

TWO BOY SCOUTS
ON WAY TO FRANCE

When train No 26, The Columbian, roared through Syracuse on her way to Washington, D. C., last Friday evening it carried two Boy Scouts well-known to folks about Syracuse and vicinity, on their way to the World Boy Scout Jamboree in France. They were Chuck Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Myers, of Milford, and Dick Wysong, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wysong, of South Bend, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Milt Wysong, of Syracuse.

Chuck Myers was the only one chosen from the Elkhart region and Dick Wysong, the only one chosen from the South Bend region. Both are Eagle Scouts, and

members of The Arrow. Chuck will be remembered as the Scout who saved a life on Syracuse lake some time back, for which he received the medal, and Dick will be remembered by the Scouts and Cubs of Syracuse as the Den Chief of the lads that put on the Indian dances here in Syracuse when the Chamber of Commerce had appointed a committee to revive Scouting, which had dwindled during the war.

Dick and Chuck are chums and will be remembered by some of the members of our Yachting Club as the two kids that carried off honors at one of the Yacht races on Wawasee, even if they only took third. The boys Yacht together, swim together, fish together, and go "girling" together.



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er, and it is sure wonderful that they can take part in this pinnacle of all Scouting as tent mates, this latter arranged by Dick's Dad who is Scout Commissioner of the South Bend area.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Wysong, and a number of friends from Milford and Syracuse, gathered at the Depot here to see the boys go through. The Columbian does not stop here, but on the back platform of the last car stood Dick and Chuck gesticulating to their friends who were gesticulating just as wildly. It was an experience that will long be remembered by these friends and one that caused lumps in the throats of the near relatives.

The big event, so dear to the hearts of Scouters, has been written up by this nation's greatest papers and magazines. Time magazine told of the criticism of the Communists of France. Boys trained to think straight and for themselves are not popular with this organization. To folks of this free country, no compliment could be greater than the criticism of Communists.

Many nations of the world will be represented at this Jamboree and we believe it will do much to cement international friendship. More power to this greatest of all youth organization — The Boy Scouts of the World.

Hoosiers
In
Washington

Indiana's youthful Senator, William E. Jenner, whose oratorical talents are well known to Hoosier political audiences, has been holding himself in check during the current Senate session on the theory — well-founded in tradition — that freshman Senators should be seen but not heard.

Despite his natural inclination to jump into the middle of a fight, the 39-year-old Hoosier has shown remarkable restraint during the past few months and has entered into Senate on only a few occasions.

Senator Jenner claims that he is saving the taxpayers' money by keeping his mouth shut, pointing out that it costs \$55 to produce one page of the Congressional Record.

Jenner has handled himself well during the few times he has addressed the Senate — so well, in fact, that his colleagues are looking for big things from him in future sessions.

Senator Bridges, of New Hampshire, asserting that Jenner has a way with words that he should display little more, recently remarked: "That man is a cracker-jack speaker."

Visitors to the office of Representative Charles A. Halleck have been admiring an oil painting of the Indiana State Seal which looks down from an imposing position at the top of the 16-foot-high, vaulted ceiling in the Capitol suite Halleck took over when he became majority leader of the new Republican Congress.

The Indiana insignia replaced a similar seal of the State of Missouri, installed by a previous occupant, which Halleck grew weary of looking at. He also felt that it was inappropriate.

The emblem did not cost the taxpayers a cent, Halleck points out, adding:

"If I ever leave here, I can peel it right off."

The seal was traced from one on the ceiling of the Senate

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chamber, painted in oil and pressed over the Missouri seal. Although installed only recently, it looks as though it might have been on the wall for 100 years or more.

Indiana Senators Homer E. Capehart and William E. Jenner have joined with six colleagues to present a resolution which seeks the creation of a civilian commission to formulate a Federal program of veteran's benefits.

Their resolution proposes that a commission of seven members be established to make a complete study of the veteran's needs, and the best way in which to attack the problem legislatively.

A group of 30 Congressmen interested in a more adequate old age pension, headed by Representative Gerald W. Landis of Indiana, have presented a petition to the House Ways and Means Committee requesting immediate action on pension legislation.

Other Hoosiers among the Congressmen were Representatives Forest Harness of Kokomo, Geo. Gillie, of Fort Wayne; Earl Wilson, of Huron; and Noble Johnson, of Terre Haute.

Several Hoosier Congressmen are playing important roles in the drive to complete the Republican legislative program before adjournment. Representative Robert A. Grant helped to spearhead passage of the second tax-cut bill in the House; Representative Landis sponsored the 60-cent minimum bill; Representative Raymond S. Springer authored a bill abolishing some 200 laws under the Second War Powers Act; Representative Harness

directed a probe of government agency propaganda activities, and Representative Gline headed a special House-Senate sub-committee which made recommendations for speeding up the campaign against foot and mouth disease in Mexico, after an inspection trip of the infected area.

PUBLIC SALE

The following property will be sold at the home of the late Emma Bushong. Located $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Syracuse on the Syracuse-Milford road:

SATURDAY, AUG. 2, 1947
at 12:30 P. M.

Norge electric refrigerator, Marion electric range, apartment size range stove, 9-piece dining room suite, corner china closet, new Electrolux sweeper with attachments, overstuffed living room suite, several rockers, one large Axminster rug, several other rugs, walnut bedroom suite, 2 white dressing tables, triple mirrors; Jenny Lind bed, 2 antique cherry chests, sewing machine, gate leg table, glass top coffee table, cooking utensils, electric corn popper, electric waffle iron, set of dishes, Bavarian china, service for 12; antique glassware, Conservo, fruit cans, lot of bedding including comforters, quilts, blankets, spreads, linens, curtains, draperies, lot of garden tools, sprayer, wheelbarrow type, lawn mower, electric train, sled, complete set of carpenter tools, step ladders, many other articles too numerous to mention.

GERALD BUSHONG, Adm.
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STATE FORWARDS
PAY BOOST FOR
LOCAL TEACHERS

Indianapolis, July 17 (Spl)—Kosciusko County's share in the first semi-annual payment of the new teachers' minimum salary allotment from the State of Indiana will amount to \$184,163.11.

The figure was announced at the office of Ben H. Watt, Superintendent of Public Instruction, as a clerical staff prepared to complete the July-August pay-

ments due the state's 92 counties. Superintendent Watt explained that another payment in January 1948, amounting to approximately the same amount, will fulfill the statutory increase under which the State forwards an additional \$10,500.00 to local government units for teachers' pay.

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Accordingly, on April 2nd of this year, United Telephone Company, Inc., filed a petition with the Public Service Commission of Indiana, requesting that the Commission investigate and study the company's problems of operating costs and expenses and, in the end, to "... find, determine, and order new rates... which will be reasonable, just, adequate, and non-discriminatory."

On June 18, 1947, after due notice published in newspapers of general circulation in the areas served by the Public Service Commission conducted a public hearing in this matter at the State House in Indianapolis. In this hearing, it was shown that the company's present revenues were not sufficient to enable the company to meet the increased costs of labor and equipment and carry out its service-improvement and expansion program.

The tremendous increase in the cost of labor alone can be shown in the following example. In 1939, telephone operators, in exchanges having more than 500 telephones, earned an average wage of 25¢ per hour. By 1942, this average figure had risen to a fraction under 35¢ per hour. In 1946, the average hourly wage, including premium and overtime pay, amounted to 60¢, and, as of this year's most recent payroll, has climbed to an amount in excess of 70¢ hourly. Although these figures are those of the larger exchanges, the proportionate increase has been the same for the smaller exchanges, also.

A further striking example of the increased costs of labor can be seen in the following figures. In 1939, the average annual labor cost per telephone in all exchanges both large and small, was \$10.80. By 1942, the average labor cost for the same telephone had risen to \$12.58 per year. Since then, the labor cost alone for providing service for each telephone in use has more than doubled and now stands at \$25.28 yearly or more than \$2.10 per month.

On July 1st, 1947, the Public Service Commission of Indiana issued Order No. 19365 in which new, specific rates were set up for each of the company's seventy-two exchanges. These new rates are to be effective as of August 1, 1947, and will add approximately \$320,000 to the company's annual gross revenues.

More than 80% of this figure, however, will be paid out in the form of additional labor costs. Wage increases, under union contract signed last May, became fully effective on June 29th of this year, and such increases, along with proportionate wage raises for those employees not covered by the union agreement, will add \$260,000 to the company's annual payroll costs. Practically all of the remaining revenues will be absorbed by taxes and increased material and equipment costs.

Until the last year or so, the company was practically able to meet rising equipment and labor costs, because, at the same time, the number of subscriber telephones in use and the volume of long-distance revenues was rising to unprecedented heights. In addition, because of the shortage of manpower and materials, expenditures for greatly-needed construction and maintenance were deferred, and the money thus temporarily saved was absorbed in meeting the increased labor and material costs of the curtailed construction and maintenance program.

Now, however, the picture has changed. Revenues through greater use of local and long distance service are not showing the rapid rise of preceding years, and, consequently, the recent sharp increases in operating costs have outstripped the revenue-increase trend. Moreover, construction and maintenance which had previously been deferred must now be carried out at higher costs than ever before. Without additional revenues, the company would not have been able to cope with the increasing costs of operation nor maintain the sound financial position necessary to attract the investment of the large amounts of money needed to expand and widen the service to meet the public needs. Gaining relief from this situation, the company can now move forward in its improvement and expansion program.

This program calls for many replacements of, or additions to central office equipment, the construction of hundreds of miles of new toll and rural lines, and the rehabilitation of and additions to the distribution system in general, to gain improvements in the service of existing customers and create facilities to properly meet the service demands in the communities served. The projects already scheduled call for the expenditure of nearly a million dollars within the next nine to twelve months.

This acceleration of our program of improvement and expansion is made possible by realizing needed revenues from the new schedules of rates for your service... with the end result of more and better service in your community. It must be pointed out, however, that total accomplishments of our aims involves a long-term program. It is not physically possible to do all the things that need to be done at once. Nevertheless, our intentions are to improve and expand our facilities as fast as the necessary equipment and materials can be made available... until company and customer alike are pleased with the service rendered.

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