

Shields R. Smith Receives Promotion

Former Cooper Countian Named
A General Manager For
Bell Telephone Co.

Shields R. Smith, a native of Cooper county, has been named as acting general manager for Eastern Missouri and Arkansas of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, according to an official announcement made Wednesday. Smith succeeds Percy Redmund, who has been transferred to the staff of vice-president F. M. Hoag.

Smith was born one mile west of Otterville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alle Smith, who now make their home at Haines, Kans. He is a cousin of Mrs. T. A. Nelson, Jr., of Boonville, and has other relatives near Bunceton and Otterville.

Smith is a pioneer in the telephone business in Missouri, having started with the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company at Sedalia in 1906. In 1910 he was made division manager at Sedalia and in this capacity remained until the merger of the Kinloch and Bell companies in 1922.

As division manager for the Kinloch company, Smith handled telephone problems from St. Charles west to cities in southeastern Kansas. His broad association has made him one of the best known telephone men in Missouri.

In 1922 Smith was made district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Sedalia. Two years later he was transferred to Kansas City as division commercial superintendent of Western Missouri. In 1926 he went to St. Louis in the same capacity and held the position until his recent promotion.