

headquarters at Topeka. V. O. Smeltzer, chief draftsman in the office of the signal engineer, system, with headquarters at Topeka, succeeds Mr. Appleby as assistant signal engineer of the Western lines. J. C. Law, chief draftsman in the office of the signal engineer Eastern lines, with headquarters at Topeka, succeeds Mr. Smeltzer as chief draftsman in the office of the signal engineer, system, at Topeka. R. C. Foster, draftsman in the office of the signal engineer, Coast Lines, with headquarters at Los Angeles, Cal., succeeds Mr. Law as chief draftsman in the office of the signal engineer Eastern lines at Topeka. Sketches concerning Messrs. Smeltzer and Law will be published in a later issue.

William H. Rife, was born near Liberty, Ill., on June 17, 1869, and entered railway service on January 9, 1899, as a laborer on the Santa Fe at Peabody, Kan. On



W. H. Rife

July 8, 1900, he was promoted to towerman at Streator, Ill., and on January 7, 1902, he was appointed maintainer at that point. On September 1, 1905, he was transferred to Raton, N.M., and three months later he was appointed foreman at Pueblo, Colo. He was later transferred to Las Vegas, N.M., and to the Missouri division, and on June 15, 1914, he was promoted to supervisor, with headquarters at La Junta, Colo. Mr. Rife was promoted to signal engineer of the Western lines, with the same headquarters, on August 1, 1920, and on May 1, 1928, he was transferred to Amarillo, where he remained until his retirement. Following his retirement, Mr. Rife moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., where his street address is 1932 El Paso Street.

J. A. Parkinson, was born on April 22, 1900, at Topeka. After working for various companies at Topeka, he entered the employ of the Santa Fe as a laborer in the signal department in January, 1919. For three years he was employed on construction gangs, and in 1922 became a draftsman in the Eastern Lines office. In the same year he resigned to attend Kansas university. During his college course, he worked intermittently in the office of the signal engineer system, and after graduation he was permanently assigned to work in this office. In May, 1926, he was promoted to chief draftsman in the office of the signal engineer of the

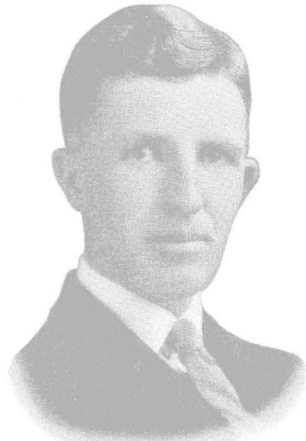
system, and in October, 1936, he was promoted to assistant signal engineer, Eastern Lines, which position he held at the



J. A. Parkinson

time of his recent promotion to signal engineer, Western lines, with headquarters at Amarillo, Tex.

H. A. Appleby was born February 13, 1897, at Cedar Vale, Kan., and in 1923, was graduated from the University of Kansas, having completed a course in electrical



H. A. Appleby

engineering. He entered railway service February 5, 1923, on the Santa Fe, as an assistant signalman at Trinidad, Colo. On May 1, 1923, he was appointed draftsman in the office of the signal engineer, Western lines, and on August 1, 1924, he became chief draftsman in the same office. In November, 1930, he was appointed assistant signal engineer of the Western lines, with headquarters at Amarillo, Tex., which position he held until his recent promotion to assistant signal engineer of the Eastern lines.

Obituary

Leroy Wyant, superintendent telegraph and signals of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, with headquarters in Chicago, died June 26, after an emergency operation for appendicitis. Mr. Wyant was born at Noblesville, Ind., on August 14,

1885. He was educated at the public school and high school, in Noblesville, and at Purdue university. In 1909, he entered the signal department of the Rock Island, serving in the capacities of laborer, wireman and maintainer on automatic block signals until July, 1910. At that time he was transferred to the Chicago Terminal division, where he was employed as maintainer on an electric interlocking plant. He then became draftsman in the signal engineer's office, and later served as an extra gang foreman. On September 1, 1912, he resigned to become a signal supervisor on the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, which position he held until May 1, 1913, when he returned to the signal department of the Rock Island as general signal inspector. In August, 1913, he was promoted to superintendent of signal construction, in charge of the installation of the interlocking



Leroy Wyant

plants at Des Moines, Iowa, and Joliet, Ill., and on May 1, 1914, he became assistant signal engineer of the second and third districts, with headquarters at Topeka, Kan. Later when these districts were reorganized he was transferred to El Reno, Okla. In 1916, he was transferred as assistant signal engineer to the first district, with headquarters at Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Wyant was promoted to principal assistant signal engineer in March, 1920, with headquarters in Chicago. In March, 1924, he was appointed acting signal engineer, and in March, 1925, returned to his duties as assistant signal engineer. On May 1, 1925, he was advanced to signal engineer, with headquarters at Chicago, the position he held until May 16, 1940, when he was appointed superintendent telegraph and signals.

R. S. & I. Applications

S. P. (RS&I-Ap-11) Modification of Sections 204 and 207 of the Rules, Standards and Instructions as applied to modification of automatic block signal systems between Lick, Cal., and Sargent, (BS-Ap-1789), and between Chittenden, Cal., and Gonzales, (BS-Ap-1791), to permit continuance of present spacing of opposing intermediate home signals.

S. P. (RS&I-Ap-12) Modification of Sections 204 and 207 of the Rules, Standards and Instructions as applied to modi-
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