

## Personal Mention

Warden N. Hartman, supervisor of telegraph and signals, of the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania, whose appointment as assistant signal engineer of the Chesapeake & Ohio with headquarters at Richmond, Va., was noted last month, was born on February 1, 1891, at Longmont, Colo. He completed his high school education in 1908, following which he entered the University of Colorado, College of Engineering, graduating in 1912 with the degree of bachelor of science in electrical engineering. Up to the time of his present appointment, Mr. Hartman's railway experience has been entirely with the Pennsylvania, whose service he entered on July 1, 1912, as a signal apprentice. Subsequently he was appointed assistant inspector of signals, serving in this capacity from April 1, 1916, to June 16 of the same year, when he was promoted to assistant supervisor of signals. He continued in the latter position until April 16, 1920, when he became supervisor of signals of the Pittsburgh division with headquarters at Johnstown, Pa. On March 1, 1921, he was appointed supervisor of telegraph and signals of the Monongahela division at Uniontown, Pa., and continued in this position until September 16, 1927, when he was transferred in a similar capacity to the Pittsburgh division with headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he remained until his present appointment.

L. A. Guthrie has been appointed acting signal engineer, Canadian National, Western region, with headquarters at Winnipeg, Man. He was formerly signal supervisor of the Manitoba district with headquarters at Winnipeg. J. J. Crowe, formerly signal supervisor of the Saskatchewan district with headquarters at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, has been appointed in a similar capacity on the Manitoba district with headquarters at Winnipeg. R. E. Sunde, formerly signal maintainer, Saskatchewan district with headquarters at Regina, Saskatchewan, has been appointed signal supervisor of the Saskatchewan district with headquarters at Saskatoon, Sask., to succeed Mr. Crowe.

Lindsay A. Guthrie, appointed acting signal engineer of the Canadian National, western region with headquarters at Winnipeg, Man., was born on June 19, 1887, at Argyle, Man. He completed a public school education and a correspondence course in engineering. Entering the service of the Canadian Pacific as a signal fitter on November 1, 1910, he continued as a signalman for a period of eight months, when he was appointed signal foreman in charge of a maintenance crew. In February, 1913, he was appointed foreman of signal construction of the same road, holding this position until

September 8, of the following year when he resigned to enter the service of the Canadian Northern as a signal maintainer on the Manitoba district, with headquarters at Winnipeg. In November, 1915, he was appointed signal inspector, his jurisdiction extending over the Manitoba and Saskatchewan districts, his headquarters remaining at Winnipeg. Another promotion followed on September 20, 1920, when he was appointed signal supervisor of the Manitoba district in charge of maintenance and signal construction. From this position he was promoted to acting signal engineer of the Western region.

### Changes on the Pennsylvania

A. H. Tasker, supervisor of telegraph and signals at Altoona, Pa., has been transferred to the Pittsburgh division with headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pa., to succeed W. N. Hartman, whose resignation was noted in the last issue. H. H. Appleton has been appointed supervisor of telegraph and signals at Altoona, Pa., to succeed Mr. Tasker. A. M. Crawford, assistant supervisor of telegraph and signals at Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed supervisor of telegraph and signals on the Monongahela division with headquarters at Uniontown, Pa., to succeed G. H. White, whose transfer to the Eastern region was noted in the last issue. W. C. Miller, assistant inspector, Pittsburgh division, has been appointed assistant supervisor of telegraph and signals of the same division to succeed Mr. Crawford. S. B. Higginbottom, acting assistant supervisor of telegraph and signals at Canton, Ohio, has been appointed assistant supervisor of telegraph and signals of the Pittsburgh division with headquarters at Johnstown, Pa., to succeed J. E. Griffith, deceased. J. E. Wilson has been appointed assistant supervisor of telegraph and signals at Pittsburgh, Pa. C. E. Brandt, signal foreman, Pittsburgh division, has been appointed assistant supervisor of telegraph and signals of the Eastern division with headquarters at Canton, Ohio.

William Clifford Miller, appointed assistant supervisor of telegraph and signals of the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania was born on December 14, 1888, at Blairsville, Pa. After completing a grade school education, Mr. Miller entered the service of the Pennsylvania as a brakeman on November 4, 1907. He was transferred to the signal department in November, 1908, as a signal fitter in a construction gang. On April 1, 1909, he was appointed signal repairman at Conemaugh, Pa., and continued in this position for nearly seven years. On December 1, 1915, he was appointed section maintainer on the territory between Johnstown, Pa., and South Fork. Approximately two years later he became sig-

nal foreman at Cresson, Pa., his territory extending from South Fork to Altoona. Mr. Miller was appointed assistant signal inspector in the office of the superintendent of telegraph and signals of the Pittsburgh division on September 16, 1926, and for a period of 10 months thereafter spent most of his time on train control work on the Panhandle division. He was serving in this capacity at the time of his recent appointment as assistant supervisor of telegraph and signals of the Pittsburgh division with the territory between Pittsburgh, Pa., and Greensburg.

W. A. Jackson, assistant superintendent of telegraph, Michigan Central, has been appointed superintendent of telegraph with headquarters at Detroit, Mich., succeeding J. J. Ross, whose death is noted elsewhere in these columns.

### Changes on the C. & N. W.

Robert M. Phinney, assistant signal engineer of the Chicago & North Western, with headquarters at Chicago, has resigned to become asso-



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ciated with the commercial engineering department of the General Railway Signal Company at Rochester, N. Y. Born on December 7, 1882, at Barnstable, Mass., Mr. Phinney completed his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating from the latter institution as a member of the class of 1904. Prior to entering railway service he was employed by the Swan Electric Company of Boston, Mass., from October, 1904, to October, 1906, when he resigned to accept a position as draftsman for the Northwestern Construction Company at Boone, Ia., in connection with the electrification of the Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern. In April, 1907, he joined the Illinois Central signal department as a draftsman but left in August of the following year to accept a similar position with the Chicago & North Western. Subsequently he was promoted to chief draftsman, then to assistant engineer, December 1910, and later to assistant signal engineer. Mr.

Phinney saw active service overseas during the World War as a first lieutenant in the 415th Railway Telegraph Battalion, his period of service extending from January 1, 1918, to June 16, 1919. In his present position, Mr. Phinney will make his headquarters at Rochester, N. Y.

**Robert A. Sheets**, assistant engineer, train control, Chicago & North Western, with headquarters at Chicago, has been promoted to assistant signal engineer. Mr. Sheets was born on September 5, 1885, and after completing his high school education he attended the Chicago Engineering Institute for one term. He was a stationary fireman previous to entering railway service as a leverman in the operating department of the North Western on January 2, 1907. Six months later he was transferred to the signal department as a batteryman on the Galena division at Maywood, Ill., and on April 1, 1908, he was promoted to maintainer at West Chicago, Ill., where he remained until September, 1909, when he was appointed signal foreman at Sterling, Ill., serving in the latter capacity until October 1, 1913, when he was appointed signal inspector in the signal engineer's office. On account of a reduction of signal forces, he returned to



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Sterling as a signal foreman in July, 1915, remaining until April, 1916, when he resumed his duties as signal inspector. On August 1, 1916, he was appointed assistant signal supervisor, Chicago terminal, which position he held until August 20, 1920, when he was promoted to signal supervisor at Boone, Ia. Mr. Sheets continued as signal supervisor at Boone, Ia., until January 16, 1925, when he was appointed assistant engineer, train control, in charge of field construction work. He was serving in this capacity at the time of his recent promotion.

**Stanley E. Noble**, general signal inspector, Chicago & North Western in the office of the signal engineer, Chicago, has been promoted to assistant signal engineer. He was born on May 2, 1888, at West Pittston, Pa., graduating from the electrical engineering department of Pennsylvania State

college in 1915. During the summer vacation preceding his graduation he entered railway service as a helper in a signal construction gang on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. Mr. Noble, after completing his college course returned to the Lackawanna on June 15, 1915, as an electrician's



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helper at Scranton, Pa. In December, 1915, he was transferred to the signal department of the Scranton division as an assistant wireman, later becoming signal wireman, which position he held up to December, 1917, when he left the Lackawanna to join the Chicago & North Western as a signal draftsman in the office of the signal engineer, Chicago. He was appointed signal estimator in April, 1921, and after serving in this capacity for a year he was appointed chief draftsman. In October, 1924, Mr. Noble was promoted to assistant engineer, signal department, and he held this position until December, 1926, when he was appointed general signal inspector, in which position he was serving at the time of his recent promotion to assistant signal engineer.

**O. Scott Tomkins**, signal supervisor, Chicago & North Western at Boone, Iowa, has been appointed general signal inspector with headquarters at Chicago. Mr. Tomkins was born at Ashland, Wis., on August 25, 1881, and was educated in the public and high schools at Ashland, Wis., at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., and at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. He worked as an electrical apprentice during vacations and spare time while attending school and college, later serving as electrician for the Lake Superior Iron & Chemical Co., Ashland, Wis., and as chief electrician for the Ashland Light, Power & Street Railway Co., and the Badger Electric Co. Mr. Tomkins first entered railway service with the North Western as a signal helper on August 19, 1913, and since has held the following positions: signal maintainer, gang foreman, division signal foreman, chief clerk to the signal engineer, signal inspector, assistant signal supervisor, Chicago terminal and signal supervisor of all lines

west of Boone, Iowa, which comprises the West Iowa, Sioux City, Eastern Black Hills, Wyoming and part of the Northern Iowa divisions.

**P. A. Starck**, chief draftsman, signal department, Chicago & North Western, has been appointed signal supervisor with headquarters at Boone, Iowa, succeeding O. S. Tomkins. Mr. Starck first entered railroad service as a battery man at Fulton, Ill., on the Chicago & North Western in 1908, following which he served as a relief maintainer in 1910 and maintainer at Melrose Park, Ill., in 1911, returning to Fulton, Ill., later in the same year. In 1912, he served as signal shop foreman at the Madison street terminal, Chicago. One year later he was appointed division signal foreman with headquarters at West Chicago, Ill., and in 1915, was transferred to Sterling, Ill., in the same capacity. He was appointed signal inspector of train control in 1924, continuing in this position until November, 1926, when he was appointed chief draftsman in the office of the signal engineer.

**Leroy Cone**, signal draftsman, Chicago & North Western, has been appointed chief draftsman, signal department, with office at Chicago.

**John C. Aitken**, whose promotion to the position of supervisor of signals of the Stratford division of the Canadian National was noted in the last issue, was born in London, Ont., on October 30, 1882. All of his railway experience has been with the Grand Trunk or Canadian National system. Starting with the Grand Trunk on September 25, 1916, at London, Ont., Mr. Aitken served as a signal maintainer until December, 1919, when he was transferred to Guelph, Ont. This was followed by another transfer in January, 1921, to signal maintainer at Stratford, Ont. One year later he was appointed to a position in the supervisor's office at London. In April, 1923, he was appointed construction foreman and in March of the following year he was transferred to London in a similar capacity. He continued in the latter position until his recent promotion to the position of supervisor of signals.

**William C. Conyne**, signal lampman on the New York Central at Fonda, N. Y., was retired under the pension rules of the company on November 30, 1927. On his last day of railway service, Mr. Conyne was tendered a testimonial dinner by his railway friends in which Utica Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen of America participated.

## Obituary

**Sidney U. Rhymer**, superintendent of telegraph, and signal engineer of the Chicago & Alton with headquarters at Bloomington, Ill., died on December 20. Mr. Rhymer was born on December 20, 1876, at Union Grove, Ill. His education included a grade schooling