CONDENSED STATEMENT

Showing the condition of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent County, Chestertown, Md., December 31st, 1926:

Total income during the year	$34,978.45
Total disbursements during the year	19,554.67
Total admitted assets	160,753.83
Total liabilities except capital	91,331.23
Surplus over all liabiliaies	$79,322.60
Surplus as to policy holders	79,322.60
Total liabilities	$170,653.83
Amount at risk in United States Dec. 31, 1926	$3,109,811.00
Risks written in Maryland during 1926	$3,109,811.00
Premiums on Maryland business in 1926	13,792.09
Losses paid in Maryland in 1926	2,625.31
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1926	2,189.47

State of Maryland, Office of the State Insurance Department, Baltimore, Md., March 15th, 1927, I hereby Certify, That the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Kent Co., Md., Chestertown, Md., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1926, now on file in this Department.

CARVILLE D. BENSON,
Insurance Commissioner.
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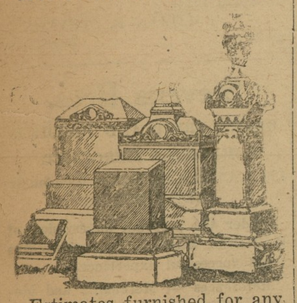
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Bell System Adds 781,000 Telephones In 1926, Making Total Of 17,574,000

Annual Report of President Gifford Tells of Continued Progress of the Nation's Telephone Service



W. S. Gifford

President Gifford defines the ideal and aim of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its Associated Companies as a telephone service for the nation, free, so far as humanly possible, from imperfections, errors or delays, and enabling at all times any one anywhere to pick up a telephone and talk to any one else anywhere else, clearly, quickly and at a reasonable cost.

The year 1926 brought the service of the Bell Telephone System measurably nearer that goal.

There were 781,000 telephones added to the number owned and operated by the System.

The total number of telephones in the United States interconnected in and with the System at the end of the year was 17,574,000.

There has been definite improvement in local exchange service. The number of exchange plant troubles per unit of plant was reduced 17 per cent.

The average time from the receipt of requests for the installation of telephones to the completion of such installation was reduced by one day. Including telephones installed in new locations on account of subscribers' moves, more than 3,800,000 installations were made.

There is inevitably some demand for telephone installations in outlying sections that cannot be met immediately. The number of such cases that were waiting for service was reduced 50 per cent.

More than 664,000 miles of toll wire were added during the year, this being the largest number of miles added in any one year.

The average length of time for completing toll calls for the whole System during the year, including both toll calls completed by local operators and those handled at separate toll boards, was two minutes per call, the lowest for any year by 35 seconds.

The quality of voice transmission was practically perfect in 88 per cent. of toll calls, an improvement of 7 per cent. over the previous year.

During 1926 an adjustment in long-distance rates was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company amounting to a reduction of about $3,000,000 annually.

Mr. Gifford's report on the financial status of the Bell System as a whole says:

The investment of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its twenty-four associated operating telephone companies which comprise the Bell Telephone System increased over $318,000,000 during the year, and total assets were over $3,256,000,000 at the end of the year.

The facts which this report gives about the stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. are striking proof of the tendency for widespread ownership of American corporations.

With 399,121 stockholders at the end of the year, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company doubtless has the largest number of stockholders of any corporation in the world. The net gain in stockholders during the year has been 36,942, which is larger than the gain in 1925. The average number of shares held per stockholder is now 26.6. No shareholder owns as much as one per cent. of the total stock outstanding.

Although the telephone was one of the greatest inventions of an age of large fortunes, the inventor and the original backers never made a great fortune from it—in fact, there are not any "telephone fortunes."

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Thomas F. Healey, Attorney.
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Neomi (Hickman) Cumberford
vs.
Spry Cumberford

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, In Equity, No. 2423.

The object of the Bill filed in the above entitled case is to procure a Decree for divorce a vinculo matrimonii for the Plaintiff from the Defendant.

The Bill, as amended, states:

1. That on the 14th day of June, 1915, Neomi Hickman Cumberford was married to her husband, Spry Cumberford, in Kent County, Maryland, by Rev. W. C. Poole, a duly ordained Minister of the Gospel, and that she resided with him in Massey, Kent County, Maryland, until some time in June, 1922, when she was compelled to leave him.

2. That though the conduct of your Oratrix towards her husband, the said Spry Cumberford, has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, the said Spry Cumberford has, without any just cause or season, abandoned her, and has declared his intention to live with her no longer, and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for at least four years, and is deliberate and final, and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.

3. That your Oratrix and the said Defendant, Spry Cumberford, had one child born to them from said marriage, whose name is Eleanor Cumberford, and whose age at the time of the filing of this Bill of Complaint is 10 years of age, and who is now living and being supported by your Oratrix, and whose guardianship and custody be given to your Oratrix.

4. That the said Defendant, the said Spry Cumberford, is a non-resident of the State of Maryland.

5. That your Oratrix is a resident of Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, where she has lived all her life.

It is thereupon, this 29th day of March, 1927, ordered by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the Plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in said Kent County, once in each of four successive weeks before the 2nd day of May next, give notice to the said Spry Cumberford, non-resident Defendant, warning him to appear in this Court in person, or by Solicitor on or before the 17th day of May next, to show cause, if any he has why a Decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
a24t ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.

AMERICA-ENGLAND SERVICE EXTENDED

Commercial telephone service to Great Britain is now available from all points in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia from stations served by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and connecting companies.

The rates from the District of Columbia and Maryland points are $75 for three minutes and $25 for each additional minute. From Virginia and West Virginia points the rates are $78 for the first three minutes and $26 for each additional minute.

Conversations may be carried on over regular telephone equipment and lines to the New York transatlantic office where they are routed through special equipment over wire and air lines to England.

This service is available from 8:30 A. M. to 1 P. M., eastern standard time, which is 1:30 P. M. to 6 P. M. Great Britain time.

The District of Columbia-Maryland service was inaugurated February 5, and the Virginia-West Virginia service February 16. This service has now been extended to the entire United States.

HEALTH COURSE IS BENEFICIAL

One of the chief concerns of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is the health of its employees. Realizing that it is easier to stay well than to get well the officials have inaugurated a health course for women which has proved most successful.

The first series of lectures of this course were held in the spring of 1926, and they were so well received and attended, and the subsequent comments on the value of the instructions were so many that a wider and more comprehensive campaign was started during the winter of this year. As a result of the health course more than



A health course graduate going through an exercise.

550 young women in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia have just received certificates as graduates.

There were 138 graduates of the health course at Baltimore; 123 at Richmond; 36 at Charleston; 39 at Wheeling, and 217 at Washington.

Health instruction is now a system wide policy of telephone companies. Its practices and interests are alike the country over. The instructions are conducted along lines laid down by officials who attended a conference held under the auspices of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, where the aim of the health course was outlined as primarily to prevent accidents and illness.

Health course instructors are carefully selected and trained. These instructors then take classes ranging from 10 to 18 young women each, who are put through courses covering a period of twelve weeks with one lesson each week. The subjects taught in the health course concern the body, its nourishment, habits of good living, the care of the sick and first aid in both accidents and illness.

MISCHIEVOUS BEAR RUINS COIL OF WIRE

In laying out telephone lines in our National Forests, aside from the difficulties involved in transporting materials by pack mules into the mountains, some amusing incidents often occur.

For example, when the telephone lines were placed in the Shenandoah National Forest, the largest forest in the southern Appalachian Mountains, lying in the states of Virginia and West Virginia, the workmen, on leaving the job one night, left a coil of wire tied loosely on the ground while they went to camp nearby. During the night a bear evidently in a playful mood, got mixed up in the coil of wire and, when the men returned to the job next morning, they found the wire scattered all over the mountain and so badly kinked and damaged that it was unfit for use.

The New York World last year contained 848,166 classified advertisements, of which 577,259 were received over the telephone, or an average of nearly 2,000 every working day.

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Herbert E. Perkins, Attorney.
ORDER NISI

Gertrude E. Sappington et al
vs.
Hope Sappington

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, In Equity, No. 2442.

Ordered, this 28th day of March, 1927, by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the sale of the Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by Herbert E. Perkins, Trustee, under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, dated December 31, 1926, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 4th day of June next; provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 2nd day of May next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,825.00.

ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk
True Copy—Test:
a24t ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the policyholders of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Kent County, Md., will be held at the Company's Office in Chestertown, Md., on Monday, May 2, 1927, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the election of directors and such business as may come before the meeting. E. F. PERKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration C. T. A. on the personal estate of

WILLIAM H. WRIGHT,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of September, 1927, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of March, 1927.

MABEL B. WRIGHT,
m26-4t Administrator C. T. A.

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Thomas F. Healey, Attorney.
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Howard Realy Comegys
versus
Eva Beaulah (Butcher) Comegys

In the Circuit Court for Kent County In Equity, No. 2449.

The object of the Bill filed in the above entitled case is to procure a Decree for divorce a vinculo matrimonii for the Plaintiff against the Defendant.

The Bill states:

1. That on the 8th of September, 1913, Howard Realy Comegys was married to his wife, Eva Beaulah (Butcher) Comegys, by Rev. Dave R. Dunn, a duly ordained minister of the Gospel, with whom he resided in Kent county, Maryland, until sometime in the month of August 1921.

2. That though the conduct of your Orator towards his wife, the said Eva Beaulah (Butcher) Comegys, has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, the said Eva Beaulah (Butcher) Comegys has, without just cause or reason, abandoned him, and has declared her intention to live with him no longer, and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for at least five years, and is deliberate and final, and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.

3. That your Orator and the said Defendant, Eva Beaulah (Butcher) Comegys, had no children born to them from the said marriage.

4. That the said Defendant, Eva Beaulah (Butcher) Comegys, is a non-resident of the State of Maryland, and whose whereabouts is unknown to your Orator.

5. That your Orator is a resident of Kent county, State of Maryland, where he has lived all of his life.

It is thereupon, this 19th day of March, 1927, ordered by the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity, that the plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in said Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 25th day of April next, give notice to the said Eva Beaulah (Butcher) Comegys, non resident Defendant, warning her to appear in this Court in person, or by Solicitor, on or before the 9th day of May next, to show cause, if any she has, why a Decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
m26-4t ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters Testamentary on the personal estate of

CHESTER T. DAVIS,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of September, 1927, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of March, 1927.

ORA M. DAVIS,
Executrix
IVANHOE WILLIS,
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