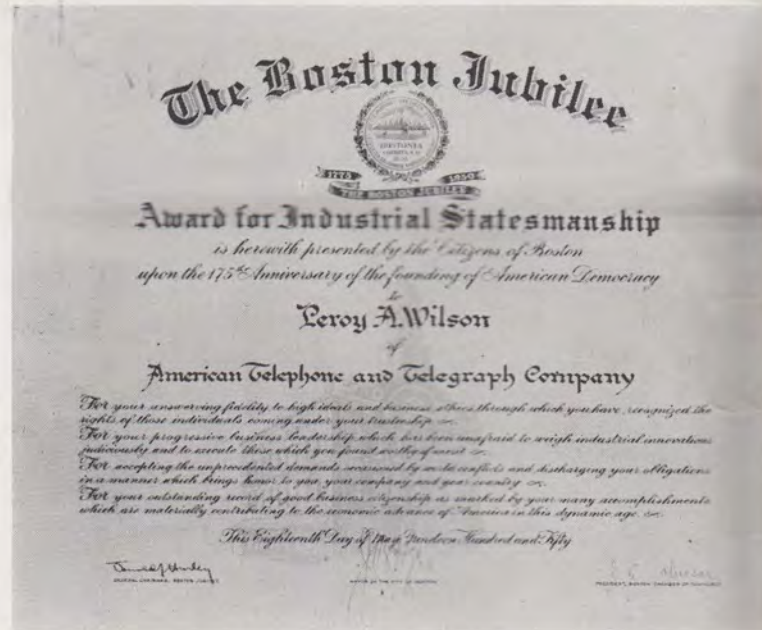


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**FRAMINGHAM-**  
**TOWN OF THE MONTH**

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President Leroy A. Wilson of the A. T. & T. Company paid tribute to Boston as the nation's financial capital in his address before the country's leading industrialists at Faneuil Hall on the morning of May 18. Above is a copy of the award which he received at a banquet that evening in recognition of his own industrial statesmanship.

## Tribute to Leading Industrialists



Telephone men who participated in the annual luncheon of the Boston Chamber of Commerce on May 18, opening day of Jubilee, were Sanford B. Cousins, Vice President and General Manager; Robert H. Montgomery, General Counsel; Thomas M. Hennessey, Vice President; Erskine N. White, Vice Pres.

**H**IGHLIGHTING Boston's epoch-making mid-century Jubilee the most impressive aggregation of industrial leaders ever to assemble gathered on May 18 at historic Faneuil Hall, famed cradle of liberty, where they issued the Boston Declaration, a business charter of faith and prosperity.

Their meeting in Boston, the opening event of the Jubilee celebration, was a tribute to Boston as the nation's financial capital. The men who head Boston's investment trust companies and thereby represent the stockholders who furnish the bulk of capital invested in American industry selected the 51 men, heads of all the biggest corporations in the country, who by meeting here brought industry to Boston. These industrial and business statesmen came eagerly to the city that has furnished more than half the capital invested throughout our nation.

William T. Gardiner, Boston businessman, civic leader, and former governor of Maine, greeted the guests on behalf of the city. "We are here to pay tribute to the industrial statesmen of this country," he said. "We are honored by your presence, for you symbolize more than any other group in America our economic progress. It is your driving force, vision, courage and organizing capacity that have kept America in the forefront in peace as in war."

He reminded them that they were in the heart of the city that housed almost half the investment company business of the country with assets totalling nearly a billion dollars and with more than a quarter million stockholders.

Representing the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was President Leroy A. Wilson who played a prominent part in these activities. At the morning session at Faneuil Hall Mr. Wilson expressed an optimistic outlook. "I think we should take courage from the past and see what can be accomplished in the future," he said. ". . . the opportunity for the investor is greater today than ever, and I am sure that the service that the Bell System is giving throughout the nation is not only the best but potentially even offers more, not only as to its relative costs, but as to its quality, extent and scope."

He congratulated the investment trusts for their work with equity financing and pointed out that the A.T.&T. Company during the last three years gained more than 250,000 stockholders to reach today's total of 965,000. There is only one answer, he said, to getting equity money. "When you have the earnings that are going to attract investors then you will have no trouble getting investors."

That afternoon there was a mass press conference believed the biggest project of its kind ever held in the United States with the top visiting industrialists meeting newsmen.

The first day closed with a banquet in the Copley Plaza ballroom at which awards for outstanding industrial statesmanship were presented. Mr. Wilson received



Another group of telephone men who attended the annual luncheon: James W. Thompson, Chief Engineer; Thomas C. Cochran, General Commercial Manager; Gordon S. Stanley, Assistant Comptroller; George A. Morley, Assistant General Com'l. Mgr.; Douglas D. Milne, Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.; Frederick A. Cosgrove, Gen. Traf. Mgr.; William P. Brennan, Gen. Pl. Mgr.; Hugh W. Macdonald, Asst. Gen. Pl. Mgr.; David C. Hall, Asst. Gen. Tr. Mgr.; W. H. Bowker, Const. Program Engr.

# Highlights Jubilee Celebration

one of the awards, reproduced on this page:

"For your unswerving fidelity to high ideals and business ethics through which you have recognized the rights of those individuals coming under your trusteeship.

"For your progressive business leadership which has  
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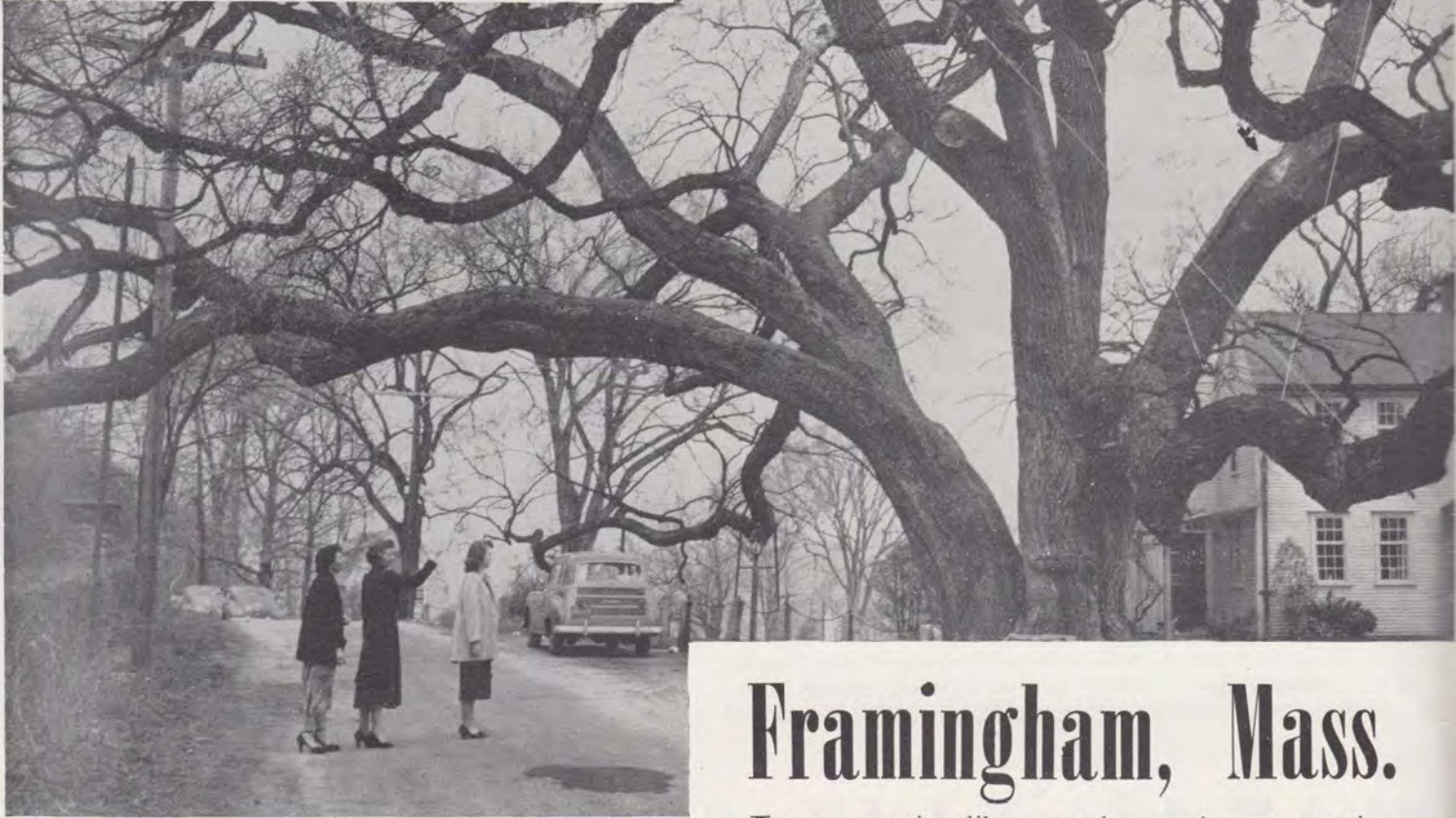
A tribute to industrial statesmanship: Leroy A. Wilson receives his award from Donald J. Hurley, general chairman of the Jubilee Committee.



Telephone table at the banquet: Lynde W. Tucker, Manager, Western Electric; Clyde J. Heath, Vice President and Treasurer; Thomas M. Hennessey, Vice President; Robert H. Montgomery, General Counsel; Joe E. Harrell, President; Mrs. Harrell, Alan S. Towle, Secretary; Prescott C. Mabon, Assistant to the President, A. T. & T. Co.; Erskine N. White, Vice President; Joseph A. Griffin, Comptroller and Assistant Secretary.



A familiar landmark to the people of Framingham is the Gates Elm, a beautiful old tree whose huge branches fully cross Gates Road. Admiring its size are, left to right: Wire Chief's Clerk Ruth Ayoob, Business Office Supervisor Ellen O'Hara and Service Order Clerk Ruth A. Beers.



## Framingham, Mass.

It was running like any other year's town meeting. There was the customary opening prayer by a local clergyman, the same average number of articles of the warrant approved and disapproved, and the moderator's continual rapping of his heavy gavel to call order.

The hall was filled with the same goodly representation of the town's approximated 28,500 total population which today makes it the largest town meeting in the United States. And there were the ever-increasing budget appropriations to be voted on for the several town departments, made necessary by its size and the fact that it is one of the fastest growing industrial and business centers in the country.

It was just like any other year's meeting, and yet for the people of Framingham it held a special significance. For this year marks the 250th anniversary of Framingham's incorporation as a town on June 25, 1700, and to this day, despite its tremendous expansion and development and the influx of large industries and institutions to its area, Framingham remains a pleasant and friendly place in which to live and still has the old New England unlimited town meeting form of government where every registered voter may attend, speak and vote.

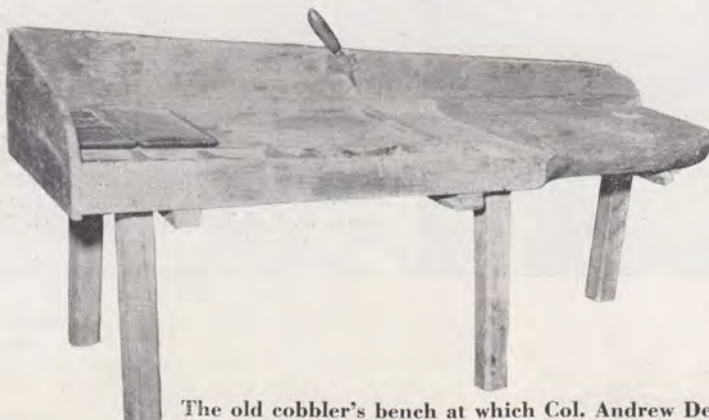
Local pride runs high in Framingham, but it is justified, for Framingham is a growing, thriving community, a busy railroad center and a true hub of the Commonwealth.

It is located in Middlesex County, midway between Boston and Worcester, 21 miles from each city. It is the exact center of New England industry and the center of population in Massachusetts, and some forty-odd industries make their home within its 26 square miles.

From the earliest times it was on the main stagecoach route from Boston to New York, which is now the



Wire Chief Lester S. Durkee chats with Town Moderator Carl A. Sheridan who conducts the country's largest town meeting.



The old cobbler's bench at which Col. Andrew Dennison in 1844 made the first paper boxes to be made in America.

Worcester Turnpike. In 1835, the Boston to Worcester railroad was built passing through the southeast tip of Framingham. Today it is 30 minutes by train from Boston, four hours to New York City, one hour to sea-shore or mountains.

Shopping center for Natick, Sherborn, Holliston, Hopkinton, Ashland, Southboro, Wayland, Sudbury, Medfield and Millis, its smart shops are continually attracting new customers from as far as Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Gilchrist Company of Boston and Gerber Jewelry Company of Providence have branch stores in Framingham's shopping district.

Ground has been broken and work begun on the creation of a new \$7,000,000 shopping center near the business district on a 212-acre tract fronting on two turnpikes. The new center, which will be a complete unit and which will house branches of Jordan Marsh Company of Boston and other well-known retail stores, is scheduled to open on Labor Day, 1951. The coming of this new center is a sample indication of the plans the town of Framingham is making for the future. Building operations are extensive. For example, the old Muster Field where troops were mobilized for more than one of our country's wars is now the site of Veterans' Housing Authority homes for 285 veterans and their families.

One of the town's major industries is the Dennison Manufacturing Company, one of the best known names in paper goods. Established in Brunswick, Me., in 1844, when Colonel Andrew, a former cobbler, and his son, Aaron Dennison, convinced that jewelers' boxes could be made in this country more reasonably and satisfactorily than they could be imported from abroad, made



President Henry S. Dennison of the Dennison Manufacturing Co. of Framingham smiles as Harry A. Chandler as he studies a drawing of the television set given him as a gift when he celebrated his 75th service anniversary with Dennison recently.



Statue in Buckminster Square, commemorating Framingham's strong minuteman organization.

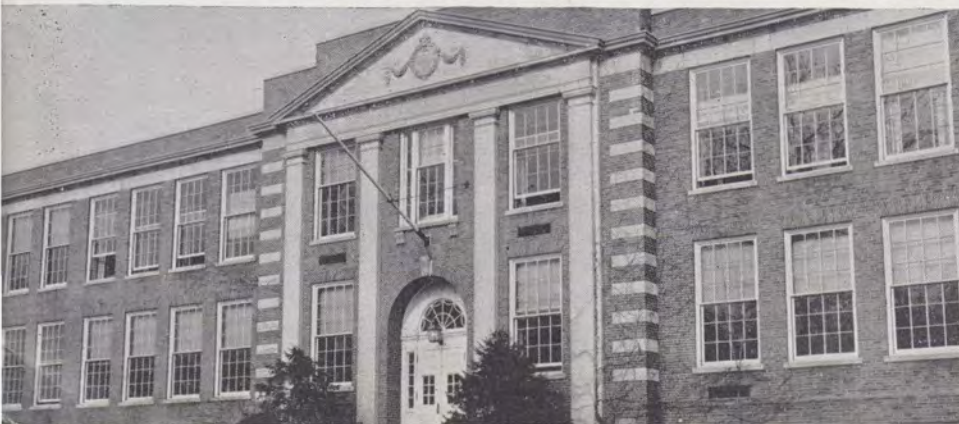
With 250 years of proud history behind it, this busy and thriving community looks ahead to a future of promising new enterprises.



Chairman of the town's 250th anniversary celebration is John M. Merriam, 88-year-old Boston lawyer, who serves unofficially as town historian and was vice-chairman of 200th celebration.



Above: One of Framingham's first citizens is George Eames, direct descendant of men who featured in the town's early history. Mr. Eames's family home was built in the year 1721 with additions made by his grandfather in 1810. "Boots" is quite an armful.



Left: Dwight Hall, Administration Building of the State Teachers' College in Framingham.



Framingham's daily newspaper is the *Framingham News* under the able guidance of Raymond Callahan, Managing Editor. The *News* which averages 16 pages has a circulation of 11,000 and is read in many of the surrounding towns as well. Visiting with Mr. Callahan is Framingham Mgr. L. A. Coit.

and sold the first paper boxes ever made in America. The firm moved to Framingham from Roxbury in 1895, and at present employs 2,550 more than any other industry in the town.

From tags and labels to gift wrapping and crepe paper, from ribbons to sealing wax, from poker chips to Christmas seals, there is hardly a phase of modern living with which the Dennison Company is not associated through one of its 8,000 stock items.

Largest of the new industrial enterprises in Framingham is the General Motors Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac assembly plant which has a completely equipped floor area of 1,200,000 square feet and which covers 175 acres. Opened in March, 1948, the plant, under the direction of Manager Clare S. Swayse, today has about 2,000 employees and is assembling approximately 42 cars an hour. A specially installed teletypewriter system of 22 machines, two of which are tape-perforating machines for the preparation of multiple copies, greatly expedites the assembly and shipment of cars at the plant.

Other leading industries in the town include the Angier Corporation, manufacturers of protective and packing papers used in shipping merchandise, the Hodgman Rubber Company which specializes in weatherproof sportswear, and the Roxbury Carpet Company in whose first mill the first American flag to be made of bunting was made.

Framingham's location, facilities, and its energetic, go-getting spirit have been responsible for the fact that



A total of 7,300 originating toll calls and 41,800 local originating calls are handled by the Framingham Central Office on an average business day. At the extreme left is Framingham's Chief Opr. L. H. Kelley.

Below is Framingham's busy Business Office force, left to right: Rita McQueeney, Jacqueline J. Carr, Priscilla E. Alden, Mgr. L. A. Coit, Paul J. Lacroix, Bus. Off. Rep., Evelyn E. Chapman, Bus. Off. Supvr. Ellen E. O'Hara, Beverly J. Stowell, Mary J. Chisholm and Clare M. Hoey.

160 years of service with the Company is represented in this group of four Framingham Plant men shown below. L. to r. they are: Henry Hickson, William Trenholm, Roland Lovelace and Dewitt MacKinnon, each of whom averages 40 years' service.



it is the home of so many important industries and institutions. Located here is the Cushing General Hospital, named for Dr. Harvey Cushing, eminent brain surgeon who served as a colonel in the Medical Corps, Surgical Director of U. S. Base Hospital No. 5 and Senior Consultant of Neurological Surgery with the AEF in World War I. As many as 3,000 patients were treated at one time at Cushing General during the war. Today, it operates as a Veterans' Administration Hospital with normal bed capacity of 1,000.

Here, in Framingham, too, is the site of the Massachusetts State Teachers' College with a yearly enrollment of approximately 500. This institution, established in Lexington in 1839 by Horace Mann, was the oldest Normal School in the United States, until it became a college offering degrees in 1932. It has been located in Framingham since 1854.

Framingham has had its own radio station since April 19, 1947, in the daytime station WKOX, owned and operated by three veterans of the last war.

The Massachusetts State Police, organized in the 1920's, leased the town farm in Framingham and trained its first recruits here both on motorcycle and horseback. The Framingham Barracks are still the organization's supply

Famous orchid grower is George Butterworth, Sr., whose family's original Framingham greenhouse is the oldest in the country. He is shown here with some of his exotic orchid blossoms.

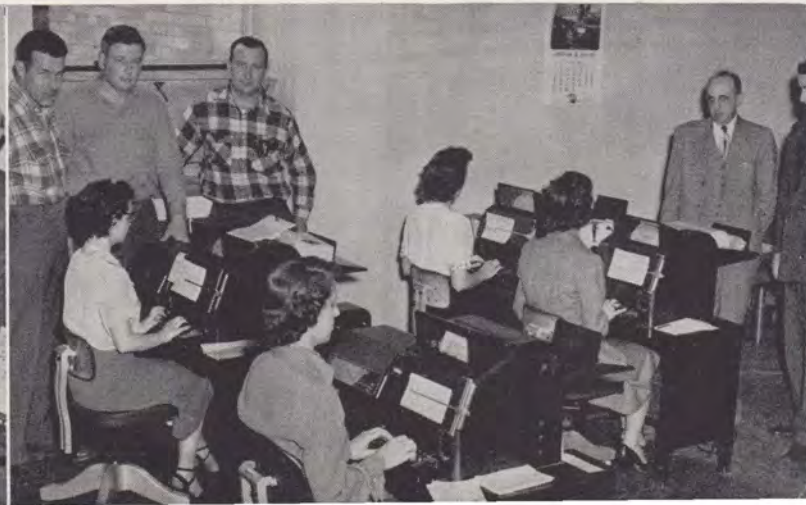


Telephone girls Ruth Beers, Ruth Ayooob and Ellen O'Hara are shown coming from the J. R. Macomber Racelands stables. Mr. Macomber's beautiful private grounds are to be opened to the public for a Pops Concert by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Symphony Orchestra during the town's 250th anniversary celebration.



In the Toll testroom are Toll Testman George Yapp, Testmen George Army and Herbert Schleicher, Repair Clerk Charlotte Foster, Service Order Clerk Ruth Beers and Senior Testman Roland Lovelace. Not shown are Line Assigners Wm. J. McQuillen and John J. Kinnarney.

Telephone service plays an important part at the General Motors assembly plant in Framingham particularly through its special teletypewriter system which is maintained by Installer-Repairmen Joseph B. Marshall, Gale L. Vance and Melvin H. Coffin at left. At the extreme right are Customer Representative Joseph J. Cochran and Car Distributor Dexter N. Brackett of General Motors.





Framingham is the home of the Framingham District Offices for the Plant and Traffic Departments. In the foreground are, left to right: District Traffic Superintendent Earnest L. Shaffer, Dist. Plant Supt. Clarence W. Connolly, Unit Engineer Ulrich Hurley, Frederica Hazlett, Traffic Manager Robert L. Winkler, Roy Bestick, Frank McIntyre and William Hollenberg.



Framingham's town and district telephone offices are located in this red brick colonial style building at 141 Union Avenue.

center and the center of the State Police teletypewriter system.

When part of Sherborn was annexed to Framingham, the State Women's Reformatory, established in 1925, changed its location to Framingham, too. Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was at one time a superintendent.

That the people of Framingham take as much pride in the town's early history and patriot beginnings is evident in the care given their early landmarks which can be seen over the town. Among these are the Eames Memorial on Mt. Wayte, the site of an Indian massacre which touched off the King Philip's War in 1676, the Minute Man Monument in Buckminster Square, commemorating the men who left their homes to go to Concord, Lexington and Bunker Hill, and the old Eames Homestead, the main part of which was built in 1721. The huge old clay-lined fireplace and hand-hewn beams of the homestead, which are remarkably well preserved, are a witness to the workmanship of those early pioneers.

George Eames, a direct descendant of the original owner of the house and whose grandfather added the south part of the house in 1810 lives there today. Mr. Eames, a spry man at 83, was for forty years treasurer of Framingham's Historical Society and is at present on the committee for the town's anniversary celebration.

Providing the vital link of telephone service for this growing community are some 230 telephone men and women. Framingham is a toll center area handling 7,300 toll calls for Framingham, Natick, Sudbury and Wayland on an average business day. Local originating calls total 41,800, which show a decided increase over the 27,300 handled on an average business day in 1940.

The growth of Framingham's traffic force is another



L. to r. are Dial C.O. Repairmen L. Ayers, E. Clark, Jr., E. Huff, W. Bishop, J. Small, K. Kimball, H. Montgomery, Jr., C. Foster and W. L. Ross, Supervising Switchman.



Lunch time finds these Traffic girls relaxing and chatting in their cosy lounge which is adjoining the building's cafeteria.

Framingham's construction crews line up for the camera before starting out on a busy day's work in the Framingham area.

Below are the town's Installer-Repairmen. The Framingham area has had a station gain of 7,942 stations since end of war.





# Henry E. Darling Retires

VICE PRESIDENT HAS MORE THAN FORTY-FOUR YEARS' SERVICE WITH BELL SYSTEM.

**V**ICE PRESIDENT Henry E. Darling retired last month after more than 44 years of service with the Bell System more than half of which have been spent in the Traffic Department of the New England Company. Mr. Darling was elected a Vice President of our Company on October 21, 1947, and since that time has been working on various assignments connected with the rate and revenue requirements of the business.

During his years with the Bell System, Mr. Darling has had wide experience in the engineering, operating, and administrative aspects of the business.

He came to the New England Company in 1923 as General Traffic Supervisor in Boston. In 1925 he was appointed General Traffic Manager, in which capacity he continued, except for the period from 1929 until 1935 when under a temporary division of the Company's administrative organization he served as General Manager for the Southern area.

Mr. Darling was born in Salem on June 16, 1885. He first entered the service of the Bell System in 1906 following his graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1906 as an Assistant in Traffic Engineering working in Boston and New York.

In 1920 he became General Engineer in the Operating and Engineering Department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York and two years later became Accounting Office Manager in the same Department. It was in the following year that he came to work for the New England Company.

Mr. Darling was singularly honored by members of the Traffic Department throughout the Company at the time of his election as Vice President when 350 Chief Operators paid their respects to him at a series of meetings held in the General Office and five Division headquarters.



Henry E. Darling

indication of the town's recent growth. In 1940, 45 traffic people manned 28 operating positions, while today Chief Operator Loretta H. Kelley supervises 117 employees, including supervisors and assistant chief operators, who man 46 operating positions including 32 outward toll positions.

The Business Office force, which handles over 12,000 accounts, comprises six service representatives, business office representative, cashier, service order clerk, and business office supervisor, under the direction of Manager Leicester A. Coit whose manager's area also includes Dover, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medfield, Millis, Natick and Wayland.

In charge of Framingham's Plant Department is Wire Chief Lester S. Durkee, whose area includes the same towns. In reflection of the town's growth this area has had a station gain since 1945 of 52 per cent or 7,942 sta-

tions and the town of Framingham itself has had a 43.6 per cent gain or 3,331 stations.

Framingham is also district headquarters for the Plant and Traffic Departments. Here District Plant Superintendent Clarence W. Connolly of the Framingham area, District Traffic Superintendent Earnest L. Shaffer and Traffic Manager Robert L. Winkler have their offices with the local telephone offices in the attractive, red brick, colonial style building at 141 Union Avenue.

Each and every one of these telephone men and women is doing his or her part in furthering the active life of this friendly and genial community. For above all, Framingham is a warm and friendly town.

A town of comfortable homes, famous old landmarks, growing, thriving industries, and friendly, hard-working people, Framingham looks forward with confidence to an unlimited future which promises to be as full as its historic and prosperous past.

# Telephone Service in



At the side of a road running between Bristol and Meredith, N. H., Harry Wood checks M-1 Carrier equipment.



In winter weather Donald T. Fisher, Installer-Repairman, connects a line to a farmhouse in Morrisville, Vermont. Since the war about 50,000 new rural customers have been provided with telephone service—a 46 per cent increase.

WHEN a New England farmer and his rural neighbors market their products nowadays and go about the business of living, chances are nearly two out of three they'll have a telephone at hand to speed up the job and bridge the lonely rural miles.

Daily, more and better telephone service is going "down on the New England farm." It's the result of our postwar program to meet the telephone needs of the thousands of families in our rural territory.

Along New England's seacoast, in its hills and mountains and fertile valleys, the farmers and fishermen, the lumbermen, the quarrymen, the storekeepers, the operators of camps and summer resorts—all of them have come to depend on telephone service. Often living far away from other people, they look to the telephone to buy tools and equipment, to sell their products, to keep in touch with folks, to summon help when they need it.

In Maine and New Hampshire, in Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island—the territory we serve—we've been trying to keep our promise to provide good telephone service as fast as possible to all the rural people who want it, wherever they may be.

Often, the going's been rough, for most rural people live in thinly settled territory a good distance from central offices. But our record so far has been outstanding.

## *What We've Done for Our Rural Neighbors*

In the last four years we've installed over 50,000 telephones in rural areas. That's just as many telephones as are in use in the cities of Bangor, Maine, Burlington, Vermont, and Manchester, New Hampshire, put together. And the statistics don't take into account how much more effort, more time and more money went into installing telephones out in thinly settled territory than in concentrated cities. They don't take into account the miles we had to span to reach only one or two customers, the rock we had to blast to set poles, and the trees we had to trim to let lines through.

All in all, we've set over 27,000 new poles and run over 13,000 miles of wire. We've brought the total number of rural homes, camps and country stores we serve up to 160,000. The fact is, we've been bringing up rural New England even faster than her urban sister. While we've increased our telephones in urban areas by 33% since the war, we've built up our rural telephones by 46%.

To install so many new rural telephones in such a short time meant we had to assign some new customers to lines with more than eight parties on them. As a result, in 1946 nearly 40,000 of our total rural customers were on overloaded party lines. But our Plant people constructed more and more lines, made better rearrangements of plant. Today, almost every one of our rural customers is on a line with eight parties or less.

Typical of the job telephone people have done is the rural progress made in the Skowhegan, Maine, exchange area. At the end of the war, Skowhegan, like other ex-

# Rural New England

changes, faced a growing demand for more telephones and better service way out in the country. Skowhegan telephone people set to work. Commercial men talked to rural people who'd requested service. Engineers mapped out the lines. Plant men set new poles, strung new wire, placed new cable. By the end of March, 1950, the Manager of the Skowhegan exchange was able to report a 79 percent telephone growth in rural Skowhegan as against 54 percent for the entire exchange.

But the rural job is far from done. Today there are still 4,400 people in rural places who want telephone service which we haven't yet been able to provide.

## *New Developments in the Rural Field*

To make it possible for us to reach more and more rural locations the American Company, the Bell Laboratories and our own Engineering Department have put on their thinking caps and with typical telephone ingenuity have recently come up with several innovations in the rural telephone field.

One example is the use of a high-strength steel wire for building long-span pole lines. Back twenty-five or more years ago usual line construction meant that we had to place a pole about every 140 feet. Today, with small light-weight cable we can place poles 500 or 600 feet apart. Poles carrying open wire lines, for which the steel has been vastly strengthened, can be placed just as far apart.

Recently we had an opportunity to prove the value of this new type of rural construction. In the La Grange, Maine, exchange, a sleet storm wiped out the open wire pole lines. Using the newly developed light-weight cable and open wire strung on poles nearly 600 feet apart, we connected the fifty-odd customers who found themselves without telephones to the Milo, Maine, exchange.

The use of mechanical pole digging equipment has contributed to the speed with which rural pole lines can now be built.

The new diggers can be used, too, in placing certain types of anchors when "guys" are required for rural construction.

## *Telephone Line M-1 Carrier*

Many times when we've had an open wire line running into localities, it's been inexpedient or too costly to increase the lines even though there may have been several customers along the route who wanted service. Today, under the same conditions, it's possible to connect these customers without running an additional circuit or re-building the pole line. *(Continued on next page)*

The General Rural Telephone Committee (l. to r.): H. V. Barney, Survey Supv., Pub. Rel.; A. F. Dias, Plant Eng. Supv.; P. H. Howell, Outside Plant Engr.; P. E. Gowdey, Secretary, Com'l.; H. V. Keefe, Chairman, Gen. Com'l. Engr.; J. A. Morse, Connecting Cos. Agt.; G. C. Hineckley, Gen. Serv. Mgr.; E. G. Wilson, Traffic Engr. Representatives from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont were not present when picture was taken.



In Scituate, Rhode Island, Howard H. Chilton, Central Office Repairman, inspects the community dial office before the installation of additional equipment to take care of rural growth in that community.



A new mechanical digger in operation.





**T. W. Matson (right) of the Connecting Companies Department talks over a service problem with A. S. Little, President of the Kearsarge Telephone Company of New London, N. H.**

The new method utilizes the M-1 Carrier System which superimposes high frequency currents on an open-wire line. With the M-1 Carrier we can establish from one to five additional channels or voice circuits on any one existing open wire route. Each one of these channels then becomes an additional party line and takes care of the situation until future growth warrants the installation of cable.

In New Hampton, New Hampshire, for example, we had a pole line running along a back road between Bristol and Meredith. The line needed to be replaced in order to provide proper service to 21 farmers and summer residents living in woody, hilly territory. The job would normally have required resetting many poles

and placing about three miles of cable. But with M-1 Carrier equipment we utilized the existing pole line. We took care of all our customers and provided facilities for new ones.

M-1 Carriers are now working in three other locations in the Company: in Greenfield and Sheffield, Massachusetts, and in Hebron, New Hampshire.

Additional M-1 Carrier systems are being engineered and will be placed in service soon in many other areas.

#### *A Job for All of Us*

This whole job of serving telephone customers in rural New England is a job for all of us—for some more directly than others. Like any major undertaking in our Company, it calls for teamwork.

This teamwork is now in action. Representatives of all departments in the areas and divisions get together in committees at least monthly to discuss the best ways and means of carrying out our obligations to our rural customers. Suggestions and recommendations from these committees are forwarded to Boston where a general committee consisting of top supervisory people coordinates activities of the entire rural program.

Another example of telephone teamwork on the rural job is the advice and engineering assistance that representatives from our Connecting Companies Agent's office give daily to the 108 independent companies scattered through our territory. These companies, serving mostly rural people, are given the opportunity to use all the improved methods developed by the American Company, the Laboratories and by ourselves.

Today, we're going all-out to do the rural job. In keeping with our traditional policy we're trying the best we know how to give everyone who wants it the best possible telephone service at the lowest possible cost.

**The picture below, taken in La Grange, Me., shows how new long-span construction (on the left) reduces number of poles.**



# Sherwin Chapter Life Members Close Successful Year

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM TOPS EXPECTATIONS.

**T**URNABOUT became fair play at the final meeting of the season for the Life Member Associates, retired members of the Thomas Sherwin Chapter of Pioneers. Closing their successful 1949-50 season they honored the women who throughout the year have served with Chairman Ellen G. Horrigan on her Reception Committee serving refreshments to all members and generally adding to the hospitality of their sessions. Attendance at these monthly meetings has now passed the 250 figure and is still on the way up.

Miss Horrigan and the thirteen members of her committee received the thanks of the entire group expressed by George L. Vianello, President, and each of the ladies also received a corsage.

Charles L. "Fiddler" McGee received a pen and pencil set with the thanks of the group for the musical programs and entertainment which he presented every meeting.

At this last session they welcomed a new member, Lydia M. Powers, recently retired from the Coin Box section of the Metropolitan Commercial Department who received her Certificate of Membership from Adolph M. Dittmer and a corsage presented to her on behalf of the Associates.

High on the list of projects successfully developed through the year was the Fellowship Program. The Life Members gave their enthusiastic support to this program which calls for monthly contact with all retired Telephone people in this area—by personal visit preferably,

**This group is largely responsible for the successful monthly meetings of the Life Member Associates: Charlie "Fiddler" McGee, Bill Cresswell, Ellen Horrigan, Margaret Horgan, Elizabeth Gately, K. Sabina Randall, Mary Powell, Elizabeth A. Leonard, Edythe Wallace, Mary T. Jones, Florence Hager, Mary Mulhern and George L. Vianello, President of the group.**



One of the highlights of the Sherwin Chapter Life Members' final meeting was the presentation of her Life Member Certificate to Lydia M. Powers, recently retired from the Coin Box Department. Adolph M. Dittmer, charter member of both the Sherwin Chapter and the Telephone Pioneers of America, made the presentation. Watching are George F. Pieper, Chapter President, and George L. Vianello, L.M. President.

or by telephone call or letter—and includes special attention for Life Members who are ill or hospitalized. During the year they made 5,788 such contacts.

To more capably direct the Fellowship Program, the Thomas Sherwin Chapter area has been divided into thirteen districts each of which has a chairman. Each district in turn was divided into units and each unit had its own chairman. The unit chairmen reported to the district chairmen who reported to Vice President Francis A. Mahan, Jr.

With an enthusiastic committee and this closely knit organization the Fellowship Program during 1949-50 was able to better the goals its directors had hoped for.

Officers the past year have been George L. Vianello, President; Francis A. Mahan, Jr., Vice President; Edward L. Palmer, Secretary; and James Flate, Treasurer.





Celia Driscoll, PBX Instructor, helps Operator Helen Fulton get acquainted with the new 740AX switchboard recently installed at the Arlington Trust Company, Lawrence.

## “The Best Possible Telephone Service ---”



Daniel Murphy, Sr., President of the Arlington Trust Company, makes the first telephone call over their new system. With him are J. Russell Dolan, Mgr., and Joseph F. Bolan, Customer Rep.

OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE IT. HERE'S THE STORY OF THREE MORE SATISFIED INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS WHO SAY THEY HAVE IT.

**T**YPICAL of many industrial concerns throughout the area served by our Company are the three pictured here whose current programs of expansion aim at better service for the people of New England. Each of these companies, realizing the vital role telephone service plays in its successful operations, consulted representatives of our Company for advice and guidance on the special type of telephone service best suited to their needs.

As part of its 130th anniversary the Builders Iron Foundry held a dedication and open house recently at its new quarters at 345 Harris Avenue, Providence. More than 1500 persons attended the exercises highlighted by addresses by John O. Pastore, Governor of Rhode Island, and Dennis J. Roberts, Mayor of Providence.

In the new building, long a dream of management, the engineering, sales and service departments are adjacent to the manufacturing departments. Special attention was given to the location of the two-position manual switchboard with 196 main extension stations. The switchboard is in a spacious, well-ventilated, tastefully decorated room.

The teletypewriter exchange service machine is in the center of all interoffice activity to facilitate the quick dispatch of outgoing messages to their offices throughout the country. One of the highlights of open house activity was a demonstration of the TWX during which a message was sent to our Company and the following answer received by Henry S. Chafee, treasurer: “The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company sends you via teletypewriter exchange service its congratula-



These men installed equipment at the Arlington Trust Company. Standing: James Howarth, Supervising Foreman; Russell Hyde, PBX Foreman. Kneeling: John Lee, William Sherlock.



H. B. Soper made the first call over the new 755A dial PBX at the Conn. River Power Company's Littleton, N. H., Office. Standing: C. T. Bennett, PBX Foreman; J. R. Allison, R. A. Thompson, W. F. Sliney, Mgr.; J. F. Sanders, Wire Chief.



There were flowers and plenty of visitors to watch Operators Virginia Whitehouse and Elaine Mattison at their new switchboard when the Builders Iron Foundry of Providence, R. I., played host to more than 1500 visitors at open house recently.

tions on the occasion of the dedication of your new office building at 345 Harris Avenue.

"We understand that the Builders Iron Foundry has been operating in Providence for 130 years—an accomplishment which must bring a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure to everyone associated with you—an accomplishment which few can duplicate and many might well envy."

The Arlington Trust Company of Lawrence, now occupying three floors in a modern, recently renovated building, is now enjoying telephone service tailored to suit its needs. Plans for the future, a continued growth of their banking facilities along with the Personal Loan and Time Sales Departments, demanded new telephone service and our Company installed a 740AX switchboard which is enabling the Trust Company's 80 employees to do their jobs quickly and efficiently.

The case was much the same in the office of the Connecticut River Power Company at Littleton, N. H., where our Company recently installed northern New Hampshire's first 755A dial PBX. Highlighting cutover ceremonies was the first call over the new system which was placed by H. B. Soper, Superintendent of the Northern Division of the company.



Barbara Johnston explains TWX operations to visitors who recently toured the Builders Iron Foundry, Providence.



The Underground Distribution Engineers of New England, an organization of Light and Power and Telephone Company men, gathered last month in the Assembly Room at 185 Franklin Street to hear T. M. Hennessey, Vice President, discuss our Company's financial situation and describe the new building. Their meeting was followed by a luncheon and a tour of the building.



At Fort Rodman in New Bedford the boys get practice in firing 22-caliber rifles for record. In rear are some officers of the 313th Battalion.



New recruits Austin Donahue, George Fancy and John Downey are sworn in by Maj. Ellis as Lt. Ames watches.



The 850th Signal Heavy Construction Battalion lines up at its headquarters in the Army Base to have its first group picture taken.



The 850th's sand table used in working out problems with its creators, Lt. Barton, Sgt. Manning, Lt. Kellogg.

## The 850th Unit for Defense

**T**HE 850th Signal Heavy Construction Company is another Organized Reserve Corps Unit jointly sponsored by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the United States Army. Like its fellow unit, the 313th Signal Operations Battalion, the 850th would serve as a key defense unit in case of war or national emergency. The Unit meets at the Army Base on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month under the leadership of its commanding officer, First Lieutenant Willard C. Ames. Unit Instructor for the group is Major Runnel Ellis.

The training schedule set up for the group is planned and arranged for by the Signal Corps. The group has already gone on overnight trips to Fort Rodman in New Bedford and is planning one for July at the Army Airfield in Bedford, and plans are in process for a two-week training program at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Here the group will receive school training including film training and finally will tackle the field problem of building a complete pole line.

At the present time the unit has five officers and nine enlisted men. The plans for the future include a total cadre of five officers, two warrant

officers and eighteen enlisted men.

The personnel of the unit is: Willard C. Ames, First Lieutenant, commanding officer; Ralph G. Barton, First Lieutenant; James Kellogg, First Lieutenant; Adam Niden, First Lieutenant; Edward F. Mahoney, Second Lieutenant; Austin T. Donahue, Sergeant First Class; Robert A. Manning, Sergeant First Class; William J. Sullivan, Sergeant First Class; Raymond W. Warren, Sergeant First Class; Ralph B. Farrar, Jr., Sergeant; Lawrence Barrett, Corporal; William J. Martis, Private First Class, and John Souza, Jr., Private First Class.



# McLellans Celebrate 20th

Over 500 Pioneers made merry at McLellan's largest Annual Dinner — its twentieth.

**T**HE more than five hundred Alexander K. McLellan Pioneers and guests who flocked to the Hotel Narragansett in Providence on Wednesday evening, May 3, were certain their Twentieth Annual Dinner and Entertainment was one which wouldn't be forgotten. They were also sure they'd be back next year, they'd had so much fun this time.

The evening started off with a reception where McLellanites found many familiar faces and new ones too, for the Chapter still remains very membership conscious. Also before dinner, and later at intermission time, the members visited the Pioneers' second hobby show. On display were not only the fine exhibits done by the Pioneers themselves, but also samples of work made in the rug-making and painting classes conducted under the McLellan Chapter sponsorship.

A steak dinner, complete with all courses, a specialty of the Narragansett Hotel, helped still further in making the evening a very successful one. During the dinner, the orchestra of Tommy Masso played old and new favorites, and during courses the Pioneers themselves joined in an old-fashioned community sing.

McLellan Vice President Robert Hayes and the Woonsocket Traffic Hello Girls presented their Minstrel Show for the Pioneers at the conclusion of the dinner. The remainder of the evening the Pioneers enjoyed dancing and when they finally left they already were making plans to attend the twenty-first dinner.

**Right: Delia Collins, Mrs. Thomas Balfour, guest, and Stella Hatchfield chat.**



**Top: William Glover, Vincenzo Lombardi and Edmund DeLong admire carvings.**



**Pioneers and guests: John Honor, Dinner Chmn.; Mrs. Honor, Vice Pres. Robert Bleakney, Vice Pres. and Gen. Mgr. Sanford Cousins, Chap. Pres. Charles Fontes, Mrs. Fontes, Mrs. George Pieper, Mr. Pieper, Sherwin Chap. Pres.; Mrs. Robert Stokes, Mr. Stokes, Public Relations Methods Supv.; Miss Charlotte Dolan, and John J. Dolan, So. Div. Plant Supt.**



**Visiting Sherwin Pioneer Secretary-Treasurer James Flate and Mrs. Flate greet McLellanites Henrietta Fritscher, Providence Long Distance; Jane Casey, Pawtucket Traffic, retired; Rita Boyle, Narragansett Traffic; and Helen Carpenter, Providence Long Distance, at the annual dinner, held at the Hotel Narragansett on Wednesday, May 3.**

From Lebanon to Wytopotlock

# Central Office on the Move



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Four stages of the journey: (1) being placed on a low-bed truck at its old home in East Lebanon, Me.; (2) on the road; (3) being unloaded at its new location; (4) steps on and all at Wytopotlock.

▶ 4.



**A**dd this to things that never happened before in Maine: Our Company has just moved its former Lebanon, Me., telephone central office (building and dial equipment contents) to Wytopotlock.

As the crow is said to fly, that's about 208 miles; but by the route of many detours the wayfaring central office took to avoid overpasses that were too low for its 14-foot height, the journey was one of 276 miles, more or less. The Chase Transfer Company of Portland, the movers, reconnoitered and laid out the route.

The seven-ton load was eased onto a low-bed truck at East Lebanon on Monday, May 15, and the following morning at daybreak the trek to Wytopotlock began. It took about two days to get there for traveling was permissible only during daylight hours.

There's real Yankee thrift behind this unusual moving job. The move was planned months ago when Lebanon, with an increase to nearly 125 telephones, outgrew its dial system and had to have the larger one which was put into service in February of this year. The equipment in the old central office happened to be just the right size and type for Wytopotlock's present and future telephone needs and it was simply cheaper than erecting a new building in Wytopotlock and then dismantling the former Lebanon operating equipment for reinstallation in it.

The system originally served 59 Lebanon telephones. In Wytopotlock it will furnish modern dial service to about 40 telephones, starting early in July.

For the journey to Wytopotlock the frames and cabinets holding the dial apparatus and associated equipment were braced with heavy timbers and the moving parts of the equipment tied up snugly to protect the parts from the effects of jolts en route.

# Sarah and Mr. Jones

SARAH KUNKLE dipped the worn pen in the inkwell and on the stationery with the letterhead "Camp Cozy Cove, Deluxe Playground by the Sea" she began to write:

*Dearest Mae—*

I suppose you are surprised to receive this letter. Well, frankly, when I left a week ago all I intended to send you was a card. But things have happened which I must tell you about in detail right here and now, seeing as how you are my best friend.

I guess I better start from the beginning. Well, when I got here last Saturday I didn't see any of the old crowd from last year, and not having you with me either, I felt kind of blue. But I unpacked and got into my bathing suit, thinking I'd go down to the beach and make some new acquaintances. And there I saw him.

Gee, Mae, he was the cutest guy I ever saw. He was the new lifeguard—I don't know what happened to the hairy one from last year. Well, Mae, I decided right there and then he was just my type.

But I guess all the other girls in the place thought so, too, because he was surrounded by all shapes and sizes. I found out his name was Lancelot Jones.

I sauntered over and gave him a big smile, but he didn't even look at me. So I sat down near him anyway and put in my two-cents-worth of conversation just like the others, but to tell you the truth, Mae, it didn't look as if anybody was making any time with him.

Well, Mae, this went on for four days. I wore all my best clothes—you know, the pale green shorts and that slinky black bathing suit. But he didn't even look in my direction. The only thing that helped was that he didn't look at anybody else either. And then it happened.

It was Wednesday night. Camp Cozy Cove was having a South American party. I got all dolled up—even put on that French perfume you gave me last Christmas. I was going to slay Lancelot.

Then just as I was walking out of my room to go to the ballroom who runs up to me but Mr. McGuirk. You remember him, he's the manager.

"Miss Kunkle," he said, "Please, you've got to help me. Our PBX girl just fainted at the board. We're taking her home. And we can't locate our other girl. I know you're a telephone operator—and you told me once you'd operated a PBX—won't you please help us out?"

Well, Mae, I just looked at him. Here I spend a whole year sitting at a switchboard, finally get my two-weeks-with-pay, and he wants me to spend what may be the most romantic night of my vacation at a PBX!

"Can't you get somebody else?" I said.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I've tried. There's no one else. And people are trying to make calls. I know you telephone girls have such a deep sense of responsibility."

Well, Mae, that did it. No one is ever going to accuse me of shirking my duty—even when I'm off duty. I picked up my skirt and rhumbad over to the board, wishing I'd been trained as a pickler in a pickle plant.

After I'd cleared the first load off the board, it wasn't



so bad. I guess everybody was dancing the South American way. But then about 10 p.m. I heard his voice.

He said: "Operator, this is Lancelot Jones. I want to call Long Distance."

Mae, I near fell off my chair. What a dreamy voice! "Y--yes, Mr. Jones," I said.

"Ipswich, N. Y.," he said. "Ipswich 3-4450."

I got Long Distance and gave her the number. But nobody answered in Ipswich. I tried for a half hour. All I got was D.A's. So I told him.

"Somebody must be home, keep trying," he said.

He sounded awful worried, and, you know me, Mae, bloodhound Sarah they call me. "Is there somewhere else I could locate your party?" I said.

"Gee, she may be in the hospital," he said, "but I don't know which one!"

"Do you think it's an Ipswich hospital?" I said.

He said he didn't know.

"What's the name of the party you wish to locate?" I said. He said it was Helen Jones.

Well, Mae, I got Ipswich information. Boy, what a medicated town that must be. There was an Ipswich General Hospital, an Ipswich County Hospital and six private hospitals. I didn't have any luck with the first five, but at the sixth the girl who answered said they did have a Helen Jones who'd registered a few hours before, her condition was as good as could be expected. The girl said she'd talk to Lancelot, so I connected him.

Gee, Mae, what a relief. I felt wonderful. You know—like the time you located the doctor for the kid. Boy, right then I wouldn't have been a pickler in a pickle plant for all the dough in the world.

And just about five minutes later who walks up to the board but Lancelot, grinning from ear to ear.

"Thank you very much," he said, "for having been so helpful. I was very worried."

"Oh," I said, "I'm so glad your relative was o.k."

"Relative?" he said. "That was my wife. We just had a baby boy!"

—Well, Mae, I am moving to the White Mountains for the rest of my vacation. I'll send you a post card.

*Your best friend, Sarah.*

TELEPHONE TOPICS  
STORY OF THE MONTH



Men who completed the off-shore pole plant reconditioning estimate: Russell D. Upham, Richard G. Ellinwood, Eugene W. Clark, Foreman, Richard N. Ames and Frank W. Sawyer.



There's no room for a slip on a hoist job like this. Our construction line truck gets lifted aboard the *Sophia*.



Destined for Northhaven and Vinalhaven was this sling-load of 26-25 and 30-foot poles being hoisted aboard the lighter.



## Poles Aweigh!

**It takes more than the Atlantic Ocean to prevent a service-minded line crew from doing its job.**

**A**BOUT fifteen miles off the coast of Rockland, Maine, in Penobscot Bay are two islands whose inhabitants are pretty enthusiastic about what telephone people call the "spirit of service." It's just a little extra something that inspires telephone people to do their everyday job with an extra zest and enthusiasm. Even the Atlantic doesn't phase them.

The Engineering Department in Portland prepared and received approval for a pole conditioning and repair estimate for the Northhaven and Vinalhaven exchanges. The only thing that made this job different from similar projects is the fact that the two exchanges are located on adjacent islands in the Bay. The problem was getting men, equipment and materials to the exchanges.

All the necessary materials were sent to Rockland and then, all—poles, wire, crossarms, strand and miscellaneous materials, vehicles, and crew—were loaded onto the lighter *Sophia*. The sea-going line crew was on its way.

In short order the following major items of construction were completed on the islands: the placing of 263 poles and 6.2 ckt. miles of open wire, removal of 336 poles and 8.3 ckt. miles of open wire, the building of three miles of new long span joint construction with the Vinalhaven Light and Power Company.

**All aboard! The jeep and line truck are chained down on top of a deckload of poles and set for the 12-mile trip.**



Chief Operator Mary B. Eamon and Clerk Mary R. Murray can find no place to put the birds during their routine

inspection of the locker room in the Brockton Toll Office. Being there the birds have made it a safety-conscious office.

## No Home for the Birds

**Safety-conscious girls in the Brockton Traffic Office have no place for them.**

**I**N a novel and interesting fashion Chief Operator Mary B. Eamon and Operator Gloria A. DeLaKoski of the Brockton Traffic Office collaborated to make their locker room safe for all the girls in the department.

The Toll Office has always been safety-conscious but recently it seemed that an ever-present hazard was that of open locker compartment doors. Miss Eamon asked her girls for suggestions and Miss DeLaKoski came up with the winning idea.

Posters appeared on the office bulletin board entitled "Have you heard of the DoDo bird?" And girls who forgot to close their locker doors would return to find the small feathered DoDo bird waiting for them with instructions to return it to the clerk.

Often the bird had a little message attached like, "Takes half a minute. It isn't a chore. When you leave this locker close the door."

The result? There are no more accidents caused by open locker doors in the Brockton Toll Office.

## New Hampshire-Vermont Blue Cross Revises Family Membership Fees

**M**EMBERSHIP fees are being revised July 1 for family groups in the New Hampshire-Vermont Blue Cross Hospitalization service and the surgical division of the two-state Blue Shield plan, R. S. Spaulding, executive director, has announced.

There will be no change made in member fees for one person or two person memberships in either Blue Cross or Blue Shield surgical or for anyone enrolled in the Blue Shield medical division, which helps pay family doctors.

Effective July 1, the executive director said, family group membership in Blue Cross will be \$3.35 a month and in Blue Shield surgical \$2.50 a month. These increases of 50 cents a month, Spaulding said, are based on increased cost of diagnostic services, laboratory work, medications and other items for which Blue Cross and Blue Shield pays hospitals and physicians in New Hampshire and Vermont.

# In The Good Old Summertime

by GEORGE F. WILKINS, M. D., MEDICAL DIRECTOR

IT'S THE TIME FOR VACATIONS AND GAY, LIGHT-HEARTED LIVING. BUT CITY SLICKERS SHOULD BECOME ACCUSTOMED GRADUALLY TO THE RIGORS OF COUNTRY AND RESORT LIFE. TAKE IT EASY AND OBSERVE THESE FEW PRECAUTIONS. THEN—A HAPPY VACATION TO YOU.

**D**URING these next few months, most of us will be off to the mountains or beaches for our annual summer vacations or for week-end trips. Vacations are not only desirable but necessary for everyone. They provide our families as well as ourselves with a welcome break in the routine of ordinary daily life and enable us to return to our homes and our jobs refreshed both in mind and in body. However, as in all phases of existence, the vacation period is not without its special hazards. Far too often is a vacation spoiled by an illness or accident that could have been avoided by the use of a little foresight.

## *Auto Accidents*

On holiday week-ends, automobile traffic is always extremely heavy. Especially at these times many persons who otherwise do little or no driving seem to love to seat themselves behind the wheel and take to the highways. It is a wise policy, therefore, not only to drive carefully ourselves but to also try to anticipate what the other driver is going to do. And above all, if you have had a drink or two, then *don't* drive. There are approximately 300 highway deaths in the United States over every three-day week-end.

## *Sunburn*

One of the delights of a summer vacation is the opportunity to acquire a suntan. The sun's rays are indeed healthful, if taken in moderation. However, if acquired in too large a dose, the resulting burn can produce anything from discomfort at being slapped on the back to fever, pain, swollen limbs, impairment of kidney function and confinement in a hospital for an indefinite period of time. The rays of the sun are more intense in the clear air of the mountains and seashore than in the city where they are filtered out by dust and smoke particles. Consequently a burn is acquired much more rapidly under these conditions. It is good policy to start off easily—exposing oneself for not more than 10 to 15 minutes on each side for the first few days. As a tan develops, progressively longer exposures may be taken.

## *Diving*

Before diving into an unfamiliar area of water, one should always first test the depth of the water and explore beneath the surface for hidden rocks, ledges, tree stumps and the like. Each vacation season produces its share of broken necks and fractured skulls as the result of diving into water that is either too shallow or that contains some hidden obstacle. The old warning of "Look before you leap" may be trite but nevertheless it is excellent advice.

Since water pressure per square inch increases rapidly with depth, a deep dive exerts tremendous pressure on the eardrum which after all is only a thin membrane. If the pressure is sufficient, the drum will rupture. This can result in middle ear infection and deafness. Anyone with any type of ear infection or with a perforated eardrum should not dive at all. For those with normal ears who like to dive, it is a good precaution to insert a small plug of lamb's wool in each ear canal. This serves to cushion the eardrum against the water pressure.

## *Poison Ivy*

Anyone who has ever had poison ivy knows the misery it can cause. It is a great scourge of picnickers and campers. Being a weed, poison ivy is a hardy plant. It grows most everywhere and in any type of soil. There is really no satisfactory treatment for a poison ivy rash so the best thing to do is to avoid coming in contact with it. The great majority of exposures to poison ivy occur because the plant is not recognized as such. The poison ivy plant, however, is fairly easy to identify. There are three and only three leaves on each stem. The edges of the leaves are irregularly notched and the leaf itself is not quite symmetrical. In the summer, there also may be little clusters of white flowers or of white berries about the size of a pea under the leaves. There is no other plant that has three leaves to a stem with clusters of white berries underneath. However, these berries or flowers are not always present and the wisest precaution you can take is to avoid direct contact or close association with any foliage that contains three leaves on each stem.

# Any Call May Mean A Life

**Alert Operators, detecting emergencies, save lives of three Revere young people.**

**A** TELEPHONE, a telephone line, and most important, an alert telephone operator often mean the difference between life and death for a subscriber in distress, be he an elderly invalid suddenly stricken ill or a lonely and frightened child.

On a recent Sunday morning Dorothy Joyce of the Revere Central Office answered a call for the "Police Department." The call was not passed as an "Emergency," but Miss Joyce was alert to notice from the subscriber's agitated tone that something was amiss.

She gave the line special attention and, supervising on the call, learned that a young Revere boy, working on the family car in the garage, had become seriously ill from carbon monoxide inhalation when, unknown to him, the garage door had blown closed.

Operator Joyce stayed with the boy's anxious father, quickly connecting him on a series of calls for a doctor, a fire department inhalator and members of the boy's family. Thanks to her alertness and efficient handling of these calls, the proper aid arrived in time.

That week the boy's grateful father wrote to the Revere Office expressing his appreciation for Operator Dorothy Joyce's efforts which he credited with having saved his son's life.

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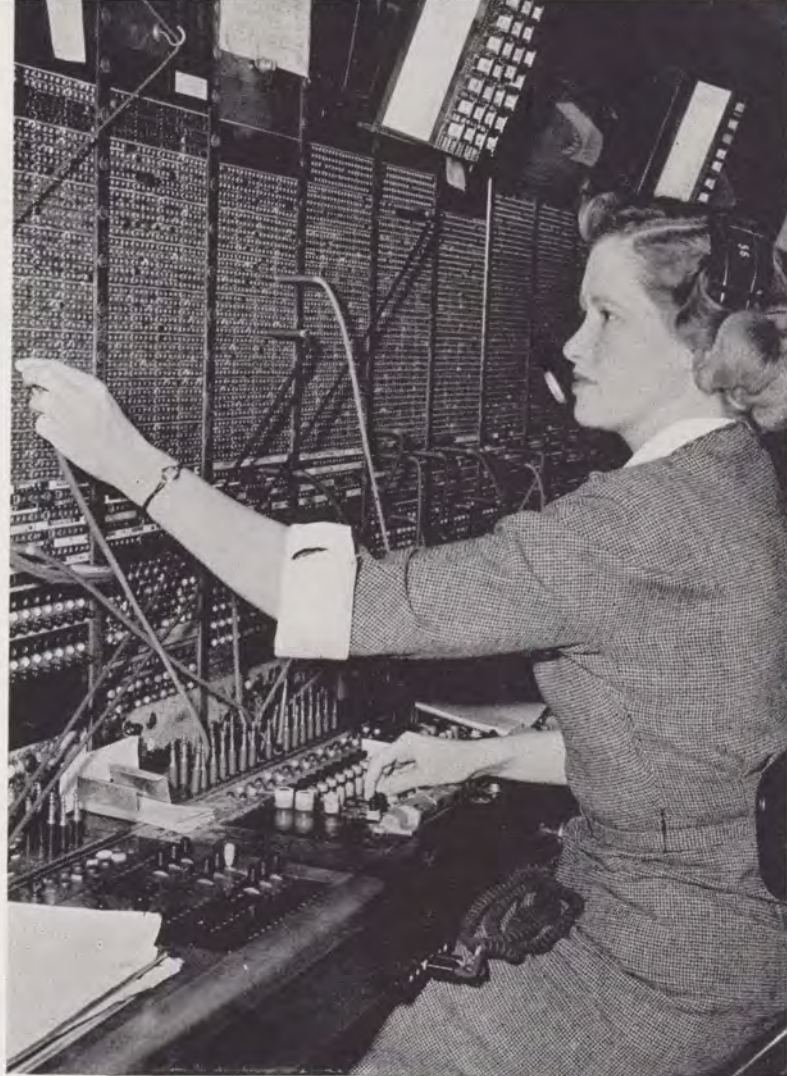
Alone in his home except for his baby brother, a small Revere boy became frightened one evening recently when a defective oil stove in the kitchen of the house began to smoke. He had a telephone number where his father could be reached and put in a call.

But the place was noisy and the man answering the telephone could not hear the boy well and did not understand that the child was in danger. Losing patience, he replaced the receiver without getting the child's message. The little boy tried again and again, but the same thing happened every time that he placed his call. He began to cry.

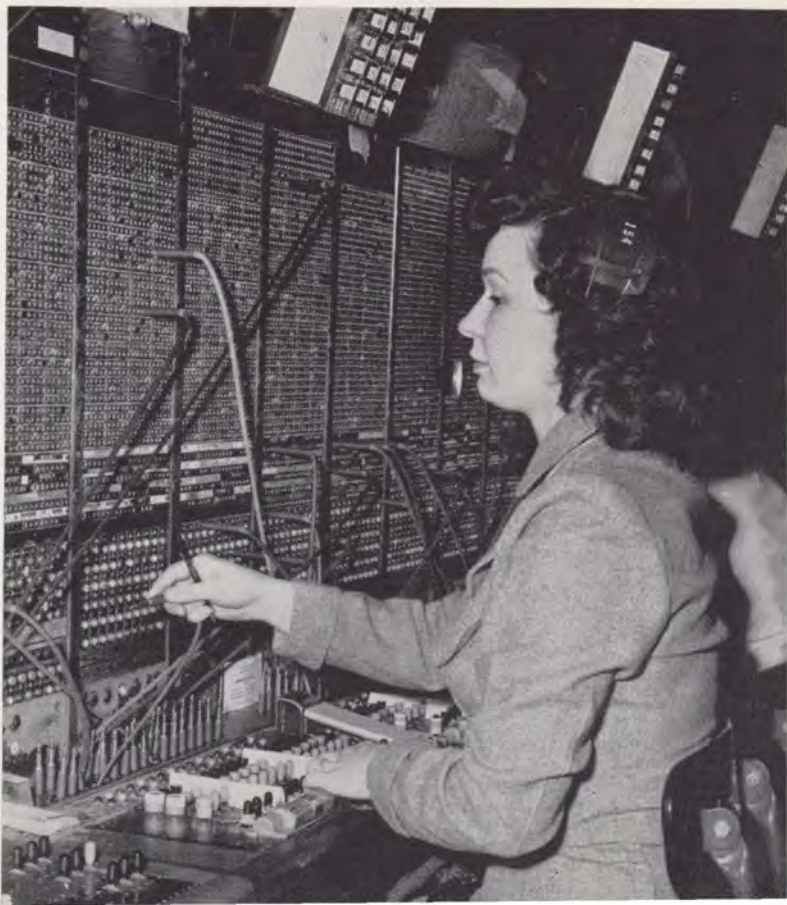
Revere Supervisor Eleanor Cowhig's alert ears caught the child's tearful voice as he tried the number again, and offering to help got the little boy to tell her his story.

Quickly sensing the danger that the child might be in, she told him to take the baby to the part of the house furthest from the kitchen, and that she would get help. Then she quickly called the Fire Department who rushed to the scene and then called the number herself, and this time reaching the boy's father, urged him to return home immediately.

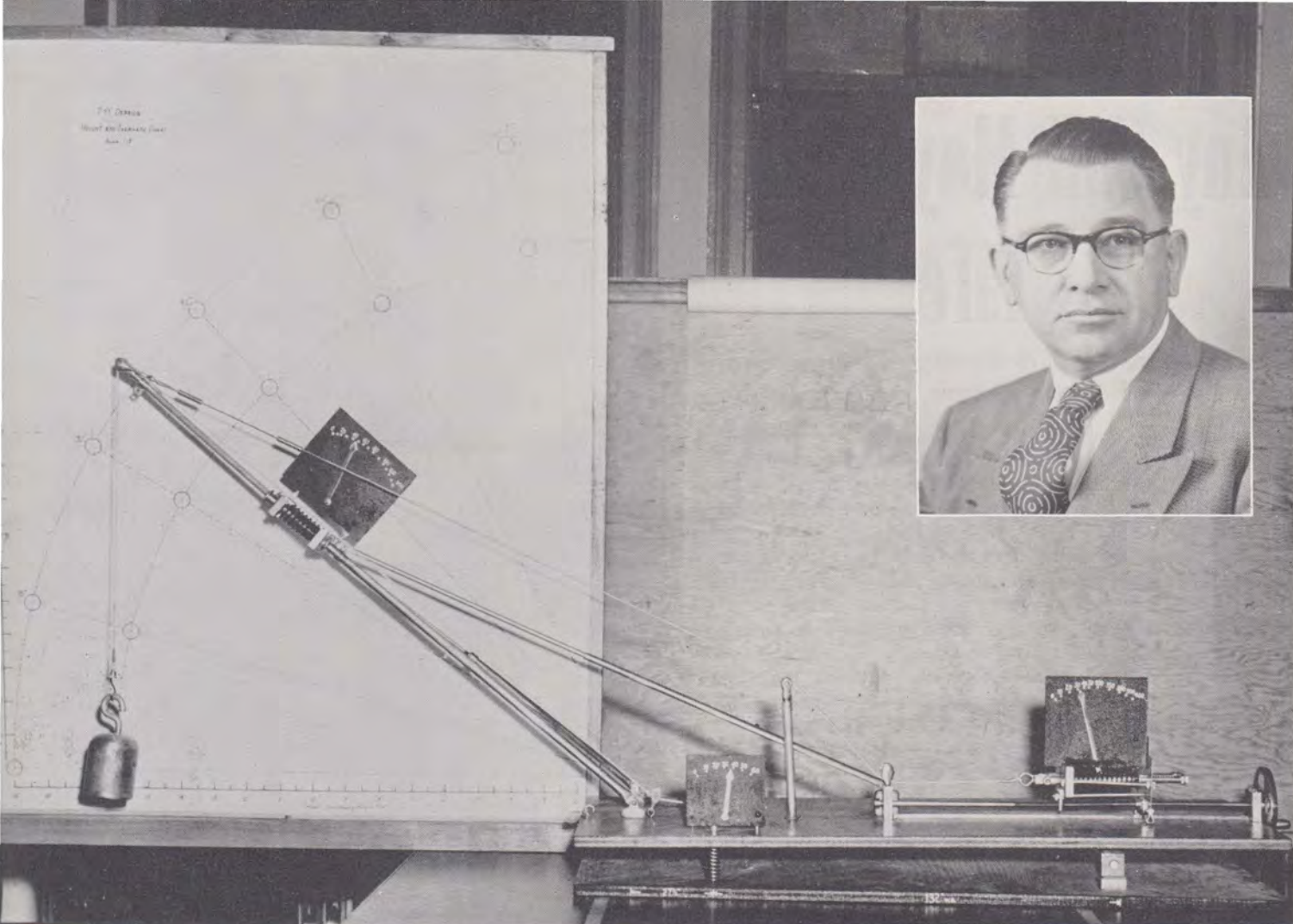
Fortunately, Supervisor Cowhig's efforts were in time to prevent serious consequences and she was complimented for her quick and decisive action in bringing aid to the two small children.



**Operator Dorothy Joyce, Revere**



**Supervisor Eleanor Cowhig, Revere**



Above is the one-fifth scale model of T-45 derrick mounted on a simulated conventional type Diamond-T construction truck. It was built for demonstrating stresses and strains relative to derrick use by East. Div. Constr. Supt. John M. Baker, insert.

## Worth a Pound of Cure

DERRICK MODEL IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY INCORRECT USE.

**A** NEW and unique device for demonstrating the uses and abuses of T-type pole derricks and the Outside Plant Construction trucks with which they are associated has been designed and built by Eastern Division Construction Superintendent John M. Baker.

The model pictured resulted from a search for any medium that would drive home to construction workers the lessons of safety in connection with derrick use, and to reduce the frequency of accidents in which derricks were involved.

After several tries and the subsequent discarding of models that were not to his liking, he spent some 600 hours in his basement workshop building the final model. It has been proven very successful for its intended purpose, and all construction and cable placing personnel in the Eastern Division have been given demonstrations which were enthusiastically received.

The model is made to scale and represents a T-45 type derrick mounted on a simulated Diamond-T truck. The vehicle is represented by a wooden platform hinged at the point of front wheel suspension and provided with two compression springs at the point of rear wheel suspension. A recording dial is attached at the latter point

to record loads with and without derrick supports.

By raising and lowering the main leg of the derrick with a hand wheel at the extreme right of the model, stresses on winch and fall lines are recorded with the leg at different elevations.

The derrick itself is constructed of hard copper tubing, and into the main leg itself has been inserted a spring dial which records strain on that member under various conditions and loads. A 10-lb. weight is used to simulate a derrick load and was selected to facilitate mental computation by the student.

The chart pictured is an integral part of the model and permits an observer to determine various load factors.

Demonstrations have been given in Portland for the benefit of Division heads and staff and representatives of the General Office, and it was the consensus that the model was unique, well constructed and extremely accurate, and would very successfully demonstrate the proper use of the pole derrick.

At the present time, further development and extended use throughout our Company is under consideration.





In the Liberty, Hancock, Hubbard cable vault at Harrison Avenue, Boston, Testers Edward V. Leonard and Charles Sullivan take readings.

Corrosion holes made by electrolysis can be easily seen in this sample of lead sheath.



## Plant Men's Bugaboo

**That's another name for electrolysis—a cause of cable failure which keeps Maintenance Men on the jump.**

**W**HENEVER electricity runs astray and bores holes in our underground cable sheath, allowing moisture to enter and put the cable out of service, Plant men fight back the cuss words and explain the phenomenon in one word: electrolysis.

The problem of electrolysis is a complicated one and one which demands considerable time from telephone men. Fundamentally, this is what causes the trouble.

Our cable, being buried underground, picks up stray current underground from nearby power systems such as trolley tracks. This current runs along in our sheath, doing no harm until it leaves to get back to the source from which it originated. Then it wants to jump off.

Unless our Plant men find that jumping-off spot and provide a metallic path for the current to follow, it will leave the cable at that point and make its own path through the damp earth. In so doing it corrodes the sheath and makes holes such as those shown above.

Plant men, armed with special equipment, maintain a steady watch over our cables, testing and examining them frequently to see whether any trouble points exist. Sometimes, however, the electrolytic action is so rapid the damage is done before it can be spotted. Cables have

been known to fail from this type of corrosion in as short a time as one year after being placed in service. On the other hand, if the corrosive action is slow, cables may last for 20 to 40 years, before failing from this cause.

A great deal of time and effort is spent in the prevention of electrolysis. Special equipment is used to measure voltage on the cable, which means to determine at what point, if any, current is trying to break through into the moist earth. Wherever such a condition is found, drainage wire connections are made between the cable and earth in order to provide a metallic path for the current and thus preserve our sheath from corrosion.

Outside of the Metropolitan Division the relative proportion of stray current is very small since trolley systems have been abandoned pretty generally. In these areas, electrolysis problems result more from non-stray, or galvanic currents which are more difficult to detect with standard instruments. Therefore extra sensitive meters have to be used to test for electrolysis condition.

Annual routine tests, which indicate any hazardous conditions, are followed up by special tests to determine what means of improving conditions are both practical and economical.

One method of preventing this type of corrosion, called cathodic protection, forces current into the ground to counteract stray electricity in that area.

Last year 128 cable failures throughout our Company's  
*(Continued in Southern Division News)*

Left: Electrolysis Testers John P. Doherty and Howard L. Corbett check electrolysis conditions at a manhole on a busy Boston thoroughfare. Right: Electrolysis Engineer J. E. Minitzer and Metropolitan Testers H. L. Corbett, L. P.

Doherty, E. V. Leonard and C. Sullivan have the responsibility of maintaining from electrolysis damage approximately 2,000 miles of underground cable sheath which represents a Plant investment of approximately \$18,000,000.



# Anglers of the Silver Leapers

A rod, a fly, waders and a gaff mean only one thing to these Company Waltons—a fight for the kingly salmon.

**A**N excited yell, "Hooked one," breaks the early morning stillness and suddenly a score of not so lucky anglers scramble to help their fellow fisherman land the leaping silver-backed "king of the game fish."

This early morning scene could have taken place at five o'clock on any Saturday or Sunday morning during the months of May, June, or July, and possibly September. The lucky early morning angler could have been either Phil Harriman of Plant Extension or Cal O'Brien of Stadium Plant. The fish couldn't be anything but an Atlantic salmon fallen prey to the lure of a bear-hair fly fashioned by Cal.

The salmon has always been a favorite of anglers in New England and once was plentiful in rivers from southernmost Connecticut to northernmost Maine. But pollution of our rivers by the mills of New England and excessive fishing by unscrupulous fishermen a few decades ago conspired to make the Atlantic salmon practically extinct. Now fishermen like Phil and Cal can, thanks to the State of Maine's Salmon Restoration Program, enjoy the sport of landing this fighting fish again.

This program, which costs \$75,000 annually, is conducted by five agencies: the Departments of Inland Fisheries and Game, Sea and Shore Fisheries, Atlantic Sea-Run Salmon Commission, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the University of Maine. It is hoped that these agencies will in the future be able to bring about the return of large-scale salmon fishing, long one of Maine's greatest recreational attractions.

This year over a half million salmon fingerlings will be liberated in coastal rivers. A large percentage of these fingerlings (young salmon no more than a few inches long) will be planted in the Narraguagus River, to date the most promising Atlantic Salmon stream, and in several years' time anglers like Phil and Cal will be reaping the silver harvest.

Phil and Cal have been salmon fishermen for about two years now. They like other anglers had heard rumors that the salmon runs on the Narraguagus were increasing each year. Strangely enough, the restoration of the Narraguagus salmon runs was started by nature. In 1941, a heavy flood swept away the last dam in the town of Cherryfield thus providing over twenty miles of unpolluted river fed by spring brooks with suitable spawning grounds. The main run is during May, June and early July with a second smaller run late in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Salmon leave the wide open spaces of the Atlantic Ocean come these months to travel with the tide up the Narraguagus to spawn in one of the gravel lined brooks feeding the river. En route to the brooks the salmon stop to rest in the quiet pools of the river. It is to these pools at five o'clock in the morning that ardent anglers for salmon journey. The pools themselves have colorful names—Academy, Ring-Bolt, Blueberry, Hazard, Stillwater, to name only a few.

Standard equipment for aspiring salmon fishermen is either a heavy trout or bass rod or the more expensive salmon rod, waders or hip boots, flies and a gaff. The salmon fisherman, Cal and Phil know from experience, shouldn't expect a catch immediately. Some days he may not catch anything. But when he does, all the waiting is worth it. The fisherman's battle is only half won when he hooks a salmon. He lets the salmon have his way, letting him run for perhaps an hour, playing him up and downstream and gradually bringing him closer to shore so that a fishing partner may gaff the fish. A gaff (a large barbless hook on a four-foot pole) is used rather than a net for landing the fish because of the strength and weight of the salmon. Salmon range in weight from five to 25 pounds with an average catch being 12 pounds in weight.



Phil casts into the Narraguagus River at Cherryfield for what he hopes will be a prize silver leaper, an Atlantic salmon.



Cal helps Phil select one of his bear-hair flies. These flies made by Cal are the most popular for catching the kingly salmon. The large hook in center is a gaff.

**Nation's  
Outstanding Industrialists  
Convene for  
Boston Jubilee Awards**

## Head Table Guests

OUTSTANDING feature of Boston's Mid-Century Jubilee celebration, May 18 through 22, was the gathering of fifty-one of the nation's foremost industrial statesmen who were honored for their records of good business citizenship at the Boston Jubilee Dinner in the Copley Plaza Hotel on opening day, May 18. Particularly significant was the award presented to Leroy A. Wilson, President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, for his "progressive business leadership."

### UPPER TIER, *Left to Right*

HENNING W. PRENTIS, JR.  
*President, Armstrong Cork Company*

CARL H. BLACK  
*President, American Can Company*

DR. ALLEN B. DUMONT  
*President, Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc.*

SPYROS P. SKOURAS  
*President, 20th Century Fox*

BRIG. GENERAL DAVID SARNOFF  
*Chairman, Radio Corporation of America*

BARNEY BALABAN  
*President, Paramount Pictures*

LEROY A. WILSON  
*President, American Telephone & Telegraph Co.*

S. L. SHOLLEY  
*Keystone Custodian Funds Incorporated  
Vice Chairman, The Boston Jubilee*

HARRY J. BLAKE  
*President, Blake & Company, Inc.  
President-Elect, Boston Chamber of Commerce*

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS  
*Former Secretary of the Navy*

RT. REV. ERIC F. MACKENZIE,  
D.C.L., S.T.L.

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*H. A. Johnson Company  
President, Boston Chamber of Commerce*

Presiding, ROBERT CUTLER  
*President, Old Colony Trust Company*

DEAN DONALD K. DAVID  
*Dean, Harvard School of Business Admin.*

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*Mayor, City of Boston*

HONORABLE E. C. STANWELL  
*Mayor, Boston, England*

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*General Chairman, The Boston Jubilee*

PAUL A. NEWSOME  
*Newsome & Company, Inc.  
Public Relations Chairman, The Boston Jubilee*

MERRILL GRISWOLD  
*Massachusetts Investors Trust  
Vice-Chairman, The Boston Jubilee*

C. R. SMITH  
*President, American Airlines*

F. G. GURLEY  
*President, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe*

EDWARD S. FRENCH  
*President, Boston & Maine Railroad*

K. T. KELLER  
*President, Chrysler Corporation*

PAUL KAYSER  
*President, El Paso Natural Gas Company*

JUAN T. TRIPPE  
*President, Pan American World Airways*

ERNEST E. NORRIS  
*President, Southern Railway Company*

HAROLD S. VANCE  
*President, Studebaker Corporation*

H. GARDINER SYMONDS  
*President, Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.*

ARTHUR B. HOMER  
*President, Bethlehem Steel Company*

Not Shown Is  
WALTER P. MARSHALL  
*President, Western Union Telegraph Company*

### LOWER TIER, *Left to Right*

JAMES V. TONER  
*President, Boston Edison Company*

J. SPENCER LOVE  
*Chairman, Burlington Mills Corporation*

HAROLD BLANCHE  
*President, Celanese Corporation of America*

FRED LAZARUS, JR.  
*President, Federated Department Stores*

CLARENCE FRANCIS  
*Chairman, General Foods Corporation*

J. P. SPANG, JR.  
*President, Gillette Safety Razor Company*

PAUL WEEKS LITCHFIELD  
*President, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company*

L. A. VAN BOMEL  
*President, National Dairy Products Corp.*

ALBERT W. HUGHES  
*President, J. C. Penney Company, Inc.*

HENRY M. BLISS  
*President, Pacific Mills*

WILLIAM BALDERSTON  
*President, Philco Corporation*

ROBERT E. WOOD  
*Chairman, Sears, Roebuck and Company*

ERNEST HENDERSON  
*President, Sheraton Corporation of America*

JOHN HOLMES  
*President, Swift & Company*

HARRY E. HUMPHREYS, JR.  
*President, U. S. Rubber Company*

T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
*Chairman, United Fruit Company*

BENJAMIN F. FAIRLESS  
*President, U. S. Steel Corporation*

ROBERT E. WILSON  
*Chairman, Standard Oil of Indiana*

C. C. FELTON  
*Receiving award for C. Donald Dallas  
Chairman, Revere Copper & Brass Company*

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*President, North American Aviation, Inc.*

JOSEPH A. MARTINO  
*President, National Lead Company*

MELVIN HOUSTON BAKER  
*President, National Gypsum Company*

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*President, Monsanto Chemical Company*

WILLIAM L. MCKNIGHT  
*Chairman, Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.*

GEORGE W. MERCK  
*President, Merck & Company, Incorporated*

JOHN DAVID BIGGERS  
*President, Libby-Owens Ford Glass Company*

JOHN H. HINMAN  
*President, International Paper Company*

THOMAS J. WATSON  
*Chairman, International Business Machines*

DONALD J. McLAUGHLIN  
*President, Homestake Mining Company*

CHARLES A. HIGGINS  
*President, Hercules Powder Company, Inc.*

SIDNEY A. SWENSRUD  
*President, Gulf Oil Company*







# Feeding the June Groom

Of course he'll be well fed, and not just on meat and potatoes! Even the greenest bride can prepare these desserts that add dash to a well-planned meal.

## RING CAKE

- |                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 pkg. White<br>Cake Mix | 2 cups fresh<br>strawberries |
| 1 cup water              | 1 cup heavy cream            |

Grease a 9-inch ring mold with unsalted (vegetable) shortening. Dust out lightly with flour. Blend cake mix and water, following directions on package. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 25-30 minutes. Allow to cool in pan at least 30 minutes before removing. Fill centre with fresh strawberries, garnish with sweet whipped cream. Serves 6-8.

## CUSTARD ROYALE

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 pkg. (6 oz.)<br>semi-sweet<br>chocolate | Style Dessert<br>2¼ cups milk<br>Maraschino cherries |
| 1 pkg. Custard-                           |  |

Melt chocolate slowly over hot water. With the back of a teaspoon, cover the inside of crimped paper cups with melted chocolate and chill in refrigerator until firm. Blend Custard-Style Dessert with milk. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. Cool at least 35 minutes in refrigerator. Chill hands in cold water and dry. Carefully peel off paper cups from chocolate. Fill cooled custard mixture into chocolate cups

and chill in refrigerator. Garnish top with cherry. Yield: 10 servings.

## CHERRY COCONUT BAVARIAN PIE

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1 pkg. cherry<br>gelatin     | 1 cup drained<br>canned red sour<br>cherries |
| 1¼ cups hot water            | ¾ cup cream,<br>whipped                      |
| ½ cup canned<br>cherry juice | 1 baked 9-in. pie<br>shell                   |
| 2 tsp. lemon juice           |  |
| 1½ cups shredded<br>coconut  |  |

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add fruit juices. Chill until slightly thickened. Then place in bowl of ice and water and whip with rotary egg beater until fluffy and thick like whipped cream. Turn into cold pie shell and chill until firm. Spread with remaining whipped cream and garnish with remaining cherries and coconut. If desired, quick-frozen sour pitted cherries may be used. Thaw cherries, drain, proceed as directed.

## "SINK OR FLOAT" MOLD

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 2 pkgs. lime<br>gelatin                     | 2½ cups (No. 2½<br>can) apricot<br>halves, drained |
| 2 cups hot water                            | 2 cups sliced<br>bananas                           |
| 2 cups canned<br>apricot juice<br>and water |  |

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Harold E. Brand  
from West. Div. District Plant  
Superintendent to Plant Super-  
intendent, Vermont Area

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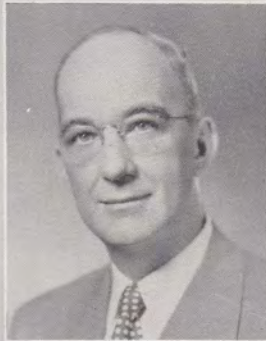
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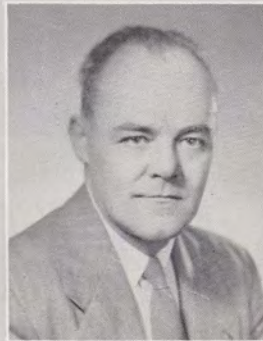
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Eng., Vt. Comm.



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Toll Crossbar, Met. Plant, to  
Met. Toll Serv. Supv., Met. Pl.



Charles Fitzpatrick  
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N. H., Pl. to C. O. Equip.  
Eng., N. H. Area Plant



Ambrose S. Flaherty  
from Manager, Pawtucket,  
Comm., to Special Assign-  
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to Traffic Supt. in charge  
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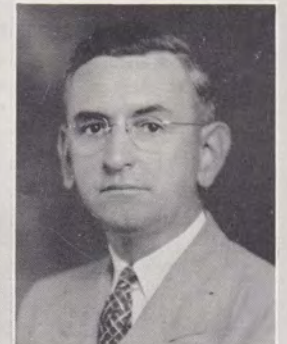
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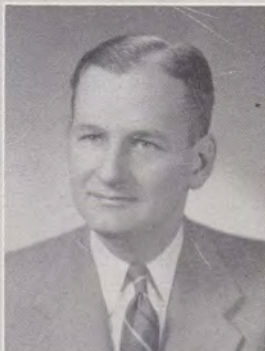
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Vermont Area Plant



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Vermont Area



Donald J. Kelley  
from Spec. Studies Accountant,  
Gen. Acctg., to Settlement  
Coordinator, Gen. Acctg.



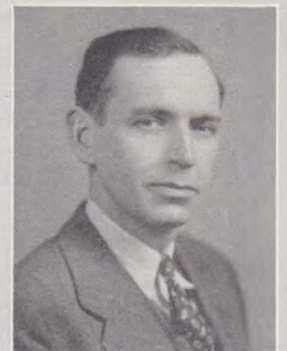
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from Traffic Supervisor, Gen.  
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New Bedford District



Albert B. McClure  
From West. Div. Tr. Expense  
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Vermont Area Traffic



John T. McPhillips  
from Manager, Newport, R. I.,  
to Manager, Pawtucket,  
Rhode Island



Norman Mitchell  
from C. O. Maint. Supv.  
Manual, West. Div. Pl., to Pl.  
Serv. Supt., Vt. Area Plant





Frank G. Pierce  
from Dist. Construction Supv.,  
West. Div. Plant, to Construc-  
tion Superintendent, Vt. Area



Charles C. Rollins  
from Wire Chief, Burlington,  
Vt., to Installation & Main-  
tenance Supv., Vt. Area Plant



Kendrick D. Rollins  
from Manager-Gov. Services,  
Gen. Comm. to Supv.-Gov-  
ernment Services, Gen. Comm.



Thomas M. Ross  
from Cust. Rep., Providence,  
R. I., Commercial, to  
Manager, Newport, R. I.



Albert Schriftgiesser  
from District Plant Engineer,  
Laconia-Concord, to Supv.  
Engineer, N. H. Area Plant



Edward M. Stimets  
from Division Traffic Super-  
visor, West. Div. Traffic, to  
Tr. Supt., Maine Area



Norman Thayer  
from District Plant Engineer,  
West. Div. Pl., to Pl. Engineer,  
Vermont Area Plant



Thomas J. Wynn  
from Supervisory Assistant,  
Gen. Commercial, to Manager,  
Taunton



Peter Benson answers the question, "Who giveth this woman in marriage," with a strong, "I do," while Mrs. Benson listens.

## "211 WEDDING"

THE bride and groom were in Denver, the bride's mother and father in Winchester, yet the teamwork of the Mountain States Telephone Company and our Company brought them together on the momentous day.

On Friday, May 5, Charlotte Benson was to become the bride of Kenneth Geisert in the Grace Lutheran Church in Denver. Her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Benson, of 355 Washington Street, Winchester, had thought they would be able to attend their only daughter's wedding in person. In fact, Mr. Benson had intended to give his daughter in marriage. But events ruled otherwise. For a while gloom was the theme of the Benson home. But finally arrangements were made by Kenneth G. MacKay of Met. Commercial and the Mountain States Company representative to provide a special long distance circuit and loudspeakers at either end so that the wedding could be carried into the Benson living room, Mr. Benson could give his daughter in marriage, and her home church pastor, the Rev. Ralph Hjelm, could take part in the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson were able to speak with the newlyweds after the ceremony and then held a reception for thirty-five relatives and friends gathered to "attend" the ceremony.

The Rev. H. H. Hellbusch of Grace Lutheran Church, Denver, pronounces the couple man and wife at the actual ceremony.



# Service Anniversaries



Charles Keith, Waterville, Me., Plant, 40th



John J. Walsh, Metropolitan Plant, 30th



Albert Slutzky, Metropolitan Plant, 30th



D. Royce, H. Miner, E. Brown, Newport Traf.



George E. Boyle, C.O.E.I., 30th



Anna G. Durkin, Franklin Toll Traffic, 30th



Margaret E. Dillon, Metropolitan Traf., 30th



George T. Coakley, Metropolitan Plant, 45th



John D. Miller, Metropolitan Plant, 30th  
Clement F. Delahunt, So. Div. Com'l, 30th



Stephen Napier, Metropolitan Plant, 45th  
A. Connors, 30th; C. Farris, 25th, West. Tr.



G. Church, 25th; C. Lull, 45th, West. Plant  
Kenneth Lougee, Framingham Plant, 30th





**Ronald W. Boothby, Biddeford, Me., Pl., 25th**



**James N. Rafferty, Worcester Plant, 40th**



**Harold C. Baker, Metropolitan Plant, 40th**



**Percy E. Blair, Metropolitan Plant, 30th**



**Howard B. Bailey, Metropolitan Plant, 30th**



**Albert T. Atkinson, Metropolitan Plant, 30th**



**Edgar P. Dooley, Metropolitan Plant, 30th**



**George A. Matheson, Metropolitan Pl., 35th**



**Carl C. Pearson, Metropolitan Plant, 30th**



**Charles F. Lowthers, Metropolitan Pl., 30th**



**Francis P. Judge, Metropolitan Plant, 30th**



**Walter LeMott, Metropolitan Plant, 45th**

**Stuart F. Holm, Metropolitan Plant, 30th**

**Henry H. Goldman, Metropolitan Pl., 40th**

**Edward T. Bowser, Metropolitan Plant, 30th**



# Service Anniversaries

(Continued)



Cleveland A. Morey, West. Div. Plant, 45th



Harold L. Hamilton, Woonsocket Com'l, 35th



Ardell Heard, Burlington, Vt., Traffic, 35th



Marion St. Claire, Burlington Traffic, 30th



William J. Kearns, Metropolitan Com'l, 30th



William L. Ross, Framingham Plant, 30th



Mary M. Hanley, Rutland, Vt., Traffic, 40th



Frank M. Collins, West. Disb. Acctg., 40th



Fred M. Nason, Bangor, Me., Plant, 40th



Catherine M. Morrissey, Worcester Tr., 30th



Ellen K. Griffin, Worcester Traffic, 30th

Helen M. Lyons, Northampton Plant, 30th

Sophie Pedersen, Portland Rev. Acctg., 25th

Orrin A. True, Augusta, Me., Plant, 40th





# Central Division

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 William H. Scannell, Jr., *Com'l.*      Margaret Cassidy, *Rev. Acct.*  
 Ethel M. Lawrence, *Disb. Acct.*



### Milford Traffic Newcomers

New additions to the Milford force are Theresa Notturmo and Grace Ann Sawyer.

### Newlyweds

Joan Federici of Milford Traffic was married to Ralph Gaulin of Woonsocket, R. I., recently.

### Natick Traffic Transfers

The Natick Office welcomes Geraldine Sterling, recently transferred from Dover.

Eileen Pape was recently transferred to the Situate Office.

### New Students

Natick Traffic welcomes two new students: Irene Conlon and Elfreda Heffron.

### Stork Shower

The girls of Upton Traffic recently gathered at the home of Beulah Bishop to honor Irene Laucis. Mrs. Laucis received many gifts.

### Marlboro Marriage

Ann J. Mantha of the Marlboro Traffic Office was married recently to George A. Baldelli, also of Marlboro.

### Transfers

Alice R. Hemeon, formerly of Metropolitan Commercial, is now a Service Representative in the Lynn Business Office.

Virginia R. Ennis is a Teller in the Lowell Business Office. She was formerly with the Directory Department.

### Resignation

Ida M. Kelley, who recently resigned as a Service Representative in the Framingham Business Office, was given a gift and party at Glockner's Restaurant. Miss Kelley will become an airline hostess.

### Salem Revenue Accounting Items

Gloria Solimeno of Lynn was married to John Jermyn of Salem recently at the Holy Family Church. The reception was held at Briarcliff Lodge. Mrs. Jermyn was recently tendered a shower by her co-workers.

Best wishes are extended to Carol Doherty of Lynn who recently announced her engagement to Frederick Hallahan of Melrose.

Mary Hinckley of Salem Revenue Accounting Office has announced her engagement to Anthony Merullo of Revere. No date has been set for the wedding.

Barbara Brown was guest of honor recently at a tea given by her associates at the home of Katherine Archung. Barbara, who is retiring from the Company after 38 years' service, was presented a gift of money and flowers.



**Haverhill Farewell for Three**  
 Haverhill Operators Claire Lemerise, Rita Custeau and Mary Rembis, who recently resigned to be married, were the guests of their asso-

ciates at a party held in the lounge of the Haverhill exchange. Each received a money bouquet. L. to r.: Claire Lemerise, Rita Custeau and Mary Rembis.

### Weddings

Nina Mitulinsky, Service Representative in the Lynn Business Office, was married recently to Matthew Grayton at St. Nicholas' Church in Salem. The wedding was followed by a reception at the K. of C. hall in Peabody.

Almeda Zula, Teller in the Lawrence Business Office, was married recently at the Holy Rosary Church to James Foderaro. A reception was held at Lyra Hall.

### Maynard Bride-To-Be

Mary Doran, Operator at the Maynard Traffic Office, will wed Eugene Cunningham of Newton on June 10. Miss Doran was recently honored at a greenback shower held at the K. of C. hall in Maynard.

### Newcomers at Upton

The Upton Traffic Office welcomes Dorothy Kuczinski and Virginia Kerr to its Operating force. Mrs. Kuczinski was a former operator at the Milford exchange.



### FASHIONS FOR SUMMER

On Thursday, May 4, fifteen Haverhill Traffic girls presented a summer fashion show in the Traffic lounge to a large, enthusiastic audience. The girls modeled cotton, sheers, beach-wear and toppers from the Maguire Department

Store in Bradford. Taking part were: Elinor Brown, Shirley Fecteau, Genevieve Hefferan, Margaret Welch, Sally Johnson, Gloria Lamothé, Germaine Debrosky, Jean Durnin, Helen Feyau, Catherine Hayes, Martha Henshaw, Mabel Livingston, Virginia Hefferan and Patricia Foley.



# New Hampshire Area

## Associate Editors

Harold M. Robinson, *Plant*  
Chauncey L. Brown, *Com'l.*

Nancy M. Morrison, *Traffic*  
Dorothy H. Linen, *Rev. Acct.*



### OFF TO ALASKA

The girls of the Hanover exchange held a party recently for Elsie H. Goodell who has resigned and moved to Alaska. Elsie received a purse of money as a farewell gift. Above,

l. to r., front row: Stella Rogenski, Isabelie Fraser, Beverly Dow, Betty Ann Stone. Second row: Christine Pedersen, Teresa Charron, C.O.; Joyce Blake, Isabelle Trick, Elsie, Florence Burnes, Marion Gauthier.

### Married

Claremont operators recently married include Claire Parker, Patricia Densmore, Phyllis Weld, Shirley Graves and Sylvia Nawojczyk.

### New Operators

New operators at the Nashua Traffic Office are: Chesterine Kamieniecki, Lillian Rock, Annette Perrault, Barbara Jones, Lillian Small, Claudette Cote, Patricia Sullivan and Betty Hendreckson.

### Manchester Rev. Acctg. Items

Ann Mooney of the Manchester Revenue Accounting Office was married at St. Joseph's Chapel recently to David Baxter of Manchester.

Theresa Gagne became the bride of Ferdinand A. Samson on May 20 at St. Marie's Church, Manchester.

Nancy Carroll became the bride of James C. Lawrence on May 20 at St. Nicholas' Church, Passaic, N. J. Nancy has been transferred to the Paterson, N. J., Accounting Office and will make her home in Passaic.

Dorothy Libby of the Manchester Revenue Accounting Office became the bride of Robert J. Cardow on May 30 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Manchester.

Manchester Revenue Accounting welcomes four newcomers: Virginia Martin, Helen Heleniak, Georgette LeBlanc and Joan Conway.

### Shower for Two

Jeanne Strout who was recently married and Doris Nichols who will be married on June 17 were given a combined bridal shower recently by their Dover, N. H., Traffic associates. Both were presented a gift of money and a piece of silverware.

Miss Strout was married to Maurice Ross. Miss Nichols will be married to David Harnett.

## MEET YOUR ASSOCIATE EDITORS



HAROLD M. ROBINSON, Plant Personnel Supervisor, is Associate Editor for the New Hampshire area Plant Dept.



DOROTHY H. LINEN, Secretary, Manchester, is Associate Editor for the N. H. Revenue Accounting Department.



CHAUNCEY L. BROWN, Manager, Claremont and Lebanon, is Associate Editor for the Commercial Department.



NANCY M. MORRISON, Welfare Supervisor, is Associate Editor for the N. H. Traffic Department.



### TRANSFER

Albert E. Schrifftgiesser is shown receiving a hat and lighter from Dorothy Harris on behalf of the Laconia-Concord District Engineering Group. Al recently was transferred to the New Hampshire area as Supervising Engineer at Manchester.

### Commercial Items

Edith L. Lovering, Cashier in the Portsmouth, N. H., Business Office, recently resigned to take up home duties. She was given a party at Lamie's Tavern in Hampton, N. H., and presented gifts.

Natalie Duchesneau, Service Representative in the Nashua, N. H., Business Office, was tendered a dinner party at the Manning Manse in Billerica, recently by her business associates. Miss Duchesneau recently announced her engagement to Vincent L. Cormier of Nashua.

Alonzo J. Ward, Manager of the Nashua, N. H., District, was recently appointed to the Zoning Board in Nashua by Mayor Hugh Gregg.

Friday, April 28, Eleanor Casserly, Instructor, Manchester, N. H., Business Office, was presented a wedding present of a bridge lamp by her fellow workers in honor of her marriage to Robert Purcell, May 6, at St. Patrick's Church, Lowell.



### NASHUA'S BLUE BELLES

The "Blue Belles," Nashua Traffic's basketball team, recently completed a successful season in the "Y" League. They are the first company team in New Hampshire. L. to r., seated: Agnes Richard, Louise Grandmaison. Second

row: June Kamieniecki, Eleanor Hardy, Jody Gove, Rosie Gerasis, Barbara Jensen, Lottie Wiggins, coach. Third row: Terry Bosselait, manager, Beryl Boynton, Rosamond Carrier, Pat Farnum, Helen O'Neil, Chesterine Kamieniecki, Margaret O'Brien, Barbara Lones.

### Married

Jeanne F. Strout, Operator at Dover, became the bride of Maurice J. Ross at St. Joseph's Church, Dover, recently.

Before her marriage she was the guest of honor at a shower given by her Traffic associates at the Dover Office.

### Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Brough recently became the proud parents of their first child, Michael Earl, on April 15. Mrs. Brough was formerly Dorothy Mitchell, Cashier in the Laconia Business Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Hawkins announce the birth of a son, born April 19, at the Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth. Mr. Hawkins is Service Head Lineman in the Maintenance Department at Laconia.

### FEEDING THE JUNE GROOM

(Continued)

Dissolve gelatin in hot water; add fruit juice and turn into a 2-quart loaf pan. Add apricot halves, distributing the fruit as evenly as possible. Then add banana slices. (Apricots will sink and bananas will float, forming two fruit layers with a clear layer between.) Chill until firm. Unmold and serve with mayonnaise for salad or with whipped cream for dessert. Makes 8 servings. Many other exciting combinations of fruit will act in the same way, such as canned peaches and fresh grapes, or strawberries and canned pineapple. The general principle to follow is that the canned fruits with heavy syrup will sink, while usually the light fresh fruits will float.



### TALKING TOPICS

New Hampshire Area Associate Editors, TOPICS Reporters, Department Heads, New Hampshire General Manager Charlesworth K. Neilson and Employee Information Supervisor Timothy P. Mannix met recently

at the Franklin Pierce House in Concord to reorganize and establish a TOPICS staff for New Hampshire. At the meeting plans were discussed for an All-New Hampshire outing to be held annually each fall. A committee was appointed and plans are now in progress to decide the location and date of the outing.



# Connecting Companies

Associate Editor

Perey W. York



**AT THE BANGOR, ME., MEETING**  
Hamilton T. Slaight, Second Vice President of

the Chase National Bank of New York, is pictured above as he addressed independent company representatives.

## *Telephone Association of Maine Holds Regional Conferences*

The Telephone Association of Maine recently held three district meetings at South Paris, Waterville and Bangor, Me. Attending the meetings were 81 representatives of 37 companies and three supply houses. (The Association represents the 66 Independent Telephone Companies which operate in Maine and connect with the New England Tel. and Tel. Co. for interchange of toll messages.)

Hamilton T. Slaight, Second Vice President of the Chase National Bank of New York, spoke on short and long-term financing for the small independent telephone company.

F. H. Gorman, Engineer of the Ansonia Electrical Company, Ansonia, Conn., gave a detailed description of the recently developed plastic sheath cable.

Donald C. Dye, Engineer of the North Electric Company, Galion, O., explained his company's five-year credit plan and demonstrated their latest dial equipment.

Alice N. Keening, Lewiston, Greene and Monmouth Telephone Company bookkeeper from Winthrop, Me., gave a detailed talk on accounting procedures for the small telephone company.

Charles E. Bickford, Maine Public Utilities Commission Accountant, attended the Waterville and Bangor meetings and explained the preparation of annual reports to the Commission.

John A. Morse, New England Connecting Companies agent, discussed the trend toward dial operation, while Howard C. Gay, Gen. Traffic Supervisor, called attention to the Federal Minimum Wage Law and the necessity for completing toll calls.

George C. Twombly, Standish Tel. Co., Clarence Todd, Oxford City Tel. & Tel. Co., George H. Hopkins, Stockton Springs Tel. Co., and Kenton Quint, Somerset Tel. Co., told their experiences in constructing buildings for dial equipment.



**AT THE SOUTH PARIS MEETING**  
Donald C. Dye, Engineer of the North Electric

Company, shown as he spoke to the South Paris gathering.



**AT THE WATERVILLE, ME., MEETING**

F. H. Gorman, Engineer of the Ansonia Electrical Company, Ansonia, Conn., puts a point across at the district meeting in Waterville.





# Maine Area

## Associate Editors

Oscar A. Kaler, *Plant*                      Elizabeth C. Kemp, *Traffic*  
 Stanley C. Bigda, *Com'l.*                  Elizabeth Joyce, *Rev. Act.*  
 Lucille Pike, *Disb. Act.*



STANLEY C. BIGDA, Division Commercial Supervisor, has been appointed Associate Editor of TELEPHONE TOPICS for the Eastern Division Commercial Dept. He replaces Richard J. Davis, now Western Division Manager.

### Married

Elizabeth E. Stanley, Supervisor in the Portland Business Office, recently became the bride of Walter P. Crandall of Portland. Before her marriage she was given a dinner at the Elks Club, Portland, and presented a Boston rocker by her associates.

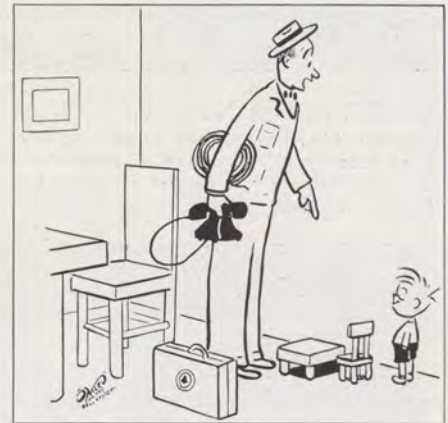
### Rev. Acctg. Items

Marilyn Adams of the Portland Revenue Accounting Department has announced June 17 as the date of her wedding to James Dumas.

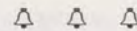
Evangeline MacDonald of the Portland Revenue Accounting Department has announced her plans to be married to Donald McNaughton in June.

Mary Hollywood of the Portland Revenue Accounting Department has announced her engagement to Kenneth Reid.

Recent newcomers to the Portland Revenue Accounting Department are: Angie Marshall, Sylvia Hamilton, Joyce Kane, Beverly See-Husen, Olympia Fasulo, Jeannette Carter, Marion Deering, Mary Geary, Barbara Coffin.



"Are you sure your mother said to install it here?"



### Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Stone are the proud parents of a baby boy, George William, born May 8. Mr. Stone is an Installer-Repairman at Lewiston, Me.

### Engaged

Robert E. Perry, a C. O. Repairman at Lewiston, Me., was recently engaged to Jean Potter. An early summer wedding is planned.



### TWO FETED AT PORTLAND

A dinner party was held recently at the Columbia Hotel in Portland, Me., honoring Patricia Flaherty and Katherine Delaney (front row—

third and fourth from left) of the Portland Dial Office who recently resigned. Both girls are being married. Miss Flaherty is moving to Salem, Mass., and Miss Delaney is to make her home in Portland.



### TWO FETED

Members of the Augusta Maintenance forces gathered at the Hotel Arnold recently to honor Warren W. Peacock and Ernest W. Hunt, two of their former associates who have recently retired. Both men were presented billfolds and service certificates by Dist. Supt. Clyde B. Brooks. They were also presented a sum of money from their asso-

ciates. Seated, l. to r.: L. P. Graffam, Mr. Hunt, F. P. Grenier, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Brooks. Standing, l. to r.: G. P. Sweetland, A. Krumen, O. A. True, J. L. Nixon, J. G. Coan, H. M. Avore, W. J. Therriault, W. L. Libby, G. T. Cox, K. J. Duncan, R. F. White, R. J. Corrigan, F. P. Ward, W. F. Strout, E. A. Sanborn, V. L. Garnett, W. S. Grady, O. A. Sanborn, J. J. Dineen, M. H. Stone, M. C. Howe.



### DERRICK DEMONSTRATION

Augusta, Me., linemen and supervisors from Maine and New Hampshire recently attended derrick demonstration in Augusta. Students are developing stress factors for their own use on forms provided, through witnessing demonstration.



### BANGOR COUNCIL SPRING PARTY

The Bangor Council of the Jasper N. Keller Pioneers recently held its annual spring get-together at Lucerne Inn, honoring the Life Members and new members to the Pioneer family. Two newest members honored were Nadine Lawrence, Eastport, and Fred N. Scott of Calais. The Life Members honored were, l. to r., front row: William J. Libbey, Effie Russell, Bessie Honey, Ralph Mosher. Back row: Clifford Libby, Fred A. Scribner, Leslie E. Warren, Reginald Swan, Homer R. Silsby.



### RETIREMENT

Linwood F. Carr, Bath, Me., Station Repairman, recently was presented a gift from his associates by W. Howard Larrabee, Bath Wire Chief, at a dinner in honor of his retirement after 44 years and 9 months of service with this Company. Over 100 of his friends and co-workers were present at the Hotel Eagle in Brunswick to wish him well.

#### *Feted*

Marguerite J. Donahue, Service Representative in the Portland Business Office, recently resigned to take up home duties. She was given a party at the Elks Club, Portland, and presented a sterling silver water pitcher by her fellow workers.



### TRANSFER PARTY

A farewell party was held recently at the Worster House in Hallowell for Forsaith Daniels, Unit Engineer, Augusta-Rockland area, who has been appointed District Engineer at Lowell.

L. to r.: Harley H. Stewart, Mrs. Forsaith Daniels, Forsaith Daniels, Linwood H. Brow.

#### *Ratings Granted*

The following ratings have been granted in the Eastern Division Plant Department: I. R. Maddocks, J. D. Staples, D. G. Parsons, A. F. French, J. S. McCatherin, F. W. Sawyer, K. N. Clark, E. H. Michaud and W. L. Parkin to the rating of Lineman; D. M. Kalloch,

A. Miniutti, Jr., H. A. Rowe, Jr., to the rating of Installer-Repairman; E. P. Harley, Line Foreman; K. R. Robertson, A. B. Sparrow, F. A. Eddy and A. W. Bowley, Station "A"; D. E. Flagg, C. O. Repairman, SxS; G. M. Belisle, P. D. Stimpson, J. R. Livingston and M. E. Williams, Facilities Assigner.



### LIFE MEMBER BANQUET

Life Members of Keller Pioneers recently attended a delicious lobster and chicken banquet at the Worster House, Hallowell. The party was the first one of the newly organized Kennebec Council. Ninety-one members and guests attended. L. to r., seated: Flossie E. Bou-

lette, Mabel E. Howe, Clara E. Jacques, Charlotte T. Collins, Warren W. Peacock, Clara M. Delaware. Standing: Henry Nason, David C. Ames, Frank E. Preble, William P. Wattles, Geo. R. Armstrong, Lynn R. Wood, James G. Quill, John A. Ward, William E. Fickett, Henry Norris, John J. Willihan, Fred P. Colson, Alonzo W. Cross, Harvey A. Oliver.



# General Office

## Associate Editors

William L. Williams, *Plant*      Joseph H. deVicq, *Directory*  
 Lois C. Beals, *Traffic*      Eugene R. McLaughlin, *Com'l.*  
 Maurice E. Clark, *Eng.*      Donald J. F. Sabin, *Accounting*



### Shower for Three

Mary A. Hirrel, Virginia A. Norton and Eileen M. Walsh were guests of honor recently at a bridal shower tendered them by their associates in the Special Studies Division.

At the party, which was held at Jimmie O'Keefe's restaurant, each girl was presented an old-fashioned money bouquet.

### General Accounting Shower

A shower was held recently for three girls of the General Accounting Stenographic Bureau at Blinstrub's Village. Mary C. Feeley received a Mixmaster, Toastmaster and bridal hankie; Carolyn S. DeAngelis received a place setting of sterling, cold meat fork and a slip; Lorraine M. Houde received a G.E. clock-radio, sheets and pillow cases. A gift consisting of a combination sandwich and waffle grille and a slip was presented to Marilyn A. Maguire now of the Plant Department, formerly of the Stenographic Bureau.

### Engaged

Marie Sheila Morrison of the General Plant has announced her engagement to John W. Watson, Jr., of Columbus, Mississippi. The couple will be married following Mr. Watson's graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in June.

### To Be Married

A bridal shower was held recently for Mary E. Tully, General Accounting, at the home of Mrs. Paul Murphy in Randolph. Miss Tully will become the bride of John Rice of Malden on June 18.

### First Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elworthy became the parents of their first child, Francis Xavier, recently. Mrs. Elworthy is the former Jean Davis of the Special Studies Division.

### Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Foley became the parents of a boy, Walter Gregory, on May 14. Mrs. Foley is the former Anne M. Scannell of the General Accounting Stenographic Bureau.

### Resigns

Helen E. Graham of the General Toll Supervisor's Group recently resigned to become the bride of Paul G. Buchanan at St. Brendan's Church, Dorchester. Helen was presented a gift of money by her associates.

### Engagement

Congratulations to Ellen F. Jackson, Staff Assistant to the General Traffic Supervisor of Contract Services, who recently announced her engagement to Bernard J. Hunt of Charlestown.



### RETIREMENT DINNER PARTY

Jessie A. Montgomery of the Directory Office was honored on her retirement after over 41 years of service at a dinner party held in the Sheraton Hotel. She received a gift of

money and Pioneer Life Membership and Service Certificates. L. to r., seated: E. Montgomery, Mrs. A. Getchel, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. P. Clarke, M. Nihan. Standing: J. Arnold, J. deVicq, D. Lovis, G. Morley.



### TREASURY VS. ACCOUNTING

The bowling team of the Chief Accountant's group recently challenged the Treasury Department team to a match—and won. Left to

right, front row: Bob Parrott, Ken Murray, Jack Weeks, Jim Nugent, Phil Bagley. Back row: Harvey Yazijian, Ken Giles, Oscar Carlson, Georgie Smith, Ed Barron, John Donovan.



### TRANSFEREES THREE

A transfer party was held at Blinstrub's Village for three General Commercial girls transferred

to Metropolitan. Pauline Buckley and Marjorie Harol will become Service Representatives and Barbara Pepper will be a Teller.



# Southern Division

## Associate Editors

Ernest R. Noke, *Plant*      Marguerite M. Lambert, *Traffic*  
 Ernest F. Clarke, *Com'l.*      Marjorie Lally, *Rev. Acct.*  
 John J. Sheehan, *Disb. Acct.*



### New Bedford Newcomers

The following girls have recently joined the New Bedford Traffic force: Priscilla Weeks, Mary Forrest, Sheila Wing, Catherine McIlmail, Frances Telford and Jean Porter.

### Attleboro Items

The following girls of Attleboro Traffic have recently announced their engagements: Elizabeth Heussler to Robert Booth; Arlene Morin to William Blois; Phyllis McLearn to Jack Flanagan; Phyllis Bessette to Leon Rancourt; Marie Dunlap to Barney McCormick and Yolanda Maland to Charles Varieur.

Elizabeth De Costa, Operator, has been transferred to the Taunton Toll Board.

Lois Leopardi and Anna McFadden have been added to the Attleboro force.

Congratulations go to Virginia Gildersleeve and Helene Frazier who have been appointed Junior Supervisors.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson are the proud parents of a son. Mrs. Johnson is the former Beverly O'Donnell.

### Mrs. Murdock Retired

Anna B. Murdock of the Providence Revenue Accounting Office was guest of honor at the Plantations Club recently on the occasion of her retirement from the Company. Her associates presented her many cards, gifts and flowers.

### Engaged

Winifred Yanyar of the Toll Billing Unit, Revenue Accounting, has announced her engagement to Charles Thompson.

Florence DeBerardis of the Toll Billing Unit, Revenue Accounting, has announced her engagement to Alexander Russolino.

### Brockton Traffic Items

The engagements of Dianne R. Casavant to Robert Doherty and Gloria R. Carlson to Fred H. Hill have been announced.

The best wishes of the Brockton Office are extended to the following brides: Anita C. Maccone married to Alfred A. Feroli; Jacqueline M. Gregoire to Augustino M. Lucini; Anna M. Luisi to Cecil K. LaRosa; and Shirley A. Clement to Ralph F. Randall.

### Narragansett Traffic Items

Newcomers to the Narragansett Office are Anne Meenan, Adele Harvey, Joanne Hazard, Miriam Leino, Helen Quinn and Irma Caswell.

Grace Gilbert recently announced her engagement to Alfred Jordan of Wakefield, R. I. A September wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Northup recently became the parents of a boy. Mrs. Northup is the former Helen Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford are the parents of a girl, Sandra Lee. Mrs. Ford is the former Santella Masiello.

### 40th Anniversary

Ray D. Snow of the Providence Revenue Accounting Office recently celebrated his 40th service anniversary with the Company. Mr. and Mrs. Snow were entertained at dinner at the Old Grist Mill in honor of the occasion.

### Showered

Associates of Mary D. Smith, Long Distance Supervisor, feted her recently at a bridal shower at the Dreyfus Hotel. They presented her a gift of money, a corsage and several other gifts.

### Engaged

The Providence Commercial Office extends best wishes to Jean Murray, Service Representative, on her engagement to Lou DeAngelis. A September wedding is planned.

### Recently Married

Grace McLane, Teller in the Brockton Business Office, was married recently at St. Matthews Church, Washington, D. C., to John Connife of Brockton. Telephone people from Brockton attending the wedding included: Marguerite McLane and Mary McLane, mother and sister of the bride; Phyllis Knapp, Brockton Business Office; Marguerite English, Claire Correia and Theresa Cleary, Brockton Traffic.

Before her wedding Grace was given a shower at the home of Phyllis Knapp and presented a corsage and a purse of money.

### Newcomer

The Brockton Business Office welcomes Marilyn T. Leach, a new Teller.

### Engagements

Jane Callahan, Service Representative in the Brockton Office, has announced her engagement to Harry Dunn of Bridgewater. An August wedding is planned.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Shirley Brides, Service Representative in the Brockton Business Office, to Paul Morrissey of Quincy.

### Miss Browning Married

Barbara Browning, Service Representative in the Taunton Business Office, was married recently at St. Jacques Rectory to Arthur Arsenault of Taunton.

Barbara was given a shower by her friends and associates in the Taunton Office at the home of Mildred Schefer. She was presented a set of china dishes.

### Providence Commercial Items

Providence Commercial welcomes the following Service Representatives: Marilyn V. Dube, who is a transfer from the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Memphis, Tennessee; Ann S. Neilan, former Operator in the Central Information Bureau, and Shirley J. McCue.

The office also extends a welcome back to Louise F. Cafferty who was formerly in the Division Commercial Training Department.



### 40 YEARS' SERVICE

Robert S. Greenya, Installation Dispatcher at Providence, R. I., was tendered a farewell dinner at Oates Tavern recently upon his re-

tirement after 40 years' service with our Company. He received a purse of money from his friends and associates. Edward Walsh was toastmaster and Ernest Noke acted as master of ceremonies.



"Just a second, Ed — I want you to meet the bride!"

### Welcome

Plymouth Traffic welcomes to the Operating force six new girls: Elizabeth Govoni, Helen Pillsbury, Jacquelyn Smith, Claire Donovan, Rosanne Rossetti and Beverly Boutin.

### Junior Supervisors

Plymouth Traffic welcomes as Junior Supervisors Elizabeth J. Hart and Joan Hall.

### Baby Shower

Virginia Haskins was tendered a baby shower in the retiring room of Plymouth Traffic recently. The room was attractively decorated in pink and blue. She received many gifts from her associates.

### Wedding Bells

The following girls of the Taunton Traffic Department were married recently: Louise Smith to Raymond Boffetti; Margaret E. Dwyer to William Riendeau; Rita P. Curley to S. Charles Piesco, and Virginia R. Vieira to Frederick Collins.

### Honored at Tea Party

Eleanor Neville of the Norton Local Office was tendered a tea party by her fellow employees at the office before she resigned to be married. She became the bride of Alfred Decosta at South Portland, Me. Chief Operator Malvina Pellitier was the hostess and Mrs. Bessie Clifford poured.

### Recent Bride

Virginia F. Longe, Supervisor at the Brockton Toll Office, became the bride of James E. Enloe recently at a ceremony performed at St. Patrick's Rectory in Brockton.

### Engaged

Congratulations are being extended to Jean Mitchell, Brockton Toll, on her engagement to Donald Gervin.

### Wedding Bells

Corine Lord, Brockton Traffic, and Leo Harris were married recently at St. Patrick's Rectory in Brockton.



### NEWPORT BOWLERS DINE

The Newport, R. I., Traffic Bowling team recently held its annual banquet at the Muenchinger-King Hotel. Left to right, front row: E. Green, N. Scalding, E. Bamber, J. Simmons, B. Kilmer, K. Sarris, I. Browning, P. Tierney, L. Wilkinson.

### North Attleboro Marriage

Mary O. McNamara of North Attleboro Traffic recently became the bride of Daniel Sullivan at St. Mary's Church, No. Attleboro.

### Rockland Traffic Engagement

Winifred E. Shapleigh of the Rockland Traffic Office recently announced her engagement to Roger G. Fisher of Brockton.

### Fashion Show

A dinner and fashion show was held recently at the Hotel Viking in Newport, Rhode Island, honoring Edith Brown, Hazel Miner, Dot Royce, who were celebrating their 25th service anniversaries. Each honor guest received a purse of money and a corsage.

### Mansfield Traffic Items

A farewell dinner party was recently given to Barbara Creedon and Jeanne Tripp by their Mansfield Traffic associates. The girls received gifts of jewelry.

Rita A. Searing recently announced her engagement to Henry Roberts of Taunton.

### Service Anniversary

Mary Buckley of Easton Traffic recently received her twenty-fifth service anniversary pin.

Second row: M. Borman, M. Sullivan, N. Kane, M. Murphy, M. Callahan, R. Copeland, G. Donohue, J. Sullivan, A. Titus, D. Oliveira, E. Hoyle, N. Brownell. Third row: I. O'Neill, T. O'Brien, H. Mabee, M. Sherbush, R. Johnsen, R. Lowndes, B. McKimm, A. O'Sullivan, E. Porter, J. Morris.

### Stoughton Party

Patricia O'Neill, Stoughton Traffic, was guest of honor at a party given by her associates at a local inn on the occasion of her resignation to take up home duties. She received a corsage and a purse of money.

### Plant Men's Bugaboo (Continued)

territory were attributed directly to electrolysis. In the Metropolitan Division where 38 of these failures occurred, two crews of two men each are assigned full time to the detection and prevention of electrolysis and twenty men are assigned throughout the other divisions on a part-time basis. All routine and special tests made by these men are sent to the office of the Transmission and Protection Engineer where they are recorded and reviewed.

Since this force is relatively small, the average telephone man and woman is not too familiar with their work. But their importance cannot be overestimated since they are reducing cable failures, and today, with cables becoming larger, a failure means more telephones out of service.



### RETIREMENT DINNER FOR HONORA HANLEY

Honora T. Hanley, Pascoag Chief Operator, recently was the guest of honor of her Rhode Island Traffic associates at a retirement dinner held in the Indian Room of the Narragansett Hotel, Providence. She received a corde bag, a gift of money and an orchid corsage.



### HENRY T. GEARY RETIRES

Henry T. Geary, Commercial Representative in Plymouth, was recently given a luncheon at the Toll House in Whitman prior to his retirement. Attending were, l. to r., seated: Carville Hands, Melville Straker, Mr. Geary, Frank Barrett. Back row: Carlton Hindle, Joseph Bennett, Edward Stanton, Howard Randlette.



# Western Division

## Associate Editors

Carl A. Smith, *Plant*      Alfreda D. Sinclair, *Traffic*  
 Cecilia I. O'Donnell, *Com'l.*      Ruth M. Simpson, *Rev. Acct.*  
 Michael F. Coyne, *Disb. Acct.*



### ANNUAL BANQUET

Members of the bowling league of Holyoke

Traffic recently held their annual banquet at Toto's. Prizes were awarded to the season's winners. The group is pictured above.



### SINGING TRIO

The Duquette sisters—l. to r.: Pauline, Lillian and Helene—are a singing trio often in demand in the Springfield district. The girls are employed by the Springfield Traffic Department.

### They All Passed

The following telephone men of the Western Division Plant Department recently passed their examinations: Donald E. Bird, Installer-Repairman; Emmett White, Station Class "A"; Wm. J. Smith, Station Class "A"; Robert G. Ashton, C. O. Repairman Manual "A"; Donald L. Giroux, Station Class "A"; Horace W. LaPine, Station Class "A"; Walter B. Ballou, Station Class "A"; Thomas J. Rule, Local Testman; Paul V. McCarthy, Installer-Repairman; Ethan Allen, Lineman; Richard Jarvis, Line Foreman; Richard H. Healy, Installer-Repairman; Edward M. Fulton, C. O. Repairman SxS "A"; Fred L. Gratton, Installer-Repairman; Edward D. Lofgren, C. O. Repairman Manual "B"; Michael E. Sweeney, Station Class "A"; Wm. W. Freeman, Installer-Repairman; Robert Burton, Installer-Repairman; Edward H. Hutchins, Jr., Installer-Repairman; Clarence O. Piette, Lineman; Eugene F. Goggin, PBX; James R. Steele, PBX; John E. Hunde, Installer-Repairman; Carlton B. Sanderson, Jr.,

Installer-Repairman; Carmino Yacovone, Installer-Repairman; George M. O'Hagan, Installer-Repairman; Wayne K. Newton, Line Foreman; Mario Paini, Lineman; Carl A. Goodrich, Jr., Installer-Repairman; Donald E. Harris, Installer-Repairman; O. J. Bisson, PBX; Stephen Wojcik, Station Class "A"; Lee O. Colby, Line Foreman; Leon L. Volin, Installer-Repairman; Wm. J. Nagle, Jr., Station Class "A"; Robert T. Kelley, Installer-Repairman; Leo C. Grady, Jr., Installer-Repairman; Harold E. Ford, Installer-Repairman; Donald J. Mackintosh, C. O. Repair SxS "A"; James M. Fleming, C. O. Switchman SxS; Walter H. Gillam, Toll Tester; Willis E. Keefe, Line Assigner; John F. Walsh, Installer-Repairman; Robert O. Betit, Installer-Repairman; Graham Marshall, C. O. Repairman SxS "B"; E. Bourqund, Jr., C. O. Repairman SxS "B"; John J. Lynch, Station Class "A"; Chester W. French, Line Foreman; Francis L. Campbell, Line Assigner; Edwin C. Butcher, Jr., Station Class "A."

### Showered

Lorraine Gamache, Operator at the Winchendon Office who was recently married to Adelard Vaine, was honored at a shower by her associates.

Carolyn Brousseau, also of the Winchendon Office, was given a shower in honor of her marriage to Lorey Tourelot.



### RECEIVES SERVICE CERTIFICATE

Carl K. Higgins, Pole Inspector in the Worcester District, is pictured above as he received his service certificate from Harold F. Farnham,

Div. Const. Supv., on his retirement after 42 years of service. He received a wrist watch from his associates. L. to r.: R. E. Nicholson, E. F. Nash, Mr. Farnham, J. J. O'Reilly, Mr. Higgins, J. J. Murphy.



"O. K., operator, drop those nickels!"



### CARD MARATHON

Eighty Revenue Accounting girls in Springfield took part in a king-size card party recently in their lounge. Prizes were awarded to winners.

Several of the group are pictured above. Committee in charge included: Alice Piehota, Ann Bagnall, Wanda Smus, Lillian Cooper, Dot Cavanaugh, Mae Hasset, Dot Corey and Irene Cassagrandi.



### T. J. HEALEY RETIRES

Thomas J. Healey, Chief Clerk, Worcester Plant, received his service certificate recently on his retirement after 44 years' service. He

is pictured above with several of his associates: Front, l. to r.: P. J. Sullivan, M. E. Casey, D. O. Howland, Mr. Healey, Edna Leach, C. H. Greenwood, J. L. Hodges. Rear, l. to r.: A. W. Bush, J. Morgan, D. R. Fleming, T. J. Sheehan.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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

#### FOR SALE

WESTINGHOUSE roaster, cabinet stand and grille. Price \$25.00. Call Mr. Feele, Natick 2766-W. J-2

YEAR-ROUND HOUSE in Chatham, overlooking Oyster Cove; insulated, forced hot water, heat by oil, town gas and water. In A-1 condition. Consists of 2-room apartment and bath fully furnished with gas stove and electric refrigerator, 5 bedrooms, bath, living room, dining room, Youngstown kitchen. 15,000 sq. ft. of land, landscaped, three minutes to salt water bathing. Fine income property. For details and photo write Box 26, Chatham, Mass., or call Chat. 631. J-2

#### WANTED

OCEAN COTTAGE on Cape Cod

to rent for July or August. A. M. Murphy, Room 1607, 185 Franklin St., Boston, SH 3-9800, Ext. 2646. J-2

#### FOR RENT

"SEAWARD BOUND" CABINS and guest house, Main St., Route 28, West Yarmouth, Mass. Rooms \$5.00 daily per couple. Cabins \$56.00 per week. Telephone Granite 2-7976 or Hyannis 324-J. J-2

LARGE FURNISHED ROOM with private bath in fine residential section of Dorchester. Nicely furnished and refinished. Near buses, rapid transit, churches and theaters. Parking space available. Gentleman preferred. Breakfast optional. Call TA 5-7536 after 6 P.M. or SH 3-9800, Ext 4516. J-2

## Tribute to Leading Industrialists Highlights Jubilee Celebration

(Continued)

been unafraid to weigh industrial innovations judiciously and to execute those which you found worthy of merit.

"For accepting the unprecedented demands occasioned by world conflicts and discharging your obligations in a manner which brings honor to you, your company and your country.

"For your outstanding record of good business citizenship as marked by your many accomplishments which are materially contributing to the economic advance of America is this dynamic age."

At the banquet more than 1,400 distinguished guests heard the Boston Declaration which had been agreed upon by the 51 leaders as the best manner of expressing their decisions arrived at following the Faneuil Hall meeting. They regarded the future with optimism and placed their faith in America's healthy competitive spirit. They pledged stabilized employment and the creation of new jobs through research and efficiency and warned against dangers inherent in the impairment of individual freedoms.

Thousands of Bostonians and visitors participated in the Jubilee program which continued unabated through the next four days with speeches, fireworks, sports events, concerts, dances, and a mammoth bean supper on Boston Common which sold out so quickly that more than 40,000 persons who arrived too late to get tickets became a good natured audience cheering on the lucky 10,000 who were being served.

And when the final event was over on May 22, visitors and Bostonians alike had agreed that the Jubilee was a success. With attention focused on each of her facets, one by one, Boston's over-all brilliance could be appreciated. She's the hub of New England commerce, one of the nation's leading manufacturing centers and ports, a high ranking financial center, the educational and medical pride of the nation—all these were built up in the past—and her future's even brighter.

### A Call for Help

A hungry little pooch in Milwaukee resorted to an effective method to announce his boneless predicament to any or sundry persons who might help—he used the telephone.

When a telephone operator heard moans and barkings over an open line she informed the police and provided addresses of three subscribers' homes on the party line.

Two Milwaukee police squads, finding everything all right at two of the houses, entered the Robert V. Bertal home when they received no answer to their knock. There they discovered the sole occupant of the house, Spotty, a four-months-old terrier, cowering near the telephone receiver which had been knocked off the hook.

Spotty led them first of all to the ice box and then to the door. Mission accomplished.



# Equipment Installation

Associate Editor

Harold B. Smith



## FAREWELL TO MILDRED SHINE

Friends and associates of Mildred Shine of the Personnel Office of the Equipment Installation

Department recently gathered in the department to extend their good wishes upon her transfer to the General Office.

## PROMOTIONS IN ORDER

Dorothy Connelly and Mildred Shine of the Personnel Office of the Equipment Installation Department recently received promotions as Privates First Class in the Marine Corps Reserve. They meet each week at the U.S.S. Fargo, South Boston.

### Bridal Shower

A surprise shower was given in honor of Claire Colley by the girls of the Equipment Department on Wednesday evening, May 10, at Steuben's Vienna Room.

Claire is to be married Sunday, June 18, to John Brady at St. Patrick's Church in Roxbury.

### Service Anniversaries

George E. Boyle, Cornelius F. Burke and Cyril J. Shaw recently celebrated their thirtieth service anniversaries. Warren L. Hayes celebrated his fifteenth.

### Transfer

Marie B. Casey, Schedule Clerk at 6 Bowdoin Square, was recently transferred to the Business Office at 787 Washington Street, Newtonville. Before her departure, Marie was presented a gift of money by her associates.

### New Ratings Granted

The following Equipment Installers qualified for new ratings recently: Joseph J. Zaccari, Cornelius F. Johnson, Jr., Frederick A. Pierce, John A. McGee and Roland A. Boucher, SxS "A"; Robert E. Landry, Maurice A. Hannigan, Thomas W. Boylan, William F. Sherlock, Enrico T. Bachini, and Thomas E. Tansey, SxS "B"; Joseph R. Linskey, William E. Crombie, Robert J. Gabry, Charles F. Moriarity, Jr., and James J. Slamin, Jr., Crossbar "A"; Francis X. Connolly and Francis J. Beckwith, Crossbar "B"; Edward B. O'Brien, Manual "A"; Walter E. McCarthy, Panel "B."



## BUSY SUMMER AHEAD!

Preparations for a busy summer season on Cape Cod, especially in Hyannis, are nearing completion. Foreman Warren T. Farrell and his installers are now engaged in adding two local switchboard positions, an official PBX, and 32 toll cord circuits, which are to be spread over 16 positions of toll tables. Above, Harold L. Hall and Gordon W. Bisailon connect keyboard wiring at the toll tables. Installers Bisailon, Boylan, Edson, Flynn, Hall, Moore, Reinhagen and Tansey are working on the project.

## RAISING THE ROOF AT ADAMS

Equipment Installers Walter G. Pleu, Sr., and James B. Collins are "raising the roof" of the switchboard at the Adams exchange to provide sufficient space for additional subscribers' multiple equipment. It means splicing out local cables and roof wiring associated with the subscribers' switchboard sections. Due to Adams's heavy traffic load only small portions can be released and modifications must be made quickly so that the equipment may be restored to service with a minimum of interruption.





# Metropolitan

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### CINEMA CLUB FORMING!

If you're interested in shooting better motion pictures, just learning how, or are an expert plan to attend the organizational meeting of a new Cinema Club on Wednesday, June 21 in Room 103, 185 Franklin St. at 6:00 p.m.

Plans are being made for a contest to select the best vacation film.

### Newcomers

Roxbury Information welcomes newcomers Ruth F. Alner, Joan M. Hoban and Virginia M. Elworthy.

### Accounting Wedding

Geraldine Reitchel of the Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Department at Watertown was married recently to Edward F. Dee at St. Benedict's Church, Somerville. The couple left for Florida where they are to make their home. Before the wedding Geraldine was given a miscellaneous shower at the home of Norma Jefferson in Belmont.

### Accounting Engagements

Patricia Kenealy and Rose Fanara of the Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Department at Watertown are receiving the best wishes of their associates upon the recent announcement of their engagements.



### POSTHUMOUS MERIT AWARD

A posthumous Certificate of Merit was presented to the parents of Roy A. Garber by the Roy A. Garber Post of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at their recent installation of

officers. Arthur Garber, the hero's father, is foreman in the Back Bay area. Pictured are: City Councillor Michael H. Cantwell, Arthur J. Labreck, National Committeeman, John J. Dunn, Commander, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garber.



### ANNA ROBINSON RETIRES

Anna K. Robinson, Metropolitan Plant Buildings Department, was recently feted at the

Hotel Lucerne, Boston, on the eve of her retirement after more than twenty-two years' service with the Company. She received personal gifts from her associates.



### PRE-NUPTIAL DINNER

A farewell dinner was held recently in the Raleigh Room, Hotel

Sheraton, in honor of Jane MacDonald, Franklin Toll Traffic Clerk, who resigned to be married. Many beautiful gifts were given to Jane including a floral corsage.



### PRE-NUPTIAL DINNER

Joan P. Panossian, Roxbury Information, was the honor guest at a pre-nuptial dinner party held recently at the Tremont Plaza. She was presented a purse of money and a corsage. Joan will marry Stephen McKalian of Lowell at St. Vartanatz Armenian Church.



### RETIREMENT PARTY

Anthony Teixeira, PBX Installer in the Harrison District, was recently honored by his many friends and associates at a dinner party at the Boston Yacht Club on the eve of his retirement following more than 47 years' service. As a parting gift Tony was presented a purse of money, the gift of the more than 150 guests. David L. O'Brien was toastmaster and the Committee Chairman was Frederick L. Viles.

### Four Score and Ten

Former Haymarket Traffic associates of Delia M. Boleman, retired, surprised her on her ninetieth birthday recently with an old-

fashioned money bouquet of ninety dollars. To all her friends for their kind thoughts and contributions to this lovely gift, Mrs. Boleman says, "Thank you."



"Will you call my wife and tell her I won't be home for dinner?"



### LEWIS A. REYNOLDS FETED

Lewis A. Reynolds, Station Repairman in the Roxbury District, was tendered a testimonial dinner recently at the American Legion Hall, Hyde Park, where close to 100 co-workers joined in the tribute to him on the eve of his retire-

ment after more than 46 years' service. Mr. Reynolds was presented a gift of money from his many friends and associates. Above, left to right, are: William J. McCart, Philip J. Molloy, Mr. Reynolds, Carl F. Daly and George L. Vogel.



### BETH ISRAEL CONVERSION

The Beth Israel Hospital recently converted from a 2-position manual system to a 3-position multiple dial system. This system was decided upon in preference to a private intercommunication system. At the first call are, seated: Dr. Wilensky, Hospital Director. Standing: W. O'Brien, N. Lindley, N. Apalakis, D. J. Murphy, J. J. Connery, F. Powell.



### ON POST-WBZ-TV SHOW

Laura J. Levesque, Hobby Supervisor, explains her rare collection of shells to Dick Tucker left, M.C. and Frank G. Jason who wrote a feature story for the Sunday Post on her collection of shells. Some of the shells she exhibited were gathered during the past war by GI's stationed in the Orient.

## BANNER SERVICE MONTH

The Harrison-Back Bay District had a banner service month in April with every office index being 99%. Flowers were sent to Kenmore, Harrison Toll and Liberty by District Traffic Superintendent Paul J. Eaton and Traffic Manager George P. Delaney, in recognition and appreciation of this excellent performance. (See pictures below).



### KENMORE

L. E. Walsh, C. R. Berkeley, A. M. Powers, Chief Operator; M. J. Pierce, C. C. Malone, E. R. Long, A. F. Corbett.



### HARRISON TOLL

M. M. Cahill, H. M. Doyle, G. H. Glennon, Chief Operator; E. L. Lyons, M. Francis, M. M. Shea, M. M. Mulhane.

### Infantidings

Congratulations from Roxbury Information for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abbott who have become the proud parents of a daughter, Marjorie Marie. Mrs. Abbott was formerly Marjorie M. Trahan of Roxbury Information Traffic.

### Engagement

Best wishes to Helen F. Hawkins, Roxbury Information, who recently announced her betrothal to Leo R. Scott of Roslindale.

### Safety Reprs

Lorraine H. Adonis and Jean Anglin have been chosen as Safety Representatives for Roxbury Information Traffic.

### Resignations

Roxbury Information extends best wishes to Jeanne Feeny and Leilia M. Carter who have recently resigned. Jeanne has a secretarial position and Leilia will take up home duties.



### LIBERTY

E. R. Fleming, M. V. Fitzgibbon, C. A. Lydon,

C. V. Hunt, Chief Operator; M. R. Dunn, E. J. McDonnell, J. M. Smith.



### SPRING FORMAL

Dedham, Canton and Hyde Park Traffic girls held their Annual Spring Formal Dinner and dancing party recently at the Hotel Beaconsfield. Music was furnished by Paul Ambler and his orchestra. Adeline Mariano, Ellen Crowley and Lillian DiVirgilio were the committee in charge.



## IN MEMORIAM

CLARENCE M. BEEBE, Traffic Department, Poultney, Vt. Died May 15.  
 FRANK C. BIXBY, formerly of the Plant Department, Millbridge, Me. Died May 7.  
 FRED W. BRENNER, formerly of the Plant Department, Providence, R. I. Died April 20.  
 JOHN G. DOWNEY, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died April 30.  
 FRANK T. HANNON, Equipment Installation Department, Boston. Died May 6.  
 GENEVIEVE M. HOEY, Traffic Department, Lawrence. Died May 11.  
 HERMAN A. KIEDAISCH, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died April 27.  
 DANIEL G. MacDONALD, Plant Department, Cambridge. Died April 25.  
 FLORENCE M. MADIGAN, formerly of the Traffic Department, Newton North. Died April 30.  
 LURIE C. MARDEN, formerly of the Traffic Department, Leominster. Died May 17.  
 JOHN F. MOULTON, formerly of the Plant Department, Portland, Me. Died April 25.  
 ALLISON T. POTTER, formerly of the Revenue Accounting Department, Providence, R. I. Died May 9.  
 BLANCHE T. RANDALL, formerly of the Traffic Department, Cornish, Me. Died May 15.  
 HENRY T. TURNER, formerly of the Commercial Department, Laconia, N. H. Died May 6.

# Around the Alleys



DORCHESTER DISTRICT Telephone Bowling League recently held its annual bowling banquet at Jimmy O'Keefe's, Boston, to wind up the 1949-1950 season. Individual and team prizes were awarded, and new officers were elected and installed for next season.



CAMBRIDGE TRAFFIC opposed Winchester Traffic recently at Cambridge. Winchester won by a score of 20 pins. Above, with the two teams, are, G. R. Clark, Cambridge Tr. Mgr.; P. K. Palmer, Dist. Tr. Supt., and R. W. Brooks, Winchester Tr. Mgr.



WINNING TEAM of the Portland, Me., Plant League is pictured above. Seated: Joseph W. Walsh, Theodore C. Davis, Jr. Standing: Richard B. Pease, Henri T. Cote and Ralph C. MacDonald.



INDIVIDUAL WINNERS of the Portland, Me., Plant League were, l. to r.: Robert K. Sullivan, Sweepstakes winner; Fred A. Sterling, high 3-string, and Sterling A. Cole, high single string.



STONEHAM TRAFFIC played Belmont Traffic in a recent match. Belmont was victorious with a score of 80 pins. With the two teams, above, are: R. W. Brooks, Stoneham Tr. Mgr., and G. R. Clark, Belmont Tr. Mgr.



SPRINGFIELD BELLES Bowling League celebrated its victory over Worcester for the Division Trophy at the Yankee Pedlar at Holyoke. Franklin V. Moulton, Dist. Tr. Supt., presented trophies to the seven teams of the Springfield league. Sporting gardenias, the girls posed for a group picture.

CENTRAL INFORMATION Board girls at Providence, R. I., are enthusiastic about their bowling. The team, pictured below, recently ended a successful season with a banquet.



WATERTOWN REVENUE Accounting girls and Springfield Revenue Accounting girls bowled in a match at Worcester recently. The Springfield girls won by thirty-five pins. Below, members of both teams.





**SALEM REVENUE ACCOUNTING** battled it out with Watertown Revenue Accounting at a recent bowling match held at Boston. Pictured above are the members of both teams before the match started. The Salem team won.



**EAST BOSTON TRAFFIC** defeated Parkway Traffic in a game played at the West Roxbury Bowling Center. Traffic Manager Richard S. Noone was on hand to cheer the winners on to victory.



**GASPEE-DEXTER** girls at Providence, R. I., do a lot with bowling. They're pictured above with one of their loyal rooters, Traffic Manager Henry J. Hogan.



**MANCHESTER REVENUE** Accounting and Metropolitan Revenue Accounting girls recently engaged in a match at Nashua, N. H. Both teams are above.



**WORCESTER TRAFFIC** bowlers held their annual banquet at the Red Roof Restaurant recently. Prizes were awarded to the top bowlers. During the season the teams of the Worcester League bowled with teams from Parkway and Springfield.



**SPRINGFIELD REVENUE** Accounting bowlers topped off a successful bowling season with a banquet at Toto's. Captain Terry St. Jean and her team of "Whirlwinds" battled to top place as the champion team of the season.



**PORTLAND REVENUE** Accounting and Manchester Revenue Accounting tested their bowling skill at Portsmouth, N. H. Manchester won by 84 pins. Above, both teams.

**PROVIDENCE DISBURSEMENTS** and Providence Revenue Accounting teams are shown below. Joan Bentley of Disbursements and Elizabeth Mernick of Revenue captured high-three and high-single honors.



**WATERTOWN REVENUE** Accounting played against Providence Revenue Accounting in a recent match. High-three winners were Ann McAreavey of Providence and Mary Flanagan of Watertown.





## Even a Woodpecker Knows

A telephone is mighty convenient to have around . . . whether you're up a pole, out on a limb or down on the ground.

It saves time.

It saves money.

It saves footsteps.

It's great in emergencies.

Over the years thousands of people have come to depend on it—housewives and businessmen, doctors and lawyers and policemen, storekeepers and statesmen.

Today, wherever you go you'll find telephone service is mighty important to a mighty big number of people.

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"Yes, this is the residence of Red Woodpecker"



# Editor's Page



## Good Neighbors

The "Hello Girls" of New York first exchanged greetings with the "Hola Chicas" of South America twenty years ago. Service by means of a single radiotelephone circuit from New York to Buenos Aires, Argentina, was opened on April 3, 1930. Later in the year, service was extended to two other South American cities—Santiago, Chile, and Montevideo, Uruguay. Conversations with our southern neighbors in the three cities averaged about four a day for a total of about 1,500 during the first year of service. Today, direct circuits reach all principal cities in South America and conversations are handled at the rate of about 180 a day or about 65,000 annually. In 1930, a three-minute conversation with Buenos Aires cost \$36. The rate for the same call today is \$12.



## 44 Years a Pensioner

The Bell System recently lost its oldest pensioner when 102-year-old Ferdinand Jeschke died in Melrose Park, Ill. Mr. Jeschke, who had worked for Western Electric only 23 years when he retired in 1906, received a Bell System pension for 44 years. At first his pension was \$20 a month, but was automatically increased when the Bell System raised the minimum to \$30 in 1920, \$50 in 1946 and \$100 last November.

## The Cover

The Memorial Building, Framingham, which includes a memorial rotunda to the town's war veterans, an office building, the town library, and Nevins Banquet Hall and Assembly Hall, where every March the people of the town gather for the annual meeting, the largest in the United States.

## Dark Continent Problems

Running a telephone system in the wild and remote country of Sudan, Africa, has its own little problems. Grass fires have been melting the wires on a new line there recently, and baboons have been stealing the butterfly nuts securing the insulator arms to the poles.

## Thrifty Westerners

"A penny saved is a penny earned," according to Benjamin Franklin. This being the case, Franklin would certainly approve of Western Electric engineers who save not pennies but millions of dollars for the Bell System by developing ways and means of making telephone equipment better and cheaper. During the first nine months of 1949, for example, they originated 285 new ways of reducing costs. It is estimated that the savings achieved by these "cost reduction cases" will total more than \$4,000,000 annually with development expenditures estimated at about \$1,000,000.

## Hello There!

In the offices of a New Jersey firm a Long Lines teletype instructor, training a young employee as an operator for the customer's new private line teletypewriter, had an odd experience recently.

The Long Lines girl started her pupil out with an explanation of

things in their natural order, and showed how the flip of a switch turned the machine on. When she did so, the signal was apparently received by another trainee at a distant office (the network had been hitched up ahead of time for practice purposes), for the machine slowly tapped out *HELLO THIS IS KANSAS CITY*. "Oh, look," said the instructress, "Kansas City is on the line. Go ahead and answer."

The future teletypist took a deep breath and bent over the keyboard. Then, to the delight of everyone in the office around her, she made a little trumpet with her hands and burst forth with a clear, resounding "Hello-o-o-o."

## Sorry, Wrong Number

It is told that Mark Twain once met in the street a tall man with kindly eyes and an eager face, who carried a "strange contraption" under his arm. Yes, it was an invention, and the man explained it to the humorist, who listened politely and then remarked that he had lost more than one fortune "in harebrained schemes." "But I'm not asking you to invest a fortune," exclaimed the man. "You can have as large a share as you want—for \$500." The father of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn smiled and shook his head, he wouldn't risk a red cent. The tall man started on his way. "What did you say your name was?" Mark Twain called after him. "Bell," replied the inventor, "Alexander Graham Bell."

## Standard Equipment

Most unique transportation enjoyed by telephone plant men anywhere is probably in Venice, Italy, the city where canals serve as streets. Repairmen of the local telephone company, *Societa Telefonica Tirrena*, move from job to job in gondolas.

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# For Safety's Sake, Look Ahead!



**If we take time . . . we have time to PREVENT accidents!**

**ALL OF US CAN HELP. We know most accidents are caused by haste and carelessness. Replace haste with time. Replace carelessness with care. Take time to take care of yourself and others.**

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