

HOME PHONE LINE NOW MERGED WITH PACIFIC COMPANY

Consolidation of the Home Telephone and Telegraph company of southern Oregon, which operates exchanges in Medford, Jacksonville and Gold Hill, with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has been granted in an order issued by Frank C. McCulloch, state public utilities commissioner.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has owned a majority of the stock of the Home company for many years and recently obtained 100 per cent ownership when approval was given by the state utilities commissioner to acquire 80 shares which were outstanding as of October 31, 1935.

Formal request for permission to consolidate the two companies was made by E. D. Wise who is vice-president and general manager for the Pacific company in Oregon. H. E. Hammond of Medford is manager for the Home company.

In the request, Wise pointed out that the Pacific company for many years has been supervising operations of the Home company, though the latter company has not actually been a part of the Oregon area organization of the Pacific company.

The corporate name of the Home company will be dropped and the company will become officially a part of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, which in turn is a part of the nation-wide Bell system.

No change in the personnel of the Home company is contemplated, according to Mr. Hammond, who will continue as manager.

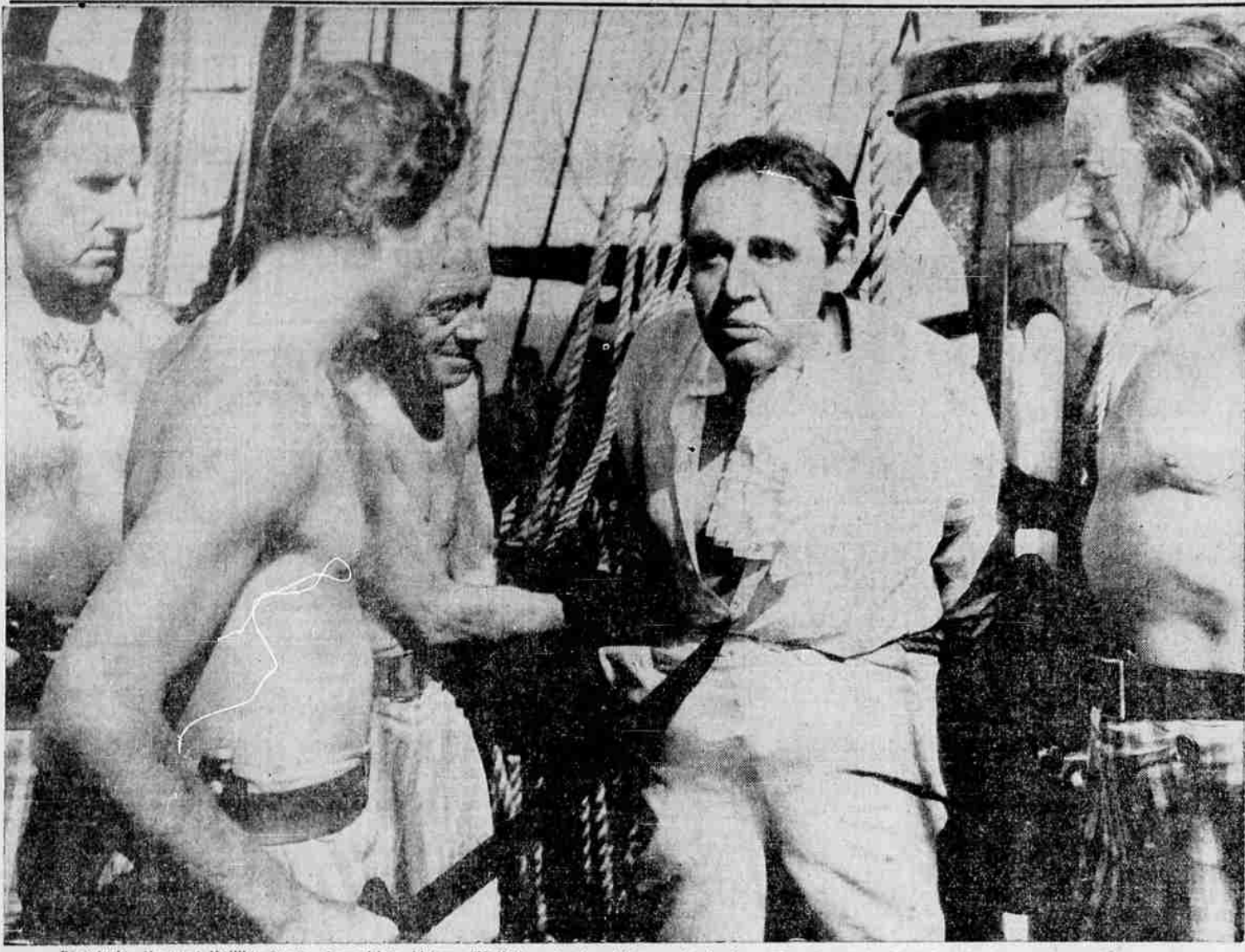
The Home company has 25 employees and as of September 30, 1935, was serving 3314 telephones, including 205 former line telephones. Of this total 3135 were served by the Medford exchange, 118 by the Jacksonville exchange and 61 by the Gold Hill exchange.

SCHOOL REOPENS AS ILLS DECLINE

Talent school will reopen tomorrow after being closed for two weeks because of colds, measles and infantile paralysis.

No new cases of polio myelitis were reported in the city or county yesterday. This leaves the record devoid of additional cases since last Tuesday. Existing cases were reported by medical authorities yesterday to be improving.

Dramatic Screen Sensation "Mutiny on the Bounty" Opens at the Craterian Thursday



Recapturing the most thrilling event of maritime history, "Mutiny on the Bounty" opens its local run Thursday at the Craterian theater. Adapted from the famous novel by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall, "Mutiny on the Bounty" boasts an exceptionally strong cast, headed by Charles Laughton as the rascally Captain-Bligh, Clark Gable as Fletcher Christian, leader of the mutineers, and Franchot Tone as Midshipman Roger Byam. The production, which cost over \$2,000,000 and took two years for completion, had many of the scenes actually filmed at Tahiti and other locales which figured prominently in the story.

School officials reported a marked diminution in cases of colds and

measles and a substantial increase in attendance was anticipated for tomorrow.

Butter-toasted Salted Nuts at Hussey's Confectionery.

School Conference Set SALEM, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The annual northwest conference meeting, made up of representatives of the seven schools in the conference, will probably have nothing to do with naming

the football champion for 1935, Dean Frank M. Erickson of Willamette, president of the conference, said here today.

Baker Levy Gains BAKER, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Baker

county's combined state and county tax levy for 1936 will be 16.4 mills, County Assessor B. Stover Carbill said today. The total tax will be \$332,340, which is \$7000 larger than for this year.

CITY WILL DECIDE ON CIVIL SERVICE FOR FIREFIGHTERS

The city council is to adopt an ordinance at its meeting Tuesday night calling for a special election January 31 to decide whether Medford firemen are to be placed on a civil service status. The city election will coincide with the state poll on the sales tax so that it will not cost Medford anything additional save for the incidental expense of preparing ballots. The recent special session of the legislature passed a law requiring all cities of 5,000 or more population to vote on the question of placing firemen under civil service.

Mayor George W. Porter yesterday told the Mail Tribune he was in favor of applying civil service requirements to the city firemen. "It's a splendid idea," the mayor said, "for it would make it impossible for any particular city administration to replace with its own favorites qualified men who had given years of faithful service to the Medford fire department." Fire Chief Roy Elliott also spoke in favor of placing the fire department under civil service regulations as such a step would avert the possibility of ever "injecting politics into the fire-fighting organization." The civil service requirements would apply only to the paid, full-time employees of the fire department of whom there are seven in addition to the chief. The department also includes a number of unpaid volunteers who serve when needed. If the voters approve the measure, a civil service board of three members would be appointed by the council. Frank P. Farrell, city attorney, said.

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