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CANDIDATE FOR
TOWN COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Town Commissioner subject to the votes of the taxpayers at the annual election to be held on Monday, April 26, 1926. I ask the support of all taxpayers and if elected I pledge myself to work to their interest.

f20-tf J. W. KIRBY.

CANDIDATE FOR

## TOWN COMMISSIONER.

Assuring the public of my interest in every movement that will help our community in any way and believing that better streets and sidewalks add to the value of every home and business and promising you that if elected I will use every effort to continue these needed improvements I hereby submit my name for your consideration as a candidate for Town Commissioner at the election to be held April 26th, 1926.

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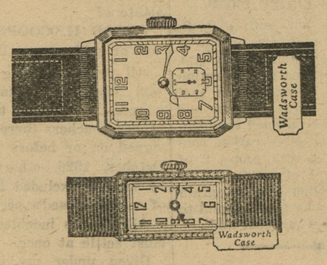
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BRONZE VAIL MEDAL WINNERS FOR 1926



THREE Marylanders, two West Virginians, and two Virginians are awarded bronze Vail medals by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for saving life and property in several communities.

William L. Chalk, and Henry C. Smith, linemen, and H. R. Klug, repairman, Baltimore; Charles A. Coffey, engineer's assistant, Charleston, and Robert C. Atkins, combinationman, Madison, W. Va.; and Lee W. Crouch, cable splicer, and John L. Stallings, combinationman, Norfolk, Va., are the men who will receive medals for services rendered to the public in 1925.

For the action of these men in saving life and property, the committee has awarded these medals for their splendid services to the people of the several communities.

Combinationman Stallings, while driving with his family near Jamestown Island, Va., June 21, saw an automobile suddenly leave the road and plunge into a mill pond. Driving rapidly to the scene he saw five people clear themselves of the wreck and reach shore, leaving a young girl lying under the water beside the car.

Diving to the bottom of the pond, he pulled the girl out of the water, and then applied artificial respiration until she regained consciousness.

Lee Crouch, cable splicer, rendered first-aid to a small boy who had cut a deep gash in his foot by stepping on a broken bottle on August 21, last. This caused severe arterial bleeding.

Crouch, who had received training in the telephone company's first-aid classes, temporarily checked the flow of blood, applied a tourniquet and carried him to a hospital, where the doctor who treated the case, said that undoubtedly Crouch saved the life of the child.

On December 17, Henry C. Smith, lineman, employed at Baltimore, while driving along Joppa road near Towson, heard a crash near the trestle of the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad, and found that a large motor truck had collided with a steel girder supporting the tracks and that the pier had been knocked out of place allowing the track to sag so that it was dangerous to traffic.

Smith drove to the nearest telephone and notified the railroad authorities who succeeded in having a passenger train, then about due, held up. A letter from the president of the railroad company commended Mr. Smith for his action, stating that if it had not been for his prompt action in warning the trainmen, there would have been an appalling accident.

Henry R. Klug, a repairman working in the Curtis central office, Baltimore, heard a girl scream, and ran into the rest room, where he found an operator whose hair was on fire. After trying to extinguish the fire with his hands, he pulled a sweater, worn by the girl, over her head and extinguished the flame.

The operator having fainted, Klug carried her to a couch and applied carbolated petroleum to her burns and used ammonia inhalants to revive her.

Learning that the wife of a neighbor had fallen down the steps at her home in Baltimore, William L. Chalk, telephone lineman, rushed to the scene of the accident and found that the lady in falling had broken a dish which had caused a deep arterial wound in her left forearm. He controlled the bleeding and dressed the wound so that the patient could be transported safely to a hospital.

R. C. Atkins, combinationman at Madison, W. Va., saved a baby from death by strangulation. An operator notified him that a baby in a house nearby was in a serious condition from having swallowed a marble. On reaching the scene he tried to dislodge the marble with his finger, but meeting with no success, used a teaspoon successfully, and the child was quickly revived.

While working in Jonesville, Va., on February 17, C. A. Coffey, an engineer's assistant, whose headquarters are at Charleston, W. Va., discovered a fire which threatened to destroy the town. He and two other employees joined forces to fight the fire and to remove equipment and furniture from the telephone building which was directly in the path of the fire and was later completely destroyed.

They then discovered that a dwelling near the Court House was on fire and realizing the importance of saving the building which contained records of the county, the men under Coffey's directions obtained a fire hose, and from the roof of a nearby building brought the fire under control.

Later they established a temporary telephone communication with other towns nearby, and notified them of the fire. The Mayor of Jonesville and the county officials commended them for their prompt action and effective work.

This announcement is made by the Vail Medal Committee, which includes John C. Koons, vice-president, chairman; Burdett Stryker, vice-president and general manager; P. C. Coffin, vice president and general auditor; S. M. Greer, vice-president; W. B. Clarkson general commercial manager; M. D. Sedam, general traffic manager; Hanse Hamilton, general plant manager; and John L. Vandegrift, secretary, Washington.

Vail medal awards are made annually and are provided for by the Vail Memorial Fund, established to commemorate the life of Theodore N. Vail, late president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who at the time of his death, April 16, 1920, had long been recognized as one of the world's greatest business leaders, and to whose conspicuous service in the telephone field were largely due the expansion of the Bell system and the development of the art of telephony.



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