OF INTEREST TO PHONE USERS

J. L. D. Speer, Jr., has been appointed chief engineer of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City succeeding Frederick J. Irish, who becomes manager April 1st.

Mr. Speer has lived in Baltimore for the greater part of his life. He received his earlier education in Baltimore City schools, later attending Union College at Schenectady, where he was graduated in 1920, receiving an electrical engineering degree.

Mr. Speer entered the engineering department of the telephone company July, 1920. Since April 1, 1929, he has been transmission and protection engineer. He served for several months on the engineering sub-committee of the efficiency committee organized by Mayor Jackson in 1923.

Additions and improvements to the telephone plant in Maryland authorized by the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City at its meeting will involve expenditures of $588,825, officials of the compony announce. This brings the total amount authorized for additions and betterments to the telephone system in the state so far this year to $811,190.

The projects authorized include switchboard and other apparatus at Westminster; new wire chief's testing equipment and additional subscribers' lines and associated apparatus in the Chestertown central office; a new storage battery at Hagerstown, and carrier and telephone repeater equipment for providing new lines and improving transmission at Cumberland and Hagerstown.

Under the routine construction project for the second quarter of the year, additional pole lines, wire, underground conduit and cable, aerial cable switchboards and other central office equipment, telephones and other associated appartus will be installed in every section of the state.

An additional section of switchboard to be installed in the Chestertown telephone central office involving expenditures of $2,125 has just been authorized by the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City.

The new switchboard will be equipped for 40 additional telephone subscribers' lines bringing the total switchboard equipment to 420 local lines, 40 rural and 50 out-of-town representative of the company announce lines, Miss K. P. Smith, Com's. Representative of the company announces. There are now 733 telephones connected with the Chestertown office, 10 having been added to the system since January 1.

A new wire chief's test desk which will facilitate testing telephone lines in trouble will also be installed in this office. This equipment will provide more adequate testing facilities for lines to Rock Hall, Galena, Millington, and Still Pond, in addition to the telephones operated from the Chestertown office.

The installation of the new equipment will be started about October 1, and is expected to be ready for service within thirty days.

Angelina — That boy friend of yours sure got tangled up with his forks last night at dinner.

Melissa—Yeah, but he sure knows his spoons out in a parked car.

His Little Joke

Genial Doctor (to mother of little boy who had swallowed a farthing the day before)—Well, Mrs. Smith, has Jimmy got over his financial difficulties?—London Tit-Bits.

Facts and Figures on Your Telephone

By EDWIN F. HILL



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There has never been a time when as many employees of industry owned an interest in the business as now. The heads of large industrial organizations recognize the value of this partnership and encourage the purchasing of stock in the business. It's an excellent example of thrift and, in addition, gives the employees an added interest in the operation of the organization of which they are a part.

Annual reports of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies show that 9,830 employees in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia are purchasing 42,267 shares of stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. At the present market quotation, these shares have a value of more than $10,000,000.

Ownership of stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is widespread. On January 1, there were 469,801 stockholders of this company. Last year the number of stockholders increased 15,205. The company's latest report gives the average number of shares of capital stock outstanding as 13,113,746. Net earnings per share available for dividends for 1929 were $12.67. The corresponding figure for 1928 was $12.11 per share.

It will be of interest to know that the average number of shares held per stockholder is twenty-eight. No single individual holds as much as one per cent of the total capital stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Telephone Research Department Expands

New Building Under Construction Will Provide Increased Laboratory Facilities

The Bell Telephone Laboratories, where research and development is carried on for the Bell System Companies, is undoubtedly one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in the world. In this building, located at 463 West Street, New York City, one will find more than 5,400 scientists, engineers and assistants engaged in problems designed to produce new and improved equipment for telephony and telegraphy.

Increased research and development activities in the telephone industry have necessitated an enlargement of the laboratory facilities and the construction of an additional and more modern building is now under way.

Among the interesting sections of the Laboratories are the sound-proof rooms required for research and development work on telephone instruments, acoustics and audition.

Besides preventing the entry of sound, these rooms have specially treated interiors to eliminate reverberation. They have special ventilating systems to admit fresh air without allowing noise to enter. There are now thirteen such rooms, which vary in size from booths in which one or two persons can work to larger rooms thirty by thirty feet square.

These sound-proof rooms are used in tests on various kinds of telephone transmitters and receivers and in studies of speech and hearing.

Primitive Stagecraft

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Chestertown, Maryland

Sees Biggest Crab Season Since 1919

The crab industry in Maryland waters will continue in the ascendancy during the 1930 season if the appearance of crustaceans in the upper waters of the Chesapeake Bay can be taken as an omen, Swepson Earle, State Conservation Commissioner, declared last week.

According to Mr. Earle, reports from his inspectors, which have been been filed at his office, reveal that for the past two weeks the crabs have been making rapid headway to the upper waters of the bay and have begun to arrive in small numbers.

The arrival of the shellfish more than a month befort the opening of the crabbing season has not occurred in the local waters during the past ten years and led the commissioner to predict that the coming season, which starts May 1, will be the best since the number of crabs began to diminish in 1919.

Last year, Mr. Earle said, was the best, so far as the taking of the crustaceans commercially was concerned, during the ten-year period. During the season an accurate count of the crabs was kept by the industrial crabbers and their reports on this count show that 67,026,722 hard and soft shell crabs were taken for the markets from Maryland waters. This number would have been increased several millions if the persons taking crabs as a sport had kept a record of their catches, he declared.

Shortly after April 1st last year crabs had worked their way up the bay and were seen by inspectors and fishermen at the head of the bay Throughout the winter fishermen and oystermen have been reporting to the department that large number of crabs have been seen in their nets and dredges.

The increase in these shellfish is due largely, according to Mr. Earle, to the rigid enforcement of the size-limit law and the protection given by both Maryland and Virginia laws to the female crabs. The late opening given as one cause for the increase.

Overland and Sea

Nothing Scotch about our beloved President. Why, he thinks nothing of giving Poland the "WILLY'S."

No Cause for Alarm

A policeman in Chicago was always seeing black spots before his eyes and was so releived to find that they were only bullets!

Reciprocal

If you dislike many people the chances are that you, in turn, are disliked by many people.—American Magazine.

High Title

The title of the emperor of Japan as the head of the Shinto religion is Tenno, which means, literally, King of Heaven.

College Examinations

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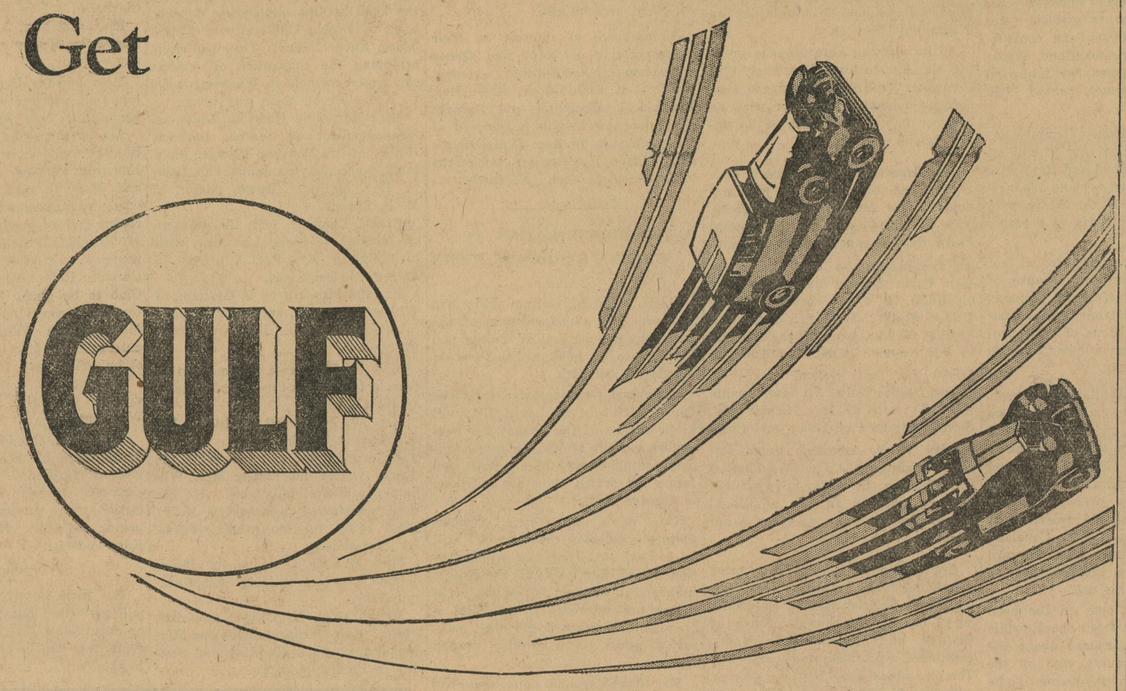
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