MANAGER TAYLOR TELLS OF TRIP TO EUROPE

Edward M. Taylor, manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Lynchburg, Virginia, is a member of the Veteran Corps Richmond Blues, one of the most famous military organizations in the country. The Richmond Blues and several companies of Connecticut militia chartered a boat and took a trip to Europe a short time ago.

While in Brussels, Mr. Taylor took occasion to visit one of the telephone central offices. Being a firm believer in having every telephone subscriber visit the central office and during Visitation Week in Lynchburg a short time ago, having had most of his subscribers in his central office, he was much surprised to find that visiting a telephone exchange in Brussels was like making an effort to get into America without a passport. He was denied permission to enter the building and was directed to the Post-office Department across town, the system in Belgium being government owned, is operated by this department.

Mr. Taylor says he was treated most cordially by the officer in charge and was given a letter to the exchange head of the central office, he wished to inspect. His description of his visit follows:

"I was admitted then, and was introduced to one of the engineers, who spoke good English. Well, I told them much about the Bell System, especially the Western Electric and Graybar Companies. They became so interested that I thought I would never go through the manual plant—and there was also some auxiliary machine switching plant. I was first shown cable racks and the main and intermediate frames, all of which were familiar, for they use W. E. material.

"Then I reached the operating room, which I recognized, for I used to show it on the slides when lecturing. The board looked familiar, but it is old, and while it was plugged and worked busily, it wasn't like ours. The personnel is made up of hard-working girls, who wear uniforms something like American overalls.

"Part of this old switchboard is being superseded by a 10,000-line machine switching plant, which is located on a lower floor. All the material is from the Western Electric Company.

"Brussels is a city of 850,000 population, but they have only 37,000 telephones. They have six central offices, three manual and three automatic. The outside plant is underground, and they use an expensive distributing pole, a structural affair like the support of a steel bridge, ovaling at the top, from which place the wires are distributed.

"These Belgians in the telephone business have been through a terrible war, and are working like men and women for their country. They deserve much credit."

THE MAINTENANCE MAN

A telephone plant, well designed and admirably constructed in every respect, but not kept up to the mark from day to day, would soon fall into a state of general debility, inexorably reflected in a lowering of the grade of service, says F. L. Rhodes, outside development engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in writing on "Foundation Stones of Service."

Rot or rust in the out-of-doors plant take their daily toll. Dirt and dust in the central offices would speedily affect the operation of the delicate switching mechanisms were eternal vigilance not exercised. It is only by frequent and orderly testing processes that many troubles can be detected and repairs made before the trouble becomes so serious as to affect the telephone service from the subscribers' standpoint. Cleverly contrived devices placed in the hands of the maintenance men enable them, by the exercise of expert skill acquired through long experience, to locate hidden defects in cables and wires with a degree of precision that seems marvelous to the uninitiated.

At every point throughout this broad land where limbs of trees overhang or project near telephone wires on poles, there will be found, not far away, a maintenance man, whose job it is to make sure that these limbs are kept properly pruned so that, when it becomes a vital matter to hurriedly summon the doctor or the police or fire department, it shall not be found that the telephone service is interrupted. And in this man's pocket will be found a booklet, carefully prepared under the guidance of forestry experts, showing him, in every essential detail, how to prune trees, so that his work will be a benefit, rather than an injury to them.

TELEPHONES IN BANK VAULTS

An ordinance has been introduced into the City Council of Chicago requiring that telephones shall be installed in every bank vault in the city. Recently a clerk employed in the City Hall building was locked in a bank vault for several hours and was not released until the night watchman happened to hear a frantic pounding on the door of the vault. If there had been telephonic communication with the outside office his release would have been immediate.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

It is better to be glad than sorry therefore do not neglect to place insurance on your Buildings as a protection in case of a serious fire.

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NOMINATIONS TO OFFICE

List of Democratic Candidates as certified to and filed with the Supervisors of Elections for Kent County as they will appear on the Democratic official ballot at the Primary Election to be held on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1926

FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR VOTE FOR ONE	FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR VOTE FOR ONE
WILLIAM MILNES MALOY, BALTIMORE, MD.	S. SCOTT BECK
ALBERT C. RITCHIE, ANNAPOLIS, MD.	WILLIAM B. COPPER
FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESSMAN FROM THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MARYLAND VOTE FOR ONE	FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES VOTE FOR TWO
T. ALAN GOLDSBOROUGH, DENTON, MD.	JEFFERSON D. AYRES
FRANKLIN UPSHUR, BERLIN, MD.	ELLSWORTH C. BOWERS
FOR DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE VOTE FOR SIX—THREE MEN AND THREE WOMEN	ARTHUR H. BRICE
G. CECIL CROUCH	CHARLES R. KERR
MARY H. HILL	FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR STATES ATTORNEY VOTE FOR ONE
ELMER S. JARMAN	STEPHEN R. COLLINS
GEORGE R. RASIN	HARRISON W. VICKERS
HARRY STAVELY	FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT VOTE FOR ONE
ELLA M. THOMAS	J. PAGE GALE
MARTHA V. TURNER	ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS
J. WELDON WALBERT	FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER VOTE FOR ONE
PRICIE M. WATSON	ROBERT MOFFETT
JENNIE B. WHALAND	CLARENCE NEWSOME
CHARLES F. WHEATLEY	FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR REGISTER OF WILLS VOTE FOR ONE
CLARA L. WILLIAMS	MERRITT BRICE
FOR DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION VOTE FOR THREE	SAMUEL G. CALDWELL
MORRIS H. COOPER	FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF VOTE FOR ONE
CHARLES L. DODD	CHARLES L. GILL
WILLIAM B. DUGES	J. THOMAS HADAWAY
GEORGE P. HENDRICKSON	WILLIAM H. McKEE
ROBERT M. LOGAN	FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTE FOR THREE
ROBERT R. WALBERT	WILLIAM H. COOPER
FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS COURT VOTE FOR THREE	BENJAMIN W. DULING
VERNON M. BARNETT	SAMUEL J. JOHNSON
WILLIAM E. BROWN	T. RINGGOLD JONES
JAMES H. GROVES	SAMUEL C. LOLLER
EDWARD A. SCOTT	CHARLES D. WOOD
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