

1916, when he re-entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio in the office of the signal engineer as circuit draftsman. He left the service of the Baltimore & Ohio in September, 1917, to enter the signal department of the Western Maryland as chief draftsman. Mr. Webb was promoted to inspector in September, 1920, and to signal and telephone engineer on February 1, 1940. In April, 1942, he was appointed assistant superintendent of signals of the Atlantic Coast Line, and in August, 1942, Mr. Webb was appointed signal engineer, which position he held at the time of his recent promotion to signal and telephone engineer.

Fletcher E. MacArthur, superintendent telegraph of the Central Vermont, with headquarters at St. Albans, Vt., retired effective March 17. Fletcher E. MacArthur, Jr., foreman in charge of all telephone and signal installations, has been appointed superintendent telegraph, with headquarters at St. Albans, Vt., succeeding his father, effective March 18.

Fletcher E. MacArthur was born at St. Albans, Vt., on March 17, 1879, and received his education there. He entered railway service with the Central Vermont on July 1, 1895, as a messenger boy and student telegrapher. On June 1, 1898, Mr.



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Fletcher left the Central Vermont to enter the service of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, where he served as telephone inspector and foreman until June 1, 1910, at which time he returned to the Central Vermont as foreman in the telegraph department. In this capacity he installed train dispatching telephone circuits and associated equipment. He was appointed superintendent telegraph June 15, 1928, continuing in that position until his recent retirement.

Fletcher E. MacArthur, Jr., was born at St. Albans, Vt., on October 30, 1907, and received his education there. Later he completed an I.C.S. course in signal and telephone engineering. Mr. MacArthur entered the service of the Central Vermont on June 1, 1927, as an electrician helper, and was later advanced to maintainer and foreman in charge of all telephone and signal installations. He entered military service as a first lieutenant and was

assigned as signal officer of the 716th Railway Operating Battalion (Southern Pacific) in October, 1943. During his tour of duty he was in charge of the rehabilitation of all telephone lines and signals under the jurisdiction of the 716th Railway Operating Battalion in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. He



Capt. F. E. MacArthur, Jr.

was later advanced to captain, and was relieved from active duty and resumed employment with the Central Vermont in December, 1945.

George Harris Dryden, signal engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio, with headquarters at Baltimore, Md., has elected to retire from his position, effective May 16. Mr. Dryden was born on February 15, 1870, at Rehoboth, Md. He attended public schools and the Rehoboth Academy. On August 8, 1891 he entered railway service with the Baltimore & Ohio as a groundman in the telegraph department. He was advanced to lineman in the same department in 1892, and promoted to telegraph operator in 1897. In 1898 Mr. Dryden was appointed signalman in the maintenance of way department, and in



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1902 he was promoted to supervisor of automatic signals in the signal department. He served as signal inspector in 1903, and later in the same year he was appointed general signal inspector, which position he held until 1906 when he was promoted to assistant engineer. From 1911 to 1913 Mr. Dryden held the position

of assistant signal engineer, being promoted to principal assistant signal engineer in 1913. Mr. Dryden served as first assistant signal engineer from 1925 to 1928, at which time he was promoted to signal engineer. In addition to the positions he held on the Baltimore & Ohio, Mr. Dryden was active in the Signal Section of the Association of American Railroads, serving as a member of the Committee of Direction in 1925, 1926 and 1927 and from 1933 to 1938; second vice-chairman of the Section in 1933; first vice-chairman of the Section in 1934; and chairman of the Section in 1935. He has been a standing committee member from 1905 to date, and at times has appeared on two or more committees. During this time he also served as chairman of Committee IV—D.C. Automatic Block Signaling, Low-Voltage, in 1917; and chairman of Committee IX—Overhead and Underground Lines, from 1927 to 1934.

John Ellefson, signal inspector on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific, has been promoted to supervisor telegraph and signals, with headquarters at Milwaukee, Wis. O. P. Hansen, signal maintainer, has been promoted to the position of supervisor telegraph and signals, with headquarters at Aberdeen, S. D. J. F. McConahay, supervisor telegraph and signals, has been assigned the position of general signal inspector, with headquarters at Milwaukee, Wis, vice R. F. Tyler, retired.

L. T. Freed, senior circuit engineer in the signal department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, at Chicago, has resigned. C. J. Behringer has been promoted to senior circuit engineer, succeeding Mr. Freed. O. W. Nelson has been promoted to assistant signal supervisor of the McCook division, with headquarters at McCook, Neb.

Theodore B. Thompson, supervisor of detector cars of the Illinois Central, with headquarters at Carbondale, Ill., has been assigned as special engineer in the signal department at Chicago, reporting to the signal engineer, effective May 1.

Supply Trade

George A. Blackmore was re-elected chairman of the board at a meeting of the board of directors of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company and the Union Switch & Signal Company in Wilmerding, Pa., following the annual stockholders' meeting on April 16. As chairman, he continues to be the chief executive officer of both companies.

Mr. Blackmore has more than 50 years' service with these companies. At the age of 12 years he entered the employ of the Union Switch & Signal Company as an office boy, and advanced through various positions. In 1909 he was appointed assistant eastern manager of the company, with headquarters in New York. In 1911 he was named eastern manager, and in 1915 he returned to Swissvale, Pa., as general sales manager. He was elected second vice-president in 1917, and first

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