

NEWS OF THE MONTH

The Atlantic Coast Line has placed an order with the Electro Motive Corporation for four Diesel electric locomotives which will be equipped with four complete sets of intermittent inductive auto manual train control engine equipments provided by the General Railway Signal Company.

The Missouri Pacific has placed an order with the General Railway Signal Company covering materials for automatic A. P. B. signaling between Monroe, La., and Riverton. Included in the materials are 32 Type D color-light signals.

Signal Section Annual Meeting

The Committee of Direction of the Signal Section, A. A. R., has set October 8, 9 and 10 and the Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D. C., as the time and place of the 1939 annual convention.

Signal Section Officials

Voting representatives of member roads of the Signal Section, A. A. R., have elected Messrs. J. H. Oppelt, S. W. Law, and W. J. Eck to membership on the Committee of Direction for the term expiring December 31, 1943.

The personnel of the Committee of Direction effective January 1, 1940, is as follows:

- J. H. Oppelt, superintendent telegraph and signals, New York, Chicago & St. Louis, Cleveland, Ohio.
- S. W. Law, signal engineer, Northern Pacific, St. Paul, Minn.
- W. J. Eck, assistant to president, signal and electrical department, Southern, Washington, D. C.
(Terms expire December 31, 1943)
- G. A. Rodger, signal engineer, Wabash, Decatur, Ill.
- E. B. DeMeritt, signal engineer, Central of Georgia, Macon, Ga.
- G. K. Thomas, signal engineer, system, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Topeka, Kan.
(Terms expire December 31, 1942)
- E. P. Weatherby, signal engineer, Texas & Pacific Ry., Dallas, Tex.
- J. S. Gensheimer, superintendent telegraph and signals, Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y.
- J. P. Muller, engineer signals and telegraph, Boston & Maine, Boston, Mass.
(Terms expire December 31, 1941)
- B. J. Schwendt, assistant signal engineer, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- R. D. Moore, signal engineer, Southern Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

C. A. Taylor, superintendent telegraph and signals, Chesapeake & Ohio, Richmond, Va.

(Terms expire December 31, 1940)

Also effective January 1, 1940, the officers of the Section, for period January 1, 1940, to December 31, 1940, selected by the Committee of Direction from its membership, will be: J. S. Gensheimer, chairman, G. K. Thomas, first vice-chairman, C. A. Taylor, second vice-chairman.

Panama Limited Collides With Louisiane

THE northbound Panama Limited of the Illinois Central ran into the rear of the Louisiane at Arcola, Ill., at 6 a.m. on January 1, killing one passenger and injuring several persons of whom nine passengers and four employees required hospitalization. The Louisiane, which had made a flag stop at Arcola, had gotten under way and had attained a speed of 15 m.p.h. when it was struck by the Panama Limited which was traveling at 45 m.p.h. when the Louisiane was sighted. The impact damaged the ends of the three rear sleeping cars of the Louisiane and the locomotive, tender, club car and first sleeping cars of the Panama Limited.

In the territory where the accident occurred, trains are operated right hand on double track which is protected with continuous automatic train stop with cab signals, no wayside automatic block signals being provided in this territory. The train control and cab signal apparatus on the locomotive of the Panama Limited had failed north of Centralia and the failure had been reported from Odin. The dispatcher had authorized the train to proceed and had advised the engineman and conductor of the Louisiane that the Panama Limited was following "without train control."

T. & T. Section Officials

The following have been elected members of the Committee of Direction of the T. & T. Section, A. A. R.: T. P. Brewster, J. D. Rogers, W. R. Triem, W. Rogers.

The personnel of the Committee of Direction for the year 1940 is now as follows:

- W. A. Jackson, superintendent telegraph, New York Central, Detroit, Mich.
- T. P. Brewster, superintendent of telegraph, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago, Ill.
- D. E. Galloway, assistant vice president, telegraph department, Canadian National, Toronto, Ont.
(Terms expire December 31, 1940)

- C. A. Plumly, superintendent telegraph, Baltimore & Ohio, Baltimore, Md.
- J. A. Jones, general superintendent telegraph and telephone, Southern, Washington, D. C.
- A. W. Flanagan, superintendent telegraph, Southern Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.
(Terms expire December 31, 1941)
- R. J. Beilsmith, superintendent telegraph, Wabash, Decatur, Ill.
- G. R. Stewart, telegraph and telephone engineer, Illinois Central, Chicago, Ill.
- G. D. Hood, superintendent of telegraph, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago, Ill.
(Terms expire December 31, 1942)
- J. D. Rogers, assistant superintendent electric transmission and communication, New York, New Haven & Hartford, New Haven, Conn.
- W. R. Triem, general superintendent of telegraph, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
- W. Rogers, superintendent of telegraph, Missouri Pacific, St. Louis, Mo.
(Terms expire December 31, 1943)

Personal

J. H. Oppelt, whose appointment as superintendent of telegraph and signals of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis was noted in the December, 1939, issue was born at Washington, Iowa, on October 24, 1879. After graduating from high school at Conneaut, Ohio, Mr. Oppelt joined the



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Nickel Plate as a rodman, in April, 1901. Subsequently he was promoted to inspector of bridges and masonry (1905), supervisor of interlocking and water service (1907), supervisor of signals (1910), and signal engineer (1930), holding the latter position at the time of his recent appointment involving extension of his jurisdiction to include the telegraph department.

Theodore Addison Benner, whose appointment as signal supervisor of the Bessemer & Lake Erie was noted in the December issue, was born at Lamar, Mo., on July 24, 1905, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1932 with a B.S.E. degree in electrical engineering

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