

50 Cent Flat Rate Boost Proposed For Phones Here

By VAN HEMERT
Proposed increases in telephone rates would generally affect Klamath basin residents, according to Charles E. Seavey, manager of the Klamath branch of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Specific figures on a few of the more noteworthy upward revisions, as given by Seavey, are as follows: The individual flat rate would increase from \$3.25 to \$3.75. Two party rate would increase from \$2.75 to \$3.00. No increase in four party rates. The business rate would be increased, with the individual business flat rate advancing from \$4.75 to \$5.25.

In the matter of toll rates the general picture would be something like this: Rates would increase gradually up to a distance of 133 miles; remain practically the same from 133 miles to 175 miles; decrease from 5c to 4c for distances beyond 175 miles.

To illustrate this specifically, Seavey noted the proposed rate change between Klamath Falls and several other Oregon communities. The day rate between Klamath Falls and Bly would be increased from 30c to 35c, while the rate between this city and Pendleton would be reduced from

effect the company was authorized to increase the business rate 50c for every 500 telephone units added. Had the company done so the business rate in the year 1930 could have been \$6.00 per month. Actually, it was, and is \$4.75 per month.

In the telephone business, Seavey contended, there is an economic law which supersedes the one about an increase in volume bringing down unit cost. According to Seavey, unit cost actually has increased along with the increase in the telephone company's volume of business.

The reason for this apparent contradiction of economic law is that so much more service is performed by the telephone company per unit than was the case even as little as ten years ago. Increased mileage (miles of telephone lines per telephone), increased cost of maintenance and rapid technological changes have forced the company to expend an ever greater amount of money per telephone installed, Seavey asserted.

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The recent wage increases, according to Seavey, only served to emphasize the fact that pre-war rates are not enough to meet post-war costs.

Commenting that a complete analysis of the telephone companies' books is not possible at this time, Seavey said the estimated capital expenditures of the company in

New Vet Law Book Ready

Twenty new laws affecting war veterans, passed in the recent session of the Oregon legislature, have been published in pamphlet form and will be ready for distribution some time this week to interested organizations and individuals, W. F. Gaarenstroom, newly appointed Oregon for 1947 are expected to exceed \$25,000,000.

A complete background of fact on the telephone proposal will be presented by the company before the public utilities commissioner of Oregon on July 7 at Salem. The commissioner will at that time decide whether or not the increases should be granted.

state director of veterans' affairs, announced today.

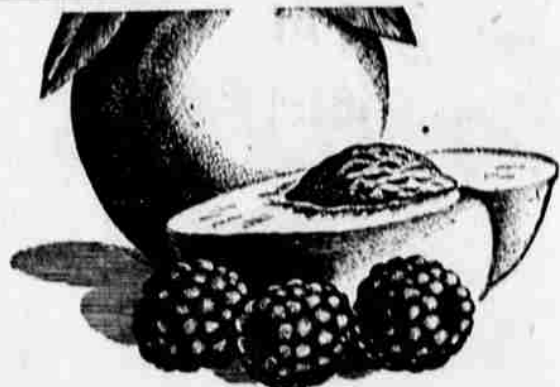
The pamphlets, 5000 of them, are titled, "Supplement" to Veterans' Laws of the State of Oregon. They are available, free, at the Salem office of the veterans' department in the state library building, Salem, and the Portland office at 416 S. W. 11th avenue.

Most important of the new laws are amendments to the state veterans' loan act for the purchase of farms and homes, which provides a \$6000 maximum loan, and to the state educational aid act which gives Oregon veterans not already studying under the GI bill a maximum of \$35 a month up to 36 months while studying in academic or vocational schools.

Another act included in the pamphlet is an amendment to the state apprenticeship law to provide war veteran representation on both state and local apprenticeship councils.

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