

'Voice' Helps Answer Phone At Airlines

There's a new "part-time" voice at United Air Lines which has been taking over telephone answering while personnel are on the ramp taking care of incoming and outgoing aircraft.

The unit is called an Automatic Answering Service, provided as a special service by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Officials at United explained that there was quite a drastic need for such a unit because when flights stop at Salem every one leaves the office to assist. In the past they had, by necessity, been taking the phone off the hook, but callers had complained about as much as when no one answered the phone if it was left in its cradle.

Elmer Berglund, Salem manager of PT&T, explained the working of the unit this way:

When the user is to be away from the phone for any length of time he throws a switch turning on the set, consisting of a

small metal box and toggle switch. Should anyone call during that time he is greeted by a prepared message, made up to suit the business, and requested to leave his name and number at the sound of a bell. When the bell sounds a disc recorder then takes down the name, number and any message provided by the caller. The unit will take

California Berry Prices in Decline

PORTLAND — Northwest strawberry prices this year will be under pressure from a lower California price, market sources said here.

Stemmed berries delivered to a store here are \$1.50 a pound, 1 1/2 cents less than a year ago.

Another factor which might deplete prices is that frozen stocks are heavier than in 1953.

up to 25 such messages and the disc can be used over, Berglund explained.

Berglund said the units have been available in Salem for about a year and about 15 of them are now in use by business and professional persons. United has had their set for about 10 days. As well, the units are available for personal use, he said.

Pox Appears on Windows in Maine

GARDINER, Maine — Small holes or pock marks were found Wednesday in virtually all the store windows on this community's main street.

Joseph St. Germain, a barber, said that as he watched tiny bubbles appeared in his shop window. Some went all the way through, he said, and left holes big enough to insert a match stick. Others stopped developing and left only pock marks.

Gang Boss Asks To Leave America

CHICAGO — Tony Accardo, ranked as one of the nation's top gang bosses by the U.S. Senate Crime Committee, has applied for a passport so he can leave the country.

The State Department's passport office in Chicago Wednesday said it had no information on Accardo's plans. But there was a report that he and his wife and four children plan to live in South America.

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