

WAR SAVING STAMPS.

"Give me a whiskey," said the red-faced man, rushing up to the Thrift Stamp booth in the hallway of a big New York office building and throwing down a quarter.

The girl in charge smiled recognition, handed out a Thrift stamp and swept the quarter into her box.

"Why did he ask for a whiskey?" inquired a grinning bystander, who had heard the request.

"It really isn't funny," responded the girl gravely. "That man so the elevator starter tells me, has been in the habit of dropping into the cafe across the hall five or six times a day for a drink. Now, whenever the craving gets so strong that he cannot stay at his desk, he comes down stairs and buys a Thrift Stamp. It will be time enough for the rest of us to laugh at

him when we can show sand enough to give up our pet weakness for Uncle Sam."

"You're right, Miss," said the abashed inquirer, hauling out a \$5.00 bill. "Let me have a bottle of champagne."

The need of saving is more urgent today than it was while the war was on," says Elijah G. Pozson, vice state director of war savings. "Are we going to say to our boys in France; 'Fellows, you performed mighty good work, in fact, won the war, and we're gratified, but now that it's over we're sorry, but we can't raise any money to get you back and you'll have to get home as best you can.'"

"Today we must be patriotic business men, soldiers, if you will, with the glory largely left out. It's mighty easy to be a scute hero at the apex of excitement, but to be a continuous

hero is dull. The supreme test, as I see it, of the home people today, is whether we can be continuous heroes. You didn't hear, so much of Foch when he was being pushed back by the Hun. But Foch exercised his greatest ability in, holding his forces together at that time when he was later successfully attacking on all points.

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Liquid or Paste
Does Not Rub Off, Lasts 4 Times as Long as Others, Saves Work.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham Michigan, P. O. for the week ending December, 21, 1918:

American Bolt Co. The Dumas, Miss Hester. Carvin, B. H. Marrow, Rev. S. M. Robinson Mrs. Maud. Robinson, Mrs. T. Sprague, John. Smith, Miss Margaret. Taraney, Mrs. A. J.

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Lockrow, Mrs. Alberta Smith, Corp. Cecil L. Weyermiller, Mr. F. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

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Notice of Application to Railroad Commission

In accordance with the provisions of Act, No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1913, notice is hereby given that an application will be presented by the Michigan State Telephone Company to the Michigan Railroad Commission at the offices of the Commission in the Oakland Building, in the City of Lansing, Michigan, on the seventh day of January, 1919, at 10 A. M. of that day, for authority to alter, by standardizing and making more nearly adequate, the Schedule of Rates, Rentals and practices in effect in all the local exchanges of the Michigan State Telephone Company in the State of Michigan, other than the Detroit Exchange, by establishing a standard schedule throughout the State of Michigan, as set forth below, and said Commission will be then and there requested to fix a date of hearing of said application.

Proposed Standard Schedule Annual Rates:

Group Number	POPULATION RANGE	Type of Switch board	BUSINESS SERVICE			RESIDENCE SERVICE			FARM LINE SERVICE				EXTENSION SETS not over 600 ft. from the Main Station			
			Flat Rate			Flat Rate			Distance from Company Office		Within 5 Miles		Beyond 5 Miles		Bus.	Res.
			1-pty	2-pty	4-pty	1-pty	2-pty	4-pty	Bus.	Res.	Bus.	Res.	Bus.	Res.		
1	Up to 2000	Mg.	\$24.00	\$—	\$—	\$18.00	\$—	\$—	\$15.00	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$21.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.00	
2	1501 to 4500	C. B.	30.00	—	—	24.00	18.00	—	18.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00	
		Mg.	30.00	—	—	24.00	18.00	—	15.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00	
3	3501 to 10000	C. B.	36.00	—	—	30.00	24.00	—	18.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00	
		Mg.	30.00	—	—	24.00	21.00	—	18.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00	
4	8001 to 20000	C. B.	42.00	—	—	36.00	27.00	—	21.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00	
		Mg.	36.00	—	—	30.00	24.00	—	18.00	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	6.00	
5	15001 to 35000	C. B.	48.00	42.00	36.50	30.00	24.00	—	24.00	18.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	9.00		
X 6	30001 and Over	C. B.	54.00	48.00	36.50	33.00	27.00	—	27.00	21.00	30.00	24.00	9.00	9.00		

NOTE: *—Type of Switchboard. C. B.—Common Battery Mg.—Magneto. T.—Coin Box Service.

No. 1 Type COMMERCIAL BRANCH EXCHANGE—Common to all Groups

SWITCHBOARD AND OPERATOR SET NON-MULTIPLE		TRUNK LINES		STATIONS Located not over 600 Feet from the Switchboard			
First Position	Additional Positions			First Ten	Next Forty	Next Fifty	All Others
\$30.00	\$24.00 each	\$6.00 more than the 1-Party Business Rate		Rate for each \$15.00	Rate for each \$12.00	Rate for each \$9.00	Rate for each \$6.00

MULTIPLE SWITCHBOARDS, ORDER TABLES and OTHER SPECIAL APPARATUS: Rate based on the installed cost of the apparatus and associated wiring.

MILEAGE: For branch exchange stations and extension stations, located more than 600 feet and less than 1320 feet from the switchboard or main station, an additional charge will be made of \$3.75 per annum, plus an additional \$3.75 per annum for each additional quarter mile or fraction thereof, except where it is necessary to use a cable pair in the Telephone Company's exchange cable, in which event the additional charge will be \$7.50 per annum per quarter mile or fraction thereof.

No. 2 Type—Common Battery Exchanges

TRUNK LINES		STATIONS	
Business	Residence	Business	Residence
\$6.00 more than the 1-Party Business Rate	\$6.00 more than the 1-Party Residence Rate	\$24.00	\$18.00

At Magneto Exchanges, rate will be based on the installed cost of the apparatus and associated wiring.

EXCESS COST—Where local conditions are such that excessive construction or maintenance cost is involved, the subscriber will pay such excess cost.

X—This schedule, for which approval is to be asked, is the minimum for communities of over 30000 population in group number 6. Schedules above the minimum will be determined by the usual factors of population and special conditions.

The Birmingham Exchange

will be assigned to Group No. 2 Mg. of said standard schedule and the rate, rentals and practices specified in said schedule for said group will be requested to be authorized for said exchange, and will supersede the rates now in effect as listed below.

Present Existing Schedule Annual Rates:

BUSINESS SERVICE Flat Rate			RESIDENCE SERVICE Flat Rate			FARM LINE SERVICE		EXTENSION SETS		Commercial Branch Exchange		
1-party	2-party	4-party	1-party	2-party	4-party	Bus'nas	Resid'ce	Bus'nas	Resid'ce	Sw'chbr'd & Opr. Set	Trunk Lines	Stations
24.00	18.00	—	18.00	15.00	—	15.00	15.00	6.00	6.00	24.00	24.00	12.00

COMMERCIAL BRANCH EXCHANGE TERMINAL MILEAGE: The rates quoted above are for stations located on the same premises as the switchboard. For stations not on the same premises add \$7.60 per annum per quarter mile or fraction thereof of extra circuit. Where the firm or individual occupies more than one building, all of the buildings being on the same premises, without intervening public streets or alleys, terminal stations may be installed in any one of the buildings located within 1300 feet of the switchboard without extra charge for mileage.

No. 2 Type

TRUNK LINES		STATIONS	
Business	Residence	Business	Residence
1-Party Business Rate	1-Party Residence Rate	\$18.00	\$15.00

CONCESSIONS: All concessions and special rates, such as to Charitable Institutions, Churches, Clergy and Employees will be discontinued.

Attention is directed to the fact that under the provisions of Act 206 the Michigan Railroad Commission will, upon receipt of application, fix the date of hearing which will not be more than twenty (20) days from the receipt of application.

MICHIGAN STATE TELEPHONE CO.
G. M. Welch, General Manager

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Secretary Baker Urges Letters With "Home-touch" For the Boys

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. Fosdick:

The eyes of the world are upon our soldiers overseas today not more for what they have done than for what they are now called upon to do. Before them lie the tasks of helping to rehabilitate the devastated lands of France and Belgium and of making sure that the victory in which they have so gloriously shared shall be a permanent one.

This means that we may not expect soon to have them all with us here and to greet them face to face. The postponement of their homecoming will be often uppermost as well in their minds as in ours. They will yet meet and meet overseas many difficulties without either the incentive of the excitement lent in the past by the activities of war. They need our help and encouragement now perhaps more than at any other time since they left home in order that they may be inspired and strengthened to maintain that fitness of character, humor and conduct which has earned for them such universal respect.

I believe that among all the influences which may be focused upon this object, the strongest and most far-reaching is that which emanates from home letters, and I therefore urge the mothers, fathers, wives and sisters of our soldiers overseas to express themselves earnestly in their letters as their share in seeing that the high standards which America represents both here and abroad shall be constantly upheld.

Cordially yours,
Newton D. Baker
Secretary of War

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick,
Chairman, Commission on Training Camp Activities.

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Versatile. A versatile man is one who can talk at the right time and keep still when there is nothing to say.

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