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BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY ENCOURAGES MILITARY TRAINING

Employees May Avail Themselves of Military Privileges Without Loss of Pay

Monett, Mo., May 5.—The Bell Telephone Company has taken a leading place among the great public service companies in encouraging its employees to acquire military training in the National Guard, Naval Militia or Federal Training Camps.

Just recently the executive committee of The Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company (Bell), adopted a comprehensive policy whereby the employees of the company may avail themselves of the opportunity of military training with the National Guard or Naval Militia on full pay and without curtailment of vacation privileges. Of course, in no manner is this policy coercive.

The attitude taken by the telephone company is that all employees who are members of either the National Guard or Naval Militia will be permitted and encouraged to perform all duties required under general orders of their respective organizations as to instruction camps, training cruises, rifle practice and similar services. Employees will receive full pay while absent on such service, and such absence shall not operate to curtail any vacation to which they may be regularly entitled under the general rules of the company.

Employees who are not members of the National Guard or Naval Militia, but who desire to attend a Federal military training camp will be excused for such purpose so far as possible without detriment to the company's service and the full performance of its duty to the public, and will receive full pay during the period of necessary absence on such duty.

Military experts all agree that in signal corps service and communication work a man with telephone construction training outranks all other recruits, and is able to perform his duties with a minimum of expense and instruction.

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH A WHEELBARROW

If you have occasion to use a wheelbarrow leave it, when you are through with it, in front of the house with the handles toward the door. A wheelbarrow is the most complicated thing to fall over on the face of the earth. A man will fall over one when he would never think of falling over anything else. He never knows when he has got through falling over it, either; for it will tangle his legs and his arms, turn over with him and rear up in front of him, and just as he pauses in his profanity to congratulate himself, it takes a new turn, and scoops more skin off of him, and he commences to evolve anew, and bump himself in fresh places. A man never ceases to fall over a wheelbarrow until it turns completely on its back, or brings up against something it cannot upset. It is the most inoffensive looking object there is, but it is more dangerous than a locomotive, and no man is secure with one unless he has a tight hold of its handles, and is sitting down on something. A wheelbarrow has its uses, without doubt, but in its leisure moments it is the great blighting curse on true dignity.—Bennett Chapple in National Magazine.

SAVE THE NITRATES

"Soil specialists have been preaching for years," says Farm and Fireside, "that the only way to preserve the nitrogen in farm manure is to place it directly on the land before the nitrogen has evaporated. The old practice of heaping manure up in the weather and hauling it off to the fields once a year is no longer profitable."

FLOATING DOWN THE RIVER

W. J. Fleming, Jas. Mansfield, Ed Ryan, John Rogers, Ed Johnson and Elmer Smith went to Galena Monday to make the float down James and White rivers to Branson and Powersite. They took a good sized commissary department with them.

Showing Estimated Increase or Decrease in Acreage in 1915 and 1916

The acreage in strawberries in the states named below is estimated to be 111,543 acres in 1916, as compared with 93,155 acres in 1915, an increase of 18,388 acres, or 19.7 per cent. The estimates by states follow:

State	1915	1916	Inc. Dec.
New Jersey	4,559	5,015	10.0

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STRAWBERRY ACREAGE REPORT

State	1915	1916	Per Cent
Delaware	6,595	7,349	11.4
Maryland	8,688	9,175	5.6
Virginia	4,700	4,640	2.1
N. Carolina	4,222	4,416	4.6
S. Carolina	844	726	14.0
Florida	3,481	4,275	22.8
Missouri	4,331	6,300	45.5
Kentucky	1,195	2,225	86.2
Tennessee	11,588	17,496	51.0
Alabama	2,280	2,502	9.7
Mississippi	1,762	2,240	27.1
Louisiana	15,037	16,540	10.0
Texas	2,295	2,721	18.6
Oklahoma	50	182	264.0
Arkansas	9,205	13,880	50.8
Washington	3,195	3,093	3.2
Oregon	3,042	3,184	4.7
California	6,046	5,584	7.6
Total	93,155	111,543	19.7

The condition of strawberries for the above states on April 1, 1916 was as follows:

New Jersey 95; Delaware 82; Maryland 90; Virginia 90; North Carolina 85; South Carolina 80; Florida 69; Kentucky 99; Tennessee 95; Alabama 80; Mississippi 77; Louisiana 85; Texas 65; Oklahoma 98; Arkansas 92; Washington 93; Oregon 90; California 94.

No condition figures are available for May 1, but it is thought that no material change has taken place, and that the condition of strawberries throughout the country may be considered excellent.

LEON M. ESTABROOK,
Chief of Bureau.

HOW AN EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES GOT ITS START

The following account of a severe epidemic of measles and how it started is given in Farm and Fireside, the national farm paper published in Springfield, Ohio:

"A mother and child were waiting for a train in the Union Station at Kansas City—destination Manhattan, Kansas. A little girl in the next seat was broken out with measles; had a high fever and a bad cough.

"Two weeks later the 'exposed child' was taken sick with measles. Four college students were rooming with the people whom this mother and child were visiting. Ten days later two of these students were telling what a severe cold they had and how they felt, but they went on to school until quarantined for measles. The exposure had been completed. Others came down.

"Reports began to come to this department until we recorded 540 cases of measles within the boundaries of Riley county; also the deaths of four babies to whom this disease is very fatal. Many other persons will go through life with some defect due to this disease."

MRS. EDWARDS OF PEIRCE CITY DEAD

Mrs. R. H. Edwards, of Peirce City, died at Nevada Wednesday morning, May 3. She had been there several months for medical treatment. The funeral was held at the home in Peirce City, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Edwards is survived by her husband and three daughters, Miss Nadine Edwards and Mrs. Ed Stuckey, of Peirce City, and Mrs. Frank Chappelle, of Eldorado, Ok.

Dr. Ida B. Johnson has purchased a Ford roadster which will be a great convenience for her practice.

Miss Marjorie Moody and Miss Florence Grabel, of Fayetteville, Ark., motored to Peirce City, Saturday with Dr. and Mrs. Miller. They returned Saturday night and visited Miss Margaret Edgar.

U. S. MAY BUY ISLANDS

Negotiations Believed on With Denmark for West Indies

Washington, May 4.—Several visits of Constantine Brun, the Danish minister to the state department for extended conferences with Secretary Lansing, the latest being this afternoon, have given color to the report in circulation for some time past that the American government has renewed the negotiations that have been conducted spasmodically and at long intervals for the last 25 years looking to the cession of the Danish West Indian islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John to the United States.

Both Secretary Lansing and Minister Brun positively refused to discuss the subject, but it is recognized that such an attitude would of necessity be observed in initial stages of any negotiations of this kind.

KEYNOTE SPEECH BY GYNN

Washington, May 6.—President Wilson's conference with Fred R. Lynch of the Democratic national committee, it was learned today, resulted in the President approving the selection of former Gov. Martin H. Glynn of New York to deliver the keynote address as temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention at St. Louis. Speaker Clark, it is expected, will be invited to be permanent chairman.

About twenty-five thousand applications for seats have been received. The capacity of the convention hall is 11,000, including 5,000 places for delegates, alternates and newspaper men.

BILLY SUNDAY'S CURVES OVER THE PLATE

Good music will give the devil cold feet. I suppose that is the reason so many scraps start in the choir loft.

You women spend more for a hat than you would give to the cause of religion in a lifetime. I don't begrudge you the hat, but when you sweep down the aisle with a \$50 hat and a \$200 dress and put a plugged cent in the collection box, I do begrudge that.

The less religion you've got the longer it takes to express it.

You can't thank God with one breath and turn around and run down and vilify and assassinate somebody's character with the next.

If you came here today to learn something to draw you nearer to God, you will learn it. If you came to hear something that you won't like, something that you can carp and snarl about, I'll go out of my way to give it to you.

All the culture in the world won't educate anybody out of hell.

Religion is all right. Christianity is not at fault. It is the hypocrites who profess it that are at fault.

Lots of people go to church to add a little to their social standing. Lots of people join the church for the same motive that a man blows up a safe—for what he can get out of it.

CHINA AND LINEN SHOWER FOR BRIDE-TO-BE

Mrs. John Boehm and Miss Eunice Salzer gave a shower, Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Edna Mertel who is to be married May 9 to Mr. Wm. F. Landrum. The invited guests were members of the choir of the Presbyterian church, the Music club, Miss Mertel's Sunday school class and a few other friends.

The shower was a surprise to Miss Mertel. She received a number of pieces of fine china and dainty linens.

The decorations were in pink and white and the color scheme was carried out in the refreshments.

A musical program was enjoyed by the party.

Dr. John Ingram, of Cassville, visited his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Ingram, Sunday.

Whooping Cough
One of the most successful preparations in use for this disease is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. S. W. McClinton, Blandon Springs, Ala., writes "Our baby had whooping cough as bad as most any baby could have it. I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it soon got him well." Obtainable everywhere.

FRUITFUL SEED

I dropped a seed beside a path,
And went my busy way,
Till chance or fate—I say not which—
Led me, one summer day,
Along the self-same path; and lo!
A flower blooming there,
As fair as eye hath looked upon,
And sweet as it was fair.
I dropped a sympathetic word,
Nor stayed to watch it grow,
For little tending's needed, when
The seed is good we sow;
But once I met the man again,
And by the gladsome way
He took my hand I knew I sowed
The best of seed that day.
—Christian Register.

THIRTY GRADUATES FROM MONETT HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR

Monett high school graduates a large and strong class this year. There are thirty in the class—sixteen boys and fourteen girls.

The honors of the class have been awarded to Leone Kehres, who is valedictorian; Marcellis Bougher, salutatorian; Albert F. Buffa, class orator and Lucile Wagner, essayist.

The members of the class are Bryan Miller, Clarence Carson, Gladys Mills, Hazel Harrison, Edward Harvey, Phil Bounous, Raymond Hagan, Audrey Kelley, Zola Johnson, Andrew Terry, Lucille Wagner, Marcellis Bougher, Mary Chappell, Bradford Watkins, Emma Hill Dempsey, William A. Watson, Alvin Floeth, Ada Riggs, Mark Schofield, Marguerite Burg, Winnie Costley, George Van Feist, Rose Bass, Albert F. Buffa, Tirzah Cornell, John Combs, George Mermond, Leone Kehres, Henry Balmas and Luella Spilman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Meador went to Pioneer to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones. Mr. Meador returned home Sunday night and Mrs. Meador will spend the remainder of the week at that place.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vinson, who live on Fifth street, ran away from home, Sunday, and gave them quite a fright. The little girl was found sitting at ease on some steps several blocks from home after she had been missing for nearly an hour.

Among those from Monett who attended the dedication of the new Union church on Kings Prairie, Sunday, were Rev. J. F. King, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. P. Short, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wells, Dr. Ida B. Johnson, Mrs. Hattie Pope, Mrs. E. C. Drowley, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis and daughter Helen, Mrs. A. L. Granger, Mrs. Nora Tate and daughter Gladys, Mrs. Bert Dummit and children, Miss Vada Henson, Mrs. F. M. Baity, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dennis and daughter, Earl Dennis, Miss Julia McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Counts and F. A. Cornell.

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R. M. Callaway is unloading a car load of furniture today.

Mrs. A. Burkholz returned home, Sunday, from a visit at Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moody, of Wentworth, visited here, Sunday.

R. L. Jenkins has purchased a Ford touring car.

Lawson Jeffries and family spent Sunday at Camp Shoal.

Harold Dawson, of Sarcoxie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dawson, Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Kines is visiting her father at Neosho.

Miss Virgie Thomas, who had been visiting here, returned to her home at Newtonia, Sunday.

Mrs. Grant Rolleg, who has been very sick at the home of her mother, is able to be up.

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright, of Peirce City, were Monett visitors, Friday.

Mrs. Hiram Dummit and Mrs. C. C. Drake, of Kings Prairie, were shopping here, Friday.

Wm. Smerdon, who has been ill for several days with stomach trouble, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. S. Burke motored to Mount Vernon, Monday.

Robert Beck's little daughter is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Hattie McPherson visited her sister at Neosho, Sunday, and enjoyed a ride over the scenic road to Joplin.

Mrs. Frank Reed, Mrs. John Dwyer and Mrs. T. J. Dwyer went to Joplin, Saturday.

Lawrence Frear is suffering from a sprained ankle, which he injured when jumping from an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dummit, of Hartsville, are visiting relatives on Kings Prairie.

John Conroy and family, of Peirce City, visited John Callan and family, Sunday.

Miss Wilma Saxe, of Springfield, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

F. N. Reese and family, of Cassville, motored to Monett, Sunday, to visit relatives.

Miss May Ryan, a teacher in the Collinsville, Ok., school, came home Saturday to spend her vacation.

Mrs. Etta Beaver, of Cassville, visited her brother, O. H. Hudson, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown and baby Wanda May, of Stotesbury, will arrive in a few days for a visit with relatives here.

A. L. Galloway and family, of Cassville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Powers, Sunday, and returned home Monday morning.

Miss Lola Snider came home from Collinsville, Ok., Sunday night, where she has been teaching in the public school.

Perry Short and family are moving from their apartments over the jewelry store to their residence on Second street.

Frank Buckley has returned home from the Frisco hospital at Springfield, where he submitted to a second amputation of his limb.

Mrs. D. B. Kingery is making extensive improvements on her property on the corner of Second and Kal. She will put a handsome porch on the front.

Mrs. Periman is visiting Mrs. H. C. Seaton at Battlefield this week.

Miss Amanda Periman went with her Sunday morning and returned Sunday evening.

The Weekly Times and the Weekly Kansas City Star, both one year for only \$1.00 cash in advance. If you want the Star be sure and ask for it when you subscribe.

Mrs. C. H. Hadley and son returned to their home in Cassville, Sunday after a visit with Mrs. Hadley's brother, O. H. Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson accompanied them in their car.

Tuesday of this week the county court let the contract to F. L. Appleby, of Kansas City, to build a concrete bridge across Cherry Branch three and one-half miles north of Mt. Vernon.

The bridge will be 32 feet span, and will cost \$800.00.—Aurora Advocate.

The date of the Cassville Reunion is set for August 15 to 18.

Mrs. Robert Henson, of Purdy, was shopping here, Friday.

J. C. Henry, of Cassville, was here on business, Friday.

Mrs. Meyer, of Freistatt, was shopping here, Thursday.

Misses Jessie Burgess and Kate Mooney went to Purdy, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kersey and children, of Exeter, were in town, Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Thompson visited in Springfield, Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Robinson, of McDowell, were in town, Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Basham went to Springfield, Saturday.

Mrs. L. C. McNatt, of Purdy, was shopping here, Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Fritz and children of Freistatt, were in Monett, Friday.

Miss Lora Fisher has accepted a position at the central telephone office.

Chas. Baker, of Rock Island, Ill., came Friday to visit his family here.

Philip Short has recovered from an attack of scarlet fever.

Mrs. Burkholz and son Arthur went to Springfield, Friday for a short visit.

Miss Willa Henbest came from from Purdy, Friday night, to spend a few days at home.

Miss Aleen Sparkman, of Washburn is visiting with A. G. Henbest's family over Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Martin will go to St. Louis tonight to purchase her mid-summer millinery.

Mrs. Crumrine, Mrs. Will Ezell and Clarence Crumrine went to Springfield Saturday to spend the day.

Misses Stella and Ethel Combs, of Rudy, Ark., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. Reniff.

Dr. C. C. English, manager of the State Sanatorium at Mt. Vernon, was in Monett, Friday.

Mrs. J. M. Clayton left Friday morning for a visit with her sisters at St. Louis.

Miss Margaret Mulrenin visited Miss Margaret Sweeney of Wentworth this week.

Mrs. Elmer Dummit of Kings Prairie, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Atkinson, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Collum and daughter, Miss Wilma, of Peirce City, were visiting here, Friday.

Mrs. Jim Willis and children are visiting Mrs. J. H. Inman in Webb City.

Mrs. A. L. Granger and Mrs. W. P. Williams drove to Freistatt, Friday.

Norman Spain is putting an extra fine soda fountain into his Fourth street confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jae Hoover and baby returned to their home at Springfield, Saturday morning, after a visit with relatives and friends here.

Raymond Beaty has been released from quarantine for scarlet fever. Frances Lewis will be out tomorrow.

Mrs. Barney Bush, of Cassville, spent Friday in Monett. Her family will leave the 15th for a visit at Hugo, Ok.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Howard, of Newtonia, were in town, on business, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Meador are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vermillion at Jenkins.

W. T. McCormick returned home from Kansas City, Wednesday, bringing with him 526 goats. The animals will clear some land for him.

Mrs. J. G. Phillips, who was operated upon at the Southwest hospital in Springfield, is getting along nicely and expects to come home in a short time.

Mrs. J. D. Heyburn has returned home from St. Louis, where she was called by the illness and death of her sister, Miss Ada Roach.

After a month of cold, cloudy weather, the sudden rise in temperature to 84 in the shade, Friday, caused a great shedding of coats and superfluous clothing.

Mrs. John Boehm and Mrs. R. T. Burris received word, Thursday, that their aunt, Mrs. Charles Diedrick, only sister of their mother, the late Mrs. Wm. Leitwein, had died in St. Louis of paralysis of the brain.