

Southern Bell Asks Rate Hike

Because of greatly increased wages and rising costs of material and building construction, the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company today asked authority to raise rates in North Carolina so it can improve and expand service in pace with the state's economic development.

In a petition filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Company said its expenses in this state and climbed 102 percent in five years, while revenue increased only 76 per cent. During this same period total salaries and wages increased 106 percent. The Company said it had over 4,000 employees in the State representing an increase of 111 percent over five years ago.

The rate increase for local service would apply to business customers only and would be on a sliding scale, depending on locality. Residence local service rates remain unchanged. The Company is also asking authority to increase long-distance rates 5 cents on most calls within the state. The Company stated that the requested rate increase would not produce all the added revenue that current costs indicate is needed, but that it hoped that its operating experience under these rates might prove them to be sufficient. In view of this, no increases were being requested on residence rates. It was felt to be to the best interests of business in the state that residential rates be kept as low as possible. It was further stated that since no changes in residence rates were being requested, the total increase would be only 1 percent of Southern Bell's total revenues in the state.

For Kings Mountain, N. C., the following rates are sought:

Type of Service	New Rate	Present Rate	Increase
B-1-F	\$4.25	\$3.50	.75
B-2-F	\$3.50	\$3.00	.50
B-4-F	\$3.00	\$2.50	.50

"Although the Company is doing a

record volume of business," E. H. Wasson, Carolina manager of Southern Bell said, "our earnings have dropped to a dangerously low point, the lowest in the Company's history. This has resulted from the fact that wages and other costs have gone steadily upward while rates have remained the same for many years."

Mr. Wasson pointed out that payroll costs alone for North Carolina had increased by \$2,311,415 since March, 1945, on an annual basis, adding that building costs have jumped 75 to 100 per cent, plant construction, 45 to 60 per cent, and telephone materials 15 to 25 per cent.

Church News

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

J. G. Winkler, Pastor
10:00 A. M. Church School.
B. S. Peeler, Supt.
Rally Day will be observed. All departments will meet together.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be observed.
6:00 P. M. Youth Fellowship will meet in Youth Chapel.
There will be no evening worship.
Wednesday: The Annual Conference will convene in Central Methodist Church, Asheville. This conference will close Monday at noon.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:15 A. M. Rally Day.
6:30 p. m. Presbyterian Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p. m. Evening worship.
Sermon subject: "How to Prepare for Communion."

The Foundation Seed Producers, Inc in cooperation with the Crop Improvement Association, plan to double the production of corn hybrid seed in 1947. Production was doubled this year.

Ham, Hot Dogs, Burgers A'Plenty At Fair Stand

Commander W. J. Fulkerson, of Post 165 American Legion of Kings Mountain, yesterday called on all citizens attending the Cleveland county fair this week to patronize the Post's out-door cafe there.

Stating that there was plenty of good country ham as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, fish, and cold drinks, to be had there, he complimented John George Demetriades, chairman of the project, and others who have helped on the wonderful job they are doing.

All Legionaires who can help with the project are asked to do so.

The cafe is located next to the first aid station at the East end of the grandstand.

Recorders Court In Record Session

Sam Proctor, for driving drunk, was sentenced, six months, suspended to pay \$50 and costs, in action taken at city recorders court held at city hall last Monday. The sentence included loss of his drivers license.

Warren Ballard and Troy Hanna were found guilty of trespassing and each was given a sixty day sentence, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. The court also ordered them to pay damages to cloth at DuCourt Mills, Inc., where the trespassing took place but J. N. Jones, superintendent waived the damages.

Three men, Jessie B. McCraw, L. B. Wallace, and Fred F. Whitman, for speeding were each given sixty days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Doshie Kennedy was found guilty of possession of liquor and was given thirty days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Eugene Harris was taxed \$10 and costs for not having a drivers license.

C. R. Wood, for assault on a female, was given sixty days, suspended to pay costs and be on good behavior for 12 months. On a similar charge, Dan Fall was sentenced thirty days, suspended on payment of costs.

In another case involving assault on a female, Earle and Edward Boone were each given thirty days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Lillie Mae Walker, charged with assault, her case dismissed and the defendant charged with the costs. Ethel Helen, charged with disorderly conduct and assault, was found not guilty.

Lloyd Blackwell was sent to jail for thirty days for failure to pay the costs on a public drunkenness sentence, and Flay Pearson was taxed with \$5 and costs on the same charge.

The following were taxed with the costs for public drunkenness: Jessie Jones, Clarence Adams, L. B. Turner, Carl Lingerfelt, Charles A. Seagle, Woodrow W. Roberts, Carl Elmore, J. G. Bell, Ralph Ware, Lee and Walsh Harlow, Andrew Gardner, J. J. Bright, and Kin Beatty.

Helen Tomlin, under a six months suspended sentence, went to jail for the term, being sentenced thirty days each on charges of no drivers license and vagrancy, the two sentences to run concurrently with the six month sentence.

New Books Added To Library Shelves

New books on the shelves of Kings Mountain Public Library include four donated by Talmadge Mullinax according to Mrs. C. B. Campbell, librarian.

They are: "I Love Miss Tilly Bean" by Ilka Chase; "In the Blazing Light" by Max White; "The Wine of San Leffozo" by Gorman; and "Daisy Kenyon" by Jewway.

Other new books are "Panama Passage" by Chidsey; "Nicodemus" by Walworth; "The Turquoise" Seton; "The Brick Foxhole" by Brooks; "The Hucksters" by Wakeman; "Dutchess Hotspur" by Marshall; "Winter Meeting" by Vance; and "Hawks Flight" by Hull.

Uncle Sam Says



No farmer will question the fact between this familiar September scene of filling up the silo and his United States Savings Bonds. Farmers must reckon with the future every moment of their lives. The crushed green corn stalks which they are storing away this month by now will assure their livelihood in years to come. The Savings Bonds they are now buying up will add to their security.

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