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THE COVER . . . You don't have to be a yachtsman to enjoy the beauty of white sails against a blue sky. Nowhere else in America can you enjoy this spectacle so much as at Marblehead, the yachting center of the nation, where throughout the summer there are always more than 200 boats in the harbor.

Marblehead outdoes itself the first week of this month—race week. In the past there have been more than 400 entries in a single day and scenes like the one on the cover are common.

Kodachrome by Samuel Chamberlain.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER CLASSMATES . . . Although they finished high school twenty-four years apart, Elsie Elaine Roberts and her mother, Mrs. Charles Roberts, were graduated together this year from Pembroke College, one of the few such combinations in the history of the college. Elsie, a Service Representative in the Pawtucket Office, majored in mathematics and actually completed her college work last February but received her degree with her mother on June 21.

Mother wanted to go to college back in 1920 but her parents objected. She had strained relations enough by finishing high school. In 1917 her mother got her a job in a mill, in the finishing room of the Rhode Island Textile Company. When September came she got herself fired, was in disgrace with her mother, but was allowed to finish school. During the twenty-one years when she worked as mother, housewife and private secretary she nurtured an ambition to go to college and then in 1944 mother and daughter became freshmen together.

Congratulations and success from our Company to this Service Rep and her ambitious mother.



The Very Reverend William J. Healy, S.J., President of Holy Cross, made the first call over the College's new telephone system. Watching are Robert E. Field, Customer Representative; Reverend J. Leo Sullivan, S.J., Director of Purchases and Maintenance, and James M. McHugh, PBX Foreman.



The dial equipment room at Holy Cross and the Plant men who participated in the cutover, front: James J. Lavallee, PBX Installer; Frank J. Murphy, Frank C. Marean, PBX Maintenance men. Back: William W. Tinsley, PBX Installer; Henry J. Hehir and James M. McHugh, PBX Foremen, all at work.



NEW DIAL SERVICE

TE-L-E-P-H-O-N-E, t-e-l-e-p-h-o-n-e, t-e-l-e-p-h-o-n-e! Telephone, telephone! Rah! Rah! Rah!

It's the new cheer adopted by three of Massachusetts' leading colleges since their recent PBX dial conversions.

After many months of preparation a new 5-position 701A dial switchboard was cut into service in Lehman Hall, the administration center of Harvard University at Harvard Square. Replacing an 8-position 605A manual switchboard the new board, the longest dial PBX installation in recent years in Metropolitan Boston, will serve more than one hundred buildings of the undergraduate and graduate schools by means of an extension network of direct cable facilities.

Into service at the cutover went 60 central office trunk lines, 770 main stations, 430 extensions, and 27 tie lines which provide direct connections to the Medical School, Graduate School of Business Administration, Faculty Club, Stillman Infirmary and Geographical Institute, all of which have their own switchboards.

Compiling a directory for station users was a major project in itself. More than 2,600 names and depart-



Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University, has a big smile for the first call. Standing: Ray Ely, Manager; Harold Coughlan, Customer Representative, and Walter Crotty, District Commercial Manager.

FOR 3 COLLEGES

ments were listed and 2,800 copies of the directory were distributed.

On Boston University's beautiful new Commonwealth Avenue campus by the Charles River, a new dial 701A system was cut into service in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Business Administration. As additional buildings are erected here all the other schools and colleges comprising Boston University will be moved from present quarters and connected to this dial switchboard.

Highlighting cutover ceremonies was the presentation by Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of the University, of autographed copies of his booklet "Bell—Benefactor of Mankind." This is Dr. Marsh's story of Bell's life describing his close connection with Boston University where he was a professor when "all the work was done on the telephone."

The home of the Crusaders, Holy Cross College in Worcester, is the third Massachusetts college recently converted to dial. The new PBX with 7 trunks and 128 stations replaces a 2-position manual board. Inside calls can be dialed direct by the calling party. Incoming night and Sunday calls are handled by special dial arrangements which transfer the calls.



At work on Boston University's new dial equipment are Richard Doherty, John Hughes and Ernest Beacham. This new equipment will serve the many B.U. schools which have not yet moved out to the new campus by the Charles.



From his office Edward Reynolds, Administrative Vice President of Harvard University, made the first call over Harvard's new 701A dial. Watching Mr. Reynolds are Leo Ford, Customer Representative; Helen C. Morrell of the University; Thomas Williams, Division PBX Supervisor.



At Harvard's new PBX: Ruth Wyman, Lucille Morin, Martha White, Eleanor Manos, Mildred McCoy. Standing: Marguerite Kennedy, Mary Moran and Sophie Prokopivnuk.





These telephone men, left, are poised, ready to pull the shims to put the new equipment into operation the moment the signal is given at the climax of the conversion.

The first call to be made over Littleton's new dial system was placed by Town Manager Sidney S. Frissell to Selectman Clarence W. Allard at his home. Looking on as the call is made are, left to right, seated: Selectman Richard P. Whiting, J. H. Colby of the Littleton Courier and Harold E. Young, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Standing: Littleton Manager William G. Sliney, District Manager Dana H. Ash, Div. Results Supvr. Nelson C. Hoxsie, Jr.

Littleton dial Helps White



Testing in the switch room of the new dial office prior to the cutover are, left to right: A. F. Doran, N. P. St. Laurent and W. D. Bremner.

AT the stroke of midnight Saturday, June 26, Littleton will make a gigantic stride forward in communications, for at that moment, months of work and preparation estimated to cost three-quarters of a million dollars will be culminated in the switch-over to a modern dial telephone system." Thus ran an editorial in the *Littleton, N. H., Courier* two days before Littleton's 1,700 main stations were cut to dial.

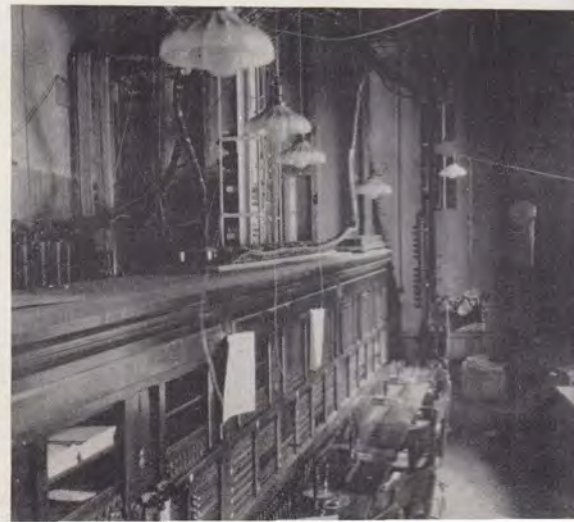
"When you dial your number Sunday morning, and thereafter," the editorial continued, "you will be avail-

ing yourself of the very latest service that modern communications science has devised. Littleton can look to its new telephone building and the service offered by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company as a real asset to its physical attractiveness and a big boost to its claim of being a progressive community."

The cutover, which brought to Littleton the most modern telephone system in New Hampshire to date, came as a climax to months of building and installation. Involved was the transfer of nearly 900 lines serv-

Littleton's new dial equipment, as well as the new long distance equipment for the surrounding territory, is housed in this attractive new building on Pleasant Street. Construction of this building began in November, 1947.

I Three generations. Shown below are Littleton's three toll switchboards installed twenty years apart.



ing the 1,700 main stations, and 116 toll lines connecting Littleton with nearby exchanges and other toll centers.

At the same time Littleton became the toll center for the surrounding towns of Bethlehem, Bretton Woods, Franconia, Lisbon, Twin Mountain and Whitefield. Thirty-one positions of Number 3-C toll switchboard were installed in the new building on Pleasant Street to replace the old 17-position switchboard.

The latest type of equipment was also installed in the power room, including an emergency Diesel engine capable of 30 kilowatt output to run the entire building in case of a power breakdown, and with a battery reserve for uninterrupted service.



The Equipment Installation men who installed Littleton's new dial equipment were, left to right, front row: J. F. McDermott (standing), W. Bishop, J. B. Eno, D. L. McDonough, A. P. Reynolds, N. P. St. Laurent, W. D. Bremner, W. B. Kenney, R. E. McDonald, A. J. Morissette (standing); second row: S. Grezotes, R. W. Tewksbury, E. J. McGrath, W. J. Cochran, E. P. Robinson; third row: J. I. Wiley, T. J. McLaughlin, P. Waligura, J. W. Lee, R. P. Berry (standing); fourth row: D. A. Fogg, S. J. Doherty, Jr., A. F. Doran, C. L. Branscombe, L. L. Stewart; fifth row: E. Mason, R. J. Foley, W. F. Tuxbury, M. E. Drinkwater, M. A. Plante, H. M. Proctor, W. E. Merrill, R. F. Mahoney and R. W. Coombs.

Mountain Toll Service

Establishment of this modern central office for Littleton and long distance operating center for the other exchanges cost approximately \$750,000.

The moment of the cutover itself was a tense and exciting one. Town and telephone officials watched with eager anticipation as some telephone men stood ready to disconnect the lines from the old manual equipment and others to make the final connection of the lines with the new equipment. The signal was given and the anxious waiting turned into a sea of action. In minutes the new step-by-

step dial equipment and new toll center switchboard were in operation.

The first call was placed by Littleton's Town Manager Sidney S. Frisell who called Selectman Clarence W. Allard to inaugurate the new system.

One of the greatest factors in Littleton's conversion to dial and in the installation of the new toll center is the improved facilities for handling the White Mountain region heavy summer toll and local traffic that they provide. Better telephone service is assured to all customers either local or transient. It is estimated that long distance calls handled through Little-

ton will exceed last summer's by 10 to 15 per cent. To handle the volume of calling expected about 50 operators will be required.

Of the total of 116 toll circuits which connect Littleton with other exchanges and other toll centers, nine run to Bretton Woods, eight to Lancaster, ten to Franconia, twenty to Bethlehem, seven to Twin Mountain, eleven to Whitefield, six to Lisbon, thirteen to New York and ten to Boston. The remaining circuits connect with Berlin, St. Johnsbury, Concord and White River Junction.

2 This 17-position toll switchboard replaced the one on the left 20 years ago. Toll traffic was handled here until the changeover to the new building.



3 This spacious office with its new 31-position toll switchboard now serves Bretton Woods, Franconia, Bethlehem, Twin Mountain, Whitefield, Lisbon, Littleton.





PROVING A POINT — BY AIR . . . Everett J. Potter, ex G.I. and now owner of an airport in Coventry, R. I., gave a lot of thought to his telephone service. The more he thought the more he became convinced that his airport should have Valley telephone service instead of service from the Coventry exchange. He used maps, explained his reasoning, and to clinch his point he flew the District Manager and later the Division Commercial Engineer over the area involved. Result? A boundary change was recommended. Left to right: Lorenz Dahl, Jr., District Manager; Frederick P. Holden, Division Commercial Engineer, and Everett J. Potter at the controls.

L. Chester May Appointed Assistant Vice President

L. CHESTER MAY of the A. T. & T. Company was appointed on June 15 Assistant Vice President of the New England Company where he will be responsible for financial studies and earnings analyses.

Following his graduation from the University of West Virginia in 1930, Mr. May entered the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company as a student engineer. He transferred to the Treasury Department of the American Company that year to work on financial studies and banking statistics. On February 1, 1945, Mr. May was assigned to the Earnings Division of the Treasury Department where he was responsible for analyses of the earnings experience of Bell System and other companies and for other financial studies.

While with the American Company, Mr. May attended the School of Law of Fordham University and was graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1945. He was admitted to the New York State Bar the same year.



Plans Set for Installing First Connector Units for Voice Recorders

FINAL arrangements have been completed for customer-owned voice recording machines to be connected to telephone lines under conditions prescribed by public regulatory authorities.

The telephone companies of the Bell System, including the New England Company, have filed tariffs effective August 2 and expect to begin filling orders on that date for the necessary connecting equipment, including an automatic tone device.

Recent issuance of government regulations on the use of voice recording equipment in connection with telephone service followed several years of hearings before the Federal Communications Commission, with the telephone companies and manufacturers of recording machines participating. The regulations require that the telephone companies install and maintain the connecting equipment, including the tone apparatus which produces a "beep." This lets the person at the other end of the line know a record of the conversation is being made.

A subscriber's recording machine will be connected with his telephone line by a connector unit embodying the tone device and contained in a black box slightly larger than the standard telephone bell box. The subscriber will be able to switch his recording machine on or off or connect or disconnect the machine from the telephone line at will.

When the recording equipment is in use, the automatic tone device produces a distinctive signal—a brief, high, almost musical note—which is repeated at regular intervals of about 15 seconds as a reminder that the telephone conversation is being recorded. Private-line telephone subscribers who cannot be connected with the general telephone exchange and toll system need not use the automatic tone device. In such cases the protective connecting equipment, without the tone device, is provided by the telephone company.

The charge for installing the connecting equipment is \$5, and the monthly rate is \$2.

401st Veterans' 30th Annual Reunion



A GROUP of young men, newly discharged from the Army, met to talk over their World War I experiences when they were buddies in the Signal Battalion representing our Company.

This summer, forty-five of these men, members of the 401st Veterans' Association, held their thirtieth annual reunion at the Stow Country Club, Stow, Mass.

Although the weather halted outside activities it provided an extra opportunity for the veterans to renew friendships and discover that thirty years had not dimmed their memories of incidents that occurred during their twenty-one months at camp and in France.

Officers elected for 1948-49 were: W. J. Greene, Pres.; W. J. Sullivan, Sec.-Treas.; H. E. Hilton, Welfare Officer; H. S. Bacon, Historian; F. G. Dighton, Gen. Chairman; A. S. Hale, Asst. Gen. Chairman.

CLAUDIO ARRAU . . . Chilean pianist, will make his first appearance on The Telephone Hour on August 9. Arrau taught himself to read musical notes like another child might read words, and, at the age of four, he astonished his mother by playing the first Beethoven Sonata from music.

GOLDEN WEDDING . . . Edwin A. Lovejoy, retired from the Metropolitan Division Servicing Group, and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, June 27, at their home in Duxbury. More than 150 friends gathered to wish them well. Left to right: Ralph Longfellow, Special Representative, Mr. Lovejoy, Mrs. Lovejoy, William Couch, retired.



Installation Milestones for Bell System and New England Company

WHEN Harold Bragg of Marshalltown, Iowa, received his new telephone recently he decided to place the first call to his brother in Seattle. Instead of a quiet family matter Harold found photographers and newspaper men in his home. The call he placed to his brother halfway across the nation went on the thirty millionth telephone installed by the Bell System.

Shirley A. Davis, on his farm in Charleston, Me., found himself in pretty much the same position when he called a friend in Dexter to invite him to visit the Davis farm. The invitation was carried over the 200,000th telephone installed recently by our Company in the state of Maine.

Mrs. Davis, their one-and-a-half-year-old daughter Diane, and Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. Athalie Boyer, all shared in the first call Mr. Davis put in to his old friend, Ralph Lowell, 32 Pleasant Street, Dexter.

Congratulations from the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company on having Maine's 200,000th telephone were extended by Frank P. Desmond, Bangor Manager; Orville Eddes, Service Foreman; and Edward J. McClay, the Installer who placed the new telephone in service.

Mr. Davis is a veteran of the U. S. Marines, having served with the 5th Division. A native of Dover-Foxcroft and a highway engineer before going into the Marines, he returned to Maine about three years ago with an eye on milk and stock farming. Today, on his 127 acres, he has twenty head of registered Guernseys. The man of the herd is Countryman Foremost, a prize winner.

Indicative of rapid telephone growth in Maine is the fact that the Company's 200,000th telephone in the state is its 82,599th since January 1, 1940, when its Maine total was only 117,401. Growth during the war years carried the total to nearly 145,000, and the years since the war have brought it to the new mark. Of the 200,000 total today, 34,000 telephones are in Maine's rural areas, an increase of 35% in a little over two years.



Little Jane Kay Bragg and her new bunny doll were very much in evidence at the installation of the thirty-millionth Bell System telephone in Marshalltown, Iowa. Here she tries out the telephone and gets a bit tangled up during the procedure.

Proudly we present it. Maine's 200,000th telephone which was installed recently in Shirley A. Davis' farm in Charleston. Watching Mr. Davis place the first call, seated: Mrs. Davis, their daughter, Diane, and Mr. Davis' sister, Athalie Boyer. Standing: Frank P. Desmond, Bangor Manager; Edward J. McClay, who installed the new telephone, and Orville Eddes, Service Foreman.



Editorial Credits Telephone Directory for New Orderliness In Falmouth's Business and Social Life

FALMOUTH, Mass., has "a new orderliness to business and social life" on or about the first day of July each year when the new Falmouth Telephone Directory makes its debut—according to a recent editorial in the *Falmouth Enterprise*.

The editorial follows:

The New Telephone Book

Welcome to the new telephone directory. It is a useful tool if there ever was one. The book which we have used for a year is dog-eared and dirty. It is also an intimate document. Penciled numbers on the cover, hieroglyphics scrawled in impatience, satisfaction or annoyance recall the pleasures and the tribulations of a year at the telephone. We are going to miss some of those numbers. But

the old book has for weeks been more of an annoyance than a satisfaction.

Should there be any disposition to belittle the changes which come to Falmouth in a year, just turn to the telephone directory. It was new last July. It is antiquated as the book dated July, 1948, takes its place.

No longer will we be corrected when we try to reach Al Landers in North Falmouth. The new book informs us straight off that Mr. Landers and his neighbors are on the new exchange. For the first time North Falmouth has new dignity. It appears in the list of exchanges at the front of the new book in type every bit as big as that given to Falmouth.

The new book is a record of growth. It has near to seven more pages of listings than the old one. Manager Crooks tells us it would have even

more listings if folks didn't shy at accepting four-party service. As of June first the Falmouth exchange had 3,084 customers and 3,726 stations. This compares with 2,912 customers and 3,441 stations in 1947; 2,342 customers and 2,719 stations in 1945.

Everybody has a telephone who would accept the class of service available. Camp Edwards is back in the book and if you miss a familiar number, such as Falmouth Theatre, chances are the subscriber just didn't get his order in on time.

We will still be calling Information, but there is a mine of new information in the new book which is reaching subscribers this weekend. There is a new orderliness to business and social life in Falmouth each first of July when the new directory comes out.

There's A Lot to Look Forward To

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. These accomplishments suggest that there is also a lot to look forward to.

Machines in industry, for example, have increased the effectiveness of the average worker in the United States to a point where he produces four to five times as much as he used to, yet he works on an average only 44 hours a week compared with 72 hours a week a hundred years ago.

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 nation-wide 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. And you can count on more to come—improvements that Bell System scientists are working on as you read this. With the telephone, there's a lot to look forward to.

Fall River Exchange (jg)

A RECEIVER is lifted from its cradle and a childish voice answers the signal with, "Number, please." The reply, given by an equally youthful voice, is, "May I be connected with Desk 30?"

This conversation is the direct result of a recent visit to the Fall River exchange made by the sixth grade pupils of the Harriet T. Healy School.

The visit prompted the pupils, aided by their teacher, Gertrude Nestor, to set up their own exchange in miniature. A switchboard, made entirely by the students, occupied the front of the classroom, with "lines" (strings) tied into model telephones on each desk. Calls were placed from desk to desk through the switchboard by the "operator," a pupil, wearing an official headset.

Highlight of the project was the extending of an invitation to Jane Keefe, Fall River Chief Operator, to attend "Open House" at the school.

At "Open House" the Student Exchange is shown in operation with a "junior" operator at the switchboard. Various homemade models of telephones ranging from the birth of the handset to the telephone generally in use today can also be seen at the switchboard. In the background are Gertrude Nestor, left, the teacher, and Jane Keefe, Fall River Chief Operator, the students' guest.

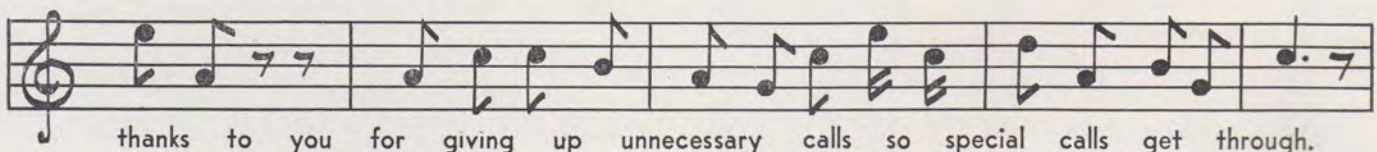
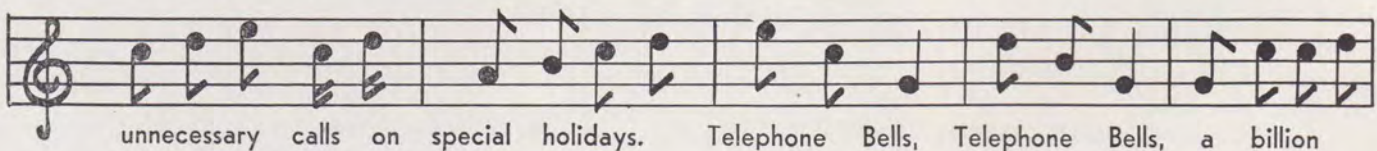
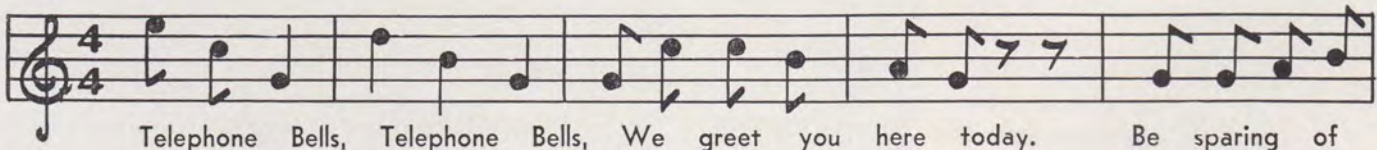
Part II of the project was the teaching of good telephone manners and this song featured holiday etiquette.



Telephone Bells



WORDS & MUSIC BY
GERTRUDE NESTER



DO YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Q

Why doesn't our Company subscribe to the Blue Shield Plan?

A

Representatives of the Blue Shield and our Company are currently discussing the advisability and practicability of employee participation in the Blue Shield Plan on a salary deduction basis. At the present time Blue Shield organizations are not functioning in the States of Maine and Rhode Island.

Q

When an employee leaves the Company, is it possible to continue to deposit and withdraw money from the Credit Union and to continue holding Cooperative Bank Shares?

A

Employees who sever their connections with the Company and who at the time have accounts in the Credit Union must make arrangements to close their accounts. Regulations in some of the Credit Unions permit the accounts to remain open until the next dividend declaration. Retired employees may make direct deposits in or withdrawals from the Credit Unions. Employees who sever their connections with the Company as well as retired employees may continue to purchase shares in the Telephone Workers' Cooperative Bank, Boston and the Building and Loan Association, Providence, R. I.

Q

How are prices and profits regulated in the Company's lunchrooms?

A

The prices charged for food in our cafeterias are intended to cover the cost of food, wages of Dining Service employees, gas and electricity, supplies (including dishes, silverware, pots and pans, soap, etc.), laundering of uniforms, house service (including a proportionate share of heating and general cleaning expense of the building in which the cafeteria

is located) and repair of kitchen equipment. Not entering into the prices charged for food are numerous items such as rent and basic equipment.

Actually, since the war Dining Service receipts have not been sufficient to cover the cost of the two major items of Dining Service expense, namely, food and Dining Service employees' wages. This has been due to sharp increases in the cost of food and to progressively higher wages of Dining Service employees—factors that have been only partly offset by increased food prices to employees. Thus, the Telephone Company has not made, nor does it intend to make, a profit from its cafeterias. To keep costs down is the job of all Dining Service employees and management. And in these days, that's a real job.

Q

How can I make a suggestion having to do with another department?

A

Each department has a routine for handling employees' suggestions. These are primarily available for members of each department. An employee having a suggestion applicable to another department should use the forms and procedures of his own department for forwarding the suggestion.

Q

Does the Company benefit financially from better completion of calls?

A

Yes, the Company does benefit financially from better completion of calls; but the most important reason for stressing "completion" is that more completed calls mean better satisfied customers. Completed telephone calls—not uncompleted calls—are what make our business.

Q

Can you give me more information about the M1 carrier system?

A

The M1 carrier system was developed to provide regular party line telephone service to rural subscribers in widely scattered farm areas where there is no economical way of building telephone lines. This was done by using the existing high voltage power line wires to serve as a "base circuit," the idea being to connect an M1 carrier terminal to the power line wires at a place near a telephone line leading to a central office, install another M1 carrier terminal in some farmer's house and connect it to the power line wires at transmission of 60 cycle A.C. power.

An M1 carrier system can also be established by using a copper wire telephone pair for its "base circuit" instead of using power line wires.

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION SUPERVISOR

Room 112

50 Oliver Street

Boston 7, Mass.

Date.....19.....

I should like more information concerning.....

Department..... Division

Name..... Business Address

(Signature optional)



Three generations in the family of a Telephone Payment Agent. Grandfather A. H. Best is 69. Vernon V. Best is 3, and Virgil E. Best, new Payment Agent for our Company in Pownal, Maine, is 36 years old.

Two generations of another family vitally interested in the recent cut to dial: Marjorie Sweetser, daughter; Mary Sweetser, mother, retiring Agent at Pownal; and Katherine Sweetser, daughter-in-law.



Hand Crank Telephones Bow Out at Pownal

THE crank has had its day. It's gone forever from Pownal, Me., where 170 modern telephones replaced it when dial equipment in the newly constructed central office was cut into service at 10 a.m. on July 7.

Until the cut, the town switchboard had been in the Barrington Town Hall since fire destroyed the old central office March 31. The new brick central office is on a site opposite the former office.

The new equipment permits improved ringing arrangements on party lines. For example, a customer on a seven-party line hears the ring of but three others.

Long distance calls and requests for information are handled at Portland. New directories have been issued to the Pownal telephone subscribers.

Virgil E. Best, new Payment Agent at Pownal and also the town's first selectman, had the honor of placing the first call at the recent community dial conversion. Manager John G. Hardy, left, watches the call.



Company Sponsored Reserve Signal Battalion Organized

Capt. William L. Drane, representing the First Army at the meeting, congratulates Lt. Col. Matthew V. McCormick on the success of the first meeting of the 313th Signal Battalion.

THE first meeting of the newly activated Reserve Signal Battalion was held at 50 Oliver Street on July 21.

In cooperation with the War Department Affiliation Program the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company is sponsoring this organization. The unit is an integral part of the Organized Reserve Corps Program whose mission includes the furnishing of combat aid service type units to be organized, trained and prepared in time of peace for rapid mobilization and expansion in time of an emergency.

An affiliated unit is a service type unit sponsored by a civilian organization performing a function in civilian life as closely allied as possible to the unit's projected military assignment. The Bell System is but one of many industries sponsoring organized units. Similar contributions will be made by the automotive industry, the aircraft industry and the railroads, to mention but a few.

The official designation of the New England Company sponsored unit is the 313th Signal Operations Battalion and is commanded by Lt. Col. Matthew V. McCormick of the General Plant Department and a veteran of World War II.

Now designated as a Class "C" unit, consisting of officer personnel only, the ultimate goal of the organization is to attain a Class "A" status which calls for a complement of approximately 500 officers and enlisted personnel and eligibility for two weeks' summer training with regular army troops. The battalion will be composed entirely of telephone employees.

Lt. Col. McCormick outlined the immediate program and explained that during the Class "C" period the unit will hold monthly meetings in the Public Relations Studio at 50 Oliver Street. At each meeting a subject pertaining to Signal Operations will be discussed and training films shown.

Representing the First Army was Capt. William L. Drane, who addressed the group and indicated that he would attend the monthly meetings and assist in the training program. The meeting concluded with the showing of a highly interesting pictorial film which portrayed the part played by the Signal Corps in World War II.



Attending the first meeting were, left to right: T. T. Pettingell, Jr., J. T. Haron, F. H. Conway, H. T. Barker, Jr., R. H. Moulton, P. P. Glazier, R. Shields, C. L. Curran, T. R. McCone, Lt. Col. M. V. McCormick, R. A. Salomon, Capt. W. L. Drane, D. W. Thayer, N. D. Given, G. Ernst, F. D'Alessandro and W. C. Ames.



The Editor's Page



Parlez-vous Francais?

Among his other duties, our Company's Comptroller Joseph A. Griffin has to be a linguist. Recently he received a letter requesting a copy of our 1947 Annual Report from the *Service des Etudes Financieres de Credit Lyonnais*, Paris, France. The letter was written in French and Mr. Griffin replied in the same.

Longer, Long Distance Calls

Long distance callers these days are talking longer and farther than they were seven years ago. The Long Lines Department finds that the average conversation time has steadily increased from approximately five minutes in 1941 to nearly six and one-fourth minutes today. Seven years ago, the average Long Lines call was about 320 miles. The distance hit a peak of 450 miles in 1946 and is now standing at 410 miles.

Telephone Poles Dehummed

By means of a spiral lapping of "lead strip," bound around line wires and insulators in three spiral turns and lapped along the wires for a distance of 10 inches, engineers of the British General Post Office have found a way of "silencing" the wires on telephone poles in the hopes of preserving the poles from attacks by woodpeckers, which have long caused trouble. These attacks, it is assumed, were incited by the humming of the wires, though this is not audible to human ears. The holes drilled by the birds vary from one to five inches, and these do the poles no good.

Could Be!

We especially like this story from *Telephony*. A young man was patiently waiting outside a telephone booth for a young lady to get through with the telephone directory. Finally, he asked if he could help her find the number she wanted. She replied, "Oh, no, thank you. I don't want a number, I'm looking for a pretty name for my baby."

Intercepting Interference

A new combined telephone set which eliminates interference when another receiver is lifted on a busy multi-party rural line has been made available to Bell companies. Any dialing or ringing already in progress on a line is not interrupted when the handset is removed from its cradle. The new set is like the regular combined set, except that the cradle's right-hand plunger has been designed as a hand-operated cut-in switch for the transmitter. When the handset is picked up, the receiver is energized as usual, but the transmitter is not. Instructions printed on the cradle tell the subscriber to "Lift the Plunger to Dial or Talk."

Woe Is He!

It was reported recently that a Waterbury, Conn., man drove his car into a telephone pole, backed up and smashed into the pole again. The pole broke off and the front end of the car was demolished. The man was taken to the hospital, treated for injuries to his head and arrested on a motor vehicles charge. The cause of it all—he explained to a patrolman—he had just had an argument with his wife.

Hello, Alaska

The longest civilian telephone hookup ever made across the North American continent recently brought Alaska's historic Kodiak Island into telephone communication with the United States and the rest of the world. A three-way conference call between Kodiak, Chicago and Washington went over the 4,800-mile circuit to officially open the first public telephone exchange in Alaska's oldest settlement.

Rascal Receptionist

Eugene LeClair, 6, of Cambridge, Mass., got to the bottom of that there new-fangled contraption, the telephone, recently, and mother got to the bottom of Eugene. The youngster played hooky from bed to do guard duty by the telephone. It rang, Eugene picked up the receiver, screamed once, eerily, into the mouthpiece, and hung up. This happened several times and the caller in desperation and some

alarm, told an operator the nerve-racking story. The operator tried to reach Mrs. LeClair, but got Eugene and the same eery scream. She called the police and they sent a cruising car to solve the case. Mrs. LeClair had been deep at work in the kitchen and hadn't heard a thing, but Eugene later heard more than he'd bargained for.

Anything Can Happen

An old adage was foiled recently when a Canadian Red Cross mobile unit got some blood from A. Stone.

Back in Communication

The 350 men, women and children of Sugartree Ridge, Ohio, are speaking to each other for the first time in ten years—on the telephone, that is. It all came about as a result of a petition got up by the community's residents who thought they'd been without local telephone service long enough. Not since 1938, when the independent telephone company serving the village pulled all the plugs and went out of business, had the townsfolk had any telephone service—other than five instruments connected to farmer lines extending from nearby Mowrystown. The petition got the approval of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, and the Ohio Bell Telephone Company got out its drafting board. Sugartree Ridge got a dial telephone system—135 subscribers.

Less and Less

The week ending July 24, 1948, with a Company total of 48 blocked offices, was the lowest weekly report of blocked central offices since April 16, 1943. A central office is considered "blocked" if the number of main stations has reached the capacity of the office. The capacity is determined by the physical limitation of line multiple or terminal equipment, or, in extreme cases, by the call capacity established for that office. Things are getting better all the time.

Number Please!

The Chinese telephone operator must be her own walking telephone directory. Telephone books in many of China's main cities have not been printed since the end of the war, because of paper shortages, or if they have been printed they cannot be read by a large number of illiterate telephone users. In Peiping, the average telephone operator keeps in her head 2,000 telephone numbers. If a subscriber lifts the receiver and says, "Please give me the Hua Kee grocery store on Tranquil Peace Gate Street," or asks for the principal of the Third Municipal Girls' High School, she can plug in the number without frowning a brow. What she can't remember she has to be able to look up quickly, which takes a bit of doing in the Chinese language.

Super Sound

When the "Oscars" were awarded this year by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, it was the fifteenth time in their 18 years that the award for the "Best Achievement in Sound Recording" has gone to a producer using Western Electric recording.

Possibilities Unlimited

Broadway plays get televised—football games get televised—and now a corporation Annual Report has been televised. A motion picture version, produced by the Union Oil Company of California, was televised in nine cities recently for the first time.

School's Out

School's been out for over a month now in most sections of New England and children can be seen on almost any residential street at almost any time. They've been away from their teachers' constant reminders about safety rules all this while and in their concentration on their play, they may dart across the street from behind trees or between parked cars without thinking. Watch for them—drive slowly and carefully past their homes in the hope that the other fellow is driving carefully past yours. Children should be seen and not hurt.

"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."
Abraham Lincoln

Why Knot?

There's a new twist in customer service these days which results in no twist for telephone cords. No longer need cords resemble a Boy Scout's homework for his knot-tying test. That's because they can now be made of neoprene, a new synthetic rubber. Its use is said to keep cords nonkinkable and make them wear better.

Here's the Lowdown

The Empire State Building may have the highest roof in New York City, but the New York Telephone Company headquarters building has the lowest cellar. According to a radio answer man, it goes farther below sea level than any other structure in the city. The bottom sub-basement is five stories or sixty-five feet under the water line.

Stopped—But Not Long

A power-driven ditch digger got a little too energetic in the California climate recently, and took an unfortunate bite out of two underground cables. The result was momentarily hard on telephone customers, since Pacific T&T lost an estimated 90% of its facilities to the east, north and south. Northern California was about isolated, but not for long. Telephone men met the emergency as usual, and within an hour most service was restored. Circuits were temporarily rerouted over pole lines and brought back into the main cables beyond the break.

Blessed Event

Writer Robert Marko of California recently sent the following announcement to his acquaintances. "Blessed Event! Announcing the arrival of a four-pound telephone delivered at 1781 Orchard Avenue, Hollywood, and baptized Gladstone 8795."

There's No Escaping

They can reach you anywhere, for now telegrams can be sent to persons in airplanes, on buses or riding on inland waterways boats. Western Union Telegraph Company has made arrangements for telegraph service to and from more than 5,000 mobile units equipped with radiotelephones. On calls from radiotelephone-equipped mobile units a person merely asks for Western Union and sends his telegram collect or has it charged to the mobile unit telephone number.

Peace or the Jackpot?

"Please keep your money and leave me alone," begged 26-year-old Cable Splicer Jack L. Adams of Huntington, W. Va., recently after winning a \$7,300 radio jackpot for identifying a song on the "Three for the Money" program over the Mutual Broadcasting System. Mutual quoted Jack as saying, "Ever since I won the prize last night my telephone has been ringing constantly. Calls are coming in from every section of the country. They either want to sell me something or they want donations. I've become a hero in my hometown and I find myself invited to dozens of affairs I have no intention of attending. Anyway, the money will cost me a lot in income tax."

Mr. Bell's Talking Dog

In *Ave Maria*, published weekly in Notre Dame, Ind., there recently appeared an article on an "honest-to-goodness" talking dog. The animal belonged to Alexander Graham Bell when the famous inventor was only sixteen years old. Young Alexander took his pet Skye terrier and began practicing with his fingers on the animal's tongue and vocal chords. Little by little he was able to shape the growls of his pet until he could produce a sentence something like, "How are you, grandma?" and other simple sounds.

Can You Answer This One?

What does the letter "K" indicate when it appears in a telephone number? No, it's not a party-line designation like "R," "M" or "J," and it's not a mobile telephone number. It works this way: When a new customer is assigned a telephone number already listed to another customer in a telephone directory, the letter "K" is added to the number to indicate that a customer other than the one in the directory has been assigned the number. For example, the number 1564 appears in the directory for John Jones. Mr. Jones moves to another location and George Brown is given the number which becomes 1564K. Anyone calling 1564K is connected directly to Mr. Brown's telephone, while anyone calling 1564 goes to intercept and is given whatever information is required relative to Mr. Jones' telephone.



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NEW officers were announced recently by the four chapters of the Telephone Pioneers of America in our Company as another club year came to a close and Pioneers voiced their gratitude to retiring officers and pledged their continued loyal support to newly elected officers.

Pictures of some of the new officers do not appear here. The new president of the William J. Denver Chapter is William H. Stirling; secretary-treasurer, Inez E. Kavanaugh.

Other officers of Councils in the Denver Chapter follow. Springfield: vice chairman, Edmund D. Cunningham; secretary-treasurer, Alfreda D. Sinclair. Pittsfield: vice chairman, Albert N. Hardy. Fitchburg: vice chairman, Scott Olesen. Worcester: chairman, Anna R. Hayes; vice chairman, George W. Lowney.

Other officers of the Jasper N. Keller Chapter are: first vice president, Fred M. Winslow; second vice president, M. Grace Petty.



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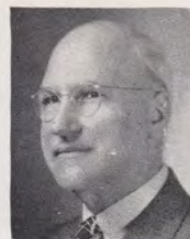


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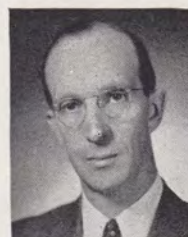
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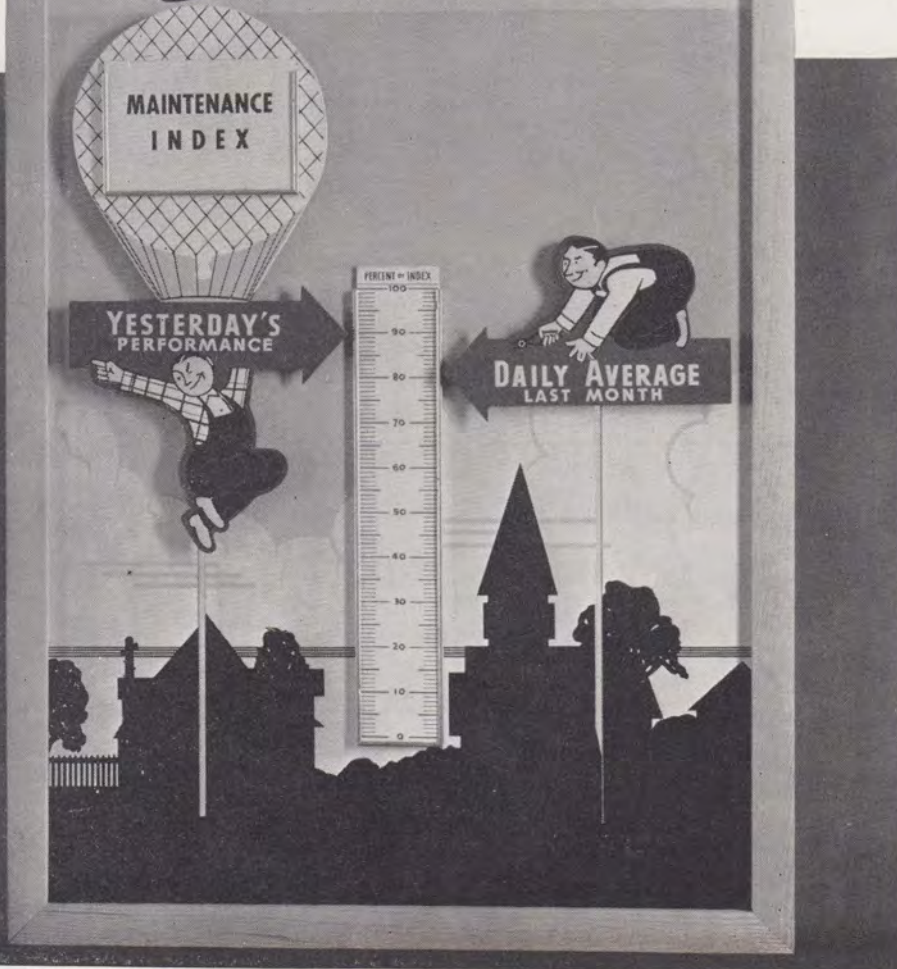


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HOW WE'RE DOING on *Service We Give*



Now prominently displayed in garages throughout the Company are these two little men who show clearly and concisely how current performance on any item compares with the daily average for the previous month.

To keep Plant employees better informed regarding performance, trends and service results, two charts have been developed, one for display in local test centers and the other for display in telephone garages.

These charts show objectives and current performance results and compare the current results with those of other periods.

The test center chart, 47" x 30", shows on a blackboard painted grid the results obtained by Maintenance and Installation forces. This chart also includes a "Total Index" which shows the performance of the combined Maintenance and Installation forces. Moveable red arrows focus attention on any one of the items listed.

The chart for display in garages measures 45" x 30" and is equipped with a vertical holder in which cards can be placed showing appropriate gradations for any item being featured. Sliding cut-out figures indicate "Yesterday's Performance" and "Daily Average." A rectangular card holder features different Plant items.

This attractive chart, now on display in our Company's test centers, shows Installation and Maintenance men how they score on the index items listed.

HOW WE'RE DOING ON SERVICE WE GIVE									
PLANT SERVICE RESULTS									
MAINTENANCE	INDEX ITEMS	DAILY AVERAGE			DAILY THIS WEEK				
		1 YEAR AGO	LAST MONTH	LAST WEEK	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
	SUBSCRIBER REPORTS PER 100 STA.								
	SUBSEQUENT REPORTS %								
	REPEATED REPORTS %								
	O.S. REPORTS CARRIED OVER BEFORE 5 P.M. %								
	MAINTENANCE INDEX								
INSTALLATION	APPOINTMENTS MADE %								
	APPOINTMENTS NOT MET BY CO. %								
	O.S. DAY COMPLETIONS %								
	TROUBLES WITHIN 30 DAYS %								
	INSTALLATION INDEX								
	TOTAL INDEX								

Better Telephone Service for New Hampshire State House

NEW and better telephone service has prepared the State House in Concord for an active and efficient future handling New Hampshire's government.

An increase in personnel and a greatly increased volume of telephone calls necessitated the change in service from a two-position non-multiple 701A dial system to a three-position multiple 701A dial system.



Wayne B. Elwell, Superintendent of State Buildings and Grounds, makes the first call over the new telephone system in the New Hampshire State House. Watching are W. H. Scannell, Jr., acting Customer Rep., and Laurence B. Rogers, Manager at Concord.

PBX attendants on duty at the new switchboard are Agnes Larson, Genevieve Brooks and Margaret Clark.



These men who worked on the installation were on hand when the new switchboard was cut into service at the New Hampshire State House. Left to right: Donald Whipple, Equipment Installer; Ralph Kimball, PBX Foreman; Thomas Hassie, Equipment Installer; Earl Kimball, Wire Chief.





Cleo F. Craig, A. T. & T. Company vice president, is now in charge of the Company's Department of Operation and Engineering. He will also be responsible for advice and assistance to the Associated Companies and the Long Lines Dept. on rate and revenue matters.

C. F. Craig To Head O. & E. Department

CLEO F. CRAIG, vice president of the A. T. & T. Company, has been placed in charge of the Company's Department of Operation and Engineering, succeeding William H. Harrison, who has resigned to become president of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation. Mr. Craig will also be responsible for advice and assistance to the Associated Companies and the Long Lines Department on rate and revenue.

William C. Bolenius, president of the Wisconsin Telephone Company, was elected A. T. & T. vice president in charge of personnel relations, succeeding Mr. Craig.

James B. Morrison, vice president—operations of the Wisconsin Company, succeeds Mr. Bolenius.

Mr. Craig had been in charge of the Personnel Relations Department at A. T. & T. since April, 1941. Previously he had had many years of experience in the Company's Long Lines Department, starting as an equipment man in St. Louis in 1913 and rising through the ranks to become general manager of the department in 1933 and Long Lines vice president in 1940.

Mr. Bolenius began his Bell System career 27 years ago in the traffic department of the New York Telephone Company. He rose to the position of assistant vice president of that company in 1938, and in 1943, after serving as general traffic manager of the Long Island area, became vice president and general manager of the Upstate area, with headquarters at Albany. He moved to the Wisconsin Company in 1946 as vice president and general manager, and became president in October of that year.

Mr. Morrison becomes president of the Wisconsin Company after only two months with that Company as vice president—operations. His previous Bell System career had been spent with The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies in Baltimore and Washington. He started as an engineering assistant in March, 1925. Working his way up, he became plant superintendent in 1938 and general plant manager in 1942. In 1946 he was made vice president and general manager of the Washington Company.

William C. Bolenius, former president of the Wisconsin Telephone Company, is the new American Telephone and Telegraph Company vice president in charge of personnel relations succeeding Cleo F. Craig.

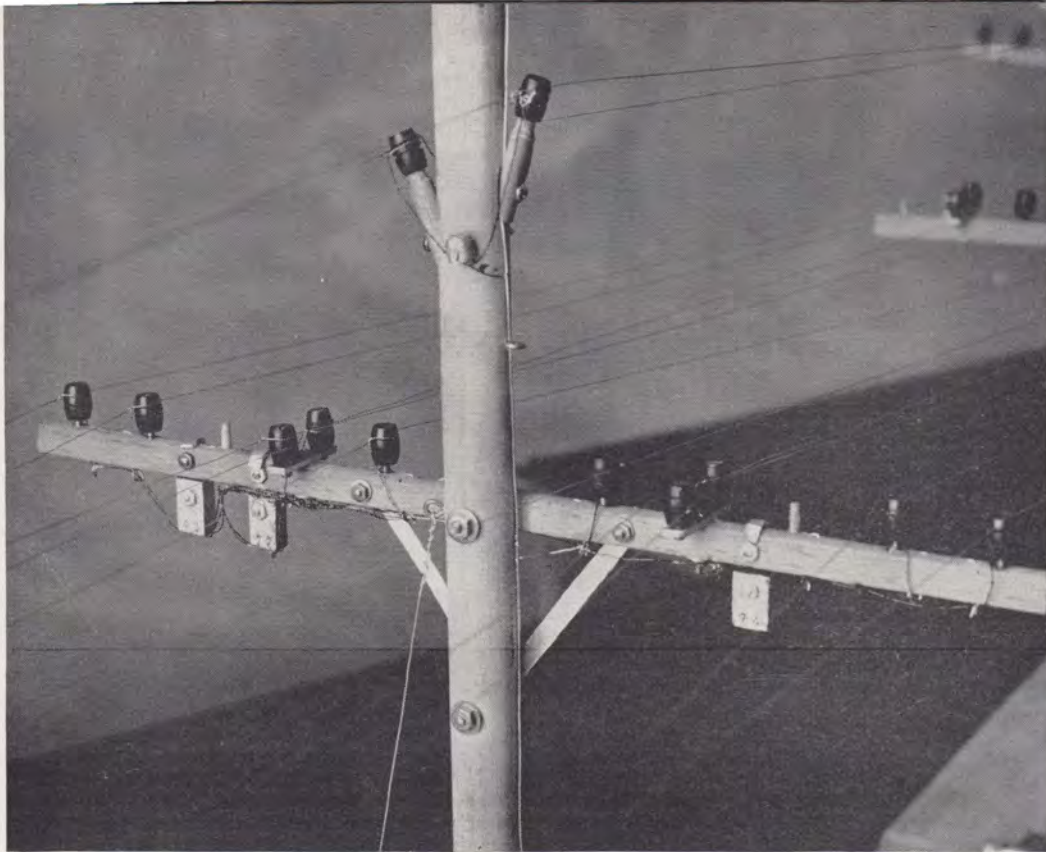


POLE LINE-small size

A MODEL open wire pole line, designed and built by Inductive Relations Engineer B. J. Sacco, was displayed at the recent Convention of the Telephone Associations of New Hampshire and Vermont at Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, Vt., by P. M. Kellogg, Division Transmission Engineer. Mr. Kellogg discussed the recently developed R-1 Transposition system, 99A protector, and 104A protector, and their use in connection with the joint use of poles where the power companies are operating at over 5,000 volts between wires or over 2,900 volts to ground.

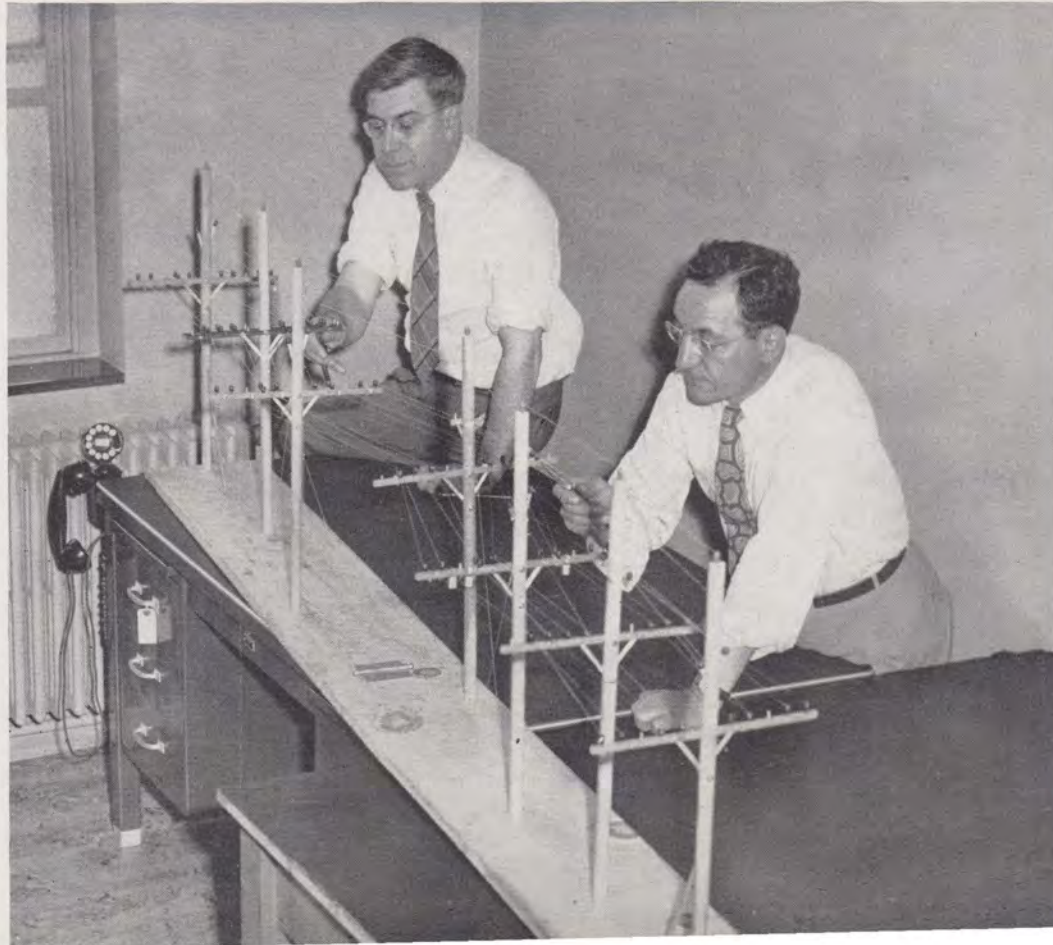
The model, built to scale, consists of seven poles arranged to illustrate both short (150 feet or less) and long (over 150 feet) span construction using the TW insulators for short span transpositions and B and C tandem brackets for long span transpositions or heavy corner poles. A double armed pole is also inserted to show that B and C tandem brackets are not necessary. A bracket line above the crossarms pictures a two wire line and associated transpositions and protection design, but normally would not be used on new joint poles due to climbing space requirements and inductive effects.

Mr. Sacco built the model during his spare time and it is interesting to note the various parts used in its assembly. The insulators are switch-board key barrels while the pins are the prong ends of a No. 364 tool (spade terminal, used for test cord terminations). The insulators for the power line are 75A heat coils. The neutral wire fixtures are very small screw eyes. The 104A protectors are pieces of wood fastened to the arm with an aluminum bracket and $7/8'' \times 2/56$ bolt. The 99A protectors are made up from a $1/4''$ dowel with one end rounded and are fastened to the arm or pole with 22 ga. wire. The B and C tandem brackets were cut from sheet aluminum and bolted to the crossarm with $7/8'' \times 2/56$ bolts. The drive rings were made from 22 ga. wire and holes were drilled through the arms in which to insert them. The crossarm braces are strips of aluminum bolted to the poles and arms. The assembly is mounted on two 4-foot lengths of pine board hinged at the center, and is easily dismantled.



A closeup of one section of the line shows how it will be a valuable training aid for construction and engineering forces because it allows easy visualization of such points as the position of the wires at a single insulator transposition point, the location of tandem brackets and the arrangement of the wires on them, the omission and placing of ties, and the spacing of 99A and 104A protectors with their grounding wires.

The seven-pole line is mounted on two 4-foot lengths of pine board hinged at the center and is easily dismantled. It was built by Inductive Relations Engineer B. J. Sacco of the Plant Dept. in Springfield.





Quarter of a Million Persons to View Microwaves Exhibit at Grand Central

THE Bell System's microwave radio-relay system between Boston and New York is now on Main Street—that is, in miniature, it's on "Main Street—Southern New England," the New Haven Railroad's dramatic exhibit at Grand Central Terminal, New York, where more than a quarter of a million persons are expected to see it before Labor Day.

The model of the system, with its chain of seven hilltop relay stations

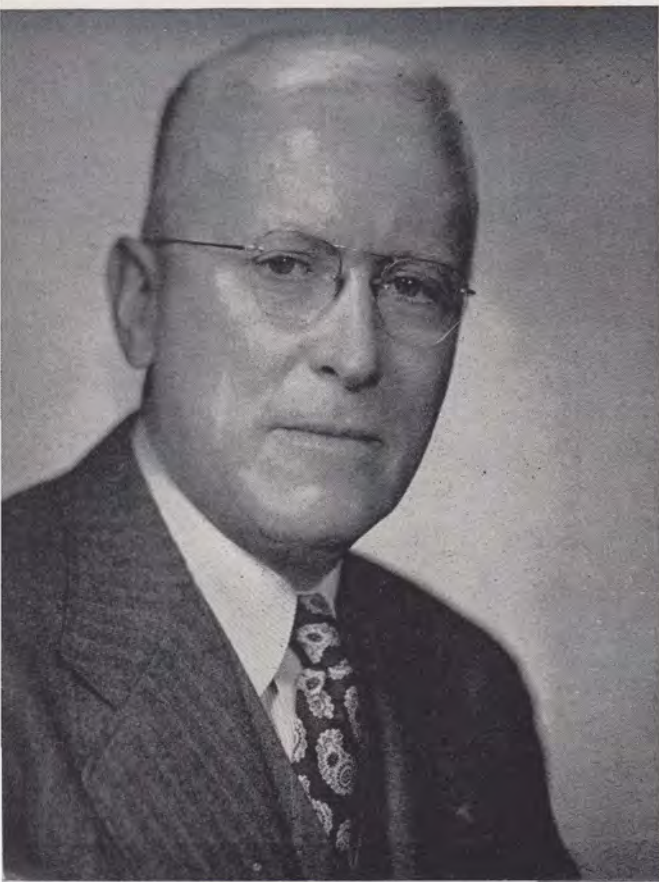
and terminal stations in Boston and New York, is a working model. Its display, at the invitation of the Railroad, is jointly sponsored by the Long Lines Department of the A. T. & T. Co., the New York Telephone Company, the Southern New England Company, and the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company.

Microwave transmitting and receiving equipment is built into the display to demonstrate the working of the invisible beam as a carrier of speech and music. Listening-in receivers are provided for viewers of the display; and for those who wish to test the reality of the beam there is a spot designated for them to place their hands so as to interrupt the beam at will.

With a variety of other displays representative of life and industry in Southern New England, the New Haven Railroad's exhibit dramatizes the region as a good place in which to live, work and play. The exhibition is open daily starting at 10:00 A.M., and the radio-relay display will be a part of it until after Labor Day.

What are the microwaves saying? These visitors at a display in the New Haven Railroad's exhibit, "Main Street—Southern New England," Grand Central Terminal, are finding out. The display, running through Labor Day, shows in miniature the Bell System's radio-relay link used for telephone and television transmission between Boston and New York. Real microwaves are transmitted between model towers at the ends of the display.

ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT . . . James C. Fair, General Commercial Agent, was recently elected Vice President of the Telephone Pioneers of America for the year 1948-1949. Mr. Fair has been a member of the Thomas Sherwin Chapter since 1924 and served as its president in 1943-1944.



Main Street — Southern New England from the concourse.





Spotlight On Service

Like a Message to Garcia

If you found a watch someone had lost, naturally you'd want to go in search of the owner to return it to him. But if you found it on the street and it bore no mark of identification—how would you go about it?

That was the problem which faced Marilyn A. Maguire of the Accounting Stenographic Department, 50 Oliver Street, when she found a lady's watch on Milk Street, Boston, recently.

Marilyn's Supervisor, Mary A. O'Neill, suggested calling the companies in the vicinity of where the watch was found, and that very afternoon the owner, Elizabeth M. Duggan, was located in an office of the Travelers Insurance Company.

Miss Duggan later wrote to Accounting Personnel Supervisor Donald J. F. Sabin, expressing her gratitude for the return of her watch and her amazement at Miss Maguire and Miss O'Neill's ingenuity in locating her.

A Bright Light at Night

"What's that? . . . a fire?" Repairman Joseph F. Curran, driving along on the way to a trouble report in Arlington, Mass., stopped his truck for a better look. It was just before eleven and in the darkness the bright red glow shining through the windows of a large barn at the rear of 129 Broadway had caught his eye.

Immediately, Joe called the Arlington Fire Department on his radiotelephone and then ran to notify the sleeping occupants of the house, who, unaware of the danger, had retired for the night.

The fire had broken through the windows and sides of the barn and was burning briskly when the fire department arrived, and they were just in time to prevent the fire from reaching the main house.

Needless to say, Joe heard many words of gratitude that night, but as he drove on to the trouble report shortly afterwards, the praises of the captain in charge of the apparatus were also ringing in his ears.

Little Things Count

In his haste, Newtonville, Mass., subscriber Wallace G. Kittredge didn't notice that two of his new ten dollar bills had stuck together and that he'd presented them as one in paying his telephone bill. But Teller Gerine F. Hawes noticed and naturally returned one to him as he was about to leave.

Mr. Kittredge was so impressed by her little act of thoughtfulness that as soon as he reached his office he wrote to Manager Francis A. Poole, Jr., describing the incident, "I am calling this to your attention because I certainly do appreciate it and I want to congratulate you on the efficiency of your office staff, Miss Hawes in particular."

Fido's Lunch

Service Representative Alice M. Rock looked up in surprise as she saw Mrs. Fay Gloria Yoffa, a Lafayette customer, coming into the Bowdoin Square Business Office, Boston, with her handset under her arm.

"My dog chewed through the cord of my portable handset," Mrs. Yoffa explained, "and I thought if I left it here while I did a little shopping, you might have it repaired for me and I could pick it up on my way home."

Maintenance Supervisor Edward J. Manley, who was contacted immediately, agreed to make the necessary repairs, and Miss Rock assured the customer that the instrument, in proper working order, would be delivered to her home and that she could handle any future troubles by simply calling repair service by telephone.

Little Jimmy Scutt, of Pittsfield, was playing in an idle coal gondola recently when suddenly he was buried by an avalanche of the black mineral which workmen, unaware of his presence, had released. Luckily other children saw the accident. Police rushed to the scene, and Supervisor Marjorie V. Smith, in answer to an emergency call, quickly contacted a doctor, checked with the Fire Department on the availability of an inhalator and stood by in case further help was needed. In their account of the rescue, police complimented Miss Smith for her "great help" in averting a tragedy for little Jimmy's family.



Betty Hunt spends a great deal of time at her sewing machine and can whip up a dress for herself in a day. If she's very busy with other things it takes her a week. For her office dresses she has one pattern on which she improvises for variety.

SHE SEWS A *fine seam*



ONE day this summer Betty Hunt, seventeen-year-old Laconia, N. H., operator, and her grandmother, were discussing a broadcast they had just heard from Station WMUR, Manchester, which announced a sewing contest with cash prizes for winners. When Betty graduated from high school last spring she had made her mother a coat and her grandmother suggested she enter it in the contest. Betty was a little reluctant because, although she had been sewing since she was seven years old, she felt she needed more experience in tailoring. However, her grandmother convinced her and as a result she won second prize.

It would have been surprising if Betty hadn't won a prize, because she designs and makes all her own clothes and many for her sister, eight years old, and her four-year-old twin brother and sister. Just recently she outfitted her family — except for Dad — for a wedding. Her mother and younger sister had to have dresses, the twins who were pages had special outfits and she herself was a bridesmaid.

Sewing comes first, but she also knits. Last Christmas she made and sold twenty pairs of slipper-socks with mittens to match.

Betty's interest in her hobby is so enthusiastic that she plans to take advanced courses to round out her knowledge and open new fields in the sewing world.

Betty models a coat she recently made for herself. She was taught to sew at the early age of seven by her grandmother and aunt. In spite of her love for her hobby, her dates still come first.



The Doctor's Page



INFANTILE PARALYSIS

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

and

G. F. WILKINS, M.D., Assistant Medical Director

It is quite likely that infantile paralysis or poliomyelitis, as it is technically called, dates back to earliest times. However, the first descriptions of the disease did not appear in medical writings until the end of the 18th century. The real nature of the disease was not recognized until about 1840 and it was not until 1890, only 58 years ago, that its epidemic character was appreciated. Since that time, an ever increasing amount of medical investigation has been devoted to the various aspects of poliomyelitis. Some progress has been made but it still remains one of the great scourges of the late summer and early fall season.

Cause of Infantile Paralysis

The disease is caused by a virus. In comparison with other known viruses, it is one of the smallest and it also seems to be extremely hardy. For example it will live for many months when stored in certain preparations at ice box temperatures, and when infected spinal cord is stored in glycerine, the virus remains alive for years. This virus is also quite selective and seems capable of producing the disease only in man, certain monkeys, and a few species of rodents. There are, however, several different species of this virus, all capable of producing the disease. And because of this variation in species, tests to determine the presence of immunity to the disease have not been very successful. The brain and spinal cord seem to possess a special attraction for the virus, once it has entered the system, thus explaining the frequency with which paralysis occurs.

How It Is Spread

The means by which the virus of infantile paralysis enters the human body is still a matter of conjecture, but it is probably by way of the mouth in most cases. It then apparently is ab-

sorbed into the system either through the lining membrane of the mouth or of the lower intestinal tract. The virus, once it is present in an individual, is eliminated largely through the intestines and it is for this reason that isolation and sanitary precautions are extremely important in the management of a case of the disease, in order to prevent it from spreading to others. In some instances the virus apparently can live for long periods of time in the system without producing any ill effects although that individual, unknowingly, can infect others. Such people are referred to as "carriers." The virus also can live in insects, especially flies; and in birds and certain mammals, thus creating a further reservoir of infection.

Who Is Susceptible?

It is quite likely that almost everyone who has not had the disease is susceptible to it. This statement is not as alarming as it appears, however, for it is almost certain that many of us who have reached adult life have had the disease without knowing it. *Infantile paralysis in the majority of cases does not result in any paralysis.* For the most part it is an illness of short duration characterized by fever, headache, possibly some vomiting and a sore throat. The symptoms in other words may be the same as many of the other virus infections. They persist anywhere from a few hours to a few days and disappear. Paralysis is the most serious manifestation of the disease but fortunately occurs in only a small proportion of cases. It is quite possible therefore to have infantile paralysis without it even being suspected unless the symptoms occur during an epidemic or unless paralysis ensues. Consequently, many adults and older children have "had the disease" and are immune just as in the case of

measles, mumps, and other acute infectious diseases.

Treatment

Again as in the case of most virus diseases, there is no specific treatment known that is effective against the disease. The sulfa drugs and penicillin have been tried with disappointing results. The cases without paralysis recover completely and no treatment is necessary except bed rest, isolation, and the use of aspirin or other similar drugs for comfort.

If paralysis occurs, then special orthopedic treatment of this is necessary.

Prevention

Since the exact mode of spread in an epidemic is unknown, there are no rigid directions or rules for prevention. However there are a few principles that should be observed, as follows:

1. In any case of illness, occurring suddenly with fever and headache, especially in a child, and at a time when there are cases of infantile paralysis in the neighborhood, your doctor should be called promptly.

2. The eating of uncooked food or of cooked food to which flies have had access or that has otherwise been exposed to contamination should be avoided.

3. Swimming in dirty ponds, or in streams that may be polluted by sewage should be avoided.

4. Swimming or playing in areas crowded with children should be avoided since some of the children may be carriers.

5. Removal of tonsils, or other minor operations on children that are not immediately necessary, should be postponed, since such operations weaken the child's resistance and make the child more susceptible to the disease, especially in its more severe paralytic form.



SUMMER PIE PLATE



There's no getting away from it — men like pies, whether it's hot or cold weather! To solve the problem of hot weather and keeping your man happy with pies, here are three easy recipes for summer, two of which you can "bake" in the refrigerator.

LIME MINT MERINGUE PIE

4 tablespoons corn starch	3 egg yolks
2 tablespoons sugar	1/2 cup lime juice
3/4 cup corn syrup	2 teaspoons grated lime rind
1/4 teaspoon salt	Vanilla wafers
1 1/4 cups water	Meringue
2 mint sprigs	

Mix together corn starch, sugar, corn syrup, salt and water; add mint sprigs. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cover; cook 10 minutes. Remove mint. Beat egg yolks; add hot mixture. Cook over hot water 3 minutes. Add lime juice and grated lime rind. Pour into 9 inch pie plate lined with crushed vanilla wafers or crumb crust; arrange halved wafers around edge. Top with meringue. Bake in moderate oven (325°F.) 20 minutes. Cool. Garnish with mint.

To make meringue: Beat 3 egg whites till stiff, but glossy; gradually add 6 tablespoons sugar, beating constantly until mixture holds shape.

QUICK LEMON CREAM PIE

4 cups corn flakes	1/4 cup melted butter
2 tablespoons honey	

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1 1/3 cups sweetened condensed milk	lemon rind
2 eggs, separated	1/2 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated	1/8 teaspoon salt
	1/4 cup honey

Crush cereal into fine crumbs; add melted butter and honey. Mix well; press mixture evenly and firmly around sides and bottom of

pie pan, reserving 1 tablespoon for topping if desired. Bake in slow oven (325°F.) 10 minutes. Cool before adding filling. Crust may be chilled thoroughly and not baked.

Blend condensed milk and slightly beaten egg yolks. Add lemon rind and juice, stirring until mixture thickens. Pour into crumb pie shell. Beat egg whites until foamy; add salt and honey gradually and continue beating until stiff. Spread over pie and sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Chill thoroughly.

STRAWBERRY CHIFFON PIE

4 cups corn flakes	1/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup melted butter or margarine	
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2 cups sliced fresh strawberries	1/2 cup boiling water
3/4 cup sugar	1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon gelatin	1/8 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup cold water	1/2 cup evap. milk

Crush corn flakes into fine crumbs. Add sugar and butter; mix well. Press evenly and firmly around sides and bottom of pie pan, saving two tablespoons for topping, if desired. Chill.

Combine strawberries and sugar; let stand about 20 minutes. Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve in boiling water. Stir gelatin, lemon juice and salt into berries. Cool until mixture begins to stiffen. Fold in whipped evaporated milk. Pour into crumb crust; sprinkle remaining crumbs over top. Chill until firm.

Yield: 1 9-inch pie.

Note: *Thoroughly chill* evaporated milk before whipping. Then pour into cold bowl and whip rapidly with cold beater until stiff.





GIFT occasions pop up so frequently that sometimes it's a little difficult for your pocketbook to keep up with them.

You can put your "pick-up" work to good use by making a little collection of gifts which you made with your own two hands. You can get the patterns for these potential presents by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to *Telephone Topics*, 50 Oliver St., Rm. 112, Boston 7, Mass.

The graceful shawl collar and snug elbow length sleeves give this knitted sweater the feminine styling of a blouse. It's knitted in horizontal rows of drop stitches. Close in front with six decorative buttons.



The pineapple pattern, a favorite among crocheters, is used in this wide chair back set that safeguards a large section of the chair. A picot edge trims the scalloped sides of each piece to accentuate the pointed bottom edge.



Doll making, an old craft and a delightful one, can be fun for the inexperienced who decide to make this colorful pair. A pair of socks and a well-stocked scrap bag produce the Mammy doll toggled out in flowered blouse and bandanna, crisp white apron and kerchief, and Pagliacci in a half-striped, half-plain suit and big cone hat with pompon trim.

Service Anniversaries



John V. Hession, COEI, 45th



H. E. Wilson, H. M. Hook, Gen. Com'l, 25th



Thomas J. Hewitt, COEI, 35th



Catherine T. O'Leary, Bangor TWX, 25th



John A. Callahan, Gen. Plant, 25th



James C. Fair, Gen. Com'l, 45th



Rita Fitzgerald, Springfield Rev. Acctg., 30th



Mary Davis, Lewiston Traffic, 35th



Dorothy Driscoll, Portland Dial, 25th



Mary E. Coveney, Public Relations, 5th



Mary E. Allen, Medford Commercial, 25th

Leah A. O'Brien, Portsmouth Traffic, 40th

Paul Anderson, Manchester, N. H., Plant, 30th





Harold E. Welch, General Toll Service Supervisors' Group, 25th



Robert E. Wiggins, Sr., Holyoke Plant, 45th



Mary L. Gleason, Burlington Traffic, 35th



Harold F. Tuxbury, Newburyport Plant, 40th



Walter E. Evans, Pittsfield Plant, 40th



Elizabeth D. Kivlan, Central Plant, 40th



Eugene R. McLaughlin, Gen. Com'l, 35th



Mary A. McGrath, Southern Plant, 30th



James J. Harrigan, Southern Plant, 35th



Catherine Gori, Boston Toll Traffic, 40th



George V. Elliot, Southern Plant, 45th

Ronald D. Brown, General Plant, 25th

J. P. McCarthy, Manchester, N. H., Plant, 25th



Bridal Showers



Gloria T. Lenane, North District, Met. Plant



Anne Donovan, R. I. Dist. 1, Traffic Clerk



Elvia Knox, Telephone Topics Assistant



Alexandra Jemorakos, Prov. Mgr.'s Clerk



Mary Flaherty, Capitol Traffic



Dorothy Wallace, CLR Unit 4, Boston Toll



Margaret Kelley, Boston Toll Traffic



Agnes Walsh, CLR Unit 2, Boston Toll Traf.



Dorothy Heffernan, Toll Service, Gen. Plant



Katherine Healy, Malden Traffic



Doris Frazier, Braintree Traffic

A. Eileen McManus, Rockland Serv. Rep.

Jane McDougall, Gen. Engineering Dept.

Meredith Cooke, Woonsocket C. O. Instr.





Geneva Barker, Berlin, N. H., Traffic



Constance A. Fish, Springfield Dial Supvr.



Mary C. McClean, Met. Disb. Acctg.



Shower for five, Rutland, Vt., Traffic



Doris Lockwood, Concord, N. H., Local Supvr.



Barbara Wheaton, Gen. Com. Engineering



Ruth Rawson Marsh, Gen. Acctg.



Jane Calderwood, Joan Cleveland, Portland



Jane Kozik, Greenfield Traffic



Lavoye, Berube, Munro, Northampton Traf.



Louise Anderson, Presque Isle Traffic



Clara S. Graham, former Hanover C. O.

Mary Tosney, Central Division Traffic

Laurette LeGrand, Doris Noel, Ware Traffic

Landry, O'Shea, Murphy, Northampton Traf.





General Office

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William L. Williams, *Plant*
Lois C. Beals, *Traffic*
Frank L. Cobb, *Engineering*

Joseph H. deVieq, *Directory*
Eugene R. McLaughlin, *Com'l.*
Donald J. F. Sabin, *Accounting*



MILLER MARRIED

Joseph F. Miller, Office of Supervisor of Plant Agreements and Leases, was married recently at the Sacred Heart Church, Newton Centre, to June Hill. His desk was decorated by his associates, from

whom he received a silver dish. He also received a gift of money from the "General Plant Associates." Left to right: Joseph D'Arrigo, Doris Williams, Rita Johnson, Albert M. Friedman, Mr. Miller, Wilhelmina Miller and Annette Iorio.



TREASURY ENGAGEMENT

When Carol M. Miller, Treasury Office, recently announced her engagement to Herbert R. Harris her associates gathered to congratulate her. Back row, left to right: William McClelland, Ralph E. Chase,

Edward A. Shields. Front row, left to right: Helen A. Sullivan, Doris H. Buck, Mary V. Miniutti, Carol M. Miller, Jeanne M. Daley, Anne F. Coyne, Ruth M. Baisley, Walter C. Bartlett, Glenda I. Uriot and Charles E. Porter.



Andrew B. Phelan, previously assigned as District Construction Supervisor in Worcester, has been appointed Construction Supervisor in the General Plant Department.



TRANSFER PARTY

Margaret M. O'Neil, wearing the corsage, is shown at the party tendered her recently by her associates

in the Directory Office who wished her good luck in her new work at the General Commercial Stenographic Bureau.

Marriage

The marriage of Ethel Knowlton Dean to Carl F. A. Siedhof at Winchester was announced recently. Mr. Siedhof is a retired Secretary of our Company.



Joseph W. Cassidy has recently come to the General Commercial Engineer's Office as a Commercial Engineer. He was previously assigned as Manager at Haverhill.



TOUR WESTERN ELECTRIC

The Disbursement Accounting Reports and Results Supervisors recently toured the Western Electric Company at Watertown. In the first picture, left to right, back row: John F. Burke, W. E. Warehouse, Supt.; Wadleigh B. Phillips, Central; H. B. Knowles, Eastern; W. S. Pratt, Invoice Supervisor. Front row: A. L. MacGregor, Met.; Michael F. Coyne, Western; P. A. Hewes, General; J. F. Farrell, Central, and D. Graham, Southern. Operating the fork lift track is William



Kolb. In the second picture the work of the Invoice Division of General Accounting is explained to the Disbursement Accounting Supervisors by the Invoice Supervisor at Watertown in the Distributing House. Left to right, seated: J. F. Finn, Providence; C. E. Sawyer, Portland; W. S. Pratt, Invoice Supervisor; P. A. Hewes, Disbursement Accountant; J. A. Tyo, Central. Standing: W. E. Carroll, Metropolitan; J. J. Sheehan, Providence; C. W. Richardson, Portland; S. Black, Springfield, and F. A. Jones, Springfield.



RETIREMENT TESTIMONIAL

Guests at a recent testimonial dinner at the Hotel Sheraton, Boston, for James W. Kidder, Transmission and Protection Engineer, upon his retirement after 42 years of service included, seated, left to right: Mr. Kidder, James W. Thomp-

son, Chief Engineer; Frank A. Benham, retired, former Chief Engineer; Henry E. Darling, Vice President. Standing: Chester E. Ames, Equipment Engineer; J. G. Patterson, retired, former Transmission and Protection Engineer, and James G. Moir, Plant Extension Engineer.



ACCOUNTING NEWCOMERS

Newcomers in the General Accounting are, back row, left to right: Katherine T. O'Laughlin, Jean P. Crosby, Helen M. Flannery, Gladys

S. Chutchian, Mary C. McManus, Mary B. McLaughlin. Seated, left to right: Margaret A. Gillis, Rachel B. Meserve, Claire L. MacDougal, M. Audrey Mangan, Louise M. Hanlon, Elizabeth A. O'Brien.

Hole-in-One

It took twenty-one years of playing golf for Alfred Maggioli, General Commercial, but it finally happened. Many times he had said that some one of these days he would "knock the ball in the cup for a hole-in-one." And on June 27, at the Eighth Hole of the Lexington Golf Club, his prophecy became a reality.

Little did he realize the results his feat would have. He received a certificate entering him in the exclusive Hole-in-One Club from the Professional Golf Association. The ball he used was mounted on a plaque by the Acushnet Company. The Lexington Golf Club sent him a \$50 order of assorted groceries. A case of Wheaties came from General Mills;



RETIREMENT PARTY

James D. Fitzgerald, Assistant to Auditor of Disbursements, was guest of honor at a dinner party held at the Hotel Sheraton Roof, Boston, recently on the eve of his retirement. At the head table, seated,

left to right: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Fitzgerald, Michael F. Coyne, Paul A. Hewes, Ruth Fitzgerald. Standing, left to right: Edward C. Michaud, Francis X. Colleton, Elizabeth G. Ahern and Dr. Daniel L. Lynch.



ACCOUNTS SUPV. MEET

At a conference of the Disbursements Accounting Accounts Supervisors, the following attended, seated left to right: J. J. Sheehan, Southern; J. N. Luttrell, Staff Assistant;

C. A. Reilly, Results Supervisor, General; W. E. Carroll, Metropolitan; C. A. Phillips, Metropolitan. Standing: C. E. Sawyer, Eastern; F. A. Jones, Western; J. D. Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Auditor of Disbursements; J. A. Tyo, Central.

a fountain pen and pencil set from the Reynolds Pen Company, and one thousand cigarettes from the Philip Morris Company.

At the last Telephone Company tournament held at Haverhill Country Club, Al and Ted Lawton tied for low gross with a pair of 76's, and when they played against each other in the Metro Greater Boston Four

Ball, with Ted playing for Trapelo and Al for the Lexington Club, they again tied.



HONORED ON FIFTIETH

William J. McLaughlin, General Commercial, was honored recently by his associates on his fiftieth service an-

niversary. He is the only active employee of the Company with this record. Here, he receives a Dunhill pipe and tobacco from George A. Morley in honor of the occasion.



Walter E. Carroll was recently appointed Staff Accountant in the office of the General Disbursement Accountant. His previous assignment was Accounts Supervisor, Metropolitan Disbursements.

On the day of his retirement recently after 36 years of service, Justin E. Dunbar, General Toll Service Group, was presented a gift of money by his co-workers.





Central Division

Associate Editors

Harold M. Robinson, *Plant*

George E. Merrill, *Com'l.*

Ethel M. Lawrence, *Disb. Acct.*

Oscar E. Stanton, *Traffic*

Margaret Cassidy, *Rev. Acct.*



UPTON TRAFFIC LUNCHEON

A small luncheon party was held recently at Millie Mitchell's Restaurant at Mendon by members of the Traffic Department at Upton.

Left to right, seated: Aurora Benoit, Cynthia Sweet, Helen Mahar, Ann Noe. Standing: Robert Sweet, Beulah Bishop, Irene Laucis, M. F. King, Beatrice Leonard, James J. Corcoran, Dist. Traffic Supt.



REV. ACCTG. HONORS NEWELL

Kenneth S. Newell was recently honored by his associates upon his appointment to Eastern Division Auditor of Receipts. Seated, left to right: Chester H. Pratt, Division Auditor of Receipts; Clara Leibing,

Association President; Mr. Newell, Mrs. Newell. Standing: John W. Cummings, Supervisor of Accounts; John J. Whalen, Chief Toll Supervisor; Joan Argiropoulos, Toll Sorting Supervisor; Winfield Brewer, N. H. Auditor of Receipts, and Donald M. Mace, Chief Supervisor of Reports, Results and Accounts.



TOLL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

A Toll Management Conference was held in Lawrence recently.

Seated, left to right: Julian Hartwell, Harold Kedian, John Cahill, H. F. West, Alfred L. Crowley, William F. Gray and Dorothy Bianconi.



SCHRIFTGIESSER HONORED

A transfer party was held recently at the Andover Country Club for Albert E. Schrifgiesser who has been appointed District Plant Engineer for the Northern New Hampshire District. Left to right: Charles Coffin, Division Supervising Engineer; Arthur Dawes, Lowell District Plant Engineer; Mr. Schrifgiesser and Mrs. Schrifgiesser.

gineer for the Northern New Hampshire District. Left to right: Charles Coffin, Division Supervising Engineer; Arthur Dawes, Lowell District Plant Engineer; Mr. Schrifgiesser and Mrs. Schrifgiesser.



SLINEY FAREWELL

A farewell party was held recently at the Andover Country Club for William F. Sliney, former Customer Representative in the Lowell Servicing Section, in honor of his recent promotion to Manager at Littleton, N. H. Shown at the head table, seated, left to right, are: Malcolm S. Walker, Warren E. Barker, Mr. Sliney, Mrs. Sliney. Standing, left to right: Joseph F. Bolan, J. Frank Martin, Arthur D. Ryan.

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RIDING CLUB FOR MANCHESTER LOCAL

The Manchester, N. H., Local operators recently formed a Riding Club

and enjoy weekly rides at Hoyt's Stables at Derryfield Park in Manchester. They are shown above with their instructors.



Portsmouth, N. H., News

The engagement of Marie McMaster to James Fernald of Portsmouth was announced recently. Miss McMaster is an Operator at Portsmouth, N. H.

Patricia McIntyre, Marilyn Bartlett, Barbara Reardon, Helen MacDonald, Janet Brawn, Evangeline Robertson, Barbara Fernald, Barbara Pinkham, Joan Sullivan, and Nancy Staples are recent additions to the Portsmouth, N. H., Operating force. Former employees recently returned to the Office are Anne Marshall, Barbara Collins. Shirley Lovett, formerly an Operator at Haverhill, has been added to the force.

Engagements

Announcements have been made of the engagements of Shirley Browne, Clerk in the Typing Unit, Central Division Disbursement Accounting, to John Cummings of Cambridge, and Anne Frazer of the Reports Unit to Daniel Shyne of Watertown.

Shirley and Anne were presented corsages by their associates to mark the occasion, and best wishes of their friends were extended.

Married

Mary F. Joyce, Clerk in Results Unit of Central Division Disbursement Accounting, became the bride of John F. Cannon at a Nuptial Mass in St. Peter's Church, Dorchester.

Following the ceremony a reception and wedding breakfast was held at The Fox and Hounds, Boston.

Engagements

The engagement was recently announced of Elinor J. Barnes, Service Representative at Beverly, to Robert Harriss of Lynnfield.

The engagements of three Service Representatives in the Lawrence Business Office have been announced. They are: Grace E. Morrison to Stanley Prophet; Anita M. Herdegen to Harold M. Allen, Jr.; and Sylvia G. Morgan to Augustine D. Riley.

Wins Crocus Prize

Marguerite Flynn, Clerk in the Reports Unit of Central Division Disbursement Accounting, was surprised recently when she received a box of Dutch Crocus from Radio Station WLAW for submitting the correct title of the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.



Congratulations were recently extended to Daniel J. Reilly of Central Disbursement Accounting. Mr. Reilly has received his B.B.A. in Accounting from Northeastern University.

Newcomers

Central Division Commercial welcomes the following newcomers: Marie L. Cormier, Teller in the Lynn Business Office; Nancy L. O'Rourke, Teller in the Salem Business Office; Marian W. Atwell, Service Representative, Portsmouth; Patricia M. Walsh, Service Representative, Portsmouth; Persis G. Steady, Service Representative, Berlin, N. H.; Jeannette L. Everson, Service Order Clerk, Portsmouth Business Office; Elizabeth O'Rourke, Teller, Lowell Business Office; Carol M. Greene, Stenographer, Central Division, Commercial Office; Ruth M. Sahling, Stenographer, Lowell Business Office; Mary G. McGee, Service Representative, Marlboro.

A testimonial banquet was held recently in honor of Henry R. Murry at the Sweeney Post Hall in Manchester, N. H., under sponsorship of Local No. 20, I.B.T.W.



A ball was held recently at the Dana Place in Jackson, N. H., by the North Conway, N. H., telephone operators. Sixty telephone employees and friends attended the ball and banquet.



J. Russell Dolan has been appointed Manager at Haverhill. He was Acting Manager in the absence of Joseph W. Cassidy who has recently been transferred to the General Commercial Engineer's Office as a Commercial Engineer.

Wedding

Recently Louise M. Rowan, Clerk in the Payroll Department of the Central Division Accounting Office, was married to James J. O'Brien at a Nuptial Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Somerville. One of her attendants was her sister, Irene, Clerk in the Reports Unit. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Riverside Boat Club in Cambridge.

Wedding

Phyllis M. Jameson, Clerk in the Central Division Accounting Department, was married recently to Cass J. Patrone at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Hyde Park.

Two of her attendants were Virginia Jones of the Reports Unit and Marjorie McGuinness of the Payroll Department. A reception following the ceremony was held at 263 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

Concord, N. H., Traffic Engagements

Therese Y. Lauziere, Local Operator, to Andre Herbert Martel of Suncook, N. H. Doris L. Lockwood, Local Supervisor, to Walter P. Mitchell, Willows, Calif. Iva G. Colby, Toll Operator, to Robert G. Tonkin of Concord, N. H. Nancy E. Mahmot, Local Operator, to Calvin R. Smart, Jr., of Concord, N. H.

Transfer

Jacquelyn Roy was recently transferred to the Manchester Revenue Accounting Department. She was formerly with the Accounting Department in San Antonio, Tex.

Recent Marriages

Ruth Sansom, Laconia, N. H., Operator, was recently married to Roland Stokes. The 22nd of May was the date chosen by Laconia, N. H., Operator Marguerite Emerson for her marriage to Ferdinand LaPointe.

Among the June marriages in the Laconia Office were those of Marion Morrison and Clair Cote. They became the brides of Robert Foster and Charles McMurphy, respectively.

Semi-Formal Dance

A semi-formal dance for the benefit of the Laconia, N. H., operators' fund was held recently at the Leavitt Park Community Club. In charge of the arrangements for the successful dance were: Frances Gardner, Lydia Libby, Clara Grant, Pauline S. Elliott, Elva F. Wiren, Irma Ellis. Refreshments were served.

Recent Engagements

The following girls of Lowell Traffic recently announced their engagements: Donna A. Jewett to Theodore Holdsworth; Wilma Stark to Paul Wells; Louise Whirly to A. Dele Pratt; Mary Pollard to Joseph Parnti, and Thelma Belanges to John Stowell.

New Appointment

Elizabeth P. Hanafin, former Natick Supervisor and more recently Framingham District PBX Instructor, has been appointed Chief Operator at Natick.

Newcomers

Natick Traffic welcomes the following student operators: Natalie Jackson, Connie Mosher, Shirley Elliott and Dorothy Videon.

Engagement

Rene Hammond, Natick Traffic, has announced her engagement to John Rohlff of Dunellen, N. J.



DOUBLE STORK SHOWER

A double stork shower was held recently in the retiring room at Hanover, N. H., for Mary Frances Case and Muriel Heath. They re-

ceived miscellaneous gifts. Left to right, front row: Miss Case, Isabelle Fraser, Miss Heath. Back row: Madalyn Amell, Ethel Patterson, Stella Rogenski, Elsie Hodgdon, Clara Graham, Teresa Charron.



HAVERHILL SHOWS SUMMER STYLES

A fashion show was held recently in the retiring lounge of the Haverhill Office with over one hundred in attendance. Eight girls in the office acted as models wearing all types of summer clothing. Those

who participated were: Ruth Turner, Marjorie Woodcock, Ann Callahan, Jean Durnin, Phyllis Regan, Shirley Fecteau, Sally Johnson and Patricia Farley. In the above picture Phyllis Regan is modelling a blue and white cotton sport dress with full flared skirt.

Manchester Revenue Accounting Marriages

Recently Doris DeCoster was married to Robert Johnson of Manchester and Doris Dupont married George Allard of Manchester while Doris Faucher became the bride of Francis Guimont of Manchester.

Recent Wedding

Margaret Shea, Manchester Revenue Accounting Office, recently became the bride of John Kean of Manchester.

Millis Engagements and Weddings

The engagements of Mary Derderian of Millis Traffic to Charles Lewis of Quincy and Katherine Gagne, also Millis Traffic, to Roland Pruvot of Franklin were recently announced.

Anne Cassidy, Millis Traffic, was married recently to Horace Balkam, also of Millis.

Four hundred and thirty-seven dollars was raised at a benefit dance held at the Lebanon Town Hall, sponsored by Lebanon Traffic to provide funds for the Alice Peck Day Hospital. Heading the committee were Lucille Daly, Chief Operator, and Yolande Blair, Supervisor.



BANQUET HONORS McDONALD

A banquet was held for John A. McDonald recently at the Oxford Club in Lynn in honor of his transfer

from District Construction Supervisor at Salem to Superintendent of Foreign Wire Relations at Boston. T. F. Lucy and E. D. Coffin were co-chairmen of the committee in charge of the affair.

Members of the Salem District recently enjoyed their Annual Bowling Banquet held at Putnam Lodge in Danvers.



Christensen Dinner Party

A dinner party was held at the Lobster Inn in Wayland in honor of Frances L. Christensen, Supervisor in the Maynard Traffic Department, who is to be married.

Those attending were: Mildred Coburn, Katherine Sullivan, Mary Baldi, Dorothy Boothroyd, Nora Riley, Irene Sebastian, Marion Terrasi and Shirley Weckstrom.

25th Anniversary

Edna B. Smith, Milford, N. H., Operator, completed twenty-five years' service with the Company April 15. S. Marc Sweet, Traffic Manager, presented a twenty-five year pin to her. Her fellow-workers gave her an amethyst ring in honor of the occasion.



Eastern Division

Associate Editors

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Elizabeth C. Kemp, *Traffic*

John V. Browne, Jr., *Com'l.*

Ruth M. Ballard, *Rev. Acct.*

Lucille Pike, *Disb. Acct.*



Anniversaries

The Lewiston bowling team and fellow-workers wound up their season by enjoying a shore dinner recently at New Meadows Inn. The party was in charge of Eva Greenwood, team captain.

Thelma James, Clerk in the Portland Dial Office, was honored by her associates on her twenty-fifth service anniversary. Miss James was presented a Boston rocker from her co-workers and she also received many individual gifts from her personal friends.

Nellie Rowe, Portland Dial Office, was honored by her associates on her thirtieth service anniversary. Mrs. Rowe received many cards and notes of congratulations and gifts from her friends.

Eastern Division Disbursement Accounting News

Newly elected officers of the "Mainiaks" are: Elizabeth Joyce, President; Richard Thuotte, Secretary; Frances Conley, Treasurer. Representatives are: Grace Petty, Delia Foley, Josephine Paulsen, Sally O'Toole, Barbara Carroll.

A bowling party was held recently at the Cascade Lodge. Prizes were given to the winning and losing teams.

High average for year was won by Mary McDonough. Highest single for women was Margaret Wentworth.

Highest single for men was Richard Thuotte. The highest team for year was captained by Robert Hinchliffe, and the lowest team by James Murphy.



DOVER CONFERENCE

A Toll center and Tributary conference was held in Dover, Me., at the Blethen House. Attending were, left to right, front row: H. N. Genthner, Cambridge Tel. Co.; Mary Kimball, Dover; Geraldine Goulette, Dexter; Marguerite Sawyer, Guilford; Jane Prescott, Milo; Helen Griffin, Bangor Dist. Office; Myra Chase,

Cambridge Tel. Co. Second row: Fred M. Rosseland, Traffic Manager; Kathryn Knight, Monson; Rachel Calder, Rockwood; Alice Graves, Brownville; Joyce Rollins, Dexter; Margaret Lyons, Div. Instructor, Portland; Margaret O'Loughlin, Dist. Instructor, Bangor; Paul Palmer, Dist. Traffic Supt., Bangor; Claude H. Tozier, Div. Traffic Supt., Portland.

Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Dyer are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Carol Ann, recently. Mr. Dyer is Junior Engineering Assistant in Eastern Plant.

Resigns

Lois Buck Gay, Portland District Plant Engineer's Stenographer, resigned recently to take up home duties.



MADDOCKS FAREWELL

Presque Isle Plant recently gathered at Green Acres

at Caribou for a farewell party for H. Warren Maddocks who has been recently transferred to Bangor as Testman.

Joyce Rollins, former Chief Operator in Dexter, was honored by her associates recently upon her transfer to the Bangor District Office.





TESTIMONIAL HONORS BISHOP

A testimonial dinner and party for Francis P. Bishop was held recently at the Columbia Hotel in Portland. Mr. Bishop was transferred from Portland where he was Division Auditor of Receipts to Boston where he

will serve as Supervisor of Reports and Results in the General Revenue Accounting Department. Shown at head table, left to right: John J. O'Hara, Mrs. O'Hara, Mr. Bishop, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Philip Whittier and Mr. Whittier.



William F. Hertach has recently been appointed to handle the assignment of Assistant Reports Supervisor, Metropolitan Disbursements. His previous assignment was General Staff Assistant, Methods.



ACCOUNTING TRANSFER PARTY

Raymond Frost, Chief Toll Supervisor, who was trans-

ferred to General Revenue Accounting Department in Boston, was honored recently by his associates at the Graymore Hotel.



Clarke A. Phillips was recently appointed Accounts Supervisor, Metropolitan Disbursements. He was previously assigned as Assistant Accounts Supervisor in the Metropolitan Disbursements Accounting Department.

Theater Party

The Management at Lakewood, Me., entertained the Skowhegan Traffic Department at a theater party at Lakewood recently.



Theresa Ouellette Tarr, Clerk in the Portland District Construction Planner's Office, recently resigned after four and one-half years of service, to take up home duties. Upon her departure, fellow employees presented many gifts to her.



Willis J. Weeks has recently been assigned as District Manager in Bangor, Me. He was previously assigned as Manager at Lowell.

Resigned

Claire T. Cox and Kathleen Fiske, Roxbury Information Traffic, have resigned to take up home duties.

Farewell Party

Eunice Lamb of Lisbon Falls, Me., who has recently been appointed Chief Operator at Bridgton, Me., was guest of honor at a dinner party at the State Restaurant at Lisbon Falls. Attending were: Geneva Wakely, Margaret Smith, Ruby White, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hunnewell, Antoinette Adams, Lois Foote, Marion Ferson and Mary McCarthy.

Showers

A double shower was held recently at the St. Clair cottage, Crescent Beach, honoring Evelyn Annis Bartlett and Margaret Haskell Brann who were recently married. Each girl received many nice gifts as well as a wedding present from their co-workers. Picnic lunches were taken and an enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were: Nettie L. Jordan, Kitty St. Clair, Dolly Williamson, Louise Smith, Louise Connolly, Janet Smith, Priscilla Staples, Joan Carver, Betty Holmes and the guests of honor.

A double shower was held recently at the home of Evelyn Savage, Westbrook, Me., Supervisor. The recent brides were Betty Given and Laurette Dufour. The guests of honor were recipients of many beautiful gifts; refreshments were served by the committee. Attending were: Margaret Chipman, Ada Bailey, Gloria York, Elizabeth Cook, Georgia Bowes, Jeanette Deshaies, Lucille Lachance, Maryrose Graffam, Louise Skillins, Marion Hatte, Rita Drouin, Dorothy Reardon, Irene Alcorn, Helen Maddocks, Phyllis Kaulkner, Jane Bettey, Norma Christie, Margaret Tapley, Louise Etter, Laura Adams, Mary Foley, Winfred McCloy, Evelyn Savage.

Newcomers

Newcomers to the Rockland Traffic Department are: Louise Connolly, Virginia Anderson, Ruth E. DeLaite, Betty A. Staples, Emily Molloy, Diane Cameron, Anna Bullard, Cynthia Knowlton and Ruth Dorman.

Engagement

The engagement of Rachel J. Annis of the Rockland Traffic Department and Harry O. Lent of Patten has been announced.

Marriages

Recent marriages in the Rockland, Me., Traffic Department, were: Evelyn Annis to Fred Bartlett of Camden, Me., and Margaret Haskell to John Brann of Bangor, Me.

Metropolitan Division News

Accounting Weddings

Norman C. Lowell, Toll Sorting Supervisor in the Revenue Accounting Department at Watertown, was married recently to Phyllis Grant Hughes of Hudson. The ceremony was performed at the Martha Mary Chapel in Sudbury and following a reception at the bride's home, the couple left on a motor trip to Sea Island, Ga. The couple are now making their home in Winchester.



Frank J. Donahue has been appointed Assistant Accounts Supervisor in the Metropolitan Disbursements Accounting Department. He was previously assigned as Assistant Reports Supervisor in Central Disbursements.



Metropolitan Division

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KIWANIANS AT HARRISON

The Kiwanians of Boston were the guests of Manager Wynton R. Dangelmayer, at the Harrison Avenue exchange recently. Shown here are a group stopping on their tour to

speaking over the Wire Recorder. The first three people on the left accompanying this group are: Joseph A. Sneed, Wire Chief; Eleanor May of the Traffic Department who operated the Wire Recorder; and Manager Wynton R. Dangelmayer.



COMPLETES JOB FOR CAA

Metropolitan Plant men who installed the new equipment for the Civil Aeronautics Administration at the Old Immigration Center in East Boston were, left to right:

James Kehoe, Charles Kelleher, PBX Foreman; Norman Channel, Harold Jensey, Richard Manning, Clifford Waldron, Walter Martin, Roy Higgins, Walter Stackhouse and Bartholomew Barry.

Newcomers

Recently welcomed to the Kenmore Office were newcomers Gena Butko, Anne P. Ryle, Rita A. Hayes, Ann C. Griffin, Patricia M. Johnston and Christine M. McCabe.

Engagement

Alice Carr, Kenmore Traffic, is receiving best wishes from her many friends on the announcement of her engagement to Gerald F. Vickers of Dorchester.

Wedding Bells

Emma Reavey, Bowdoin Information Traffic, was married to Charles Bradley, 3rd, at St. Paul's Church, Brookline, recently. Her associates presented a purse of money to her. The newlyweds will make their home in Colombia, So. America.



RESIGNATION

Jadwiga T. Wolanske, Clerk in the Central District Plant Superintendent's Office, was presented a gift and

the best wishes of all her associates recently upon her resignation from the Company to reside in Gardner. The presentation was made by District Plant Superintendent William E. MacIsaac.

Promotions

Roxbury Information Traffic extends congratulations to Marie E. Eager and Ruth A. Canavan recently appointed Junior Supervisors.

Engagements

Congratulations have been extended to the following Highlands Traffic girls who recently announced their engagements: Margery V. Korch to John F. Leary and Clara R. Fisher to Edward A. Gibson.

The regular monthly dance of the Alexander Graham Bell Post No. 299 American Legion was held at the City Club, Boston, recently.



OPEN HOUSE AT REVERE AND LEXINGTON

In the first picture is shown some of the 300 people who attended the Open House held recently at Lexington. In addition to observing how



telephone connections were handled, they saw demonstrations of mobile radiotelephoning, cable splicing, etc. At the recent Revere Open House, 1,423 people attended. The second picture shows a representative group which visited the exchange.



MATTAPAN-MILTON HAVE FIRST BIRTHDAY

The Mattapan-Milton Business Office at 1579 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan Square, celebrated its first anniversary recently with an open house program. Approximately thirty-five persons from the Division and District Commercial Offices and the co-ordinate Commercial Plant and Traffic Offices in the district visited during the day. The office

was established June 2, 1947, with John Sugden as Manager. He was succeeded in March of 1948 by Victor P. McDavitt. Left to right: Anne Farrell, Margaret Lang, Rita Behnke, Mary McEleney, Laura Whittemore, Dorothy Purtell, Catherine Driscoll, Supervisor; Victor McDavitt, Manager; John Carver, District Manager; John Sugden, Dorchester Manager; Margaret Costello, Leone Trainor and Mary Norton.



B. U. PBX

Plant men who worked at Boston University before the Dial PBX Cutover were, left to right: H. A. Williams, Cable Splicer; Robert

Wood, Acting Splicer; Thomas O'Leary, Cable Helper; John Coleman, Acting Splicer; P. F. McCarron, Foreman, and Norman Churchill, Helper.

Shower

Wellesley Traffic girls recently surprised Elizabeth A. Gallagher at a

shower held at Seiler's Restaurant in honor of her marriage to George M. Connors.

Accounting Weddings

June is traditionally the month of brides, and the Accounting Department at Watertown lived up to the tradition and even surpassed it as the following list of brides will show: Edna Kosta to Gordon F. Alpers; Ruth O'Rourke to Bernard Donahue; Lois Furtadeo to Al Marchurs; Catherine L. Hutchins to Arthur E. Wills; Katherine Federico to Leonard R. Miceli; Kathleen Scolles to Anthony DiPinto; Louise Mock to William Oliver; Dorothy Gomes to Joseph Buonomo. Prior to the weddings, the girls were individually honored at showers by their Accounting friends.



PROMOTION CELEBRATED

Margaret E. Sullivan's promotion from Plant Engineers, State Street, to Chief Clerk in the Plant Engineer's Group, Cambridge, was the occasion for the gathering

of the State Street Plant girls for lunch at the Blue Ship Tea Room, Boston. She was presented a weekend case, the gift of the Trunk Line Bureau and the Plant girls.



TRANSFER PARTY

Thomas A. Stone, newly appointed Supervising Line Assigner at the Arlington Office, was tendered a party recently at the Brookline Elks Hall by his friends and associates. Ernest A. Sullivan, Supervising Line Assigner

at Brookline, was toastmaster of the evening and the committee included Ethel Kelley, Russell Dimmick, Jim McNabb and Joe Mulvaney. The guests at the head table were, left to right: James Bagley, Frank Regan, Maurice Kiley, James P. Kelly, Mr. Stone, Mary O'Brien, Paul Stone, Ethel Kelley and Ernest Sullivan.



"Now remember — every time you say it, always add 'Present company excepted!'"



BOWLING AT BOSTON AND KITTERY

The Watertown Revenue Accounting Bowling Team recently held bowling matches with the Providence and Portland Revenue Accounting Departments. At the Watertown-Providence match held in Boston the Watertown girls were victorious. Left to right, first picture, front row: Ruth Babin, Ann Cahir, Elizabeth Valentine, Kathleen O'Neill, Isabel Leonard, Helen Arslanian. Second row: Mary Clancy, Regina Greenwell, Elizabeth



Prior, Doris Duperre, Mary Sullivan, Frances Kelly, Helen Lee and Ruth Heintz. In the second picture, the camera caught Frances Kelly getting ready for the roll-off at Kittery when the Portland girls were the winners. Left to right, first row: Beulah Hannigan, Ruth Swett, Marilyn Boucher, Isabel Leonard, Mary Sullivan, Helen Arslanian. Second row: Kathleen O'Neill, Emma Bothel, Philis Hall, Barbara Royles, Helen Lee and Ruth Heintz. It was a close match throughout with Portland finally emerging victorious.



Shown looking at the recent display of antique figurines and Hummel figures in the Pioneer Museum are, left to right: Alice Murphy, Josephine Horrigan, Laura Levesque, Irene Prevost, Alice Hourihan and Betty Riley.

25th Anniversary

Myron K. Chandler, Metropolitan Traffic Engineer, was the recipient of flowers, congratulatory cards and felicitations from his office force on the occasion of his 25th service anniversary with the Company. Sewall A. Jones, Metropolitan Traffic Superintendent, presented the guest of honor his service emblem.



ARLINGTON GETS 100

Arlington wins the Cup and Roses for the month of June with 100 per cent. James A. Williams, North Metropolitan Division Manager, is shown presenting the award to D. Joseph Murphy, Manager.

Left to right: Agnes Keaney, Katharine Keville, Phyllis Brosnahan, Mr. Murphy, Anna Hurley, James R. Poach, Jr., District Manager; Ruth Babcock, Business Office Supervisor; Phyllis Smith, Mr. Williams, Alma Boudreau, Eleanor Turnbull, Edward O'Brien.

Marriages

Catherine Rice, Crystal Traffic, became the bride of William Curley, Jr., of Wakefield, at St. Joseph's Church recently.

Marriage vows were exchanged recently by Charlotte Grover, Crystal Traffic, and John Lundquist of Golden Hills, Saugus, at the Greenwood Union Church, Greenwood.

Wedding bells rang recently for Foley Di Ciccio, Crystal Traffic, and John Bettano at St. Joseph's Church, Wakefield.

Welcome

Kenmore Traffic girls welcomed back B. Clinton Taylor as Traffic Manager.

Recently a farewell party was held for Elizabeth Merigan, Chief Matron of the Watertown Dining Room, in Steuben's Vienna Room. Mrs. Merigan has retired after many years of service.

Melrose Traffic girls prior to the Dial Cutover feted Supervisor Ruth C. Samuels at a testimonial dinner held at the Parkway Club, Everett, and presented a wrist watch to her.



BANQUETS FOR BOWLERS

Three of the bowling banquets held recently in the Metropolitan Division Traffic are shown above. First picture, at the Waltham Traffic banquet held at Blinstrub's Village, statuettes were awarded to Ruth F. Farquason,

Phyllis M. Bryson, and Eleanor V. Kavaleski for the three highest averages of the season. The Newton Toll Traffic bowling team and its loyal rooters are shown in the second picture at their banquet held also at Blinstrub's. Steuben's Vienna Room, third picture, was the scene of the Parkway Traffic bowling team banquet recently.



"Paw's plantin' a grass rug."

730 people visited the recent Wellesley Open House. Manager Francis A. Poole, Jr., can be seen in the background explaining the intricacies of telephony to an interested visitor.





Thirty-one hundred telephone employees, members of the Guild of Our Lady of the Way, attended a Communion Mass recently at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Archbishop Richard J. Cushing was the celebrant. After the Mass the members, escorted by mounted police and the Holy Name Band of West Roxbury, attended a breakfast held at the East Newton Street Armory.

Alexander Graham Bell Post Official Miami Legion Tour

The Alexander Graham Bell Post No. 299 has organized and arranged an Official Tour to the 30th Annual Convention of the American Legion at Miami. The tour officially starts October 14 for ten days of sun and fun at Jacksonville and ends at St. Augustine.

The Colpitts Tourist Company, Boston, states that the trip will also include all meals en route to and from Miami, with the exception that no meals will be included at Miami or Miami Beach. Transfers, motor travel, admissions to various gardens and springs and hotel accommodations will be provided. A detailed folder giving full particulars with the day-to-day itinerary will be gladly furnished on application by Tour Convention Chairman William Welch, 172 Marine Road, South Boston, or telephone SH erwin 3-9800, Extension 4511, or by the Company organizing the trip.



CUTOVER FAREWELL PARTIES

In the first picture a group of Malden Manual Traffic girls are shown attending a farewell supper held recently at the Towne Lyne House, Lynn-

field Centre. A feature of the Melrose Traffic farewell party, second picture, held at Pythian Hall, Maplewood, was a presentation of a wrist watch and flowers to Theresa Twohey in honor of her 30th service anniversary. After refreshments dancing was enjoyed.

Welcome

Crystal Traffic girls welcome Mary Sullivan, Edna Payne, Helen Moses, Ruth Hallgren, Lillian Wall, Ruth Boltan, Jean Alfrey, Mary O'Shea, Anne Longo, Virginia Penna and

Marie Romano, who were recently transferred from Malden and Melrose during the recent dial cutover.

Her associates held a dinner party for her at the Adams House.

Newcomers

Wellesley Traffic welcomes Edythe Lunny, Mary V. Monaghan, Dorothy J. Reilly, Jean E. DiSanto, Madeline A. Francaise, Jean Harkins, Joan M. MacDougall, Hazel J. Riley, Kathleen M. Foley, Janet E. Hennessey, Shirley E. Nelson, Shirley A. Patriquinn and Barbara J. Sonsini, all newcomers to the office.

Transfer

Mabel R. Connarton, Kenmore Traffic, was recently transferred to Lynn.

Newcomers

Belmont Traffic welcomes newcomers Marguerite M. Eagan, Margaret M. Koalowsky and Anne P. Rice.

Newcomers

Roxbury Information Traffic extends a sincere welcome to newcomers Marilyn B. Baker, Mary C. Desto, Mary J. Feeheery, Isabelle Khoshabjian, Myra J. O'Gara, Jean Porter, Joanne M. Rabs, Mary F. Ryan, Mary R. Spinazzola, Jean A. Anglin, Claire A. Canavan, Grace K. Carley, Mary E. Martin, Ethel L. McDonough and Anne F. Murray.



45TH SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

Helen S. Cannon, Watertown Revenue Accounting, recently celebrated her 45th service anniversary. Her entire 45 years have been spent in the Accounting Department and on the morning of her anniversary

Helen found her desk attractively decorated and she received a radio and a check from her associates. Vennard B. Tobey, Auditor of Receipts, visited the office and presented the three-diamond pin to Miss Cannon. She later was honored at an anniversary dinner held at Marblehead.



DIV. TR. ENGINEERS, EVERETT TRAFFIC "CUT" PARTIES

In the first picture are shown the Division Traffic Engineers Group attending a cutover party held recently at Steuben's Vienna Room. The



Everett Traffic girls and their friends, second picture, celebrated the recent dial cutover at the American Legion Hall and danced to the music of Ted Brown and his orchestra.

Commended

Sewall A. Jones, Metropolitan Traffic Superintendent, recently received the following letter from Dr. Daniel L. Lynch, Medical Director:

"I wish to acknowledge the favor and the kindness of five employees in the Parkway Office who responded to my recent request for blood donors for another Company employee requiring transfusions because of a surgical procedure.

"The five employees who responded promptly were: Theresa Breslin, Helen Carty, Theresa Hagelstein, Ksena Haller and Eleanor Lewis."

Wellesley Traffic and Plant employees attended a farewell party for Henry J. Shoemer on the eve of his retirement from the Company after many years of active service.



HARVARD INSTALLERS

The C.O.E.I. group who worked on the installation at Harvard University were, left to right, front row: Henry F. Kersting, Foreman, John R. Sheehan, Claude A. Daley, Rich-

ard E. Cote and Charles A. Borsani. Back row: Charles F. Hannon, Supervising Foreman, Richard I. Battis, Joseph Devlin, Edward H. Swindler, Leo M. Tully, Donald P. Dudley and Paul F. Doherty.



NUMISMATIC DISPLAY

Shown looking at the Numismatic Exhibit at the Pioneer Museum are, left to right: Albert E. Crocker, Gordon C. Joyce, Otto H. Schmidt and Walter Hughes. Displayed in the exhibit are rare United States

coins of gold, silver and copper. Exhibitors are: Ralph G. Longfellow, Edmund G. Wilson, Laura J. Levesque, Margaret McAvoy, Nellie B. Kennie, Beatrice White, Mary Lou Levesque, E. F. Fogarty, Anna G. Corcoran and Harold Bryant.



HARVARD, BOSTON UNIVERSITY CUTOVERS

Among those who planned and worked on the Harvard University and Boston University cutovers are the men shown in the two pictures above. At Harvard, first picture, left to right: H. Kirstein, L. Ford, M. Roland,



S. Dempsey, J. Coughlin, F. Thomas, R. Burns, D. McPherson, R. Biddle, W. Kiley, H. Paige. Second picture, at Boston University, front row: T. Cooley, G. MacDonald, E. Beacham, L. Tully, O. Colson, J. Cayne. Back row: R. Doherty, R. Bochler, J. McCluskey, J. Hughes, C. Hennrikus, P. Molloy, J. Sullivan.



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NEW BROCKTON OFFICES OPENED

Shown in the first picture is the interior of the new Brockton Business Office with the Manager's force and the Servicing group present. As part of the exercises opening the new Business Office, several new employees



received their Public Trust Pins. Left to right are: Ruth E. Fihelly, Business Office Supervisor; Florence A. Feener, Service Representative; Manager Howard H. Randlette; Mary A. Bernier, Business Office Supervisor, and Rosemarie F. Sullivan, Service Order Clerk.



PROVIDENCE BASKETS

Providence Long Distance operators and their friends made and filled baskets which they presented to bedridden patients at the Howard Infirmary and to children from the Exeter School during a party given by Betty Gunning, director of the Friendship Club of the Air heard over Station WFCI daily.

Henrietta Fritscher, rest room Supervisor, taught and directed the making of 75 baskets, while Marian Clayton, Instructor at Long Distance, supervised filling them. They were assisted by the Sunshine Committee: Genevieve Riess, Rita Haley, Dorothy Roberts and Mary Carolan. Mary Smith, Violet Hainsworth, Rita Turrone and Rita Killenney also aided in the project.



SECTION NO. 1 EARNs 100%

Section No. 1 of the East Providence Traffic force was honored by their fellow workers at a luncheon held in the rest room for attaining 100% recently. Left to right, back row: Helen Galligan, Margaret McNulty,

Anne Garvey, Jean Calvey, Doris Lusignav, Jessie Healey, Evelyn Murphy, Vera Parr, Mary Wilkinson, Barbara McGrath, Dorothy Sablom. Front row: Virginia Downey, Claire Clark, Marion Watson, Dolly Smith, Agnes Carroll and Elizabeth Rosen.

Fall River News

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Anna W. Crook, Service Representative in the Fall River Business Office, who was married recently to Clarence J. Savoie. Fall River welcomes Rita E. Kitchen to the Commercial Department.

Newcomers

Woonsocket Traffic welcomed several newcomers during the past month: Ann Piedmont, Dorothy Kelly, Fay Barker, Lillian Patalik, Gloria Lacroix, Barbara Britt, Phyllis Williams, Kathleen Connell, Cynthia Gilson, Mary Gelinas, Margaret Kennedy, Mary Ryan, Mary Tedeschi, Lucille McLaughlin, Eleanor Wojcik and Theresa Aubin.

Woonsocket Traffic recently held a semi-formal dinner dance at the Lincoln Inn. Music was provided by Vin Riley and his orchestra. The committee was headed by Julia Farrell.



GOODWILL PARTY

A goodwill party was held at the Narragansett Hotel ballroom recently in

honor of Doris Bergheimer, Long Distance Instructor. Arrangements were made by Mary Lee, Mary Dennehy and Regina Wotten.

At a recent Life Members' Luncheon of the Alexander K. McLellan Chapter, Tel. Pioneers, held at the Rhode Island Yacht Club, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Henry J. Mager, Pres.; Foster E. Merrill, Vice Pres.; Estelle Hachfield, Secretary, and James S. Crowley, member of the Executive Committee.



Marriage

Dorothy Heroux of the Valley force was married to Norman St. Sauveur at the Notre Dame Church, West Warwick, recently.

Newcomer

The Bayview Traffic Office welcomes Beatrice Barney to the office.

Marriage

Agnes Robidoux, Operator at Bayview, was recently married to Charles LaPoint of Providence.

Engagements

Two Bayview operators have recently announced their engagements. Greta Erickson is engaged to Elmer Graves of Conimicut and Theresa St. Denis is engaged to George Soucy of Portsmouth, N. H.

Newcomer

Greenwich Traffic welcomes Joan Kiernan to the office.

Anniversary

Ada Frey, an Operator at Greenwich, was given a surprise party recently in honor of her 20th anniversary with the Company. Ada was presented a bedspread and flowers by her associates. Her service pin was presented by Anne Rochford, Chief Operator.

Marriage

Roberta Rossi, an Operator at Hillsgrove, was married recently to Carl E. Palm, of Apponaug. The double ring ceremony was performed in St. Catherine's Church at Apponaug. Before her marriage, Roberta was guest of honor at a shower given by the Hillsgrove operators at the home of Lucy Herrick.



GEORGE J. LYONS HONORED

Over 300 friends and associates gathered at Johnston's Sea Grill in Providence, R. I., recently to honor George J. Lyons, Cable Foreman, on the eve of his retirement

after 39 years of active service. He was presented gifts on behalf of those present and from the Cable Department Sunshine Fund. Guests were present from all over New England. John T. Magner was toastmaster and Ernest Noke was master of ceremonies.

Marshfield Traffic News

Marshfield welcomes Cynthia Staples, who transferred from Brockton.

The following girls have finished student training: Barbara Gass, Lois Simmons, Harriet Flavell, Barbara Hill.

Newcomers

New employees at Providence, L. D. are: Laura Miglizzi, Pauline Whitman, Barbara Ainsworth, Harriet Anderson.

Infantidings

Announcement has been made of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brighton. Mrs. Brighton is the former Isabelle Bowden of Marshfield Traffic.

Attleboro Traffic News

The following students are welcomed to the Attleboro Office: Phyllis Barr, Phyllis McLearn, Arlene Morin, Betty Heussler, Marjorie Cruser and Marion McNally.

The following former operators have rejoined the force: Grace Nickerson, Irma Rigby.

West Office News

The following engagements have been recently announced at West Traffic: Theresa O'Connor, Supervisor, to James Harrington; Jeannette Ferland, Supervisor, to Thomas Wiley; Renee Kurda, Operator, to John Mahoney; Barbara Houliker, Operator, to James Jeff.

Recently Dolores Colarda was married to Anthony DiPrete, of Cranston. Shirley Robinson, Operator, married Raymond Shiel and Esther Castelli, Supervisor, married Anthony Reali recently.

Stoughton Newcomers

The following operators have finished their training in the Stoughton Traffic Office: Marie Cotter, Patricia O'Neill, Helen Bishop, Edith Morey.

Bryantville Traffic News

Thelma Ibbittson, formerly of Burlington, Vt., is welcomed into the Bryantville Office.

Duxbury Traffic

Roberta White has finished her training at the Duxbury Office, while Verna McCarthy is welcomed back for the summer.

Transfer

Rockland Traffic extends a welcome to Florence Van Blarcon who transferred from San Francisco, Cal.

Scituate Newcomers

Scituate Traffic welcomes Gladys Hill, Daphne Hanlon, Anna Dibert, Kenna Boylston, Josephine Miles and Phyllis Mitchell to the force.

Finish Training in Plymouth

The following have completed their training as operators in the Plymouth Office: Phyllis Parker, Therese Sherburne, Elizabeth Thibodeau, Clementine Turini, Barbara Baratta, Barbara Gilbert.

Brockton Trainees Finish Course

The following students have finished their training at the Brockton Office: Gloria Cyr, Alice Daversa, Theresa Barnes, Anna Bemis, Frances Bibbo, Catherine Clark, Marion Taylor, Gloria Gundberg, Marie Porazzo, Mary Crowley, Mary Goodell, Charlotte Gormley, Gloria Feroli, Eleanor Tonelli, Lillian Reid.

The members of the bowling team of the Providence Revenue Accounting Department had their banquet at Oates Tavern recently.





MATHERS HONORED

A farewell party was held recently at the Fox and Hounds in honor of Vincent P. Mathers, recently

transferred to Providence, R. I., as Division Traffic Supervisor. Left to right: Harold V. Marr, Mrs. Mathers, Mr. Mathers, Richard C. Le-favour.



S.D.A. OFFICERS

Newly elected officers of the S.D.A. Club are shown above with Phillip

Dorr, President, in the center. The S.D.A. Club is the office association in the Southern Division Disbursement Accounting Office.

ATTENTION
Stamp Collectors
10th Summer Meeting
and Outing
Rhode Island Philatelic
Society
Saturday, August 21
Peleg Francis Farm
Rehoboth, Mass.
For Information, Contact
Arthur B. Jackson
Centredale 0120

Transferred

Esther T. Fraser recently was transferred to the Division Commercial Office from the Plant Engineering Department. Miss Fraser succeeds Alice M. Larkin, who has been transferred to the General Office.

Marguerite M. Lambert, Taunton No. 2 Chief Operator, was feted by her associates at a buffet lunch held in the rest room. She has been appointed Division Welfare Supervisor.



In the Service Spotlight for Second Time

Operator No. 26 of the Providence Long Distance Office has received a letter of commendation from James A. Carey, of Carey Bros., Attleboro, Mass. Mr. Carey writes that he "would like to take this time to say 'thank you' for your kind and courteous service last night in helping me get my call to New York. I can assure you it was appreciated. I am sending a small gift as a token of my appreciation." The call referred to by the customer was an emergency death message. The operator, Louise Edwards, and the gift, a beautiful compact. This is the second time within a year that Miss Edwards has been commended by a customer for speedy and efficient handling of toll calls. On the earlier occasion her efficiency also paid dividends when she received material for a suit and topcoat from the appreciative customer.



PAWTUCKET FAMILY NIGHT

The Pawtucket Traffic Office recently held Open House for the friends and relatives of the operators. A tour

of the office was conducted by guides Ruth Sanderson, Caroline Tucker, Elsie Maxwell, Marion Varley, Marion Burke, Grace Laporte, Margaret Highfield, Helen O'Connor, Agnes Dolan and Rita Farrell.

A reception was held recently in honor of Mayette Callahan, West Chief Operator, who has been transferred to the West Toll Unit. Ernest Shaffer, former West Traffic Manager, was also honored on his promotion to General Traffic Personnel Assistant.

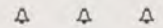




PARTY FOR CHALMERS

A neighborhood party was held recently for H. W. Chalmers, former Providence Manager, who has left for Bridgton, Me. Left to right, back row: B. G. Jenkins, Div. Au-

ditor of Receipts; Mr. Chalmers, Francis A. Barrett, Division Manager, and Lorenz Dahl, Jr., District Manager, R. I. No. 2. Front row: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Chalmers, Mrs. Dahl and Mrs. Barrett.



Bridal Shower

A miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Dorothy Russell, of the Gaspee - Dexter - Plantations Office, was held recently by her associates at the home of Constance Cloutier.

Wickford Traffic Office News

Jean Kelly, Wickford Traffic, was married to Edward Ryan of Lafayette, R. I., recently at Our Lady of Mercy Church, East Greenwich.

A farewell party for Jane Gardiner and Shirley Nadeau was held at the Old Acres at Allenton, R. I.

Beatrice Mott recently announced her engagement to Robert White of New Orleans, La.

Ruth Phillips, formerly of Wickford Traffic, recently announced the birth of a baby boy.

Narragansett Traffic News

Anna Faella, an Operator at Narragansett, was married recently to James Perry of Wakefield, R. I.

New operators who have been added at Narragansett are: Pat McConville, Evelyn Olmedo, Helen Taylor, Donna Northup, Jean Harden, Barbara Clarke, Barbara Bristou and Phyllis Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cullen are the parents of a baby daughter. Mrs. Cullen is the former Doris McCullough, a former Operator at the Narragansett Office.

Engagements

Recent engagements in the West Traffic Office are: Mary Brown to Gurdeon Clark; Sylvia Gordon to Emil Stamp, of Cranston; Anna Surabian to John Kibarias, and Dolores Greco to Michael Cherico.



Providence Long Distance News

Alice Monahan celebrated her thirtieth anniversary with the Company recently. A group of her co-workers entertained her at a dinner where she was presented a check and a corsage. Later she was given her service pin by Robert O. Anthony, District Traffic Supervisor. A handbag and a bouquet of roses were also presented by another group of her co-workers.

Mary Lee recently celebrated her twenty-fifth service anniversary and she was presented gifts of luggage, personal items and two corsages. She also received her 25-year service pin from District Traffic Supervisor Robert O. Anthony.

Mary Dennehy was honored by her fellow-workers recently on the occasion of her 25th service anniversary. Her service pin was pre-

sented by District Traffic Supervisor Robert O. Anthony and a gift of luggage as well as many personal items were received by her.

New employees at Providence Long Distance are: Margaret Gorman, Anne O'Connor, Florence Landry, Marion Bruno, Olive McAteer, Lorraine Dutcher, Catherine Finni, Carol Wright and Nancy Mossock.

Recently announcing their engagements are: Gertrude Brennan to Joseph Campbell; Muriel Girouard to George Pastore; Mary Morrison to Thomas Traensi; Helen Gill to William Earley; Shirley Harcourt to Paul Barney; Vicki Rogers to John Lytle; Elizabeth Davis to David Kelly and Rita Crocker to Raymond Delonge.

Ann Donovan, District Traffic Clerk in Rhode Island District No. 1, recently became the bride of Austin Halloran at St. Matthew's Church, Cranston, R. I.



Employees who conducted the Open House in Fall River recently are shown to the right. Total attendance was 1,085.

Marriages

Eleanor Abrahamson, West Traffic Supervisor, was recently married to Willard Rayhill, and Dorothy Butler, also West Traffic, recently married Fredric Copping.

Newcomers

Newcomers to West Traffic are: Irene Landry, Edna Cook, Lucille Rondine, Anne Rendine, Agnes Couture, Anna Wilbur, Myrtle McIntyre and Jane Ann Brown.

No. Attleboro Newcomers

The following students are welcomed to the North Attleboro Office: Mildred Cenedella, Kathleen McNamara.

30th Anniversary Party

Mary Sarris of the Warren Operating force was recently presented her 30-year pin at a luncheon held in the Warren rest room. Malfalda Jannitto, Chief Operator, presented the pin and in behalf of her fellow-workers presented a pressure cooker to Mary. At the same party, Evelyn Dion, Operator and a recent bride, was presented a set of table lamps from her associates.

Marriage

Margaret Wilkinson of the New Bedford Business Office was married recently to Edward Powers. The ceremony was performed at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and following a reception the couple left on a trip to Washington. Prior to the wedding, Margaret was presented shower gifts by her Commercial friends.

Engagements

The following girls from the New Bedford Commercial Department recently became engaged: Rebecca Brownell to Philip Provance and Patricia Bowman to Raymond Silva.

Double Shower

Recently Dorothy Egan and Florence West of the Hopkins-Williams Office were honored by their associates at a double shower-dinner party held at Johnson's Hummocks Grille. Both girls were presented corsages and personal gifts.

Florence was married to George Scott at the Church of the Ascension recently and Dorothy married John Savage at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in a recent ceremony.

E. Providence Traffic News

Rosaleen Maguire, Clerk, has announced her engagement to William Herman of Rumford, while Doris Lusignan, East Providence Operator, announced her engagement to George Basset of Riverside.

East Providence welcomes Bessie Fisher and Ora Appleby as students.

A luncheon was held in the Princess Room of the Crown Hotel in honor of Lily May Bird who was married recently. She received gifts and flowers from her associates.

Annual Outing

The Plant Engineers of the Southern Division held their annual outing at the White Rail Riding Club, Bristol, R. I., recently and more than 60 employees and their guests attended. Following dinner, dancing and guessing contests were held in place of a sports program which was "rained out."

Prizes for the quiz contest were won by J. I. Kenny and Edward L. Thomas. The prize waltz contest was won by Marjorie Higgins and Eric Benson. The fox trot contest was won by Ann Clavin and James MacLean. The jitterbug contest was awarded to Esther Fraser and Lincoln B. Dawes. Several door prizes were also drawn. The committee in charge were: Chairman, Casmir Potera; Assistant Chairman, George Ernst; Tickets, Virginia Pastille and Helen T. Anderson; Sports Chairman, Thomas Casserly, assisted by Betty Moran and Robert Carr; Transportation, Russell Swanson, and Prizes, Marjorie Higgins and Helen T. Anderson.

A dance was held by Newport Traffic recently at the Crossways under the sponsorship of the Sunshine Committee. In charge of arrangements were: Ethel Davis, Jeanne Dillon, Mary Thompson, Agnes Irish.



Western Division

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Ping-pong champs of the Springfield Revenue Accounting Department are Dorothy Stasiowski, champion, and Jean Riedel, runner-up.

A group of PBX attendants and other employees from the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company visited the Worcester Office recently as guests of Anna R. Coyle, PBX Instructor. Their tour of the building included visits to the Installation Department, Toll Test Room and the Dial Office. Instruction in detail was given regarding equipment and operating technique.



Newcomer

The Western Division Commercial Office welcomes newcomer Sheila A. Jackson, a stenographer.



HILL HONORED

A farewell party was held at Randolph, Vt., recently for Sophia P. Hill who has transferred from Bethel Commercial to White River Junction, Vt. Left to right, seated: Muriel A. Durkee, Cora N. Hudson, Chief Operator; Miss Hill,

Frances V. Plummer, Chief Operator at Bethel, Vt. Standing: Bernice B. Rix, Leslie B. Osha, Hazel C. McDonald, Chief Operator at Windsor, Vt.; Helen B. Grasset, Geneva A. Allen, Ella-ween O. Flint and Helen E. Snow.



WORCESTER SEMI-FORMAL

The Worcester Telephone Girls held their Annual Semi-Formal Spring Dance recently at the Hotel Sheraton Ballroom. Music was furnished by Russ Cole and his Orchestra. The Dance Committee shown above

were, left to right, seated: Marie F. Farrell, Mary J. Connolly, Margaret E. Taylor, Mary M. Mara, Pauline E. Canane and Margaret T. Foley. Standing: Elizabeth T. Doyle, Grace E. Lavery, Helen M. Dumas and Charlotte E. Cronin.

About 200 friends and associates gathered at the Eden Gardens in Worcester recently to extend their good wishes to Andrew B. Phelan, District Construction Supervisor, recently transferred to the General Plant Office, Boston.



A party was held recently at Rhoten Inn, Townsend, in honor of George L. Carrick, who has been transferred from Wire Chief at Fitchburg to the Division Staff at Springfield.



An apple festival party was held at Leominster by the Traffic Department.



Helen French, Service Representative at Rutland, married Charles J. Marro recently. She was given a surprise informal dinner party at Barber's on Mendon Mt. by over 30 of her associates. Mrs. Marro was presented an electric toaster and a corsage.

Softball Team

Toll Operators and Supervisors of Springfield Traffic Department, Unit 1, have formed a softball team. Coaches for the team are Dewit Ackerman and Edward Giroux. Practice takes place at Longmeadow ball field. Several games have taken place with the Disbursement Dept. and the All Souls team.



BUFFET SUPPER

Recently the girls in the Northampton Business Office were entertained at a buffet supper at the home of Manager and Mrs. Wilbur W. Dunn. Honored guests were Frances Vitali, who recently became the bride of Norman Meunier;

Anne Vanasse, who was recently transferred to the Springfield Business Office, and Eva Maspero, who was celebrating her birthday that day. Each girl was presented a corsage and Miss Vitali also received an electric toaster and Miss Vanasse a scarf.

Marriages

Recent marriages in the Springfield Revenue Accounting Office are: Rosalie Holdeman to Ralph G. Gustafson; Dorothy Webster to Donald R. Sanders in Longmeadow; Genevieve Pietras to Frank Banos in Chicopee.

Surprise Shower

Recently a personal surprise shower was given in honor of Helen Michalak, Springfield Traffic, at the home of Constance Mitchell. Dorothy Lyons and Jean Herlihy assisted. Many gifts were given to Miss Michalak.



REV. ACCTG. FORMAL

The Springfield Revenue Accounting Association recently held a formal dance at the Springfield Country Club. The committee in

charge are shown above, left to right, first row: Elsie Johnson, Marian Pratt, Lillian Cooper. Second row: Barbara Carmody, Ann Brusnicki and Norma Sanders.

Robert D. Fuller, former Manager of the Pittsfield Office, was honored by sixty-five of his present and former associates at a recent farewell dinner held at Fort Massachusetts in North Adams, Mr. Fuller has been transferred to the Division Office.



A surprise party was held recently at the Bloody Brook Inn, South Deerfield, by the three departments to welcome Lucille M. Hyde, newly appointed Chief Operator in the Greenfield Office.



Examinations in the Western Division

Raymond W. Dupuis, Installer-Repairman; Frederick R. Little, Installer-Repairman; Edward M. Fulton, Central Office Repairman—Manual—Class "A"; David E. Hennessey, Service Head Lineman; Robert W. La Clair, Installer-Repairman; Thomas J. Burke, Journeyman Cable Splicer; Donald T. Fisher, Service Head Lineman; William F. McPartland, Central Office Switchman—Dial—Step X Step; Arthur H. Boyd, Central Office Repairman—Dial—Step X Step—Class "B"; Graham E. Fogg, Central Office Repairman—Manual—Class "B"; George J. Sullivan, Central Office Repairman—Dial—Step X Step—Class "A"; Alfred R. Cotti, Switchman—Central Office—Dial—Step X Step; Stanley J. Scott, Central Office Repairman—Dial—Step X Step—Class "A"; Richard W. Flynn, Service Head Lineman; William J. O'Donnell, Jr., Lineman, and Carl R. Wheeler, Facilities Assigner.

Brattleboro Newcomers

Brattleboro Traffic wishes to welcome Marilyn Bowers and Jeanne Jacobs who have started work in the Traffic Department and Patricia McNamee who has recently been employed by the Business Office.



SURPRISE BUFFET SUPPER

A surprise buffet supper was held recently at Howard Johnson's in honor of Elizabeth Gill, Burlington Traffic. The dinner was attended by 55 of her co-workers as well as Chief Operator Helen L. Johnson and out-of-town guests Kathryn Toner and Dorothy McGowan.

She was presented a corsage and a purse of money from the A.C.C.'s, Supervisors, Clerks and Margaret Sheridan presented a purse of money from the operators. Arrangements for the supper were in charge of Pauline Tessier, Rita Grant, Marie Dionne and Margaret Sheridan.

Burlington Traffic News

Margaret C. Perras, Supervisor, was recently married to Robert Poirier.

Evelyn Strong, Operator, recently became the bride of Walter James.

Edwina F. Stevens, Supervisor, was recently married to Robert E. Cronin. She was honored at a shower given by Elizabeth Bailey at her home in Jonesville. Guests included Chief Operator Helen E. Johnson, Dorothy McGowan, Evelyn Rossi, Supervisors and Clerks. Miss Stevens was presented a purse of money.

Brattleboro Traffic News

Congratulations have been extended to June LaFountain who has announced her engagement. The wedding will take place in September.

Congratulations are also in order for Constance Paulus whose wedding recently took place.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pichette are the proud parents of a baby daughter born recently. Mrs. Pichette is in Brattleboro Traffic.

Springfield Marriages

Marriages at Springfield Traffic are: Margaret Daley, Toll Operator, to Lawrence Frenette of West Springfield; Helen Michalak, Toll Operator, to Robert Simpson of Portsmouth, N. H.; Constance Fish, Toll Supervisor, to Edward Snyder of Thompsonville, Conn.; Doris LaDoux, Toll Operator, to Leonard Tetreault of Springfield; Rosalie Murphy, Toll Instructor, to John Shea of Springfield; Janet Dupre, Toll Operator, to Walter Greaney of Springfield, and Shirley Williams, Toll Observer, will be married to Malcolm Loomis of Springfield.

Leominster Traffic News

A welcome has been extended to the following newcomers: Lois Merriam, Mary P. Killelea, Viola Izzi and Barbara Andrews.

The following girls have recently announced their engagements: Doris M. Lemire, Catherine L. Mooney, Arline L. Blanchard, Charlotte Davidson and Elizabeth Mullaney.

Lucille M. Quinlan and Margaret McGillen have joined Leominster Traffic by transfer from the Fitchburg Office.



TESTIMONIAL FOR PETERSON

Winfield Peterson, Jr., who has been transferred recently from Business Office Representative in Fitchburg

to Commercial Representative in Worcester, was given a testimonial dinner at Kings Corner Restaurant by employees of all departments in Fitchburg and Ayer.

A semi-formal dance was held at the Hotel Kimball by Western Disbursement Actg.





Harold E. Brand, Vermont District Plant Superintendent, was honored recently by his associates upon the completion of twenty-five years of service. He received a bouquet of roses, a pen and pencil set and a box of cigars.



Margaret Fitzgerald has been appointed District Chief Clerk for the Vermont District.

Service Anniversaries

Edna H. Brown, Winchendon Traffic, is celebrating her 40th service anniversary, while Hattie A. Wilder, Leominster Traffic, recently celebrated her 30th service anniversary.



Ruth E. Colburn, Leominster Traffic, recently celebrated her 35th service anniversary.

Revenue Accounting Weddings

Marguerite Parent is the recent bride of Maurice Curran at West Springfield, while Coralie Malley became the bride of Robert Southward in Agawam.

Advertisements

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

WANTED

6 ROOM UNFURNISHED house for employee, wife and 3 children. Willing to commute 10-20 miles. Handy with tools and minor repairing. Take pride in our home and will guarantee exceptional care of property. Can afford \$65 per month. D. D. Shaw, SH erwin 3-9800, extension 3254. A-2

APARTMENT in Bangor, Hampden, or Brewer, Me., for young couple with 2 months' old daughter. Furnished or unfurnished. Excellent business and personal references. Call J. S. Foster, Portland 2-9923. A-2

BY OCTOBER 1 unfurnished apartment of 6-7 rooms in Medford by adult family of 5. Call MY stic 6-0327 after 6 P.M. A-2

BY THREE ADULTS, unfurnished 5-6 room apartment in Medford section of Immaculate Conception parish. Call MY stic 6-7089. A-2

2-3 ROOM APARTMENT in Bangor, Me., or surrounding vicinity needed by telephone employee transferring in September. Will reserve immediately. Call Miss Tubbs, Portland 4-9978 during office hours, Portland 2-5304 after 5:30 P.M., or write 17 Mayfield Street, Portland. A-2

5-6 ROOMS unfurnished with garage, vicinity of Brookline, Newton, Chestnut Hill, Jamaica Plain by working family of 3 adults. Call HIGHLANDS 5-0493 after 6 P.M. Ju-2

3-4 ROOM unfurnished apartment for Mystic operator and brother. Will go anywhere. Call SO merset 6-6273. Ju-2

APARTMENT by newlyweds, 3-4 rooms unfurnished in vicinity of West Roxbury or Roslindale. Please call DE dham 3-0553-W. A-2

TELEPHONE EMPLOYEE, wife and three small children desperately need a 4-6 room first floor flat or cottage due to illness in family. Providence or vicinity. Call Plantations 9950, extension 255, or Williams 8044. Ju-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. A-2

BEING EVICTED, adult family of 3 needs 5-6 room apartment. Call JA maica 2-2543, anytime. A-2

2-5 ROOM unfurnished apartment in Medford, Stoneham, Wakefield, Reading, Winchester, Woburn, Melrose, Malden. Call WINchester 6-1017 after 6 P.M. A-2

FOR SALE

TWO CORNER LOTS 90' x 100' on bus line. Enjoy country living only 3 minutes from Weymouth shopping center and 10 minutes to Quincy Square. Call E. R. Dixon, WE ymouth 9-3856-W. A-2

MANY THINGS. Large size #7 pressure cooker. Large English tailored divan bed with spring and mattress, 4 poster full size bed, small kitchen stove excellent for summer camp. Call MY stic 8-0364. A-2

BOXER PUPS, A.K.C. registered-fawn, three months old and ready for owners. Robert R. McNutt, Jr., Old Kings Road, Cotuit. Call OSTerville 598. A-2

VOSE upright piano and bench like new, 8 piece oak dining set, 3 piece oak bedroom set, miscellaneous pieces, antique what-not, small marble top table, Cold Spot refrigerator, small range, railroad stove. Call AR lington 5-0646. A-2

THREE FAMILY home in Dorchester, 4-5-5, \$4,500. White sinks, three piece modern baths, three back porches, hot water heat in first and second floors, stove heat top floor. Top floor has two rooms in attic easily made into 7 room apartment. Telephone Cooperative mortgage. Rents \$73.50 month. No leases. Call CU nningham 6-2131 after 6 p.m. Ju-2

IN CONCORD, N. H., 10 room house, three baths, automatic oil steam heat and heated garage. Five rooms for owner and two small apartments. Income \$104 per month. House recently redecorated inside and out. Priced right for quick sale. Call Concord, N. H., 2349-W or write Mrs. Bertha Lackey, 76 Rumford Street, Concord, N. H. Ju-2

PAIR OF LOVEBIRDS, one blue, one green. Ten dollars. Telephone PA rkway 7-4130. Ju-2

ROTAREX home roll ironer. Suitable for institution or hospital. Priced right for immediate sale. Takes 2 pillow cases at a time. Call TA lbot 5-3452. Ju-2

ZEIS BEE BEE 9 x 12 cm. 4.5 camera, compur shutter 1 to 1/200th sec. delayed action, lens shade and 3 filters, 3 cut film holders, 1 film pack adapter, 3 film packs, metal tripod and adjustable head also

BC 348 Radio Receiver converted to 110V AC, used very little and in perfect condition. Call EV ertt 7-0717 evenings. Ju-2

CHILDREN'S SANDBOXES, 4' square with barrel of beach sand. Painted or stained, tongue in groove bottom, two 4' seats. Delivered within 20 miles of Boston \$11.50, further add three cents per mile. Call ME lrose 4-5626 or Marblehead 1489. Ju-2

THREE ROOM cottage with fireplace and kitchenette. Porch 9' x 32' can be closed in for extra bedroom. Chemical toilet in basement. Lot 100' x 45' located on Eggemoggin Beach, Deer Isle, Me. Call Deer Isle 62 or write P.O. Box 173, Deer Isle. Price \$1,200. A-2

3 PIECE MAPLE living room set: divan, wing chair, lounge chair. Also Cold Spot refrigerator, 6 cubic feet, and baby bassinette and bathinette. Call CO lumbia 5-2357. A-2

HOUSE LOT 60' x 100' in desirable location. Call PA rkway 7-1081. A-2

ALMOST NEW Robert Gordon conversion gas burner, 18", series 302-20, complete with switch, special smoke pipe, etc. Used in 6 room house one season. Works perfectly. Price \$75. cost \$125. Call MY stic 6-1783. A-2

L. C. SMITH portable typewriter, small type, with case, less than 2 years old. Only slightly used, now in excellent condition. Sell for \$65. Call SH erwin 3-9800, extension 2213. A-2

FOR RENT

LARGE BEDROOM with kitchen privileges in Belmont. Telephone girl preferred. Call between 9 and 12 A.M. BE lmont 5-3738-W. A-2

NEW 1 ROOM CABIN suitable for 2 persons. Furnished, heatalator fireplace, 2 burner electric plate. Sebago Lake, White's Point, in fishing region. \$25 per week includes use of boat. Call Mrs. Kennie, Portland 4-9901 or Windham 1-3513. A-2

ROOMS by day or week in Bar Harbor, Me. Call Clara Johnston, Cottage Street, Bar Harbor or call 373 or 9928. A-2

ROOMS at Breakers Lodge, Hampton Beach, N. H., on ocean front about five minutes from bathing beach and amusement center. Beautiful grounds, ample parking space, dining room. For information call Service Bureau, SH erwin 3-9800, extension 4831, or Mrs. John Galloway, Hampton 308. M-4

2 DOUBLE ROOMS available. Telephone women preferred. Call AV enue 2-1389 or write 33 Sudan Street, Dorchester. Ju-2

LOST

MAN'S RAINCOAT, tan color, taken by mistake from Pioneer Lounge, Tuesday, June 8. The one left in its place is too small. Please return mine to the Pioneer Lounge where you can pick up yours. Ju-2



LEE NIGHT OPERATOR HONORED

At a dinner held at the "Here-U-Are" Inn in Lee recently, George H. Tyer, Night Operator at Lee, was honored by his associates in the Lee, Great Barrington, Lenox and Pittsfield Offices in recognition of his retirement after twenty-three years of faithful service. Mr. Tyer received his Company certificate. He was

presented a Philco radio by his former associates. Joseph R. O'Brien, District Traffic Superintendent, made the presentation. Left to right: Lena D. Frye, District Instructor; Amelia M. Bertelli, Marie A. Shultis, Mary T. Tracy, Chief Operator; Mr. Tyer, Marie L. Williams, Mr. O'Brien, and Rose A. Putnam, District Instructor.

Orange Traffic News

Virginia M. Harris, Operator, was married to William Cloutier recently, at St. Mary's Rectory, Orange.

Madena Hubbard, Junior Supervisor, was married to L. Gordon Kilhart, in a recent wedding which took place at the home of her parents.

A shower was held for Madena Kilhart in the retiring room in honor of her recent marriage. Mrs. Kilhart

was presented an electric mixer.

A shower was held for Virginia M. Cloutier in the retiring room in honor of her recent marriage. Her associates presented an ivory and rose table lamp to her.

A match between the Orange and Athol Operators took place in the Carbone Bowling Alleys, Athol, recently. Jeannette Lessard, Orange Chief Operator, had the highest individual score, while the Athol team had the higher scoring points.

Whitefield Wedding

Deltina Beaton, Whitefield Operator, was married recently to Millard Bresnahan at St. Matthew's Rectory at Whitefield. The ceremony was followed by a wedding breakfast held at the home of Mr. Bresnahan's parents in Gilman, Vt. The couple spent their honeymoon at Old Orchard Beach, Me.

Brattleboro Traf Advancements

Shirley King and Lorraine Dunklee have been promoted from the position of Junior Supervisors to Supervisors.

Barbara Anderson and Marjorie Hall have been appointed Junior Supervisors.

Brattleboro wishes to welcome Elizabeth Morrissey who has recently been transferred from Bennington and advanced to the post of Assistant Chief Operator.

Bette Gauthier has recently been appointed Schedule Clerk for the Brattleboro Office.

Margaret Bailey has been appointed to fill the Brattleboro vacancy in the Federation.

Informal Get-together

The Traffic and Equipment Departments in Leominster recently held a dancing party at the Number Six Clubhouse. Refreshments were served during intermission.

Music was furnished by the "Bud and Izzie" orchestra. Mary C. Leahy was chairman of the committee, assisted by Ruth Chase and Nellie C. McEvoy.



Equipment Installation

Associate Editor
C. Leo McKenney



Alexander S. Edmonston was recently appointed Division Plant Personnel Supervisor in Equipment Installation. His previous assignment was Division Training Supervisor in the Metropolitan Plant Department.

Field Day

The East Boston Warriors Softball Team held a successful Field Day recently at Highland Park, Chelsea.

A combination radio and phonograph was raffled off and the lucky winner was Mary Maffie, East Boston Traffic. The Warriors played a double-header. The first game was with the Bowdoin Equipment team who had been the only team to previously



The Arlington "Tip-N-Rings," C.O.E.I. softball team, who have been undefeated throughout Arlington, Winchester and East Boston, intend to continue their winning streak in the second game of a two-game series with the East Boston Warriors. This game should prove to be the best tilt of the season.

beat the Warriors in the eight games they played, up to this time. The Warriors took Bowdoin in tow with a score 13-9.

The second game was against another old rival, the North Shore Cable Dept., with the Warriors again the victors.

Since then the Warriors have defeated the Cambridge Equipment team going into extra innings 9-8 and also the Chelsea Fire Dept. The score for this game was 14-10. A rubber game will be played against Bowdoin in the near future.

East Boston Addition

At East Boston, under the supervision of Foreman Donald R. Kirby, there are being installed five additional subscriber and two additional trunk sections which involve a problem somewhat out of the ordinary. On account of unprecedented growth, it has become necessary to extend the A board at a right angle although the existing board extends almost to the wall in the direction of original growth and the original lineup did not provide for making a turn.

The new subscriber sections have been installed in their proper location and jacks provided in the multiple space for trunking temporarily to the B board all East Boston calls. While still being kept in service, the last sections of the existing A board are now being moved to fit exactly into their proper location in the curved lineup and join the new sections. Angle sections are being inserted and, after the subscriber and regular trunk multiple have been spliced, the temporary local trunks will be removed.