

S. R. SMITH IS PHONE EXECUTIVE

Native Of Cooper County Is
Southwestern Bell District
Manager

HAS RELATIVES HERE

Pioneer In Local Telephone
Business Succeeds Percy
Redmund

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 today. Smith succeeds Percy Redmund, who has been transferred to the staff of vice-president F. M. Hong.

Smith was born one mile west of Otterville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alie Smith, who now make their

1910 he was made division manager at Sedalla 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 southern 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 Sedalla. 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.



SHIELDS R. SMITH

home at Haines, Kans. He is a cousin of Mrs. T. A. Nelson, Jr., of Boonville, of Hunter Smith, eight miles east of Bunceon, Hubert Smith of Speed and Herschel Smith of Boonville.

Smith is a pioneer in the telephone business in Missouri, having started with the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company at Sedalla in 1900. In