

### F. E. Behm is Elevated to High Telephone Post

Mark T. Caster, Veteran Employee of Lincoln Telephone Company Retires from Post.

Announcement was made today by F. H. Woods, president of The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, of the appointment of F. E. Behm as general plant superintendent, effective January 1, 1939. Mr. Behm succeeds Mark T. Caster, who retires in accordance with the company's plan for pensions and retirements.

Mr. Behm began his telephone work as a young man, 38 years ago, with the former Nebraska Telephone company, now the Northwestern Bell Telephone company. In 1907 he took a position with the Automatic Telephone company, of Omaha, which was at that time constructing a telephone exchange in Omaha competing with the Nebraska Telephone company. Five years later, after consolidation of the Omaha exchanges,

Mr. Behm accepted a position as district inspector with the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company. In 1913 he was promoted to chief



F. E. Behm

of service at Lincoln and from that to district plant chief of the eastern district in 1914. In 1922 he was made district manager of the Lincoln district and in 1929 he became assistant plant superintendent at

Lincoln, which position he has occupied under the supervision of Mr. Caster, whom he now succeeds. Mr. Caster retires after 46 years



Mark T. Caster

of service in the telephone business, 34 years of which have been with the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company. In the early years, Mr. Caster served as construction foreman, cable splicer, construction superintendent and finally as general

plant superintendent, which position he has occupied for 30 years.

His many years of active service have given him a very wide acquaintance with telephone men throughout the entire country. He has served on many committees in state organizations and of national associations, having helped prepare the Standard Hand Books containing rules for construction of wire lines at railroad crossings now in effect in Nebraska.

During the past ten years he has been actively identified with safety work, both in the state organization and on the national council. Although he retires from active service as general plant superintendent, Mr. Caster will continue to devote a part of his time to the safety program of The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company.

#### TO REVIEW MOONEY CASE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 28 (UP)—Governor-elect Culbert L. Olson said today that he would hold a public hearing between January 2 and 16 on release of Thomas Mooney, convicted of the 1916 San Francisco preparedness day bombing.

Phone news items to No. 8.

#### PROTEST POWER LINES

LINCOLN, Dec. 28 (UP)—The Nebraska Power company of Omaha submitted formal objections at a state railway commission hearing today to two applications of the Loup River Public Power district to construct transmission lines from Lincoln and Valley to a proposed Omaha substation.

Company spokesmen asserted the proposed two lines were directed at a "dead end" with "neither a demonstrable market nor demand for electrical energy."

The company contended the proposed Loup lines would result in uneconomic duplication and waste and said the district had no contract or franchise to supply power in the Omaha area.

"The company's distribution facilities are not for sale and not in any way bound to be sold to the applicant public power district," objection petition stated.

Loup district officials said the lines would bring cheap electricity to the rural territory near Omaha and would be available to Omaha residents if they desired it. The proposed substation would be erected in Sarpy county.

#### NAZIS INSULTED AGAIN

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 28 (UP)—German newspaper men, in a cabled protest to Berlin, have charged Dr. Carlos Concha, Peruvian foreign minister, with deliberately offending the German and Italian governments by failing to invite German and Italian newspaper correspondents to a Pan-American conference cocktail party, it was learned today. A separate protest was sent to German Minister Nobel here and a German legation spokesman said he was considering whether to take action.

As a result of the incident German correspondents boycotted the final activities of the Pan-American conference as they boycotted the recent dinner at London in which Prime Minister Chamberlain criticized Nazi newspapers. Italian newspaper men refused to join in the protest, saying that they believed there had been a misunderstanding.

#### GUERRILLAS ACTIVE

CANTON, China, Dec. 28 (UP)—Chinese guerillas are active along the Pearl river between Canton and Hongkong, it was learned today. It was believed to be because of these activities that Japanese navy authorities here advised the British gunboats Seaman and Moth to postpone their intended departure for Hongkong.

Japanese press sources admitted there were guerillas in the region and that travelers from Hongkong had encountered the guerillas on route from Canton to Macao Christmas day.

#### SYMPATHY FOR SNYDER

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28 (UP)—A note of sympathy came today to Martin Snyder from his first wife, over the troubles in connection with his second.

It was a Christmas card from the present Mrs. James Coyne of Chicago. She was Snyder's wife before they divorced and he married Ruth Etting, blues singer, who divorced him a year ago.

The card expressed surprise that their daughter, Edith had testified against him at his trial for shooting Myri Alderman, Miss Etting's present husband.

#### LONDON EN ROUTE HOME

CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone, Dec. 28 (UP)—Alf M. Landon of Kansas, returning home by plane from the Pan-American conference at Lima at which he was a member of the United States delegation, planned to continue on to Brownsville, Texas, today. Landon arrived here from Lima yesterday.

#### COLD ON MEXICAN COAST

MAZATLAN, Mex., Dec. 28 (UP)—A cold wave prevailing on the west coast of Mexico was estimated today to have destroyed 60 per cent of the tomato and pea crops and other early vegetables.

### Approval Given for Sale of the Iowa-Nebraska

Federal Power Commission Authorizes Sale That Involves Company Serving Plattsmouth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP)—A major step toward creation of a "little TVA" in Nebraska was taken yesterday when the federal power commission authorized sale of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company to two Nebraska public power districts. Sale price was \$20,193,500.

The Central Nebraska (Tri-County) Public Power and Irrigation district at Hastings will pay \$17,370,112 for the greatest share of the utility's properties and the Loup River Public Power district at Columbus will pay \$2,823,379 for the rest.

The Iowa-Nebraska Co., second largest power company in Nebraska serves 108 Nebraska cities and towns and furnishes service to more than 43,000 customers.

The purchase was authorized over the protests of several Nebraska communities which contended that the cost was too great and opposed payment of \$503,899 to Guy C. Myers, New York financier who arranged the sale.

Iowa-Nebraska Power company has a total of more than 43,000 customers. Nebraska Power company, with headquarters in Omaha, is the largest utility and thus far no arrangements have been made for its purpose.

In overriding the price protest, the commission noted that last June 30 FOC experts estimated the original cost of Iowa-Nebraska properties at \$16,395,446, compared with the power company's estimate of \$20,279,174.

The commission said that "nothing in this order shall be construed as an acquiescence by this commission in any valuation of property claimed or asserted by the applicant (Iowa-Nebraska) or the purchaser."

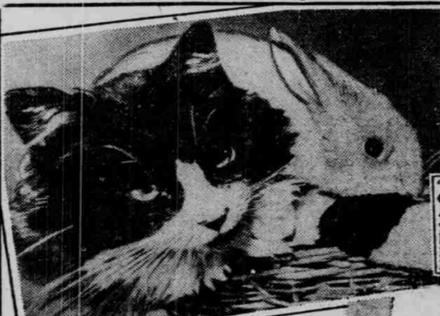
"The foregoing authorization and approval is without prejudice to the authority of this commission or any other regulatory body with respect to rates, valuations, services, accounts or any other matter whatsoever which may come before this commission or such other regulatory bodies," the order said.

The two districts plan to issue \$26,000,000 worth of bonds to buy the utility and for other purposes, but the commission declared that its order of approval did "not involve exercise of the jurisdiction of this commission with respect to the financing or issuance of the securities. . . ."

The order pointed out that the proposed sale "will avoid the duplication of electric facilities and destructive competition in the territory in Nebraska now served by" the private power company.

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## JOURNAL PHOTO-FLASHES



"SEASON'S GREETINGS"—And the top of the year to you from Mary (Punkins) Parker, featured Hollywood starlet.

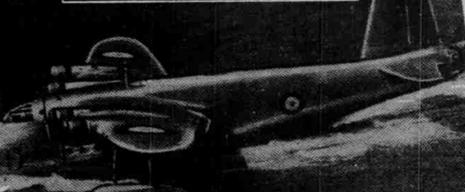
UNWILLING MODELS—Not at all happy about having their picture taken are these playmates. The black and white cat plainly resents the intrusion, and the rabbit is so frightened he is trying to hide.



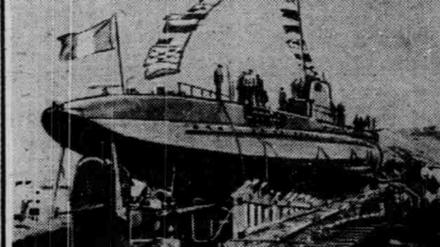
EMBARRASSES BRITISH—Jerome Beatty, left, roving reporter for The American Magazine, who reveals for the first time in the current issue how U. S. oil companies developed valuable fields on Bahrain Island, British protectorate in the Persian Gulf. At right is His Highness Sheik Sir Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifah, ruler of Bahrain. Facts concerning enterprising American deal had been guarded to spare Britain's feelings, but Beatty dug them up during secret visit to the Arab island.



THEY DISAGREE—Congressman Wright Patman, who will introduce bill at coming session designed to put chain stores out of business, and Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson, director of the Consumer Division of the Crowell Publishing Company, who charges that his bill would throw 900,000 people out of work, and force farmers to find new markets for 30-percent of the foodstuffs they produce.



BRITAIN'S NEW "BAT-TLESIPS"—The tail of the British fleet of flying "bat-tleships." These giant air-crafts are capable of 3000 mile ocean cruises, carrying bombs and guns. Note the revolving gun turrets, situated in the tail.



FRANCE INCREASES SUB STRENGTH—With flags flying, the new French submarine Ceres starts down the ways. Approximately 280 feet long, the craft has a displacement of 662 tons, and will attain a speed of 14 knots.



ART FOR ARTS SAKE—Cleon Throckmorton, stage designer, originates a novel form of art by decorating model Oliva Sevier's anatomy, in preparation for the annual Greenwich Village Ball in New York City.



KEEPING FIT—Joining the "keep fit" movement sweeping the nation, Marjorie Stanley (skier on left) and Francine Semmons, with both also on the toboggan, are shown enjoying two of the winter sports recommended by the National Sports Council. Ice skating is also highly recommended to promote fitness and grace. "Play to keep fit" is the slogan. Eagle River, Wisconsin, is the playground pictured.



TIGERS' NEW PITCHER—Freddie Hutchinson, 19-year-old Seattle pitching sensation of last season, breakfasts with his proud mother. The Detroit Tigers gave four players and a reported \$35,000 for him.



MILADY AT HOME—(1) Frou-frou for the bride is this negligee of perverche blue bagheers. Matching curled ostrich makes the sleeves and trims the curved hemline front. (2) An adorable quilted housecoat of shimmering blue and silver lamé. It is padded with lamb's wool, lined with taffeta and belted with silver kid. (3) Furred effect in white rayon glorifies the old-fashioned bathrobe. For added luxury it is lined with white satin.



G-E HEAD SUPPORTS PROFIT-SHARING—Washington, D. C.—Gerard Swope, president of the General Electric Company of N. Y., as he testified before a Senate Finance sub-committee investigating profit-sharing plans. Mr. Swope said such systems should encourage worker-saving.

**New Year's Eve Dance**  
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