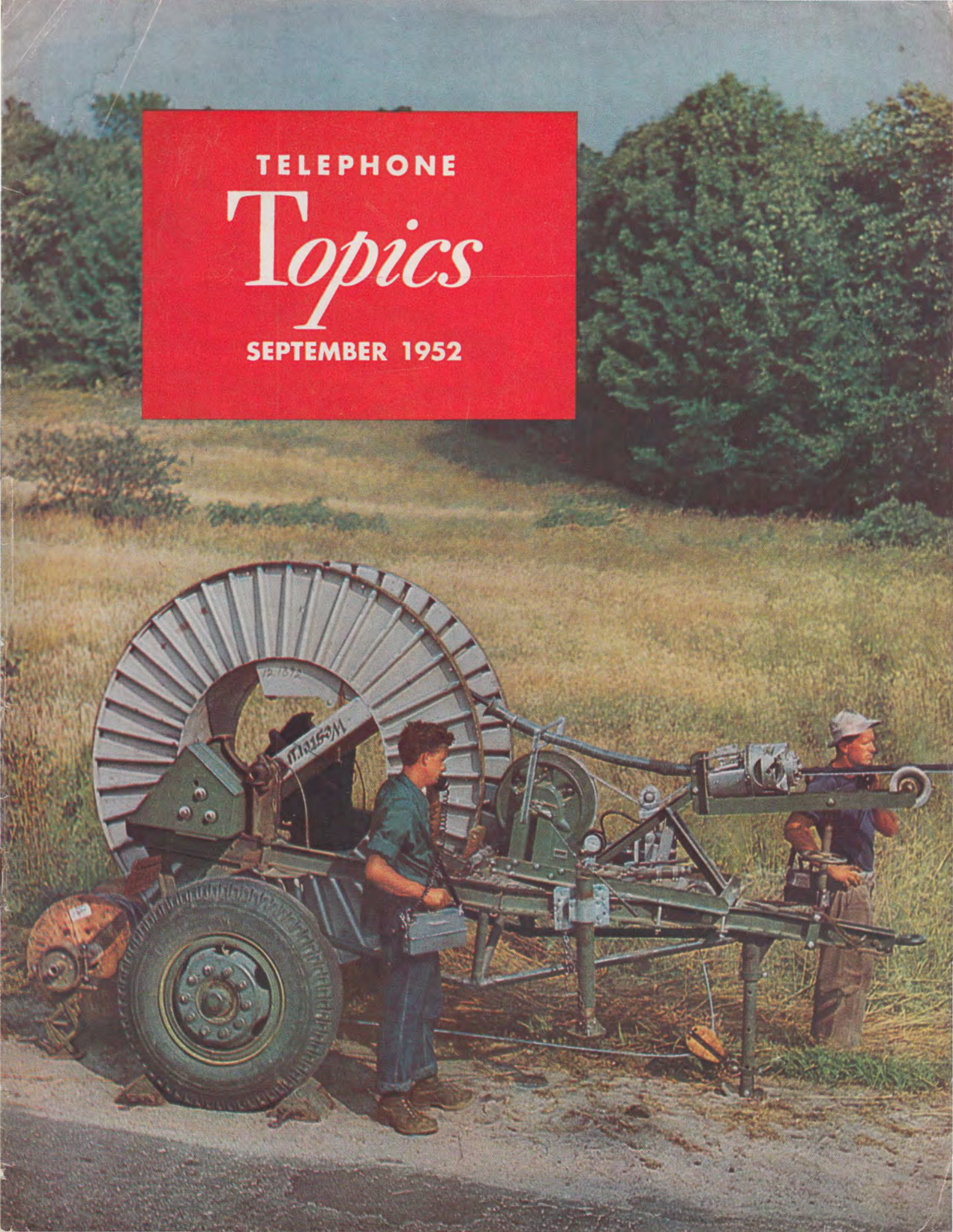
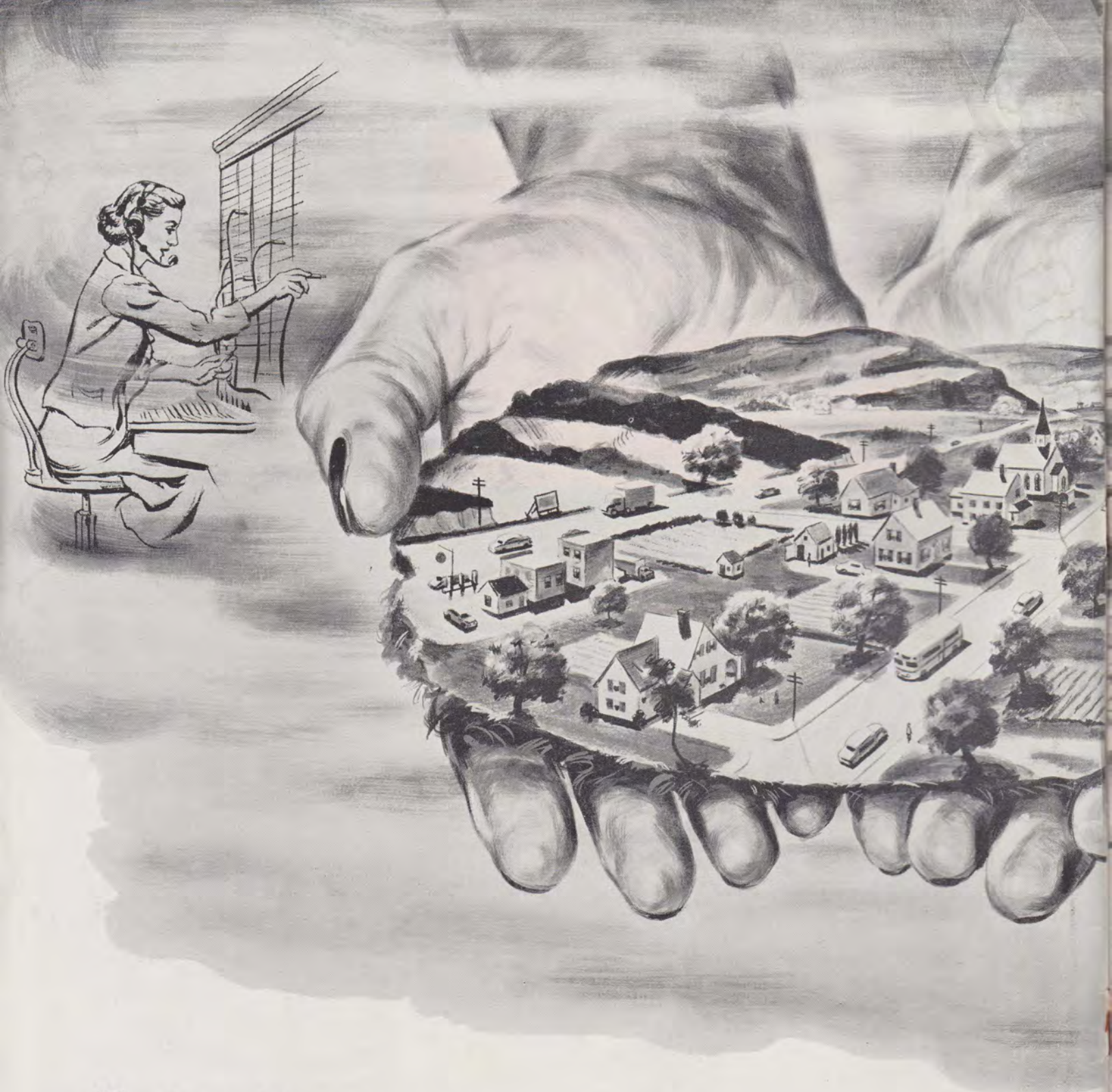


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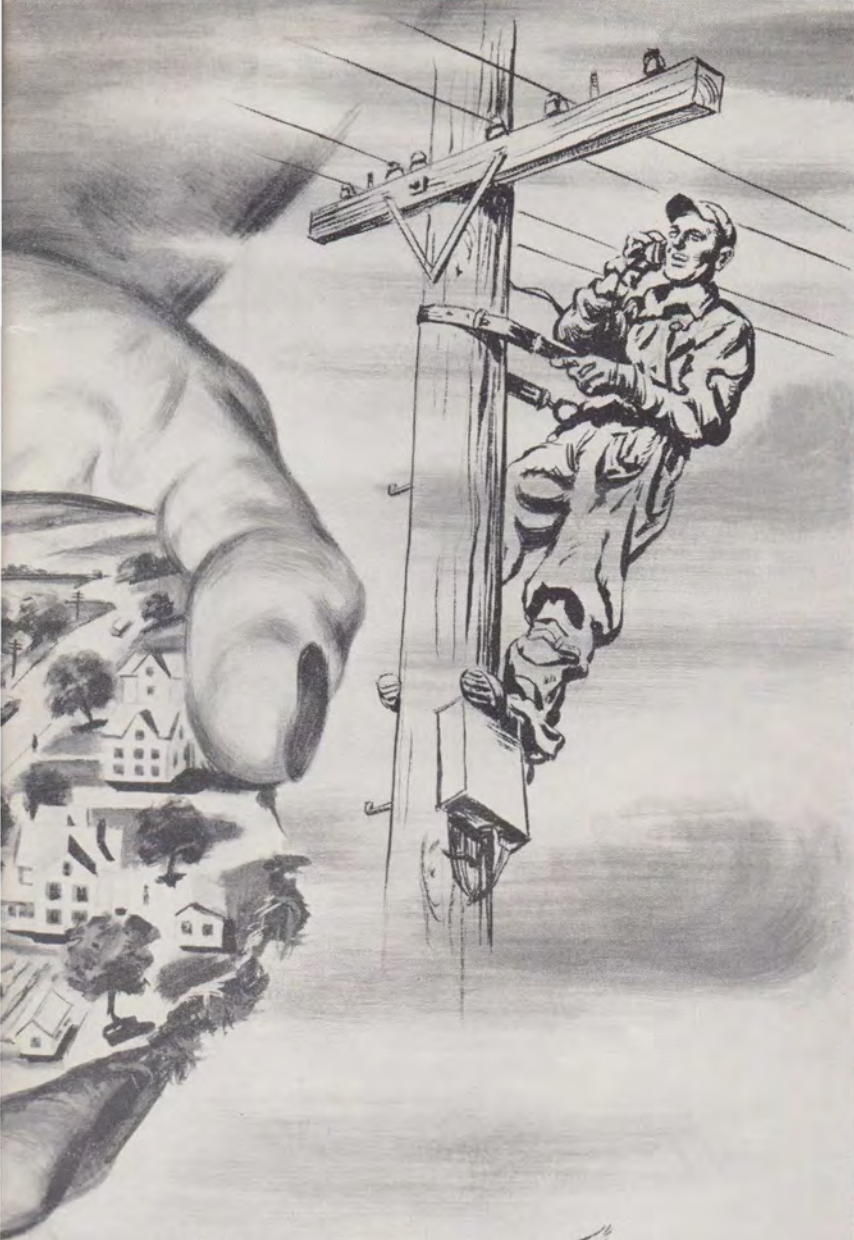
Each in his own way . . .

WHEN you stop to think about it telephone people are fortunate. The very nature of our work brings us a sense of accomplishment at the end of the day, brings anticipation and enthusiasm for tomorrow, and gives us that warm feeling inside that comes from having the opportunity to help others.

Our whole business is helping others, both our fellow employees and our customers. Probably no other business is so dependent upon cooperation among its people. Each telephone person, in his or her own way, is absolutely vital

to the success of our Company and the service we provide. And each of our jobs is dependent upon a helping hand from another telephone person.

As for helping our customers, our work makes life brighter and lighter for millions. Fears are dispelled, friendships are sealed, business is quickened, lives are saved. This service to millions of customers and to hundreds of fellow workers brings with it an immense feeling of accomplishment that belongs, quite rightfully, to all telephone people.



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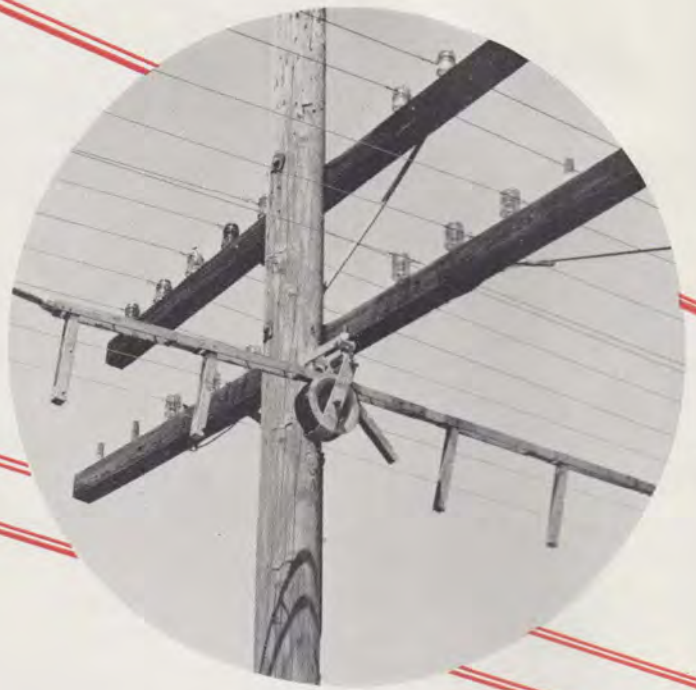
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THE COVER

Our nominees for joint-chairmen of the Department for Better Mousetraps are the men of Bell Labs and the O & E Department of A.T. & T. who developed a way of pre-lashing cable and strand as it is being placed. And our Plant men are already beating a path to their door to use it as our cover shows. It's an ingenious combination of reels, brakes, pulleys, lashers and anti-twisting devices which out-Rube Rube Goldberg.

PRE LASH



Closeup of the anti-twister in action as wound cable and strand pass over a roller block. It is a series of rotating, hinged hanging weights.

It was bound to happen in this push-button age when chairbound pilots guide pilotless planes to their destinations and housewives set clocks to cook their baked hams while they attend the afternoon double feature. It's a modern mechanized feat, which, though scientific, somehow reminds you of an oriental snake charmer mesmerizing a torpid snake into the air from his basket bed. What is it? A new method for pre-lashing aerial cable and its supporting strand as they are being placed on the poles. The new system, developed by Bell Labs and A.T.&T.'s O. and E. Department has already been tried by Western Division Plant people and will soon be used in other areas.

Here's how it looks to a layman. A little later on we'll give a more detailed technical explanation of it. Both strand and cable, mounted on a trailer, unwind from their respective reels into and around funnel-like gadgets and pulleys until they reach what Plant men call a "bug," which is the lasher. This spiderlike gadget spins a spiral wire around the strand and cable. Then the two, now one, are charmed up the pole by the telephone truck winch line.

This pre-lashing method has many advantages. The chief one, perhaps, is its labor-saving qualities. With the old method each pole had to be climbed three or more times. By pre-lashing only two climbs are necessary. Blocks which formerly had to be placed to support cable between poles until it could be lashed to strand are not required. Where tree conditions exist only one pulling-in line is threaded through the trees and then used to pull the cable already lashed to the strand. Formerly two separate pulling-in wires had to be threaded, one for strand and another for cable, and then the cable lasher had to be worked through the trees for the lashing operation.

With the old method when it was necessary to place cable above existing open wire even with cautious proceedings service interruptions caused by contacts with the placing equipment frequently occurred. Now these difficulties can be almost entirely eliminated. The new method is similarly successful in placing additional cables on existing cable leads.

In addition to the cost-reducing feature, it also results in the construction of better plant. More uniform tensioning of cable and lashing wire results from this system, and damage to cable, particularly at corners, during placing is reduced. Formerly, dampness, ice or snow would coat the strand causing the lasher to slip uselessly along the strand. Pre-lashing eliminates this.

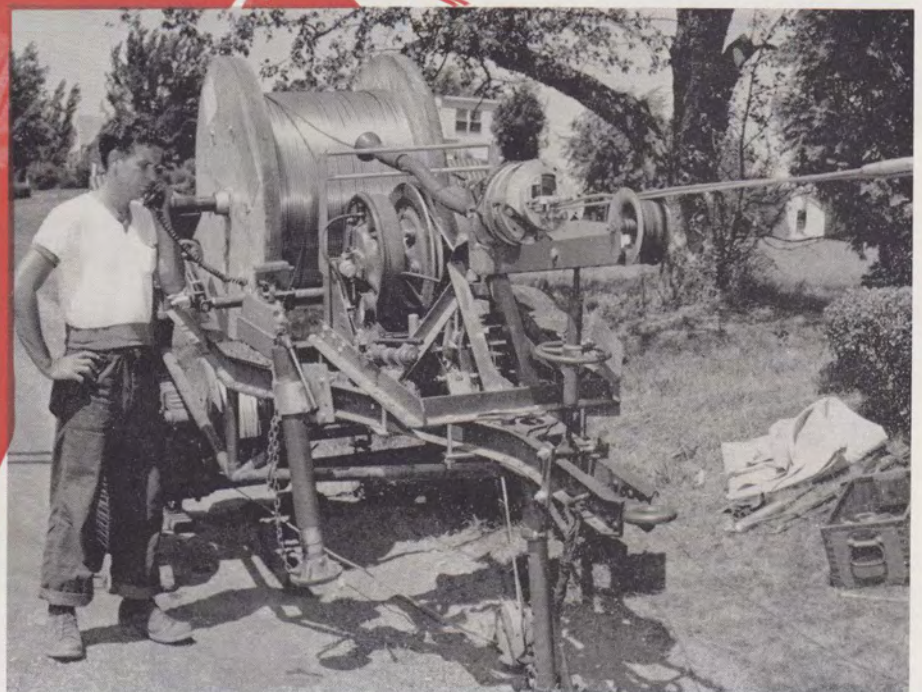
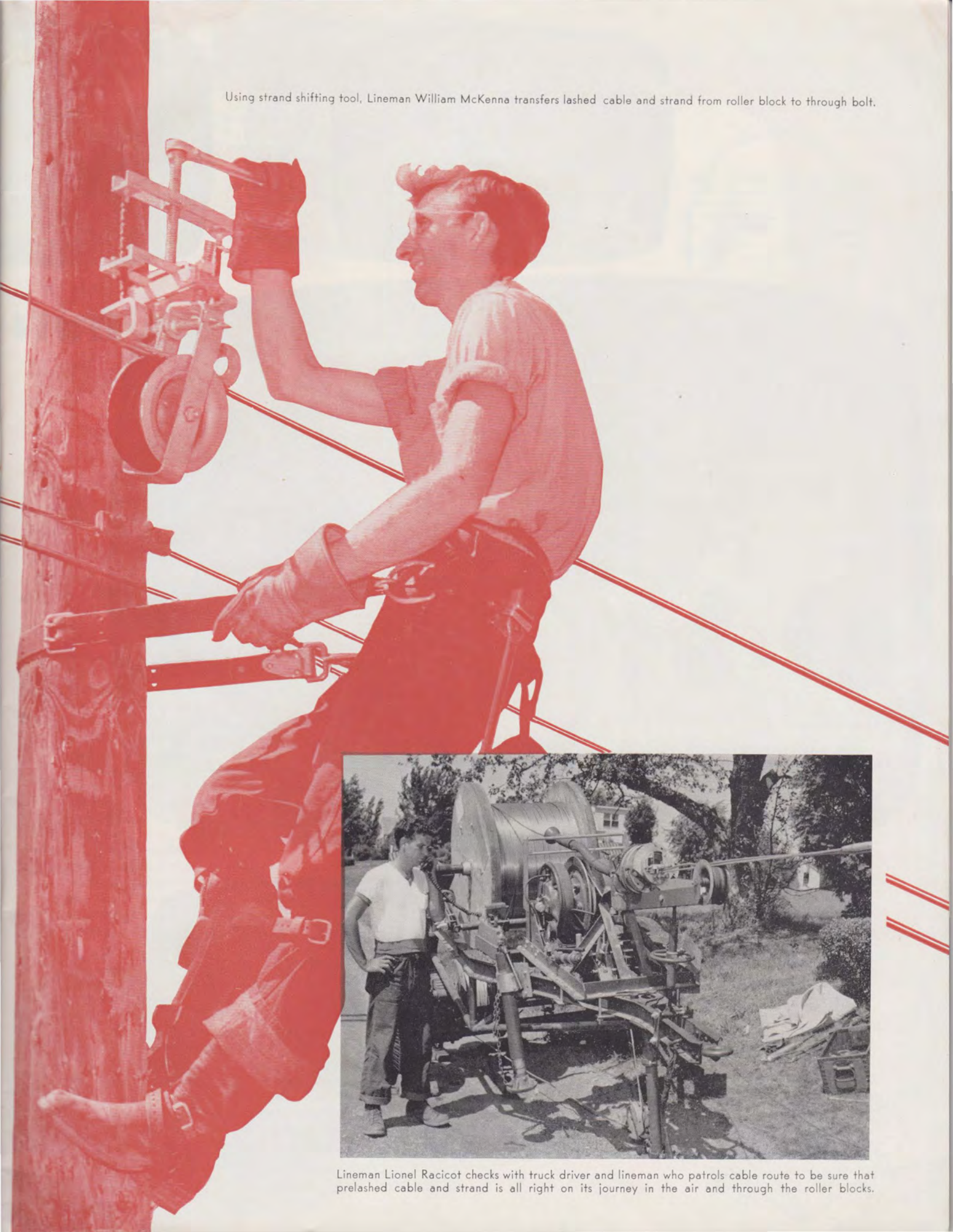
Up to the present time the length of cable placed in a single pulling operation has been limited to about 2,500 feet, principally because this is about the maximum length of line that the standard winch will accommodate. Also there is a limit to the size of cable which can be pre-lashed. For alpeh, this is about 1.3 inches and for lead about 1.1 inches (303 pair, 26 gauge). As further experience is gained and the equipment and method further improved, these limitations may be eliminated.

In detail here's how the pre-lashing technique works. A strand reel is attached to the rear of a standard cable reel trailer. The strand passes from its reel, under the cable reel, and through a sheave which leads it to a series of rollers called a pre-tensioner. From this device the strand passes around and under pulleys into the standard lashing machine. A hydraulic brake system controls the strand tension and prevents overrunning.

The cable goes from its reel, through a feeder tube, under a sheave, and then into the lashing machine. Since the strand is fed into the lasher below the cable, the lasher is mounted upside down in a cradle. The lasher

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Using strand shifting tool, Lineman William McKenna transfers lashed cable and strand from roller block to through bolt.



Lineman Lionel Racicot checks with truck driver and lineman who patrols cable route to be sure that prelashed cable and strand is all right on its journey in the air and through the roller blocks.

One of the moments they'll always remember. After the first flurry of introductions and congratulations Rita and Jackie share a moment together with their gift "from the girls in the office."



Some of the girls stayed after hours and when Rita arrived for her last day at the office she found her desk decorated and covered with gifts.



Half



The solemn and beautiful ceremony.

Practically a telephone tradition — a radiant bride at her decorated desk surrounded by friendly fellow workers.





Rita watches her bridesmaids at their final fitting: Ann Marie Rush, Met. Plant, Eunice O'Connor, Joan Freeley, a clerk in Rita's office.



a million

Guests

WHEN dark-haired Rita Marie McLaughlin married John J. Gallagher on Sunday morning, August 24, more than half a million New Englanders were inside the altar rail with them able to hear each vow and see each change of expression. Twenty-three-year-old Rita, a Clerk in the General Accounting Office at Franklin Street, was married by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing at the first complete ceremony of its kind ever televised. The ceremony originated in Studio T at WBZ-TV, Boston, and was viewed by more than 500,000 persons in the New England area as part of the program "Our Believing World," an inter-faith religious series designed to combat religious prejudice based on misunderstanding.

Rita and Jackie, a twenty-three-year-old Marine veteran of the war in Korea, met in February, 1948, the month she came to work for the Telephone Company. They were introduced by a telephone man, a friend of Jackie's who installed Rita's office telephone. Their friendship was interrupted when Jackie joined the U. S. Marine Corps but resumed when he returned. They became engaged last year.

Telephone people played an important part in Rita and Jackie's romance and telephone people gave them some of the pleasantest memories they'll have of the gay hectic days that preceded their wedding—memories of presents and flowers, of best wishes and showers, of a decorated desk and a few tears.



"Oh, No!" Happy girls have gasped the same two words since the first bride was surprised at a shower. Here's Rita arriving at Boston's Town House where the girls from her Accounting Office were waiting.

AN EMPLOYEE TOLD ME...



WHEN I, Ruth Ewald, Dedham High, class of '52, applied at the Company's Boston Employment Office at 245 State Street, I was greeted by Claire M. Blair who gave me the necessary application forms to fill out.



THEN...



THE NURSE Mary K. Hurley, who interviewed me when I took my physical examination at the Medical Clinic, was just as friendly as all the other telephone people I had met so far.



FINALLY I was called to report for work. Agnes I. McDevitt, Induction Placement Supervisor, had told me about the job. Now, she told me enthusiastically what it would mean to be a telephone employee and wished me happiness. I was eager to start.

I FIRST thought about going to work for the Telephone Company when a girl friend of mine who's an Operator in the Dedham exchange told me some of the interesting things about the Operator's job and how much she liked working for the Company.

"It sounded so worthwhile that the first free afternoon I had I hurried to the Company's Boston Employment Office at 245 State Street to place my application.

"I said, 'I'm Ruth Ewald from Dedham High School, Class of '52,' when I found myself at the receptionist's desk. She was so cordial and friendly, I felt glad I'd decided to come. She gave me some forms to fill out and when I had finished, she asked me to sit down and wait for an interview.

"Then I was shown into an interviewer's office. The interviewer put me at ease at once. She seemed so interested in me as an individual, talking about my home town, my courses at school and what work I'd done before. In no time, I was telling her about my hobbies and interests, my health, and why I thought I wanted to become a Telephone Operator.

"She answered all my questions, too! I had a lot of them—all about the job and the telephone business. When we finished our talk I had better knowledge of the job requirements and qualifications and Telephone Company working conditions (which are wonderful).

"Next I was given some tests. I didn't mind this a bit for several other applicants were taking them, too. In-



I was interviewed by Mary E. Casey whose friendly manner put me at ease at once. She answered MY questions, too!

NEXT

I was tested, with several other applicants who were applying for jobs on the same day, by Clara J. Burns. She explained the test instructions to us very carefully.



THE CHIEF OPERATOR

Margaret Dooley welcomed me cordially on my first day as an operator in the Dedham Central Office—my home town—and handed me my very own headset.



The girls in the Dedham Office are all very nice to work with and from the first day they've made me feel right at home—as though I belonged. I'm so glad

**I'M WITH THE
TELEPHONE COMPANY!**

structions were carefully explained so we understood how each test was related to telephone employment.

"From my interview with the Induction Placement Supervisor, I learned just what it would be like to be a Telephone Operator—the actual performance of the job from day to day. I liked knowing all about the job ahead of time, and as we talked I felt more and more certain I had found the work I wanted to do.

"My next step was a visit to the Medical Clinic for a physical examination which they explained was advantageous to me as well as to the Company. Here, too, I was made to feel 'at home.' For such a big company, they seemed to give a lot of thought to the welfare of each applicant.

"I guess I must have passed everything for it wasn't long before I was notified that I was going to work for the Telephone Company.

"Going from school to my first big job wasn't hard at all—thanks to the Company's employment procedure. I was happy when I was received so warmly by the Chief Operator and all the girls in the Dedham Central Office. I like working in my own home town—working for my own community. And it's so easy to walk to work, too.

"The greatest thrill of my job comes whenever I answer an 'emergency' call. It's a wonderful feeling when you can help people."

WHY NOT TELL MORE OF YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT PRESENT TELEPHONE JOB OPPORTUNITIES?

Operation Armlift

WATER, tangy with salt or clear and cool, is a genial host to millions each summer, but chameleonlike it can change, exacting its payment of human lives. Realizing this, safety-minded Plant men rushed their people in for training in the new Back Pressure-Arm Lift Method of artificial respiration. In the Metropolitan area, for example, not only did all Plant people learn the new method, but they invited members of all departments, plus policemen, firemen and city officials to the classes. Below, the method's three basic phases are demonstrated by First Aid Instructor W. F. O'Meara.



To a recent Metropolitan class, Instructor O'Meara points out a frequent mistake of students of getting their hands too close to victim's elbows so that their hands slide off.

First Aid Instructor W. F. O'Meara shows proper method with No. Met. Bldg. Maint. Supv. D. J. Murphy as victim. First, he places subject in face down, prone position. Bends his elbows and places his hands one on other. Turns face to one side, placing cheek on hands. He kneels on either knee, facing subject's head, placing knee beside head close to forearm. He may kneel on both knees, one on either side of head. He places his hands on flat of subject's back so that the heels lie just below a line running between armpits. With the tips of his thumbs just touching, he spreads his fingers downward and outward.



In the second phase of the new method, called the compression phase, the operator rocks forward until the arms are approximately vertical and allows the weight of the upper part of his body to exert slow, steady, even pressure downward upon the hands. This forces air out of the lungs. His elbows are kept straight and the pressure is exerted almost directly downward on back.



In the expansion phase, operator releases pressure and commences to rock slowly backward. He places his hands on subject's arms just above elbows. He draws victim's arms upward and toward him, applying enough lift to feel resistance and tension at subject's shoulders. Operator does not bend his elbows, and as he rocks backward subject's arms will be drawn toward him. He then drops the arms to ground, completing full cycle. The arm lift expands chest by pulling on chest muscles, arching back, and relieving weight on chest. Cycle is repeated steadily 12 times a minute with compression and expansion taking equal time and release periods being shorter.



Meeting the President, an important part of every conference: Catherine C. Duggan, Somerville; Mary E. Lonergan, Providence; Ruth E. Fihelly, Brockton; Elizabeth S. Crandall, Portland; Frances S. March, Directory; Vivian I. Cann, Mass. Area; Cecilia A. Hozier, Manchester; Catherine M. Cook, Franklin Street; G. Elaine Graul, Brookline; Barbara J. Gately, Pittsfield; Anna M. Lynch, Directory; George A. Morley, Commercial Operations Engineer; Catherine F. Driscoll, Leader; Joe E. Harrell, President.



Leaders Mary Parrish, Lynn; Catherine Driscoll, Back Bay; Marion Allen, Springfield, are standing. Seated: Rita M. Higgins, Somerville; Hazel Johnson, East Greenwich; Elizabeth Low, Holyoke; Catherine A. Quinn, Directory; Elizabeth E. Lynch, Lawrence; Marguerite A. Daly, Dorchester; Ethel A. Dennis, Directory; Viola R. Giasson, Commercial Operations; Mary B. McKillop, Directory.



Attending a "Working with People in the Commercial Department" conference are: John S. B. Sullivan, Jr., East Boston; Fred E. Gillen, Waltham; Harold L. Hamilton, Woonsocket; Ralph E. Bradbury, White River Junction; Wilbur W. Dunn, Northampton; Carlton T. Hindle, Leader, Providence; Robert H. Butler, Leader, Brookline; Leicester A. Coit, Framingham; Kenneth P. MacPherson, Quincy; John T. Crowley, Gen'l. Com'l. Eng.; Clement F. Delahunt, Providence Pub. Tel. Off.; Joseph E. Burns, Back Bay.



Working with people

A PROGRAM entitled "Working with People in the Commercial Department," involving a series of discussions based on the written-in comments of employees who participated in the Non-Management Survey last fall, has been enthusiastically received by Commercial supervisory people.

This program provides information helpful in the administration of supervisory duties and consists of discussions involving many of the principles of human relations as they apply to the day-to-day job.

Over one hundred managers, business office supervisors and other 1st and 2nd line supervisory people in the Commercial Department have already participated in this program. An additional two hundred supervisory people will participate in discussions scheduled to be resumed in the fall.

As a part of this program arrangements are made for each group of conferees to meet the President and other officers of the Company. As some of the supervisory people may not have had this opportunity this feature has been particularly well received by both management and supervisory representatives.



Charlesworth K. Neilson
Vice President—Revenue Requirements



Frederick A. Cosgrove
Vice President—Personnel

C. K. Neilson Becomes Vice President — Three Operating Areas Established in Massachusetts

CHARLESWORTH K. NEILSON, General Manager—New Hampshire, was elected a Vice President of the Company by the Board of Directors at a meeting on August 19. Mr. Neilson is in charge of the Company's revenue requirements succeeding Vice President Frederick A. Cosgrove who assumed the duties of Vice President—Personnel. Richard J. Davis, Assistant General Manager—New Hampshire, succeeded Mr. Neilson as General Manager—New Hampshire.

The establishment of three new operating areas in Massachusetts was announced by Hugh W. Macdonald, General Manager—Massachusetts. Under the new organization the three operating areas are established as follows: Metropolitan area, comprising the present North and South Metropolitan Divisions; Central area, comprising the present Central Division; Western area, comprising the present Western Division.

A General Superintendent was appointed for each area with responsibility for Commercial, Plant and Traffic operations. William P. Brennan was appointed General Superintendent—Metropolitan; Thomas C. Cochran was appointed General Superintendent—Central; Robert G. Bleakney was appointed General Superintendent—Western.

Mr. Macdonald also announced that David C. Hall was appointed Personnel Supervisor—Massachusetts, and that he will be responsible for Commercial, Plant and Traffic personnel matters. The following will report to Mr. Hall: F. Bradford Faxon, Massachusetts Commercial Personnel Supervisor, and his staff; Aaron Feinberg, Massachusetts Plant Personnel Supervisor, and his staff; Francis J. Thompson, Massachusetts Traffic Personnel Supervisor, and his staff.

Also announced by Mr. Macdonald was the appoint-

ment of George A. Morley as General Supervisor—Massachusetts. He will be responsible for Commercial, Plant and Traffic staff operations for the state.

Elmer F. Ardiffe was appointed Commercial Operations Engineer—Massachusetts. Raymond A. Inglis, Commercial Engineer—Massachusetts, and John J. Carver, Commercial Assistant, report to Mr. Ardiffe, in addition to the present staff heads who formerly reported to the Massachusetts Commercial Supervisor.

Cornelius W. Owens was appointed Plant Operations Engineer—Massachusetts. The present staff heads will continue to report to Mr. Owens.

Gordon C. Joyce was appointed Traffic Operations Engineer—Massachusetts. Carl W. Proctor, Traffic Engineer—Massachusetts, and John Adams, Traffic Results Supervisor—Massachusetts, report to Mr. Joyce, in addition to the present staff heads reporting to him.

Messrs. Ardiffe, Owens and Joyce report directly to the General Supervisor—Massachusetts.

Messrs. Brennan, Cochran, Bleakney, Hall and Morley report directly to the General Manager—Massachusetts.

Herbert J. Montague, Assistant Vice President—Operations, announced the appointment of H. Ray Wilson as Commercial Operations Engineer—General, and the General Directory Department's transfer from the Massachusetts area to Commercial Operations—General. The General Directory Manager reports to the Commercial Operations Engineer—General.

Mr. Montague also announced that the General Equipment Installation Department was transferred from the Massachusetts area to Plant Operations—General. The General Equipment Installation Superintendent now reports to the Plant Operations Engineer—General.



Hugh W. Macdonald
General Manager—Massachusetts



William P. Brennan
General Superintendent—Metropolitan



Thomas C. Cochran
General Superintendent—Central



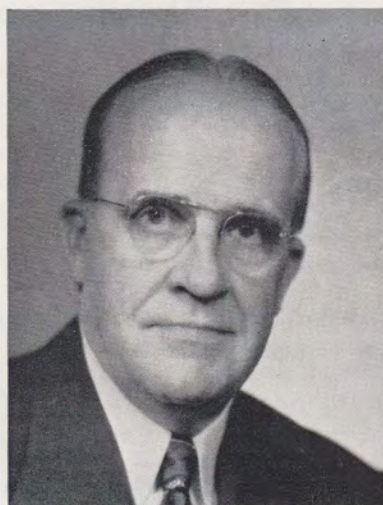
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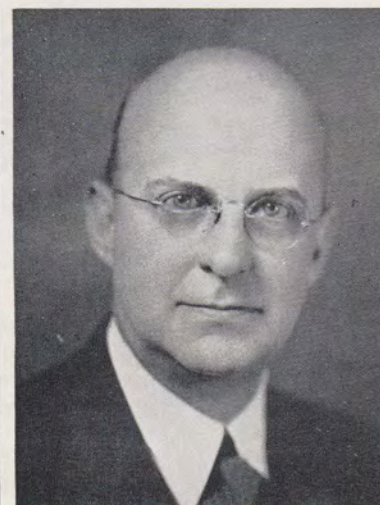
Richard J. Davis
General Manager—New Hampshire



H. Ray Wilson
Commercial Operations Engineer—General



George A. Morley
General Supervisor—Massachusetts



David C. Hall
Personnel Supervisor—Massachusetts



12 If you were going out for the evening and were leaving your child under the care of a baby-sitter, from the safety standpoint, what instructions would you give your baby-sitter?



13 What three safety devices should you have in and around your bathtub to prevent accidents?



14 Assuming the steps and foundation of your stairways have been built according to safe specifications, name the things that are essential to safe use of stairs.

15 Name two reasons why wooden ladders should never be painted.



16 Let us assume that you are going to do some repair work near the roof or side of your house. Can you name the two most important safety precautions to take in placing the ladder against the wall?

How safe is your home?

On these pages are Questions 12 through 16 of American Mutual's Institute for Safer Living 20 question quiz on home safety, which TOPICS has featured in the past three issues. Only a small percentage of the 2,000 home owners interviewed by the Institute knew these answers. How would you score?

12 Only 30.2 per cent of those interviewed answered this question correctly. Numerous tragedies have resulted from the baby-sitter in charge not knowing how to cope with an emergency, not knowing where to turn or where to call, or what to do herself. Sickness of her charges, fire, unwelcome strangers, or accidents are problems which she may have to deal with, so follow these rules:

Leave telephone number where parents can be reached. Leave telephone number and name of family doctor. Leave telephone numbers of police station and fire department. Instruct not to open door to strangers.

13 Too many people fail to realize that the bathtub is a proven source of home accidents, many of them serious. Almost all of these accidents are falls—falls which could have been prevented by the home-owners taking proper precautions. Bathtub bottoms are always slippery, particularly when they are being used for showering. Hence, a rubber non-slip, inside-the-tub mat is most essential. Also, a non-slip mat should be placed outside the tub. Soap at the bottom of the tub creates a serious slipping hazard, one that can be remedied by installing and using a convenient soap dish. A handgrip is not only a convenience, but a “must” if these fall accidents are to be averted. Just 54.4 per cent listed these three safety devices correctly.

14 Five out of ten interviewed by the Institute for Safer Living knew the four basic precautions essential for safety on stairs. (1) Be sure you have proper lighting and switches both at the foot and head of stairs. (2) Don't make your stairways temporary closets. Keep them clear of brooms, sweepers, clothing, books and papers. (3) Always have a good solid handrail and use it at all times going up or down. (4) Scatter rugs at the top or foot of stairs are welcome mats to accidents.

15 It is common practice to paint ladders—in many cases because it makes the ladder look better and second, because it is generally considered to be a preservative for the wood. Painting a ladder is not recommended because paint tends to hide such accident-producing defects as dry rot and splits and also has a tendency to make rungs slippery. The regular use of linseed oil is a better preservative, and makes the ladder safer to use. Only 49 per cent answered this question correctly.

16 The two principal things to remember about placing a ladder are: (1) safe footing, and (2) correct angle with the wall. Seven out of ten answered this question correctly. On soft ground, be sure there is solid footing for both feet of ladder. On a hard surface, tie base of ladder to fixed objects on wall ends of ladder. To obtain correct angles, place feet of ladder $\frac{1}{4}$ of ladder's length from wall. Additional precautions are: (1) do not over-reach; (2) do not climb too high; (3) always face ladder, never away from it, when descending; and (4) be certain the top ends of the side rails are square and secure.

Racing Skippers

THERE'S nothing quite as exhilarating to a true yachtsman as the staccato report and the puff of smoke which marks the start of a race. A number of Company men are weekend and vacation skippers and still others who are retired spend many enjoyable summer hours on lake and ocean. Most of them belong to some one of the fifty member yacht clubs which make up the Massachusetts Bay Yacht Clubs Association which covers the waters from Cape Cod to Ipswich Bay, and boasts a membership of 10,000. Central Division Plant's John E. Murphy is Commodore of this Association and retired Plant man John W. Hendricks is its Treasurer, a member of its Board of Directors, and a Past Commodore. Dist. Traf. Supt. Edward J. Gallagher, of South Metropolitan, is chairman of its Race Committee. All three are Past Commodores of the Commodore's Club of America, Inc. On this page you'll meet a few of the men who find yachting the perfect combination of sport, sociability and relaxation.



Yachts of the Indian Class at the start of a race in Dorchester Bay.



At a recent meeting of a member yacht club, Mass. Bay Association Commodore John E. Murphy goes over the order of business with his fellow Association officers, John W. Hendricks and Edward J. Gallagher.



Looking at Squantum Yacht Club trophies are Ross Reid, Joseph Carven, Mr. Murphy and Alfred Helfrich.



FANTASTIC SERVICE

BUCK ROGERS himself would marvel at some of the fantastic futuristic advancements in telephony recently predicted by a prominent telephone engineer. Dr. Harold S. Osborne, lately retired as Chief Engineer of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, made a tongue-in-cheek forecast that soon pocket video-telephones may be available to the public. With this remarkable gadget a person talking on his own portable telephone would automatically see in a TV-like screen attached to the instrument an image of the party on the other end of the line.

Of course this would prove invaluable in use, for example, in international conferences and other cases where actually seeing the people involved would aid in understanding. But nobody has yet come up with the solution as to what to do when the telephone rings just as you're immersed in a tubful of hot soapy water.


Although such service seems to belong in the same category with rocket trips to the moon, a video-telephone was actually developed by Bell Labs more than 25 years ago. If some company with branches scattered over various parts of a city wanted video-telephone service, it could have it now.

More on the serious side, Dr. Osborne tells that eventually people will be able to dial any number in the country as easily as local numbers are now dialed, with no help from a long distance operator. The number of homes having telephones will increase from 70 to 100%, with many families having two separate lines (especially those with teen-age children).

There will be many more automobiles with telephones that can be connected right into the regular telephone system, as well as more telephones on trains, boats and airplanes.

If there is sufficient demand, there will be a cordless telephone so designed that a housewife can take it with her outdoors while she putters in the garden or relaxes on the lawn. Bell Labs demonstrated an experimental cordless model back in 1940.

Other major developments in communications, particularly in wide band transmission suitable for sending vast amounts of information at high speed, will be forthcoming in the not-too-distant future.



But back to his facetious forecast of the pocket telephone. Dr. Osborne suggested that "whenever a baby is born anywhere in the world, he will be given a number for life. As soon as he can talk, he is given a watch-like device with ten little buttons on one side and a screen on the other. Thus equipped, at any time when he wishes to talk with anyone in the world, he will pull out the device and punch on the keys the number of his friend.

"Then turning the device over, he will hear the voice of his friend and see his face on the screen in color and in three dimensions. If he does not see him and hear him, he will know that the friend is dead."

Sounds fantastic, doesn't it? But remember it wasn't so long ago that people were laughing at the horseless carriage and the flying machine.



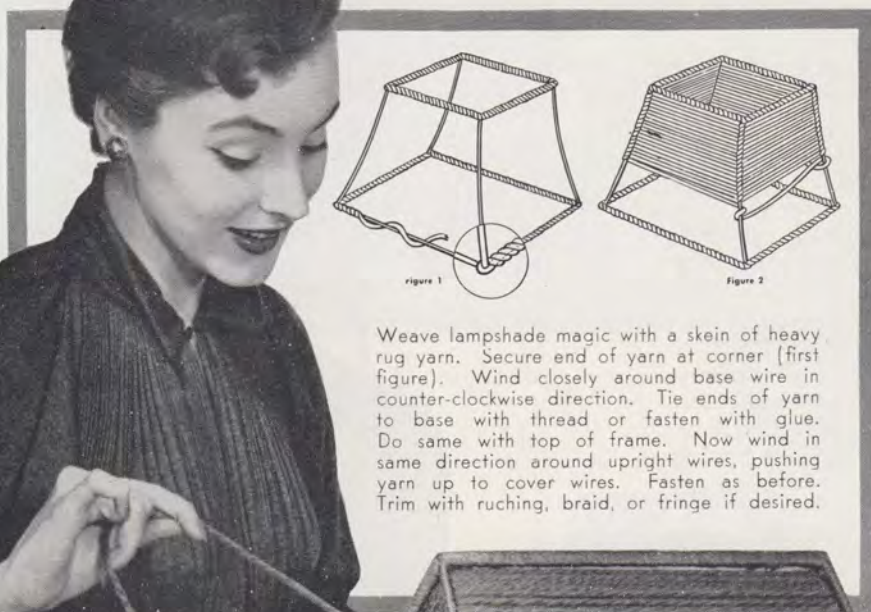
More craft than cash...

THERE'S nothing like fall with its crystal-clear air, its vibrantly alive colors, and its cheerleader enthusiasm. But you'll have to admit that indoors, at least, there sometimes comes out of hiding a certain seediness which the flamboyance of summer was able to disguise but which the mellow richness of fall exposes.

If you think you are powerless to remedy this condition because of vacationitis of the purse, take courage. A lift in home furnishings, as in wardrobe, frequently means the addition of an inexpensive but colorful accessory, often handmade. We suggest a few for you. Practical as well as pretty are the lamp shade and lamp base and the convertible studio couch-sofa which masks one-room living, shown on these pages. Directions for making them are with each picture. You can put color and design underfoot with these two attractive scatter rugs. Instructions are free for them and the polycolor afghan. Just send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to *Topics*, 185 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

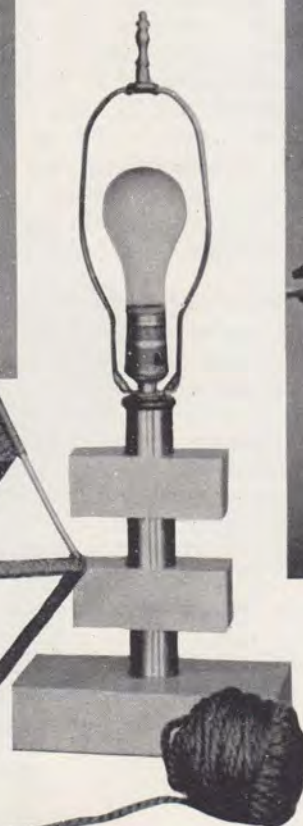


TOP: Shaded roses bloom on the peach center of this green-bordered rug in crochet and cross stitch. ABOVE: Three white cross-stitch kittens in bright pink bows cavort on this blue rug.



Weave lampshade magic with a skein of heavy rug yarn. Secure end of yarn at corner (first figure). Wind closely around base wire in counter-clockwise direction. Tie ends of yarn to base with thread or fasten with glue. Do same with top of frame. Now wind in same direction around upright wires, pushing yarn up to cover wires. Fasten as before. Trim with ruching, braid, or fringe if desired.

Rainbow colors glow in this lovely colonial crocheted afghan with its varicolored blocks bordered in black wool.



This homemade lamp with a decorator's touch is yours for only some time, two tall juice cans, a socket and cord, a roll of masking tape, a can of self-setting clay which art supply stores carry, and a lamp shade. Remove one end of each can, poke a hole to hold the socket in middle of the top end, punch another near base of bottom can to run the cord through. Next tape cans together and mold clay around. A design may be worked in the moist clay, finished to a rough or smooth texture. Molding dries overnight without baking and can be painted.



Lick the bugaboo of studio living room day beds with no back rests and too deep seating space with smart L-shaped bolsters covered to match studio bed. Get sheets of latex rubber and hogs hair in 4" thickness from upholstery shop. Cut 4 L-shaped sheets to measure (2 thicknesses for each bolster). Cover filler with permanent canvas or heavy muslin. Slip cover.

On New Assignments



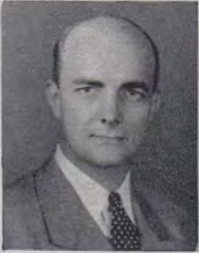
Francis P. Bishop
from General Separations Accountant to Accounting Personnel Supv., Gen. Acctg.



Arthur R. Bonzagni
from Directory Advertising Salesman to Directory Sales Assistant, Gen. Directory



John L. Breed
from Staff Asst.—Construction to Construction Supervisor—Northern Area—N.H.



Madison B. Cole
from Mass. Step-by-Step Engineer to Traffic Expense & Force Supv., N.H. Tr.



George W. Crosby
from Toll Testman, Mass. Plant, to Sr. Eng., Toll Switchboard Equip. Engineering Gp.



Robert H. Douglas
from Staff Accountant, to Accounting Supervisor—New Hampshire



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Robert A. Field
from Cen. Off. Power Repairman to Senior Engineer, Power Equip. & Main. Eng. Group



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from Staff Assistant, Outside Pl. Main., to Wire Chief, Rockland, Maine



Frances I. Graben
from Commercial Instructor to Business Office Supervisor, Providence, R. I.



Ralph G. Griffin
from Acctg. Supervisor—N. H., to Accounting Results Supv., Gen. Acctg.



Alvah E. Hill
from Wire Chief, Presque Isle, Me., to Supervising Service Foreman, Portland, Me.



Nelson C. Hoxsie
from Cen. Div. Com'l Results Supervisor to Cen. Div. Com'l Methods Supervisor



John P. Hyland
from Rev. Acctg. Supt.—Metropolitan, to Disbursement Acctg. Supt.—Massachusetts



Maurice W. Isbell
from Mass. Disbursement Acctg. Group to Dist. Study Eng. Gp., Engineering Dept.



Dana A. Jordan
from Manager, Waterville, Maine, to Customer Relations Supv., Com. Operations, Me.



Theodore W. Lacey
from Traffic Mgr., Brockton, Mass., to Force & Toll Supv.—Maine Area



Geo. F. Lawton, Jr.
from Communications Eng., R. I., to Manager, St. Johnsbury, Vermont



Richard T. Martell
from Manager, Berlin, New Hampshire, to Manager, Manchester, New Hampshire



Elliott R. Perkins
from Senior Engineer to Protection Engineer, Engineering Department



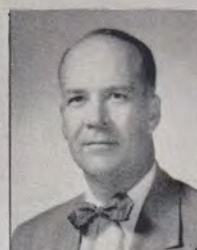
Everett H. Rowe
from Splicing Foreman to Supervising Splicing Foreman, So. Met. Div. Plant



Donald J. F. Sabin
from Accounting Personnel Supv. to Mach. Acctg. Methods Supv., Gen. Acctg.



Dana P. Sidelinger
from Supervising Asst., Commercial Operations, to Mgr., Calais, Maine



Marcus G. Steele
from Gen'l Staff Asst.—Toll Service, to Radiotelephone & Television Supv., Pl. Op.



W. H. Thomae
from Staff Assistant to General Accounting Supervisor, General Accounting



F. G. Waldron, Jr.
from Toll Service Engineer to Senior Toll Service Engineer, Plant Operations



Albion K. Wallace
from Supv. Service Foreman, Portland, to Maintenance Supv., Eastern Area, Maine

ON ACTIVE DUTY

Snatches from letters . . .

"I certainly miss the telephone work and hope to transfer to that type of work in the Air Force," writes Capt. Ralph M. Davis, stationed at Denver, Colo. "I am in what is known as Combat Pipeline in which we fly long missions. This new Air Force is a great deal different from what it was like when I left it in 1945. I'll be here until the 16th and then I go down to San Antonio for further training. . . ." Captain Davis makes his home in Chicopee Falls, and is a C.O. Repairman in Western Mass. Plant.

Lt. Charles C. Easton of Metropolitan Revenue Accounting wrote to us recently—"I have just graduated from the Signal Corps Officer Candidate School at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and am scheduled to report to Camp Stoneman, Calif., on August 28 for subsequent shipment to Hq. and Hq. Co., ASA Pacific, 8621st AAU, Tokyo, Japan. . . ."

Seaman 1st Class Daniel J. Doherty writes from Suda Bay, Crete, where he is on duty with the 6th Fleet, saying, "Each month without fail I receive the latest issue of *Topics*. Being so far away, it's good to keep in close contact with the latest news of the Company, and to know I've been remembered during my military leave of absence. . . ." Doherty is from Metropolitan Plant.



THE SWITCHBOARD shown above "is operated by Korean girls and very few of them speak good English," writes Capt. L. E. Beal, Maine Installer-Repairman, now with the Army overseas. "We have over a hundred operators and frame people here. We have some difficulty with the Korean operators; four digit numbers sometimes get them confused, but the Army people realize it takes time to train them and we have had few complaints. This is a 30-position, 2,000-line board including A and B testboard and information desk. This has been a great opportunity for me to learn the traffic end of the business—the hard way. . . ."



MARJORIE E. MacGREGOR, Operator from Fairfield, Me., is shown in front of the WAVES Barracks in Norfolk, Virginia, where she is now stationed.



WAF MARGARET L. O'LEARY, Operator from East Providence, joined the U. S. Air Force in April and is now stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas.



SEAMAN RECRUIT JUNE JURA left for service with the WAVES July 9. June, who is from Adams, Mass., Traffic, is now stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland.



WAF JOAN H. SMITH, Operator from Attleboro, is stationed at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tex. Joan left for duty with the U. S. Air Force in April.



PVT. EDWARD F. DRISCOLL, Gen. Rev. Acct., left for service with the Army on June 30. Driscoll, who makes his home in Waltham, is now at Fort Dix, N. J.



LT. EDWARD A. SALTMARSH, N. H. Plant, was recalled to the Air Force in Aug., 1951. He is now a Radar Instructor at James Connally AFB at Waco, Tex.

FIVE TELEPHONE MEN are shown in the foreground below in the parade held in Baltimore, Md., celebrating the 18th Annual National Convention of Catholic War Vets. They are: Capt. F. D'Allesandro, Providence Plant; Capt. H. T. Barker, Met. Plant Eng.; Maj. C. Curran, Supply Dept., Watertown; 1st Lt. W. C. Ames, Met. Plant; and Lt. Col. M. McCormick, Personnel Department—Providence, who is their battalion commander.



Service Anniversaries



Charles E. Ballou, Vt. Pl., 30



Robert F. Brown, Me. Pl., 35



Edw. J. Kelley, Gen. Acctg., 30



V. P. Mather, No. Met. Tr., 25



K. A. Richardson, N. H. Pl., 40



R. D. Carleton, N. H. Pl., 30



Clarence H. Adams, Vt. Pl., 40



Elmer F. Ardoff, Gen. Com'l., 30



S. F. Sullivan, So. Met. Pl., 45



J. V. Moylan, No. Met. Pl., 30



Robt. E. Marland, Cen. Pl., 30



F. D. Leary, Cen. Pl., 30



Abraham Stern, Eng. Dept., 45



T. F. Moore, Eng. Dept., 40



E. L. Littlefield, Eng. Dept., 30



Helen K. Tarr, Maine Traffic, 35



Mary C. Sullivan, Me. Traffic, 35



W. Parkinson, L. McCarthy,
West. Div. Plant, 30

Frank H. Wilson, Mass. Tr., 45

H. Darling, F. Brown,
J. McIntosh, West. Div. Pl., 40

John MacDougall, No. Met. Pl., 30

C. R. Caffray, No. Met. Pl., 40





W. O'Brien, Jr., So. Met. Pl., 30



R. E. Walker, Maine Plant, 40



H. E. Cummings, Maine Pl., 30



Daniel Punch, West. Plant, 30



B. J. Starr, Gen. Acctg., 30



L. H. Campbell, West. Tr., 35



F. V. Gale, R. K. Dicker,
West. Div. Plant, 40



Henry E. Keane, COEI, 35



William H. Edgar, COEI, 40



Leonard Morrissey, Ex. Dept., 30



G. A. Furber, N. H. Traffic, 35



Jonathan T. King, Cen. Pl., 30



Robert W. Osgood, Cen. Pl., 30



F. E. Hanson, Cen. Tr., 25



R. A. O'Sullivan, Cen. Com'l., 40



Sarah Nichols, Cen. Tr., 30



Geo. A. Ingalls, Eng. Dept., 30



C. F. McCabe, Parkway Tr., 35



Mary V. Hourihan, So. Met. Tr., 30



C. Dennehy, So. Met. Tr., 35



Mary M. Sheehan, Cen. Pl., 25



Arthur McClure, Mass. Tr., 40



K. D. Rollins, Com. Op., 25



John Sheehan, Mass. Plant, 30

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Bridal Shower

Rita Marie McLaughlin, of the General Separations Group, was tendered a surprise shower July 24 at the Town House in honor of her marriage to John J. Gallagher. An old-fashioned bouquet of money was presented to her by her many friends and associates. Rita was married in a televised ceremony August 23.

Married in Milton

Best wishes also extended to Joanne Bowen of the Secretary's Office who became the bride of Robert Kaler of Milton at a 10:00 nuptial mass in St. Mary of the Hills Church, Milton, on June 7. The reception was held at the Country Fair in Hingham. After a honeymoon at Sea Island, Ga., the couple left for Norfolk, Va., where Mr. Kaler is serving in the U. S. Navy.

Prelash

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is driven by the forward motion of the strand against the driving wheels as the lashed cable and strand are pulled into line by the winch.

In previous attempts to place cable and strand simultaneously, no means had been found to control the twisting of the cable and strand assembly. The anti-twister now in use consists of a series of hanging weights mounted between parallel side plates. Since the weights are hinged at the top they rotate around this hinge and into the space between the plates so that the anti-twist effect is maintained even though each weight is in turn temporarily inoperative as it is forced to its closed position in passing over the roller block. Special roller blocks have been designed for use at inside and outside corners as well as for use on straight line sections. A special strand shifting tool was developed to facilitate the transfer of the lashed cable and strand from the roller blocks to the permanent attachment on the through bolt.



FAREWELL PARTY

Shirleyann H. Gori of the Public Relations Dept. was honored July 21 at a party held at

the Hotel Bradford Circus Room. Shirley left the Company to join her husband, Francis, who is stationed with the Army in San Antonio, Tex. She was presented a gift by her office friends.

Engineering Newcomers

Five new employees have joined the Engineering group. John D. Churchill is now on the staff of the Engineering Dept. and has been assigned to the office of the Buildings Engineer. Delbert L. Emery has been assigned to the Engineering Dept. in the office of the Outside Plant Engineer. John A. Lawlor has joined the staff of the Engineering Dept. and has been assigned to the office of the Plant Extension Engineer. William F. McGinty has been assigned to the office of the Construction Program Engineer, and Edwin F. Tarbox is now assigned to the office of the Inventory and Cost Engineer.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sheldon on the birth of a son, Robert George, born August 4. Mrs. Sheldon is the former Lois Beals of General Traffic, and Mr. Sheldon is in Personnel.

Anniversary

Clarke A. Phillips, of the Special Studies Section, recently celebrated his thirty-fifth service anniversary. Mr. Phillips received a gift of luggage and many well wishes from his friends.

Gen. Acctg. Steno. News

Best wishes are extended Bernadette A. Crimmins of the Gen. Acctg. Stenographic Division upon her marriage to Lawrence P. Houde which took place on August 23.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNamara have announced the birth of a daughter, Donna Marie, on July 15. Mrs. McNamara was the former Glenna Maling of the Gen. Acctg. Stenographic Div.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sullivan announce the birth of a daughter, Joanne Marie, on July 17. Mrs. Sullivan is the former Marilyn Mehigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pickett announce the birth of a daughter on August 11. Mrs. Pickett is the former Mary C. Feeley of the Gen. Acctg. Steno. Div.

Wedding

Best wishes are extended to Eileen Cotter of the General Traffic Operations Engineering Dept., who recently became the bride of Floyd J. Rozmyslowicz, E.M. 3, USN. After a brief honeymoon Mr. Rozmyslowicz was sent to Japan with the Navy.

Stork News

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Thomas are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Raymond Paul, Jr., born August 8. Mr. Thomas is in the Special Studies Section.

In MEMORIAM

HARRISON R. ANTHONY of the Plant Dept., Salem, Mass. Died July 16.
 ERNEST E. COAR of the Plant Dept., Brockton, Mass. Died July 21.
 FRED R. CRONIN of the Plant Dept., Boston. Died July 29.
 CHARLES H. DANFORTH, formerly of the Plant Dept., Boston. Died Aug. 11.
 THERESA L. DELEHANTY of the Plant Dept., Boston. Died Aug. 4.
 DANIEL T. FALVEY of the Plant Dept., Boston. Died July 24.
 HENRY T. GEARY, formerly of the Comm. Dept., Plymouth, Mass. Died Aug. 9.
 CORNELIUS R. HAGGERTY of the Plant Dept., Boston. Died Aug. 4.
 MARY L. HARRINGTON, formerly of the Comm. Dept., Providence, R. I. Died July 21.
 WILLIAM F. LANGAN, formerly of the Plant Dept., Springfield, Mass. Died Aug. 10.
 THEODORE D. MONROE of the Plant Dept., Belfast, Me. Died July 14.
 ALBERT MOREY of the Traffic Dept., Fairfield, Vt. Died Aug. 5.
 MARY E. MURRAY of the Traffic Dept., Beverly, Mass. Died July 11.
 ELBRIDGE B. ROSS, formerly of the Plant Dept., Boston. Died Aug. 5.
 BEATRICE J. SWEET, formerly of the Traffic Dept., No. Adams, Mass. Died July 13.
 RICHARD H. WILDER, formerly of the Plant Dept., Manchester, N. H. Died July 31.
 WILLIAM E. WING of the Plant Dept., Marlboro, Mass. Died July 9.
 FUGE W. WOODWARD, formerly of the Plant Dept., Boston. Died July 22.

Equipment Installation

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Harold B. Smith



WORK AT OXFORD

Foreman F. A. Croken of the Springfield area and his equip. inst. crew are presently engaged in the installation of a community dial system at Oxford. Provisions have been made for the initial installation of 855 lines and 1396 main stations. Above is the force of in-

stallers. Front row: D. W. Downie, A. F. Gulas, J. H. Almquist, T. F. Smith, R. E. Boorum and D. E. Putney. Middle row: E. E. White, J. C. O'Brien, E. G. Wing, W. F. Gilluly and E. J. Brophy, Jr. Rear row: T. S. Knapp, Jr., F. E. Slattery, E. Woods, R. J. Tibbo and F. A. Croken.



G. E. WINCHESTER RETIRES

Over 125 friends and associates of George E. Winchester gathered at the Frohinn Club in Shrewsbury, on July 10, to honor him on the occasion of his forthcoming retirement after over 46 years of telephone service. George was presented a scroll and purse of money by C. J.

Berry, Supervising E. I. Foreman of Worcester. Seated at the head table are: H. J. Hebert (formerly E. I. Supervisor of Installation and now retired); A. Beswick, E. I. Superintendent; C. G. Lindberg, Mr. Winchester, Mrs. Winchester, Mrs. Berry, C. J. Berry, Supervising E. I. Foreman, and W. R. Nygren.

Attempts Rescue in Storm

When the sudden hurricane-like storm hit Salem, Acting Equipment Foreman Joseph B. Harrington could see from his home near Salem Willows Pier that several small boats were foundering in the wild surf, dipping the occupants into the sea. He quickly put out in his small boat and attempted to rescue survivors. Nearby fishermen brought most of the boats to safety.

New Projects Started

Work has been started on the following projects: Community type dial offices at New Boston, North Reading, North Wilbraham, Oxford, Southbridge and West Boylston; a No. 1 SxS dial and 3 C L toll office at Augusta, Me.; a No. 356A type office at Eddington, Me.; and a 355A community dial office at Bristol, N. H.

New Ratings Granted

The following Equipment Installers qualified for new ratings recently: Robert C. McDermott, Kenneth E. Bandera, Charles J. Mahoney, Sprague S. Baker, John J. Groark, James N. Fay, Frederick P. Sullivan, Robert B. Jones, Robert A. Mills and George F. Cokeley, Crossbar, Class "B"; William L. Cantrell, Panel, Class "B"; Clifton J. Anderson, Powerman, Class "B"; John F. Murphy, Donald F. Sewall, Austin J. Nerney, Robert J. Conley and Robert W. Gorman, Crossbar, Class "A"; Donald C. Keating, Raymond E. Wescott, Step-by-Step Class "A"; J. L. Flynn, Jr., and E. Paul Berkeley, Jr., Manual Class "A"; Joseph J. Chapin, Crossbar Testman; John J. Ploski and John J. Lyons, Step-by-Step Testman.

An old man's cow got loose, visited a neighbor's still, and ate so much sour mash that she died. The old man put in a claim against the neighbor for the cost of the cow.

"I'll never pay it," said the neighbor. "My mash didn't kill your cow. She gave eggnog and you milked her to death."

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Teacher asked all the children to write down the name of their favorite hymn.

Everyone wrote except little Mary.

"Come on, Mary, write it down," coaxed teacher.

So little Mary blushing wrote, "Johnny Brown."

NO. READING TO CONVERT

The present magneto switchboard at North Reading will soon be replaced by a new No. 355A type community dial office. The installation was started in June and is currently scheduled for conversion to dial in October of this year. Extended area service is being provided to Reading. Equipment is being installed initially to permit direct dialing into North Reading by operators at Reading and Malden. The remaining Boston offices will route North Reading calls through Sender Tandem. Inward toll calls will pass through the No. 4 Crossbar Office at Franklin Street. Pictured at right: Equipment Installation force who are presently installing new dial office at North Reading. Front row: M. E. Drinkwater, Foreman, R. D. Collins and J. Higson. Rear row: J. J. Dennis, V. S. Phillips, G. W. Alywin, Jr., and F. E. Smith, Jr.



Newcomers

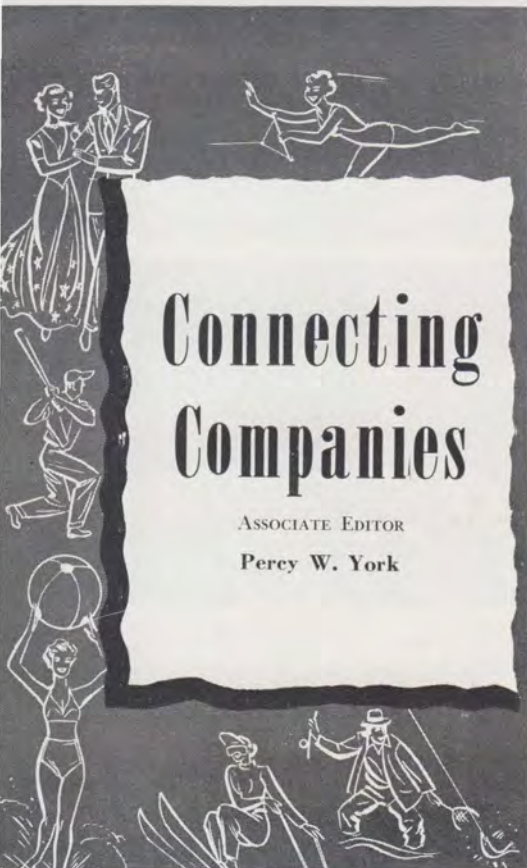
The Planning group welcomes Marie T. O'Hearn, formerly of the Accounting Department, and Ruth A. D'Entremont. The Personnel Office extends a warm welcome to Rena Cheskelovitz.

"So you lost your best friend. I'm so sorry. How did it happen?"

"He was keelt by a weasel."

"Killed by a weasel? That's very unusual. How did it happen?"

"Is driving a hotomobil. Is comeeng to a railroad crossing. Deedn't hear no weasel."



Connecting Companies

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SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

At an informal gathering of her associate Supervisors, Helen M. Pendleton of the Westerly Automatic Telephone Company received her

twenty-five-year service pin from Edythe M. Smith, Chief Operator. Left to right: Grace R. Gingerella, Supv.; Miss Pendleton; Edythe M. Smith, Ch. Op.; M. Deborah Hoxsie, Supv.

Service Anniversary

Flora Hewins was tendered a surprise party recently in honor of her 25 years of service as Operator with the Leeds Telephone Association of No. Leeds, Me. Raleigh Knapp, President, presented Mrs. Hewins a wrist watch and a piece of crockery. Subscribers sent refreshments and gifts to the party.

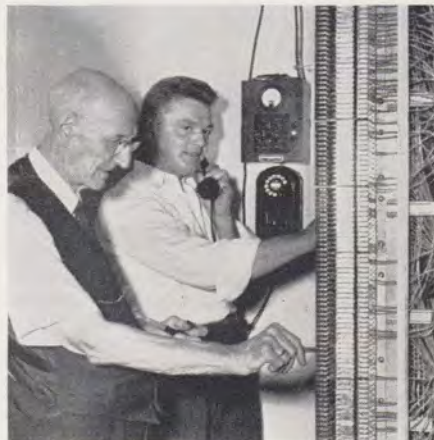


SOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTS PRESIDENT

Elmer L. Cushman, President and General Manager of the Westerly Automatic Telephone Company, was elected President of the South County Council, Alexander Graham Bell Chapter No. 40, Telephone Pioneers of America, at the annual dinner-meeting held recently at Greenhaven Inn, Lower Pawcatuck, Conn. Mr. Cushman has also been re-elected Vice President of the R. I. Council of Chambers of Comm.

BRISTOL CONVERTED TO DIAL

F. Harding Chessmore, President of the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company, assisted Michael J. Mack, Manager, in making the final tests in preparation for the conversion of Bristol, Vt., to dial operation on August 13. This is the second office to be converted by this company, and it is planned to continue with the Charlotte and Richmond exchanges to make the company entirely dial. The new Bristol office serves about 700 telephones and is the largest exchange of the company. A complete new cable plant was placed and the open wire line reconditioned previous to the installation of an Automatic Electric Company Type 11 MAX equipped with 250 lines.



New Hampshire

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SERVICE RESTORED

A serious cable break, caused when a power shovel working on a road culvert repair job snapped the toll cable, was efficiently and quickly repaired in Franklin, N. H., and service was restored on 139 circuits between Franklin and White River Jct., Vt. Left to right in the photo: William A. Parsons, Journeyman Splicer; Lyman W. McKee, Journeyman Splicer; Francis O. Abbott, Cable Splicer's Helper; and (back to) Richard C. Sibley, Cable Splicer's Helper.



SALEM CUTOVER

The new dial telephone system for Salem, N. H., was cut into service June 27. Manager Alonzo J. Ward of the Nashua-Salem area stated that the new extended area service now means that all calls between South Salem and Lawrence and Salem, N. H., may be made on a local basis without toll charges, thus eliminating toll charges either way. The fire and police chiefs, the selectmen from the town and the press

were invited to a preview of the dial system. Left: The first call was made over the new system between William T. Barron, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to Leonard Peever, State Legislator and owner of Peever's Drug Store. Center: The line crew—Jack Molloy, Stanley Polinski, Harry Peters and Foreman Frank Smith. Right: The cutover crew (front row): Frank Farwell, Charles Maillette, Paul McGuire and Foreman Richard Somes; (back row): Leon French, Hal Eaton and Paul Caswell.

Pass Exams

The following New Hampshire Plant men have passed examinations. Station "A": Alfred T. Sears, Andrew J. Tiernan, Leon A. Baribeau, Edward L. Hogan, Raymond Dost, Donald G. Lambert, Francis Brouillard, Joseph Leary. Service Head Lineman: Thomas W. Tighe, Joseph J. Pierce. C.O. Repairman Man. "B": James B. Doherty, Thomas J. Moore, Jr. C.O. Repairman Man. "A": Joseph E. Dow, Francis D. Roche. Facilities Assigner: Robert E. Smith. Toll Tester "B": Richard J. Noyes, Francis A. Rennick. PBX: George E. Randall. Switchman: Irwin W. Moran, Jr., Malcolm A. Remick. Installer-Repairman: Leonard D. Storer, Gordon S. Baker, John C. Barker. C.O. Repairman Dial "A": Leonard E. Basinski. Cable Splicer: Robert B. Reid.

Transfer

Dorothy Matsis transferred recently to the Portsmouth Office from Nashua Traffic.

Wedding

Dolores Maynard of the Manchester Payroll Office became the bride of Paul Simoneau of Nashua, N. H., on August 9, at St. Hedwidge Church in Manchester. A breakfast and reception followed the ceremony at the Pulaski Club. The couple will make their home in Nashua.

Engagements

Virginia Faucher of the Manchester Revenue Accounting Office recently became engaged to Don W. Smiley of Detroit, Mich. Irene Linehan of the Manchester Disbursement Office recently became engaged to David Tullgren of Manchester. Eileen Larrabee of the Manchester Disbursement Office recently become engaged to Paul Akmakjian of Salem, N. H.

New Students

New students in the Portsmouth Office are Janet Makin and Beverly White.

Laconia Traffic

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewens are the parents of a baby girl born June 28 at Laconia. Nancy Wool, Laconia Traffic, became engaged to David A. Hansen, Jr., of Waltham, Mass. An October wedding is planned.

Pass Exams

The following N. H. Area Plant men have passed examinations for rating: W. E. Drew, F. M. Monahan, W. F. Heckman, D. P. Kimball, P. A. Golden, Lineman; E. L. Walker, S. R. Kenney, L. D. Gove, Line Foreman; A. J. Winkler, Local Testman (Partial); L. H. Stayer, R. B. Davis, F. Farwell, C.O. Rep. SxS "B"; C. V. Carey, D. J. MacDonald, Switchman; G. F. Curtis, C. R. Beauchamp, Line Assigner; K. E. Goode, Jr., I. R. Brewster, B. A. Hazelton, S. L. Towle, W. F. Snow, T. J. McCarthy, W. M. Hand, D. A. McMaster, D. J. McAtavey, C. R. Beauchamp, C. W. Fitz, Jr., G. J. Dorr, G. F. Curtis, W. L. Cronin, G. P. Fay, C. S. Boyd, W. H. Goodwin, Station "A"; S. E. Brown, W. S. Pine, Toll Testman; W. F. Heckman, Inst-Rep.; W. F. Heckman, R. F. Lassonde, C. R. Beauchamp, K. F. Underwood, Jr., W. E. Sidney, Service Head Lineman; W. E. Sidney, C. R. Beauchamp, R. P. Berry, Local Testman; R. S. Gage, C.O. Rep. Man. "A"; R. Morin, C.O. Rep. Man. "B" & "A"; B. P. Duff, C.O. Rep. Man. "B"; L. E. Keating, PBX.

Portsmouth Traffic News

Constance Sweeney, an Operator in the Portsmouth Traffic. She and her husband of William Barrett, USN, on June 21 at the Naval Base chapel.

Priscilla Morton of Rye, N. H., an Operator in Portsmouth Traffic, recently became engaged to Robert Cilley of Manchester, N. H. Mr. Cilley is formerly of Portsmouth.

Beverly White of Portsmouth Traffic recently became engaged to Frederick Matthews of Portsmouth, N. H.

Alberta LaLancette, an Operator in Portsmouth, married Fred Ward of Portsmouth August 2.

Rita St. Germain recently resigned from Portsmouth Traffic. She and her husband will take up residence in Connecticut.

Bette Cole, an Operator, recently resigned.

Recently in Portsmouth, N. H., 13 of the operators donated blood for the blood bank.



MR. VARRELL RETIRES

G. Walter Varrell, Laconia, N. H., who will officially retire as a Senior Testman on October 1, was honored at a retirement party given by his fellow workers at Tardif Park Community House. Arthur O. Sibson, Wire Chief, acted as M.C. and introduced several speakers who paid tribute to Mr. Varrell's outstanding record of 47 years' service to the Company. Certifi-

cates and purses of money were presented him. Standing: Donald V. McHugh, Past Pres. N. H. Pioneers; Samuel Crown, Plant Supt.; Arthur Sibson; Harold M. Robinson, Personnel Supv., N. H.; Mr. Varrell; Philip J. Coyne, Pres. Local 20, IBTW; David Smith, Bldg. Foreman; Thomas A. McCabe, retired; Calvin C. Seavey, Pres. N. H. Tel. Workers' Credit Union. Seated: Mrs. Crown, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Varrell, Mrs. Seavey and Mrs. Smith.



PLACE IN THE SUN

A picture of some Portsmouth telephone operators and a friend taken recently at Wallis Sands beach. Front row, left to right: Mary A. Roth, Theresa Harvey, both Operators, and Frances Smith, a Supervisor. Back row: Priscilla Carroll, an Operator, and Dee Amazeen. Theresa Harvey was runner-up in the Miss New Hampshire contest held recently in Manchester, N. H.

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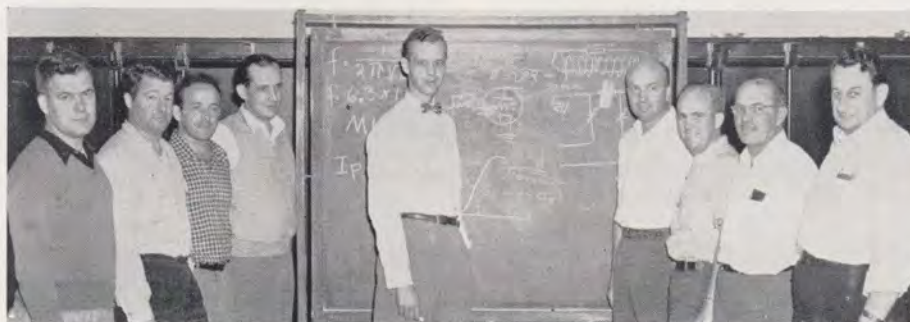
Mary Downey has been appointed Business Office Supervisor of the Manchester Business Office. Miss Downey replaces Eleanor C. Purcell who resigned to take up household duties. Miss Downey was formerly Relief Observer in the Metropolitan area.

A party was held at the Manchester Country Club, April 22, for Eleanor C. Purcell on her retirement. Mrs. Purcell, Business Office Supervisor, Manchester, is retiring to take up household duties. The honor guest was presented a lovely navy calf bag, along with a corsage of cymbidium orchids.

Bertha M. Haugrud, Training Supervisor, Northern area, was acting Business Office Supervisor until June 30, when Mary Downey assumed her new duties as Business Office Supervisor.

Announcement is made of the birth of Linda Jean Gello, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Phillip Gello, Brunswick, Me. Mrs. Gello, formerly Dorothy Demers, was formerly Teller in the Manchester Business Office.

Shirley H. Snow is acting as Teller in the Manchester Business Office during the vacation period. Mrs. Snow, the former Shirley Handyside, had been with the Company for four years prior to her marriage in 1946.



DANCE COMMITTEE

Above are the committee members who planned for the dinner-dance held June 28 at the Manchester Country Club by Manchester Traffic. Seated are Lorraine Montplaisir, Cecile Savoie and Marion Shakra. Standing are Rose Trovati, Susan Warner, Kathleen Padden and Helen Czech.



HERE COMES THE BRIDE!

A kitchen shower was held July 8 for Claremont Operator Thelma Perras. A mock wedding was performed, with Victoria Bailer as the bride, Lucille Buswell as the groom and Barbara Whitcomb as the sheriff. Miss Perras became the bride of Robert Tufts Parker on July 26.

Nashua Commercial News

The Nashua Business Office is happy to welcome Bess Pappathan, who will be Service Order Writer and Teller. Miss Pappathan is a transfer from the Traffic Department in Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent L. Cormier became the proud parents of a baby boy, Jay Vincent, on April 7. Mrs. Cormier is the former Natalie Duchesneau, who was employed as a Service Representative in the Nashua Business Office.

Blood Bank

For the month of July ten operators in the Portsmouth Office donated blood for the Bloodmobile.

RADIO SCHOOL

A radio license school was conducted at Laconia, N. H. The members of the class were B. A. Hazelton, Lebanon; C. R. Campbell, Keene; Seth F. Hunt, Dover; John N. Lanigan, Concord; J. A. Twombly, Instructor; H. F. Wood, Laconia; L. F. Lizotte, Keene; H. J. Bousquet, Center Ossipee; A. J. Winkler, Laconia.

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MARRIED IN N. Y.

Mrs. Guy P. Gannett (seated), the former

Permelia Wells, Maine Accounting, admires gifts presented by her co-workers prior to her marriage in New York City.



J. T. MURPHY TRANSFERRED

At a party at the Bangor, Me., Country Club James T. Murphy was honored on his transfer

from Switchman at Bangor to Supervising Switchman at Augusta. He was presented a gift by his associates.



BLOOD FOR KOREA

The visit of the Bloodmobile to Lewiston, Me., on August 7 saw 18 employees donate blood

for the Armed Services. Similar donating groups in 5 offices of the Western area also gave blood during August.



LEGION PARADE

The Maine American Legion Convention was held at Old Orchard Beach this year. Approximately 7,000 people attended the gathering, the highlight of which was a parade, headed by the Sacred Heart Drum and Bugle Corps, which is sponsored by the Bell Post. The unit received first prize for appearance and was led by Robert Seymour, a member of the Bell Post and Cumberland County Council Commander.



CARRIER SCHOOL

An OBI Carrier school was recently conducted in Bangor, Me. Above are those attending. Left to right: Harold F. Haines, Calais; Harry R. Learson, Portland, Instructor; Edward G. Frye, Calais; Albert E. McKenney, Bangor; Paul W. Pomroy, Bangor; Hugh C. Nutter, Bangor.

Newcomers

Newcomers being welcomed to the Rockland, Me., Traffic Department are Carol Kent, Jeannine Leach, Betty Knowlton, Christine Cavarson, Janice Stanley, Alice Caven, Patricia Bisbee, Vivian Burpee and Marilyn Harrison.

Infanting

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Stone became the parents of a baby girl, Valarie Sue. She was born at the C. M. G. Hospital on July 11. Mr. Stone is from Mechanic Falls, Me., and is a Service Head Lineman in Lewiston.



U. OF MAINE CUTOVER

On July 10 the manual PBX at the University of Maine was cut over to a 740E dial PBX, with 170 lines and 271 stations. The new equipment was installed by the C.O.E.I. Dept. under the supervision of Dwight Ingraham. Charles Genthner was the Installer in charge, assisted by Harcourt Rousseau, and other C.O.E.I. men. Outside work of changing subscriber station equipment was in charge of Clyde A. Richards, Service Foreman. Details of the job were handled by Paul

A. Sawyer, PBX Foreman. Photo one: At the switchboard are Hazel Wright, PBX Instructor; Eleanor Linnenburger, Operator; and Mildred Willett, Ch. Op. at the University. Photo two: A group picture of those who worked on the conversion. Three: Dean Arthur L. Deering receives first call. Left to right: Clyde Richards, the Dean, Paul Sawyer. Four: U. of M. Pres. Arthur A. Hauck makes the first call. Standing are: Prescott Vose, Comptroller; Henry L. Doten, Bus. Mgr.; Earl R. McLellan, Wire Chief; and Earl L. Merriman, Mgr.



DOUBLE SHOWER

Two brides-to-be, both of Biddeford Commercial, were honored by their co-workers at a dinner at the House on the Hill in Kennebunkport. The guests of honor were Mary Vibert, who married Gordon R. Pendleton of Saco on August 16, and Dorothy Webb, who married

Lawrence Quimby of Lewiston on August 30. Left to right above: (seated) Linda S. McGuire, Mildred Booth, Mary Vibert Pendleton, Dorothy Webb Quimby, Martha Guerin, Irene Langevin. Standing: Adellita McKeen, Mary McGrath, Alice Terrault, J. P. Marcous, Mrs. Marcous.



PULCHRITUDINOUS

The Dennis Bell Post, American Legion, and the Post Auxiliary in Portland, recently held a cabaret and fashion show. The pulchritudinous male models shown above are: Ralph H. Dunton, Albert H. Kilgore, Fred M. Neuts, Richard B. Pease.

Ratings Granted

The following Maine Plant men have been granted ratings: Station "A" (exam only)—Henry R. Lyon, Paul F. Thurlow; Station "A"—Kenneth H. Bean, Kenneth J. Duncan, Jr., Francis A. Lutick, William J. Theriault, George W. Lever, Jr.; Facilities Assigner—Richard L. Main, Raymond E. Blethen, Chase M. Libby; Toll Testman—Paul W. Pomroy; Local Testman—John I. Curley, Jr.; Switchman SxS—Stanley W. Perkins; C.O. Repairman SxS Class "A"—Randall D. Murch, James A. Dougherty; C.O. Repairman SxS Class "B"—James A. Dougherty, Robert C. Hamblen, Mahlon K. Dudley; Line Foreman—Russell C. Cyr; Lineman—Roland F. Spencer; Installer Repairman—Donald P. Campbell; Service Head Lineman—Frederick S. Newcombe.



PAYMENT AGENTS MEET

Payment agents in Aroostook County were entertained at the Northeastland Hotel, Presque Isle, Me., on July 22 by Dacie E. Barker, Mgr., and Willis J. Weeks, Comm. Supt.—Eastern area. During the meeting the financial requirements for Maine were reviewed and the "Speeding Speech" talk and demonstration was given. Three films were shown, and the voice recorder was used. The agents were

pleased with the informal and friendly attitude of the telephone people and participated with enthusiasm during the entire program. The agents traveled over 1100 miles, collectively, to and from this meeting. The wire chief, chief operator and all business office employees were on hand to welcome the guests and become better acquainted with this group which plays an important part in the rendering of good telephone service.

Anniversary Party

Helen Gallup was guest of honor at a dinner given recently by the Rockland Traffic employees at the "County Fair" at Damariscotta in observance of her 30th service anniversary. Mrs. Gallup received many gifts from her co-workers. Her anniversary emblem was presented by Nettie Jordan, Chief Operator. Out-of-town guests included Alice McNally and Selva Coombs, Augusta; Margaret Conroy, Portland, and Mary Johnson, Belfast.

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RATES AND SERVICE

On July 1 H. V. Bonzagni, Traf. Supt. of the No. Area, Vt., conducted a conference on "Rates and Service in Vermont." The confer-

ence was held at the Montpelier Tavern in Montpelier and was attended by the No. Area Instructor and chief operators. F. T. Mills, Traf. Supt.—Vt., and A. B. McClure, Traf. Supv., were also present.



CH. OPS. CONFERENCE

The Southern Vermont Area Chief Operators attended a conference recently at the Wheeler-Williams in Rutland, conducted by W. H. Stirling, Jr., Traffic Superintendent. Shown in the above picture, left to right, are: Alice M. Young, Elizabeth J. Tobin, Madeline E. Gosse-

lin, Ruby C. Fitzgerald, Margaret T. Powers, Hazel C. McDonald, Emma Tenney, Cora Hudson, Kathryn H. Paige, Margaret Raynes, Mr. Stirling, Myra Smith, Evelyn Barrows, Catherine Nevils, Sara D. Gamblin, Margaret McDonnell, Mary I. Kelly, A. B. McClure, Traffic Supervisor, and F. T. Mills, Traffic Superintendent—Vermont.



NEW POSITIONS

Marilyn J. Foti, left, was recently appointed Force Clerk in the Northern Area of Vermont. Jeanne Ann Jasmin, right, was appointed Force Clerk in the Southern Area of Vermont.



FRED FERRIS RETIRES

Fred A. Ferris of Brandon, Vt., was honored upon his retirement after 44½ years of active service with a party held at the Fairmont Restaurant in Rutland. Congratulations and best wishes were extended by H. E. Brand, Plant Supt.—Vermont, and G. W. Klinefelter, President

of Local No. 18, I.B.T.W. Norman Mitchell, Plant Service Supt., presented Mr. Ferris a certificate of service and a wallet from the Company. A gift and a scroll, from fellow employees in Vermont, were presented by F. B. Flynn, PBX Foreman. Master of ceremonies was R. D. Butler, Wire Chief.

Randolph Traffic

Cora Hudson, Chief Operator in Randolph, has recently attended Rebekah assemblies in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Mrs. Hudson is president of the Vermont assembly.

Recent additions to the Randolph Operating force are Marilyn Rogers and Madelyn Jacobs.

Mrs. House Honored

Evelyn House, Operator at Orleans, Vt., was recently guest of honor at a party to celebrate her 20-year anniversary with the Company. At the same time she was also presented a set of Currier and Ives print dishes in honor of her recent marriage to Orval P. House.



TRAFFIC CONFERENCE

On August 7 A. B. McClure, Traffic Supervisor for Vermont, conducted a conference at the Montpelier Tavern in Montpelier. The purpose of the conference was to introduce the new

I.B.M. method of taking the annual basic record. A representative from each toll office in the State was present. E. J. Steptoe from the General Office in Boston assisted Mr. McClure.

Vt. Commercial News

Audrey M. LeDuc was reengaged July 14 as Service Order Writer in the Burlington Business Office.

Barbara E. Fitch was engaged July 21 as Cashier in the Burlington Business Office.

Arlene R. Holmquist, nee Retz, was transferred July 19 to the Pacific Telephone Company, Pittsburg, Cal., as Service Representative. Mrs. Holmquist was formerly Service Representative in the Brattleboro Business Office.

Joan G. Barrett resigned her duties as Service Representative in the Burlington Business Office on July 25 to become the bride of Alden Hay on August 9. They will reside in Detroit, Mich.

Reginald E. Myers, Business Office Representative in the Burlington Business Office, was transferred August 2 to Portland, Me., as Special Representative.

Gerald F. Dixon resumed his duties as Business Office Representative in the Burlington Business Office on August 4 after returning from military leave of absence.

Richard B. Billings, Manager at Brattleboro, was recently elected president of the Lions Club at the annual meeting.

Lois A. Woodward commenced her duties as Clerk for Coin Box work in Burlington on June 9.

Graham E. Fogg was transferred June 15 from the Barre Plant Department to St. Johnsbury Business Office as Business Office Representative.

Jeannette Y. Larose was transferred June 29 from Montpelier Traffic Department to Montpelier Business Office as Cashier.

St. Albans News

Shirley Thompson of the Traffic Department was married recently to Airman 1/c Arthur J. Webster of the United States Air Force. The ceremony was performed at St. Paul's Methodist Church in St. Albans. The couple left for Old Orchard Beach and other points in Maine.

A shower was given to the bride by members of the Traffic and Commercial Departments.

Connie Bessette, St. Albans Traffic, was recently married to Joseph Trudeau, of Danbury, Conn., formerly of St. Albans. They were married at Holy Angel's Church in St. Albans. The couple left on a honeymoon of unknown destination and will make their home in Danbury, Conn. A purse was made up by the Traffic Department and presented to the bride.



PARTY FOR THREE

Fifty friends and co-workers gathered at the New Avenue Hotel in St. Johnsbury on July 12 to honor three employees who had recently been promoted. William F. McPartland, who has been Supv. Switchman in St. Johnsbury, has been promoted to Staff Asst. in the Area Of-

ice in Burlington. John Dineen, Comm. Mgr., St. Johnsbury and Newport, has been advanced to the West Div. Staff in Springfield, Mass. Clarence Colby has been promoted to Supv. Switchman in St. Johnsbury. A delicious fried chicken dinner was served, followed by an evening of dancing.

Returns from Service

Earl E. Hamilton, Installer-Repairman, Bennington, Vt., returned from a tour of active duty with the U. S. Army and was discharged on June 17.

Earl reentered the armed services September 5, and at the time of discharge had attained the rank of Master Sgt.

While on this tour of duty, he was stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., for 13 months, and Munich, Germany, for 8 months.

Lee O. Colby, Lineman, Montpelier, Vt., returned from a tour of active duty with the USA and was discharged on June 3.

Lee reentered the armed services as a Corporal with the National Guard on September 5, and his rank upon discharge was Sgt. 1st Class.

While on active duty, he was stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., for eight months, and the remaining time served in Germany as Mess Sgt. and Communication Chief. He returned to work with the Company June 25 as a Lineman in Burlington, Vt.

Montpelier Traffic News

Olive Wright, Operator in the Montpelier exchange, was married Friday night, June 6, to Albert Ventresca of Revere, Mass., who is a student at Norwich University.

Marion Rogers of the Montpelier exchange has announced her engagement to Arthur Richards, C.O.E.I., of Boston.

Newly trained Supervisors in the Montpelier Office are Doris Adami, Laura Stone and Norma McNeil.



FIRST FOR VERMONT

Above is the first outdoor telephone booth in Vermont. It was installed in Williamstown and is available for 24-hour use. In picture from left to right: R. E. Field, Mgr.; C. E. Reynolds, Wire Chief; Paul Tyler, Installer.

Virginia Aja and Barbara Beckley recently completed their Toll Training Course.

Marie McCauley has been appointed Observer for the Montpelier Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Walden Shults, the former Marilyn Geboult, are the parents of a daughter, born June 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Martin, the former Marilyn LaVanway, are the parents of a son, born May 24.



SERVICE INDEX PARTY

In appreciation of the good job done during Open House week in June, and for a service

index of 99 during the same month, the Arlington Traffic Office held a party. A catered lunch was served and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by the force.

Directory Doings

Directory Advertising Sales Representatives completing their training under R. X. Triggs in June included J. R. Durning, L. D. Murphy, R. J. Flynn, A. R. McKee, R. F. Bate and J. C. Thomas.

The Directory Trade Mark Service Unit welcomes Lois Kennedy, Mary Hogg, Martha Lynch and D. A. McCarthy. Their office was recently moved to 125 Milk Street in Boston. A recent bride in the unit is Lorraine Hynes Murphy.

A bride who did not have to change her name is Mazie Graham Graham of the Compilation Group.

New Compilation employees rapidly learning their listings are: Margaret Reap, Patricia Hurley, Angela DiMino, Mary Walsh, Alice Ruchione, Lois Scully, Joan Nee and Carol Cline. Phyllis Aronofsky in the Sales Unit and Dolores Kay in the Copy Unit help care for the growing Classified Directories.



J. P. HYLAND HONORED

Met. Rev. Acctg. friends gathered recently at the Hotel Vendome to honor John P. Hyland, Met. Rev. Acctg. Supt., upon his appointment as Mass. Disb. Supt. He was presented a check

and golf equipment as a parting gift. Seated at the head table were: Gertrude McNamara, Dorothy Black, Charles L. Dignam, Mr. Hyland, Mrs. Hyland, Vennard B. Tobey, Agnes Desmond and Sally Long.

Metro. Traffic News

Belmont welcomes the following newcomers: Catherine M. Di Pietro, Mary T. Linehan, Beverly A. Brooks, Kathleen T. Haverty, Mary V. Wilson, Barbara A. Maguire, Catherine A. Henderson, Nancy E. Reimer, Anne B. Hogan, Barbara A. Toner, Claire M. Griffin and Olive J. De Florio.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Smith on the birth of a son, James A., Jr. Mrs. Smith was formerly Eleanor Walker of Belmont.

Marie Crowley, Highlands Traffic, has been transferred to the Commercial Dept. Her associates honored her at a party and presented her many gifts and best wishes in her new assignment.

Roxbury Information is pleased to welcome newcomers Ann V. Hall, Joan A. Lonas and Patricia A. Rockwell.

Jean Cook and Delice A. Blades, Roxbury Information, have resigned to take up home duties.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Controne on the birth of a son. Mrs. Controne was formerly Lorraine H. Adonis, Roxbury Information.

Mary T. O'Connell, Roxbury Information

Traffic Clerk, is receiving congratulations on the recent announcement of her engagement to Edward McShane of Roxbury.

Best wishes are extended to Jane M. Eyre and Joan Kennedy who have recently been transferred from Roxbury Information Traffic to the Commercial Dept. Margaret R. Coyle, Katherine Malone and Isabel O'Leary recently transferred to Traffic Engineers, and Claire M. Jennings transferred to the Medical Dept.

Joanne M. Concannon, Roxbury Information Traffic, has resigned and is now a reservation clerk for the American Air Lines at La Guardia Airport, N. Y.

Congratulations to Roxbury Information Traffic new brides Dorothy L. Barry, married to William O'Leary of Dorchester; Elizabeth P. Buckley to John Vumbaco of Roxbury; Eleanor J. O'Leary to Leo Bonner of Dorchester; Julia De Lury to Eugene Guibault of Roxbury and Virginia Ann MacNeill to John E. MacNeill of Roxbury.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Barbara Spinney, North Met. Traffic Stenographic Department, on the recent announcement of her engagement to Eugene Kennedy of Kansas.

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SALEM HOST TO PBX-ERS

A group of PBX Attendants and their telephone company hosts are pictured following a tour of the Salem Telephone building. Bruce Harriman

is Salem Traf. Mgr., Mae Blaisdell, Dist. Traf. Instr., Ruth Woodworth, Comm. Supv., Ruth O'Donnell, Ch. Toll Op., Helena E. Marrs, Local Ch. Op. Orville T. Swift is Cust. Rep. and Robert Crossman is C.O. Repairman.



BECOMES BRIDE

Mary Sullivan of the Mass. Area Disb. Acctg. Office resigned recently to become the bride

of Sergeant Raymond LeDoux, USA, in St. Mary's Church, Melrose. Mary's desk was beautifully decorated, and she received many lovely gifts.



TRANSFER PARTY

On April 12 a party was held at the White Tree Inn, Pittsfield, for "Charlie" Ladabouche, Supervising Construction Foreman, who was recently transferred to the Holyoke District

Office. Mr. Ladabouche was presented a gift from his friends and associates as a memento of the occasion. Left to right: Harold F. Farnham, Daniel R. Horn, Lawrence A. Callahan, toastmaster, Mr. Ladabouche, Mrs. Ladabouche, Frank W. Rattman and Mrs. Rattman.

Shower

Recently a surprise shower was held for Claire Larkin and Mary Ann Long, who are Service Representatives, and for Lillian Kerwin, Manager's Clerk. The party was held at the Toll House in Whitman. Each girl was presented a corsage of stephanotis. Mary Ann and Claire were each given a cocktail table and Lillian received two pieces of luggage.

Wedding

Lillian Kerwin, Manager's Clerk, 63 Roxbury Street, became the bride of George McNicholas of Boston. The wedding took place at St. James' Church in Arlington on June 9 at 3 p.m. After a small family reception, the couple left for an automobile trip through the middle west. The day before her vacation, her desk was decorated and she received a piece of luggage.

Engagements

Mary Murphy, of the Reports Unit, is receiving the best wishes of her many Acctg. friends on her engagement to Paul O'Brien of Cambridge. An October wedding is planned.

Anne Taylor, of the C.P.R. Unit, has announced her engagement to William Nee of Winthrop. The wedding will take place next spring.

Helen Leamy Wins Award

Helen M. Leamy, Sr. Service Rep. in the Gardner Business Office, was recently presented the first award of the Guild of Our Lady of the Bell at a supper meeting in the Hotel Sheraton in Worcester. Miss Leamy is a founder of the guild and has been its president since its formation.

In presenting the award, Bishop Wright said of Miss Leamy, "She does not wait for others to lead, but takes the initiative in responding to the needs of the church; she is one of those who answers the bell before it rings."

The award is to be given annually to the member of the organization who most typifies the ideals of the group.

Celebrates Anniversary

Pauline F. Murphy was recently honored by fellow Fitchburg Dist. Office employees at a party at the Meadows, Framingham, in honor of her 25th anniversary with the Company. Miss Murphy was presented a gift from her friends.

10% Maybe?

E. J. Johnson, Telegraph & Toll Test Eng., had a chance to correct an amusing but erroneous impression about Company policy. On a recent business trip, Mr. Johnson was dining with a group of salesmen who were stopping at the same hotel. They displayed interest in the Company and asked questions about it. Finally one fellow asked, "Do the operators get a commission on toll calls they place?" After the ticketing system was described, the man explained that he imagined they did (like salesmen), because every time he answered an out-of-town call for his partner, the operator would say, "Will you have him call Chicago operator 71 when he returns?" The salesman thought this meant the operator wanted to be sure to collect her commission. After a hearty laugh all around, the men agreed that telephone service is really their biggest bargain.

Brockton Shower

Mary A. Sullivan, a Traffic Clerk, was pleasantly surprised at the Town House in Randolph by her friends in the Clerk's Office who gave her a shower in honor of her approaching marriage. She was presented an electric mixer and a corsage.

Those attending were M. Alice LaLiberte, Lorraine M. Barcewicz, Anna T. Campbell, Mary W. Carroll, Virginia Chase, Mary E. Curry, Gloria D. Distasi, Eileen Hogan, Mary M. Donahue, Catherine E. Kelleher, Geraldine A. Lahay, Doris MacFadgen, Eleanor Meaney, Mary R. Murray, Lena Palopoli, Mary A. Provost, Edith A. Rich, Barbara P. Rodrick, Doris Savage, Lorraine T. Smith, Alyce H. Sullivan and Christine Willson.



SAFETY COMMITTEE FORMED

Recognizing the need for a formal program for safety in the Accounting Department at 245 State St., where approximately 1200 employees are located, has prompted the formation of a Safety Committee in each of the three offices, headed by a permanent chairman. The membership on each committee consists of management and non-management employees who serve for a period of one month only, in order to provide for wider active participation in the program. The permanent chairmen are: Frank Franzosa, Metropolitan Revenue; Robert

Molloy, Central Revenue; and Leo Conroy, Mass. Disbursements. The responsibilities of the Safety Committees involve weekly observation of quarters for housekeeping and accident or fire hazards. During the month of May over 150 hazardous conditions were reported and corrected. The program has created a widespread interest in personal safety as evidenced by the numerous items which have been reported to Safety Chairmen by other than Committee members. Left: The Central Revenue Acctg. Committee. Center: The Mass. Disb. Acctg. group. Right: The Metropolitan Revenue Acctg. group.



M.I.T. GETS PBX

A three-position 701-A dial system was recently cut into service for the new M.I.T. Research Laboratory in Lexington, Mass. Left: Shown making the first call over the new system is Joseph A. Vitale of M.I.T. Standing are: Edward J. McGinnis, West. Dist. Comm. Mgr.; Fred E. Gillen, Waltham Comm. Manager; Lt. Walter Hill, USAF; Arthur

Stanfield, Comm. Eng., who arranged for the installation; and William Theriault of M.I.T. Center: The girls behind the new board at the Laboratories are Joan Bennett and Annette Desaulnier. Anna E. McCarthy is the PBX Instructor. Right: The men responsible for the installation of the PBX—Robert Swanson, John O'Connell, Frank Doyle, Robert Skane and Edward Linehan.



WOBURN FAMILY NIGHT

Employees in the Woburn Central Office held a family night to which relatives and friends were invited. The visitors were taken on guided tours of the building, and the functions of various departments were explained. Refreshments were served during the evening. The visitors were informed that the number of telephones in Woburn has doubled since 1940, and that the number of operators has increased from 30 in 1940 to the present 80. Committee members who planned the affair were: Christine Scanlon,

Ch. Op.; Margaret McGowen, Supv.; Hazel Paine, Anna Mulrenan, Anna Kenny, Operators; Louise Carpenter, Clerk; Jeanne Callahan, Mary O'Brien, Operators; Jack Begley, Ch. Central Off. Mgr., and Margaret McCarron. At left: Miss Scanlon demonstrates board to A. Ryan of the Woburn Chamber of Commerce, while A. Hughes, Traf. Mgr.; F. Mather, Dist. Traf. Mgr.; S. Vose, Div. Traf. Supv., and K. MacPherson, Comm. Mgr., watch. At right: John Begley (extreme right) demonstrates ringing machines to a group. Mr. Begley is Ch. Repairman in Woburn.

BOWLING BANQUET

Revere Traffic Bowling Team closed the season with a banquet held recently.

Recent Engagements

In the Roxbury Business Office the following are among the recently engaged: Mary Crowley, Teller, to Bob Lindstrom of Brookline; Eleanor Doyle, Service Representative, to Bill White of Woburn; Claire Larkin, Service Representative, to Don Cushing of Franklin, N. H.; Mary Ann Long, Service Representative, to Leo Allen of Roslindale.

Plymouth News

Dorothy E. Burt, Service Representative at the Plymouth Business Office, became the

bride of Robert O. Slade on May 29 at the Church of the Pilgrimage. Reception was at the Allerton Chapel. Mr. Slade is with the U. S. Coast Guard, a QM 3/c.



RETIREMENT PARTY

Robert R. Wiggins, Sr., Holyoke Senior Testman, was tendered a farewell party at the Hotel Roger Smith in Holyoke on his recent retirement after more than 48 years of telephone service. Mr. Wiggins was presented luggage as a gift from his many friends and

co-workers. Guests at the head table included, seated, left to right: Doris Wiggins, daughter; Mrs. Wiggins, Mr. Wiggins, H. Johnson, master of ceremonies; Mrs. H. Johnson. Standing, left to right: R. E. Wiggins, Jr., J. J. Powers, J. V. O'Brien, E. A. Kimberley, T. Kennedy, Mrs. R. E. Chase, R. E. Chase and F. Lofgren.



STONEHAM OPEN HOUSE

Over 1000 people attended the Open House held at the Stoneham Central Office on Main Street. In the photo: J. Griffin, Op. at board;

A. Brown, Ch. Op. demonstrating; A. Hughes, Traf. Mgr.; J. Finnegan, Selectman; W. McCarthy, Town Clerk; T. Creighton, Ch. Repairman; M. Fallon, Supv.



JOE PROVOST AND HIS SOCIETY BAND

Left to right: Joe Provost, Springfield Plant; Larry Nickerson, Palmer Plant; Win Spongberg, Springfield Plant; Les Holden, Palmer; Jack Andrews, Division Traffic; Fred Montesi, Springfield Plant; Bob Wiggins, Holyoke Plant; Joe Krok, Westfield Plant. Other members not present: Harris Stewart, Springfield Plant; Rog Corey, District Plant Engineering; Percy Chase,

Holyoke Plant; and Marylyn Lettis, Division Plant Engineering. On Wednesday evening, April 30, the Pioneer Valley Council, William J. Denver Chapter No. 20, Telephone Pioneers of America, sponsored the Pioneer Valley Varieties, a talent show featuring telephone talent. This is the second talent show presented this year, and the highlight of the evening was the appearance of Joe Provost and his "Society Band."



RED CROSS FIRST AID GRADUATION

The Parkway Traffic District held first aid graduation exercises recently in the Parkway Office. The motion picture, "The Closed Book," opened the festivities which was followed by a one-act skit, entitled "The Angel of Mercy," directed by Helen Finn, First Aid Instructor. Assistant Medical Director Dr. Thompson presented each girl a diploma. Dolls dressed in cap and gown and some as Red Cross nurses were distributed to each girl who completed the course. Refreshments were served. Characters in the skit are, front row, left to right: Dorothy McMurrrough, Mary Kelly, Mary Doherty, Shirley Meissner. Standing, left to right: Helen Lang, Virginia Cook, Jane Buckley, Helen Finn, Director, Mary Reen and Monica Mulvihill.



TRIPLE PARTY

The Town House was the scene of much fun and merriment when the Belmont Traffic girls held a triple party for Janet H. Millen and Mary V. Kavanagh who resigned to be married and Mary A. Pasquariello, who left for an extended trip to Italy.

Wins Award

Sophie Tyburski was named winner in the State News Service Contest sponsored by The Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

The Massachusetts award was presented to Mrs. Tyburski for the most outstanding editorial during National Business and Professional Women's Week. The entry has been forwarded to New York for the National Contest.

Mrs. Tyburski, who has just celebrated her 25th service anniversary with the Telephone Company in the Palmer Traffic Department, is the present Springfield District Chairman of the New England Federation of Telephone Workers.

Scituate News

Ilene Pate, formerly of Scituate Traffic, gave birth to a daughter on April 21.

A son was born to Gladys Bartlett, recently of Scituate Traffic, on April 24.

Engagement

Marilynne A. Mulvey of the Mass. Budget & Reports Supervisor's Staff has announced her engagement to Parker J. McHale of Jamaica Plain.



DANCE HELD

The Western Division Traffic Sunshine Committee held its May-Time Dance at the Ludlow Country Club. Pictured with their friends are committee members Mary Kelley, Harriet Brassill and Phyllis Godin.



100% FOR CRYSTAL

In recognition of the highest service index in the Cambridge-Arlington District, the Crystal

Office held an afternoon tea in the Operators' Lounge, which was attended by Dist. and Div. personnel. No. Met. Div. Supt. Stanley congratulated Ch. Operator Toomey and her force.



PRENUPTIAL SHOWER

The Manhattan Room in the New Yorker Steak House was the scene of much fun recently when the Dorchester Toll No. 1 Traffic girls held a shower for Margaret Finn prior to her resignation to take up home duties following her recent marriage. Margaret received many beautiful gifts for her new home.



PITTSFIELD PBX-ERS

A group of PBX Attendants from local firms recently toured the Pittsfield Central Office. Above is a picture of the group, consisting of

Attendants from eight companies. Sarah J. Williams is PBX Instructor, Blanche Corcoran is Asst. Ch. Op., Lena Frye is Dist. Instructor and Marguerite Gilmartin is a PBX Instructor in Pittsfield.

Vincent Thompson Honored

Vincent P. Thompson was honored by 125 members of Local No. 3, I.B.T.W., and friends at a dinner at the Hillcrest Country Club in Leicester. Mr. Thompson was presented a watch and a purse. "Vinnie" was recently appointed Western Mass. Division Supervisor of Wages and Working Conditions. Guests were present from Boston, Springfield, Southbridge and Millbury.

Marriage

Joan Hurley of the Western Division Traffic Office was married on June 14 to Robert Haight of Springfield.

Belmont Traffic News

Claire G. Proulx and Jennie M. Rana have recently completed their supervisory training under the guidance of Mary H. Burnock, Instructor, Belmont Traffic.

Marguerite J. Fairs, Belmont, recently resigned to accept a position in Cleveland, O., so she could join her parents who moved there recently.

Belmont Traffic welcomes the following new employees: Agnes E. O'Rourke, Frances J. Silva, Catherine M. DiPietro, Mary T. Linehan, Beverly A. Brooks, Kathleen T. Haverly, Barbara A. Maguire and Mary V. Wilson.

Newcomers

Welcome is extended to Christine Kenlon, Katherine Kennedy, Anne McKendrey, Margaret Mulleague, Harriet Perry, Phyllis Romano, Ellen Shields and Louise Wright, recent additions to the Mass. Traffic Stenographic Bureau.



MISS LEVESQUE HONORED

Members of the Bell Telephone Stamp Club and the Boston Air Mail Society sponsored a testimonial party in honor of Laura J. Levesque, Pres. of both groups, on the event of her retirement from the Company. Miss Levesque was presented a unique certificate which was drawn up by Arthur B. Jackson depicting a commemorative stamp issue for "The Queen of

Hobbies," bringing in both the Stamp Club and Air Mail Society, which she reorganized after years of inactivity. Since 1940 Miss Levesque has worked with over 3000 employees, teaching and counseling on creative and collective hobbies, and sponsoring monthly hobby exhibits. Her charitable work has been recognized throughout the state. At the party she was presented an orchid corsage and a purse of money.

Helen O'Halloran Transferred

Helen O'Halloran of the Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Department was transferred recently to the Commercial Depart-

ment. Her Accounting friends presented her a gift of luggage and prior to her departure entertained in her honor at a dinner at the Red Coach Grill.



FRAMINGHAM FAMILY NIGHT

On Wednesday, April 16, the members of the Framingham Business Office held a Family Night. Members of their immediate families and close friends were invited. A total of 52 people came to the office at 7:15 and enjoyed an interesting program for the next 2¾ hours. Each family group gathered around the employee's desk while she explained

her work and showed the various records which were at her position. The groups then divided into 4 smaller groups and toured the Traffic and Plant Departments. Following the tour of the building, the group enjoyed the movie, "Of Many Voices." At left: Kenneth W. Kimball, Switchman, explaining the operation of part of the dial system office to a group of employees and their families. At right: another group.



TRAINING CLASS

A Commercial Representative training class was recently held in the Central Division under the direction of A. E. Kenison, Servicing Manager, Lowell. Pictured above are: E. A. Farnum,

Division Manager; W. E. Barker, Commercial Supervisor; K. E. McKenzie, Training Supervisor; A. E. Kenison and the members of the class—George J. Robichau, John M. Grant, Jr., Raymond R. Roarke and Francis C. Connelly.



PLYMOUTH LEAGUE

Above are the members of the TELCO Bowling Team who came out on top at the end of the season. First row: Marilyn Nichols, Lillian Almeida, Lucy Jordan. Back row: Dorothy Burt, Ruth Manfredi, Nancy Barbari and Dorothy Bertocchi.



MORE PBX-ERS TOUR

The fourth group of PBX Attendants from local firms recently toured the Springfield Central

Office. Above is pictured the group, consisting of Attendants from 9 companies. Catherine McQuade is PBX Supv., and Mae Coakley is PBX Instructor.



RETIRED

Henry L. (Harry) Magnuson, Central Office Repairman in the Cambridge District of the No. Met. Division, was recently honored at the Lucerne by 150 friends and associates on the eve of his retirement after nearly 32 years' service. Mr. Magnuson spent many of his working years in the Equipment Installation Division and more recently was assigned to the Belmont and Cambridge Offices in Central Office Maintenance. Both the honored guest and his wife received many beautiful gifts. Photo, seated: Mrs. William J. Corey, Mrs. Henry L. Magnuson, Mr. Magnuson and Arthur F. Grenier. Standing: George W. Peirce, William J. Corey, Frank J. Collins, George P. Vaccarest, Maurice J. Kiley and Dennis F. O'Brien.



FRAMINGHAM PBX VISIT

The Framingham Office was again host to a group of PBX Attendants, representing 5 local firms. The program included a visit to the

business office, repair service, dial switching equipment and operating room. The function of each department was explained by one of its employees. A movie and refreshments wound up the tour.



TV EXPLAINED TO ROTARIANS

Winfield A. Peterson, Jr., spoke at the meeting of the Southbridge Rotary Club on April 16. His demonstrated talk was entitled "Television Sky-Ways." Sixty members of the Rotary Club were present. Many of the members expressed their appreciation to the local manager, L. C. Johnson, for the fine presentation. From left to right: Winfield A. Peterson, Jr., Customer Representative, Worcester; Lloyd C. Johnson, Manager at the Southbridge Business Office; George Tasse, a Rotary Club member, and Arthur Gaumont, President of the Southbridge Rotary Club.



NEWTON RED CROSS COURSE

As part of the Civil Defense Program these girls from the Newton Business Office completed an eleven-week Red Cross Course in

First Aid and Civil Defense. Left to right: Nancy Butts, Jane Sullivan, Supervising Instructor; Katherine McGinn, Claire Kiley, Louise Quirk, Mitzi Bazarian, June Buckley and Dorothy Dillon.



SALEM BOWLING BANQUET

The Salem District Bowling League season was closed with a banquet held at the Thompson Club on Wednesday, May 7. Salem Local Team 1 was the winning team. Beverly, Danvers, Hamilton, Lynn, Marblehead, Peabody, Salem Local and Salem Toll were the offices represented in the league. Shown above are the first-place winners. Front row: Patricia A. Mara, Lynn, high single; Mary E. Dunn, Salem, high team; Rita R. Cronin, Salem, high team; Natalie E. Murphy, Salem, high team; Elizabeth Garland, Salem, high triple and high team. Back row: Joan M. Toomey, Hamilton, high average; Richard C. LeFavour, Dist. Traffic Supt.; M. Christine Driscoll, Salem, high team.



COIN BOX CONFERENCE

A group of Business Office Representatives in the Central Division recently attended a meeting to discuss coin box development. A. E.

Kenison, Lowell Servicing Manager, conducted the meeting. Pictured above are: G. Robichau, W. Crooker, B. Hagan, E. Goodwin, J. Sugden, W. Barker, A. Kenison, G. Robinson, J. Landers, B. Miller, F. Connelly.



H. R. MORRIS HONORED

Harold R. Morris was guest of honor at a dinner at the Mansion House in Vineyard Haven, celebrating his promotion from Wire Chief—Manager at Vineyard Haven to Wire Chief—Hyannis. Mr. Morris was presented a portable bar by his friends and associates.



PRE-NUPTIAL DINNER PARTY

M. Eileen MacDonald, Roxbury Inf., was the guest of honor at a dinner party held at the

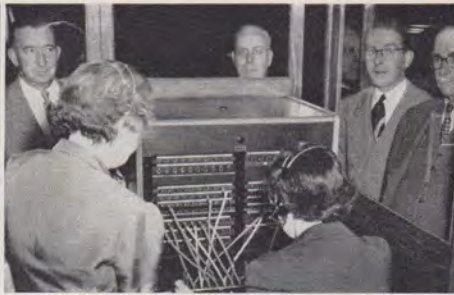
Brown Derby in honor of her marriage to Thomas Kennedy of Hudson. Eileen has resigned to take up home duties in Hudson.

Celebrates Anniversary

Anna T. Stanton, Div. Service Observer, was entertained at a dinner given at the Town Hall Grill, Springfield, in honor of her 30th service anniversary. Service Observers attended the party from Springfield, Worcester, Pittsfield, Fitchburg, Greenfield and Northampton. Miss Stanton was presented a topaz ring by her associates in the Western Division.

Wedding

Best wishes to Harriet Cole of the Mass. Traffic Stenographic Bureau who recently became the bride of Pfc. Roland Perry at the Congregational Church in Revere. After a reception in the church vestry, Mr. and Mrs. Perry left for Aberdeen, Md., where the groom is stationed. On Harriet's last day at the office, she received an electric coffee-maker and a set of dishes.



BROOKLINE TOWN HALL PBX

A new dial switchboard was put into operation at the Brookline Town Hall during the month of May. This system integrates all departments in the Town Hall and Administration Building under one telephone number. Left: The men behind the installation of the new dial board for the Town of Brookline are, front row: Gerald Addressi, John Babcock and Robert Dunn. Rear row: Thomas Cleary, Francis Powell, James Bride, William O'Brien and George Wilson. Center:

The new dial board for the Town of Brookline. PBX Instructor Anna E. McCarthy and Operator Mrs. Maloney show Selectman George V. Brown, Jr., Executive Secretary for the Selectmen Arthur A. O'Shea and Selectmen Timothy J. Regan and Eugene P. Carver how the new board works. Right: Selectman Daniel Tyler, Jr., making the first call. Standing are: Selectman E. P. Carver, Jr., Comm. Eng. E. Prindle, Selectman T. J. Regan, C. R. Shevlin, Customer Rep., Dist. Mgr. E. J. McGinnis, Selectman G. V. Brown, Brookline Mgr. Perry M. Hudson, A. A. O'Shea, Exec. Sec. of the Selectmen's Office.



FAREWELL PARTY

Richmond S. Cunningham, Testman in the Newton District of the No. Met. Division, was recently tendered a farewell party by his many friends and associates at St. Theresa's Club House, Watertown,

on the occasion of his voluntary retirement after more than 39 years' service. "Dick," as he was more familiarly known by his friends, reportedly purchased a sixty-acre farm in Virginia where he proposes to take life easy as a farmer. Toastmaster Charles Kelly presented "Dick" a purse of money on behalf of his co-workers.



W. LENNOX RETIRES

Wallace Lennox, Chief Repairman in the Belmont Office of the No. Met. Div., was honored by his friends and associates at the Coach Grille, Cambridge, on the occasion of his retirement after 46 years

of service. "Charley" Farrar, Chief Repairman in the Winchester Office, and toastmaster of the party, presented "Wally" a purse of money and many personal gifts on behalf of the guests. At the head table: Paul Cleveland, Carl Wheeler, Richard Lennox, Mrs. Lennox, "Wally," Margaret Rooney and Mr. Farrar.

Weddings

Margaret Herrity of the Deductions Unit, Mass. Area Disb. Acctg. Office, was married to John Kenney of Roslindale, on Saturday, July 12, at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Jamaica Plain. Her desk was beautifully decorated by her Accounting friends.

Esther Cullen, of the C.P.R. Unit, Mass. Area Disb. Acctg. Office, was married to Thomas O'Donnell of Woburn on the first Sunday in August at St. Bernadette's Church in Randolph. The newlyweds plan to make their home in Woburn.

Engagement

Announcement of the engagement of Dorothy Santos of the Mass. Stenographic Department to Kenneth Gray has been made. Dottie has the best wishes of all her associates. No wedding date has been set.

Resignation

Claire Howard, of the Deductions Unit, Mass. Area Disb. Acctg. Office, resigned recently in order to go in training at the Carney Hospital for a nursing career.

Students Visit

The No. Attleboro Business Office was recently visited by 50 pupils from the Attleboro Falls School who came to tour the office. Along with their teacher, Mrs. Fletcher, came several other teachers and parents from the Parent-Teachers Association. All pupils were from the third grade, the average age being eight years. Following the tour, the Chief Operator received about 20 letters from the children thanking her for allowing them to visit the Office and for the ice cream she served them.

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SOUTHBRIDGE EXPOSITION

On May 22-24 the Company participated in the Southbridge Progress Show, a trade exposition sponsored by the Exchange Club. In all, forty local firms participated in what was one of the most successful exposition shows held in Southbridge. The Company's main exhibit was a dial demonstration unit with instructions given by two Worcester Traffic Representatives, Anne Klisiewicz and Mabel Beahn. In addition to the dial unit there was also a wire recorder with Ellen Caplette of the Southbridge Commercial Department assisting the people in recording their voices. The main theme of the telephone booth was the dial conversion at a cost of over one million dollars scheduled for Southbridge in the fall of 1952. Over 10,000 people attended the exposition for the three days in which it was held.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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

FOR RENT

WILL SUBLET to refined couple, a nicely furnished 5-room apt. with oil heat. All new modern furniture, including refrigerator. Two minutes from Watertown Square, 20 min. from Harvard Sq. Gas and elec. supplied. Call Watertown 3-0132 evenings and Sunday. Ready Sept. 1. S-2

FOR YOUR VACATION at Eastham on the Cape, a nicely appointed cottage. Two twin bedrooms, fireplace, living room with heatilator, complete kitchen and bathroom, continuous hot water. Outside shower. One mile from beach. Good fishing. Rent by week, month or season. TRowbridge 6-1473. Jn-4

COTTAGE IN HYANNIS, 4½ rooms, fully equipped. Tile bath, shower, white stove, fireplace. Near Hyannis center. Sleeps 6. \$90 per week. Call UNiversity 4-3737 evenings. Au-2

SUMMER COTTAGES at Newfound Lake, Bristol, N. H., for rent. Two minutes to beach. Innerspring mattresses, gas range, elec. refrig., screened porch. Inquire Mrs. G. J. Aubin, Bristol, N. H. Call 248 ring 2. Au-2

CLEAN, ATTRACTIVE ROOM with twin beds for rent. Kitchen privileges if desired. Call PARKWAY 7-4452-W. S-2

SEVEN-ROOM HOUSE for rent by week or month. Elec. kitchen and bath. In Chatham. Call Chatham 166-W or write P.O. Box 483, Chatham, Mass. Au-2

FOR SALE

BENDIX AUTOMATIC gas dryer, slightly used. Can be seen in operation. \$140. Call ELiot 4-0881 after 6 p.m. S-2

SIMPLEX IRONER with stand. Portable type. Like new. Used once. \$50. Call LYnn 5-5716. S-2

WOLLENSAK TELESCOPE with 15, 20, 30 and 40 power set for sale. Coated lenses. Less than one year old, with original box and case it came in. Original price \$30. Will sell for \$20. Contact Bob Salvoni, Watertown 3-9521 after 5:30. Or write 26 Hosmer St., Watertown. S-2

196-ACRE FARM, 7 farm buildings, 8-room house with bath, automatic oil heat, 24 cu. ft. deep freeze, refrigerator, gas-oil range. Incomparable view of Mettewee Valley. Priced to sell at \$18,500. Write Exchange Agent, Dorset, Vt. S-2

ENJOY AN INTERESTING and very lucrative hobby by raising registered South American chinchillas. Highest quality breeding pairs; special price consideration given to Telephone people. Call and inspect my herd of over 100 choice animals, or write for pamphlet and prices. Clifford W. Mann, 134 Silver St., Greenfield, Mass. Tel. 4747. Au-2

WINCHESTER 2-FAMILY house for sale. Good location and condition. 5-6 rooms. Open and screened piazzas. Over 12,300 sq. ft. Nicely landscaped. 110-ft. hedged frontage, driveway. 4 young fruit trees, berry patch, rose beds, etc. On Arlington-Stoneham-Wakefield line, with bus stop near door. 6 mins. walk to Highlands Station. Excel. tenant. Vacancy for buyer. \$19,500. Shown by appt. only. Call after 7 p.m. WINchester 6-1108. S-2

FINE LARGE high-elevation building lot in section one of the famous Buttermilk Bay Shore development in Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod. Two minutes' walk from private salt-water beach. Town water and electricity in front of lot. Contact William J. Vayo, PArkway 7-8210. S-2

SERVEL ELECTROLUX refrigerator 1K600 in good condition. Best offer. Call EAST Boston 7-4140. S-2

FOR SALE: Set of 4 brass sleigh bells on iron strap—one tongue missing on two, nicely toned bells for door on angle irons \$2.50; one brown quart bottle, caned all over, \$1.75; set of 4 butter chips, white with gold rims, \$1.60. Please add 2% state tax. Hunt's, 270 State St., Augusta, Me. S-2

6-RM. HOUSE for sale. Modern improvements, oil heat, 10-acre farm, barn, toolhouse. On Thomas Rd., W. Rindge, N. H. Call Rindge 44, ring 3. Or write Mrs. Herbert R. Lincoln, above address. S-2

RETINA NO. 1 CAMERA for sale. Coated F 3.5 lens with flash. Excellent condition. Call ARlington 5-2826. S-2

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC ROASTER with timer. Call SOMerset 6-3821. Au-2

EASY SPINDRIER washing machine in excellent condition. Fifty dollars or best offer. Call Sharon 2071. Au-2

FOR SALE OR RENT—large, furnished, pleasant, waterfront country cabin. 3 rooms, full length piazza, screened and windows, sleeps 6. Electric ice box, bottle gas range, heater, flush toilet. Selling price \$3,200 or \$25 per week rent. About 15 miles from Providence, R. I., between Hope and Washington, R. I. Call UN 1-1682, or write Herbert B. Kenaston, 46 Brookdale Ave., Oak Lawn, R. I., Box 75. Au-2

FOR SALE: 4 odd BONE DISHES, flowered, 65c each, tax and postage included. CROCHETED RUG that can be used for baby carriage robe, in 6 handsome colors, green border, \$4.00. MORTAR & PESTLE set, \$3.50. Write E. W. Hunt, Hunt's, 270 State Street, Augusta, Maine. Au-2

SERVEL GAS REFRIGERATOR for sale. In good condition. Reasonable price. Call AR 5-5903-W. Au-2

WANTED

APARTMENT for mother, son and granddaughter. 4-5 rooms unfurnished. Moderate rate, vicinity of Dorchester. Call AVenue 2-3358. Au-2

MISCELLANEOUS

FURNITURE MOVING . . . local or to all parts of the United States or Canada. Call J. A. Lowery, retired, BELmont 5-5591 or COMmonwealth 6-3388. C

IF YOU WANT a place to eat that's the best one in St. Pete, call Fergy at the Rockholm Dining Room, 2510 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla. Call St. Petersburg 7-8641. Duncan Hines recommended. Reservations suggested. (Jack Ferguson) Au-2

TO CONNECTING COMPANIES MANAGERS—Expert repairing and routing of step-by-step dial and magneto central offices by a retired telephone man. Write Frazee Organ Company, 10 Lincoln Street, So. Natick, Mass., Attention K. E. Lougee. Or call Natick 2537. Au-2

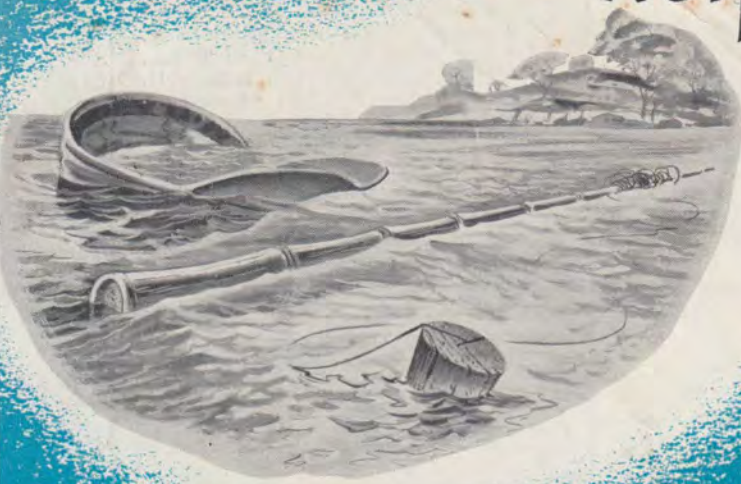
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"Help! Billie's drowned!"

An Anguished Cry—Fast Action—
An Agony of Suspense—

HOW EXPERT FIRST AID KNOWLEDGE

SAVED A BOY'S LIFE



The cry echoed through the quiet evening: "Help! Billie's drowned! Please hurry, Jake!"

Fitchburg Wire Chief A. N. Groth dropped the rake he was using on his Webster summer cottage lawn and sprinted to the wharf 200 feet away. He saw Billie's father climbing out of the lake with the 9-year-old boy's inert body in his arms. Billie had fallen in while fishing from the wharf and had been under water for about 3 minutes.

Groth told his wife to call the operator and stay on the line until she had contacted a doctor, the police and fire departments and an ambulance. Then he carried Billie to a nearby camp and started artificial respiration. Without pausing in his task he ordered a neighbor to hold the boy's head and arm, and others to take off his shoes and stockings and chafe his legs and arms to restore circulation.

Desperately they worked through a long half hour of agonizing suspense. Then Billie groaned. He breathed. His color started to return. The ambulance arrived from the town 8 miles away, and Groth went into it with Billie.

Soon they met the doctor and the firemen. They gave Billie oxygen, and a pulmotor took over Groth's task.

Next morning the hospital took Billie's name off the danger list. By his skill and cool-headedness, Groth, who received awards in Telephone Company First Aid contests in 1922, 1923 and 1924, had saved a life!

Left to right: William F. Maher, his son Billie, A. N. Groth. As a result of this near tragedy, Mr. Groth is determined that every boy in the neighborhood learn to apply artificial respiration.

