

Medford, Jacksonville 'Phones Switched to Dial System

CUT-OVER MADE NEAR MIDNIGHT WITHOUT HITCH

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Action at the Jacksonville office was similar, but on a modified scale. Following the cutovers, it immediately became evident that many Medford and Jacksonville customers waited up to try out their new dial telephones as equipment in both offices started clicking merrily, indicating many calls were being placed.

Cutover ceremonies were limited. A number of city, county and civic club officials, together with newspapermen, were invited to watch the proceedings. These individuals were joined by several state and district officials of the telephone company and of the Western Electric company. These included R. B. Bacon, district manager, of Eugene; R. F. Woodward, district plant manager; C. B. Jordan, district equipment superintendent; L. W. Campbell, conversion coordinator; R. C. Caccia, equipment foreman; and others of the telephone company from Portland; L. E. Webster, district superintendent of installation for the Western Electric company, from Seattle; and Charles R. Burrell, state supervisor for Western Electric from Portland.

Long Preparation In April a year ago first announcement was made regarding the telephone company's decision to give its Medford and Jacksonville customers modern, dial telephone service. Actual work started almost a year ago, when construction of an addition to the Medford building at Fifth and Bartlett streets got under way. A little later a new building was erected at Jacksonville and dial equipment was installed in both buildings.

Dial telephones replaced the manual telephones on all customers' premises, and considerable outside plant improvements and changes were made, both in Medford and Jacksonville. Total expenditure, according to Mr. Hammond, has been in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Since early this year the Western Electric company has had 22 men busy installing dial equipment, and the telephone company has had 16 men, in addition to its regular Medford forces, changing telephones to dial and making necessary outside plant improvements.

Strang First Manager The placing in operation of the new dial telephone systems in Medford and Jacksonville marks a new epoch in the communication history of these two exchanges. Telephone company records show that the Medford exchange was established September 5, 1898. It was in Strang's drug store, then located at 206 East Main, and Charles Strang, who still operates his store here, was first manager. The first operator was Edna Elbert, now employed in postal substation No. 1.

3,900 Telephones Now The Medford exchange on January 1, 1899, served 22 customers. By January 1, 1908, this number had reached 171. In 1910 it was 703. By 1930 the total had reached 3,394 and the latest figures show the Medford exchange serves almost 3,900 telephones, including 111 rural line stations.

The Jacksonville exchange was established March 1, 1899, and had 10 telephones on January 1, 1901. This number reached 19 in 1905, and 87 by 1910. The Jacksonville exchange now serves 136 telephones, including 74 rural line stations.

Both the Medford and Jacksonville exchanges were established coincidental with completion in 1898 of

SAVED PILOT IN PLANE COLLISION ADHERES TO CODE

Seattle, Aug. 3.—(P)—Less than 24 hours after he parachuted to safety from an airplane wreck which cost two lives, Dale Delanty, Seattle aviation instructor, was flying again today. Still shaken from his experiences yesterday when a plane he was piloting collided with another above Boeing field, Delanty nonetheless went aloft in conformance with the airmen's code—to make sure the experience would not unfit him for further flying.

Roger T. Byron, of Blackfoot, Idaho, student passenger in Delanty's plane, and Leslie Cornford, of Portland, Ore., pilot of the other ship, were killed in the wreck. Byron was first reported as having been at the controls of one ship, but Delanty said today he was piloting it.

The civil aeronautics authority announced that a hearing to investigate causes of the late afternoon crash will be held next Friday.

SECY. EARLY SEES NATIONAL UNITY IN DEFENSE PLAN

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—(P)—The "great effort to make America invulnerable" is being carried out "by democratic procedures and with a real sense of national unity," Stephen Early, secretary to President Roosevelt, said in a nation-wide radio broadcast tonight.

Early, who represented the president, was one of several persons who spoke from Treasure Island on a radio program broadcast nationally (NBC-CBS) hailing the opening tomorrow of a joint convention of the National Association of Broadcasters and the Nationally Independent Broadcasters.

Nationally known persons also on the program were James Lawrence Fly, chairman of the federal communications commission; and Neville Miller, Washington, D.C., president of both broadcasters' organizations.

Early declared: "When free men become slaves . . . vigilance requires that we prepare to make certain that encroachment on liberty cannot happen here," and "this nation is now engaged in such preparation."

Regarding the convention, Early said: "It seems singularly fortunate that at a time when the freedom of mankind is at stake . . . we can assemble here to participate in a ceremony which symbolizes liberty in America."

Lithuanian Accepts. Moscow, Aug. 3.—(P)—Lithuania was accepted today by the Soviet supreme council as the 14th republic of the Soviet union.

JAPAN WAR TALK USED TO BOLSTER MORALE AT HOME

Experts Say Foreign Policy Difficult Due to Strain Of Chinese War.

Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—Japan's announcement that she will pursue a foreign policy designed to bring French Indo-China and the Netherlands Indies under her domination is regarded by some veteran students here of the Far East as designed primarily to bolster morale at home.

They do not dismiss the possibility that Japan might take advantage of Britain's preoccupation with the threat of a German invasion, and of American concern over defenses in the Atlantic, to put the policy into effect by early military action. But, they contend, this would be a difficult undertaking for a nation already supporting 1,000,000 fighting men in China and devoting a large percentage—reportedly one-third—of its national income to the army and navy.

It appeared more likely, these analysts said, that Tokyo would attempt to bring Indo-China and the Netherlands Indies within her orbit gradually by a process of economic penetration.

This would include the sending of an increasing number of traders into those countries which Japan wants from them and to exploit their markets for Japanese goods. The gradual acquisition of plantations in the two regions would be another possible means of peaceful penetration.

In suggesting that the Japanese government's statement was intended chiefly to strengthen the home front, students of the Far East said the Japanese public had been heavily burdened by the long struggle against China.

LOCAL FLIERS ON GOODWILL FLIGHT

A dozen Medford aviation enthusiasts travelling in seven planes from the municipal airport will make an inter-club goodwill breakfast flight to Yreka, Cal., this morning.

There will be Piper Cubs and coupes and Fairchilds in the flight to Yreka where the aviators will be guests at breakfast of the Yreka Flying club. The flight was to start from Medford municipal airport at 4:30 a.m.

Represented on the goodwill flight will be the Medford Flying club, Crater Flying club and the Medford Air Service. An independent flier in the party will be Edward Tommy Tepper of Shady Cove. In charge of the flight will be Thomas A. Culbertson, Jr., superintendent of Medford municipal airport and instructor in the CAA civilian pilot training program.

Lumber Production Up. Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—The National Lumber Manufacturers association reported today that lumber production last week was three per cent greater than the previous week. Shipments were five per cent greater, the association said, and new business ten per cent larger.

The 1939 income of Iowa farmers from farm products was \$628,748,000.

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MOST OPERATORS TO CONTINUE WORK AT LOCAL OFFICE

Few Transferred to Other Cities—Medford Force 45 With \$97,000 Payroll.

Although all local telephone calls will be dialed starting today, most of the company's telephone operators—still will be on duty in the Medford office. Nineteen of the operators will be required, according to R. B. Hammond, manager, to handle calls for information, time of day service, assistance calls and calls for long distance.

The 19 who will continue were listed as: Myrta Otterdale, chief operator; Carol White, evening chief operator; and Lola Boomer, Aletha Cantrell, Elizabeth Culmer, Edyth Gault, Helen Levens, Elva Hamilton, Ruth Herron, Lucille Merrifield, Janet Tjoelker, Gladys Flora, Eloise Johnson, Genevieve Lonnie, Gladys Schultze, Wilma Lemmon, Kathryn Seekatz, Hazel Helliwell, and Aletha Creager, all operators.

Of the other regular operators seven will continue working in other exchanges, and two, for the time being, are taking furloughs. These are Clarita Bernert, who goes to Portland following a brief furlough; Frances Maguin, to Portland; Mildred Rogers, to Eugene; Mary Swayne, to Salem; Thelma Van Zandt, to Pendleton; Myrtle Newland, to Klamath Falls; Eleanor Burdell, to Corvallis, and Wynetta Sabin and Mildred Thornton, who are taking furloughs.

With the conversion to dial operation, the company's local force will total 45—19 in the operating department; 22 in the plant department, two more than in the past; and four, not counting an occasional employee, in the commercial department. The total annual payroll is more than \$97,000.

ITALIAN VIEW OF BRITISH CHANGES

Rome, Aug. 3.—(P)—The authoritative political review *Rivista Internazionale* conceded today the "probability" that the British empire "may still offer lengthy resistance."

Nevertheless, the review said, one must consider the "gradual weakening" of the British position, adding:

1.—Cooperation of the dominions and overseas territories is "tending to diminish."

2.—France is out of combat "for decades."

3.—Prospects of Balkan support for the British have vanished "both among neutrals and among those who may be considered sympathizers in reserve like Greece and Yugoslavia."

4.—The Mediterranean is "blocked by Italy."

5.—In the Pacific, "the dominions can only keep silent in the face of active, energetic policy of the Japanese empire."

6.—American policy "tends to disconnect England from the United States" while German submarines are able to "nullify the cash-and-carry formula."

BROOKLYN MALES RUSHING TO ARMS

New York, Aug. 3.—(P)—Young men of conscription age advanced upon the Brooklyn marriage license bureau today in the biggest rush for licenses the bureau has had since the United States entered the world war in 1917.

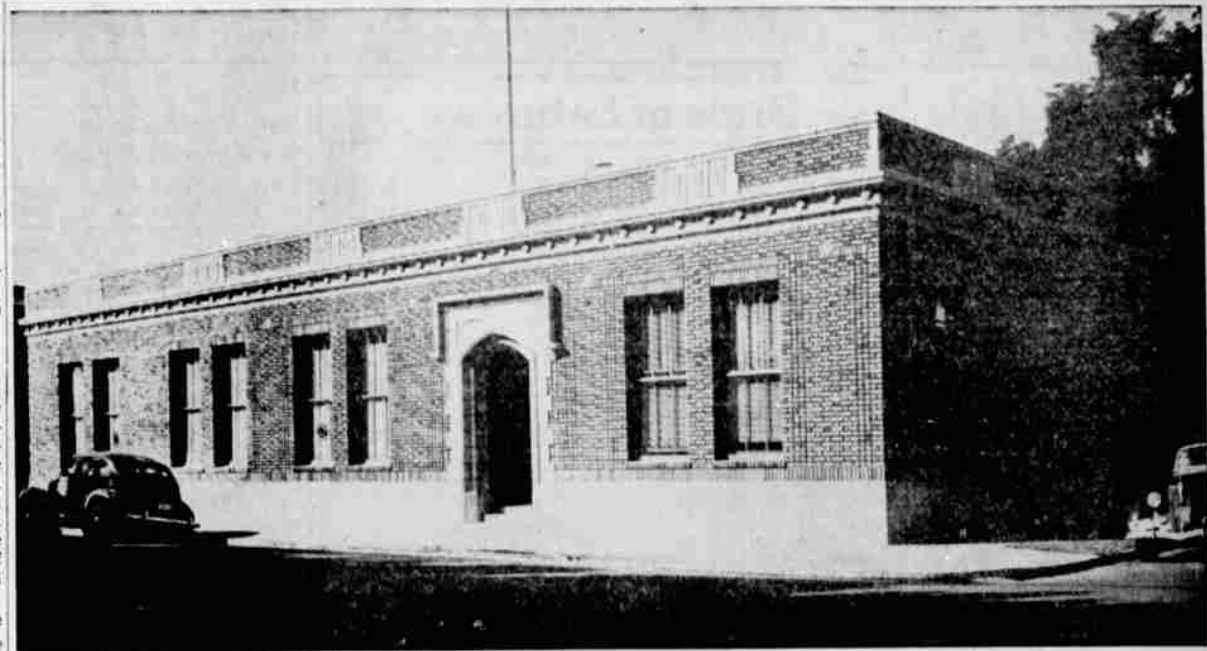
In four hours, 240 couples obtained licenses, 47 were married, and 250 other couples were turned away when the doors closed one-hour later than normal.

Many applicants acknowledge that they wanted to avoid conscription. Some said they were making from \$30 to \$40 a week in private jobs and did not want to go on a \$21-a-month army payroll.

The usual number of licenses issued by the bureau on a Saturday this time of year is fewer than 200.

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Above is the enlarged Medford telephone building at Fifth and Bartlett, which houses the business office, the new dial equipment, the switchboard, and the long distance repeater and network broadcast equipment.

OLD AGE PENSION PAID AS WOMAN'S RIGHT—NOT NEED

Social Security Director Forwards Check to Avoid Contempt Action.

Spokane, Aug. 3.—(P)—Charles F. Ernst, state director of social security, today avoided being tried for contempt of court by settling the two-year-old Joanna B. Conant case with a check for \$570.

The check is for old age assistance for which Mrs. Conant of Spokane sued in 1937, and was received today by Spokane County Clerk Frank Nash from the state auditor.

Judge C. W. Greenough of the Spokane county superior court originally held that Mrs. Conant was entitled to \$30 a month regardless of the fact that she was living in ease and comfort with a daughter and son-in-law, as the then existing law was that the aged were entitled to state assistance as a matter of right rather than of need. The supreme court upheld this decision.

The 1939 legislature changed the law and Ernst refused to make the Conant payment. Judge Greenough then held that Ernst could not be cited for contempt of court for failure to pay until a writ directing him to pay had been served and his refusal obtained.

The state appealed this decision and the supreme court held Mrs. Conant was entitled to the contempt citation. Last week Judge Greenough signed the order commanding Ernst to pay, which he did today, closing the case.

AUTOIST KILLED NEAR COAST TOWN

Crescent City, Calif., Aug. 3.—(P)—William Lamox, 22, of Portland, Ore., was killed in an automobile accident south of Crescent City today.

Two hitch-hikers riding with him, Ellis Clark and Jerald Smith, were injured, Smith seriously, when the car plunged from the highway into an embankment while rounding a curve.

Smith is at the Knapp hospital here. Clark was discharged after treatment.

F.D.R. TO REST AT HYDE PARK WEEK

Highland, N. Y., Aug. 3.—(P)—President Roosevelt arrived here tonight from Washington, stepping from his special train into a White House car to motor to his home in near-by Hyde Park for perhaps a week's stay.

Fence Kills Tot Springfield, Ore., Aug. 3.—(P)—John Hugh Walker, 4, was killed last night as he touched a charged wire fence enclosing livestock near his home east of here. Lane county officials said the only mark on the child's body was a burned spot behind one ear.



The new building (above), has been constructed at Jacksonville to house the Jacksonville dial equipment.



A view of the new telephone business office at 145 N. Bartlett. The surveyors of "courteous and friendly service" are—in rear, left to right—Robert B. Hammond, manager; Jack Creager, assistant manager; Constance Ames, service representative, and front, left to right, Mabel Sherwood and Lydia Smith, service representatives.



A portion of the new combined information and long distance switchboard in the enlarged telephone building is shown above. Miss Myrta Otterdale, chief operator, standing. The operators, from left to right, are Edythe Gault, Gladys Flora, Wilma Lemmon, Lucille Merrifield, and Elva Hamilton.

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