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**A POLICEMAN SPEAKS . . .** The joint responsibility of police and telephone people toward maintaining and safeguarding public safety was clearly portrayed in a letter recently received by General Commercial Manager John C. Carraher from Thomas H. Welch, Secretary of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. Mr. Welch wrote:

"I should like at this time to pay tribute to the men and women of your company whose job of providing telephone service to the public is so helpful to the various police agencies of New England in coordinating the activities of law and order.

"As you very well know, the job of the policeman is principally to safeguard the public welfare. When he assumes his badge of office he dedicates his life to a very real public trust. Twenty-four hours a day, whether on or off his job, he is subject to the call of any person who is in need of his services. His duties are widespread. He is called upon to prevent crime, to apprehend criminals, to do highway safety work, to try doors in the middle of the night, and the many phases of police work that put together constitute the job of protecting the people he serves.

"In these days that are marked by the speed of the automobile and airplane, the speed and efficiency of communications are of paramount importance in the doing of the police job. Most police departments have modern telephone setups, teletype-writer hookups and radiotelephone systems. Upon these they depend for the coordinating of police efforts in the doing of their job.

"Without the telephone and without the people who provide the telephone service, the modern policeman would find it most difficult to carry out his assignments. There are countless occasions when the prompt action of telephone operators has either prevented crime or has assisted in apprehending criminals. Like the policeman, their lives are dedicated to public service, and to my knowledge, there has never been a time when they have failed in their duty."

**THE COVER . . .** This month's kodachrome cover of winter activities in Stowe, Vt., is reproduced courtesy of *Vermont Life*.

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Francis A. Barrett, Division Manager, waits to spread the mortar with a golden trowel at the laying of the Pawtucket building cornerstone.



This is an architect's drawing of the Pawtucket building which will house \$2,000,000 worth of modern equipment when it is completed in April of 1949.



Placing the sealed box containing historical data in the cornerstone of the Brockton building are, left to right: Dist. Mgr. Francis R. Sweeney, Mayor Downey, Vice President Hennessey and Margaret M. Welch, Chief Operator, Brockton.

A cup of coffee is enjoyed after the ceremony at Pawtucket by Division Manager Francis A. Barrett and Mayor Ambrose P. McCoy of Pawtucket.



# Cornerstone

**S**IGNIFICANT of the vast construction program now under way throughout the Company to help provide better telephone service is the recent laying of cornerstones for four new dial central office buildings in Pawtucket, R. I.; Brockton, Mass.; Littleton, N. H., and Farmington, Me.

A gold-plated trowel was used by Francis A. Barrett, Division Manager, to place the cornerstone at the ceremonies held on January 5 for Pawtucket's \$1,300,000 building on High and Read Streets. In the presence of Mayor Ambrose P. McCoy and other city officials in the Blackstone Valley a copper-zinc box was placed beneath the stone and contained a copy of the January 3 Pawtucket Times placed by Stanley T. Black, General Manager, and a copy of the Providence Journal placed by Joseph A. Kelley, Manager of the Pawtucket office of the Journal-Bulletin. Lorenz Dahl, Jr., District Manager, deposited a Pawtucket telephone directory; Harold E. Marr, Division Traffic Supt., added telephone traffic orders; George M. Corsick, Division Plant Supt., a section of Alpeth cable; Ray D. Snow, Reports & Results Supvr., an office directory, and William J. Greene, Division Auditor of Disbursements, minutes of the directors' meeting approving the Pawtucket project.

Invocation was delivered by Rt. Rev. Peter A. Foley, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, and Benediction



# Ceremonies

was pronounced by Rev. John W. Haynes, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church.

On January 14 Vice President Thomas M. Hennessey laid the cornerstone for the Brockton building at Crescent St. and Maple Ave. which will house the dial equipment to be cut into service in the summer of 1949. City records and historical data were placed in a copper box by representatives of the clergy and of business and professional groups, as well as Company officials and Brockton, Avon and West Bridgewater government officials led by Mayor Joseph H. Downey of Brockton. Howard H. Randlette, Manager, opened the exercises.

Edward Ellingwood, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Planning and Development Commission, was introduced to the official gathering at the ceremony held January 15 at Littleton, N. H., by Robert A. Hamilton, Manager. Mr. Ellingwood then spread the mortar for the cornerstone of the

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At Littleton, front: R. Hamilton, R. Whiting, Selectman; E. Ellingwood, H. T. Doane, Chief Operator, Littleton; H. Ash, Dist. Mgr., Concord; H. W. Bates, Dist. Traffic Supt., Concord. Back: H. A. Nay, Pres., White Mts. Regions Assn., Lancaster; K. S. Newall, Dist. Auditor of Receipts, Manchester; Rev. J. A. Haines; H. F. Whitcomb, Selectman; C. Allard, Selectman; Rev. C. A. MacDonald; H. Young, Sec., Chamber of Commerce; E. J. Kelley, Pres., Rotary Club, Littleton; W. A. Francis, Dist. Plant Supt., Manchester; C. A. Chapman, Dial Supt.; J. F. Saunders, Wire Chief, Littleton; R. G. Chadwick, Traffic Engr., Boston; L. F. Clement, Traffic Mgr., Concord.

Robert A. Hamilton, Manager at Littleton, introduces Edward Ellingwood, Executive Director of the N. H. Planning and Development Commission, Concord, N. H., who spread the mortar for the cornerstone of the new building.



The Littleton building stands on a 17,000 square foot plot. It will have two stories and a basement with ground dimensions of approximately 90 feet x 63 feet.



Wire Chief Leo J. King of Rumford places the sealed box in the cornerstone at the Farmington ceremony. L. to r.: Benjamin Butler, Village Corporation, Mr. King, Holmes H. Bailey, First Selectman, Farmington, Maine.



# Nickels. Dimes.

Gladys A. Mullins of the Public Telephone Office, Providence, R. I., is processing coin telephone service orders which are worked daily for the Southern Division. Route sheets are prepared, then placed in route books or removed, depending on the type of order. A separate route sheet is required for each telephone.



**M**ORE than twelve million dollars in nickels, dimes and quarters drop each year into more than forty thousand coin boxes in our Company's territory. A force of ninety-four people, forty-six from the Metropolitan Division, is required to collect and count these coins. Coins from the entire territory are shipped to be counted at 245 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Sealed, empty coin receptacles are sent from State Street via Railway Express to Collectors' pick-up points in the Southern, Central, Eastern and Western Divisions. Almost half of the boxes stay in Boston where each month fourteen Collectors travel over eight thou-



Mabel E. Winslow, Metropolitan Public Telephone Records Office, assembles coin keys. Route schedules are arranged from two-day to eighty-four-day intervals in order to obtain the maximum amount of money per collection. This work requires continual checking as school sessions, seasonal locations, sporting events and holiday peaks require rearrangements of routes.



In Chester is located one of our Company's outdoor public telephones. This one is kept busy not only by the people of the town but by the many truck drivers traveling at night who call headquarters to report their whereabouts. Outside the drug store Agent R. T. Bevan talks with Robert Meyer, Coin Telephone Collector.

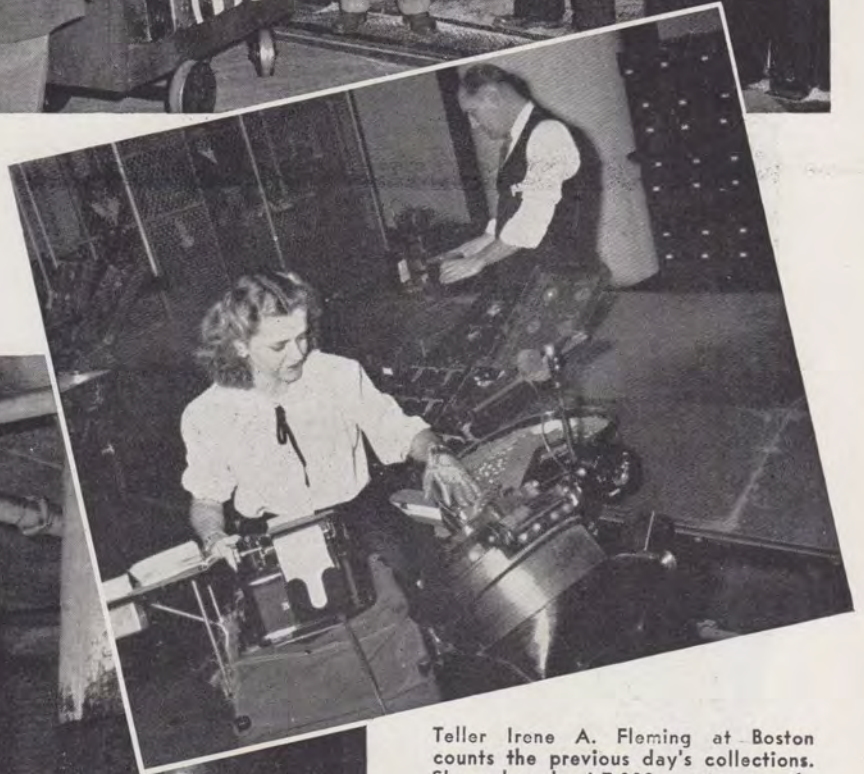


# and Quarters\$

Northern Maine collections are delivered at Boston by Railway Express Agency employees to Ralph S. Johnson and Richard H. Page. Thirty-four steel money trucks are used at State Street for handling coin box cases.

sand miles and make about twenty-four thousand collections.

Essential to the smooth functioning of all of our public telephone offices are the proper scheduling and arranging of Collectors' routes, the accurate distribution of keys, and cooperation with Business Offices and the Plant Department in making collections.



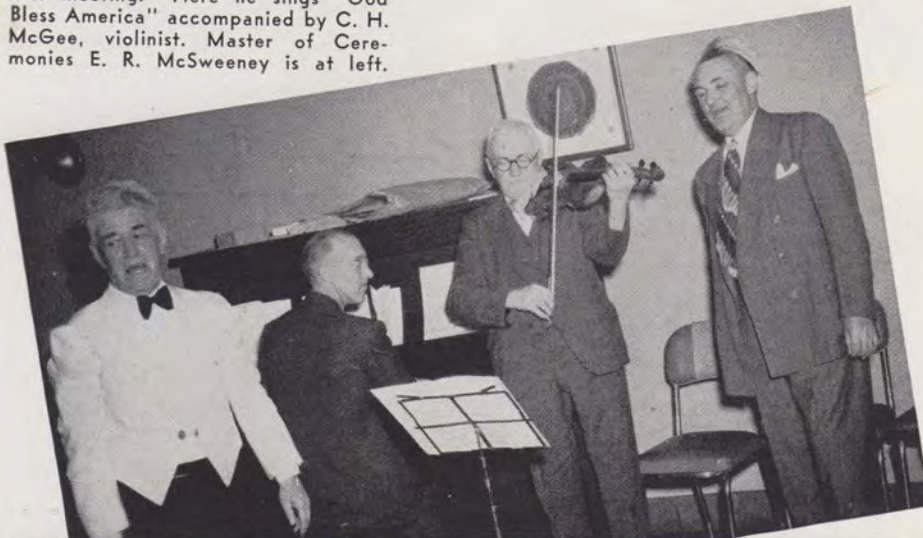
Teller Irene A. Fleming at Boston counts the previous day's collections. She makes about 7,000 counts a month, 52 per hour, amounting to over \$125,000 in nickels, dimes and quarters. Behind her Edward M. Leen operates the air compressor sealer which seals and dates all coin box receptacles before they are sent to the field.



Ralph S. Johnson is responsible for the distribution of about forty-nine thousand coin box receptacles throughout New England monthly. Fourteen collection automobiles pick up about twenty-four thousand receptacles in the Metropolitan Division. The balance is handled by Collectors in the four outside Divisions and shipped by Railway Express Agency to Boston. Collector Leo H. Austin is shown loading his car for the eighty-five collections scheduled on his regular route.



Assistant Vice President L. W. Weir was guest of Life Members at their first meeting. Here he sings "God Bless America" accompanied by C. H. McGee, violinist. Master of Ceremonies E. R. McSweeney is at left.



The ladies enjoyed the party, too. Left to right: M. B. Divoll, S. F. Lange, F. E. Bedlow, D. A. Harrington and L. J. Levesque, Hobby Supvr.



Part of the committee, seated: N. E. Cutter, M. B. Divoll, F. X. Colleton, E. G. Horrigan. Standing: H. E. Hewes, G. S. Wallace, E. R. McSweeney, H. A. S. Dixon, C. H. McGee, A. M. Dittmer, H. G. Grush, W. A. Cresswell.

# *First* MONTHLY FOR

ONE hundred seventy-eight Pioneer Life Members from Metropolitan Boston, representing about 6,000 years of Bell System service, met at the City Club in Boston for the first of their regular monthly meetings.

It is the first time in the history of the New England Company that any Life Member organization has attempted to function as a regular independent club with monthly meetings. According to Francis X. Colleton, chairman of the program, arrangements will include a social meeting the third Tuesday of every month in the Bell Post room at the City Club.

There will be no speakers and as little business as possible. The purpose of the club is to give these retired telephone men and women a chance to get together once a month with people with whom

At the party: J. Flate, Sec.-Treas., Sherwin Chapter; E. R. McSweeney, W. M. Crotty, Dist. Mgr.; F. X. Colleton, Chairman; W. S. Rideout, Affiliate Member, formerly of Wolverine Chapter, Detroit, Mich.; W. A. Cresswell, President, Life Member Associates; L. W. Weir, Asst. Vice President; C. H. McGee, C. Morgan.



# Information Summary

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As a new year begins it is wise and timely to see where we stand in the midst of many complicated problems.

The year just past saw the full impact on our business of economic factors outside our control. Primarily these factors were the result of rising costs in every phase of our national economy.

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Most businesses met these rising costs by increasing prices, which raised the general cost levels still further. Public utilities, like the telephone business, cannot increase prices except by the authority of state regulatory bodies. Consequently, they were caught in the spiral of rising costs with no power to help themselves except by appeals to each state for new rate schedules that would provide more revenue.

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The situation was grave enough a year ago, when we first appealed for rate increases in various states—it has become increasingly serious as the costs of doing business, especially wages, continued to rise while state regulatory bodies prolonged their investigations to determine fair and reasonable rates under today's conditions.

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At year's end these facts clearly indicated the immediate need of higher rates for telephone service.

1. The earnings of the Company as a whole on its average net investment fell to the all-time low of 2.3% in June, and did not rise above 4.7% during any month of 1947.

2. The market price of Company stock dropped from \$142 per share in August, 1946, to \$80 in December, 1947. Since the par value is \$100 per share, the Company can issue no further stock until the price rises to par value.

3. The annual dividend rate was at only \$4.25 per share for 1947.

4. Since the Company could only obtain new capital by issuing bonds, the Company's debt ratio has now risen to 45%.

5. To meet service requirements the Company had no choice but to add more and more plant and equipment. During 1947 the average plant investment was increased by \$45 million to \$312 million.



A gloomy picture? Yes, if nothing were being done about it. But a great deal is being done about it, in each state in which the Company provides service. Our need for increased revenues has been presented to regulatory bodies in each state, and already increases providing about \$8,500,000 in additional revenues are in effect.

The present status in each of the five New England states with regard to increased rates is as follows at the beginning of 1948.

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#### V E R M O N T

Two rate increases are in effect under bond, which means that the Company must return to its customers the difference, if any, between the present rates and those the Vermont Public Service Commission authorizes as fair and reasonable. The first revision, effective since February 1, 1947, was estimated by the Company to increase its annual revenues in Vermont by about \$48,000 per month. The second increase, in effect since December 3, 1947 is estimated to increase Vermont revenues by an additional \$60,000 per month. Public hearings on the two revisions opened before the Vermont Public Service Commission at Montpelier on January 12, and on January 15, after Company witnesses had presented direct evidence, hearings were continued to February 16.

#### N E W H A M P S H I R E

A temporary rate revision estimated to add \$65,000 to monthly revenues has been in effect since July 28, 1947. This was substantially less than the \$89,000 in additional monthly revenues which the Company had requested as immediate relief. This rate increase did not take into consideration the wage increases of last May, which added \$420,000 annually to operating costs in New Hampshire. The Company's operating losses exceeded \$1-1/2 million during the last year and a half, and the Company on October 31, 1947 filed a further revision of rates to become effective December 1, 1947 and estimated to provide an additional \$140,000 in monthly revenues. The Commission suspended the effective date until further order, and on December 8, 1947 the Company petitioned the Commission for immediate emergency relief. On December 17, 1947 the Company presented its case at a hearing and offered to place the emergency rates in effect under bond. This emergency relief under bond was denied by the Commission, and the Company appealed to the Supreme Court of New Hampshire. On February 4 the Supreme Court will hear arguments on the Company's petition to have its proposed rate revisions made effective under bond.

#### M A I N E

Rate increases estimated to yield an additional \$127,000 in monthly revenues have been in effect since May 26, 1947. On December 31, 1947, the Company filed a second revision of its rates in Maine, estimated to yield an additional \$147,000 in monthly revenues, stating that present rates still are inadequate to pay the costs of providing service in Maine and provide a reasonable return on investment.





## R H O D E I S L A N D

Public hearings have not been concluded on a revision of rates filed by the Company June 3, 1947, estimated to yield about \$215,000 in additional monthly revenue. The Company's offer to furnish a bond to permit the proposed rates to become effective at once has been rejected. A special session of the Legislature, called by Governor John O. Pastore has suspended the effective date of the new rates to April 2, 1948. Public hearings were resumed January 26, 1948.

## M A S S A C H U S E T T S

Increases in rates estimated to increase monthly revenues by about \$410,000 have been in effect since July 25, 1947, following public hearings on the Company's petition for "emergency" relief. No further revisions have been filed in Massachusetts.

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Ever think of telephone plant as a tool chest? That's what plant is—a collection of tools to be used in furnishing telephone service.

What sort of tools? Well, any sort of tool that anyone needs to do a particular job. Buildings, desks, chairs, switchboards, cable, wire, telephones, climbing irons, adding machines, automobiles,—they're all tools of the telephone trade.

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It's one of the great satisfactions of our business that the tools provided are the best it's possible to get. They have to be, of course, to do the vital job of furnishing good service 24 hours a day.

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Where did the money to buy the tools come from? Not from the customers, of course. What they pay for their service only helps to pay the operating costs of the business, including our wages and salaries. Most of it came from investors—people who have saved enough so they can buy stock or bonds in our business. The money they paid for stock bought the tools we work with, and the tools really belong to them—they are the real owners of the business. Without investors we'd have no tools, no jobs, no Company.

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What made these people buy shares in our business? Two considerations probably guided most of them. They wanted to be sure their money would be safe, so they invested in a business with a long history of sound, conservative management. Secondly, they wanted some return for the use of their money, and while the telephone company didn't offer the big returns of some businesses, they felt they could depend on a small but steady return. In short, security and a small but steady return appealed to these people.





# Information Summary

How about the investor? Has he been treated right? Will he be willing to furnish more money for better and better tools and further development of the business?

Before the war the stockholder could pretty well count on receiving \$6 a year for each share of stock he held. During 1947 he received only \$4.25 per share. The value of each share of stock fell during the year from \$142 to \$80. He was the one that suffered most when Company earnings started to drop.

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It's clear enough that the owner (common stockholder) of the business is getting the poorest sort of break. The Company's construction program provides more jobs and better jobs and better tools for us who work for the Company. It provides better and better service for our customers, but for the owner it only seems to mean less and less return on his investment and a steady decrease in the value of his investment.

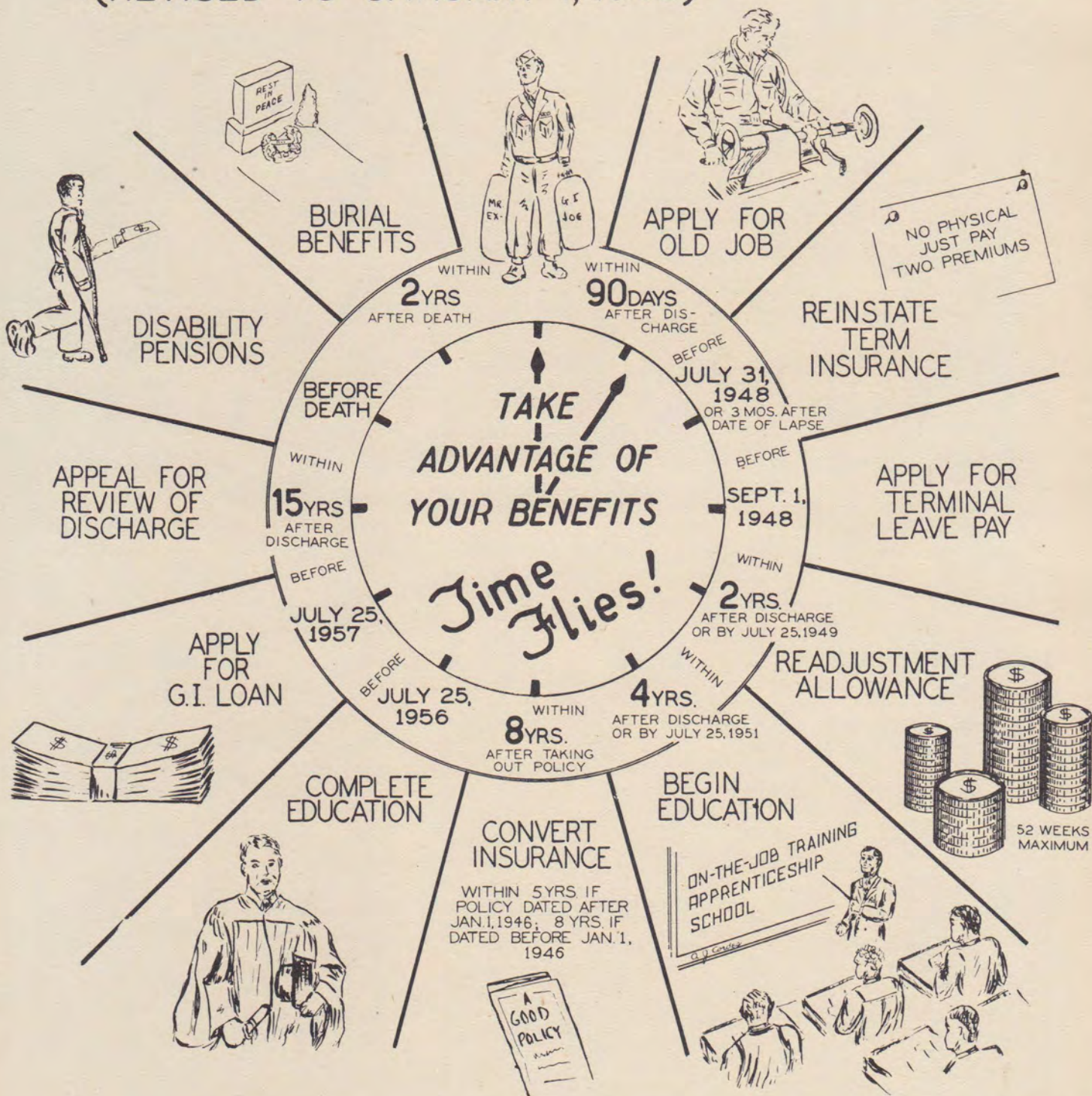
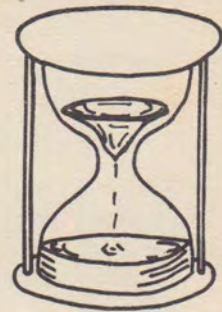
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Like everyone else, investors want their money to work where it will earn a good wage. Like everyone else, they will invest new money with this in mind.

Why is the owner getting such a poor break? Because present revenues just don't permit an adequate return on his investment. So there's another "why" of rate cases. The proposed rates—if granted—would help pay the stockholder reasonable dividends—and maintain his interest in the Company as a place to invest more funds. The old tool box needs lots of new gear, and it's going to require a lot of money to buy it, and the money must come from investors.



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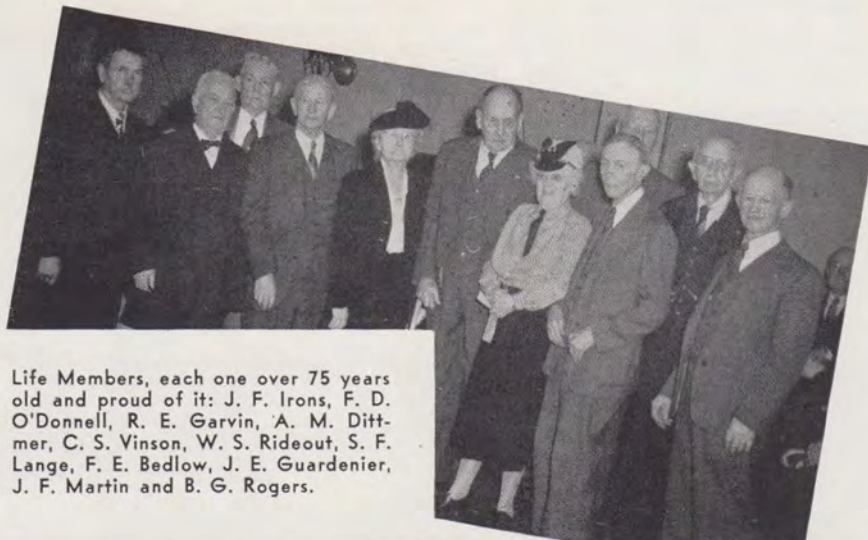
## MEETING

### LIFE MEMBERS

they once worked and with whom they have a great deal in common.

The tremendously successful first meeting which was crowded in spite of snow and transportation difficulties proved that there is a demand for this kind of club among our Life Members.

Following are the committees which worked with Chairman F. X. Colleton. Reception: M. Divoll, Chairman, A. J. Connolly, L. Crowley, N. C. Cutter, K. Dacey, S. F. Lange, A. O'Connell, E. G. Wallace; hospitality: E. G. Horrigan, Chairman, E. Leonard, M. Jones, M. Mulhern, M. Powell, A. Ruelle, L. Sullivan; entertainment: E. R. McSweeney, Chairman, J. Kelley, C. H. McGee, M. Mulhern, T. F. Murphy, M. Powell, C. E. Ames, M. B. Harrington, H. L. Jones, A. Ledwith, E. G. Roninson, G. L. Vianello, H. G. Ward.



Life Members, each one over 75 years old and proud of it: J. F. Irons, F. D. O'Donnell, R. E. Garvin, A. M. Dittmer, C. S. Vinson, W. S. Rideout, S. F. Lange, F. E. Bedlow, J. E. Guardenier, J. F. Martin and B. G. Rogers.



Boys will be boys! The Life Members presented a hair brush to H. A. Fasick, Metropolitan Division Manager. Eddie McSweeney makes the presentation.



Song sheets with numbers that never grow old were good for enthusiastic community singing.



Leaving the party and looking forward to next month's meeting are Eleanor B. Mackay and Mary G. O'Shaughnessy.



At the Hotel Bradford in Boston: W. M. Crotty, District Manager; J. Flate, Sec.-Treas., Sherwin Pioneers; James J. Murray, Thomas Flynn, L. W. Weir, Asst. Vice President; T. P. Mannix, Employee Information Supvr.; O. H. Schmidt, Serv. Supt. of Sub. Offices; H. A. Fasick, Division Manager. Right: J. A. Mather, Met. Plant, referees one of the wrestling bouts.



All Life Members at this table: C. H. McGee, E. R. McSweeney, F. L. Holland, H. E. Hewes, A. M. Dittmer, W. A. Cresswell, J. T. Blair, H. G. Wheeler.

# Sports



**S**PORT movies, bouts, and talks kept guests well entertained at two Pioneer Men's Night parties held last month—one by the Thomas Sherwin Chapter in Boston, the other by the Alexander K. McLellan Chapter in Providence.

About 400 men of the Sherwin Chapter gathered at the Hotel Bradford on January 8 for a reception, dinner, and an entertainment program arranged by the permanent committee — Walter M. Crotty, chairman, and Frank J. Doherty, Harold A. Marsh, Richard Jackson, Edward H. O'Brien. Joseph Barry of Metropolitan

T. H. Shepheard, C. W. Whitney, T. M. Hennessey, Vice President, guest, R. W. Ellinwood, J. A. Griffin, Comptroller, F. X. Colleton and C. Morgan.



Joseph Barry, Metropolitan Plant, at the piano, and D. A. Travalini, who sang for the Pioneers, sang together with two other men in a telephone quartet twenty-five years ago.



# Nights

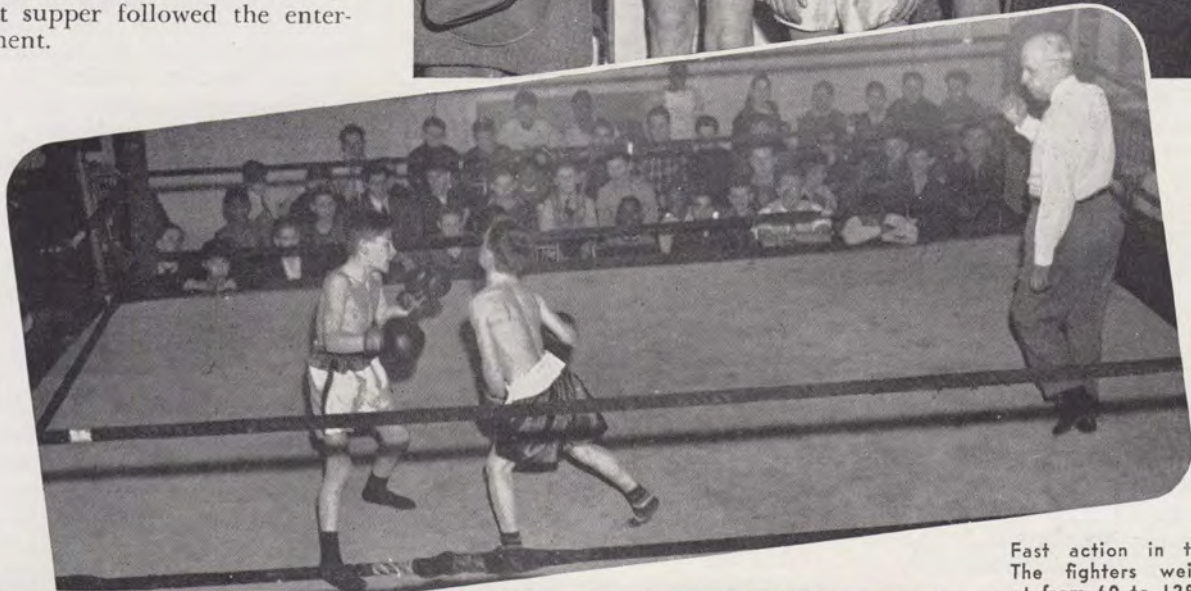
Plant served as M.C. and introduced Gil Dodds, world's champion miler, and Lt. Commander Carlson who is in charge of athletics for the First Naval District. Colored motion pictures showed highlights of the 1947 football season, parts of all championship boxing bouts from Dempsey to the present, and the Ice Capades.

In Providence the Pioneers watched the Young Leather Pushers of the Catholic Youth Organization.

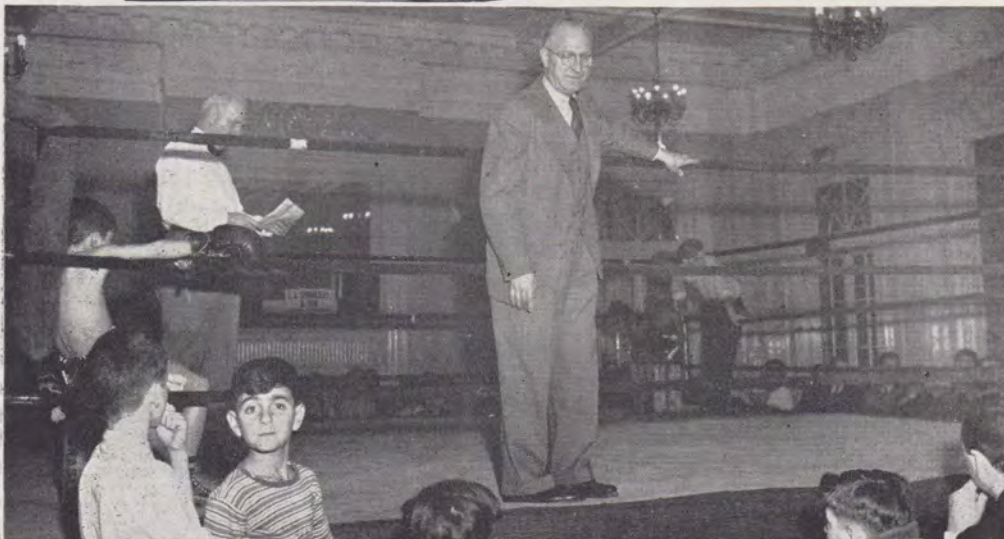
Ernest R. Noke of the Plant Department served as M.C. and Leo Hunt was in charge of the youngsters and refereed their bouts. A buffet supper followed the entertainment.



Warren Walden, sports announcer, Station WEAN, and H. Webster Youlden, sports editor, Providence Journal and Bulletin, pose with three performers at K. of C. Hall.



Fast action in the ring! The fighters weighed in at from 60 to 128 pounds.



Ernest Noke, Southern Plant, climbed into the ring only to announce that refreshments were being served.





### Winter Sports Guides

**T**HE New England Council's 1948 *Skier's Guide to New England* and the Boston and Maine Railroad's *Snow Trains* booklet are ready for ski and snow enthusiasts. Even if you're well into your winter sports for this season, if you'd like a copy of these colorful folders, either write the *Telephone Topics* Office, Room 112, 50 Oliver Street, Boston 7, or call SH erwin 3-9800, Extension 3688, for your free copies while our limited supply lasts.

### Four Millionth

**T**HE number of telephones in use in New York City reached the four million mark December 29, with the installation of an instrument in the Manhattan home of a former GI. The number of telephones in New York City is more than the combined totals for South America, Asia and Africa.

### Checked It First

**T**HIEVES must have looked in the telephone directory before they entered one residence in Portland, Ore., police reported. The house which was rifled belonged to Harry L. Cash.

### The Wrong Procedure

**A** BUSINESS executive recently picked up a ringing phone and held it in his hands while continuing a conversation in his office. The other party heard something like this: "You don't trust me any more, darling." "Oh, but I do!" At this point the gentleman purred into the receiver: "Bilkmeat speaking." He heard a gasp, then a click. The caller was his wife.

### Time Saver

**A**NICKEL telephone call from New York, Cleveland or any of the principal cities on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway will connect the caller directly with the new central reservation bureau inaugurated in January to cut down sharply the time spent in space reservation. The central bureau, say officials, will eliminate the frustration of repeated calls to confirm coach and sleeping car reservations and prevent the possibility of duplicate sales.

### The Old Look

**T**HE girls of the gay nineties had their clothes problems, too, according to *Telephony*. One manager went on record as prohibiting the operators to wear dresses that swept the floor. Their tears and protests did not sway him. "Long dresses stir up too much dust," he stated, "and dust is not good for the equipment."

### Ode to a Trouble

**I**T was just one of those things—the kind that happens on Saturday afternoon after everybody has gone home. At Baraboo, Wis., a contractor's shovel took the measure of a 300-pair underground cable, silencing 488 telephones. Because the business office was closed, the local Wisconsin Company people decided to inform the public of the trouble by a public address system mounted on a cruising automobile. With Arvin T. Apple, Baraboo Testboardman, doing the announcing, townspeople were told: "... Your telephone will be out of service several hours. Please do not report the trouble at the telephone office. . . ." The message proved to be effective. Only one subscriber

called in to report his telephone out of order. And a passing minstrel, without so much as apologizing to poet Samuel Coleridge, made the following comment:

In Baraboo did Wisco Tel  
A stately prowling car decree,  
With Arvin Apple (TBM)  
Aboard to sing a requiem  
For cables cropped by shovelry.

And thus advised by Mother Bell  
Of her 300-circuit ruin,

The citizens calmly bore their  
woe  
And nobody called the Business  
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(Except for a single Barabooan).

We discovered this story in a recent issue of *Long Lines* magazine and thought it would be a pity not to pass it along.

### Surgery Televised

**H**ISTORY was made in New York City recently when 300 surgeons attending the annual congress of the American College of Surgeons in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel witnessed by television seven operations performed at the New York Hospital, many blocks away. It was the first time surgical operations were shown by television from an operating room in one location to receivers in another part of the city. As a result of the demonstration, the congress officially endorsed the use of television in teaching surgery.

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*To save minutes, motorists and pedestrians take chances. Seldom do they pause to consider how great the risk because they don't expect to lose. Yet they do lose. Remember, when you gamble in traffic, you bet your life.*

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## Ooooo!

**D**o you know that conduit—the protective piping used for underground cable—is more properly pronounced *condit*. The u-i-t ending is the same as in circuit. This bit of information, so startling to most of us, comes from Webster's Dictionary, which does, however, allow *cond-oo-it* as a secondary pronunciation.

## It'll Be All Greek

**T**HE American Telephone and Telegraph Company was recently granted FCC approval for a direct radiotelephone circuit between its stations at Lawrenceville and Ocean Gate, N. J., and Athens, Greece. Rates for the service were approved by the FCC some time ago.

## Thieves Beware

**A**FTER snatching a purse, a Cleveland, O., thief jumped into his waiting automobile and drove off. Another clean get-away—so he thought. He paid no attention to the remodeled jeep behind him, but he certainly should have. The jeep had a mobile radiotelephone, and even while the thief congratulated himself on a neat job, the jeep was relaying to the police an accurate description of the car and every turn it made. A baffled man gave himself up when a police cruiser closed in for the arrest. The jeep? It was one of five, owned by a private protection concern, making a regular round and the driver just happened to be on the spot.

## Polish Problem

**T**HE Polish government quadrupled international telephone and telegraph rates in January on the ground that existing charges were too low to permit profitable operations. A three-minute call to the United States, formerly \$12.45, now costs \$50.00. The telegraph rate to New York was increased from 36 zlotys to 144 per word (from 9 cents to 36 cents). Rates to other countries were correspondingly increased.

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"He who has a thousand friends,  
Has never one to spare,  
And he who has one enemy,  
Will meet him everywhere."

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## Mobile Mix-Ups

**P**OLICE in Miami, Florida, may try to find a burglar in Montreal, Canada, when they listen to their mobile radios, but it's not their fault. The cause is a freak of mobile radio service for which there's no explanation as yet. Present mobile service should have a radius of around 35 to 40 miles, so Miami and Montreal couldn't possibly get each other's police calls—but they do. Sandusky and Detroit, too, pick up the wrong city at intervals, but mobile telephone oddities don't always come from two-city confusion. San Francisco mobile units heard organ music in the background of their telephone calls, sometimes so loudly that the conversation faded into the background. Engineers solved that one, though, and the puzzled organist made other arrangements for the amplifier that threw his music into an urban mobile channel.

## Young Reporters

**T**HIRTY-FIVE eighth grade school children recently visited the Dover, N. H., Office, and were shown the various features of telephone work. Their class had been studying communications and the young visitors were very much interested. Some of them wrote an article for the local newspaper telling their experiences at the telephone building and it made good reading.

## It Does Everything

**H**ERE's another job for your telephone. It has been learned that an Eastern business man—faced with the problem of exercising George, his wire-haired terrier—employed telephony to give the dog his daily dozen. Every day at noon he would call his apartment, whereupon George, who was peculiarly stimulated by the ring, would trot around the apartment until the phone stopped ringing. Learning of his daily ritual, a friend who happened to be a dog-bark man for the radio dropped in at the apartment one day at the appointed hour. When the phone rang, the dog-bark man picked up the receiver and yapped three times. "George? Are you all right?" asked his owner.

## With Help from the Muses

**G**IMBEL's Department Store in New York City handled its telephone problem very neatly in a recent advertisement in the *New York Times*. It went like this:

"Our telephones all ringing busy drove the Monday phoners dizzy.

Since we can't get new phones soon

Call us Sunday afternoon.

Gimbel's switchboard is alive every Sunday, 1 to 5."

## Did You Know That . . .

**A**NATIONAL Teletype network, reaching 67 Western Electric locations and comprising 8,500 miles of leased circuits helps coordinate the production and distribution of telephone equipment for Bell Telephone Companies? Over this system which extends from Los Angeles to Haverhill, and from Duluth to Houston, Texas, Western Electric people are presently sending approximately 125,000 messages a month.

## Paper Phone Call

**I**N Japan, public telephone booths are fed paper money instead of the usual coins. When a caller raises the receiver he tells the operator the number he wants, and when the connection is made, he is told to deposit 50 sen. The operator has no way of knowing whether the money was deposited. Fifty sen notes equal one cent.

## Begins at Home?

**Y**ES, the new numbering plan is here to stay in Metropolitan Boston. The public is doing a remarkable job in changing their telephoning habits. They say, "Yes, this is HUbard 2-5990"; "You can reach him at HIghlands 5-4600"; "Call me back at KEnmore 6-1234."

We telephone people, however, as a group are a little slow to change our habits—some of us still say "Call me at COMmonwealth 9905"; "You can reach him by calling KIRkland 9935." Shouldn't we telephone people lead the way?



### C. K. Neilson Appointed Assistant Vice President

**C**HARLESWORTH K. NEILSON, Staff Engineer, was appointed Assistant Vice President, Financial Department, effective January 1, 1948. Mr. Neilson joined the Commercial Department in Boston on October 5, 1925, soon after his graduation from Dartmouth.

After serving as Commercial Representative in North Adams, Mass., and Burlington, Vt., he was appointed Manager at Ayer in May, 1927, and served in the same capacity in Leominster. In April, 1929, he returned to Boston as Manager in the Central District.

He became Metropolitan Division Results Supervisor on January 1, 1934, and Division Training Supervisor on February 1, 1935. He joined the Methods Section, General Office, on May 15, 1936, and was appointed Directory Methods Supervisor on March 1, 1940. Seven months later he became Assistant General Directory Manager.

On January 1, 1944, Mr. Neilson became General Commercial Supervisor and on November 25, 1945, joined the Financial Department as Staff Engineer, the position he held until his appointment as Assistant Vice President.



Charlesworth K. Neilson

Donald Voorhees, left, conductor of the Bell Telephone Orchestra, receives a souvenir print of the Bell System film, "Rehearsal," from Howard Stokes, Radio Advertising Manager of the A. T. & T. Co.

### New Film Goes Behind the Scenes of "The Telephone Hour"

**"R**EHHEARSAL," a new Telephone Hour motion picture, is now available through our Company's Motion Picture section. "Rehearsal" takes the audience behind the scenes at NBC for a look at the shirt-sleeve preparations for a full-dress nationwide broadcast of the Bell System's Monday night radio program.

The film features Blanche Thebom, American mezzo-soprano, Ezio Pinza, Italian basso, Donald Voorhees and the Bell Telephone Orchestra, Floyd Mack and Tom Shirley, the Telephone Hour's announcers, and Wallace Magill, program manager. The story of radio relay—the new transmission system which utilized microwaves to beam telephone messages, radio and television programs from point to point—is related.

"Rehearsal," more thoroughly pre-tested than any other previous Bell System film, has been seen by more than 7,500 people who said they liked it for its instructive and entertaining qualities.







## SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

### *A Call Saves a Life*

SEVERAL newspapers recently carried the story of how an alert night operator saved the life of George Swanson, crippled restaurant owner, at 4:45 one morning when he found himself trapped by flames in his quarters on Center Street, North Easton, Mass., which he used as a combination home and cafe.

Lillian Lothrop, night operator on duty in an adjacent building, heard Mr. Swanson's cries and looked out to see fire sweeping from the first to the third and top floor of the block. She immediately telephoned the police and firemen. Patrolman George Pier-son dragged the restaurant proprietor from a first floor window he had been unable to climb over because of his crippled condition. Mr. Swanson, who has only one leg and gets about with the aid of crutches, said that the flames spread so rapidly that he was unable to leave the building by the doorway.

### *All in a Night's Work*

WHILE the city of Westerly, R. I., slept in the wee hours of a wintry morning, post office janitor Dennis Spellman just missed keeping a rendezvous with death in the icy waters of the Pawcatuck River where he had fallen.

Desperately he clung to the piles of a dock for half an hour, his frantic cries for help growing weaker, his strength ebbing. On the opposite bank at the Telephone Central Office, Night Operator Edna Burdick heard the drowning man's cries and summoned the police. They rushed to the river, formed a human chain and dragged the drowning man to safety just as his last ounce of strength was giving out.

At the hospital where the victim was taken, he was treated for exposure and immersion. Next day

as townspeople and the press hailed the alertness of Operator Burdick, she went quietly home to rest up for the next night's "trick." To her, the occurrence was "all in the night's work."

### *Grateful Appreciation*

DURING the emergency when devastating fires ravaged through the State of Maine this fall, our telephone operators in the stricken areas remained calm, patient and courteous and rendered service of untold value to the public. Numerous letters expressing grateful appreciation and highly praising the operators in their several localities have been received by the Company.

Col. Laurence C. Upton, Chief of the Maine State Police, wrote to Chief Operator Mary Caddigan of Moody, Me.:

"We have always received outstanding service from your office, but it is difficult to understand how you could maintain such a high standard of efficiency with the hundreds of extra calls which you had to handle during this crisis. The service rendered by you and your operators is a great credit to you, to the operators themselves and to the company which you represent."

Lt. Foster O. King, Commanding Officer, Troop B, of the Maine State Police at West Scarborough, wrote to Josephine Seidel, Chief Operator at Biddeford, and to Madeline Welch, Chief Operator at Portland:

"I fully realize what a tremendous volume of calls was handled during the recent Fire Emergency, and I can only wonder how things went so smoothly and with so little delay in getting calls in and out of our office during that hectic time. Again I wish to express my appreciation of a fine job well done."

### *On Hand to Help*

WHILE visiting in Provincetown, Mass., over the holidays, Douglas E. Payne, a Lakewood, O., insurance agent, was the victim of stabbing as the result of an affray with his brother-in-law about 2.45 a.m. on January 1. Mr. Payne dashed out of the house for the police station to seek help. He was unable to find anyone in the Town Hall and, sighting the lights of the telephone office, he went there and pounded on the door. The Night Operator, Leona Caton, opened the door and summoned help.

Police Chief William N. Rogers praised Mrs. Caton and said, "she did an excellent job in putting in the proper calls to the proper people so that aid could be forthcoming. If Payne comes out all right, a large part of his recovery will be due to the prompt, efficient work of Mrs. Caton."

### *All on the Same Team*

A CUSTOMER in Concord, N. H., feeling faint, sought help through the telephone. As she started to make the call, fumes from a faulty water heater overcame her and she collapsed.

In the Central Office, Operator Margaret Mitchell answered the customer's light. Hearing only a feeble mumbling, she reported to Supervisor Margaret Wheeler who summoned a physician.

Chief Operator Vera Deignan put through a call to a house nearby and asked the neighbor to see what was wrong. She reported that a woman was lying in a faint on the floor. Miss Deignan relayed this news to the police. They rushed to the scene just as the physician arrived and, all doors being locked, entered by a window in time to revive the woman.

Had it not been for the prompt teamwork of the Concord operators, the doctor and the police, the woman might well have suffocated.



## Are A. T. & T. Company's Stock Rights Taxable?

IF you received rights to subscribe to American Telephone and Telegraph Company's Ten Year 2¾% Convertible Debentures of 1957 and you sold these rights, you may have realized a taxable gain or deductible loss for Federal Income Tax purposes. The cost of your rights is determined by applying 1.24827% to the cost or adjusted cost of the stock with respect to which the rights were received as indicated in the following example:

### EXAMPLE

Stockholder owned 9 shares of stock on October 31, 1947, the record date for issuance of rights. The cost or adjusted cost of the stock is \$160 per share or a total cost of \$1,440. After receiving his rights, the stockholder sold them for a net price of \$1.40 per right or \$12.60, realizing a deductible loss of \$5.38 computed as follows:

Cost assignable to rights (\$1,440 @ 1.24827%) .....	\$17.98
Net proceeds from sale of rights (9 @ \$1.40) .....	12.60
Deductible loss .....	\$5.38

If the shares had been held for not more than six months, the loss would be a short-term loss and fully deductible, whereas, if the shares had been held more than six months, the loss would be a long-term loss and only one-half (50%) of the \$5.38 would be deductible.

Form 1040 and accompanying separate Schedule D should be used for reporting gain or loss from sale of rights.

For the purpose of determining profit or loss on the sale of the nine shares of stock at a future date or, if rights are issued in the future, for computing the value of such rights, the above stockholder's adjusted cost of the stock would be \$1,422.02 as shown below:

Cost or adjusted cost of stock before receipt of rights .....	\$1,440.00
Deduct: Cost assigned to rights .....	17.98
Adjusted cost of 9 shares of stock .....	\$1,422.02

Assuming this stockholder exercised his rights instead of selling them and, by purchasing 3 additional rights at \$1.50 each, subscribed for \$200. Face value of debentures, the adjusted cost of the nine shares of stock would be \$1,422.02 as computed above and the cost of \$200 of debentures would be \$222.48 computed as follows:

Subscription price .....	\$200.00
Cost assignable to 9 rights received on 9 shares owned .....	17.98
Cost of rights purchased (3 @ \$1.50) .....	4.50
Cost of \$200 of debentures .....	\$222.48

The total amount received from the sale of rights is subject to tax for Massachusetts state income tax purposes as the cost is considered to be zero. The amount should be reported as a gain in Schedule D of the Massachusetts form.

The proceeds from the sale of rights received on stock are not taxable under either the Vermont or New Hampshire laws although such amounts were taxable for Vermont state income tax purposes prior to 1947.

### Cornerstone Ceremonies

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building on Pleasant Street which will be the long distance operating center of northern New Hampshire. A hermetically sealed box was placed inside the stone and contained articles of historical significance to the town.

The ceremony held at Farmington, Me., on January 14 featured addresses by First Selectman Holmes H. Bailey, Village Corporation Assessor Benjamin Butler, and Augusta District Manager Ather-ton Loring, Jr. Leo J. King, Wire Chief, Rumford, placed the stone over the sealed box containing articles of local historical significance, spread the mortar and presented the trowel to Mr. Butler. The colonial brick building will house modern dial equipment which is expected to be cut into service at the end of the year.

## A Growing World

THE past hundred years is only a tiny fraction of the time covered by recorded history. Yet things accomplished during that hundred years have greatly improved the material well-being of many millions of people.

The telephone in about seventy years has spread all over the world. Its greatest development has been in this country, which has about 35 million telephones, or about three-fifths of the world's total. More than 800,000 men and women in the United States are engaged in giving telephone service, or making equipment.

In the Bell System, which is responsible for about four-fifths of the telephone service here, close to 650,000 people are at work. The Bell wire and cable network, plus the connecting lines of several thousand independently owned telephone companies, covers the country. The network also includes radio "lines" to connect with nearly all the telephones in lands overseas, with ships at sea and with cars and trucks on streets and highways. The telephone first talked in Boston, over a few feet of wire. Today you can talk to China from an automobile in a Boston street.

To begin with, telephones were operated on one-wire lines, strung overhead—often from roof to roof. During the period from 1890 to 1910, most of the system was changed over to two-wire lines, which worked much better. Telephones were made to talk more clearly over longer distances. Ingenious switchboards were devised. Improvements in cable made it possible to put more and more of the lines underground. Today, development of nationwide dialing of telephone calls is under way. And cross-country cables now being added are of the type called coaxial, which can carry many telephone conversations at the same time and can be used for television, too.

In the last two years we've installed new Bell telephones at the rate of more than three million a year. Many more people are waiting and we're hustling to serve them. The great demand these days tells something of the increasing value of telephone service.





## for Health

**T**HROUGH the cooperation of our Company's Medical Department with the City of Boston Health Department, General Office employees last month had an opportunity to have chest x-rays free of charge.

Over 700 employees took advantage of the opportunity during the three days that the Health Department's x-ray unit was set up in the Motion Picture Studio on the first floor at 50 Oliver Street.

Employees in the Western and Central Divisions in the past have had x-rays through the cooperation of the State Department. Dr. Fabyan Packard of the Medical Department has announced that plans are under way to enable other employees throughout Boston to have these x-rays.

The x-rays are taken with no inconvenience for the employees. The picture itself is snapped in a matter of seconds and no clothing need be removed. Each employee will be notified of the results of his x-ray in a letter from the Company Medical Department as soon as possible.

In addition to any signs of tuberculosis the x-ray will show cancer, tumor, enlarged heart, or any foreign body in the area x-rayed.

During the past year more than 50,000 people in various industries throughout Boston have been x-rayed by this same unit. The plan is part of the State Department's intensive drive to control tuberculosis by early discovery when it can be most successfully treated.



George Janes of the Public Relations Department hands his x-ray card to Paul J. Cuddy, Field Agent, City of Boston Health Department, as Dr. Fabyan Packard checks his name off the list.



X-ray technician Henry F. Brogan, Boston Health Department, puts Roseanne Kirlin, Commercial Department, in the proper position to have her chest x-ray taken.



# How about a hobby?

POTTERY making, one of the oldest arts known to man, has in recent years been simplified to the extent that it is now unnecessary to bake or fire the pieces to harden them. This process, known as the Townline Process, makes use of chemically hardened clay and the application of a hard glaze, bringing this art well within the realm of the hobbyist.

Sylvia D. Wilson, of the Service Order Unit in the Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Department, has always been interested in ceramics and accidentally discovered this new process when an evening class in pottery making was filled. Miss Wilson learned how to make dishes and tiles by this new process at the Y. M. C. U. in Boston and later experimented with original designs for pins and buttons.

Pieces such as tiles and dishes are made with the aid of greased molds. The hand-made glazes of all colors are thinner than window glass and

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Sitting in the living room of her Cambridge apartment, Sylvia Wilson shapes a clay pat in the palm of her hand. With flexible kitchen knife she designs anything from a penguin to a French poodle.



Most of Sylvia Wilson's designs for pins and buttons are birds and fish which she has seen during her annual vacation on the Cape. She likes to start a pin and let it take its own shape. For these small pieces Miss Wilson has discovered that tempera poster paint is effective for completing the design.



# The DOCTOR'S PAGE

## THAT SEASON AGAIN

By D. L. LYNCH, M.D., F. A. C. S., Medical Director

and

GEORGE F. WILKINS, M.D., Ass't Medical Director



**N**ow that the cold season is again with us, it might be well to check our armament for the battle against this most common of all infectious diseases.

Although the common cold itself is not a serious disease, it can produce discomfort and disability. The common cold also is a distinct public health problem, because of its extremely contagious nature, because practically no one is immune to it, and because of the variety of serious complications that so frequently accompany it.

### *Cause of Colds*

The common cold is a germ disease, but it is caused by a particular species of germ known as a filtrable virus. It is so called because the germ of virus is so small that it passes through the finest of filters that hold back all ordinary forms of bacteria. Viruses also differ from ordinary bacteria in that they grow and reproduce only inside of living tissue. As a result practically all knowledge of the habits of the cold virus has been gained from studies of its effects upon the body rather than from any direct study of the virus.

An uncomplicated cold is a self-limited disease, usually lasting three to five days. However, the action of the virus upon the membrane of the nose and throat so weakens its resistance that the other bacteria, always present in the air passages, frequently obtain a foothold and produce the complications of bronchitis, sinusitis, middle-ear infection, mastoiditis, and others.

### *How Colds Are Caught*

To catch a cold, one must be exposed to the cold virus and at a time when the body is susceptible to it. The latter is important, otherwise all of us would suffer from

colds constantly — particularly in cities where there is almost a continuous exposure to the virus. Anyone who has a fresh cold is harboring the cold virus and is spreading it about with every cough and sneeze. It is to lessen the dissemination of the virus that such precautions as avoiding crowds, frequent washing of the hands, and coughing and sneezing into disposable tissues are so strongly advised for anyone who has a fresh cold. Such precautions are far from being universally observed with the result that most of us are daily exposed to the cold virus.

The factors that determine one's susceptibility to catching cold are indefinite because they are so numerous. As a general maxim, it may be stated that any condition that causes a lowering of body resistance makes the body more susceptible to the onslaught of the cold virus. Chilling of the body is one of the most common and most important of such conditions and usually is the result of insufficient clothing for the time of year, getting the feet wet, or sleeping with improper ventilation, or with too little bed clothing. It is undoubtedly this factor of body chilling that is largely responsible for the increased prevalence of colds during the winter months.

### *Treatment of Colds*

As yet there is no specific cure for a cold. Thousands of remedies have been tried and practically everyone has his own. The majority of remedies are aimed at producing relief from the distressing symptoms and lessening, insofar as possible, the danger of complications. Aspirin will usually relieve headache and other body aches and pains. Fruit juices are helpful in that they supply the body with fluid and also contain a form of

sugar that is both nourishing and easily digestible. Hot drinks and gargles allay the symptoms of sore throat and reduce the amount of local congestion. Fever is a sign that the fighting forces of the system are rallying against the cold. If a fever is present, one should go to bed at least until the fever is gone. If a fever persists more than forty-eight hours, your doctor should be called, for a persistent fever arouses the suspicion that something more serious may be present.

### *Prevention of Colds*

In addition to staying away from anyone with a fresh cold, and in addition to all of the usual general hygienic measures aimed at keeping body resistance high, there are two methods which seem to be of some value in individual cases. The first is to supplement the diet during the winter months with vitamins. Most all of the reputable drug firms now furnish a capsule containing all of the common vitamins in sufficient concentration so that one capsule daily furnishes the minimum adult daily requirements.

The second method is the use of "cold vaccine." There is considerable doubt as to its value in protecting large groups against colds and their complications, but it occasionally seems helpful in selected individual cases. This vaccine can be taken by mouth and is available both in capsule and tablet form. The use of cold vaccine produces no harmful effects as far as can be determined. For anyone who is observing all the usual health precautions and who remains abnormally susceptible to colds and their complications, cold vaccine is recommended as being at least worthy of a trial.



# SERVICE

# Anniversaries

Sarah A. Barrows, Western Plant  
Anna L. Silk, Western Plant  
Elizabeth Seymour, Western Plant

## 30 YEARS' SERVICE

Barbara E. Foley, Metro. Com'l.  
Mabel M. Fitzpatrick, Metro. Com'l.  
Amasa A. Yale, Metropolitan Plant  
William S. Johnson, Southern Plant  
Bernard R. Reardon, Western Plant  
Marion B. Martin, Central Traffic  
Gertrude A. MacQuirk, Metro. Traf.  
Margaret F. Vorderer, Metro. Traf.  
Gertrude H. Brady, Southern Traffic  
M. Alice Monahan, Southern Traffic  
Esther M. Anderson, Western Traffic

## 45 YEARS' SERVICE

Oscar E. McDonald, Metro. Plant

## 40 YEARS' SERVICE

Minnie Burdon, Southern Accounting  
Angus J. MacNeil, Equip. Install.  
Mary M. Mullen, Metropolitan Traffic  
Helen G. Davis, Southern Traffic  
Frances E. O'Brien, Western Traffic

## 35 YEARS' SERVICE

John B. Lynch, General Engineering  
Catherine F. Daly, Metro. Com'l.  
Ignatius Francis, Metropolitan Plant  
Frank E. Hudson, Metropolitan Plant  
Joseph P. Fontes, Southern Plant  
Albert E. Proffitt, Southern Plant  
Herbert N. Chase, Western Plant  
Marguerite Claffie, Western Plant

## 25 YEARS' SERVICE

Erskine N. White, Executive  
Harry E. Tisell, General Engineering  
Elizabeth M. Shine, Western Com'l.  
William F. Donnelly, General Plant  
Patrick J. O'Brien, General Plant



40th  
Harry C. Turner  
Metropolitan Plant



40th  
Howard L. Corbett  
Metropolitan Plant



40th  
Herve Trudeau  
Western Plant



40th  
Richard L. Drislane  
Metropolitan Plant



40th  
Trevor W. Matson  
Conn. Co. Dept.



40th  
Albert Henius  
South. Commercial



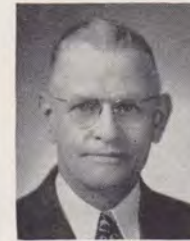
40th  
William J. Flynn  
Metro. Traffic



35th  
Phillip H. Skinner  
Western Plant



35th  
Arthur H. Kolberg  
Western Plant



35th  
Irvin A. Balfour  
Metropolitan Plant



35th  
Ralph M. Warren  
Western Plant



35th  
Patrick J. Gilmore  
Southern Division



35th  
Joseph A. White, Jr.  
Metropolitan Plant



35th  
James A. Martin  
General Traffic



35th  
Walter M. Crotty  
Metro. Commercial



30th  
Harold S. Staples  
Eastern Plant



30th  
Henry G. Hagen  
Western Plant



## 25 YEARS' SERVICE (Cont.)

Roy E. Blay, Western Plant  
James L. Healey, Western Plant  
Francis B. McKeon, Western Plant  
John H. Graves, Western Plant  
Donald W. Jackson, Western Plant  
John A. Power, Western Plant  
George S. Wylie, Western Plant  
Hazel G. Thomas, Central Traffic  
Catherine A. Hayes, Central Traffic  
Gladys Berry, Central Traffic  
Mary H. Gorman, Central Traffic  
Olive B. Fichtinger, Central Traffic  
Bessie H. Kearney, Central Traffic  
Addie M. Wilbur, Eastern Traffic  
Mary E. Lyons, Metropolitan Traffic  
Grace H. McCarthy, Metro. Traffic  
Margaret R. Callahan, Metro. Traffic  
Mary T. Carroll, Metropolitan Traffic  
Anna J. McMahon, Metro. Traffic  
Ernestine M. Wengen, Metro. Traffic  
Mary M. Sullivan, Metro. Traffic  
Jennie I. Harrison, Southern Traffic  
Julia S. Prunty, Southern Traffic  
Matilda U. Healey, Southern Traffic  
Veronica Peloquin, Southern Traffic  
Mary E. McKenna, Southern Traffic  
Leota A. Howard, Western Traffic  
Angela M. O'Brien, Western Traffic  
Lena B. McLean, Western Traffic  
Margaret A. Raynes, Western Traffic  
Mary G. Warren, Western Traffic  
Madelyn J. Burns, Western Traffic

Irene M. Mack, Western Traffic  
Harold S. Carter, Central Plant  
A. E. Schriftgiesser, Central Plant  
Lauretta M. O'Hara, Central Plant  
Joseph R. Levesque, Central Plant  
Allen A. MacPherson, Central Plant  
Guy F. Merrill, Eastern Plant  
Gerald P. Dunn, Eastern Plant  
Richard V. Foltz, Equip. Install.  
Frank A. Wiberg, Equip. Install.  
Thomas F. Curtin, Metropolitan Plant  
George Eastland, Metropolitan Plant  
Joseph A. Dolan, Metropolitan Plant  
Henry C. Isnor, Metropolitan Plant  
John J. Diamond, Jr., Metro. Plant  
Carroll F. Asbell, Metropolitan Plant  
Peter J. Collins, Metropolitan Plant  
Anne B. Knowles, Metropolitan Plant  
Joseph H. Doyle, Metropolitan Plant

William F. Kerrigan, Metro. Plant  
Dana W. Fisher, Jr., Metro. Plant  
Herman J. Mistler, Metro. Plant  
Thomas E. Regan, Metro. Plant  
Joseph J. Donovan, Metro. Plant  
Paul E. Pearce, Metropolitan Plant  
Edmund A. Kirby, Metropolitan Plant  
Francis J. Collins, Metropolitan Plant  
Chester W. Johnson, Southern Plant  
Joseph Thomas, Southern Plant  
Milton E. Miller, Southern Plant  
Patrick J. Beirne, Southern Plant  
John J. Owens, Southern Plant  
Francis A. Donahue, Southern Plant  
Edward T. Sears, Southern Plant  
Allan A. MacDonald, Southern Plant  
Emmett P. Burke, Western Plant  
Thomas J. Lydon, Metro. Plant  
William H. Smith, Metro. Plant

# RECENT Changes



Allan H. Aston  
from Asst. Reports  
Supvr., Eastern  
Disb. Acctg., to Gen.  
Acctg. Personnel  
Staff Asst.



Edward J. McGinnis,  
Dist. Mgr., from  
Springfield to West  
Dist., Metro. Div.



Robert M. Hodgson,  
Manager, from  
Fitchburg to  
North Adams



Edward H. Shaw  
from Manager,  
Portland, Me., to  
District Manager,  
Springfield



Reginald A. Holm,  
Manager, from  
North Adams to  
Winchester



Arthur E. Kenison, Jr.,  
from Customer  
Representative, Metro.  
Division, to Manager,  
Berlin, N. H.



Edward A. Jodoin  
from PBX Foreman  
to Staff Asst.,  
Personnel, Plant  
Dept., Springfield



Julia T. Murphy  
from Div. Instruc-  
tor, Western Div.  
Traffic, to Chief  
Operator,  
Northampton



Roland D. Butler  
from Senior Local  
Testman, Rutland,  
to Wire Chief,  
White River  
Junction, Vt.



Harold T. LaClair  
from Service  
Foreman, Burling-  
ton, to Wire Chief,  
St. Albans, Vt.



Roger M. Atherton  
from Dist. Mgr.,  
West Dist., Metro.  
Com'l, to Central  
Div. Com'l. Supvr.



Frank R. Camp  
from Power Follow-  
Through Inspector  
to Dist. Bldg.  
Foreman, Pittsfield



# Knit Your Winter Wardrobe



Made in an evening or two these mittens will wear for many winters. Knit them of white with red, yellow and green trim for the girl who takes her sports seriously and in the winter.



These colorfully trimmed skiing and skating socks knitted in white with scarlet borders and bright embroidery will give you foot glamour plus this year.



The sweater to go with the socks and mittens completes a set that will give warmth as well as the feeling of being well dressed for outdoor sports and fun.



**B**E prepared when the snow stops to get out on the slopes in your glamorous winter wardrobe—the one you made yourself. All you need to accomplish this are a few cold, stormy nights, a place by the fire, knitting needles and some yarn. As for the patterns, send your request for any or all of these designs and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to *Telephone Topics*, 50 Oliver St., Room 112, Boston 7.

No stray wind will get beyond the tight cuffs, turtle neck and ribbing that fits down over the hips in this beautifully designed sweater you can knit in your favorite color. The skier and fat snowflakes are knitted-in in white.







# HAPPY HUNTING

## DESSERT MENU

### APPLE DUMPLINGS

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| 1 recipe Bran Pastry                 | 1 teaspoon cinnamon            |
| 6 medium-sized apples, peeled, cored | ½ teaspoon nutmeg              |
| 6 tablespoons brown sugar            | 1 teaspoon butter or margarine |

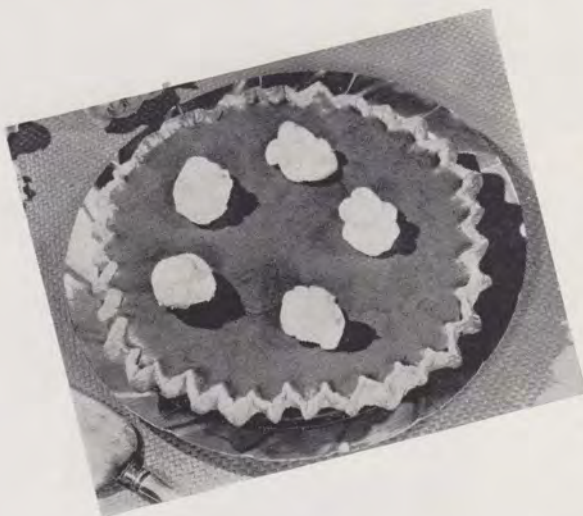
Roll out pastry into large rectangle about ⅛-inch thick; cut into squares about 6 x 6 inches. Place 1 apple in the center of each pastry square. Fill center of each apple with mixture of brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg; dot with butter. Bring opposite corners of pastry together over top of apple; moisten edges with water and seal. Repeat with other corners. Prick pastry with fork. Place in greased casserole. Bake in hot oven (450°F.) 15 minutes. Combine ½ cup brown sugar, ½ cup water and 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine; baste dumplings. Reduce heat to 350°F. Continue baking dumplings about 45 minutes, basting every 15 minutes with syrup. Yield: 6 servings.



### BRAN PASTRY

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| ¼ cup bran                              | ½ teaspoon salt  |
| 1½ cups sifted flour                    | ½ cup shortening |
| 4 tablespoons cold water (more or less) |                  |

Crush bran into fine crumbs; mix with flour and salt. Cut in shortening. Add water, a little at a time, until dough is moist enough to hold together.



### CHOCOLATE BAVARIAN PIE

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| 1 envelope plain unflavored gelatine | ¼ teaspoon salt                         |
| ¼ cup cold water                     | 2 squares (2 oz.) unsweetened chocolate |
| 1 cup light cream                    | 1 teaspoon vanilla                      |
| 3 eggs                               | 6 tablespoons sugar                     |
| ½ cup light corn syrup               |   |

Soften gelatine in cold water. Scald cream in top of double boiler. Beat egg yolks, add corn syrup and salt, beating well. Blend in melted chocolate, which has been cooled slightly. Pour hot cream slowly over egg mixture, blending thoroughly. Return to double boiler and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is slightly thickened and coats a metal spoon. Remove from heat. Add softened gelatine. Cool and add vanilla. Beat egg whites until stiff and add sugar by spoonfuls, beating after each addition. Fold egg whites into chocolate mixture. Pour into baked pie shell and chill until firm. Top with individual meringues if desired.

### SUGAR COOKIES

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| 2/3 cup butter or margarine     | 2 teaspoons baking powder    |
| 1 cup sugar                     | ½ teaspoon salt              |
| 2 eggs, well beaten             | ¼ cup milk                   |
| ½ teaspoon vanilla              | 1 egg white, slightly beaten |
| 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour | Sliced Brazil nuts           |
|                                 | Sugar                        |

Cream shortening, add sugar gradually and cream until fluffy; add eggs and vanilla and mix well. Sift the flour with baking powder and salt and add to creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Chill one hour; roll out on lightly floured board to a thickness of ¼ inch and cut into fancy shapes. Brush with slightly beaten egg white, decorate with sliced Brazil nuts and sprinkle with sugar. Bake in a moderate oven (375°F.) ten to twelve minutes. Yield: approximately 5 dozen cookies.







## IN MEMORIAM

LOUIE A. BACON, formerly of the Commercial Department, Boston. Died January 3.  
 JAMES J. BOYERS, formerly of the Plant Department, Manchester, N. H. Died December 28.  
 HARRY P. CHASE, General Accounting Department, Boston. Died December 24.  
 SADIE A. COLLINS, formerly of the Traffic Department, South Deerfield. Died December 12.  
 JOSEPH CUMMINGS, Commercial Department, Boston. Died January 5.  
 STEPHEN A. DURFEE, formerly of the Plant Department, Providence, R. I. Died January 5.  
 ABBIE E. KEARNS, formerly of the Traffic Department, Dorchester. Died December 20.  
 CHARLES A. KIRBY, Plant Department, Gardner. Died December 31.  
 HARRY E. McARDLE, General Traffic Department, Boston. Died January 11.  
 HENRY E. McKEON, formerly of the Plant Department, Manchester, N. H. Died December 30.  
 GERTRUDE A. MURPHY, formerly of the Traffic Department, Boston. Died December 17.  
 LIDA W. NYE, formerly of the Traffic Department, Waterville, Me. Died December 20.  
 ALEX J. O'TOOLE, formerly of the Plant Department, Providence, R. I. Died December 12.  
 FORTUNAT F. ROBERT, Plant Department, Manchester, N. H. Died December 27.  
 GEORGE H. SIMONDS, formerly of the Commercial Department, Boston. Died January 4.  
 ESTELLA C. SULLIVAN, Traffic Department, Newport, R. I. Died December 26.  
 JOHN H. TOOHIG, Plant Department, Cambridge. Died December 27.  
 FRANK O. TUCKER, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died December 25.  
 WALTER S. TURNER, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died January 9.  
 JENNIE S. VANCE, formerly of the Traffic Department, Providence, R. I. Died January 8.  
 WILLIAM T. WYMAN, Plant Department, Boston. Died January 7.

man, General Manager, Westerly Automatic Telephone Company, Westerly, R. I.; Edgar M. Farnsworth, Manager, Eastern Telephone and Telegraph Company, Calais, Me.; Charles W. Ricker, Manager, Poland Telephone Company, Poland Spring, Me.; William H. Weppler, Manager, Winn Telephone Company, Winn, Me., and George B. Adams, Manager, Kearsarge Telephone Company, Salisbury, N. H.

A. Stanley Little, Kearsarge Tel. Company, New London, N. H.; and William A. Sheffield, Westerly Automatic Tel. Co., Westerly, R. I.

Frederick Adams, Kearsarge Telephone Company, Salisbury, N. H.; Robert E. Fowle, President, Sidney Telephone Company, Sidney, Me.; L. A. Nelson, Manager, Hopkinton Telephone Company, Contoocook, N. H.; Maynard V. Little, Engineer, Westerly Automatic Telephone Company, Westerly, R. I.



Pfc. Peter J. Barnes, Jr. (A)  
*Southern Disbursements  
 Accounting*

T/4 Vincent R. DeFerrari (A)  
*Secretary's Office*

Pfc. Joseph F. Landers (A)  
*Secretary's Office*



### RECEIVE SERVICE EMBLEMS

At a recent party, William Sheffield, President of the Westerly Automatic Telephone Company, presented service pins to employees of the Company. Receiving emblems were: Elizabeth Hogg, 40 years; Stanley Livingston, 35 years; Emma Keller, 30 years; Agnes Harvey, William Hogan, and James Hawkins, 25 years; Louis Conrad,

Martin Stapleton, Richard Young, and Helen Pendleton, 20 years; Fred Roeber and Alice Young, 15 years; Grace Gingerella, 10 years; and Marguerite Whitford, Edna Burdick, Catherine Barnes, and Ellen Robinson, 5 years. Mr. Sheffield and Elmer L. Cushman, General Manager, spoke briefly to the recipients of the service emblems. Dancing followed.

## Connecting Companies News

ASSOCIATE EDITOR  
 Percy W. York

### Install 3,375 Telephones in 1947

During 1947 approximately 3,375 telephones were installed in rural areas by the 107 Independent Connecting Telephone Companies which serve over 40,000 customers from 160 exchanges in the states in which the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company operates.

Without any fanfare or intensive publicity programs, these companies

have quietly established an enviable record which compares favorably with the total national rural telephone development for the year of 1947.

### Recent Visitors to the General Office

Lowell F. Hammond, Manager, Ludlow Telephone Company, Ludlow, Vt.; Leonard Hammond, also of the Ludlow Telephone Company, Ludlow, Vt.; Elmer L. Cush-



Employees of the Perkinsville Tel. Co. were the guests of the Springfield Local Tel. Co. recently at a sleigh-ride followed by a square dance at the Grange Hall, Springfield, Vt.





### SPRINGFIELD LOCAL TEL. CO. FETES EMPLOYEES

The Springfield Local Telephone Company recently

entertained its employees at a turkey dinner held at the "Trade Winds" in appreciation of their services which made 1947 a successful year for the Company. Games and dancing followed.



### ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Employees of the Lewiston, Greene and Monmouth Telephone Company recently held their Annual Get-Together party at the Community Hall in Winthrop, Me. The main feature was the presentation of a gift to Walter Stockford in honor of his 45th service

anniversary with the Company. Entertainment was provided, followed by refreshments and dancing. The evening was climaxed by the presentation of a gift of money to each employee from the Company's President, Maynard Leighton, in appreciation of their loyal service during 1947.



### SLEET STORM AT WESTERLY

A freezing sleet storm recently hit the area around Westerly, R. I., which is served by the Westerly Automatic Telephone Company. More than 60 exchange lines, affecting about 500 customers, mostly rural, and 15 toll lines to Carolina, were out of service. Over 100 poles were broken and down from the weight of the ice. Service for the Carolina exchange,



which was isolated during the storm, was restored in less than 48 hours. Emergency supplies were shipped in by truck, the initial load arriving within twelve hours from the first report of damage. The New England Company offered assistance and a construction truck and crew were assigned to assist in restoring service. The first picture shows T.S. 722 at Ashaway, R. I. Bradford Road, Westerly, R. I., is shown in the second picture.

### Leeds Telephone Association Election

At the recent annual meeting of the Leeds Telephone Association the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President and General Manager, R. D. Knapp; Vice President, Stanley Bryant; Secretary, S. E. Waite; Treasurer and Collector, Joseph Stetson; Line Foreman, Stanley Bryant.

Directors elected were: E. H. Rose, Stanley Bryant, S. E. Waite, George Foss, George Pillsbury, E. S. Waite and R. D. Knapp.

### Advertisements

Employees, both active and retired, wishing to advertise anything for sale, rent or exchange, may do so in *Telephone Topics* without charge.

#### FOR SALE

BATHTUB, ideal for camp or cottage. Complete with fixtures. \$25.00. Call WAtertown 4-8572. J-2

ON CAPE COD, Dennisport, center of village, 11 room guest

house on corner lot 160' x 180', 6 rooms and bath on second floor. Hall with spiral staircase, 2 living rooms, bedroom, dining room, kitchen on first floor. New roof and plumbing, Town water. Partially furnished. Call or write I. W. Moran, 12 Prospect Avenue, Brockton. Telephone BR ockton 775. F-2

WESTERN electric hearing aid for \$25.00. Call BL uehills 8-1230. F-2

#### FOR SALE

COMPLETE Radio Station; 150 watt transmitter Meisher 150B, \$250; Hallicrafter communications receiver S.X.-25, \$100; Signal-generator, \$40. Write or call F. J. Misite, 649 E. Seventh Street, South Boston, SO uth Boston 8-3161. F-2

#### FOR RENT

FURNISHED ROOM with kitchen privileges with private family in Roxbury near Brookline. Call LO ngwood 6-0639. J-2

ROOM in private family in attractive apartment with kitchen privileges for middle-aged business woman. Pleasant outlook. Convenient to transportation and city proper. LO ngwood 6-3500. J-2

#### WANTED

MATCH FOLDERS, after matches have been used, for scrap book collection. Will remit postage. Mrs. Eleanor Hodgkins, 278 Broadway, South Portland, Me. J-2

USED LEATHER brief case suitable for carrying school books. Call SH erwin 3-9800, extension 4233. J-2

IN WORCESTER or vicinity, 5-6 room apartment for adult family. Call Auburn 796. J-2

COLLECTING Blue Bell paper weights is hobby of Pioneer F. E. Dunham, 2462 Harney Street, Omaha, Neb. Correspondence invited. J-2

FAMILY OF 3 adult women want 4 room unfurnished apartment in suburban Boston. Call BL uehills 8-2081. J-2

DOLL COLLECTOR wants to buy German or French china face dolls at a reasonable price. 30-35 years old. Jointed or kid bodies. Call CO lumbia 5-1466. F-2

FOUR or five room apartment for employee, wife and son in vicinity of Dorchester, West Roxbury, Roslindale. Call CO lumbia 5-3756 after 6 p.m. F-2

5 OR 6 room apartment or flat in the vicinity of Everett, Melrose. Call EV erett 3-4547M. F-2

AT ONCE a small house or apartment in Reading or vicinity for three working adults. Please call SH erwin 3-9800, extension 2546 or RE ading 2-0581-M after 6 p.m. F-2



"Evidently you haven't been buying your shoes at a reputable store—you only take a size seven!"



# Equipment Installation News

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

C. Leo McKenney



## 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Angus J. MacNeil recently completed 40 years' service with the Company, most of it with the Equipment Installation Department. He is shown here receiving his two-diamond button from Louis C. Haas. Left to right, back row: Leo

Horigan, Robert F. Murphy, Frank C. DiModica, Thomas F. Cooley, C. Leo McKenney, Richard A. Wolf, Thomas L. Williamson. Front row: Leon F. Wheeler, Francis W. Boutilier, James J. Tierney, Bernard F. McGaffigan, Louis C. Haas, Angus J. MacNeil, Frederic C. McDonald, retired, Frank T. Hannon.

## Newcomers

The Equipment Installation Department, 6 Bowdoin Square, welcomes the following new employees: Florence Albert, Jean O'Connor, Dorothy Connelly and Mary Flynn.

## Engagement

Barbara P. Grant of the Equipment Installation Department recently announced her engagement to G. Blake Young of West Roxbury.



## MALDEN X-BAR DANCE

The members of the Equipment Installation Department who are rapidly completing the new Malden X-Bar Office recently conducted a dance at the Hotel Continental,

Cambridge. The committee, left to right, seated: Frederick Moran, Jean Sullivan, Philip S. Bailey, Jr. Standing: Gerold Bourgeois, Richard Manning, Marion Fitzpatrick, Robert Purcell and Warren Hall.

## Telephone Inventions

As an illustration that telephone facilities and service are continually changing, a recent issue of *Telephony* points out that there has been an average of 260 telephone inventions per year since the invention of the telephone in 1875. That's a total of about 18,000 new devices in the three score and twelve years of telephone development.



"If my last suggestion burned 'em up wait 'til they read this one."

# General Office News

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

William L. Williams, *Plant*

Lois C. Beals, *Traffic*

Joseph H. deVicq, *Directory*

Frank L. Cobb, *Engineering*

Harold B. Ranshousen, *Com'cial*

Donald J. F. Sabin, *Accounting*

## Hyland Speaker at Shade Tree Conference

John I. Hyland, General Plant Department, was one of the speakers at the Shade Tree Conference held recently at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

This conference was conducted by the Department of Arboriculture at the University and was attended by Tree Wardens, commercial arborists, utility representatives, and students majoring in this field. The purpose of the conference was to correlate research, field practices and education on this subject.

Mr. Hyland spoke on low voltage trimming requirements, methods and objectives, especially as they apply to the successful operation of communication lines.



A testimonial dinner was held recently for Ralph W. Ellinwood, General Engineering, upon his retirement after thirty-seven years of service. He was presented a radio set from his associates.

## Farewell Dinner

A farewell dinner was held recently at The Hi-Da-Way restaurant, Boston, in honor of Helen Fitzgerald Ludwig, Directory Office, who recently retired from the Company. She received many gifts from her associates.

Among those attending were: Rita Kelley, Barbara Halpin, Gertrude Byrne, Carolyn Goodwin, Ruth Powers, Agnes McShane, Kathryn Sullivan, Marie Quinlan, Ruth David, Margaret MacDonald, Claire Cunningham, Margaret Davis and Marie McNeil.

## Newcomers Welcomed

The General Plant Department recently welcomed the following newcomers to the staff of the General Toll Service Supervisor: James S. Ciccolo and Vincent A. Steriti.

## Engagement

Jean Pierce of the Statistician's Office recently announced her engagement to Paul Huoppi of Lexington.



## ENGINEER HONORED

Frederick L. Holt, Toll Test and Telegraph Transmission Engineer, was honored recently at a dinner held at the Engineers Club. Retiring after nearly 44 years of service, he was presented appropriate gifts by his many friends. Mr. Holt served as toll testman at New Bedford and Boston. Since 1924 he has been associated with the Transmission Engineering group. William J. Jelley and Edmund J. Johnson of

Boston Toll Test wrote several poems for the occasion. Shown at the head table are, left to right, seated: Frank A. Benham, retired Chief Engineer; James W. Thompson, Chief Engineer, Mr. Holt, James W. Kidder, Transmission and Protection Engineer; Archibald A. Campbell. Standing: Hawley S. Young, Winthrop H. Bowker, Clarence W. Bates and J. G. Patterson, retired Transmission and Protection Engineer.





Alan F. Lays, former Hyannis Supervising Line Foreman, and now on temporary assignment to General Plant, is shown receiving his 35-year pin from Hugh W. Macdonald, General Plant Supervisor.



### BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Dwyer, Directory Office, was the guest of honor recently at a bridal shower held at the Hotel Gardner in Boston. She became the bride of Paul Campbell on

January 4 at St. Charles Rectory, Woburn. The committee in charge of the shower included: Marie Phelan, Ruth Powers, Agnes McShane, Kay Sullivan and Marion Lukshaw.



"I won you from Bobby Stringer at marbles today, Mary Sue."



### DIRECTORY CONFERENCE

Improvements in directory service were mapped recently at a conference in Boston, left to right, seated: Philip J. Callan, Elliston H. Bell, Jr., John K. Arnold, Harold L. Jarvis, Joseph H. deVicq, Donald B. Lovis,

Edward F. Cross, Robert F. Buckley, John Altimas, Elmer Walster, Grace Duggan. Standing: Frank G. Edgar, Edward M. McKnight, John C. McKelvey, John J. Lambert, Davis E. Burbank, Thomas F. Wuschke, Raymond S. Stone, Robert H. Butler and Robert M. Walsh.



### RETIREMENT PARTY FOR PIONEER SECRETARY

A retirement party was held recently at the City Club for Charles E. Ames, General Plant Staff Assistant and former Thomas Sherwin Chapter Telephone Pioneers, Secretary-Treasurer, by his Company and Pioneer associates. Mr. Ames started his telephone career as a night operator in the Somerville exchange on February 10, 1900, and has held a number of

positions since then. He is a former President of the Thomas Sherwin Chapter. In the first picture he is shown receiving his Life Membership Certificate in the Telephone Pioneers from Samuel T. Cushing, National Secretary of the Pioneers. In the second picture Mrs. Ames has just received a bouquet of flowers in honor of the occasion, and in the third picture John P. Kobrock, General Plant Engineering Supervisor, presents the Company Certificate to Mr. Ames.



# Central Division News

## ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Harold M. Robinson, *Plant*

George E. Merrill, *Commercial*

Margaret Cassidy, *Rev. Acct.*

Oscar E. Stanton, *Traffic*

Abigail L. Sullivan, *Disb. Acct.*



### PRESENTS FOR ORPHANS

Presents, given by the girls at a Manchester, N. H., Traffic party, were distributed to orphanages in

Manchester during the holiday season. Left to right are: Loretta Dashy, Isabel Legenc and Helen Legenc who were in charge of the distribution.

### Weddings

Florence Curtin of the Salem Revenue Accounting Office was recently married to Wallace S. Campbell of Salem. Miss Curtin was employed in the Toll Billing Section.

Jeanne Osborn, Salem Revenue Accounting Office, was married New Year's Day to Herbert Russell of Peabody. Miss Osborn was employed in the Toll Adding Section.

Margaret Potter, Salem Revenue Accounting Office, recently resigned to become the bride of Gerard MacDonald of Auburndale.



A surprise bridal shower was held recently for Louise Arsenault, Berlin Traffic, in honor of her marriage to Howard Wight. She received many gifts from her associates.

### Newcomers

Central Division Commercial recently welcomed the following newcomers: Catherine M. O'Neill, Service Representative at Lynn; Soteria J. Kosartes, Stenographer at Lowell; Mabel F. Priestly, Teller at Manchester, N. H.; Bernice E. Taylor, Service Representative at Berlin, N. H.; Muriel A. Wilson, Service Order Clerk at Lynn; and Almeda Zula, Teller at Lawrence.



### FRAMINGHAM CHRISTMAS BOXES

Santa in the disguise of the Framingham telephone operators made five additional local families

happier by supplying them with a complete Christmas dinner. Finishing touches are being added by, left to right: Vera Whitehouse, Barbara Kane, Giovannina Piscitello and Dorothy Kennedy.



### KNITTING CLUB

Members of Beverly Traffic recently formed a knitting club under the direction of Catherine Murphy and Kay MacIver. Left to right, front

row: June Gonet, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Newman, Mrs. Murphy, Eileen Curtis. Back row: Shirley Chaloner, Doris Murphy, Miss MacIver, Ann Julius and Verna Hubbard.



### FAREWELL DINNER AT SALEM

Myra L. Hammond, Senior Toll Supervisor, Salem Revenue Accounting Office, and former TOPICS Associate Editor, was the guest of her Accounting associates at a farewell dinner held at the Hotel Hawthorne, Salem. She started her telephone career 45 years ago in the Worcester Accounting Office. Chester H. Pratt, Division Auditor of Receipts, acted

as master of ceremonies. Miss Hammond received her Life Membership Certificate in the Telephone Pioneers of America from Donald Heath and her Telephone Service Certificate from Allan E. Brickett, General Personnel Supervisor. Margaret Cassidy, retiring president of the Revenue Accounting Associates, then presented a gift from the Associates to her and a memory book from her telephone friends. Dancing in the ballroom followed the dinner.





## MARLBORO MEETING

William J. Walsh, Marlboro Area Wire Chief, recently held a meeting in his office to review the accomplishments and results obtained in the area during the year 1947. He especially praised their safety record. Clarence W. Connolly, District Plant Superintendent, also attended the meeting. Left to right, seated: Richard Fiske, James Donahue, Wilfred Ham-

mond, Russell Parsons, Teresa Ward, Clarence W. Connolly. Second row: Dugald Doyle, James Carr, David Nichols, John Walsh, William J. Walsh. Third row: Albert Ryan, Richard Lemarbre, Gerald Dee, William McWilliams, James Whiteaker. Back row: Charles Hammond, Frederick Fiske, Harry Collins, Philip Noyes, Ovide Lanois, Harry Huff. Not shown in the picture were: George Yapp and Alfred Olsen.



## BRIDAL SHOWER

Beatrice Owen, Rochester Traffic, recently was given a bridal shower by her associates at the home of Doris Curtis. Left to right, first row: Valerie Cossette, Barbara Horne, Jacqueline Shaw, Mary Brennan. Second row: Vivian Nadeau,

Madeline Callaghan, Eula Haley, Alice Fisher, Beatrice Owen, Evelyn Dolan. Standing: Doris Curtis, Harriet Hoyt, Julie Sass, Stella Begin, Kathleen Haley, Elaine Demers, Eunice McCarthy, Mary Callaghan, Norma Masse, Elsie Hert, Beulah Horne, Beverly Goodwin, Barbara Lessard.



## WEDDING PRESENTS GIVEN

Edward Hughes, District Planner, is

shown presenting wedding gifts to Gladys Bowen, Laconia Plant, on behalf of her fellow workers.

A bridal shower was held recently at Wagon Wheels, Danvers, in honor of Dolores Fortin, Salem Local, who was presented a purse of money and a corsage by her co-workers.



## FAREWELL PARTY

A surprise farewell party was held recently at Blinstrub's Village in honor of Kirk C. Taylor and Ulderick F. Hurley, both of whom have been transferred from the Central Divi-

sion Office. Mr. Taylor is now at the General Office and Mr. Hurley has been transferred to the District Office in Framingham. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Hurley and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

## Marriages

Patricia F. Tucker, Service Representative at Berlin, N. H., was married recently at Gorham, N. H., to A. Richard Furlong.

Margaret C. McGuire, Service Representative at Lynn, recently was married to Neil F. Curran at St. Joseph's Church in Lynn. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Oxford Club.

## Changes

Recent changes in the Central Division Commercial Department include: Richard N. Clarke from Engineering Assistant, Boston, to Customer Service Representative, Salem Servicing Section.

Robert A. Gallant from Business Office Representative, Salem, to Business Office Representative, Lynn.

Robert E. Gardner from Commercial Representative, Salem Servicing Section to Special Representative.

Ashford F. Jenkinson from Business Office Representative, Framingham, to Engineering Assistant, Boston.

Robert L. Johnson from Business Office Representative, Lynn, to Commercial Representative, Salem Servicing Section.

Russell F. Martin from Special Representative, Salem Servicing Section, to Engineering Assistant, Boston.

Barbara E. Forrest from Stenographer, Lowell, to Service Representative.

Elizabeth V. McLaughlin from Teller, Manchester, to Stenographer.

Paul J. O'Neil from Engineering Assistant, Boston, to Business Office Representative, Lowell.

David W. Wilcox from Business Office Representative, Lowell, to Business Office Representative, Framingham.

## Portsmouth Traffic Items

Recent engagements in the Portsmouth Traffic Office are Jean Fernald to Arthur Ricker; Irene St. Hilaire to Robert Weston; and Solange Maher to Leo LaLancette.

Recent weddings are: Pauline Ingraham to Ernest MacMullen; Barbara Hatch to Glen Larrabee; Virginia Schurman to Raymond Burge; Jean Osborn to John Lorenz; and Helen Walsh to Ronald Lyles.

## Framingham Traffic Weddings

Norma Benjamin, Kathleen Nolan and Dorothy Voght are recent brides in the Framingham Traffic Department.

## Engagement

Beatrice Ouilette, Framingham Traffic Supervisor, recently announced her engagement to Louis Paul.

## Engaged

The engagement of Kathleen C. Soucy, Service Representative at Lynn, to Lloyd Allen Weitzel of Naugatuck, Conn., was announced recently.

## Hinsdale Agent Appointed

Ruth B. McAuliffe has recently been appointed Agent at Hinsdale, N. H., to replace Doris M. Wellington who has resigned.







### Change

Phyllis A. Hopkins, Service Order Clerk in the Concord, N. H., Business Office, has been appointed Service Representative.

A banquet was given by Claremont Traffic at Lynbrook Lodge, Goshen, N. H., for Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hudson, who were recently married. Mr. Hudson is Claremont Central Office Repairman. The couple received an electric mixer and a pressure cooker.

### Marriage

Janet R. Stevens recently became the bride of Sumner E. Brown, Dover C.O. Department, at a candlelight ceremony at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Sanbornville, N. H.



### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower was held recently in the recreation rooms of the telephone office honoring Mrs. Walter Poole, the former Virginia Radcliffe, who was married recently. The following were present, left to right, first row: Marie McMaster, Rita McCue, the guest of honor,

Marilyn Browning, Madeline Belucci. Second row: Margaret MacInnis, Betty Wylie, Betty Fournier, Betty Holmes, Gertrude Knott, Eileen Pinkham, Gladys Furber, Agnes Machado, Jeannette Howe. Third row: Elva Caswell, JoAnne Regan, Barbara Currier, Helen Regan and Marjorie Chick.



### Framingham Traffic Engagements

Two recent engagements in Framingham Traffic are those of Elizabeth Burke to James McQuiston, Jr., and Phyllis MacFarland to George Bullard, Jr.

### Welcomed

Recently welcomed back to Framingham Traffic is Mrs. Edward Acker, the former Madeline Cole. Madeline was married in October. Also welcomed was Mrs. Andy Agostinelli, the former Angelina Naticchioni, who was an October bride.

### Marriage

Ingmarie Johanson, Franklin Traffic, recently became the bride of Gordon Sumner Wiggin in a candlelight service at the home of her parents. Following the wedding a reception was held at the Showboat in Wrentham. After a wedding trip through New England the couple will reside in Franklin.

A few days before the wedding Ingmarie was guest of honor of her associates at a pre-nuptial shower at the home of Norah Feeley.

Ruth E. Brown, Central Division Plant Engineering Office, recently became the bride of Herbert Collins. Her associates at 141 Milk St. decorated her desk and gave her a purse of money.



### Salem Revenue Accounting Office Engagements

Eileen L. Norton to Lester P. Barbrick of Salem; Bernice Homan to George Allen Brackett of Salem; Eileen T. McGovern to Richard Melanson, Long Beach, Cal.; Jeannette N. Ruane to Lester E. Kenniff, Jr., of Salem; Lorraine T.

Martel to Albert Dugas of Lynn; Beatrice DeLorenzo to Philip E. Chenery of Peabody; Winifred Waldron to James W. Regan of Winchester; Natalie E. Powers to Frank Pierce, Danvers; Madeleine Jodoin to Robert E. Quin of Brighton; Norma Rogers to Barry Moore, Rowley.

### Presentation to Irving Rolfe

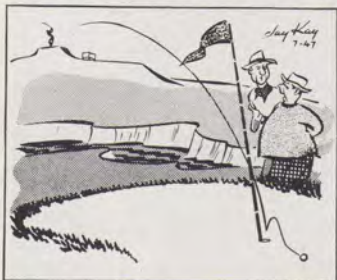
When Irving W. Rolfe concluded active duty as Manager at Gloucester and went on vacation prior to retirement, his associates presented him a memory book and other suitable presents.

### Dinner Party

The engagement of Janet T. Soucy, Service Representative in the Nashua Business Office, to Roger R. Dugas, has been announced. A dinner party was given for her recently at Six Acres, Londonderry.

### Portsmouth, N. H., Traffic Marriage

Elva Ollie recently became the bride of Thurston Caswell of Rye.



"What did I tell you, he ain't so hot, see?"



### DINNER PARTY

Charlotte F. Fleming, Service Order Clerk in the Lawrence Business Office, was married recently to Joseph W. Mahoney. Her associates in the Business Office gave a dinner party in her honor at Levaggi's in North Reading, at which they presented appropriate gifts to her. Seated, left to right: Barbara Dodge,

Margaret Skeirik, Betty Lynch, Muriel Snyder, Sally Howe, Sylvia Morgan, Anna O'Dowd, Geraldine Powers, Grace Morrison, Lillian Abbott. Standing, left to right: Irene Flynn, Lillian Learmonth, Eileen Begley, Mabel Farnham, Hazel Bartlett, Charlotte Fleming Mahoney, Mary Elward, Anita Herdegan, Betty O'Brien, Lena Hauk.



# Eastern Division News

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### 37 YEARS OF SERVICE

Caroline Thompson, Portland Operator, who recently completed 37 years of service was the guest of her associates at a farewell supper served in the Company dining room. She received her service certificate from Claude H. Tozier, Division Traffic Superintendent, and was

given earrings, a watch, a brooch, and other gifts from her associates. Left to right, seated: Mr. Tozier, Miss Thompson, Madeline Welch, Lewis J. McHardy, Delia C. Flaherty and Nancy Foley. Standing: Alice Buchanan, Mae Sullivan, Evelyn Moynihan, James J. Connolly, Hannah O'Toole and Margaret McAleer.



Priscilla Bunker, Service Representative in the Portland Business Office, was honored at a dinner party held at the Graymore Hotel recently. The occasion was her transfer to the Bangor Office.



### 400 CLUB

Members of the "400 Club" in the Portland Business Office recently completed another 100% in service, their fourth. Front row, left to right: Barbara Roberts, Saralyn Phillips, Marjorie Schell, Beverly Cushing, Edward H. Shaw, Manager; Rita Robinson, Jane Calderwood, Marion Rennie. Standing: John Flaherty, Com-

mercial Representative; Clara Briggs, Supervisor; Jane Hunter, Dorothy Milliken, Mabelle Smart, Consuelo Von Scheid, Norah Bagley, Joan Cleveland, Frances Flaherty, Mary Clancy, Mary-Ellen Howard, Elizabeth Stanley, Supervisor; Mary Nelson, Mary Flaherty, Susanna Henderson, Elizabeth Thuotte, Supervisor; Jeannette Burnham, Frances Reardon, John J. Carver, District Manager.



Oscar A. Kaler, TOPICS Associate Editor, is shown with the two deer he and his nephew shot recently at Wood Pond in Bridgton, Me. The deer weighed 100 and 112 lbs. each.



### RETIREMENT PARTY

Recently a group of thirty associates met at the Dover-Foxcroft Business Office to honor Effie M. Russell, Service Representative at Dover-Foxcroft, Me., who retired recently after completing her 41st

year with the Company. Miss Russell was presented a coffee table, a pair of silver ashtrays and flowers. Seated, left to right: Virginia Greene, Miss Russell, Mary Kimball, Ruth C. Pike. Standing, left to right: J. Paul Marcous, Wilbur Rice, S. Earlon Dill.



### AUGUSTA SHOWER

A shower was held recently at the Malta House, Augusta, in honor of Florence Cunningham, Augusta Traffic, who has become the bride of Charles Sheehan. She was presented a table lamp and other gifts. Left to right, front row: Margaret

Eno, Ellen Burns, Miss Cunningham, Frances O'Neil, Barbara Seigars and Ellen Boyle. Back row: Mary Kinnon, Amidel Krumen, Ruth Brown, Selva Coombs, Olive Tibbetts, Madeline Grimshaw, Gertrude Collins, Ellen Abram, Betty Soucie, Orilda Russell and Ida Gagnon.



"Must be a poor connection then, because I'm practically shouting at you right now!"

—Look Magazine



## How About a Hobby?

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held together over a fiber backing. Choosing the suitable colors the glaze is cut to fit a predetermined design and crackled by hand. It is then placed face down over the mold, followed by the plastic clay. If the design is complicated it fits together like a jigsaw puzzle, requiring a well-made pattern. The clay takes from 40 to 80 hours to dry and is surprisingly durable. After the piece is removed from the mold, the grease is removed and finishers applied.

A lover of Cape Cod, Miss Wilson hopes to interest some of the small gift shops in her pins and buttons which are designed after the birds and fish which frequent this famous Massachusetts resort.

The best part of her hobby, says Miss Wilson, is that because of no baking, the living room of her apartment can be used for her workshop.

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### Sweets for Service

Many Maine Traffic employees received presents from subscribers for special services rendered and also for the excellent everyday service they gave during the past year.

Oakland, Me., Traffic received a total of forty pounds of candy, fruit and nuts, and many of the girls received individual gifts. The girls in Windham, Me., received two pounds of candy each and also two pounds of salted nuts, and were given a large basket of flowers to decorate their rest room for their Christmas party. Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and York employees also received many gifts during the holidays.

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### Waterville Bowling

The Waterville Plant "Hotshots" and "Sluggers" are at it again this year in the Waterville bowling alleys. At present the "Hotshots" are leading. Mansfield M. Packard, Wire Chief, is still high man with an average of 300 for 3 strings.

An invitation for a bowl-off with Augusta has been extended.

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"Is there a form or something I have to fill out to apply for a modeling job?"

### BANGOR DANCE

Bangor Dial Traffic employees recently held a dance at the Penobscot Valley Country Club.



### FAREWELL LUNCHEON

A farewell luncheon was held recently at the Elks Club, Portland, in honor of Mary Marston, Senior Engineering Clerk, Traffic Department, who has resigned to make her home in Cornish, Me. Left to right, seated: Thornton L. C. Burnell, Charles H. Andersen, Mrs.

Marston, Claude H. Tozier, Doris Joler and Virginia Doukas. Standing: John D. Wells, Constance Winslow, Eleanor Hargadon, Barbara Tubbs, Murtle SeeHusen, Frank Murray, Margaret Conroy, Marguerite Hartnett, Marie Curran, Alice Glynn, Frances Harkins, Virginia Tinker, Alice Hargadon, Leone Jones, Ellen O'Donnell, Ellen Chute, Katherine O'Donnell and Elizabeth Kemp.

### Birthday Party for Two

Pauline Greene, Skowhegan Chief Operator, and Mildred Jones, Fairfield Operator, were honored on their birthday by their associates at a party held in Skowhegan. Both received a birthday cake.

### Marriage

Elizabeth A. Edgcomb, Cornish Traffic, recently became the bride of Paul Y. Estes.

### Double Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. Woodman Cairnes

are receiving congratulations on the birth of twin daughters recently at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary. Mrs. Cairnes is the former Muriel Hevert, Division Chairman of the Eastern Division Federation.



### TRANSFER PARTY

A transfer party was held recently for James T. McCroary who recently has been made Lewiston Manager. Left to right: Yvonne B. Reny, Martha Guerin, Mary McGrath, Josephine Sidell, Mildred Booth, John

J. Carver, District Manager; Thomas C. Cochran, Maine Manager; Mr. McCroary, Mrs. McCroary, Edgar A. Farnum, Division Commercial Supervisor; Alice M. Tetrault, Annette Gagne, Eleanor Ryan, William S. Blackwood and Adelpha McKeen.



# Metropolitan Division News

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### 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Harold B. Thompson, Station Repairman in the North Central District, is awarded his 40-year service emblem by Supervising Repair Foreman Edward J. Manley while his co-workers stand by to congratulate him. Left to right, front row: Harry C. Turner, Joseph Indre-

sano, John E. Ivers, Mr. Thompson, Edward J. Manley, Supervising Repair Foreman, John M. Kelley, John M. Cotter. Second row: Francis P. Connor, Joseph E. O'Connell, James W. C. Curran, Howard G. Wheaton, John A. MacDonald, Perry J. Eaton. Back row: Edward M. Lynch, Francis G. Jones.



### 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Thomas J. Flynn, Southwest District Testman, is shown receiving his 45-year pin from Raymond M. Maloney, District Plant Superintendent. Among those present

were: Helen M. Neas, Thomas L. Glynn, John T. Bowers, Virginia M. Schultz, Daniel H. Farren, Henry F. Sheehan, Mary E. Flynn, James B. McCann, Warren S. Corbett and James B. Lister, Jr.



### PLANT SAFETY MEETING

A Safety Meeting was recently conducted by District No. 5 at the Hotel Commander, Cambridge. It was held in connection with the safe and courteous motor vehicle program now being conducted throughout the Division. Among the speakers were Registrar of Motor Vehicles Rudolph F. King, Chief John R. King, and Sergeant Daniel Brennan of the Cambridge Police Department, and William Reardon, Supervisor of Training for the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and Company speakers. The first

Daniel Taylor, retired Milton Cable Splicer, gun in hand, is shown with the deer he shot on a hunting trip to the Cape. He was recently chairman of a hunting and fishing club committee which gave fifty disabled servicemen a day's outing smelt fishing.



### HIGH HAT, TIE AND GLOVES

Dorchester won the High Hat for the third time and thus acquired "The White Tie" as well as the hat and gloves. Dorchester and Bowdoin Square tied for "Top" honors for the Cumulative Index for 1947 with 99.1. Dorchester will keep permanent possession of the hat shown above and a duplicate will be given to Bowdoin for permanent possession. Shown above, left

to right, are: Edward J. B. Desmond, Manager; Gladys Hansis, Service Representative; Helen Danahy, Service Representative; Mary McEleney, Service Order Clerk; Lucie DeHaro, Service Representative; Franklin A. Shurtleff, District Manager; Florence Barrett, Business Office Supervisor; Marguerite Daly, Business Office Supervisor; Pauline Hartigan, Service Representative; and Harold A. Fasick, Division Manager.

### Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. John Condon are the parents of a son born New

Year's Day. Mrs. Condon is the former Gertrude Duffy, Arlington Traffic.



picture shows some of the speakers, left to right: Harold C. Baker, District Plant Superintendent; Thomas P. Dillon, Right of Way Agent; Registrar Rudolph F. King, Chief John R. King, William J. Monahan, Division Safety Supervisor; William P. Brennan, Division Plant Superintendent; John C. Dalton, Division Construction Superintendent; Scott A. Hutchinson, Division Plant Personnel Supervisor; B. E. Malatesta, Superintendent of Engineering and Construction. Part of the three hundred Plant men at the meeting are shown in the second picture.





## OCEAN SHOWERS RECENT BRIDE

Lucille Barker was surprised by her Ocean Traffic associates recently at a shower held in honor of her marriage to Millard Smith of Winthrop. Lucille was the recipient of many gifts for her new home. Claire and Doris Atkinson were the hostesses for the evening. Those attending were, left to right, first row: Ruth Cronan, Claire Magee, Claire

Atkinson, Doris Atkinson and Lorraine Hill. Second row: Jennie Russo, Millard Smith, Lucille Barker, Marie Centracchio, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Lillian Keller. Third row: Helene Barry, Mary Kelley, Mary Remick, Ursula Queenan, Dorothy Cody, Helen Sohey, Geraldine O'Connell, Eileen Maggioli, Jean MacDonald, Eileen DeCoursey, Ethel O'Connell and Emily Vanderhoof.



## PRE-NUPTIAL SHOWER

Jean Flintoff was tendered a pre-nuptial shower by the Ocean Traffic girls at her home recently in honor of her marriage to John Hess at St. Mary's by the Sea Church, Point Shirley. Those attending were:

Isabelle Flintoff, Jean Flintoff, Lillian Recupero, Isabelle Flannery, Eunice Hess, Eileen DeCoursey, Eileen Maggioli, Dorothy Cody, Ruth Hazel, Marjorie Mooney, Geraldine O'Connell, Jean MacDonald, Mildred Maggioli, Lorraine Hill and Doris Atkinson.



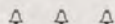
Mary O'Rourke, Plant Department, formerly of the Bowdoin Information Traffic Office, resigned recently to become the bride of Herbert Sewarbrick of Detroit, Mich. Prior to her resignation her former Bowdoin Information associates held a shower at the Fox & Hounds Club and presented a purse of money to her.



"What's the matter, don't any of you fish down there like worms?"

## Newcomers

Kenmore Traffic extends a welcome to Mary J. O'Donnell and Barbara A. Perker.



## Engagements

Frances E. Smith and Catherine A. Girvan, Roxbury Information, announced their engagements recently and are receiving the best wishes of their friends. Catherine is engaged to Paul Dunkerly of Hyde Park and Frances to Robert Hibberts of Quincy.

## Resigned

Rosemary M. Lake, Roxbury Information Traffic, resigned recently to enter the Robert Bent Brigham Hospital where she will train for nursing. Rosemary was entertained at a farewell dinner party where she was presented a purse of money.



## BELMONT ENTERTAINS AT SMITH HOUSE

Eleanor Chamberlain was tendered a surprise shower recently at the Smith House in honor of her forthcoming marriage to John J. Green of Dorchester. Eleanor was presented a purse of money from her many associates in the Belmont Traffic Office. Left to right, seated: Doris A. McDonald, Helen E. Tierney, Helen Papalegis, Margaret E. Grant, Josephine R. Buckley, Rita J. Sullivan, Mary H. Burnock, Phyllis E.

Rosenberger, Miss Chamberlain, Elizabeth M. McKeon, Charlotte Heinbecker, Marie E. Shaughnessey, Mary A. Keefe, Catherine C. McNamara. Standing: Mary L. Riley, Rena O. Haley, Elizabeth L. Murphy, Alice M. Sullivan, Alice V. McBride, Barbara M. Barrett, Catherine M. Quinn, Virginia Cronin, Marion T. DeFrenze, Pauline F. Considine, Claire A. Servelle, Katherine R. Dailey, Margaret A. McDermott, Rita E. Carroll.





## 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Recently Mildred Koen's desk was decorated with flowers by her office associates in honor of her twenty-

## Made Vice-Chairman of Red Cross Campaign

John M. Dick, Jr., Manager of the Milk Street Commercial Office, has just been appointed vice-chairman of the Greater Boston 1948 Red Cross Campaign. He will have the chairmen of the District Division, the Allied Chapters and the Metropolitan Division reporting to him during the drive.

## Visit to Pensioner

Blanche E. Dempsey, pensioner, formerly associated with the Arlington Business Office, was visited recently. She is well and wishes to be remembered to all of her telephone friends.

## Receives Citation

Jerry McCarron, Customer Representative, recently was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon by the Commanding General of the Air Training Command of Selman Field, La.

The Citation accompanying the Ribbon read:

"By direction of the Secretary of the Army, Pfc. Jeremiah J. McCarron has been awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon.

## CITATION

Pfc. Jeremiah J. McCarron, 31157631: For meritorious service at Selman Field, Louisiana, from 7 March 1943 to 29 May 1945. Pfc. McCarron submitted the basic idea for the production line build-up of R985-AN1 and AN3 type engines. The statistics reveal that his plan, when put into effect in the Engine Change Department, increased the total number of engines of this type built up by approximately sixty-five per cent. The time and effort expended by this enlisted man in the perfection of this plan was a contributing factor to the maintenance of airplanes at Selman Field, and reflects the highest credit upon his service."

five years of service. George Pieper, Dist. Plant Supt., presented Mrs. Koen with her service emblem and a gift from her co-workers.



## RECEIVES 40-YEAR PIN

Howard L. Corbett, Electrolysis Tester in the Construction force, was awarded his 40-year pin by Superintendent of Construction John C. Dalton while his friends

and associates looked on. Left to right: Ralph H. Carlisle, John P. Doherty, Mr. Corbett, B. E. Malatesta, Superintendent of Engineering and Construction; Mr. Dalton, John E. Minitier and Karl W. Bowers.



## TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Associates of Margaret G. Walsh gathered at the Hotel Copley, Boston, recently on the eve of her retirement from the Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Department

at Watertown. She was presented gifts and John P. Hyland, Division Auditor of Receipts, complimented her on her service to the Company. On her last day at the office, Margaret's desk was decorated and she was presented a gift by the Association.



## DORCHESTER TOLL CUTOVER

The fourth decentralized toll unit to serve the Metropolitan Boston area was cut into service in Dorchester recently. The equipment is the latest type to be introduced into this Company, a 3-C toll switchboard with 33 positions, and at present is handling toll calls originating with Dorchester, Milton, Quincy and Rox-

bury dial subscribers. The particular exchanges served are Columbia 5, Talbot 5, Geneva 6, Avenue 2, Bluehills 8, Cunningham 6, Granite 2, President 3, Mayflower 9, Highlands 2, and Jamaica 2. The Toll Operating force has been recruited from offices in the Metropolitan Division, and the office is under the administration of Frances T. Radley, Chief Operator.





### Engagements

The following Braintree Traffic girls have recently announced their engagements: Thelma Pratt to Robert Cotter of Weymouth, Phyllis R. Concannon to William Sargent of East Braintree and Anna M. Murray to James F. Glasheen of Dorchester.

Marie C. McElroy, CLR Unit No. 5, Boston Toll Traffic, was feted by her associates at a shower held at the Show Boat and was presented numerous miscellaneous gifts.



A dinner party was held recently on the S. S. Brewster, Neponset, for Ruth Cusick, Roxbury Information Traffic, who resigned to accept a position as receptionist at the Catholic Charitable Bureau. Ruth was presented a corsage and a gift.

"Something durable, please — his creditors always grab him by the tie."



A transfer party was held recently at Blinstrub's Village for Virginia Parker, Aspinwall Traffic, who has been transferred to Miami, Fla.

### Wakefield Paper Praises Operators

The following editorial recently appeared in the *Wakefield Item* shortly after Christmas:

#### "Unseen but Doing a Grand Job"

A great deal is said around Christmas time about the labors of the letter carriers and others who make various kinds of deliveries but there is an unseen service few ever think about.

It is rendered by the Telephone Operators. Many of whom, by the way, have to give up all or part of their Christmas when the demand for service is even heavier.

Here in Wakefield before and during the holidays the services rendered by the local telephone girls was as usual superior. Of course, there were short delays at times, but they amounted to nothing when the amount of traffic handled is considered."

### 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Walter M. Crotty, Central District Manager, recently celebrated his 35th anniversary with the Company. Here Walter is shown receiving the congratulations of Harold A. Fasick, Metropolitan Division Manager, at his emblem presentation. Left to right: Wynton R. Dangelmayr, Bowdoin Square Manager; John M. Dick, Jr., Milk Street Manager; Mr. Fasick, Mr. Crotty and Catherine C. Kelleher, District Chief Clerk.



### Dorchester Business Office News

Mary P. Nolan has been recently transferred to the Personnel Department, 245 State Street, Boston.

Joan M. Nugent has been recently transferred to the Dorchester Business Office from the Mattapan Business Office.

### Engagements

Ruth M. Hardy, Dorchester Commercial Office, announced her engagement to Richard Corcoran of Jamiaca Plain recently.

S. Rose Lardner, Dorchester Commercial Office, recently announced her engagement to Thomas Dalton of Dorchester.

Barbara L. Germain, Dorchester Commercial Office, announced her engagement recently to George Robichau of Quincy.



### BARN DANCE

The Waltham Traffic girls held a gala barn dance recently at Swenson's Barn, Lexington, where old and

modern dancing was enjoyed by all who attended. The committee included Jean R. Conrad, Jean M. Langill and Eleanor M. Duggan.



A pre-nuptial shower was held at Club 100 for Helen P. Courtney, Kirkland Traffic, in honor of her recent marriage to Robert Troy of the Installation Department. Helen was presented a bouquet of greenbacks and a corsage.



### FAREWELL

Paul J. Eaton, formerly District No. 2 Traffic, was guest of honor at a farewell breakfast recently, held at 1245 Hancock Street, Quincy, on the occasion of his transfer to Central District No. 1. Those present were: John F. Harkin,

Joseph J. McLaughlin, Rena M. Reilly, Walter L. Dignam, Franklin A. Shurtleff, Mary A. Mitchell, Frederick P. Davies, Percy H. Cobb, Letitia G. Campbell, William W. McDonald, Rose M. Brown, Catherine A. Carnes, Kathleen M. Powers, Margaret F. O'Toole, Anna V. Hannigan.



### FORMAL BALL

A formal ball was held recently by the Boston Toll Traffic girls at the Hotel Vendome. Among those attending were, left to right, seated: Ellen Creighton, Anna M.

Finley, Margaret H. Dooling. Standing: Frank H. Conway, Mary J. Drea, Mary A. Reardon, William L. St. John, Nellie L. Connors, Julian S. Hartwell, Mary T. Flavin and Richard C. Halberg.



### THREE IN ONE PARTY

A lobster party was held recently in the Everett Traffic lunch room in honor of three members of the force. Agnes G. Murphy, Chairman of the Everett Federation of Telephone Operators, has been trans-

ferred to the General Traffic Engineers. Gertrude Richardson, Everett hostess, was celebrating a birthday, and Susie L. McCambridge, Everett Chief Operator, had passed her eleventh year as Chief Operator there.



### WEDDING

Eleanor M. Russell of the Metropolitan Disbursements Accounting Office became the bride of John I. Power, recently in St. Patrick's

Church, Roxbury. She was presented a gift of money from the Met-Acco Club besides receiving many gifts from her associates in the office.



Watertown Revenue Accounting recently held a barn dance at the Cedars, Lincoln. Modern and square dancing was enjoyed. On the committee were: Patricia Murphy, chairman, assisted by Ann Tuscher, Ann Arrigal, Rita Whelan, Gertrude McNamara and Pauline Sullivan.





## CHELSEA SHOWERS FOUR BRIDES

A shower was held at the Parkway Club in Everett recently for four of the girls from Chelsea Traffic, in honor of their recent marriages. Each girl was presented a corsage and a purse of money. Attending were: Rita H. Sullivan, Mildred M. Barry, Winifred A. Lyons, Virginia C. Martin, Margaret H. Evans, Anna T. Evans, Adele L. Kilroy,

James F. Fraser, Barbara M. Fraser, Paul J. Flynn, Mary A. Flynn, Eileen A. Deyermund, James W. Deyermund, Anna M. Konieczny, Edward J. Konieczny, Ruth E. Tully, Eleanor M. Leslie, Winifred Downey, Elizabeth F. DaCosta, Lorraine Bouchie, Helen Lawless, Mary F. Seaver, Margaret G. Nicolini, Eileen V. Hennessey, Lillian M. Casey, Irma L. Cunningham, Maude A. McKenna, Lorraine A. Hurley.



## SHOWER FOR RECENT BRIDE

The Melrose Traffic girls held a shower for Alice Cook in honor of her recent marriage to John Melkonian at which time she was presented a corsage and a silver coffee set. Those attending the shower were: Eleanor Ball, Shirley

Ann McHatton, Mrs. John Cook, John Melkonian, Alice Cook, Rita King, Alice Noonan, Marie Sparks, Ann Anderson, Charlotte Greene, Mary Reale, Nancy Ciciarella, Virginia Blake, Oleda Woods, Lois Earles, Marie Romano, Jean Allfrey, Jane Duff, Marie Kelly, Ann Longo, Cicely DeGroot and Dorothy Duff.



Louise Moran, CLR Unit No. 3, Boston Toll, was the guest of her associates at a bridal shower held in honor of her forthcoming marriage. Louise received an umbrella of greenbacks and a corsage.

## Engagements

The following Waltham Traffic girls are receiving congratulations from their associates on the recent announcements of their engagements. Estelle L. LeBlanc to Edward R. Carey of Waltham; Anne A. Shields to John A. Maroney of West Roxbury; Hazel C. Balcom to R. Douglas Burke of Watertown; Mary F. MacDonald to R. Conrad Erickson of Waltham.



A tea was held recently in the retiring room of the Newtonville Traffic Office for Gertrude Collins in honor of her retirement from the Company after many years of active service. Gertrude received numerous felicitations and several gifts from her many friends in the District.



## BON VOYAGE

Mary V. Tangney, Kenmore Traffic, was feted by her associates at a party held on the eve of her departure to Ireland. Mary was presented a corsage and a purse of money. Left to right, seated: Mary R. Devlin, Mary V. Tangney, Josephine J. Cotugno, Marie Conroy,

Virginia DeRubins, Eileen M. Gibbons, Dorothy L. Roscoe, Frances M. Whouley. Standing: Phyllis A. Lapsley, Elizabeth McAuliffe, Nancy A. Jennings, Eleanor M. Healey, Helen R. Jennings, Lorraine F. Dunn, Theresa E. Walton, Virginia R. Ward, Gertrude M. Murphy, Theresa R. Murphy, Mary A. McQuaide and Evelyn Cox.



"Just tell him it's 'Bubbles' and see if he says I should tell you what I want to see him about."





## PARTY FOR TWO

The Hyde Park Traffic girls held a party at the office to bid farewell to Paul A. Dexter, recently transferred to Fitchburg, also to welcome Henry Bonzagni, newly appointed Traffic Manager. A spaghetti dinner prepared by Rose G. Amuzini was served during the day to about 80 associates. Some of those

attending were: Margaret A. Power, Pauline B. Osgood, Rose G. Amuzini, Paul A. Dexter, Marion A. Leonard, Agnes Doyle. Standing: Richard F. Cronin, Henry V. Bonzagni, Barbara T. Nesser, Mabel R. Hewes, Elizabeth A. Friberg, Betty A. Dann, Eliot T. French, Nora A. Foley, Catherine I. McCarthy, Agnes G. McMahon, Edward J. Gallagher.

## Hot and Cold Testing

A combination refrigerator and oven is used by the Bell Laboratories for testing carrier equipment at any temperature between -60 degrees and +160 degrees Fahrenheit. Within this range the temperature is controlled to an accuracy better than 1 degree. To obtain temperatures below room temperature, a mixture of dry ice and alcohol is used as the refrigerant, while an electric heater is provided to obtain the higher degrees.

## Future Coaxial Cable and Radio Relay Facilities Construction Will Double Present Mileage

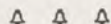
Bell System coaxial cable and radio relay facilities already installed or under construction at the end of 1947 totaled some 7,000 route miles, and construction planned for the next few years will about double the present mileage. In 1948, we expect to complete the laying of coaxial cable over the main route from the East Coast westward to Chicago, begin construction on the New York-Chicago radio relay system and go ahead with the necessary installations to provide two-way television channels over certain important routes.



## SURPRISE PARTY

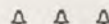
A surprise party was held recently for Louise Reil, Woburn Traffic, by her associates at which time she was presented a portable radio. Those attending were, left to right, seated around the table: Beatrice

Hackett, Katherine Hohman, Rita C. Kelley, Louise Reil, Mary Brennan, Johanna Shea, Rose Hynes, Catherine Walsh, Louise C. Barrett, Margaret M. Coughlin, Kathryn R. Malone, Phyllis Holland, Winifred Walsh, Rose Sullivan.



## Engagement

Catherine T. Gill, Kenmore Traffic, is receiving best wishes from her friends on the announcement of her engagement to Charles A. McGowan of Arlington.



## Engagement

Edna O'Connor, Bowdoin Information Traffic, recently announced her engagement to Joseph Marshall.

The first annual dance of the Met-Acco Club was held recently in the Princess Ballroom, Hotel Somerset, Boston. The committee on arrangements were: Shirley Hoar, Jessie MacLeod, Ellen Marsh, Marie Walsh, Kathleen Sullivan, Irene McDonald, Helen O'Brien, Mary McDonough, Catherine Rogers and Barbara Doherty.



At the Gay Nineties recently a group of Ocean Traffic girls held a party for Lulu B. Nott in honor of her 30th service anniversary. She received a gift of money.



## WEST DISTRICT PARTY

The Welfare Group of Brookline Installation of the West District conducted a party at the Oak Square

Bungalow, Brighton. Over 300 enjoyed a catered supper. Ethel Kelly was in charge of arrangements. Community singing and dancing were enjoyed.



"I didn't know you were in the hospital last year, Sheppard — what month was it?"





### TOLL HONORS RECENT BRIDE

C.L.R. Unit No. 1, Boston Toll Traffic, girls feted Helen Gallagher at



### MALDEN SHOWERS RECENT BRIDE

At the home of Catherine Keegan, Malden Traffic girls held a shower for Phyllis Foster who married Kenneth J. Welsh recently at St. Joseph's Church, Malden, and presented an appropriate gift. Those attending were: Helen Swanton, Catherine Healey, Ann Gibbons, Louise Barrett, Mary Spencer, Josephine Belanger, Ann Clemens,

Ermitrude Quinn, Lorraine Gillette, Jean Coogan, Rita Glynn, Agnes McNamara, Julia Mooney, Mary Harvey, Arline Murray, Margaret Coughlin, Kathryn Malone, Muriel Cronin, Barbara McDonald, Dorothy Anderberg, Marion Cronin, Catherine Rock, Anna Melia, Mary E. Murphy, Rose Shea, Phyllis Welsh, Margaret Crocker, Catherine Keegan, John Rock and Kenneth Walsh.

### Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fitzpatrick are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter Dorothy born recently. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is the former Louise Barry of Roxbury Information Traffic.



"If there are any important messages while I'm out, Miss Suggs, just jot them down on odd scraps of paper and lose them, as usual."

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Ruth G. Lyons, Roxbury Information Traffic, was the guest of her associates at a shower held at Steuben's Vienna Room, at which time she was presented many gifts. Ruth will become the bride of Maj. Walter J. Landry, Jr., USA.

### Appointments

Best wishes are extended to Katherine Campbell, Arlington Traffic, recently appointed District Welfare Supervisor.

Girls in North District Traffic wish Margaret K. Murphy success in her new appointment as Division Quarters Supervisor.

### Engagements

The following Bowdoin Information Traffic girls have recently announced their engagements: Eleanor Foley to William Fathergill; Claire Wright to Edward Voliante; Sally Biokbeck to Edward Ford.

The Parkway Traffic bowling team vied with Waltham Traffic at a meet held recently in the Park Street Bowling Centre, West Roxbury, with Parkway still retaining the championship.





## Roxbury Girls Give \$200 To Aid Disfigured Child

Through the efforts of Gertrude Carey, Roxbury Information Traffic, more than \$200.00 was collected by the Roxbury Information, Highlands girls, Traffic and Plant Clerks for a little youngster whose face was disfigured when fire destroyed her home in Roxbury some time ago, taking the lives of her mother and sisters.

She is well known to all the Traffic and Plant girls at 26 Waverly Street and the sum collected will be donated to help swell the fund being raised in the community.



## BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower was held at Blinstrub's Village for Phyllis Sheehan in honor of her recent marriage to Paul Shimmel, at which time her Harrison Toll Traffic friends presented a gift to her. Those attending were: Theresa Russell, Theresa Killoran, Claire Driscoll, Muriel

Nee, Ruth E. Doherty, Madge Donaghy, Mary Elliott, Mary E. Norton, Dorothy I. Kelley, Madeline Adler, Mary Berry, Ruth Toland, Mary T. Donovan, Pauline Sheehan, Phyllis Shimmel, Mrs. John Sheehan, Margaret E. O'Brien, Virginia Hanley, Eileen A. Cotter and Grace Harrington.



## FRIENDLY FAREWELL

A group of friends in the Division Traffic Engineers Office helped Leo W. Twombly celebrate his last day at the office. His desk was appropriately decorated. Those present when the photographer arrived were,

left to right: Myron K. Chandler, Leo W. Twombly, Agnes V. Thornton, Jane V. Lehan, William J. Flynn, Dorothy M. Conrad, Warren A. Maynard, M. Maxine Tremaine, Robert S. Blake, Robert E. Woods, Frank N. Howland and Sheldon S. Heap.



Dedham Traffic surprised Theresa Hayes at a shower held recently at St. Mary's Guild Hall in honor of her marriage to Edward O'Neil.



"No, I'm not particular—any make of suspenders will do!"

## INCOME AND EXPENSE RECORD

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The Columbia Local Traffic girls held their first annual Harvest Semi-formal recently at the Hotel Statler. Music was furnished by Karle Rohde and his orchestra. The committee in charge consisted of Mary English, Marie Maguire, Katherine McNamara and Maxine Swanson.







**SHOWER FOR RECENT BRIDE**  
Gertrude R. McDermott resigned recently to join her husband who is in the Navy stationed in Japan. Her associates feted her at a shower luncheon held at the home of Mary

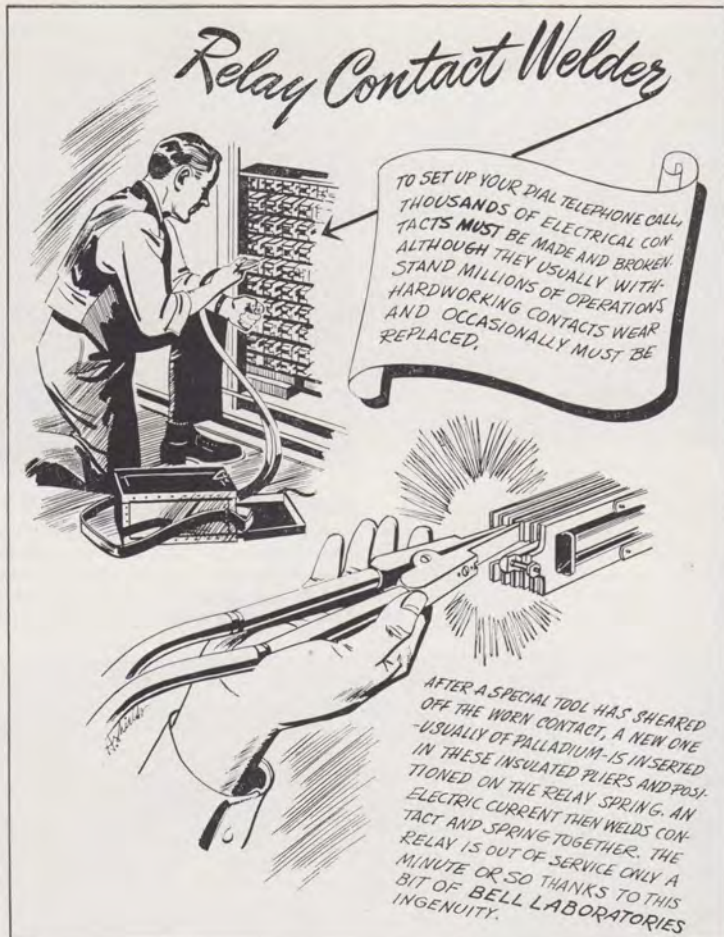
Zylinski. Those present were, left to right, seated: Mary Zylinski, Gertrude McDermott, Marie Riley, Ann Sheehan. Standing: Mildred Blydell, Ann Carleton, Janet Neary, Helen Gogeun, Elizabeth Bryan.

### Engagements

The following Roxbury Information Traffic girls are receiving congratulations from their associates on the recent announcement of their engagements: Alice Charleton to George Kelley of Dorchester; Claire McDonald to William Gongstad of Clarion, Ia.; and Alberta Wyman to Stanley S. Simmons of Dorchester.

### Accounting Engagements

The Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Department at Watertown extends best wishes to the following girls who recently announced their engagements: Edna Kosta, Eleanor Carreiro, Patricia Murphy, Katherine Federico, Mary Lordan, Mary Cronin, Betty Makris and Dorothy Gomes.



Liberty Traffic recently tendered a surprise party in honor of Susan C. Campbell at the GAR Hall, Charlestown. On February 1, Susan left to become a novice in a Dominican Order in Kentucky. She was presented appropriate gifts.



"She's been like that ever since they picked her for a telephone pole."

### Transferred

The East Boston Business Office welcomes Claire L. Fitzpatrick as Service Representative. She was formerly a Teller at the Milk Street Business Office.

### Accounting Wedding

Mary Simili, of the Entry Unit, Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Department at Watertown, was married recently to Joseph DeBellis. Prior to the wedding, Mary was given a miscellaneous shower at the home of Phyllis Lake in Jamaica Plain.



A dinner party was held at the Union Oyster House, Boston, to acquaint new men with veteran employees of the Cable Department in District No. 1. The committee in charge were Ernest R. Williams, William T. Burton, Paul F. Kelly, Edward F. Shea, Joseph P. Caddigan, James M. McDonough and Merwin E. Durgin.



# Southern Division News

## ASSOCIATE EDITORS

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## TESTIMONIAL DINNER

A testimonial dinner was held recently at the Walk-Over Club, Brockton, in honor of Thomas F. Slowey, Journeyman Splicer at Brockton, who is retiring after serving 42 years and seven months with our Company. He received a

sum of money from Local No. 16 and Mrs. Slowey received a corsage of orchids and a bouquet of carnations. Following the dinner, dancing was enjoyed. Left to right: C. J. Sheehan, President, Local No. 16, I.B.T.W.; Mrs. Slowey, Mr. Slowey and T. J. Spillane, International Representative, I.B.T.W.



## 35TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

A party was recently given for Kathleen Keene, Buzzards Bay Operator, by her Traffic associates in honor of her 35th service anniversary. She received a gift from them and received her service pin from Walter Rankin, District Traffic Superintendent. Left to right, seated: Miss Keene. Standing: Walter Rankin, Paula James, Abbie Cahill, Hope Cristofori, May Benson, Marian Whipple, Martha Sanford and Helen Wing.

## Marriage

Ann Caruso, of the Pawtucket Office, was recently married to Leo Boyle.



## TESTIMONIAL DINNER AND DANCE

A testimonial dinner and dance was given recently at the New Bedford Hotel in honor of Blanche L. Smith, former New Bedford Chief Operator, who recently was appointed Division Instructor. At the head table were: Geneva Y. Davis, Cataumet Chief Operator; James Murphy, Night Traffic Manager; Mary U. Wing, Hyannis Chief Operator; Elizabeth Gilman, Falmouth Chief Operator; Frederick T. Mills, District Traffic Superintendent; Anna C. Lawlor, Vineyard Haven Chief Operator; Earl M. Carpenter, District Traffic Superintendent; Bernice Stanley, Wareham



## TRANSFERRED

George J. Legner, C.O. Repairman in the Providence Dial Office, is shown receiving a gift from James

J. Kelly, Dial Wire Chief, on behalf of his associates upon his transfer to Roanoke, Va., with the Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. & Tel. Co., as a C.O. Repairman.



## SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

Attleboro Traffic held a semi-formal dance at the Highland Country

Club recently. Guests were present from Providence, North Attleboro, Taunton and Brockton.



## RETIREMENT DINNER AT VINEYARD HAVEN

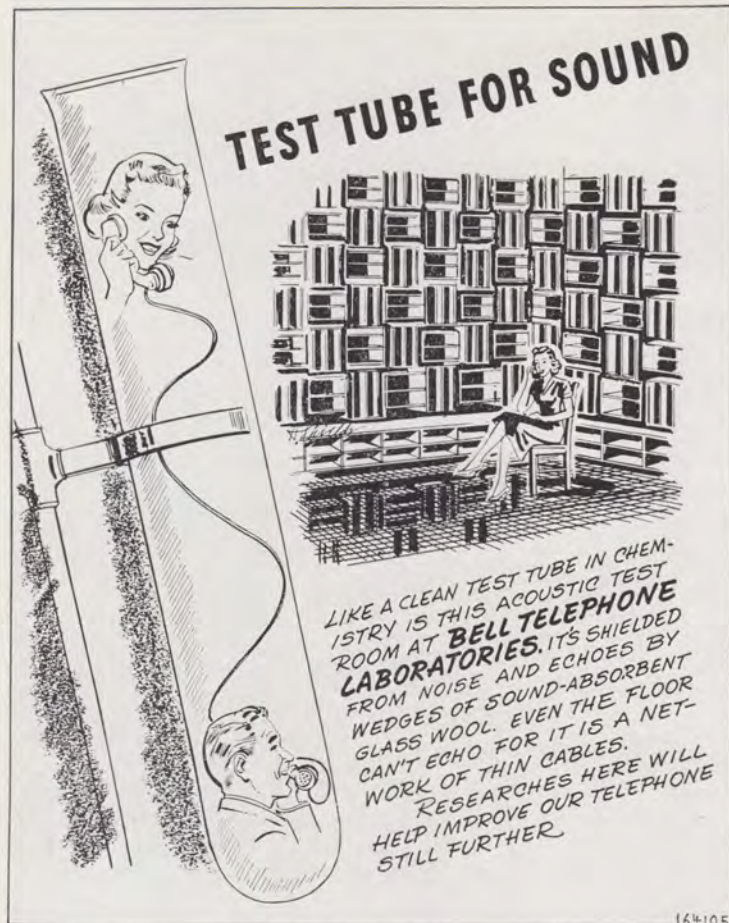
A farewell dinner was given recently at Vineyard Haven in honor of Thankful Downs, Vineyard Haven Chief Operator, who is retiring after completing 45 years of service with the Company. She was presented a billfold and her Pioneer Certificate as well as many other gifts. Left to right: Anna Lawlor, who will become

Chief Operator; Walter C. Dodge, Division Traffic Supervisor; Mary U. Wing, Chief Operator at Hyannis; Harold E. Marr, Division Traffic Superintendent; Miss Downs, Walter M. Rankin, District Traffic Superintendent; Bessie Gilman, Chief Operator at Falmouth; Harold Morris, Vineyard Haven Wire Chief, and Gladys Ray, Chief Operator at Nantucket.



Chief Operator; Walter M. Rankin, District Traffic Superintendent; Blanche L. Smith, Division Instructor; Harold E. Marr, Division Traffic Superintendent; Marion E. Keane, New Bedford Chief Operator; Warren V. Allen, Traffic Manager; Isabelle McCormack, Division Toll Instructor; Leverne R. Root, Traffic Manager; Emily Keefe, District Instructor; Robert S. Hayes, Division Personnel Supervisor; Marguerite Lambert, Taunton No. 2 Chief Operator; and James Smith, New Bedford Commercial Manager. Anna C. Lawlor, now Chief Operator at Vineyard Haven and formerly PBX Supervisor, was also honored. Two views of the head table are shown above.





### New Year's Party

The girls of the Little Compton Office held a New Year's party at the home of Lucille Love recently. A collation was served by the hostess during the evening. A program of festive singing and entertainment under the direction of Eleanor Flores was enjoyed.

### Dinner Party

Velma McGarrity, former Assistant Chief Operator at Pawtucket, was the guest of twenty-five supervisors of the Pawtucket Office at a dinner party in the Hickory Room of Howard Johnson's, Providence, on January 8. Velma was recently married and was presented a corsage and a gift from her former associates attending the affair.



### Recent Marriage

Ruth Moran, Brockton Toll Supervisor, became the bride of Melbourne Hicks of North Easton on Sunday, January 4, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brockton. The couple left on a trip to Miami, Fla., and upon their return they will make their home on Nantucket Island.

### 35th Anniversary

Helen Barnicle of the PBX Dept. celebrated her 35th anniversary recently. She was entertained by her associates of the PBX department at a dinner party at the Shriners' Club.



**HONORED BY ASSOCIATES ON TRANSFER**  
Members of the Southern Division Plant Engineering

Department are shown saying farewell to Lynward H. Brow, Supervising Engineer, upon his transfer to the A. T. & T. Co. at New York.

### SHOWER AT MANSFIELD

Katherine Sheehan, Mansfield Traffic, was the guest of honor recently at a shower at the home of Leah Harrington in Mansfield. Left to right, standing: Eleanor Fernandes,

Eleanor Pescosolido, Emily Peterson, Martha Baxter, Dorothy Brown, Mary Lane. Seated: Mrs. Harrington, Elizabeth Coughlin, Chief Operator; Miss Sheehan, Geraldine Marville, Phyllis Todesco, Jeanne Greany, Clara Smith.

### 25th Anniversary

Mary O'Connell, Central Information Clerk, celebrated her 25th anniversary recently. Mary was presented a gift and the best wishes of her fellow workers at a gathering held in the Gaspee building.

### Attleboro Traffic Wedding

Barbara I. Smith was married recently to Charles H. Smith at St. Mary's Church, Hebronville. The couple will live in Kansas City, Mo.

### Knitting Club

A group of Brockton Toll Operators recently held a get-together at the home of Alice Fleury and started a knitting club which is to be held once a month. Those present were: Barbara Di Pasqua, Barbara Dorey, Cynthia Staples, Kathyne Reardon, Virginia Shea and Alice Fleury.

### Newcomers

A group of girls were recently in class in Inward, under the supervision of Mary Astore, Toll Supervisor. They included: Gloria Leonard, Dorothy Gallagher and Dorothy Wiemert.

### Engagements

The following engagements have been announced at the Valley Office: Beth Thibeault to Frank Saltys, and Theresa Lamoureux to William Vvolenski.

### Engagements

The following engagements at the Pawtucket Office have been announced: Flore Nobrega to Walter Bowmen; Dorothy Bates to Robert Johnson; and Mary Viegas to Arthur Soares.

### Engagements

Engagements announced recently by West operators are: Doris Barnes to Bernard Casey; Doris Vespia to John Connell; Marcelle Doyle to William Pyne; Elizabeth Clabby to Daniel Beagan; and Mary Marchetti to Robert Hines.

### Newcomers

The following girls were added to the force at West: Mary McGuinn, Barbara Houlker, Dorothy Hardy and Mildred Parker.

### Engagements at Hopkins-Williams

Mary Canning, Operator, has announced her engagement to John Richardson.

Irene Barrett, Operator, has announced her engagement to Marshall Grant, Jr.

### Additions to Force

Newcomers at Hopkins-Williams are Anna Carpenter and Frances Wood.





Ruth McCullough was honored by her fellow-workers of the Narragansett Office at a shower party held at Old Acres in Allentown, R. I., on December 4. The guest of honor was presented a corsage, a purse of money and other gifts.

### *Bridal Shower*

Rita Serbst Colbert was tendered a bridal shower and dinner by the Bristol operators recently at the Highland Casino. Rita received numerous shower gifts as well as a night table. In charge were Mary Henderson and Elizabeth Marz.

### *Farewell*

Eunice Strickland, Wickford Traffic, has left the office and gone to Florida with her family. She was given a string of pearls as a farewell gift.

### *Newcomer*

The Wickford Office welcomes Lucille LaPerche to the Operating force.

### *Wedding*

Claire Marchand, Woonsocket Traffic, was married recently to Luke Hebert at Holy Family Church in Woonsocket.

### *Newcomers*

New additions to the force at the Pawtucket Office are: Kathleen Markey, Barbara Calvey, Juliette Fontaine, Patricia Gorman, Caroline Duckworth, Noreen Kennedy, Claire Keogh, Mary Bessette, Dorothy Bates, Therese Fontaine, Barbara Dolan, Mary Edmands.

A surprise shower was held recently in the West Traffic rest room to honor Ruth C. Furlong, Supervisor. Presentation of a corsage, a radio clock, a sum of money and several personal gifts was made by Helen Sherlock who was in charge of arrangements.



### *Marriages*

Margaret Cassidy, Brockton Local Operator, recently became the bride of Arthur Weeks at St. Margaret's Church in Brockton. A reception was held at the Walkover Club.

Ruth Sullivan, Brockton Toll Operator, recently became the bride of Joseph La Rue of Brockton.

Jacqueline Mathers, Toll Operator, was married to Robert Baynes recently. A reception was held at the Walkover Club in Brockton. Mrs. Baynes has transferred to the Fitchburg Traffic Office.

Doris A. Noel, Toll Operator, recently became the bride of John Quinlan of Brockton. The wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church and a reception was held at the Hotel Bryant, Brockton.



A bridal shower was held recently at the home of Marion Lahey in honor of Dorothy Hanson, Plymouth Traffic, who recently became the bride of Frank Mastropieri.

### *Wedding*

Members of the Providence Revenue Accounting Department recently held a money shower for Eunice Clegg, who became the bride of S/Sgt. Ernest D. Durfee, Jr., on January 3.

### *Anniversaries*

Catherine Wallace and M. Wil-low MacDonald of the Providence Revenue Accounting Department recently celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversaries. Both were given presents by their associates.

### *Farewells*

Barbara Regan, Pawtucket Service Representative, recently resigned.

Beryl-Jane Carney, East Greenwich Service Representative, recently left the Company to enter the teaching field.

### *Newcomers*

Ruth A. Dowling and Barbara C. Clarke are newcomers to the West Operating force.

A shower party was held at Oates Tavern recently in honor of Mary D. Cull, Supervisor at Gaspee-Dexter-Plantations. About 50 of her co-workers attended.







## SHOWER PARTY

The girls of the Hopkins-Williams Office honored two of their fellow workers, Katherine Hagan, Clerk, and June McMullen, Operator, at a dinner shower-party in the Dreyfus Hotel recently. Both were presented

corsages and gifts from their associates. Anna Munson, Dorothy Egan and Gertrude Corrigan were members of the committee in charge of the dinner. Katherine was married to Thomas Coleman at St. Michael's Church, Providence. June was married to Rudolph Ulrickson.

## East Providence Traffic Office Notes

Eva Carnevale has announced her engagement to Louis Dennis of Waltham.

East Providence has recently welcomed Irene Cooney as a new student.

A luncheon was held at the Princess Room in honor of Mary Viera who is a recent bride. She was presented a gift and flowers.

## 30th Anniversary

Everett Harper, Night Operator at the Stoughton Office, was entertained at a nearby inn in honor of his 30th service anniversary. He was presented a purse of money by the Chief Operator, Mary Mar-ron.

## Pawtucket Traffic Marriages

The marriage of Pauline Lapi-erre to Armand Pelletier took place recently at St. Stephen's Church, Dodgeville.

Marie Therese Larue was married to Davis Gray Whittier at St. Mathieu's Church, Central Falls, R. I., recently.

Mary Ellen Coffey married Russell James Bradshaw recently at St. Mary's Church, Pawtucket, R. I.

## Engagements

Woonsocket Traffic girls who recently announced their engagements are: Ann Filip to Joseph Breault; Virginia Lee to Joseph Kramarz; Dorothy Vandin to William Poirier; Jeannine St. Pierre to James Hebert; Mary Landini to Antonio Artuso; and Georgette Gaucher to Lee Cournoyer.

## Newcomers

New members of the Woonsocket Operating force are: Beverly Horne, Theresa Moon, Frances LeVeque, Claire Menard, Kathleen Toomey, Muriel Frigon, Helen Ferrenti, June Creighton and Doris Martin.

## Weddings

The following Providence Revenue Accounting girls recently were married: Monica M. Freeman to George E. Keenan; and Avis V. Webb to Robert E. Dingee.

## New Employees

The Providence Business Office extends a welcome to the following new employees: Mary J. Dailey, Service Representative; Elsie H. Martin, Service Representative; Elizabeth Skinner, Service Representative; and Joyce M. Coleman, Teller.

## Engagement Announcements

Mary P. Reddington, a member of the Providence Revenue Accounting Department, has announced her engagement to Earl E. Tasca. Also another member of this Department, Theresa M. Connolly, is engaged to Howard I. Norcross.

## Engagements

Lorraine Gleason, Brockton Local Supervisor, has recently announced her engagement to William Murphy of this city.

Marie Cribben, Brockton Toll Supervisor, has recently made known her engagement to Leo Jordan.

Rena Rossi, Local Supervisor, has announced her engagement to John Pomeroy of Brockton.

## New Bedford Traffic News

Mr. and Mrs. James Heron of Marion are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Florence Mary Louise, recently. Mrs. Heron is the former Florence Oakes, Toll Operator in New Bedford.

Girls who have recently announced their engagements are: Dorothy Sweeney to Richard Nollett; Dorothy Fell to Warren Aiken; and Claire Hebert to Raymond Pontbriand.

Barbara Nelson, formerly of the Traffic Department of New Bedford, became the bride of Lawrence Lavault recently in Boston.

## Transfer

Cynthia Staples, formerly of the Marshfield Telephone Office, has recently been welcomed to the Brockton Office as a local operator. She is now making her home in this city.

## Marriages

Barbara Wolfenden, Valley Operating force, was married recently to Joseph McNally.

Grace Anderson, Valley Traffic, was recently married to John Comstock.

## Christmas Whist Aided Poor

The operators at the Stoughton Traffic Office staged a whist party before Christmas and donated the proceeds of over \$140 to the Town Treasurer to handle as he thought best.

The girls recently received the following letter from Paul F. Clark, the Treasurer.

Dec. 29, 1947.

N.E.T.&T. Girls,  
Stoughton Office,  
Washington Street,  
Stoughton, Mass.

Hello:

Thank you for the \$25.00 for the Community Fund and the money for the Christmas Dinners.

I purchased 10 half-turkeys for \$67.38 and onions, squash, turnip, celery, cranberries and a half peck of potatoes for \$16.45.

Later I found a woman to whom we had given nothing. As she had three little girls and the prospects of Christmas dinner were poor I gave her \$10.00.

I was able to purchase ten bouquets for elderly folks in various homes and they were very pleased with them.

Many thanks for your kind co-operation and A Happy New Year.

Very truly yours,  
Paul F. Clark,  
Treasurer.

## Revenue Accounting Engagements

Recent engagements in the Providence Revenue Accounting Office are: Shirley L. Collins to P. Thomas Millard; Florence M. Carnes to Walter L. Lyons; Alice F. Lovett to William J. Fairbanks; Arlene A. Rancourt to Maurice R. Plante; Ruth E. Wood to George E. Turton; Madeline J. Gumley to William F. Wilde; and Rita A. Papi-neau to Edward T. Downey.

## Transfer

Norma A. McNally recently was transferred from the Providence Revenue Accounting Department to the Providence Plant-Engineers Department.



## PARTY AT NEWPORT

At a recent party held in the new building at Newport, the operators enjoyed entertainment provided by their own home talent. A Floradora act was performed by Ruth Hune, Dora Brownell, Madge Cardozo,

Jeanette Granon, Ethel Davis and Marie Carroll. Geraldine Girouard presented impersonations of well-known actresses. Dolores Murphy, Jacqueline Queroit and Jean Kehoe sang songs ranging from popular to classical. Refreshments were served at the end of the evening.



# Western Division News

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### PRESENTED PIN

Ruth Edwards, Supervising Chief Operator at Springfield, recently observed her 30th service anniversary. She is shown receiving her

pin from Franklin V. Moulton, District Traffic Superintendent. Left to right: Mary Connors, Chief Operator; Mr. Moulton, Miss Edwards, Ruth Peterson, Chief Operator, and John D. Haigh, Traffic Manager.

### Transferred

John D. Haigh, Traffic Manager of Burlington, Vt., has been transferred to Springfield, Mass.

Albert E. Leland, former Traffic Manager of Rutland and vicinity, has been appointed Traffic Manager of Burlington, St. Albans and Morrisville with headquarters in Burlington.

### Burlington Traffic Marriages

Clara Murray, former Clerk of Burlington Traffic, was married to Norman Bosley recently, at St. Joseph's Church. Elaine Myers of the Clerical Department was the soloist. Mr. and Mrs. Bosley left for Providence, R. I. and vicinity on their wedding trip.

Dorothy Tudhope, Supervisor and Information Instructor, became the bride of Charles Maguire recently.



### CHIEF OPERATORS' CONFERENCE

A Chief Operators' Conference was held recently at the White Tree Inn at Pittsfield by Frank E. Hanson, District Traffic Superintendent. Left to right, around the table: Lucille M. Hyde, District Instructor; Minnie E. Austin, North Adams; Lena D. Frye, Greenfield; Marguerite Claffie, Dalton; Amelia M. Bertelli, Acting Chief Operator at Lee; Ann M. Obanhein, Stockbridge; Ann E. Small, Sheffield;

Leona D. Flanagan, Adams; John G. Andrews, Division Personnel Supervisor; Richard J. Dee, Division Traffic Superintendent; Mildred I. Iles, Williamstown; Ann E. Tyer, Great Barrington; Love A. Beaulieu, Marion H. Hickey, Pittsfield; and Blanche A. Corcoran, Assistant Chief Operator at Pittsfield. Standing: Carl H. Swanson, District Plant Superintendent; Frank E. Hanson, Anna M. Cooper, District Chief Clerk; and Rose A. Putnam, District Instructor.



### CHIEF OPERATORS' CONFERENCE

Chief Operators and District Instructors of the Fitchburg District recently held a meeting at the Westminster Inn with Paul A. Dexter, District Traffic Superintendent, and William J. Graye, Traffic Manager. Guest speakers were Richard J. Dee, Division Traffic

Superintendent, and John G. Andrews, Division Personnel Supervisor. Left to right, seated: Mary V. Conlon, Jeannette B. Lessard, Mr. Graye, Astrid L. E. Olson and Pauline F. Murphy. Standing: Anna T. Toner, Anna R. Scullane, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Dee, Margaret E. Ratchford, Mary A. Stenson, Margaret E. McGovern, Edna H. Brown, Frances E. O'Brien.



### PIONEER MEETING AND PRESENTATION

The Springfield Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America recently held their second seasonal meeting at the Revenue Accounting Department rest room at Springfield. The speaker for the evening was Erskine N. White, Vice President and General Manager of the N. E. T. & T. Co.,

who spoke on the financial situation of the Company. Door prizes were awarded and motion pictures shown as part of the program. The first picture shows part of the group attending. In the second picture Mr. White is shown congratulating Loretta M. Kennedy immediately after he presented a Life Membership Certificate to her during the meeting.







## SHOWER

A shower was held recently at the Hotel Highland, Springfield, in honor of Barbara A. Goodreau, Western Revenue Accounting, who

recently became the bride of Lester A. Dion at Our Lady of Hope Church, Springfield. Left to right: Jean Connell, Ruth Shaw, Genevieve Partyka, Miss Goodreau, Shirley Wooley and Frances Marek.



## BRIDAL SHOWER

Rosetta O'Neill, District Plant Engineer's Office, was surprised by her fellow employees at a shower held recently at the Belvedere Restaurant in honor of her approaching marriage to John E. Flanagan of Springfield. Miss O'Neill was presented personal gifts from her

friends. Those attending were, seated, left to right: Mary Ferriter, Anne Sheehan, Eileen Kennedy, Miss O'Neill, Carol Hart, Margaret Mack, Marilyn Orr. Standing, left to right: Marian Burnham, Phyllis Sullivan, Margaret Shea, Barbara Geis, Josephine Galas, Janet Kelly, Nancy Jones, Kathleen Woods, Marilyn Munyan, Marie Wilkins.

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## Engagements

The following Worcester Traffic girls have announced their engagements: Margaret A. Fortune to Donald J. Price; Catherine M. Galvin to Cornelius F. Donahue; Helen R. Johnson to Robert A. Pelkey; and Ruth A. Kittredge to Vito A. Capite.

## Retirement

Mary A. Whalen, Matron in the Worcester Office, was honored at a luncheon recently at Putnam and Thurston's on the occasion of her retirement. She was presented a gift from her associates.



## REPAIR CLERK HONORED

A party was held recently at the Hampden House in honor of Sandra Coretsopoulos, who was married recently. Edward Better, Jr., acting as master of ceremonies, introduced the various speakers and presented Miss Coretsopoulos a sum of money. First row, left to right: Elsie Papoon, Michael Napolitan, Mildred

Greenough, Edward Better, Jr., Sandra Coretsopoulos, George H. Downs, Betty Brunell, Harold Atkinson, Gloria Quintal, Bernard Moynahan. Second row: Joseph Sheehan, Jasper Drummond, George Emery, James Naughton, Helen O'Donnell, George Bresnahan, Alma George, Edward Van Slett, Shirley Reid and Charles Richards.



"Embezzlement! He's short 2,167 jelly beans in his accounts."

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## RETIRES WITH 37 YEARS' SERVICE

Carrie Hoppe, Western Plant, was surprised by a group of her many friends in honor of her retirement. She received many congratulatory cards, flowers and an autograph book signed by all her fellow employees. Miss Hoppe has completed thirty-seven years of active service and leaves with the well wishes of her many friends. The following group attended the presentation, left to right, first row: Rufus Davis, George

Downs, Gloria Quintal, Mildred Greenough, Hans Hansen, Margaret Shea, Kathleen Woods, Shirley Reid, Doris Beetz, Josephine Galas, Jean Kirkley, Harold Atkinson, Leonard McCarthy, Earl Kimberley, Dist. Plant Supt.; Charles Lyons, Dist. Const. Supv. Back row: Edward Better, Jr., Repair Supv.; Robert Dunbar, Robert Nimmo, William Rattman, Francis Carty, Helen O'Donnell, James Naughton, Installation Supv.; Walter Farrington, and seated, Miss Hoppe.



Barbara Kaveney, Central Office Instructor at Springfield, was honored at a bridal shower given by her associates at Tycho's Restaurant in Springfield recently. Among those present were the bride-elect's mother, Daniel Kaveney, and several former employees. She was presented a purse of money.



## Western Plant Ratings

The following men recently passed examinations: G. Francis Kinnane, Dial C. O. Repair SxS; Joseph J. Rowland, Cable Splicer; D. G. Beattie, Lineman; W. H. Shea, Testman; J. J. Haugh, Journeyman Splicer; H. G. Marshall, Lineman; Austin J. Wright, Station "A"; Wayne H. Briggs, C. O. Repairman "A"; E. G. Hackett, Station "A"; and B. J. Cook, Journeyman Splicer.

A Mistletoe Frolic was held recently at the Hotel Sheraton, Springfield, by the Springfield Revenue Accounting Association. Marjorie Murphy and Dorothy Vincens were co-chairmen.



## Revenue Accounting Marriages

Julia Woishnis recently became the bride of Peter Kozikowski at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield.

Doris Klein is the recent bride of Irving Hurwitz in Springfield.

Dianne Colton married Cpl. Nicholas Maklary recently in Louisiana.



## FAREWELL FOR THREE

A joint farewell party was held recently at the Suffield Country Club, Suffield, Conn., honoring Julia T. Murphy, Irene R. Beauregard and Franklin V. Moulton. Miss Murphy has recently been appointed Northampton Chief Operator; Miss Beauregard has been

made Assistant Chief Operator at Springfield; and Mr. Moulton has become Springfield District Traffic Superintendent. Richard J. Dee, Division Traffic Superintendent, acted as master of ceremonies. Left to right: Julia T. Murphy, Irene R. Beauregard and Franklin V. Moulton.

## SUPPER DANCE

The Northampton Traffic girls recently held their annual formal supper

dance at Toto's. In charge were, left to right: Abbie Galusza, Helen Shebek, Ruth Crowley, Martha M. Maroneey, Margarite M. Griffin.

## Holyoke Marriage

The marriage of Marjorie Burns, Holyoke Service Representative,

and Stanley Gajewski of Ludlow, took place recently at the Skinner Memorial Chapel in Holyoke.

## Farewell Party

Ruth E. Starbard, Senior Engineering Clerk in the Western Division Traffic Office, was recently given a farewell party by her associates on the occasion of her leaving the Company to enter the Barbizon Modeling School in New York. She received a purse from the Division Office Sunshine Committee, her desk was decorated, and she received many gifts from her co-workers.



## Bowlers

Burlington Traffic Girls who bowl on the Catholic Daughters League are: Anna Barrett, president, Florence Dubie, Paulita Heaney, Irene Choquette, Mable LaPointe, Catherine Garno, Carmelita Dooley and Martha Dooley.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers for Springfield Central Office Maintenance Association was held at the Red Barn, Chicopee Falls, January 10. The following officers were installed: President, John W. Shea; Secretary-Treasurer, George M. Moore; Executive Committee: Thomas A. Welch, Eugene M.

Flagg, William J. Julian, William H. Felch and Charles B. Alderman. Dinner was served and dancing followed. Those standing at the head table, left to right, were: William T. Foley, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Robert C. Hyland, Mr. Hyland, Mrs. John W. Shea, Mr. Shea, Mrs. Eugene M. Flagg, Mr. Flagg, Mrs. Allan F. Hassner, Mr. Hassner, Wire Chief.



## TRANSFER DINNER FOR MANAGER

Robert M. Hodgson was recently honored by his associates on the occasion of his transfer as Manager in Fitchburg to North Adams Man-

ager. A dinner was held at the Cloverhill Restaurant. Winfield Peterson was toastmaster. Seated at the head table were, left to right: Harry Day, Charles Bauer, Mrs. Bauer, Robert M. Hodgson, George Carrick, William McBride and Paul A. Dexter.





## DOUBLE SHOWER

A shower was held in the St. Johnsbury Traffic retiring room for the forthcoming marriages of Leona J. Buck to James Sweeney, Jr., of Woodsville, N. H., and Mildred B. Darling to Reginald Pelow of St. Johnsbury. Both received many beautiful gifts and purses of money. Standing, left to right: Claire C. Carreau, Theresa L. LaPerle,

Geraldine A. Couture, Louise W. Moore, Jackie P. Knapp, Myra S. McCrillis, Emily A. Healy, Mildred J. Washburn, Beverly E. Kennison, Dorothy R. Knapp. Seated, left to right: Yvette C. Carreau, Anne M. Choiniere, M. Jeanette Emmons, Margaret F. Year, Alma M. Emmons, Eleanor R. Drown, Louise T. Goselin. Guests of honor, seated on floor: Leona J. Buck and Mildred B. Darling.



## FAREWELL PARTY

Marie G. St. Pierre, Division Plant Personnel Office, was surprised by her fellow employees with flowers, presents, and a purse of money on her last day at the office. She is leaving to be married. Among those present were, left to right, front row: Carl A. Smith, Mary L. Porter, Angela Dymon, Mary O'Connell, Margaret J. Barnett,

Marie G. St. Pierre (seated at her desk), Clara G. McDonald, Raymond E. Nicholson, Hope G. Dunsmoor, Mary Foley, Robert A. Doray and George H. R. Smith. Back row, left to right: Harold D. Hemenway, Carlina Tronconi, Dorothy Bellows, Elizabeth Prairie, Margaret E. Connelly, H. L. Hutchinson, Frank L. Buckley and Robert H. Lawton.



"I bought two copies of 'How To Bring Up Your Children'—one for each of my neighbors!"

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## CELEBRATE 25TH

Julia T. Murphy, Division Instructor, and Waine S. Weslosky, Division Force Assistant, Division Traffic Office, recently celebrated their 25th service anniversaries. The occasion was noted in the Division

Office by a shower of cards, gifts and flowers. Miss Weslosky was unable to be present when the above picture was taken but Francis M. Austin, Division Force Supervisor, is shown presenting Miss Murphy her 25-year service pin.



## BRIDAL SHOWER

Gloria Serra, Installation Office, was given a bridal shower at the Silver Star Restaurant in Agawam, in honor of her marriage to Cesaire Quintal of the C.O.E.I. Department. Mrs. Quintal was presented a floor lamp. Left to right, front row: Lewis Kane, Margaret Barnett, William Rattman, Edward F. Beiter, Jr., Gloria Quintal,

James L. Naughton and Sandra Coretsopoulos. Second row: George Emery, Alma George, Jean Kirkley, Mildred Greenough, Betty Brunelle, George Downs, Michael Napolitan, Helen O'Donnell, Shirley Reid and Charles Richards. Third row: Joseph Sheehan, Bernard Moynahan, Jasper Drummond, George Bresnahan, Harold Atkinson, William Shea, Edward Van Slett.

## Worcester Traffic News

Mary R. Banach, Supervisor, recently announced her engagement to Charles F. Dillon.

Regina E. McGuiness, Supervisor, was recently married to Robert J. Garrett. The wedding took place at the Church of Christ the King.

Barbara Millay resigned recently to marry George G. Gallagher of Newark, N. J. The wedding took place at the Blessed Sacrament Church. After their honeymoon, they will make their home in Newark.

Isabelle V. Rouleau was married recently to Ernest J. Collette at St. Joseph's Church. A reception followed at Queen Elena hall.

Phyllis A. Albrecht was married to Frederick Conroy at All Saints Church in Worcester recently.

Margaret Estelle and Mary Ryan, West Traffic, were guests of honor at a double bridal shower given by their associates at Tycho's Restaurant in Springfield recently.







### PARTY HONORS APPOINTMENT

A party was held recently at the Highland Hotel, Springfield, for Edward J. McGinnis, Springfield District Manager, who has been appointed West District

Manager, Metropolitan Division. Left to right at the head table were: Franklin V. Moulton, Cecilia I. O'Donnell, Laurence N. Raymond, Mr. McGinnis, Ralph E. Jones, Mrs. McGinnis, Etta L. Jones and Earl A. Kimberley.



### FAREWELL PARTY

Ruth Crowley, Chief Operator at Northampton, was guest of honor at a farewell party held in the rest room at the Northampton Office recently. She was presented appropriate gifts. Attending were: Helen

Shebek, Maud E. Keefe, Rita Lyons, Martha M. Maronee, Jean Fournier, Abbie Galusza, Katherine Torpey, Miss Crowley, Edna L. White, Kathleen Murphy, Louise Lyons, Doris M. Kingsley, Grace Smith, Esther Lyons, Catherine M. Foley, Margaret E. Sullivan, Catherine H. Mahoney, Beverly Burns, Edith M. Preece.



### SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party was held recently at the Cascades in honor of Albert E. Leland who has been transferred from Rutland Traffic to Traffic Man-

ager at Burlington. Left to right: John L. Crosby, acting Traffic Manager at Rutland; Mary I. Kelly, Chief Operator; Mr. Leland and Mrs. Leland.



### BRIDAL DINNER

A bridal dinner was held recently for Beatrice White at the Sportsman's Club, Northampton. She received a corsage and a gift of money from her Traffic associates. Left to right: Beverly A. Burns, Esther L. Carver, Barbara Burt, Beatrice E. White, Margaret M. Coffey,

Louise White, Margarite Vollinger, Helen F. Novotny, Jane R. Squires. Standing: Adela K. Heinz, Kathleen E. Murphy, Dorothy F. O'Connell, Alice Landry, Catherine Muir, Louise M. Lyons, Ann M. Harvey, Margaret M. Griffin, Virginia M. O'Shea, Margaret M. McGrath, Ruth Ann Carlson and Josephine Pekala.

### Coaxial from Coast to Coast

The first coast-to-coast coaxial cable, joining Florida and California, has gone into service over a 2,600 mile southern route that leads from Jacksonville to Atlanta to Dallas to Los Angeles. With the completion of the Phoenix-Los Angeles section recently, the last gap was closed and a transcontinental communications channel of very great capacity was added to the Bell System's expanding coaxial network.

Constructed jointly by the Long Lines Department and the Associated Companies through whose territory it passes, the new cable will provide needed long distance facilities along its route as well as channels for program transmission and other services. Television transmission over it is not yet available, as this will require very considerable additional equipment and special engineering.

The cable contains eight coaxial tubes—except between Atlanta and Jackson, Miss., where it has six tubes, and between Atlanta and Jacksonville, where it has four. With presently designed equipment, each pair of tubes is capable of carrying 600 simultaneous telephone conversations—a capacity which may be increased as more advanced equipment becomes available. The cable also contains a number of ordinary wire conductors, some of which are used for long distance service and some for control of the cable's complex operating equipment.

Early in 1948, this new transcontinental coaxial link will be extended through to Miami, making a 3,000 mile Los Angeles-Miami span.

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### Recent Brides

Recent brides in the Greenfield Central Office are Elizabeth C. Hanley, who married Rosario J. Petrin; Mary Lou Lockhart, who has married Donald Vincent; Maud H. Anderson, who became the bride of Frank J. Sojka; and Priscilla M. Patenaude who married Martin Rancourt.

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"I think he was hired because we're still discouraging new business."



## Savings in Telephone Poles

No, that doesn't mean we have some fine quality telephone poles to sell at bargain prices.

We're thinking of the money—the savings—that people have turned over to the Bell Telephone Companies to build the pole lines and the many other kinds of equipment needed to give service.

Some folks have the idea that these things are all built with the money they pay for their service. That's natural—a good many businesses actually are able to build the greater part of their permanent equipment or *plant* with money that they earn.

But the telephone companies need so much equipment, and their earnings are so moderate, that they could hardly do that. To build their plant, they need the savings of hundreds of thousands of men and women who *invest* those savings in telephone stock and bonds. The money you pay for your service goes to meet day-to-day and month-to-month expenses—wages and salaries, taxes, upkeep and wear-and-tear. And after all those running expenses are paid, there needs to be enough left over to pay a reasonable return to the investors. Otherwise they wouldn't put their savings in the business.

A single call from one end of a large city to the other may go through millions of dollars' worth of equipment. The average cost of all Bell System plant, for each telephone, is about \$250, though the telephone itself costs only a small part of that.

For each Bell telephone employee, there is telephone plant costing more than \$13,000. To say the same thing another way, every employee on the average uses \$13,000 worth of switchboards, wires, land, buildings, telephone instruments and tools—paid for chiefly by savings—to give you service.

So you see how important the savings of investors are in making it possible for you to telephone your friends. More than 700,000 stockholders living in every state of the Union have invested in the shares of the A. T. & T. Company, parent company of the Bell System. They are the owners of the Company.

Yes, the Bell System belongs to people in all walks of life, in the cities, towns and rural areas of America. And their savings—billions of dollars of savings, all told—are the foundation of telephone jobs, telephone system and telephone service.



### Show Him the Way

The drunk started ringing the hotel operator at 5 a.m. and demanded to know when the bar opened.

She told him that it did not open until 11 a.m. He called again at 6 a.m. and again at 7. Finally, she had the night clerk answer the phone.

"Good morning," said the clerk to the drunk, "and listen to me. We don't care to have your kind of business. And we don't care if you never get into our bar."

"Shay, you," was the angry reply. "I'm already in the bar. I'm trying to get out!"

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### Not a Chance

Golfer: You must be the worst caddie in the world.

Caddie: Hardly, sir—that would be too much of a coincidence.

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### Not So Dumb

"Why did you leave the girl's house so early?"

"While we were sitting on the sofa, she turned out the lights. Guess I can take a hint!"

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### Unnecessary

Customer: "Two dozen diapers, please."

Merchant: "That will be \$2, plus eight cents for tax."

Customer: "Never mind the tacks. We use safety pins."

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### Ingenious Youth

Teacher: "Tommy, give me a sentence with the word 'diadem.'"

Tommy: "People who hurry across railroad tracks diadem sight quicker than people who stop, look and listen."

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### Skimmer

Salesman: "See there, mister, that hat fits perfectly. How does it feel?"

Customer: "Okay, unless my ears get tired."

### Let's Cooperate

While an impatient motorist honked and honked behind her, a young matron tried to start her automobile stalled at a traffic light. Finally she got out, walked back and suggested pleasantly, "If you'll go up there and start my car, I'll stay here and blow your horn."

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### Late, Not Gallant

The bus was crowded when the young lady got on and a soldier attempted to rise. She pushed him back gently and he tried to rise once more.

"No, no, thank you," she murmured, pushing him back again.

"Please let me get up, lady," he protested. "I'm two blocks past my stop now."

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### Mr. Fixit

Husband: "When anything goes wrong around our house, I just get busy and fix it."

Wife: "Yeah? Since you fixed the clock, the cuckoo backs out and asks: 'What time is it?'"

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### One Accident

"Did you get home all right after the party last night?"

"Fine, thanks; except that as I was turning into my street some idiot stepped on my fingers."

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### Hope

A Tennessee hillbilly had been calling on his girl for more than a year when pappy finally cornered him one night and asked:

"Tell me, you been seein' our Nellie for nigh onto a year and a half. What are yer intentions—honorable or dishonorable?"

The hillbilly's eyes sparkled: "You mean I got a choice?"