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## DRASTIC CUTS IN TELEPHONE TOLL RATES ANNOUNCED

New Schedule Filed by American Tel. & Tel. To Mean Million a Month Saving  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15

The Federal Communications Commission announced yesterday that tariffs covering drastic reductions in interstate long-distance telephone rates totalling \$12,000,000 on an annual basis have been filed with it by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. These reductions will take effect on January 15, 1937, over that company's entire "Long Lines" system, in compliance with its recently announced agreement to reduce its rates by that amount without the necessity of formal rate hearings by the Commission. The public utility's rate reductions are thus brought to a total of \$22,000,000 since the commencement of the Commission's Special Telephone Investigation in July, 1935.

The present reduction, which will save the public \$1,000,000 a month in long-distance telephone bills, is expected to go far toward stimulating long-distance calling for an interstate character. It comes as the result of conferences with company officials undertaken by the Federal Communications Commission under its toll rate investigation order of September 9, 1936. Rapid improvement in general business conditions, and the consequent increase in long distance telephone operations were particularly stressed by the Commission's representatives. The result of these efforts is that the telephone using public is to be given the advantage of this large reduction at once, without having to await the conclusion of long-drawn-out and costly hearings and possible litigation, such as have frequently been witnessed in former telephone rate cases.

The new toll rate schedules were developed by the company's rate officials, with the assistance and collaboration of the Commission's tariff rates. Charges for basic day station-to-station calls will be reduced at all distances, commencing with a five cent cut at forty-two miles, where this company takes over the business, and including progressively larger cuts, increasing with distance and amounting to as much as \$1.00 per message on calls between eastern seaports and the Pacific Coast. Similar reductions will be made in day person-to-person calls, and large cuts will also result in night and Sunday rates, both station-to-station and person-to-person. Many of the uneven rate steps which have existed in former tariffs are to be wiped out, and the new schedules represent an important advance in telephone rate making.

Officials of the Central Carolina Telephone Company here are rearranging their schedule of tolls to give effect to the new reductions.

### MRS. FRANK A. WYROUGH, 42, DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Mrs. Frank A. Wyrrough, 42, of 1330 Good street, Johnstown, Penna., died in the Moore county hospital at Pinehurst, at 8:30 a. m. Monday. She had undergone an emergency operation on Christmas afternoon from which she failed to rally.

Mrs. Wyrrough, and her husband, who is the district manager of the Pennsylvania Telephone Corporation with offices in Johnstown, had come to Southern Pines the Saturday before Christmas to spend the holidays with Mrs. Wyrrough's mother, Mrs. A. R. Wolf, a regular winter resident here. She was suddenly taken ill the Tuesday before Christmas.

Mass was offered for the deceased at Saint Anthony's Catholic church in Southern Pines at 10 a. m. yesterday and Mr. Wyrrough and Mrs. Wolf accompanied the body to Altoona, Pa., where funeral services will be held at the home of the deceased's sister, Mrs. Ralph Welsh of 1710-12th street on Thursday morning. Interment will be at Calvary cemetery in Altoona.

### Cupid Busy

The Misses Dixon, Sisters, Are Brides in Two Ceremonies.—Elizabeth Ferree Weds

Weddings featured the week in Aberdeen, with sisters as the brides in two of the three ceremonies.

Miss Inez Manning Dixon and Ellis Jackson Harrington were married following the regular service in the Baptist Church last Sunday morning, by the Rev. Mr. Harris, with the bride's small sisters, Jacksie and Katie Marie Dixon as attendants. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dixon of Laurinburg Road, Aberdeen, while the groom travels for the Lance Packing Co., with headquarters at Macon, Ga., where they will make their home.

Mrs. Harrington's sister, Miss Linda May Dixon and Kenneth R. Keith, both of Aberdeen, were united in marriage on Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock in the Baptist parsonage, the Rev. E. M. Harris officiating. Mr. Keith is a son of Mrs. Keith and the late Hugh A. Keith. The young couple are on a motor trip to Florida.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Ferree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Ferree, and J. B. Edwards, manager of the Aberdeen Theatre, were married at the Presbyterian Church in Dillon, S. C., last Sunday afternoon. They will make their home here.

### Three Caught After Attempted Burglaries

Attempted to Rob Filling Station in Southern Pines., Ford Garage in Aberdeen

Due to the alertness of Assistant Chief of Police C. E. Newton of Southern Pines who early Tuesday saw two men and a woman leave the vicinity of the Sinclair Oil Company's station, two men, both said to be notorious criminals and their woman companion are now locked up awaiting charges of attempting to force an entry into the filling station here and later breaking into the Ford Motor Company's place in Aberdeen.

The men, I. C. Coltrain, 33, of Greensboro and W. W. Barber, 29, of Durham were captured by Chief of Police J. A. Gargis, Assistant Chief Newton and George Colton on the railroad tracks near Manley Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock. The woman, Nettie Jackson, 33, of Greensboro was captured by Officer A. F. Dees in Aberdeen after he had surprised the party in their attempt to leave the Ford plant. The woman was arrested by her companions.

### THISTLE CLUB TEA DANCE A FEATURE OF HOLIDAYS

One of the loveliest parties of the holidays season was the tea dance given by the Thistle Club for its associate members and their friends in the Southern Pines Country Club on Wednesday. About 150 guests attended. The ball room was beautifully decorated with evergreens, long leaf pine and poinsettias. The tea table was presided over by Mesdames J. S. Milliken, P. P. Pelton, Coburn Musser and E. L. Prizer. Music was furnished by the increasingly popular C. J. Simons. Mrs. Walter Spaeth, president of the Thistle Club, was general chairman of the dance.

### CHURCH NOTES

The union service in Southern Pines will be held this Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the First Baptist Church., with the Rev. Dr. C. Rexford Raymond of the Church of Wide Fellowship preaching on "Making Good Permanent Investments," a New Year's sermon.

Dr. Raymond will preach at his own church in the morning on "The Real Presence of Christ." The Sacrament of the Holy Communion will be observed following the service.

The Rev. Mr. Stimson will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday morning on "Wants or Needs."

At the Christian Science Church the subject of Sunday's lesson-sermon will be "God."

## CHAMBER BANQUET JAN. 12 TO HEAR HOMER H. JOHNSON

Prominent Cleveland, Ohio Attorney To Address Gathering at Pine Needles Inn

### TICKETS IN BIG DEMAND

Final arrangements for the annual banquet of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will be made at a meeting of officers and directors to be held next Tuesday noon at Highland Lodge. In the meanwhile, tickets are reported as selling rapidly for this affair, always one of the highlights of the winter season locally.

C. W. Picquet, in charge of arrangements for the gathering, has the program well along, he said yesterday. Homer H. Johnson, prominent attorney and business man of Cleveland, Ohio, is to be the principal speaker. James Boyd, the author, will act as toastmaster. The orchestra from the Club Chalfonte has been secured to play during the evening, and in addition Mr. Picquet is arranging several vocal numbers and, it is rumored, a stunt or two.

The banquet will be held in the Pine Needles Inn, and more than 200 persons are expected. The date is Tuesday evening, January 12th, at 7:00 o'clock. Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be elected at the banquet, which is also the annual meeting of the organization. Officers are elected later by the new board of directors. Shields Cameron is the present president, vice president and Hugh J. Betterley secretary and treasurer. Tickets for the banquet are only one dollar, and are on sale by members of the organization and at local drug stores.

### Pinehurst Alumni Hear McLeod, Morton, Tufts

School's Alumni Banquet Attracts Record Number.—Officers for 1937 Elected.

The largest number ever to attend the annual Alumni banquet of the Pinehurst High School in the Crystal Room at the Carolina hotel Tuesday night.

Mrs. Frank McCaskill, president, presided at the meeting. The Rev. W. Murdoch McLeod of Nashville, Tenn., former pastor of the Pinehurst Community Church, acted as toastmaster, a capacity in which he serves quite as well as in the pulpit, if in a slightly different manner.

A short talk on the future of the school, its immediate and future needs and problems, the need for increased school facilities and a longer term was made by W. P. Morton, superintendent. I. C. Sledge and Frank McCaskill also made short talks on the same subject. Mr. McLeod presented the principal speaker of the evening, Richard S. Tufts, who spoke on "Resorts as a Business."

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Hubert McCaskill; vice president, Miss Verdun Shaw, secretary-treasurer, Hubert McCaskill.

A delightful and much enjoyed feature of the entertainment was the quartet numbers by the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. McKelway and the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Gibson. Dancing in the ball room followed the banquet.

### EDWARD A. WESTCOTT DIES, FORMER PINEHURST RESIDENT

Edward A. Westcott, for seven years associated with the Pinehurst Department Store, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Baker in Asbury Park, N. J. on Monday. Death was due to a heart attack. Mr. Westcott made many friends during his residence in Pinehurst, and news of his passing came as a great shock here.

He is survived by his widow, Florence L. Westcott; two daughters, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. F. D. Webb of Boston, Mass., and three sons, Ashley P and Russell B. of Chicago and Harold E. Westcott of Asbury Park.

## Townes Flee Spain at Outbreak Of Hostilities; Car Confiscated

Southern Pines Residents Find Air Raid on Majorca "Too Hot for Comfort."

Their automobile confiscated and a 14-hour session with the anti-Fascist committee in charge of a small Spanish town just across the border from France are the outstanding recollections that Mrs. Jane H. Towne and her son, Augur Towne, of Morganton Road, Southern Pines, who have recently returned to their home here, have of their "holiday."

After travelling through Spain and Portugal on a motor trip, they had left the car, along with most of their luggage in Barcelona and gone to Palma on the Island of Majorca, just off the coast, to await the return to Barcelona of their friend Megan Laird, the authoress whose article on the Spanish situation appeared in a recent issue of the Atlanta Monthly.

The Saturday after their arrival on Majorca trouble broke out on the mainland at Barcelona and the next day, Sunday, July 19th the Fascists and the anti-Fascists took up the cudgels against each other on the island.

"The suddenness with which the outbreak came was amazing," Mr. Towne said. "We had encountered no indication of any trouble in all of our trips on the mainland. There was a general strike or two, but they are common enough in Spain and were no indication of what was to follow."

From Sunday until the following Wednesday there was general disorder on Majorca. Mr. Towne said, but there was no particular danger at the hotel where they were staying. The hotel is located in the English quarter of Palma, hard by the British Embassy, and the warring factors were and are now terrified of the thought of English reprisals in the event of any display of hostilities toward their nationals. Consequently they gave the English section a wide berth.

On Wednesday anti-Fascist planes from the mainland flew over Fascist Palma and dropped a few warning bombs and floods of pamphlets giving the Fascists four hours to evacuate the city. The townspeople heeded the warning and fled to the mountains but in the English quarter they still felt no apprehension.

"The whole affair, for the first week had all the characteristics of a musical comedy war," Mr. Towne said. "The militiamen strutted about with their rifles, posed for photographs and took occasional pot shots at nothing in particular, in an attempt to impress the onlookers."

"Too Hot for Comfort"  
On the Friday following the Towne's arrival in Palma, anti-Fascist planes again flew over the town and bombed the barracks. That was when it began to be too hot for comfort and the next day they got off on a French liner enroute from Morocco to Marseilles.

When they finally arrived in Paris and attempted to regain possession of their car and luggage, Mr. Towne found that, while the luggage would present no difficulty (a British battleship took it from Barcelona to Marseilles, from where it was forwarded to Paris) the problem of the automobile was something else again. A general shortage of automobiles had resulted in the confiscation of every car in Barcelona and the Towne's car was among them. Finally, however, the American Embassy there recovered it and had it forwarded to Port Bou, a small town in Spain, just across the French border and, at the time in anti-Fascist hands.

Mr. Towne managed to make his way across the border from France with the aid of a friendly train conductor who locked him in his stateroom and said nothing of his presence there.

When he finally arrived in Port Bou, he again encountered all kinds of trouble with the committee in charge of the town. They didn't want to give up the car and since Mr.

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### Along the Seaboard

Railroad Issues Attractive New Folder of Winter Vacation Suggestions

"To Help You Plan a Pleasant Winter Vacation" is the title of an attractive new folder just issued by the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Its numerous illustrations include several of the Sandhills, among them the Carolina Hotel, the Country Club and a gymkhana pig race in Pinehurs; a hunt scene, an archery contest at the Country Club and a Steeplechase race in Southern Pines. All resorts reached by the Seaboard are described and illustrated.

## ELECTRICITY RATE CUT EFFECTS BIG SAVINGS TO USERS

Reduction Announced For Residential, Farm and Commercial Customers of C. P. & L.

An important rate reduction has been announced by the Utilities Commission, which affects the cost of electrical service to residential, farm and commercial customers throughout the territory served by the Carolina Power & Light Company. The new top rate is now down to 5c. An estimated saving of more than \$700,000 will result for company patrons during the next twelve months.

Under the new rate schedule all residential, farm and commercial customers are granted definite benefits without exception and regardless of the amount of electricity used in the past or consumed in the future.

The new rate replaces and is lower than the inducement rates already enjoyed in the past.

The action of the utility in reducing rates at this time comes as a surprise to the majority of patrons as the drastic reductions in 1935 and 1936 were thought to represent the climax of a series of rate cuts made over a long period of years. The cuts of last year and the year before made cheap electricity a reality and many supposed that the lowest possible level in cost had been reached.

### New Schedule

Effective on all bills rendered on or after January 26, all domestic users will be billed as per the following schedule:

5c per KWH for first 50 KWH used.  
3c per KWH for next 50 KWH used.  
2c per KWH for next 150 KWH used.  
1.5 per KWH for all additional KWH used.

The monthly minimum charge will be \$1.00 which includes the use of 20 KWH.

The new rate schedule reveals that the top price of electricity to domestic customers is only a nickel which is exactly one-third of the top rate in 1915 and only one half that of the top rate charged only a few years ago.

The fact that the rate drops as low as 1 1-2c per KWH enables many users to purchase a large portion of their current at a figure considerably lower than in many sections of the country. The top rate of only 5c per KWH with sharp reductions in the schedule down to the 1 1-2c per KWH minimum is evidence that cheap electricity is a reality in this territory.

It is understood that the latest rate reduction has been brought about by the ready reception which the public has given cheap electricity.

### BRIDGE-TEA SATURDAY

The Thistle Club will have its weekly bridge tea in the Southern Pines Country Club tomorrow, Saturday, with Mrs. J. S. Milliken as card hostess and Mrs. E. C. Eddy as tea hostess.

## DEVELOP AS ONE UNIT, NOT THREE, PICQUET URGES

New Kiwanis President Calls for Cooperative Relations Between Three Sandhills Towns

### CLUB THANKS STIMSON

The reins of the Kiwanis Club were turned over Wednesday to Charles W. Piquet, newly elected president for 1937, by the retiring executive, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson of Southern Pines. The club held its final meeting of the year at the Highland Pines Inn, at which Mr. Stimson transferred the president's button to the new leader with appropriate well wishes.

Mr. Piquet responded with a stirring plea for cooperation on the part of all members in making the new year one of accomplishment and development for the club. He stressed the importance of continuing to develop friendly and cooperative relations between the three principal towns of the Sandhills, Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines. "We should progress as one community, one unit, not as three," he said.

The members gave Mr. Stimson a rising vote of appreciation of his services during 1936, a year which saw the club grow in size, importance, accomplishment and enthusiasm.

Louis Scheipers, chairman of the committee which arranged the recent charity ball at the Pine Needles club house, reported a net return of approximately \$200 for the club's charity fund. This fund supports a bed in the children's ward of the Moore county hospital.

Edwin McKeithen of Aberdeen, a former member and a past president of Kiwanis, and Willard Dunlop of Pinehurst, another past president, were reelected to active membership at the meeting. The club expects to start the year with 50 active members, a substantial gain over a year ago.

### J. D. "Uncle John" Richardson Passes

Native of Chatham County Had Spent Most of Life as Farmer Here

John D. Richardson, 73, passed away at his home three miles from Vass on Monday afternoon. He had been in declining health for several years, but was critically ill for only a few days.

The funeral service was conducted at the home at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. C. I. Calcoate, pastor of the Vass Presbyterian Church, and interment followed in Johnson's Grove cemetery. Pall bearers were Thurlow Evans, Herman Thomas, Tom Bailey, Henry Borst, Jr., Purvis Thomas and Henry Parker.

Mr. Richardson was a native of Chatham county, but spent the greater part of his life in Moore county, where he became a substantial farmer. In young manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Arabella McDonald, and the home which they established was one where hospitality reigned and where friends delighted to gather. Mr. Richardson, "Uncle John" to all who knew him well, was a kind neighbor and was ever ready to befriend one in need who came to him.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters, John L. Richardson of Hamlet, Will D. Richardson, Mrs. W. F. Alexander and Mrs. George Morgan, all of the same community in which their father resided; also several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Richardson passed away about two years ago and a daughter, Mrs. Patsy Richardson Gaddy, died several years ago.

The annual meeting of the Church of Wide Fellowship will be held on Thursday, January 8, beginning with a covered dish supper at 6:30 p. m. All interested are invited to attend and hear the annual reports and share in the fellowship of the occasion.