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Sergeant	100.00	65.00 112.50
Corporal	90.00	58.50 101.25
Private First Class	80.00	52.00 90.00
Private	75.00	48.75 84.38

In addition to column one of the above: 20% increase for service overseas; 50% increase for 10 months' service; 50% increase, up to \$50 maximum per month for member of garrison crew; \$50 per month for member of garrison crew (in flying-pay status) who engaged upon parole to active service; 50% increase in pay for each 3 years of service.

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West Point Park

Mrs. Ralph Voorhees and son, Donald, have been vacationing in northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, from Redford, will be occupying the Szeland house on Mayfield Avenue for a few weeks or until their new home on that same street is completed.

Mrs. Pearl Travell, from Nine Mile near Middlebelt, was a guest of the Varchols for a few days this week.

Mrs. Gordon Vance and Mr. Jack Tallman were visiting Mrs. Vance's family in Glen, in St. Carmel Hospital Monday.

Austin and Russell Ault did some successful fishing at Kent Lake during the week end.

At the Neighborhood Bible School Sunday morning, Norma Judd and Darla Mae Jennings were each presented with a fine Testament as attendance awards.

The Plater house, on Shadyview Avenue, is now occupied by its new tenants.

Mrs. E. W. Stange is suffering with a badly sprained left wrist. Georgina, sister of Mrs. Stanley Schilling, and who has been her house guest for some time, returned to the East last week.

Mrs. Nora Couger, formerly of West Point Park and now a patient at Wayne County General Hospital, had another bad attack a few days ago.

Cooperative Marketing

Cooperative agricultural marketing and purchasing associations engaged primarily in marketing farm products now number more than 10,000 in the United States. More than a quarter of these organizations were engaged primarily in purchasing. The membership in the marketing associations is estimated at 2,700,000, while the membership in the purchasing organizations is now 1,500,000. The marketing and purchasing cooperative associations do an annual business of more than five billion dollars.

Uses for Lumber

Estimated lumber requirements for 1947 total 37½ billion board feet, including 11.3 billions for veterans' housing, 4.8 billions for other new construction, 8.9 billions for maintenance and repair, 4.8 billions for furniture and other manufacturing, and 7 billions for packaging. Largest single use of wood in the United States is for fuel, and packages take more wood than any other factory product.

Miss Middleton IS BRIDE OF F. L. LAURITZEN

Miss Martha Rose Middleton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Middleton of Alton, Illinois, became the bride of Mr. Frederick L. Lauritzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lauritzen of 20525 Baldwin, Friday, August 22, in a late afternoon ceremony held at the summer home of the bride's parents at Torch Lake, Michigan.

Rev. Ransom Comfort of Louisville, Kentucky, conducted the service which was held before a large stone fireplace decorated with two tall standing floral arrangements of gold and white gladioli.

Miss Middleton, given in marriage by her father, was attired in a frock of tennon velvet and a shoulder piece of small russet pom-pom chrysanthemums. Mr. Lauritzen's only attendant was Dr. Wm. H. Middleton, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony a small reception was held. Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Middleton, Misses Eleanor Ann and Harriet Louise Middleton, the bride and groom, Dr. W. H. Middleton and Mrs. Frank Lauritzen received their guests before the fireplace. The party then assembled at the bride's table which was adorned with a five tiered cake edged with cut yellow roses for the traditional cutting of the cake.

The bride and groom left on a three week's honeymoon which will take them throughout northern Michigan. Mrs. Lauritzen was wearing a three piece suit of Scotch leather tweed with matching shoes and bag.

The couple will return September 10 to Cranbrook Academy of Art where both will do graduate work during the coming year. Although they will reside at the Fox and Hound Apartments in Bloomfield Hills, their mailing address will continue to be Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills.

The former Miss Middleton was graduated from Alton High School in the class of '42, attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, for two years, spent one year as a special student in art at M.S.C. and recently received her B.F.A. degree after two year's work in ceramics at Cranbrook Academy.

Mr. Lauritzen, a graduate of the class of '39 at Farmington High School attended General Motors Institute of Technology, Wayne University, Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina, during his service in the Army Air Corps and received his B.F.A. degree in painting last May after two years' study at Cranbrook Academy.

The wedding was attended by numerous out-of-town friends of the families. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Jolley of Akron, Ohio, Brigadier General and Mrs. Joseph E. Lewis of Washington, D. C., Mr. H. M. Golden of Birmingham, Mr. L. J. Hartmann, Miss Estle Hartmann, Miss Helen G. Roseall of Alton, Illinois and Mrs. Theodore Masel and Mrs. Marie Burgess of Glen Eyrie, Illinois.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — SOUNDPHOTO — Left to right — Edward Arnold, Ronald Reagan and Pat Somerset appeared at the House Labor Committee, probing of movie union trouble. Reagan, president of the Screen Actors Guild, charged that outrageous pressure had been brought to bear on Guild members to observe picket lines of the striking carpenters of a union in the long lasting Jurisdictional studio strike.

Bell Telephone Files Rate Increase Petition

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company filed its petition for \$10,400,000 annual increase in rates before the Public Service Commission in Lansing on Wednesday.

The Commission did not immediately set a date for the start of public hearings on the petition but is expected to do so soon in order that proceedings be initiated within 30 days as required by law.

Thomas N. Lacy, president of Michigan Bell, signed the petition which cited the increased costs of wages, taxes, and supplies as the reason for his company's need of rate relief.

In addition to a boost in local and intrastate charges, the company proposed to introduce "extended-area service" in most of the counties throughout its territory.

With extended-area service, telephone users could call nearby exchanges with the same company of interest without paying a toll charge. Lacy said this provision of the petition was included in recognition of the growing trend of inter-movement between suburban, residential areas and large employment, shopping and recreation centers.

The petition proposed to correct rate inequities between communities of comparable development by use of a standard rate schedule divided into groups according to the number of main-station telephones (exclusive of extensions) in an exchange's calling area.

Of the \$10,400,000 sought by the company, \$3,051,000 would accrue from upward local rate adjustments in state exchanges, \$285,000 from the city of Detroit, \$495,000 from Detroit suburban exchanges, \$2,902,000 in increased charges for long-distance calls within the state, and \$1,847,000 in miscellaneous service items such as switching and equipment charges.

Proposed changes in the intrastate long-distance rates, Lacy said, would keep the increase for local exchange service at a lower level than otherwise would be possible.

The petition filed Wednesday is the first in 21 years in which the telephone company has asked for a rate increase. Rate reductions made since that time are saving Michigan Bell subscribers approximately \$20,000,000 annually, said Lacy.

The last general rate adjustment, a decrease, was made in 1937. Michigan Bell claims "those rates won't work today". While telephone rates have either remained the same or in some instances, been decreased further, the cost of everything else — wages, taxes, and supplies — has gone up.

Michigan Bell has had to revise its postwar expansion and improvement program from \$150 million to \$220 million.

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have gone up 2½ times, costs went up three times. Consequently, the rate of return has slipped to 4½ cents on the investment dollar. This, Lacy contends, is a "dangerous low".

He stated that a return of between 6½ and 7 per cent is needed to attract the great amount of money from investors so that Michigan Bell can carry out its record construction and service improvement program already under way.

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