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Phone Rates

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duced which will enlarge the area in which calls may be made without an extra charge. However, calls to Detroit would continue to be charged on a message unit basis.

Previous 8% Boost Helped

All residents and business extensions would be raised 25 cents, as a statement at Detroit. Thomas N. Lacy, president of Michigan Bell, said, "Most businesses have had to raise their prices at one or twice but many times in the last few years. For almost a quarter of a century—from 1923 to 1948—there was no increase in telephone rates in Michigan. In fact, during that period there were substantial reductions in the charges for service.

"The 8 per cent increase granted this year helped but was little more than the amount of the 'second-round' wage boost given to our employees in May, 1947, a few months before we made application for our first rate increase in 21 years.

Makes Comparison

"The first increase plus the one we now are asking totals only 25 per cent," said Lacy.

Compared to other price increases, telephone rates still would be low, the telephone company president pointed out. "In 1939, for example, building construction has gone up 120 per cent, food 120 per cent, and automobiles 87 per cent, railroad freight rates 44 per cent, and total cost of living 75 per cent.

"Higher prices for all the things we buy plus the rise in payroll taxes have increased the cost of providing the people of Michigan with telephone service by 237 per cent. Our total wage bill, for example, which makes up more than half our total expenses, is now four times as much as before the war," Lacy said.

Clear Necessity

"Our revenue, on the other hand, has gone up only 180 per cent in the same period.

"As a result of costs increasing faster than revenue, our returns are dangerously low—and getting lower.

"This points out clearly the necessity of having rates adequate to carry the company for a reasonable period ahead. The rates which we are now requesting are to apply in a future period and are sufficient to meet the needs of that period," said Lacy.

Christmas Eve Sing to Be Held In Civic Park

Follow the pealing of the bells and the lighting of the Civic Park next Friday at 5:30, joining neighbors and friends in Birmingham's traditional celebration of Christmas Eve.

Each year, promptly at 5:30, the pealing of the church bells throughout the city heralds the festive gathering of hundreds beneath the lighted tree. Because of the early hour, whole families are able to join together from every section of the city, to raise their voices in rejoicing. Joyfully young and old sing again the old familiar words, known to all since earliest childhood.

Started 13 Years Ago

Sponsored now by the Birmingham Musicale, the community sing was instituted about 13 years ago when officials of the Community House appealed to A. W. Berndt, director of instrumental music in Birmingham schools. In the early days, the scene was lighted by torches and flickering candles which the singers held.

Today the huge tree which centers Civic Park (located between the Municipal Building and Baldwin Park) is aglow with lights, throwing the throng into brilliant relief. Berndt leads the brass ensemble, made up of Baldwin High School students. Members, this year, are Ronald Phillips and Jim Greer, conductors; Patricia Capling, French horn; Susan Fricker, trombone; Charles Tyson, bagpipe and Elizabeth Oster, tuba.

The members of Victor Ulrich's a cappella choir and the choir of the city's churches are also present.

A special invitation is issued to members of the church community to new residents in Birmingham to join their neighbors and newly made friends in this traditional celebration of Christmas Eve. It is the one community-wide event which marks Christmas here.

Hospital

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approval of the decision to conduct a single federated campaign for \$19,720,000.

More than 30 individual hospitals being programs contemplated before the fund was formed would have cost more than \$50,000,000, he said. Such campaigns would have been too costly to succeed in most instances and would still have resulted in bed shortages in some areas.

The fund program is designed to correct four pressing hospital problems now confronting Greater Detroit residents:

1. Addition of 1,500 beds and new facilities which will permit admission of 40,000 more patients annually, relieving present overcrowded conditions in the hospitals of the metropolitan area.
2. Modern accommodations and facilities for diagnosis and treatment will supplant obsolete structures not suitable for today's medical progress.
3. The four new hospitals and expansion of existing ones will bring service to neighborhoods now without hospital facilities and within easy reach of every resident of Greater Detroit.
4. Enlargement of all participating hospitals to a capacity of more than 100 beds each, and most to at least 200, will result in greater efficiency and economy and will supply needed facilities for a much-needed broadening of advanced training programs for young physicians and surgeons.

According to the admissions committee report, 70 per cent of the area's hospital facilities are concentrated in the heart of Detroit; the remaining 30 per cent serving outlying sections.

Losers Fete Winners

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will have their wives as guests when they hold their annual get-together luncheon evening, at Northwood Inn, will climax their recent membership drive, when the club was divided into four teams. The winners will be the special guests of the three losing teams.

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Plan Commissioners Name Committees

Two city plan commissioners this week revealed the appointments to their respective committees.

Elliott S. Kinney, chairman of the committee on subdividing and platting, said John Bowman, Terrence, Stanley Fulton and William P. Henderson would serve on his group.

Publicity chairman Harris O. Machus announced the appointment of George Wm. Averill, Paul N. Averill, M. R. Liles, Frank J. McGinnis and Preston Wier to his committee.

Obituary

Nels Lundberg

Nels Lundberg, 52, of Detroit, died suddenly in Lafayette, Ind., Thursday, Dec. 9. Mr. Lundberg was a former resident of Birmingham, leaving here about 16 years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ethel Lundberg of Detroit; a son, Kenneth of Plymouth and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held in Chicago Monday, with the ritualistic burial of the Masonic Order.

Ernest Petry

Ernest Petry, 247 Henrietta, died at his residence Monday morning. He was born in Detroit on Feb. 27, 1885, and attended school there. For many years he was in the lumber business in that city, a member of the firm of Hardy and Petry.

Mr. Petry came to Birmingham about 13 years ago. He was a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., in Detroit and of Damascus Commandery, Knights Templar. He was also a member of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham.

Two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Brostedt of Birmingham and Miss Harriett of Detroit, survive.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the Bell funeral home, Mrs. Ida May Taylor, 327 Southfield, Burns was made in Acacia cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor, who died Dec. 11, was born in Ontario, Canada, May 10, 1878. She was married to Nelson C. Taylor in Gault, Ontario. About 15 years ago the family moved here from Terzdale.

Among the survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Donald McNorris, two grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of Birmingham; a sister, Mrs. Esther Weaver of California.

Christmas Eve

Joseph J. Betlejowski, 5272 Coolidge highway, died 4 a.m. Thursday evening at his home following a long illness. He was born in Poland on March 19, 1874. On July 27, 1897 he married Veronica Galkowski at Reynoldsville, Pa.

He had been a resident of Birmingham for the past five years, and was a member of Holy Name church.

Survivors include his widow, four daughters, Mrs. John Markiewicz and Mrs. John McCarthy, both of Hamtramck, Mrs. Peter Hapon, Detroit and Mrs. John Tomaszewski, Oak; four brothers, Stanley, Frank and Ignatius, all of Detroit.

Funeral services were held from the home Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, with funeral services from Holy Name church Monday morning. Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Detroit.

Obituary

Mrs. David Brusie

Mrs. David Brusie passed away at her residence at 100 Northwood, about 7:30 Monday evening after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Brusie was born at Christmas time in Guelph, Ontario, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Macdonald of Syracuse, N. Y. She was married to David W. Brusie, of North Branch, where she resided for many years. For the past 12 years she has lived in Birmingham. Prior to her marriage she had taught in Michigan public schools for nine years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mariel Brusie, at home, and Mrs. Leland McRoy of Detroit; a son David, North Branch; three brothers, H. Macdonald, John A. Macdonald and Don R. Macdonald, all of Pontiac. Another son, Dr. Wilcox Brusie, passed away a number of years ago.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today from the Bell Funeral Home, and at 2 o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal Church at North Branch, with Dr. W. Glen Harris of Birmingham assisted by the Rev. R. Ainsworth of North Branch. Burial will be in the family lot in Maple Grove cemetery near her farm home.

John Richard Naud

Funeral services were held from the Parsley Funeral Home in Pontiac Saturday for John Richard, infant son of Joseph Paul and Robert Jane Naud, 650 Ruffer. The baby died in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Thursday. Burial was made in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents, is one brother, Joseph Paul, Jr.

Patrolman Russell Tenders Resignation

Ralph W. Moxley, Birmingham police chief, has announced the resignation of Patrolman Edwin L. Russell from the department.

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