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**PHONE OPERATORS
RECEIVE MEDALS
FOR NOTEWORTHY SERVICE**

List of Those Who Have Won
In Noteworthy Way for the
Benefit of Community;
Details Given

Anna L. Lennan, chief operator of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company at Piedmont, W. Va., heads the list of seven employees of the Bell Telephone system, who have received gold or silver medals for acts of "noteworthy public service" performed during 1924. The medals, which are given annually in memory of the late Theodore N. Vail, for many years executive head of the Bell System, were awarded by a national committee of awards which made its report Dec. 1.

Miss Lennan was selected as this year's gold medal winner because of her courage and devotion to the public service on March 29, 1924, when Piedmont was swept by a serious flood which threatened to destroy the town. She risked her life in crossing a bridge in order to report for duty and, with two other operators, remained on duty all day, though the telephone building was in danger of destruction by the flood.

Courage and Resourcefulness
Lloyd M. Atkins, also of Piedmont, is listed first among the winners of silver medals, the award being in recognition of his courage and resourcefulness in helping to maintain telephone service during the same flood.

Trygve Jorgenson, a foreman of the New York Telephone company at Brooklyn, N. Y., wins a silver medal for rescuing a fellow employee who had come in contact with a high-voltage lighting circuit.

Mrs. Kathryn C. Brisson, night operator of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company at Fitchburg, Mass., is awarded a silver medal for making possible the rescue of two fellow employees, operators at another exchange who had been overcome by gas.

Ida M. Blanchard also a silver medal winner, receives her award in recognition of courage, alertness and alertness and loyalty to the public service when fire destroyed a part of the business section of Natural Bridge, N. Y., including the telephone central office, where she was on duty as agent and night operator of the Northern New York Telephone corporation.

Shows Initiative
Hubert Harris receives his medal, also of silver, for courage and initiative in maintaining service by extinguishing a fire on a telephone pole, at great personal risk because of the danger of contact with high-power electric wires. Harris is a line foreman of the Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania at Norristown, Pa.

Mrs. Aileen C. Smith is cited for "judgment, persistency and resourcefulness in the public service," and awarded a silver medal because of her assistance in capturing two robbers

who had attempted to blow the post office safe at New Richmond, Ohio, where she is employed as manager by the Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone company. The medal is accompanied by a cash award of \$500 while each of the silver medal winners receives a cash award of \$250.

**FEWER LAWS REMEDY
FOR CASES LIKE THIS
Judge Expresses Opinion of One
Sample of Enforcement In
Philadelphia**

In Philadelphia recently a girl was arrested by state police, fined and ordered committed to jail for owning a dog without having a \$1 dog license. What President Judge Henry A. Fuller, of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, thought of the case is reported in Nation's Business Magazine: "This is the kind of case that disgusts one with the majesty of the law. A poor young girl, owner of a shepherd dog and ignorant of the law, had neglected to take out a dog license, thereby depriving the Commonwealth of \$1, whereupon the Commonwealth's constabulary pounced upon her and brought the malefactor before a magistrate, who, with punctilious sense of duty, imposed a fine of \$10 with costs of \$3, and, in default of payment, committed her to jail for 15 days."

"On our advice this poor girl has now taken out a license, but meanwhile she has been degraded, mortified and terrified beyond measure. "Human behavior under modern legislation is now hedged in by so many restrictions that it has become impossible for even the best-intentioned people to go through the day without committing one or more crimes."

"In the United States we may fairly assume that 50,000,000 crimes are being daily committed, and if these were all prosecuted for punishment as, of course, they should be under any enlightened theory of enforcement, one-half of our federal population would be confined in jail and the other half engaged in getting them there."

This speech automatically elects Judge Fuller to the "There-Ought-to-be-Fewer-Laws club," says the Nation's Business.

**DANIEL WEBSTER
KNEW RADICALISM**

Radical agitation is not a new thing. Back in 1833 Daniel Webster said:

"There are persons who constantly clamor. They complain of oppression, speculation and pernicious influence of accumulated wealth. They cry out loudly against all banks and corporations and all means by which small capitalists become united in order to produce important and beneficial results. They carry on mad hostility against all established institutions. They would choke the fountain of industry and dry all streams. In a country of perfect equality, they would move heaven and earth against privilege and monopoly. In a country where property is more evenly divided than anywhere else, they rend the air shouting about agrarian doctrines. In a country where wages of labor are high beyond parallel, they would teach the laborer that he is but an oppressed slave."

**SAYS FISH SUPPLY
OF U. S. DECREASING**

SOME TYPES ARE SCARCER

Shad Yearly Growing Less and
Less, But Cod and Haddock
Show No Depletion;
Price Rises

Constant warnings that the fish supply of the American people is in danger are receiving attention from those interested in this important source of our food supply. According to statistics gathered along this section of the Atlantic the shad, one of the most important fish from a food standpoint is yearly growing harder to catch in paying quantities. The price is getting higher accordingly, and is much greater in Washington than it was a few years ago, when shad was a very economical food in season. The crabbing industry has been suffering also off the Maryland and Virginia coasts with the result that crabs during the season of 1925 were scarcer and higher in price than ever before.

Cod and Haddock
Two of the most important American fishes are the cod and the haddock, caught in northern waters, and while the supplies of these fish show no visible signs of depletion, the number of fishermen engaged in catching them is increasing steadily and the Bureau of Fisheries has begun an investigation to see what the situation actually is.

At the present time the banks on this side of the Atlantic are being fished not only by Americans and Canadians, but are being visited by ships from Spain, Portugal, France and other European nations, in increasing numbers. The report of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries says:

Is of Importance
"The results of this increase in the intensity of fishing cannot be foretold, but the importance of the industry to the American people and the desirability of maintaining the resources unimpaired are such that an investigation of the biology of the cod, pollock and haddock has been undertaken with the idea of determining the factors responsible for any fluctuations in abundance which may become apparent. It is important for an understanding of the general principles of fishery conservation to know how such a great fishery can withstand intensive exploitation over a long period of time without depletion. Such knowledge should throw much light on the problem of maintaining other fisheries which do show signs of depletion due to over fishing, and the data would be invaluable if the bank fisheries themselves should become reduced."

**TITLE ONLY BOTHER
OF GREAT EXECUTIVE**

Fred Kelly writes in Nation's Business Magazine: Walter S. Gifford, president of the Bell Telephone company, told me not long ago that the only trouble with a big job is the title. "If a man could only have important duties to perform and be rewarded accordingly, but with no title and known only as a clerk to those outside of his own office, the situation would be ideal," he said. "If a man has a high-sounding title, he is expected to live up to it, not only while at his work but wherever he goes. The consequence is that he can hardly live in the simple manner he may prefer."

This wasn't mere idle chatter, either. Gifford is one of the comparatively few big-league New York executives I can think of who, by preference, rides in the subway rather than by automobile. This is because he likes to be thrown in close contact with all sorts of folk.

But I doubt if his idea of having a big job with a humble title would appeal to the average employe of less philosophical outlook. The average man in chafing because his title doesn't sound pretentious enough. Just recently I noticed in the list of employes in the back of a theatre program that the man in charge of the theatre wash-room is pompously called Director of Public Comfort!

**GAS IS NOW USED
IN SINGEING HOGS**

The desire of a Chicago packer to produce a thoroughly cleaned and singed hog, with a minimum of labor, has led to the development of a gas-fired singeing to insure the removal of all hair.

After passing through the scalding tank, which removes most of the hair, the hogs are carried on an overhead conveyor; different operations being performed as it passes the men. Formerly three men, with kerosene torches, singed the hog before it reached the pen, about 25 in number, who scraped and shaved off any hair that remained. However, it was impossible to rid the hog of all the hair and the frequent spilling of the kerosene gave the meat a bad taste.

To remedy this situation a gas-fired singeing was built. Built in two U-shape sections, it completely surrounds the hog as it passes through. The bottom burner is regulated up or down to accommodate short or long hogs and thus a thoroughly singed, clean hog arrives at the far end of the conveyor.



STOLEN

Negotiable Securities aggregating about \$10,000 were stolen only a few days ago from an ordinary safe in an office of the Insurance Exchange Building, Chicago.

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