

Telephone Companies Plan Extension Of Rural Service

A joint committee of representatives of Bell and Independent operating telephone companies through the United States has been formed to advance the nationwide postwar program which the various telephone companies have been working on individually to extend and improve rural telephone service. It was announced today by E. H. Dixon, Jr., chairman of the committee.

United States can be served from existing lines. Since 1935 more than 200,000 additional families in rural areas have become telephone subscribers—an increase of 35 percent. One of the major objectives is to continue this upward trend by making the service over existing lines increasingly valuable and attractive. This the industry intends to do by the end of its plan.

Plans telephone service is more readily developed in this country than in any other country in the world. Mr. Baylan and Mr. McHugh said today in a statement issued by them for the committee. However, it is by no means highly developed as we are the industry wants to see it and the industry intends to do everything in its power to provide more service, and better service, at a cost which the taxpayer can afford.

Since the beginning when the companies throughout the United States have been working on this problem, a representative joint committee has been formed consisting of a number of their most experienced engineers. The belief that the telephone companies have developed and that they will continue to develop will be interpreted and interpreted as being telephonic service.

PLAY AT MURDITH

Raleigh, Nov. 27—The Meredith Little Theatre will present "Stage Door" by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman, on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8 p. m. in the college auditorium. The play will be directed by Harry K. Dasset, of the Meredith faculty, assisted by Miss Eleanor Loftin of Kingston.

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Slur Against Bailey Finds Resentment

BY LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Nov. 28—Several members of the Capitol Square colony were a little bit peeved Monday. It was a blue Monday, anyway—rainy and dreary—and the fellows were not in best of humors. All of them had voted for Roosevelt for a fourth term sort of under protest. They didn't like the fourth term idea, and they didn't like some things the New Deal had put over, but they thought that because of the war, the coming peace conferences and the whole international situation, that Roosevelt was the best bet for the future. Then they read the "Reminiscence" column in the News and Observer by Sunday, The "Old Collier"—Daniels' alter ego for the column—said he thought State Chairman W. B. Umstead had been derelict in his duty because he hadn't gone to Washington and told Senator Bailey and Reynolds that there was an election in New College on November 7, and that by a majority of 204-144 the New College voters registered their "thunder" approval of the New Deal legislation, etc.

also has a sort of endowment fund of well above a hundred thousand dollars for any postwar exigencies that might arise.

APPOINTMENTS—As the end of the present State administration draws near, there is considerable speculation on what changes will be made in State appointments by the new governor. Governor-elect Chiles has stated he expects to make no appointments other than those absolutely necessary after inauguration of the General Assembly, which is expected to come early in April. However, resignation of Oscar Pitts as director of prisons and Ralph McLean as central prison warden, effective December 31, may make some action necessary earlier. It is understood that Governor Chiles is trying to work out a plan for carrying on the work under temporary arrangements until he can get his hand into State affairs and make perhaps a wise choice for permanent appointments. It has been suggested that Pitts might stay on in the State job until spring, and he said Monday that his own private farm supply business at Asheville would demand his full time from January on.

Survey Made For Storm Damage On The Outer Banks

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Raleigh, Nov. 28—H. H. Hesse, assistant State director of public defense, has just completed a survey of immediate needs of the people of Hatteras Island who lost part of their property and had their homes seriously damaged by the late summer hurricane. The survey was made at the instance of Governor Brantley and Hesse's official report was made to the governor, and is now immediately available for publication. However, he brought back a good deal of news—along with many others of hardship and suffering and loss. One of his favorites is about O. E. (Gibby) Gray, leading merchant in the village of Avon. Gray was standing in his store during the storm when he saw his home being hit by his wife and children in the house and yelling for help. He was utterly powerless to aid them. A

LACTICS The complaints point out that during the election campaign the New Deal was soft-pedaled, while the war and international affairs were emphasized. They note that even President Roosevelt said the New Deal is dead and Dr. Winthrop W. has taken over. That's what they voted for and they resented their vote being now counted as a "thunder" approval for all of the things the New Deal has done.

CHRISTMAS TREES—Christmas trees may not come or less than they did last year, but apparently there will be enough to go around. Profiting from last year's experience when retail prices in big cities, fixed by OPA, retarded sales and also caused congestion of trees, thousands of them had to be burned. OPA has recently removed price limitations on them and they are being into the category of "optional" merchandise.

TRACK MEET—Duke boys enjoyed the football game Saturday in which Duke beat Carolina to the tune of 33 to 0. A group of Carolina backers on the south side, when they lost interest in the ball game because the situation was hopeless, got a lot of fun out of the "crusade" track meet staged between Weant and Duke, the Carolina quarterbacks. Alternate substitution of these two Tar Heel players was made so rapidly the fan couldn't keep count. Position of the teams on the field also affected the cross-country distance traveled. One pair of fans who had watched the race of a dinner on which quarterbacks would go in and out of town finally decided just to ditch the dinner, since the players had apparently ditched the game.

COACHING—There was unanimity of opinion on two points. Carolina is going to have a better coaching staff. This is not a new idea but Saturday's game gave it a new impetus. A couple of Duke partisans in the stadium were overheard commending the individual Carolina players for courage and fighting spirit. One of them said, "Those fellows are good football players. All they need is somebody to tell 'em how to do it."

DIVIDENDS—Capitol Square dolls its hat to H. Hesse and stockholders in the Hickory hotel. The hotel is owned and operated by the same company that built it in 1925. At the annual meeting of the directors last week the stock dividend was declared. It was 100 percent. Last year's dividend was 50 percent. Point is that most such community enterprises start out with 50 percent, then add on with speculators buying up the property way below cost and keeping all the profits later. The Hickory hotel, given the team an excellent hotel, and apparently are now on the way to realize some small financial return on their original investment.

SUFFICIENT This incident emphasizes the claim that Hickory has made and fairly well supported that it is one of the best balanced and self-contained communities in the country. With diversity of industry including textiles, hosiery, furniture, and meat packing and dairy products, there is perhaps less alien ownership of stock in local firms than in other city of considerable size in the State. The community

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