff routed traffic over the Pennsylvania Railroad's tracks via the telegraph key. Only John is active now, the others having retired.

Last week 71-year-old John E. Midkiff completed 50 years with the railroad. In a simple ceremony L. A. Evans, Indianapolis Division superintendent, presented him a gold service award.

"I've enjoyed every day of the 50 years, too," said Mr. Midkiff to Mr. Evans. "My work has always been pleasure."

The veteran telegrapher has routed passenger and freight traffic from the Thorntower at the Franklin Rd. crossing for the past 30 years. He is a familiar figure to railroaders throughout the Indianapolis Division.

Decided on Telegraphy

MR. MIDKIFF was born on a Hancock County farm July 3, 1878. One of 10 children, he worked on the farm and went through the eighth grade in Knightstown schools.

In the meantime, his brother Frank had already entered railroad work. Seeing that Frank had a "good job," John decided to make telegraphy his life work, too.

Fourth win of the two, including two losses, as the Big Four had four touch-and-half-and-two. It was Marion's defeat.

Ed Smith halted the shutout when he scored the first of Joe Sexton's two stanzas. He was a touch.

John E. Midkiff . . . 50 years as a telegrapher.

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATERS

Small Bands Pin Hopes on Shows

Many Crowded Out Of Ballroom Circuit

Times Amusement Clock

CIVIC

"Village Green" comedy, at 8:30.

CORONET

"Duelmen Street" with Richard Attenborough and Alastair Sim, at 8.

ESQUIRE

"Bamboo" with Laurence Olivier, at 8.

INDIANA

"She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" with John Wayne, Joanne Dru and John.

SEAL ISLAND

"Seal Island" by Walt Disney, at 8:30.

DANCE

TONIGHT-SUN.

ROOF

AMBASSADOR

MURAT

CIRCLE

LYRIC

TACOMA

DAISY

HAMILTON

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

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