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"You're Welcome, Sergeant"

With the completion of the 1,900,501st call, January 2, 1946, the extensive telephone center facilities at Camp Myles Standish were closed. Camp Manager Harold L. Morpeth hung out the "closed" sign and Supervisor June Horgan waved goodbye to the S/Sgt. The Camp and the hospital staged for embarkation and debarkation 1,546,496 men and women. Six centers with 49 switch-board positions had 109 tandem and long distance circuits and a staff of nearly 200 telephone employees.

"Thanks for everything," was the S/Sgt.'s parting shot.
"You're welcome, Sergeant."

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THE COVER . . . Telephone wires, which are constantly quivering with business conversations, will have a little reprieve on February 14, St. Valentine's Day, when instead of a letter from thousands of miles away, a call will come from perhaps the west coast or perhaps from just across town to let you know you're someone's valentine. Now that the boys are either back or on their way back, it will be a happy occasion this year and Cupid won't have to work by proxy as he has had to do in the past five hard years. The watchword for this year depicted by our cover is short and sweet—"I'll be right over!"

GENERAL POSTWAR WAGE INCREASES . . . Wage increases totalling more than 6½ million dollars annually to the 26,000 men and women of our Company were announced by the several departments during the month of January. These postwar adjustments were made to compensate for increased living costs and took into consideration anticipated reductions in "take-home" pay resulting from the expected return to the normal five-day work week.

Wage payments made during February will reflect the new rates, which became effective for some groups on January 20, and for other groups on February 1.

Waterville,



Out of the simple brick buildings, (small inset), which comprised Colby College for the first century, have come eight governors, three ambassadors, twelve justices of Supreme Courts, including four chief justices and scores of others who have distinguished themselves in various fields. Mayflower Hill, above, the new campus, was started in 1937. On the left, the Women's Union which serves as a social center, the Miller Library in the distance and right, a portion of the Women's Dormitory. (Oval) the president, Dr. Julius Seelye Bixler, who took office in 1942, has been on the faculties of two foreign universities, of Smith College and of Harvard.

ON the site of Teconnet Falls, an ancient Indian rendezvous, in the famous legend-haunted Belgrade Lakes region lies the city of Waterville, often called "The Heart of Maine," on the west bank of the Kennebec River in Kennebec County, 19 miles from Augusta, the state capitol. When the falls were dammed up the first white settlers in the early part of the 17th century established their trading post. In 1754 Gen. John Winslow with his expedition constructed Fort Halifax, later named Winslow, at the junction of the Kennebec and Sebasticook Rivers which still stands in Waterville and was the beginning of the first real settlement on the Kennebec's west bank. In 1802 the settlement became a town and in 1888 was incorporated a city with a steadily growing population of predominately English and French Canadian which has now reached the 18,000 mark.

Industrial Center

Waterville, which boasts two miles of stores with nearly 400 retail establishments and 25 wholesalers, is the trading center for more than 75,000 people in Kennebec, Somerset and Waldo counties within a radius of 20 miles. Her abundant natural resources, chief of which are lumber, hard wood, pulp, apples, wool raising, granite deposits combined with water power make an



Ethel Leighton, Chief Operator's Clerk, left, has been with the Company for 30 years. Clara Bernhardt, who does temporary work on Information, has been associated with the Company for 20 years.



Eleon M. Shuman, Central Office Repairman, left, is a 30 year man and in his spare time does reporting for TOPICS. John G. Stephens, also of the Central Office Maintenance force, with 17 years' service, discusses equipment with Mr. Shuman.

MAINE

ideal location for industrial plants which employ 6,000 persons and include the Hollingsworth & Whitney paper mill, the Wyandotte Worsted Company, the Keyes Fibre Company, makers of paper plates and baking dishes, the general repair shops of the Maine Central Railroad system, the Hathaway Shirt Company, the Lombard Traction Engine Company, the Lockwood Company, makers of cotton goods and sheeting, Waterville Iron Works, Skowhegan Mfg. Co. and many smaller organizations.

The first railroad built in Maine had its terminus in Waterville and she is today the railroad center of the Pine Tree State with four lines of the Maine Central Railroad running in as many directions.

Seat of Education

Within her 14-mile radius, Waterville offers unusual educational opportunities led by Colby College. This coed college of liberal arts offers courses leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree and the enrollment varies from 650 to 700 students under the direction of a faculty of about 60.

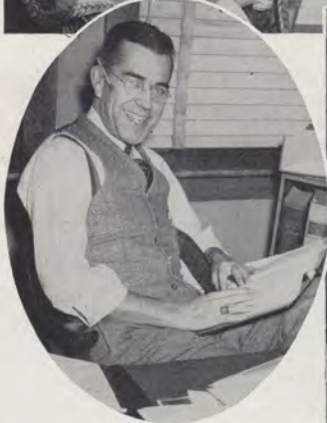
Courses are especially strong in the education, pre-medicine and business administration departments. A five-year professional course is offered for prospective nurses in conjunction with affiliated Maine and Massachusetts hospitals.

When the Maine Literary and Theological Institution was granted a charter by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1813, Colby had its start. In 1820 when this district became the state of Maine the Institution was given the power to confer collegiate degrees and in the next few years became Waterville College. After the dark days of the Civil War the College suffered a setback until through the generosity of Gardner Colby, a Boston merchant, it found new hope and the name Colby College.

When the growth of the town began to enclose the college too closely, a new "dream campus" was conceived in 1930 to be situated on a height of land about two miles from the city's center and called Mayflower Hill. The country's foremost college architect was commis-



Taking a little time off from the job in the cheerful operators' rest room are, left to right: Mary Bovine, Dorothy Chapman, Constance Laverdiere and Kathleen Hapworth.



Oval: H. Chesterfield Marden, Waterville's new mayor who will take office the first of March, recently returned as a lieutenant colonel after four years' service in the Southwest Pacific. Right: Waterville's mayor since March of 1944 is George A. Doyle.



Caleb A. Lewis, Managing Editor of the Waterville Morning Sentinel, was associated with the paper for a number of years before it became a daily in 1904. He returned as business manager in 1918. The paper has a staff of 40 and a circulation of 13,000.



Bion E. Lowell is the Line Assigner for the Waterville area which includes Clinton, Fairfield, Pittsfield, Skowhegan, Madison and Oakland.



Dorothy L. Dustin, Wire Chief's Clerk, shown with Clarence H. Emery, Testman, who has a record of 35 years with the Company.



Effie V. Bartlett, Service Representative, seated, Virginia Butler, Cashier, and Carol E. McCallum, Service Order Clerk, handle Waterville's Business Office.



John Willihan, who retired a year ago after 42 years' service with the Company in Maine, spends his leisure time repairing his home.

Waterville, MAINE

(Continued)

sioned to design a set of buildings of authentic American Colonial design and construction work started first in 1937. Three of the ten planned buildings were completed before the outbreak of the war and put into use. It is expected that the rest of the buildings will be ready for occupancy by next fall. From the hill can be seen Waterville at the foot of one side, the blue Rangeley mountains to the northwest and the Camden hills in the east.

Colby has an outstanding record for producing graduates of scholastic distinction and at one time had two Rhodes Scholars in residence at Oxford at the same time—a record shared only by Harvard. Four Colby graduates or faculty members have been awarded Guggenheim Fellowships to pursue research during the years of 1944 and 1945.

Coburn Classical Institute, a coed preparatory school, the Thomas Business College, fully equipped to train pupils for a business career, the Mount Meric Academy and several parochial schools besides a number of public schools are well established in the Elm City.

Telephony's Part

From this busy heart, arteries in the form of telephone communications reach to Clinton, Fairfield, Pittsfield, Skowhegan, Madison and Oakland to begin their journey into the rest of the state and New England. The Business Office managed by Linn R. Wood with one Service Representative, one Order Writer and one Cashier handles 5,844 accounts covering this area. The 17-position switchboard handles an average of 27,700 local calls a day which is an average of 5½ calls per day from each of the some 5,000 manual stations. As the toll center for the towns of Clinton, Fairfield, Pittsfield, Skowhegan, Madison and Oakland, Waterville handles approximately 1,700 toll calls a day. A traffic force of over 50 people keeps vigilant watch over the smoothly functioning system under the supervision of Chief Operator Cora C. M. Murray who has 35 years' experience with the Company. Mansfield M. Packard, the Wire Chief, supervises Waterville's Plant Department which works in close conjunction with the other departments of this heart within a heart.



Waterville's Construction and Cable crews include, left to right: Forrest Abbott, Myron Stinson, Raymond Grady, George Gauthier, Charles Wright, William Cox, Howard Jennings, Dewey Gray, David

Brown, Wendall Boston, Foreman, Albert McKenney, Sherwood Peatfield, Harold Weymouth and Rodney Hight, Foreman.



The Installer-Repairman group includes, left to right: Earle M. Hutchinson, Charles Lancaster, Amos L. Adams, Ellis A. Sanborn, John C. Mc-

Kiniry, Raleigh A. Whalen, Kenneth S. Greeley, Clarence E. Whitney and Charles Keith, Service Foreman.



The Supervisory force, which oversees the efficient communications system of the New England Telephone Company in Waterville are, left to right: Mansfield M. Packard, Wire Chief; Cora C. M. Murray, Chief Operator, and Linn R. Wood, Manager.

Part of the 17-position switchboard is attended by, left to right: Dorothy Chapman, Constance Laverdiere, Beverly Gurney, Adriene Raymond, Barbara Manson, Kathleen Hapworth, under the supervision of Flossie Boulette, Supervisor, and Jeanette Collins, Instructor.



SEVERAL BILLION DOLLAR POSTWAR SERVICE AND EXPANSION PROGRAM PLANNED FOR BELL SYSTEM



Clyde J. Heath, Vice-President, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, and Leroy A. Wilson, Vice-President, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, outlined some of the financial and operating problems which face our Company and the entire Bell System during the next few years at a recent meeting in Boston.

THE financial aspects of the tremendous postwar service extension and improvement program that lies ahead of the Bell System were described in detail by Leroy A. Wilson, Vice-President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, when he spoke on January 4 before a large group of representatives of our Company.

There never has been a time in the history of the telephone business when there were as many new developments capable of being translated into better service for telephone users, he declared. The cost of new construction in the postwar period will total several billion dollars, he said, and this may well mean one and a half billions in *new* money from investors in the next five years. Looking ahead 10 years instead of five, the Bell System may require well over two billion dollars—nearly as much new capital as it had to obtain during the entire period from 1920 to 1945, he said.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that all this new money must be sought from investors and adequate earnings are urgently needed if we are to obtain the very large amounts that are necessary.

The earnings required to do the job ahead are not high. The System does not ask that they be high—it only wants them to be high enough *to do the job*. And the difference between System earn-

ings that are high enough (at least from 6½ to 7 per cent on total capital) and earnings that are too low is of tremendous importance.

He explained that, contrary to many industries, the telephone business did not make high profits during the war and that rising wages, taxes, costs of supplies and equipment, accompanied by some decrease in rates for service, have actually resulted in a reduction in earnings despite the fact that revenues were the highest in the System's history.

President Harrell of our Company, in opening the meeting, stated that the part of the New England Company in this postwar program will involve the expenditure of nearly 200 millions of dollars.

Clyde J. Heath, Vice-President, and Bartlett T. Miller, Vice-President and General Manager, outlined some of the financial and operating problems which face our Company during the next few years.

In a series of meetings to be held during 1946, a picture of the Bell System financial and operating structure as it stands today, plans for the future, and the specific problems and plans for the New England Company, with special attention to their financial aspects, will be reviewed with all the men and women of our Company.

These New England Company representatives who gathered to hear a discussion of Bell System postwar plans will review the information with employees who report to them.



Cash and Credits

Christine Flaherty, Teller at the Portland Business Office, receipts customers' payments for telephone service bills. Approximately a million and a quarter such customers' payments are received at business and agency offices each month throughout the Company's territory.

Below:

Arrangements for trial installation of the new Monthly Cash Posting Plan in Maine were completed at a recent interdepartmental conference in Portland. Seated: Thomas C. Cochran, Maine Manager; Morrill A. Mace, Revenue Method's Supvr., Boston; L. B. McClain, Comptroller's Dept. of the A.T. & T. Co., New York. Standing: Phillip P. Whittier, Reports, Results and Accounts Supvr., Portland; Edgar G. Lundin, General Revenue Accountant, Boston; B. Kendall Way, Com'l Methods Supvr., Boston; Edgar A. Farnum, Div. Com'l Supvr., Portland; Francis P. Bishop, Div. Auditor of Receipts, Portland.



Ruth Swett of the Portland Accounting Office checks some of the stubs which report the current customers' payments received in the Commercial Department. Cash Control is the first step in the Accounting Department procedures for handling customers' payments reported daily by the Commercial Department.



Assembling, posting and proving payment stubs in accordance with the new monthly cash posting plan are members of the Accounts Unit, Portland Rev. Acctg. Seated: Emma Bothel, Frances Poulin,

Ruth Swett, Irene LeBel, Helene Murphy, Sophie Pedersen. Standing: Phillip P. Whittier, Reports, Results and Accounts Supvr.

"Take the Cash, and let the Credit go." There's more poetic license than good advice in this passage from Omar Khayyam. Our Commercial Department readily "takes the cash" in payment of bills for telephone service. But that is only half the story, because at that point our Revenue Accounting Department enters and makes sure the credit is accurately and promptly applied to the customer's account.

About a million and a quarter customers' payments are received in our Company's business and agency offices each month. Each of these payments applies to a particular customer's telephone account, and it is essential that prompt credit and accounting take place so that our objectives of Quality Billing Service can be attained. This is a joint Commercial and Accounting responsibility, and new means for discharging it more effectively are now undergoing trial in the Eastern Division.

Up to now the accounting work in applying customers' payments on telephone service accounts has been performed on a "5-day round basis." Now we are installing the "Monthly Plan of Cash Posting" in the Eastern Division. This new plan is already in use in a number of Associated Companies and the detailed procedures required to place it in operation are being worked out by the Commercial and Accounting Departments in Maine. Economy and ease of operation and a number of other benefits are the features of the new plan, and preliminary results are satisfactory.

One of the features being adopted in connection with the new plan is an arrangement whereby the Accounting Department applies currently any credits for payments which were made by the customer after the regular billing period date but before the date on which the next bill is actually issued. Up to this time such payments were not reflected on the customers' account until the second subsequent bill was rendered.

This has in many instances annoyed customers who failed to understand "closing dates" and wondered why their next bill failed to reflect credit for a payment made shortly after the regular billing date but before the preparation and rendition of the next monthly bill.

To overcome this and to develop one more step in the Company's "Quality Billing Service" program the Eastern Division accounting office is now "holding the books open" for a longer period. This does not involve any delay in getting bills prepared for mailing to customers. It merely provides a means for crediting customers' accounts with any payments which may be made up to the time when the preparation of the next bill gets into the works.

Meanwhile our motto with regard to customers' payments of telephone service bills will continue to read, "Take the Cash, and apply the Credit, too."

MARCH 15 DEADLINE FOR FILING INCOME TAX RETURNS

WITHHOLDING of federal income taxes from wages paid to you by the Company during 1945 does not excuse you from filing a federal income tax return on or before March 15, 1946.

The Company has issued two copies of a Form W-2 Withholding Receipt to each employee from whose wages it was required to withhold a federal income tax during 1945. This Form W-2 shows the amount of wages paid to you during 1945 and the amount of federal income tax withheld and paid to the government by the Company. Enclosed with your two copies of this Form W-2 was a leaflet issued by the government explaining the conditions under which you may be eligible to file the original copy of this Form W-2 as your income tax return for the year 1945.

File Withholding Receipt

If your total income was less than \$5,000 you may find it to your advantage to read the government leaflet and determine whether or not you should complete the Form W-2 and file the original copy with the Collector of Internal Revenue for your district as your income tax return for the year 1945.

If you file the Form W-2 as your return, no tax, based upon such filing, is required to be paid at the time of filing. The Collector will compute your tax, giving you credit for taxes already paid including tax withheld from your wages. He will send you a bill for any unpaid balance of tax or in the event you have overpaid your tax he will send you a refund.

The Collector figures your tax liability on the basis of the tax table appearing on the back of the leaflet. In compiling this tax table, allowance has been made for your personal exemptions, including dependents and also an amount equal to about 10% of your total income has been allowed for charitable contributions, interest, taxes, casualty losses, medical expenses and miscellaneous items. Unless your deductions for charitable contributions, etc., exceed 10% of your total income you will probably decide to file the Form W-2 as your tax return providing you are eligible to use this form.

Individual Income Tax Return

You are not required to file a Form 1040 if you are eligible to and do file a Form W-2 as your return.

If you do not file a Form W-2 you must file a Form 1040 and pay the balance of tax due, if any, on or before March 15, 1946, if you received gross income from all sources of \$500 or more during the year 1945. Form W-2 should not be filed with Form 1040 for 1945.

Form 1040 has been so arranged that:

1. If your total income is less than \$5,000 and consists wholly of salaries, wages, dividends and interest you need only fill in the information called for on page one, providing you use the tax table on page four for determining your tax.

2. If your total income is less than \$5,000 but includes income from sources other than salaries, wages, dividends or interest, you need only fill in pages one and two, providing you use the tax table on page four for determining your tax.

3. If your total income is less than \$5,000 but your deductions are sufficient to give you an advantage under an actual tax computation you should fill in the entire form (See Note).

4. If your income is \$5,000 or more you are required to fill in all information called for by the form but if you elect to claim the standard deduction of \$500 you do not have to itemize your deduction on page three (See Note).

Note: If husband and wife living together at end of 1945 file separate returns and one itemizes deductions, the other one must file his or her return on Form 1040, and must also itemize deductions.

In the event taxes withheld from your wages plus estimated taxes paid directly to the Collector for the year 1945 exceed your tax liability for the year as shown by Form 1040 you may elect to (1) have the excess refunded to you or (2) have the excess credited on your estimated tax for the year 1946.

Estimated Tax Return Year 1946

This estimated return is required to be filed on or before March 15, 1946, if:

- (a) You estimate your wages subject to withholding during the year 1946 will exceed \$5,000 plus \$500 for each dependent for whom you will claim an exemption, or
- (b) You estimate your gross income for the year 1946 from sources other than wages subject to withholding will exceed \$100, providing you estimate your gross income from all sources will exceed \$500.

At least one-fourth of the excess of your total estimated tax over your estimated payments as shown by this estimated return must be paid on or before March 15, 1946. If your estimated payments exceed your estimated liability, proper adjustment will be made based upon your final return to be filed in 1947 for the year 1946.

If you do not come within the provisions requiring the filing of an estimated return by March 15, 1946, but events occurring subsequent to this date bring you within the filing requirements a return must be filed on or before June 15, 1946, Sept. 15, 1946, or Jan. 15, 1947. The filing date is dependent upon the date you first meet the filing requirements.

Payments Due March 15, 1946

The following federal income taxes are due to be paid on or before March 15, 1946:

1. The balance of tax, if any, shown to be due by Form 1040 filed for the year 1945 must be paid by March 15, 1946. This balance represents your tax liability for the year 1945 after deducting taxes withheld from wages by your employer during 1945 and estimated taxes which you paid directly to the Collector for the year 1945.

Note: If Form W-2 is filed for 1945, the balance of tax due should not be paid until a bill is received from the Collector.

2. If you are required to file on or before March 15, 1946, an estimated return for 1946 and the total estimated tax shown in such return exceeds your estimated payments, one-fourth of this excess must be paid on or before March 15, 1946.

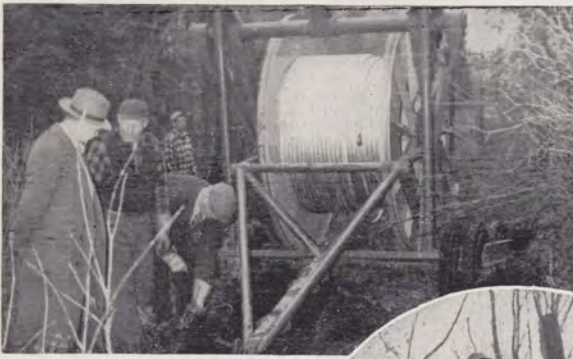
The government has gone to considerable effort in its attempt to simplify and explain the filing requirements for individuals. It is the government's intent that by following the instructions on Form W-2 and the leaflet which accompanied it or by following the instructions on Form 1040 and the related instruction sheets, practically all employees will be able to properly prepare their returns. If, however, you have any questions relating to your return it is suggested that you refer such questions to the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue for your district.

Telephone Hour Artists For February and March

The following guest artists have been announced to appear on coming programs of The Telephone Hour:

JASCHA HEIFETZ—February 4
MARJORIE LAWRENCE—February 11
BIDU SAYAO—February 18
MAGGIE TEYTE—February 25
LILY PONS—March 4
EZIO PINZA—March 11
MARIAN ANDERSON—March 18
JASCHA HEIFETZ—March 25

Lewiston-Rumford Toll Cable Replaces Storm-Damaged Open Wire



Laying a section of the Lewiston-Farmington cable in the shunt at Turner, Me., are Supervising Foreman Clarence F. Brown, Linemen Chester W. Adams, Edward T. Spiller, and, in the background, Frederick M. Neuts.



Controlling the cable guide and spinner at Livermore, Me., are Thomas McNeil and George A. Staples.

THE skill of our employees and the latest in Plant equipment were applied to repair the damage from last May's pre-season blizzard on the open wire routes connecting Lewiston, Farmington and Rumford, Me.

Early in September when the Federal Communications Commission granted a release permitting the Company to replace the severely damaged open wire with toll cable, the Portland District Construction force was all set to go.

District Construction Supervisor Curtis S. Irving assigned every possible man and motor vehicle to the job and scheduled the necessary operations to keep everything clicking and to finish by the sixteenth of this month. To date all schedules have been maintained or bettered.

By the time the job is completed it will require over 51 miles of toll cable, varying in size from 26 to 303 pair, with 259 test splices.

Supervising the engineering is Paul V. Conley, Division Plant Engineer, while placing operations are being carried out by Supervising Line Foremen C. F. Brown and W. O. Robson. John H. Murphy, District Splicing Supervisor, is in charge of splicing and testing with Splicing Foreman W. T. Bean in direct charge of the field work.



Outside their Company car at Turner, Me., are members of the cable testing crew that worked on the cable. Left to right: Theodore G. Rogers, Steven F. Thomas, Foreman Harry R. Learson, James R. Richardson, Jr.



With District Construction Supervisor Curtis S. Irving, left, who scheduled the job, are: W. T. Bean, Splicing Foreman; C. F. Brown, Supervising Foreman, and Leroy Bennett, Line Foreman.

Under construction at the same time men were laying the toll cable was this new central office for Livermore Falls, Me.



This cable placing crew worked in the territory near Lake Auburn, Me. Left to right: Linemen George I. Wilson, Linwood H. Parker, Charles M. Brewer, Roger W. MacDonald, Lewis R. Harmon, Line Foreman Roy E. Walker and Lineman Milford E. McGlinchey.



Another cable placing crew, this time at Livermore. Left to right: Line Foreman Jasper A. Strout, Supervising Foreman William O. Robson, Thomas McNeil, Lemuel F. Clark, Jeremiah C. Pitts, George A. Staples, Line Foreman Leo M. Hadley, and Linemen Allen C. McLean and Henri T. Cote.

Standing in front of the new Barrington dial exchange building are the men who rewired the stations and installed the instruments: Jerry McCarthy, Edward Byrnes, Seth Hunt, Frank Thorp, Richard Somes, Raymond Matson, Service Foreman.



Cable splicers Walter Mozek and Vincent Lanagan take time out to lean against their truck and pose.



Some of the line crew who worked on the conversion: Russell Miles, Foreman; Clarence Lemay, Donald Steward, Thomas Cullen, Wesley Davis, Joseph Scagliotti.



More line crew members: James Murphy, Foreman; John Rousseau, William Bernard, Edward Lindsay and Lynnwood Durrell.



The men who set the poles and placed the cable: David Bianchi, James Fleming, Gerald Ahearn, Harry Gilman and Richard Precourt, Foreman.



On the job at Barrington are these members of the line crew: Warren Plaistead, Walter Goodwin, Anson MacEwan, James Ramsay, Carl Ives, Foreman, and Anatole Paquette.

Long distance calls for the Barrington community dial exchange customers are handled in this operating room in Dover, N. H.



Top: H. E. Flower, chairman, Board of Selectmen, Barrington, made the first call from the new dial exchange. Looking on: Arthur J. Heaphy, Dover Manager; Mary Grout, Dover Traffic Supvr.; Thomas Seaward, Dover Wire Chief; Albert Roach, chairman, Central Division Dial Conversion Committee; Nathaniel Orr, Central Division Dial Conversion Committee. Bottom: Receiving Mr. Flower's call is Harold G. Parshley, chairman, Board of Selectmen, Strafford. Standing: Arthur Somes, Dist. Maint. Supvr., Manchester; Edward Cook, Dist. Traffic Supvr., Manchester; Alphonse Morissette, C.O.E.I. Foreman; Raymond Matson, Service Foreman; Alphonse Meersman, Commercial Rep.

Community Dial Service Installed for Barrington and Strafford

SUBSCRIBERS in the Barrington and Strafford, N. H., exchange have been dialing their calls since the morning of last December 18 when the exchange was cut over from magneto to dial operation. The cutover necessitated a change in customers' numbers and the printing of a special directory which was mailed to all subscribers before the eighteenth.

Service for the Barrington-Strafford area had been coming from a switchboard set up in the Town Hall last March when a fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Fearon which housed the former exchange. The fire destroyed all telephone equipment including the cable to the house and its supporting pole.

Aldona L. Riseman of Metropolitan Disbursements Accounting is shown with her brushes hard at work on a hand-painted tray. Of all her hobbies, she likes painting best, and on almost all her handcrafts, Mrs. Riseman paints without a pre-designed pattern. Here with palette in hand, she is putting a lovely flower arrangement on the tray which she plans for a gift. On the table beside her are two pottery vases which she molded from clay and on the couch is a satin coat on which is some of Mrs. Riseman's very beautiful peasant embroidery.



How about a hobby?

With mending tape from which she cut the pattern she previously designed, Mrs. Riseman made this beautiful dinner cloth and napkins on which there is not a stitch of sewing except the hemming. The mending tape is applied with a hot iron and launders beautifully. This set took her three months to complete, working only evenings. Mrs. Riseman got her inspiration from an article in a woman's magazine telling how to hide holes in curtains by applying mending tape cut into tiny shapes, like butterflies. She thought, if it works over holes, why won't it work on something new—and, as you can see, it does!



Here are several products of Mrs. Riseman's busy spare-time hours. In the foreground are two lovely afghans and two hand-painted luncheon sets. Working the design as she paints, Mrs. Riseman can complete a luncheon set in a day. On the couch

behind her are also a hand-painted tray and a watercolor painting. On the wall are an oil painting and two copper candle sconces which Mrs. Riseman tooled at a handcraft class. Believe it or not, she's never idle for a moment.

VERSATILITY is Aldona L. Riseman's hobby.

"I want to try everything I see, at least once," she says, and indeed her nimble fingers have done just about that. Among her spare-time activities are water-color and oil painting, knitting and crocheting, jewelry and pottery making, leather and copper tooling, hand painting on fabrics, finishing furniture in antique style, embroidery and applique work and dressmaking and designing—all of which she does with remarkable skill.

At present her favorite hobby is anything which has to do with painting. Mrs. Riseman, who is with the Metropolitan Disbursements Accounting Office at State Street, Boston, first began to draw when she was six years old with help and direction from her father. She says, "Whenever I was drawing and Mother called me to help with the dishes or make beds, Dad would always say, 'Don't bother her, she's doing something worthwhile.'" Since that time Mrs. Riseman has painted countless pastels and water-colors and a few oil paintings.

Mrs. Riseman gives away most of her handiwork for gifts and this last Christmas made beautiful hand-painted luncheon sets and trays for many of her friends. But with all her skill she is very human, too. On one of these trays she had worked diligently for three and a half hours, mixing colors and painting in flowers, when she held it up to examine what she had done so far, only to realize that she had been painting on the back of the tray instead of where she had intended to.

"You might say my hobby is taking classes," Mrs. Riseman says, "for there is nothing I would rather do, and I am always taking one." In addition to four years of night school at the Massachusetts School of Art where she studied pattern drafting and dress design, she also has taken courses in commercial drawing, life drawing, stenography, metal and leather crafts, millinery, pottery, cooking, electrolysis and first aid. And she conducts classes, too! Last winter eighty-five of Mrs. Riseman's associates in the Metropolitan and Central Accounting Department signed up for one of three classes which she conducted in dressmaking, handcrafts and knitting and crocheting.

On the wall in Mrs. Riseman's home is a small figure, a copy of her sister's head, which she molded and cast in plaster of Paris, her first work of this kind and with no instruction.

Mrs. Riseman has made her own clothes ever since she was eight years old and designs them as well. For her next spare-time activity, she plans to take up wood carving, which, she says, fascinates her. She's particularly interested in the fancy, intricate wood carving done on furniture.

GROCERY GARDENS

FOR something new and different in house plants, have you tried the fruits and vegetables right out of your shopping bag when you return from the grocer's? If you haven't, you'll be amazed at what attractive centerpieces and window plants they make and with practically no work at all. Sweet potatoes, carrots, beets, turnips, lemons, oranges and grapefruit easily rival the lacy ferns and glossy leaves on the potted flowers you already have.



BEFORE

AFTER

With a single sweet potato you can have a lovely vine in no time at all. Just place the potato upright in a vase with enough water to cover part of the potato (which part will root) but never all of the potato. Keep it where it is dark and cool for about ten days and then place the vase in your kitchen window where it can get lots of light. In three or four weeks little bits of green will appear. With a flick of your fingers remove all but two, which is enough for one potato. When these spikes become long enough strands you can train them like any other vine, and soon you'll have a beautiful plant, requiring no more care than occasional watering.

For a bowl of lacy ferns, wash several good-sized carrots, cut so as to leave only one-half inch of the tops and one inch of the carrots, and place these in a bowl filled with pebbles and enough water to cover the roots but not the tops of the carrots. Add enough water every day to keep the same level and in three weeks their ferns will be something to see.

Beets and turnips, cut and put in pebble-filled bowls like the carrots, show their first shoots in a week's time and grow steadily from then on. It is best to keep these "growing" plants in bright sunlight, but not necessary.

A miniature orchard of plants with shiny leaves is easily obtained by washing several lemon, orange or grapefruit seeds and planting them in a flower pot filled with five inches of moist, sandy soil and placed in a saucer of water. Cover the flower pot for from four to six weeks or until the first shoots are visible. Then set at a bright window and enjoy.

The Book Nook



Lovely Is The Lee

by Robert Gibbings

AND lovely, too, is this tale of Gibbings' trip through southern and western Ireland full of simple-living, friendly people who believe in fairies—the good and the bad—dance in the streets, and walk nine miles up and downhill for a wedding celebration.

The trail of the River Lee leads through a land far removed from that we know. It's not the same world—not this land where last night the fairies stopped Con Jack Borlin's father—and this land where last night new Fascist gatherings were discovered in Italy.

Opening the book is like pulling a favorite armchair close to the fire and settling back to talk easily, quietly with an old friend. "Draw up a bit closer the nights do be peevish." Naturally, you exchange a wee bit of gossip.

"But there's Mary Ryan is getting married and him without as much as you'd jink on a tombstone, and that small you could blow him off the palm of your hand."

"Ah, well, she's got one at last. Every morning for the past five years she's gone to Mass, praying for a husband."

Gibbings is a naturalist who shares with you fascinating stories of bird life and habits, and who captures the wild beauty of their flight and their haunts in the exquisite wood engravings sprinkled through the text.

But the great charm of the book is in the people he meets and introduces to you. In Cork, the loveliest city in the world (anyone who disagrees "either was not born there or is prejudiced"), the people are so friendly "that the quickest way to get from one end of Patrick Street to the other, a matter of six hundred yards, would be to take a taxi and tell the driver to make a detour of twenty miles."

The people are happy with little in the line of worldly goods. "On Shark they are envious of the people of Bofin. I was told there that you could get everything on Bofin that you could get on the mainland. 'There's a shop there, there's a post office there, they have a priest and a doctor, and what more could any man want?'"

The Irish are at their best speaking for themselves and speak they will at the drop of a hat. They spin long tales, many of which Gibbings shows are native, modern versions of classics known for centuries throughout the world.

"And," says Michael, "there was another man died and left a horse behind him. 'Twas a horse that he was very fond of riding. And as often as ever the new owner went to the stable in the morning, he'd find the horse lathered with sweat, and the marks of the saddle and girth on him. And that with the stable door locked overnight."

The tales go on until you feel like the author "when, after midnight, Connie and I walked home over the lonely mountain we had forgotten all about fairies and the next world. Even so, 'twas curious the noise the wind made from time to time."

Dancing and spinning tales are not the only ways of passing an evening in the mountains. Few cottages haven't their pack of cards ready for a game of twenty-five or of thirty-five. "Sometimes the stakes are pennies, by which you may win or lose as much as a shilling in one night. Sometimes, especially towards Christmas, the evening's play becomes a tournament, with a prize that may be anything from a bicycle, unwanted by its owner, to a turkey or a donkey. It is a highly profitable method of disposing of property."

Any city can boast of the famous men and women born in it, but Gibbings puts in Cork's bid for fame on unusual women who made unusual history by telling the stories of Hon. Elizabeth Aldworth, the only woman ever to become a freemason, Miss Thompson who became Empress of Morocco, and Anne Bonney who became a pirate.

When the fire dies and your friend must leave, when time has come to close *Lovely Is the Lee* you may feel like Gibbings who went back to Ireland to return "at least some small token of what I had brought away in youth. But it was I who became the richer. Where I dropped silver I picked up gold."

A. M. M.



Harry V. Keefe

Harry V. Keefe Heads Newly Re-Organized Commercial Engineers

EFFECTIVE January 1, Harry V. Keefe became General Commercial Engineer, heading up a reorganization of the Commercial Engineering section.

In his new capacity Mr. Keefe is responsible for rate engineering and tariff activities, analyses of markets for telephone service and of telephone development, and for estimates of lines and stations and of revenues.

In carrying out this broad range of Commercial Engineering work, Mr. Keefe will be assisted by a staff that includes the following: Harris B. McIntyre, General Rate Engineer, formerly Toll Rate Engineer; Donald R. Campbell, Toll Rate Engineer, formerly Engineering Assistant; Warren C. Upton, Tariff Engineer, formerly District Manager, Pittsfield District; John B. Mulrooney, Special Facility Engineer, formerly Rate Practice Engineer; Webster E. Howard, Market Engineer, formerly Exchange Rate Engineer; David B. Rost, Estimate Engineer, formerly Survey Engineer; and Frederick P. Holden, Survey Engineer, formerly Manager of Worcester Suburban offices.

Mr. McIntyre will be in charge of both exchange and toll rate engineering, assisted by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Upton will have charge of the preparation of tariffs

and administrative tariff provisions. Mr. Mulrooney will analyze service features and rates for miscellaneous services, determine rates for new services, price special assemblies of equipment or facilities, and quote rates in connection with the furnishing of unusual services.

Mr. Howard's duties will include analyses of population, development, sources of revenue, station distribution, and general business trends; also for making long- and short-term estimates of lines and stations and of revenues. Assisting Mr. Howard will be Mr. Rost, who will specialize on station and revenue estimates and analyses of operating results, revenue sources and business trends, and Mr. Holden, specializing on long- and short-term surveys, on studies concerning population and development, and on rural-service and customer-opinion surveys.

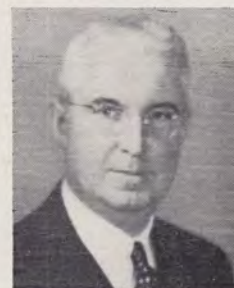
The Commercial Engineers will provide basic information for the Engineering and other operating departments in developing the extensive construction and service improvement program in the years ahead. They will also assist in the executive program of studies involving the Company's revenue and financial requirements.



Harris B. McIntyre



Donald R. Campbell



John B. Mulrooney



Warren C. Upton



Webster E. Howard



David B. Rost



Frederick P. Holden

RECENT *Changes*



Clarence W. Baier
from Gen. Traf.
Personnel Supvr. to
Act. Div. Traffic Supt.,
Central Division



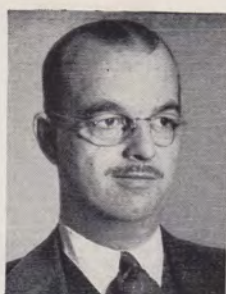
David C. Hall,
from Div. Traf. Supt.,
Central Div., to
Act. Asst. General
Traffic Manager



Timothy P. Mannix
from Editor,
Telephone Topics, to
Employee Inform. Supvr.,
Public Relations Dept.



John W. Chapman
from News Supvr. to
Public Information Supvr.,
Public Relations Dept.



William B. Blake
from Advertising Supvr.
to Advertising Mgr.,
Public Relations Dept.



Robert W. Stokes
from Information Supvr.
to Public Relations
Methods Supervisor



Emerson W. Hunt
from Military Leave
of Absence to
General Information Mgr.,
Public Relations Dept.



William J. McLaughlin
from General Coml.
Engineer to
General Coml. Asst.



Wilfred R. Rhodes,
Manager,
from Portland, Me.,
to Brookline



James F. Murphy
from Reports Supvr.
to Staff of the
Chief Accountant,
Met. Disb. Acctg.



Richard J. Davis
from Military
Leave of Absence
to Manager
at Portland, Me.



Frank P. Desmond,
Manager, from
St. Albans, Vt.,
to Bangor, Me.



Milton S. Handford
from Directory Com-
pilation Mgr., Boston,
to District Mgr.,
Pittsfield Dist.



Atherton Loring, Jr.,
from Special Leave
of Absence to
District Manager,
Bangor District



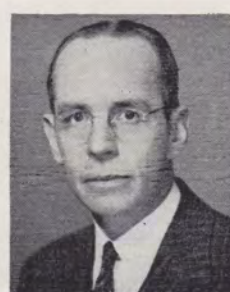
Robert C. Morse
from Dist. Mtce.
Supvr. to Dist.
Plant Supt.,
R. I. Dist. 2



John J. Halloran,
District Manager,
from Providence
to R. I. District 1



Goldie Downing
from Supervisor at
Manchester Toll to
Chief Operator at
Meredith, N. H.



Walter F. Gannon
from Manager at
Providence to
District Manager,
Brockton District



Herbert W. Chalmers,
Manager,
from Brockton
to Providence, R. I.



Lorenz Dahl, Jr.,
District Manager,
from Brockton Dist.
to R. I. District 2



Charles H. Bauer,
District Manager,
from Bangor
to Worcester Dist.



Edward F. Wales
from Manager at
Brookline to
Div. Results Supvr.,
Metropolitan Div.



Stanley C. Bigda,
Manager,
from Bangor, Me.,
to Worcester
Tributaries



John J. Smith
from Act. Manager,
New Bedford, to
Manager at
Plymouth



Melville P. Straker,
Manager,
from Plymouth
to Brockton



Loretta A. Egan
from Supervisor
at Southbridge to
Chief Operator
at Webster

SOUTHERN PLANT MAN KILLED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

On Active Duty



Sgt. Paul E. Farrell

Word has been received of the death of Sgt. Paul E. Farrell, 28, of Southern Plant in an accident on Honshu Island, Japan, on December 25, 1945. Mrs. Farrell received a telegram from the War Department but has had no further details of her husband's death.

Sgt. Farrell joined the Company in 1941 and worked as a lineman in the Construction Department, District No. 4, Brockton. He entered military service in February, 1945, and was stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., before going overseas.

Sgt. Farrell is the twenty-second man to die on military leave of absence from the Company.

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We recently heard from Eastern Commercial's Capt. Jean Paul Marcous, who wrote that after 29 months overseas, he was finally boarding a ship homeward bound.

Jean has been stationed in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines.

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The Salem Revenue Accounting employees were sorry to hear of the death of former office boy AMM 3/c Robert F. Griffin on July 9, 1945. Robert joined the Navy in the fall of 1943. At the time of his death he was stationed at Manila and had just taken off with his buddies when the plane crashed and all members but one were killed. A memorial Mass conducted in Salem was attended by several of his former office associates.

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Dana A. Jordan, Eastern Commercial, finds that good things come in bunches. He recently returned to the States from the Pacific area, was promoted to Lt. (s.g.), and transferred to Portland, Me., where he is in charge of two Bachelor Officers' Clubs.

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Sgt. John G. Steenbruggen of Metropolitan Plant, stationed in Belgium with the 909th Signal Service Depot, recently married a Belgian girl whose language is Flemish. John's father, John A. Steenbruggen, Station Installer in Metropolitan Plant, who was born in Holland and reads Flemish, enjoys translating the new Mrs. Steenbruggen's letters to his American wife, Mary K. Steenbruggen, who is a temporary operator in the Parkway exchange, Metropolitan Traffic.



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL with a citation from Admiral J. H. Ingram, Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, was presented recently to Capt. Ernest J. Freeman, USNR (right), of Central Plant, by Rear Admiral Felix Gyax (left), Commander First Naval District, Boston. Capt. Freeman, by his efficiency, tireless energy and un-

usual administrative ability, provided invaluable shore facilities and logistic support for ships of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet engaged in active combat operations against the enemy and contributed materially to the morale of both officers and men of combatant ships by providing recreational facilities ashore.

Receives Second Citation



Comdr. Marcus G. Steele

Commander Marcus G. Steele, recently released from the Navy, and now on the staff of the General Toll Service Supervisor, has received his second citation for meritorious service. Marcus was on active duty four and one-half years, one of which was in the Pacific serving as Radar Officer on the Staff of Admiral Nimitz. This second citation, signed by the Admiral, reads as follows:

"CITATION:

"For meritorious conduct in the performance of his duties in connection with naval operations against the enemy. As Radar Material Officer, on the Staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, he displayed outstanding and aggressive ability, superior judgment and exemplary initiative in providing the Fleet and other Naval Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas with potent weapons for waging war against the enemy."

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Recent word from Eileen Roux of Eastern Disbursement Accounting tells us that she has been promoted from S/Sgt. to 1st/Sgt. Eileen is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. Congratulations, Sergeant!

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The General Plant Department recently received an interesting hand-painted Christmas card from 1st Lt. Robert H. Moulton with a unique holiday greeting, using the regulation Army Order as a motif. Bob is stationed on Luzon in the Philippines with the U. S. Army Signal Corps where he has been stationed for nine months. He hopes to be heading homeward sometime in February.

"No Muzzi Muzzi"

This is just a little Japanese Telephone Terminology which was explained in a recent letter to J. C. Whittemore, District Manager, Portland, from Lt. David E. Barker, USNR, Eastern Commercial, now stationed at Ominato, Japan. Dave wrote:

"I've been having quite a session with the Japs over here trying to get them to trace out telephone circuits and get their help in installing 3 positions of switchboards here. I have to deal with them mostly through an interpreter but I've got a couple of little ones working for me that I can handle pretty well via sign language and such phrases as 'No Muzzi muzzi' when I'm telling them that a circuit they've traced doesn't work."

Lt. Barker was commended for his outstanding performance in handling the communications at the Ominato base recently. He also enclosed in his letter two Japanese toll tickets.

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Among the Equipment Installation men recently released from active duty was Pfc. Leonard E. Donovan of the 3194th Signal Service Company. Leonard went overseas with the 243rd Signal Operations Company and later transferred to the 3194th and saw service at Casablanca, Oran, Naples, Leghorn and other points on the North African and Italian fronts.



THIS SNAPSHOT of T/5 Mary L. McGhee of Lynn Traffic was taken during her recent week's furlough at Davos, Switzerland. Mary, who has three younger brothers in the Navy, is stationed at General Headquarters' switchboard in Frankfurt, Germany. Since leaving the States Mary has been stationed in England, France and Belgium, also.



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SHOWN at work at her switchboard is Marine Pvt. Marguerite A. Finn, Springfield Dial, now an operator at Paris Island, S. C.
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Y 2/c M. Catherine McLay recently completed 2 1/2 years of service with the WAVES. Catherine, who served with the Vice Chief of Naval Operations in Wash., D. C., as secretary, expects to be back with her Metropolitan Traffic associates soon.



Y 1/c THERESA MOLINARI is now stationed in Washington, D. C., with the WAVES. Theresa, who is from Springfield Dial, was recently home on leave.

Awarded Legion of Merit

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Lt. Col. James H. Weiner

Announcement has been made by the Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command, of the award of the Legion of Merit to Lt. Col. James H. Weiner for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Officer in Charge of the Army Airways Communications System at Boringuen Field, Puerto Rico, and as Communications Control Officer, Ninth Communications Region. Lt. Col. Weiner, whose present assignment is at Mitchell Field, Long Island, where he is Commanding Officer of the 52nd Army Airways Communications System Group, responsible for the Air Navigational Aids and Air Force private line teletype systems in the eighteen Northeast and Central states, is with Metropolitan Sales.

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Robert L. Lowe has returned to his duties as Metropolitan Commercial Representative after having served in the U. S. Army for 4 years and 11 months. He entered the service as a First Lieutenant and at the time of his discharge was a Major. He served as a gunnery officer in France and Germany. He was awarded the American Defense Ribbon, the European African Middle Eastern Ribbon and the Bronze Star Medal for major engagements.

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Lewis H. Millett has returned to his former duties as Metropolitan Commercial Representative after having served with the U. S. Marines for 3 years and 6 months. Lew entered the service as a private in April, 1942, and at the time of his discharge was a Technical Sergeant. He was detailed to Aerial Photography and Reconnaissance work in the North Pacific. He was awarded the Pacific Ribbon with one star and the Victory Ribbon.

T/Sgt. Joseph F. Dineen of Metropolitan Plant recently paid a short visit to the Topics office. Joe was discharged from the Army on October 2 and is now back to work at his old job as Transmission Testman, Milk Street, Boston. He was in five major campaigns in France, Germany and Austria and recently received a citation and the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. His citation reads in part: "T/Sgt. Dineen, assistant chief radio operator and team chief in the radio platoon, worked tirelessly to maintain an important chain of radio relay stations. He surmounted all adversities and with thorough knowledge and skill contributed immeasurably to the efficiency and effectiveness of his organization. His initiative and excellent record of performance of duty are a credit to himself and the U. S. Army."

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Malcolm S. Walker has returned to his former duties as Metropolitan Commercial Representative after having served in the U. S. Navy for 3 years and 10 months. He entered the service in March, 1942, as an Ensign and at the time of his discharge was a Lieutenant. He served in Midway, Pearl Harbor and Dutch Harbor. Mal was married to Genevieve A. Lawler of Jamaica Plain, while on a brief leave during his jump from Midway to Alaska. He was awarded the American Theatre Ribbon, the Pacific Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. He was a communications executive officer.



Pfc. O'Leary

Pfc. Patricia O'Leary of the Keene, N. H., Traffic force is now stationed at Indian-town, Pa., doing office work for the WAC. Sgt. Ruth M. Farwell is stationed at Camp Deterick, Frederick, Md. Before entering the service, Ruth was also with the Keene exchange.



Pvt. Thomae

Pvt. Waldemar H. Thomae of the General Accounting Department, Tax Division, recently visited his old associates. He is now stationed at Camp Swift, Texas. Pfc. Yvette R. Plourde of the Weymouth Traffic Office is stationed with the Marine Corps in Quantico, Va.



Sgt. Farwell



Pfc. Plourde

DIED IN SERVICE

★	Ens. Victor P. Malins, Jr.	★
★	General Commercial	★
★	Cpl. John J. Callahan	★
★	Western Plant	★
★	Lt. (i.g.) Joseph D. McLaughlin	★
★	Equipment Installation	★
★	Lt. Roland J. Levasseur	★
★	Central Plant	★
★	Lt. Francis W. O'Brien	★
★	Metropolitan Plant	★
★	Lt. Charles F. Jennings	★
★	Metropolitan Plant	★
★	Lt. William J. Dennis	★
★	Eastern Plant	★
★	Ens. John E. Ivers, Jr.	★
★	Metropolitan Plant	★
★	S/Sgt. John T. Donahue	★
★	Metropolitan Plant	★
★	S/Sgt. Edward J. Devlin	★
★	Western Plant	★
★	Lt. John L. Sullivan, Jr.	★
★	Metropolitan Plant	★
★	Maj. George H. Colinan	★
★	Southern Plant	★
★	Pfc. John T. McCabe	★
★	Secretary's Office	★
★	S/Sgt. John J. Welch	★
★	Central Plant	★
★	Lt. Arthur J. Simpson	★
★	Western Plant	★
★	S/Sgt. Lawrence B. Wenger	★
★	Metropolitan Plant	★
★	Maj. Earl McDonald	★
★	Southern Traffic	★
★	Sgt. John L. Doran	★
★	Metropolitan Plant	★
★	Lt. Joseph E. Ryan	★
★	Metropolitan Plant	★
★	Lt. Norman M. Dearborn	★
★	Gen. Disbursements Accounting	★
★	Maj. David S. Johnson	★
★	Western Plant	★
★	Sgt. Paul E. Farrell	★
★	Southern Plant	★



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T/5 Francis O. Abbott (A)
Central Plant
Sgt. Helen F. Ahern (M)
Metropolitan Traffic
M/Sgt. Philip H. Aldrich, Jr. (A)
Southern Plant
S/Sgt. Edward P. Allen (A)
Southern Plant
S/Sgt. Lloyd M. Allen, Jr. (A)
Southern Plant
Pvt. Vernon J. Allen (A)
Southern Plant
1st/Sgt. Kenneth O. Almquist (A)
Southern Plant
1st Lt. Willard C. Ames (A)
Metropolitan Plant
Sgt. Joseph G. Andrews, Jr. (A)
Central Plant
T/Sgt. William H. Andrews, Jr. (M)
Southern Plant
Pfc. Henry M. Avore (A)
Eastern Plant
1st Lt. James H. Ayers (M)
Directory
Cpl. Edward L. Backus (A)
Southern Plant
M/Sgt. Henry D. Backus, Jr. (A)
Southern Plant
Lt. (s.g.) Roland S. Baker (N)
Central Plant
E.M. 2/c Donald A. Baldwin (N)
Central Plant
T/Sgt. James J. Barron (A)
Southern Plant
1st Lt. Ralph G. Barton (A)
General Disbursements Accounting
Lt. Col. Edwin M. Beebe (A)
Western Commercial
E.M. 1/c George H. Bell (N)
Central Plant
Pfc. Bernard C. Benoit (A)
Metropolitan Plant
1st Lt. Eric A. Benson (A)
Southern Plant
Pfc. Marie T. Betts (A)
Metropolitan Traffic
E.M. 2/c William A. Bezanson (CG)
Central Plant
T/3 Helen M. Blake (A)
Eastern Disbursements Accounting
S/Sgt. Robert S. Blake (A)
Metropolitan Traffic
Pfc. Harold F. Blatchford (A)
Metropolitan Plant
T/Sgt. George A. Blunden (A)
Central Plant
S 2/c Gordon Boardman (N)
Western Plant
S/Sgt. Weston H. Bonney (A)
Central Plant
T/5 George W. Booth (A)
Central Plant
1st Lt. John A. Bosanquet (A)
Secretary's Office
Capt. Wendall S. Boston (A)
Eastern Plant
1st Lt. Charles H. Bowler (A)
Central Plant
1st Lt. Edward M. Bowler (A)
Western Plant
Sgt. Margaret L. Bowman (A)
Metropolitan Traffic

2nd Lt. James A. Boyce (A)
Southern Plant
1st Lt. Paul A. Bray (A)
Western Plant
S/Sgt. Helen V. Brennan (A)
Metropolitan Traffic
1st Lt. James L. Breslin (A)
Metropolitan Plant
Lt. H. Styles Bridges, Jr. (N)
Equipment Installation
1st Lt. Wayne H. Briggs (A)
Western Plant
P.O. 2/c Harriet E. Bronson (N)
Western Traffic
2nd Lt. Walter J. Brooks (A)
Secretary's Office
P.O. 2/c Annice C. Brouillette (N)
Southern Traffic
T/Sgt. Charles F. Brown (A)
Equipment Installation
Lt. (j.g.) Robert J. Brown (N)
Directory
1st Sgt. Charles F. Bryant (A)
Southern Plant
T/5 Robert F. Buckley (A)
Directory
1st Lt. James F. Burke (N)
Central Plant
Y 1/c Joseph B. Burke (A)
Secretary's Office
Cpl. Marion G. Burke (A)
Southern Traffic
Pfc. William J. Burton (A)
Metropolitan Plant
E.M. 2/c Warren L. Carroll (N)
Central Plant
S.S.M.L. Arthur J. Carter (N)
Central Plant
Sgt. Robert W. Cass (A)
Metropolitan Plant
Capt. Samuel R. Center (A)
Central Plant
Cpl. Graham J. Champey (A)
Metropolitan Commercial
R.M. 2/c Mary Keefe Childers (CG)
Metropolitan Traffic
Maj. William L. Chipman (A)
Metropolitan Commercial
Lt. Comdr. Norman W. Claffin (N)
Executive Claim
T/4 Herbert O. Clark (A)
Metropolitan Plant
T/4 Merton R. Clark, Jr. (A)
Western Plant
Pfc. Rodney C. Clark (A)
Central Plant
S/Sgt. John E. Collins (A)
Western Plant
E.M. 1/c Edward R. Conley (N)
Southern Plant
T/Sgt. John H. Connors (A)
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S/Sgt. Gordon L. Crockett (A)
Southern Plant
Sgt. William J. Crowley (A)
Central Plant
Y 1/c Geraldine R. Curley (N)
Metropolitan Traffic
2nd Lt. Dorothy A. Curry (A)
Executive
E.M. 1/c James T. Cusick (N)
Southern Plant
Aero. 2/c Robert A. Daggett (N)
Western Plant
C.E.M. Clement D. Dallaire (N)
Central Plant

T/4 Hallett E. Davis (A)
Metropolitan Plant
Lt. Cmdr. Harold P. Davis, Jr. (N)
Eastern Commercial
Lt. (j.g.) Patrick F. Davis (N)
Eastern Plant
1st Lt. Ralph M. Davis (A)
Western Plant
S/Sgt. Raymond D. DeLorme (A)
Western Plant
Lt. (j.g.) Charles E. Deplitch (N)
Southern Plant
S 1/c Marion T. Dever (N)
Metropolitan Traffic
Cpl. Thomas D. Dillon (M)
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E.M. 2/c Charles Dirsa (N)
Central Plant
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MARJORIE MILLS' RECIPE OF THE MONTH . . . Sandwich rolls with savory cheese

filling—a delightful change from the customary sandwich. They'll bring many a compliment and are not as difficult to prepare as their attractive appearance would have you—and your guests—believe. Just follow Marjorie Mills' directions for Chili Rolls given below.



On Washington's birthday, instead of the traditional cherry pie, why not substitute lemon tarts or individual lemon pies capped with red cherries? Make the lemon filling with sweetened condensed milk which eliminates the need for sugar, and top each one with a symbolic hatchet cut from your extra dough.

It isn't a party without refreshments and Marjorie Mills has a few very helpful suggestions for the hostess along that line.

Chili Rolls (pictured above)

Cream three ounces of snappy cheese, two tablespoons chili sauce and one teaspoon minced onion together. Spread on thin slices of bread, roll and fasten with toothpicks. Place under broiler and toast lightly on all sides just before serving and remove toothpicks.

Sandwich Fillings

Cottage or Cream Cheese combined with:

1. Finely chopped crisp bacon and horseradish
2. Honey and thinly sliced apple
3. Chopped raisins, prunes or dates
4. Jelly or jam

Fish Fillings:

1. Sardines with onion or lemon juice and hard-cooked egg.
2. Shrimp with chili sauce and mayonnaise

Peanut Butter combined with chopped fried bacon

Valentine Sandwiches

Chop two thirds of a cup each of stuffed olives, diced celery and pecans. Add two tablespoons of chutney and blend with mayonnaise. Use as filling for whole wheat bread, buttered and cut into heart shapes.

Let's have

FEBRUARY is the month for parties with St. Valentine's Day on the 14th, Lincoln's Birthday on the 12th and Washington's on the 22nd. So if you've got a hankering to have a party, now's the time. Set the date, invite the gang and glance at the suggestions offered on these pages to help the hostess with the important details of entertainment, decorations and refreshments.

No matter what the age of your guests, it's always fun to pin a cupid on a large and lacy valentine or a white wig on a silhouette of Washington.

For a February 14 party, why not provide your guests with lace, glue, pencils, etc., and have each create a comic valentine—verse and all. The finished products can be dropped in a cardboard letterbox and one delivered to each guest who must read it aloud.

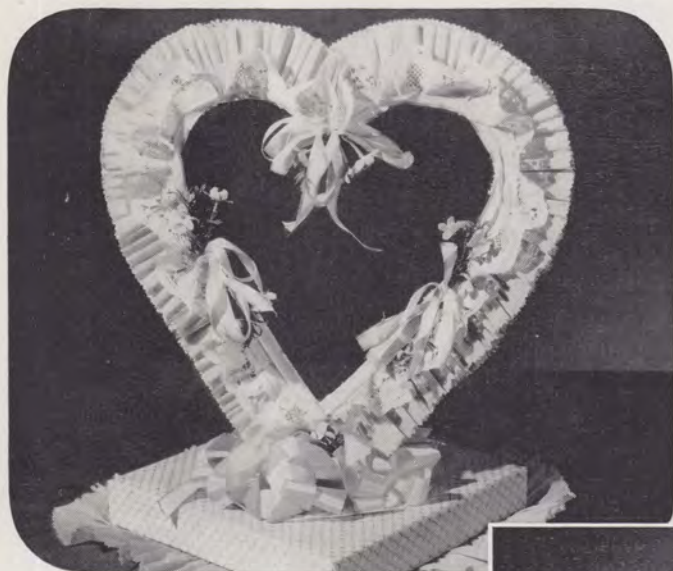
On Washington's or Lincoln's birthday "the play's the thing" to insure a lively and memorable evening. Divide your guests into teams and ask each team to write and act out its own version of a scene from the life of our first or 16th president. You're certain to have fun.

If you're planning to send invitations, comic Valentines will do the trick, but it's much more fun to make your own to fit the occasion. Just fold a piece of colored paper, place a pattern with one edge on the fold and cut out except on the fold side. Then put a greeting on the front, the date, place and time inside, remembering that homemade invitations are best with a homemade verse or two. As for patterns, hearts can be traced from cookie cutters and profiles of the presidents are available at the library.

If it's a new party dress you're looking for, this one is bound to fit the bill. Its heart-shaped neckline, broad shoulders that form flattering cap sleeves, slim fitting torso and full skirt are its fashion points, and there's a long-sleeved, waist-tight jacket to slip on for a change of pace. You can make it in any color taffeta or faille with Simplicity Pattern No. 1564, sizes 12-18.



a party



An attractive centerpiece in honor of St. Valentine is this fancy heart which is as easy to make as it is lovely to look at. Just follow Dennison's directions for making given below.

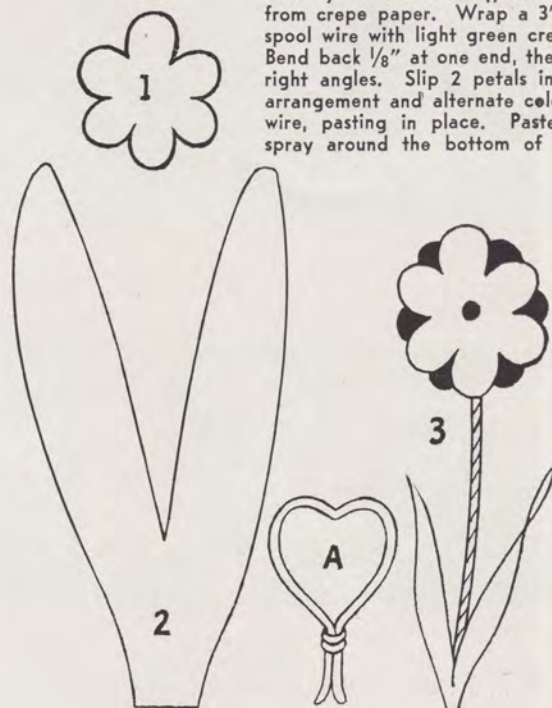
You don't need to be an experienced decorator to make this charming heart centerpiece suggested by Dennison's—in red for a Valentine party or in pink, yellow, green or white for an engagement announcement or shower.

Just follow the illustration—a low, square box covered with gold or silver paper is the base. Make a wire heart by wrapping two lengths of No. 7 Flower Wire together with a strip of crepe paper to obtain a 45" length. Bend in heart shape, fastening together 5" from ends with spool wire for 2" (Figure A, above).

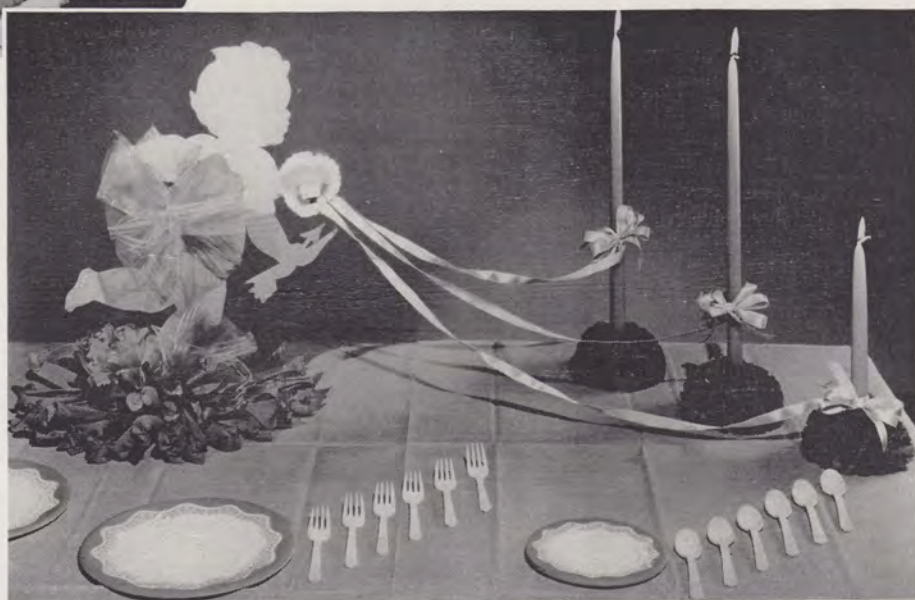
Decorate with a ruffle of crepe paper and one of lace paper doilies. Thrust the wire ends through the box top, bend back and fasten securely to the inside of box top with gummed tape. Trim with tiny flowers (see directions above), ribbon streamers and bows.

A Quick Way to Make Ruffles

Cut a strip of crepe paper twice the width of the desired ruffle. Crease lengthwise through the center or off center if the top ruffle is to be narrower than the lower one. Place the folded edge over a ruler and push paper together tightly. Slip a length of spool wire under the gathers. Remove ruler and use the wire to fasten the ruffle in place.



To make the flowers which trim the heart centerpiece, cut 2 petals (pattern No. 1) and 1 leaf (pattern No. 2) from crepe paper. Wrap a 3" piece of spool wire with light green crepe paper. Bend back $\frac{1}{8}$ " at one end, then bend at right angles. Slip 2 petals in alternate arrangement and alternate colors up the wire, pasting in place. Paste the leaf spray around the bottom of stem (3).



The Easy Way to Wrap Wires

Wires are wrapped with narrow strips of crepe paper cut across the grain or wider strips doubled lengthwise through the center, depending on the length and weight of the wire. Put a bit of paste on the end of the wire, then place the end of the strip of paper diagonally on it. Turn the end down over the end of the wire. Be sure that the long end of the strip comes to the left of the wire. Hold wire with the right hand placed just above the winding strip. Turn the wire round and round with the right hand, at the same time guiding and stretching the crepe paper tightly down over it and cut off any surplus.

If you prefer to decorate with cupids, Dennison's offers this equally attractive table setting for both buffet and "seated" refreshments. Cut a large cupid from heavy red paper or cardboard and secure upright on the table. Dress him in bows of wide ribbon and in one hand fasten a lacy Valentine, which you can design yourself with a paper doily and an appropriate sticker or two. On three candles tie bows of red or white ribbon and connect these bows with ribbon to the Valentine in the cupid's hand. Paper plates are back on the market again and will help to solve the "who'll do the dishes?" problem as well as add to your decorations.

SERVICE

Anniversaries



45th
Leo B. McKinnon
Metropolitan Plant

Other Anniversaries

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Helen A. McCarthy, Central Traffic
Rosamond L. Dorman, Metropolitan Traffic
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Joseph A. Cahill
Equipment Installation



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Eli K. Tilton
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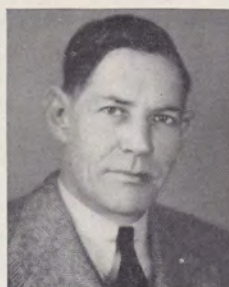
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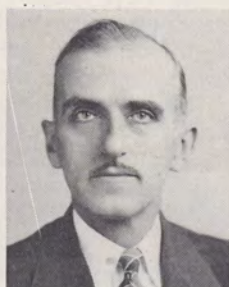
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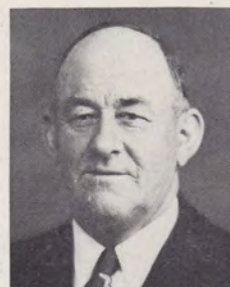
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NEWCOMERS

Newcomers who have recently been welcomed to the General Accounting Department are, left to right: Kathryn Desmond, Irene David, Eleanor Donovan, Helen Hanright, Helen Ryan and Helen Checker.

Welcome

The General Plant extends a welcome to Robert D. O'Neil, an ex-serviceman on the staff of the Building Superintendent at 50 Oliver Street.

Newcomers

The General Plant extends a welcome to two newcomers with our Company who are associated with the General Supply Department at Watertown, Rita J. Ahearn and Thomas F. Lawlor who is a veteran of World War II.

Income and Expense Record books for 1946 are now available to all employees. Call Jean Thompson Ruhl, Sherwin 9800, extension 7898.

Congratulations

Albert R. Cameron, Jr., of the General Toll Service Supervisor's group, is receiving congratulations on the recent birth of a seven and one-half pound son.



"Excuse me a minute, sir. It's our policy to study the prospect, before presenting our product!"



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

When John J. Hartin, Office Inspection Supervisor, completed 30 years with the Company he was presented his emblem by Elmer F. Ardiffe, General Commercial Supervisor. Watching the ceremony are, left to right: Robert J. Pruyn, Results Supervisor; John J. Reddy, Training Su-

pervisor; Viola Giasson, Chesley F. Hammond, Staff Assistant; Mr. Ardiffe, B. Kendall Way, Methods Supervisor; Mr. Hartin, Chester E. Roukes, Staff Assistant; Earl St. Clair, Connecting Company Agent; Ellen F. Powers, George A. Morley, Assistant General Commercial Manager; John C. Carraher, General Commercial Manager; F. Bradford Faxon, Commercial Personnel Supervisor.



HANDFORD PARTY

Milton S. Handford, new Pittsfield District Manager, was a guest at a luncheon on January 11 in the Blue Ship Tea Room at the tip of Boston's T Wharf where the Directory Staff and those supervisors who reported to him in the Directory Office presented him a briar pipe as a re-

membrance of his days as Directory Compilation Manager. Around the table are Ellison H. Bell, John C. Downey, John K. Arnold, Teresa J. Clarke, Donald B. Lovis, Mr. Handford, Jessie A. Montgomery, Mary E. Sullivan, Joseph H. deVicq, Ramon S. Webster and Edward F. Cross.



RETIREMENT

H. Frank W. Spencer, Traveling Auditor, was the honored guest at a recent gathering held at the Blue Room, Steuben's. Occurring on the eve of his retirement, Mr. Spencer was the recipient of his certificate of life membership in the Pioneers, a Victory Bond, a billfold, and flowers for Mrs. Spencer. Presentations were made by Dora A. Harrington and Charles S. Moses, previously

retired members of the Traveling Auditor's force. As toastmaster, Chief Traveling Auditor W. S. Brooks called upon Allan E. Brickett, General Personnel Supervisor. Standing, left to right: J. A. Glynn, H. P. Chase, E. J. Galvin, L. L. Karlson, G. B. Miller, L. G. Simmons, K. Pilon, C. C. Lind, W. W. Denney, W. S. Hardwick, W. C. Crispin, F. X. Curran. Seated: C. S. Moses, D. A. Harrington, W. S. Brooks, H. F. W. Spencer, H. I. Gallagher, A. E. Brickett.



RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

Hannah E. Desautelle, General Traffic, who retired recently after completing 40 years' service with the Company, was guest of honor at a luncheon held at the Parker House. She was presented a corsage, a bouquet of flowers, a purse of money and other gifts by her friends. Attending

the luncheon were, seated, left to right: Mary W. Kenney, Edith B. Thorp, Mary F. Finnegan, Frances Lynch, Hannah Desautelle, Catherine McCoy, Hazel Temple, Grace Canny, Margaret Dooley, Rose Murphy. Standing: Katherine Duggan, Grace Bowditch, Florence Linton, Charlotte Blanchard, Caroline O'Hara, Mary Gaffney, Mary Haynes, Margaret West.



TRANSFER CELEBRATED

Anna M. Lehmann, until recently of the General Account-

ing Stenographic Division, was honored at a dinner at the Towne Lyne House on the occasion of her transfer to the Public Relations and Personnel Department.



PIONEER CONFERENCE

A New England District Pioneer Conference was held at the Hotel Taft, New Haven, Conn. Attending were, front row, left to right: Casimir A. Marcou, President, Denver Chapter, Springfield; Rose Kane, Vice-president elect, N. E. District, Boston; William F. Baker, Sec.-Treas., Keller Chapter, Portland; Ellen C. Cottrell, Rec.-Sec., So. N. E. T. & T. Co., New Haven; Leon W. Weir, Assistant Vice-president, Boston; Mary J. Maguire, Sec.-Treas., McClellan Chapter, Providence; Henry G. Berquist, Vice-

president, Sherwin Chapter, Boston; Rufus E. Davis, Sec.-Treas., Denver Chapter, Springfield. Back row: Michael Slattery, Personnel Assistant, So. N. E. T. & T. Co., New Haven; Charles E. Ames, Sec.-Treas., Sherwin Chapter, Boston; Raymond A. Brown, President, Tyler Chapter, New Haven; John A. McDonald, President, Sherwin Chapter, Boston; Edward M. Foley, Vice-president, N. E. District, New Haven, and Sec.-Treas., Tyler Chapter; Robert D. Burns, Vice-president, Tyler Chapter, New Haven; John M. Welch, President, Keller Chapter, Portland; Wallace A. Hopkins, President, McClellan Chapter, Providence.



WEDDING CELEBRATED

Marion White of the General Accounting stenographic division was the recipient of gifts and good wishes from her many friends in honor of her marriage to James Fitzpatrick on January 5, 1946.

Voluntary Service

George C. Hinkley, War Service Co-ordinator, has been appointed Liaison officer of Commerce and Industry in the Greater Boston Red Cross Fund campaign for 1946, Francis W. Hatch, campaign chairman, announced recently. The campaign will be carried on during March.

A veteran of World War I when he served with the U. S. Army Air Corps, he is a past chairman of the communications section, service and supplies division, of the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety. In accepting his appointment, Mr. Hinkley said, "Because of the character of the American Red Cross, which helps all humanity in time of trouble, it is a privilege for me to be identified with such a worthy organization."

Mr. Hinkley is a member of the Boston Sales Managers Club, the National Federation of Sales Executives, and the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Marriage

Margaret Smith of the Directory Department who as a WAC traveled to New Guinea and the far Pacific, was married recently to Earl C. Ikenberry who has recently returned from Europe after serving with the U. S. Army.



"I'm going to find out once and for all why I always miss that 'seven' pin!"

Equipment Installation News

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

C. Leo McKenney



FITCHBURG

At the Fitchburg exchange a new line of "A" board is being installed. Conditions are so crowded that it will be necessary to install an extension

Eastern Division

Alexander J. MacKeaggan, retired, is reported as having spent the war period working in the Portland Shipyards.

In the 35-E-97 Dial Office at Clinton, Me., Francis Savage is installing new subscribers' line circuit equipment.

Cummings J. Norton and Ernest E. Dobson are at Belfast, Me., adding acoustic shock reduction features on 40 ringdown toll auxiliary line circuits.

The installation of U-1 repeaters and associated toll equipment for the new toll cable between Bangor and Dover, Me., is being completed at Bangor, Me., by Foreman Harold E. Rice, assisted by Installers Henry C. Raper, Wallace A. Seymour, Russell G. Williamson and Robert E. Landry.

outside of the building. This picture shows the platform used to install cable between the two lines of "A" board. It is completely covered so as not to distract the operators.

At Dover, Me., the installation of repeaters, repeating coil groups, ringers, filters, a new toll test board, also a new 48-volt and 130-volt power plant and the modification of the present 24-volt power plant and relocating the present local test desk is progressing under the supervision of Foreman George Irwin, assisted by Edmund F. Duprey, Joseph G. Virtuoso, John G. Coan and Veranus C. Cole, Jr.

Carle E. Longfellow and F. Gerry Cousins have recently returned to the Equipment Installation from the Maintenance Department. Carle is at Rumford, Me., installing additional power equipment, assisted by George R. Wing, while Gerry is at Livermore Falls, Me., installing additional multiple and drops to be used in connection with the dial conversion.

At the Southworth Machine Company, Portland, Me., Installers Joseph W. Horgan and Dana L. Colbraith are completing the installation of a 740 PBX.

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Married life, come to think of it, isn't such a bad life to lead . . . except that you don't get a chance to do much leading.

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Returned

An interesting account of the travels of a Seabee was furnished by Fred S. Young, E.M. 1/c, on a recent visit to the Equipment Installation Department Office at 6 Bowdoin Square, Boston, after his release from active duty. After his training period he left Gulfport, Miss. With his unit he sailed through the Gulf of Mexico to Key West, Fla., then through the Caribbean Sea where they were caught in a hurricane to the Panama Canal. Then to Bora-Bora in the Society Islands and later a seven-day stay in New Zealand. After leaving New Zealand they stopped at the New Hebrides, Espiritu Santos, Guadalcanal, Russell Islands, saw action at Bougainville, New Guinea, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa and finally arrived at Tokyo. During a trip he became very friendly with the natives of the Society and New Hebrides Groups and Espiritu Santos Island who came out to the ship in their canoes to trade native fruit and many souvenirs for cigarettes, including arrows and other primitive weapons they still use.

Fred has two letters of commendation for the service rendered and the American, Pacific and Philippine Theater Ribbons with five battle stars. Fred says the best part of it all was the trip back on the Battleship Colorado to San Francisco and then across the country home.

The following list is of Equipment Installation employees and the various units they were associated with during the past war.

Enrico T. Bachini, Medical Corps—Americal Div., So. Pacific, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. 4½ years' service.

Joseph J. Dennis, Inf. 7th Army—Germany, Austria. 5½ years' service.

Kenneth A. Dignan, Navy—USS Bunker Hill—FC 3rd, So. Pacific area. 3 years' service.

Stanley Doherty, 3rd Army—12th Corps Engineers, France, Belgium, Germany. Bridge work—3 years' service.

Robert B. Marshall, 9th Air Corps, France, Belgium. 3½ years' service.

John H. Merrill, 25th Div. Engineers—So. Pacific, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, at Pearl Harbor when Japs struck. 6 years' service.

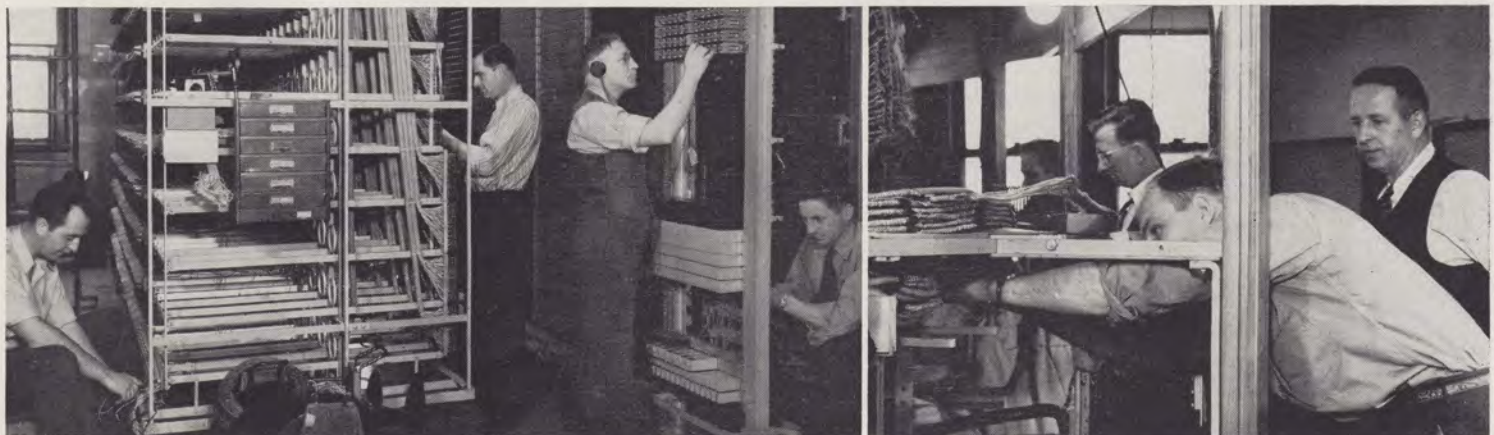
Thomas J. McLaughlin, 3rd Army Engineers—Bridge Building, France, Belgium, Germany. 3½ years' service.

Donald W. O'Leary, Navy—USS Ranger Amm 2/c, Atlantic, So. Pacific, Casablanca. 3 years' service.

James A. Saunders, 3rd Army Infantry, France, Belgium, Germany. 5 years' service.



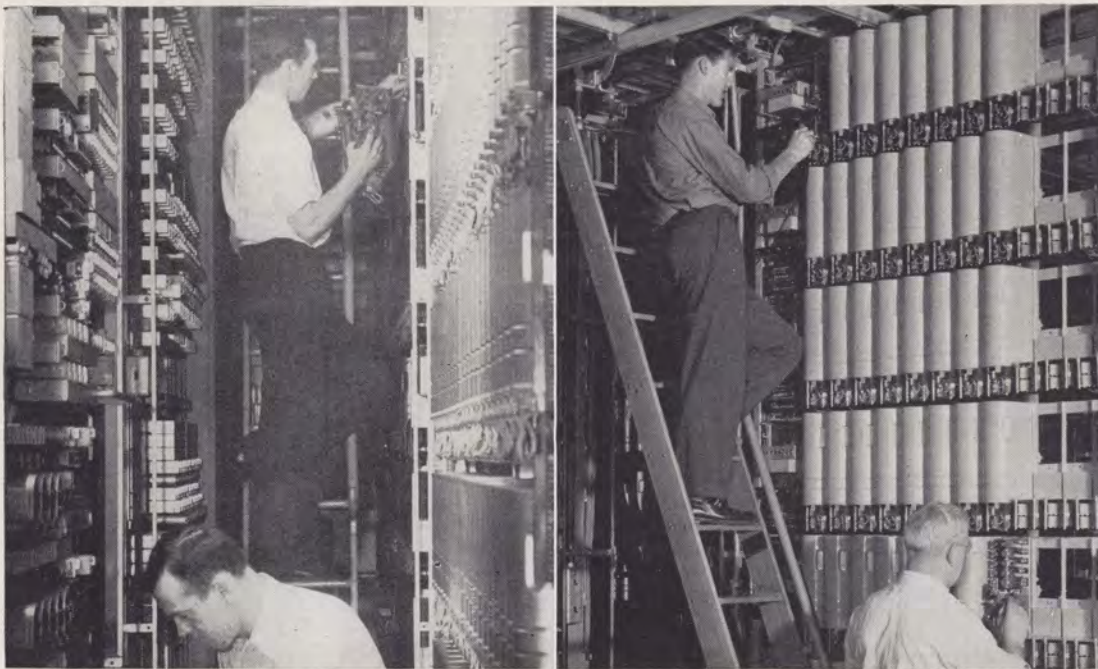
"Sticks and stones can break my bones . . ."



EAST PROVIDENCE

At East Providence, R. I., an additional "A" section with 800 new multiple, 900 additional answering jacks with the extension of the present multiple and outgoing trunks together with miscellaneous additions and changes that are

being made by adding new testing equipment with remote ringing trunk circuits to work in conjunction with the new No. 14 test desk at Providence, R. I., is being installed. First picture, left to right: A. Darcy, C. J. Bohane, H. H. Weising and M. McIntosh. Second picture: W. L. Hayes, C. N. Gallipeau, W. R. Cain and G. Benn.



FALL RIVER

Equipment Installation men working in Fall River are, first picture, Edward J. Dale, installing switches, and William

H. Kirman, installing relays. Second picture, adjusting connecting switches are Daniel J. Murray on the floor and Gordon W. Bisailon on the ladder.

Western Division

Nine new employees are attending the Equipment Installation School at Springfield. Foreman Horatio G. Norton is in charge of the training of these men.

At Bernardston, Installers Harold F. Cray and Albert F. Gulvas are installing line relays, line Finders and selectors.

Foreman Frank J. Magnani and Installer Robert P. Shave are at Hatfield, installing Flat Rate Relays, Line Finder Unit and Local Selectors.

Two additional subscribers' sections with 320 additional subscribers' multiple and the associated equipment is being installed at Leominster by Foreman Walter R. Carlson, assisted by Charles H. Boyce, Joseph P. Harrington, Edward J. McCarthy, Arthur R. LaCoy and George E. Winchester.

Omer E. Beaudoin, with Installers

Robert M. Carr, Victor Ceccarini and Francis J. Doherty, is installing a Two-Digit 701-A PBX at the Wyman Gordon Company.

Vincent D. Tyer, after a year with the Maintenance Department at Burlington, Vt., has been transferred back to the Equipment Installation Department.

Southern Division

At Fall River, Foreman Daniel K. McDonald has a large group of Installers Adding 7 Verticals of Main Distributing Frame, 8 Verticals Intermediate Distributing Frame, 5 Line Finder Units, 265 Switches, 7 Connectors Shelves with 52 Connecting Switches, 20 Recording Completing Trunks and 12 Coin Box Trunks.

Due to the shortage of operating facilities at Providence, West Exchange, 12 Sections of 604 Type PBX are being installed on an

emergency basis as Auxiliary "A" Positions with 1,420 secondary answering jacks, 360 outgoing trunks and other miscellaneous changes and additions. Foreman Francis J. Keating is supervising this installation, assisted by a large group of installers.

At New Bedford, the addition of 1300 connector terminals, 800 lines to four groups of eighteen line finders in each group, 72 new first selectors and the relocation of complete banks with selectors, together with the usual regrading and the new type of regrouping that provides for better service is being completed under the supervision of Foreman E. J. Ames, assisted by Installers F. C. Atchinson, J. J. Burke, R. E. Crockett, W. E. Cahill, B. Downing, A. F. Edson, D. J. Perkins, G. R. Reinhausen, J. E. Ste. Maire, R. E. Schell and M. H. Worthen.

On this job a "Load Indicator" was developed that enables anyone to get a visual indication of how many trunks are in use at any time in that group for transition purposes, together with a new method of recording difficult transitions.

A new school for the training of new men in the fundamentals of equipment installation and adjusting of relays has been set up at 234 Washington Street, Providence, R. I., under the direction of Foreman William B. Moore, assisted by Installer Frederick C. Orcutt.

Eastern Division

The installation of 24-44-A-1 repeaters and associated equipment was started at Portland, Me., by Foreman Millard B. Howart, with Installers Elmer L. Kenney, Joseph A. Perry and Frederick A. Pierce.

Foreman John F. McDermott with Installer John C. Foster has completed the installation of new toll test boards at Farmington and Madison, Me., and installed additional repeating coils at Waterville, Canton, Turner, Dexter and Corinth, Me.

At Rockland, Me., William J. Walsh is installing additional toll outgoing dial trunk equipment, tie cables between M.D.F. and I.D.F., 40 trunks and bridge line protectors.

Ellery A. Beals, William J. Orvitt, Jr., Thomas E. Bowman, Joseph J. Dennis, Francis A. Lyons and Harold F. Blatchford are installing a new section and miscellaneous equipment at Brunswick, Me.



"Our contract says you get half of everything I get, don't it?"



TRAINING CLASSES

Members of two training classes for new employees of the Equipment Installation Department were, first picture, at Portland, Me., left to right: George R. Wing, Veranus C. Cole, Jr., Herbert O. Rollins, Woodrow W. Oakes, Joseph D. Thornton, Leon T. DeMontier, Instructor Robert E. Landry, Robert F. Sylvester, Ernest E. Dobson, Donald C. Keating, Thomas E. Bowman. Ronald Y.

Davis and Armand F. Astle joined the class after picture was taken. The Equipment Installation School at 234 Washington Street, second picture, under the supervision of Foreman William B. Moore, assisted by Frederick C. Orcutt. Left to right: J. O. Anderson, J. L. Monohan, C. S. Ashton, G. Benn, W. Taylor, A. N. Darcy, W. E. Rice, H. C. Brown, L. McGowan, J. R. Kelly, D. R. Kay, Frederick C. Orcutt, A. Wocykin, William B. Moore, E. B. Merrifield, A. A. Houle and F. L. Masterson.

Central Division News

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Members of the Business Office force and of the Directory Advertising Sales force who got together for a Christmas Party at Nashua were seated,

left to right: Agnes Hलगren, Barbara Graves, Jeannette Soucy, Frank Edgar, Molla Burns, Bernadette Lyons, Natalie Duchesneau, Katherine Fallon. Standing: Henry Montgomery, Alonzo Ward, Harry Starbird, Sylvio Gagnon.



MARLBORO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Traffic, Commercial and Plant Departments enjoyed their annual Christmas party in the rest room of the Traffic Dept. Gifts were exchanged with Harry Ryan acting as Santa Claus. Movies, games and dancing were enjoyed and refreshments were served by the committee. Those present were, left to right: Harry Ryan, Raymond Senecal, S. M. Sweet, Shelia Foley, Phillip Noyes, Guy Sturgis, Harry Collins. Second row, left to right: Gordon C.

Joyce, Russell R. Norton, Helen Grogan, Connie Philbrick, Dorothy Cooke, Gertrude Keefe, Roma Peltier, Joan Smith, Mildred Hayes, Edna Collins, Jim Donahue. Third row: Louis G. LaPointe, Charles Hammond, Wilfred Hammond, George Yapp, Margaret McCabe, Shirley Sullivan, Al Ryan, Isabelle Kenney, Sylvia Hills, Alice LePore, Eleanor Navin, Regina FitzPatrick, Elmont Sargent, Ann LeDuc, William Walsh, David Nichols and James J. Corcoran.



FUN IN FORMALS

The Lawrence Traffic Department held a successful formal dance recently at the Merrimac Valley Country Club. All departments from the Andover, Haverhill and Lowell Offices were invited and over 100 couples attended.

Wedding

Mary F. Graham, Operator at Lynn, was married recently to Sgt. George E. Robertson of Lynn at St. Joseph's Church.

Engagements

Edna Kenny, Supervisor in the General Toll Section of the Salem Revenue Accounting Office, recently announced her engagement to John F. Gallagher of Salem.

Julia Buckley of the Machine Billing section of the Salem Revenue Accounting Office recently announced her engagement to Thomas A. Dunn of Salem.

Jeannette Ash of the Toll Sorting section of the Salem Revenue Accounting Office recently announced her engagement to Eric Post of Beverly.

Cecelia Buckley of the Accounts Section recently announced her engagement to Frank Harding of Salem.

Resigned

Louise Turpel of the Accounts Section resigned on January 4 to join her husband who recently returned from the Pacific and is stationed in Washington, D. C.



Marie O'Donnell has recently become a member of the Gorham, N. H., Traffic Office.

Christmas Rush

The Lynn Traffic girls were rushed with invitations to servicemen's parties over the holidays. They attended a party at the Stage Door Canteen in Boston, a formal at the Oxford Club in Lynn and a party given by Chapter 64 of the D. A. R. Marjorie Rillovick was in charge of the arrangements for the latter two parties.

Welcome Back

Mary C. O'Brien, Lynn Traffic, is back in the Department after serving three years with the WAC.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Justin of Amesbury announce the recent birth of a baby girl, Kathryn Mary, born at the Amesbury Hospital. Mrs. Justin is the former Frances Ryan of Amesbury Traffic.

Holiday Celebration

The operators of the Amesbury Traffic Office held their Christmas party at the Pender's Pine Lodge. A turkey supper was served and their Chief Operator, Margaret Moran, acted as Santa Claus. Elinor Bowes was in charge of all arrangements.

Wedding

Shirley Macki, Gloucester Traffic, recently became the bride of Lt. John Oliver, USMC.



Katherine Dunn served as chairman for the committee and was assisted by Claire Flaherty, Mary Blackwell, Kathleen Riley, Margaret Moynihan, Grace Hadden, Emma O'Hearn, Margaret Morrissey, Edna Justice, Marie Cain and Helen Gill. Several of the couples who attended are shown above.

Newcomers

Girls who have recently joined the Danvers Traffic Department are K. Skinner, A. Theriault, B. Proctor, E. Sylvester, E. Trupel, C. Sampsonis, E. McLean and E. Drivas.

Engagement

Norma Thomas of Danvers Traffic recently became engaged to Everett S. Writham, Jr.

Jaffrey, N. H.

Members of the Traffic Department at Jaffrey, N. H., held a Christmas party in their new retiring room. Amy Fairfield was in charge of arrangements. Nellie Evans and Bernadette Morin were hostesses for the evening. Others attending were Ella K. Grass, Chief Operator; Hazel Despres, Alice Doud, Bernice Workman, Joan Eaves. Gifts were exchanged, and a social hour followed.

25th Anniversary

Daniel G. Tower, Manager at Beverly, recently observed his 25th service anniversary. He was presented twenty-five carnations by the girls in his office, and the occasion received special recognition by the Beverly Rotary Club of which Dan is a member. Their weekly meeting date was the same as the anniversary.

Returns to Central Division

Forrest R. Blake, formerly of Central Division but more recently Manager at Montpelier, Vt., has returned as Engineer on the Central Division Commercial Staff.

Colebrook Party

The operators at Colebrook, N. H., enjoyed a Christmas party in the retiring room on December 23. Gifts were exchanged and lunch was served.

The operators received many gifts from local businessmen, including 16 pounds of candy, perfume, face powder, theatre tickets, and the ice cream for their party.

Salem Party

Salem, N. H., operators held their Christmas party on December 21 in the rest room. Dinner was enjoyed, followed by the exchange of gifts, and a social hour.

Holiday Celebration

The day before Christmas, the Lynn Commercial Office was the scene of a Christmas party. Santa Claus left a box of joke presents and all the guests enjoyed coffee and doughnuts. The committee for the party was Betty Hebert, Del Delorey and Virginia Little.

Anniversary Dance

Girls of the Lynn Traffic Office were invited to the 170th Anniversary U. S. M. C. Dance held at the First Corps Cadet Armory in Boston in appreciation of the many servicemen's dances they sponsored in the past two years. Ruth Chaffee was in charge of transportation and tickets.



WRIGHT RETIRES

George E. Wright, N. H. District Plant Superintendent, was given a testimonial banquet at Hotel Carpenter, Manchester, N. H., upon his recent retirement after 44 years with the Company. About 150 friends and fellow workers gathered at the hotel from all sections of the state as well as Me. and Mass. to pay their respects to Mr. Wright. At the head table were: Oscar E. Stanton, N. H. District Traffic Superintendent; Harry C. Swanson, District Plant Superintendent, Pittsfield; John A. McDonald, president, Thomas Sherwin Chapter, Telephone Pioneers; William A. Francis, N. H. District Superintendent; Ralph A. Williams, Central Division Plant Superintendent, Boston; Arthur F. Somes, Maintenance Supervisor; Donald W. Erdis, Construction Supervisor; Edward

Schmiedel, Wire Chief of Nashua, toastmaster; Thomas A. McCabe, Chief Clerk; George E. Wright; Mrs. Wright; Arthur Hindle, Division Plant Personnel Supervisor, Boston; Wallis A. McCoy, N. H. Manager; William W. Byars, Maintenance Supervisor, Laconia. These, as well as Charles E. Ames, Treasurer, Telephone Pioneers; Henry R. Murray, International Officer from Local 20; Howard W. Ellis, Division Supervisor of Buildings and Supplies; Raymond A. Connolly, Eastern Division Plant Superintendent, Portland, Me.; Harold Robinson, president, Local 20, all honored Mr. Wright with short speeches. He was presented a life membership in the Pioneers by John A. McDonald while Arthur Hindle and Arthur F. Somes presented him other gifts. Entertainment and singing was followed by general dancing. Mr. Wright came to work for the Company as a night operator in Boston in 1901.



TARR RETIRES

Friends and associates attended a dinner at the Statler Hotel in honor of Forrest E. Tarr who recently retired as Central Division Plant Superintendent after completing 41 years' service in the Company. Mr. Tarr was presented an oil painting as a gift from his fellow employees in the Central Division Plant Department. The Committee in

charge of arrangements was Lester H. Armstrong, Cyril Hartley, Arthur Hindle and Alden L. Shores. Seated at the head table, front row, left to right: John G. Daley, Forrest E. Tarr, Arthur Hindle, toastmaster; Oscar J. Ives, Cyril Hartley. Back row: James D. Fitzgerald, Lester A. Armstrong, Ralph A. Williams, William P. Brennan, Alden L. Shores and Howard W. Ellis.



JONES-BEAUDETTE

A testimonial banquet for Guy Jones and Homer Beaudette of Concord, N. H., Plant was held at Scandia Hall in honor of their retirement. Victory Bonds were presented Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Beaudette by Earl Kimball, Wire Chief, on behalf of their fellow workers.

Entertainment was provided by members of the Concord Offices which included ballet dancing by Shirley Styles. William Francis, District Plant Superintendent, spoke. Left to right, front row: Earl Kimball, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Beaudette, Mr. Beaudette. Back row: Margaret Nicholas, Ralph Kimball, Margaret McCarthy, Henry Murray and Katherine Robinson.



RETIRING

In the January issue of TOPICS, there was an account of the dinner party held at the Vesper Country Club in honor of Fred J. Bennett, who is on leave of absence from his duties in the Lowell Commercial Office, pending retirement. Despite bad weather,

a goodly number were at the party, but one who didn't turn up was the photographer. So TOPICS arranged to have this picture of Fred and his family taken at his home in Lowell. Seated: Mrs. Bennett and Fred. Standing: daughter, Barbara, and son, Fred.



HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

The Natick operators recently celebrated the Christmas season with a party. Attending the party were, front row, left to right: Dorothy Lupien, Mary Balcom, Isabel

Foster, Chief Operator; Irene Hayes, Joanne McGrath. Back row: Arnold E. Nichols, Traffic Manager; Elizabeth Hanafin, Dora Chaulk, Jean Butler, Marilyn Wilcox, Elsie Patten, Louis G. LaPointe, District Traffic Supt.; Mary Ahearn, Rita Angileri and Ellen Carey.



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT LOWELL

The Lowell Traffic girls held their Christmas party in the Lowell Office. Gifts were exchanged with Catherine Gill Donohue acting as Santa Claus. Movies and dancing were the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served by the committee. Those present were, seated, left to right: Jennie F. Kirwin, Chief Operator; Patricia

Nagle, Eileen O'Loughlin, Helen McDermott, Katherine Quinn, Mary Maher, Virginia Leyden, Mary Sheehan and Ann Serfes. Standing: Dorothy Kelleher, S. M. Sweet, Mary Pollard, James J. Corcoran, Traffic Manager; Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morin, Pearl Beauregard, Eleanor Collins, Louis G. LaPointe, District Traffic Supt.; Thelma Belanger, Mary Morrison, Ann Devlin, Theresa Cox, Helen Davis and Carolyn Plumley.

Engagement

Elisabeth McKenna, Gloucester Traffic, was married recently to Frank P. Smith who has just been discharged from the Navy.

Newcomers

Girls who are new members of the Gloucester Traffic Office are: Barbara Cooney, Arlene Lightizer, Marian Emerton, Cecilia Wilson, Elinor Parsons, Marion Joseph, Harriet Decker, Shirley Burbank, Madilynne Blatchford, Eunice Numes, Shirley Reed and Elizabeth Drohan who was recently discharged from the WAVES.

Engagement Announced

Barbara Cooney, Gloucester Operator, recently announced her engagement to Joseph Gonsalves.

Thanks

Nancy Morrison, Chief Operator at Laconia, N. H., received a letter of thanks for courteous service during the year from the chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board at Laconia.

A letter of sincere appreciation for good service, especially when her husband died, was also received by the Laconia operators from Reba Dale Kinghan, a local subscriber.



CONTEST WINNER

Maria Boekholtz of the Salem cafeteria force was the contest winner on Phil Baker's Christmas "Take-It-Or-Leave-It" program in Radio City, New York. Mrs. Boekholtz was also awarded an Eversharp pen and pencil set. Ordinarily the highest award is \$64, but a Christmas bonus of another \$64 was awarded.

Appreciation

Harold Pratt, Manager at Peabody, received a letter at Christmas from the Peabody Chamber of Commerce, in appreciation of the excellent service they had received from Thekla E. Nelson, Chief Operator, and her staff during the holiday and the past year.

Nashua Christmas Party

The operators at Nashua, N. H., enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the Hi Hat in Lowell. Gifts were presented to all, and dancing concluded the evening. Special guests were O. E. Stanton, J. J. Hayes, Harry W. Woods, Donald Heath, C. W. Proctor and E. W. Cook. Committee in charge of arrangements were Katherine M. Shea, Jette Boynton, Phyllis O. Trubacz, and Wanda M. Jureka.

Manchester News

Phyllis Richardson, Manchester, N. H., Local Supervisor, was recently married to John Hoitt, discharged Navy veteran.

Christina McDonald, Manchester, N. H., Local Clerk, recently became the bride of Ens. Lawrence Pederson.

Marion Hackett, an Operator at Manchester, N. H., Local, was recently married to Frederick Earl Croenert, USN.

Newport Party

The operators at Newport, N. H., enjoyed a Christmas party on December 20 in the retiring room at the office. Gifts were exchanged and games and lunch followed. Yvonne Proulx was in charge of arrangements.

Larry Dawson Goes to Montpelier

Lawrence M. Dawson has been transferred from the Central Division Commercial Office to Montpelier, Vt., as Manager. His associates in the Division Office gathered about his desk to wish him success and to present him a bill-fold.



YULETIDE FESTIVITIES

The Franklin, N. H., operators held their Christmas party in the retiring room. The committee in charge of arrangements was Rita Lemire, Marjorie Edmunds and Dorothy Young. First row, left to right: Dorothy Young, Marjorie Edmunds, Helen Barry, Joan

Partelo. Second row: Lena Draper, Norma Worden, Chief Operator Helen Wheeler, Grace Renaud, Lucienne Douville, Norma Joyce. Third row: Madeline Cannan, Jennie Chorzepa, Florence Douthinett, Veronica Alieff, Elizabeth Gerth and former Chief Operator Etta Nelson.



25TH ANNIVERSARY

Minnie Moore of the Danvers Traffic Office recently completed 25 years' service with the Company and was given

a bouquet of money by her friends of the Danvers Office as well as the Lynn Office where she was formerly employed. She is shown with her friends who entertained her at a dinner party at the Golden Anchor.



FAREWELL PARTY

Addie Nelson who recently completed 30 years' service with the Company was given a farewell dinner party by her friends in the Gloucester Traffic Department and was presented a purse of money. Among the invited guests were Ralph Beattie and Wesley Bevins of the District Office. Back row: Ruth Keighly, Mr. Bevins, Helen Ahearn, Mary Powers, Grace Atkins, Marilyn Umberger, Mrs. Nelson, Thelma Mallock, Edith Hagen, Bea Johnson,

Ruth Holmberg, Charlotte Hartwell, Anna Amero, Shirley Coombs, Barbara Cucuru, Stella Olson, Helen Malen, Sally Lacey, Dorothy McInnis. Seated: Johanna St. John, Phyllis Perry, Claire Malloy, Barbara Carlson, Jean Sheaves, Mrs. Oliver White, sister to Mrs. Nelson; Esther Casey, Marilyn Lee, Marion Jones, Sada Frazier, Kay Patton, Peg Whitmarsh, Myra Ellwell, Rosa Capillo, Mr. Beattie, Katherine Vctor, Shirley Oliver, Marguerite Dickerson, Betty McKenna, Dorothy Kennedy, Helen Powers, Lottie Jones, Olive McKenna.



PARTY AT PEABODY

A Christmas party was held recently by the Local girls of Peabody Traffic at the Peabody Office. A table scene of the birth of Christ was set up by the girls in the retiring room. Attend-

ing the celebration were, back row: M. Daley, M. Keilty, R. Pyburn, M. Johansen, T. Nelson, Chief Operator; M. Rahilly, A. Quinn. Seated: E. Shaw, E. Kiley, M. Young, E. McNulty, E. Regan.

New Students

Lawrence Traffic welcomes the following new girls: Evelyn Grace, Mary McKenna, Barbara Donahoe, Louise Cedergren, Doris Malenfont, Joyce Anderson, Shirley Concanon, Estelle Donnelly and Eileen Hay.

Engagements

Claire Flaherty of Lawrence Traffic recently announced her engagement to Cpl. Phillip Winters who is stationed in France.

Florence Coleman's engagement to Alfred Shaw has been announced.

Operating Changes

Juliette L. Mayrand, Durham Chief Operator, recently returned to the Durham Office from Newport, N. H., where she had been Acting Chief Operator for three months.

Dorothy Shaw, an Operator at Portsmouth, is now the Acting Chief Operator at Newport, N. H.

Newcomers

Concord: Genevieve Brooks, Caroline Butler, Margaret L. Hill, Mae L. Mansfield, Irene L. Sherburne; Dover: Doris Wilson, Rose Marie McMahan, Margaret Sheehy; Exeter: Alice Chatigny; Franklin: Mary O. Taylor; Gorham: Marie L. O'Donnell, Rita L. Morey; Hanover: Virginia Reside; Keene: Gloria Duprey, Jeannette M. Derby, Alma M. Smith; Manchester-Local: Alice Delehante, Lucille M. Richardson; Meredith: Jeanette Mooney; Nashua: Elena Boulay, Virginia Emboden, Patricia E. Morten; Newport: Joan McMann, Myrna M. Simons; Penacook: Lillian Cassavaugh; Plymouth: Elaine E. Dustin; Portsmouth: Barbara D. Armstrong, Mildred E. Scott, Theresa A. Wholey, Anna M. Baumgardner, Geraldine Bjorling, Charlotte B. Smart, Eleanor H. Stewart; Suncook: Ruth Berry; Wolfeboro: Joyce P. Miliner; Woodsville: Dorothy Carson, Nora C. Welcom.

Dover-Durham Party

A Christmas party was held by members of the Dover, N. H., Traffic Department at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall at Dover. The Durham, N. H., operators were special guests.

Weddings in Concord, N. H., Traffic

Carolyn Brown to John Jelly on December 1; Beverly Dennerly to Gordon Cheney on December 10; Wilburta Duquette to Milton Knowlton on January 10.



AT CLAREMONT

A party was given recently for three of the Claremont, N. H., operators, two of whom are to be married soon and one who was recently married. Edna White and Winifred Blodgett are marrying discharged servicemen, and Helen Szyman Burrow is married to a serviceman. They were presented gifts of Fostoria glassware. A social hour was enjoyed, followed by refreshments. Left to right: Winifred Blodgett, Helen Szyman Burrow, Edna White.

Operators Feted

The Colebrook, N. H., operators were given a banquet by the local fire department on January 8 at the Legion Restaurant, in appreciation of the faithful and efficient service given on occasions of fire.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Central Division Auditor of Disbursements Office held their annual Christmas party at the office at 6 Bowdoin Square, Boston. Children of the employees were guests and presents were distributed to everyone in attendance. John F. Manning, former Acting Division Auditor of Dis-

bursements, was presented a beautiful Hamilton wrist watch by the office force to mark the occasion of his appointment as Chief Accountant, and former members of the Armed Forces were presented their Company presents at this time. A lunch was served, music was enjoyed and the party appropriately ushered in the holiday.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Salem Revenue Accounting held their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 27th. A light lunch was served by Witham of Lynn followed by community

singing and solos by K. Mack, I. Ford, A. Gray, J. Kaelin, F. Curtin, L. LaPlante, and a piano duet by M. Carr and H. Holland. On Monday, December 24, an exchange of gifts and cards was made at the close of the day and all left for a very Merry Christmas.



Christmas Party

A Christmas party was given the operators at Whitefield, N. H., by their Chief Operator, Ruth E. Sherman. Luncheon was served, and presents were distributed by Santa Claus, who was Harold Smith. Those present were Chief Operator Ruth E. Sherman, Norma C. Jordan, Phyllis Shevlin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Pillsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Colbath, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monahan.

Durham, N. H.

Ann Aldrich, a former operator at Berlin, N. H., and now a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire, helps out at the Durham Office as a part-time operator.

Christmas Celebrated

Nine of the operators from Pittsfield, N. H., Office enjoyed a dinner at the Snack Shoppe in Barnstead, followed by a Christmas tree and party. The party was at the home of Mildred H. Curtis, Junior Supervisor. Those present were: Thelma Moore, Chief Operator; May Emerson, Nellie Hurd, Hazel Marston, Dorothy LeDuc, Alice Osgood, Audrey Hall, Charles Adams.

Concord, N. H., Traffic Engagements

Bernice Gould to Herbert Cilley; Beverly Mayo to Paul Nolan; Jean Harvey to Lawrence Stiers of Vennesville, Ohio; Virginia Culver to Edward Robinson; Thelma Guay to Robert Fannery; Ruth Kendall to Robert Smith.

Commendation

An emergency call was placed a short time ago by Mr. Hussey, an undertaker at Concord, N. H., for a doctor in Memphis, Tenn. He did not know the name and address. A man had died suddenly while visiting in Concord, and Mr. Hussey wished to notify the wife of the deceased.

In Memphis the subscribers are listed by name only, and the Memphis Information Operator, after consulting the list of doctors in the Classified Directory, found nothing. The operator then called the Chamber of Commerce, and after explaining the circumstances and asking them to consult their City Directory, was given the number of the doctor's residence, who referred the operator to the office. On reaching the office she was informed that the doctor was out.

The operator then called the office nurse who located the doctor and asked him to call "Operator 86" at Concord, N. H.

Mr. Hussey met Mr. Poole, the Manager, and expressed his appreciation.

Heloise Cloutman was the operator who handled this call.

PLANT PARTY

A Christmas party was held by the Plant employees of the Manchester, N. H., District Office. Frank McAllister played the part of Santa Claus in distributing presents. Refreshments consisted of ice cream, cookies and candy.

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MANAGERS' REFRESHER

John G. Hardy, who has recently returned from service and is now Manager at Lewiston, and Richard J. Davis who has returned to his position of Manager at Portland after a military

leave of absence, recently completed a short course to reacquaint themselves with Commercial practices. Left to right: James T. McCroary, Manager at Bath; Mr. Hardy; Mr. Davis; Edgar A. Farnum, Division Commercial Supervisor.



SHARON TRIO

The voices of The Sharon Trio are heard twice a month on Sunday evenings broadcasting over WAGM from

the United Baptist Church in Presque Isle. The singers are Presque Isle operators Mildred V. Barnes, Louise M. Barnes, Clerk, and Ruth E. Ackerman.



WELCOME HOME

Regina E. Logan has received her honorable discharge from the WAVES and will return to her former job in Bangor as Service Representative for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. For the past year she has been stationed at the Naval

Radio Station at Imperial Beach, Southern Calif., as a radio operator. Shown greeting Miss Logan above are, left to right: Eleanore Gordon, Pauline Gordon, Bessie Honey, Mgr. Stanley C. Bigda, Marion Courtenay, Ella Russell, Ellen Prout and Mary Perry.

Christmas Call

The Manager at Biddeford, Me., recently received a letter of thanks to the Wells Operators from a grateful customer, Clark D. Newcombe, who wrote: "About two weeks ago my little girl who is five and therefore quite conscious of the Christmas Season, picked up the telephone and, as she has heard me do, put through a person to person call. It was to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Your operator, who could have brushed her off, took the call as seriously as it was given, and put it through. Who my daughter was connected with I do not know but she thinks it was Santa Claus and was a happy girl to be able to give her order over the phone."

Wedding

Sally Place, Eastern Disbursement Accounting, was recently married to Dana Coolbroth, Jr., and was presented a sterling silver candy dish from her co-workers.

Newcomer

Rita Shaw has recently been welcomed to the Eastern Disbursement Accounting Office.

Francis S. Benjamin Honored

A dinner party was held recently at the Eastland Hotel honoring Francis S. Benjamin, Division Traffic Superintendent, who retired on December 31, 1945.

Mr. Benjamin came to work for the Company 42 years ago as a contract salesman selling service in Augusta, Me. He was later transferred to the Traffic Department and served as District Traffic Manager in both Salem and Manchester. In March, 1928, Mr. Benjamin was transferred to Portland as Division Traffic Superintendent in which position he remained until his retirement.

During the evening, Mr. Benjamin was presented Victory Bonds by Maurice C. Orbeton on behalf of his telephone friends and a Life Membership in the Telephone Pioneers of America by John Welch, president of the Jasper N. Keller Chapter.

L. J. McHardy, Division Traffic Supervisor, master of ceremonies, introduced the speakers who were heads of the Commercial and Plant Departments as well as Traffic Representatives from Boston and the Eastern Division.

The committee in charge of the affair were: Charles H. Andersen, chairman; Arthur R. Griggs, Katherine D. O'Donnell and Elizabeth C. Kemp.



TESTIMONIAL DINNER

When Francis S. Benjamin, Division Traffic Superintendent, retired recently he was given a testimonial dinner attended by many associates from all over the Company. First picture, Mr. Benjamin is shown with his family, Mrs. Benjamin and Lt. Francis S. Benjamin, Jr. Second picture, head table, seated: Mrs. Anderson; Herbert J. Montague, General Traffic Engineer; Claude H. Tozier, Portland District Traffic Superintendent; Mrs. McHardy; Bartlett T. Miller,



Vice-president and General Manager; Mr. Benjamin; Lewis J. McHardy, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Benjamin; James W. Thompson; Muriel Cairnes; John M. Welch; Mrs. Orbeton. Standing: Charles H. Anderson; Capt. E. J. Freeman; Thomas C. Cochran, Maine Manager; Katherine D. O'Donnell; Mrs. Tozier; John D. Wells, Bangor District Traffic Superintendent; Clarence W. Baier, General Traffic Personnel Supervisor; Mrs. Cochran; R. C. Connolly; Mrs. Freeman; Lt. F. S. Benjamin, Jr., and Maurice C. Orbeton, retired.



ANNIVERSARY

Walter Jortberg, Eastern Disbursement Accounting, was the guest of honor at a party at the Graymore Hotel recently, the occasion being his 35th anniversary with the Company. Entertainment and community

singing followed the banquet. Vivian Copperthwaite sang three solos. Mr. Jortberg was presented a humidor, pipe rack and two pipes. Seated at head table, left to right: William J. Greene, Mrs. Greene, Mr. Jortberg, Mrs. Jortberg and Lucille Pike.



COURSE COMPLETED

Girls who recently completed a course for Service Representatives in the Eastern Division are, seated: Yvette T. Dostie, Lewiston; Mary P.

Leavitt, Presque Isle; Patricia A. Benoit, Portland. Standing: Margaret C. Joyce, Division Commercial Instructor; Gertrude M. Gallagher, Division Commercial Training Supervisor.



TRANSFERRED

A joint farewell party was held at the Bangor House in honor of the recent transfers of Charles H. Bauer, District Manager, Bangor, to Worcester, as District Manager; Stanley C. Bigda, Manager, Bangor, to Worcester, as Manager and John D. Wells, District Traffic Supt., Bangor, to Portland, Me., as District Traffic Supt. Bill Atwood, Traffic Manager, Bangor, was toastmaster. Dinner was served followed by a social evening of dancing. Mr. Bauer was



Harold P. Davis, Jr., Eastern Division Sales, returned from service recently after four years and eight months and has joined the Metropolitan Division Commercial Servicing force. He entered service in 1941 as a flight instructor and transport pilot and acquired over 2000 hours' flying time before going overseas. He left the naval air force as a lieutenant commander.

Free Calls

With the giving of twelve free calls this Christmas, the girls of Portland Dial brought to a close their Free Call program for servicemen and women.

This was started in December of 1944 and since that time 110 calls have been given, 14 of which terminated at points in the New England Company.

The \$300 which these calls represent was donated on an entirely voluntary basis by the girls in the Dial Office, and most of the calls were given to local Servicemen's Center, hospitals and the Telephone Center. These organizations handled the giving of the calls to individuals, usually by a "lucky number" arrangement.

The girls have received complimentary letters from the National USO and its affiliates as well as from the winning persons.

The service people, of whom only one was a G. I. Jane, talked on calls completed to 32 of the states, and Canada.



Catherine Chapman, Agent at Corinth, Me., recently received a Christmas gift as a token of appreciation from the plant men who stayed at Corinth while they reconstructed the toll cable from Bangor to Dover-Foxcroft after it was damaged during the May, 1945, storm. The small town of Corinth with a population of 1000 and no place catering to the public was chosen because of its central location as headquarters for plant men working on storm damage. Mrs. Chapman overcame the many problems of supplies and housing arrangements and through her efforts the men were well cared for during their stay.

East Contest

Each day the *Bangor News* is sending a check for \$50 to some person in its territory who, when contacted by telephone, is able to discuss the paper for that day. A representative of the *News*, who went to the Business Office of the telephone company recently for a Belfast-Rockland directory to select a name was obligingly furnished a book by "one of the several efficient service representatives there," Marian F. Courtenay, who opened at random the pages from which the names were selected. That \$50 check was as hard to get rid of as Brewster's Millions. Six numbers were called before the attempt succeeded.



presented a Thomas rod—Mr. Bigda and Mr. Wells were given Victory Bonds from their associates, who also wished them good luck and best wishes on their new assignments. First picture, seated, left to right: Mrs. Bauer, Charles H. Bauer, John D. Wells, William F. Atwood, Mrs. Tozier, Edward Richardson, Mrs. Atwood, Atherton Loring, Jr. Standing, left to right: Frank P. Desmond, Claude Tozier, Stanley C. Bigda, Mrs. Richardson, William A. Francis, Mrs. Gray, Lewis Gray, Charles H. Anderson. Second picture: a group of guests who attended the farewell gathering pause for the cameraman.



LINEMEN'S SCHOOL

Attending a recent school for linemen were, top row, left to right: B. Nelson MacLean and Albert H. Kilgore. Below, left to right: Fred-

erick C. Pettingill, Hiram W. Ricker, Frank J. Parsons, Steven S. Soucen, Richard N. Hooper, Wilfred N. Sedgley and Harold E. Alexander, Instructor.

Transfer

Lillian Pasqual of the Portland Dial Office has been transferred to West Springfield.

Resigned

Girls who have left the employ of the Company at Portland Dial are Marilla Nappi, Pauline Dimock, Mary Gang, Virginia Herrick, Georgia Lamprecht and Ann Foley.



FAREWELL DINNER

Carolyn Samways Harrington was entertained recently at a surprise farewell dinner party by her Bangor Business Office associates when she resigned from the Company. She will establish a home in Lynn with her

husband who has recently been discharged. She was given a rock crystal salad bowl. Left to right, front row: Catherine Hinckley, Mrs. Harrington, Mary Perry, Eileen Samways. Back row: Ellen Prout, Eleanore Gordon, Ellen Person, Bessie Honey, Pauline Gordon.

Returned

Vera White has returned to the Brunswick Office from Camp Edwards where she has been employed for the past three years.

Marriage

The marriage of Virginia J. Herrick and Robert E. Landry took place at St. Dominic's Church at Portland, Me. Miss Herrick, a Clerk in the Portland Dial Office, has left the employ of the Company. Mr. Landry who has been discharged from the armed service now has a position with the Plant Department.

Brunswick

The Brunswick operators celebrated the first post-war Christmas with a tree and a party in the rest room shortly before the holiday. Many gifts were received, the gift to the Chief Operator, Margaret Cripps, being a Victory Bond. Each girl also received an individual gift from the Chief Operator. The refreshments were prepared by Amelia Skolfield at her home. Others on the refreshment committee were Muriel Lebel, Florence Smith and Marjorie Dutton. The tree was decorated by Miriam Brewer and Velma Jordan while Edith Bryant, Madelyn Thurston, and Virginia LeClair were in charge of gifts and entertainment. All committees were chosen by Murline Maloon and the party was attended by the entire office.

Plant Ratings

Ratings recently granted in the Plant Department of the Eastern Division are Joseph E. Hartnett, Line Foreman; Clayton W. Abbott, Service Head Lineman and Ronald W. Boothby, Service Head Lineman.

News from California

Letters received here from Barbara and Dee O'Connor, formerly employed in Portland Dial, who now are working in San Francisco, state that they are enjoying their work there very much.

Newcomers

Welcomed to the Lewiston Traffic Office recently are: Sylvia Keene, Thelma Jordan, Rita Arel, Eileen Leahy, Jeannette Arel, Jean McGregor, Nela Gilbert and Loretta Lessard.

Presque Isle Notes

Presque Isle Business Office welcomed two new girls, Marjorie Finamore, Service Order Writer, and Mary Leavitt, Service Representative, both from Caribou.

Pauline E. Gordon, Bangor Business Office, is working in the Presque Isle Business Office for a week.



HOLIDAYS CELEBRATED

A Christmas party was enjoyed by the Rockland, Me., girls in their rest room. Each girl received a gift and refreshments were served by Elizabeth Holmes. The office mascot is seen in the front row. In the group were, standing, back row: Mary Small, Mary L. Cluff, Vena Delmonico, Margaret Economy, Elizabeth Holmes, Della

Morrison. Standing, second row: Lola Smith, Cynthia Day, Priscilla Staples, Nettie Jordan, Helen Phillips, Virginia Connon, Hilda L. O'Brien, Eleanor Shute, Eleanor Weed. Seated, front row: Mary Johnson, Joyce Mitchell, Marie Williamson, Barbara Sullivan, Bruce Richards, Joan Jenkins, Madeline Jordan. Seated, back row: Betty Richards, Charlotte Staples and Betty Dolliver.



40TH ANNIVERSARY

Linwood F. Carr, Installer-Repairman in the Bath area, was recently presented his 40-year service emblem by William J. Bradley, District Plant

Superintendent. Watching the presentation were, left to right: William H. Larrabee, Bath Wire Chief, and Raymond C. Connolly, Division Plant Superintendent.



POST-WAR REFRESHER

Attending a recent class for the purpose of improving collection methods in the Commercial Department were, left to right: Regina Logan, Bangor;

Lillian Goodwin, Bath; Marguerite Joyce, Division Instructor; Isabel Brown, Lewiston; Mildred Booth, Biddeford. Standing: Gertrude M. Gallagher, Division Commercial Training Supervisor.



DINNER PARTY

Plant, Traffic and Commercial in the Presque Isle Office surprised their Service Representative, Maxine Harmon Dow, and Service Order Writer, Norma Mitchell Shafer, with a dinner at the Northeastland Hotel celebrating their recent marriages to Wesley Dow of New Sweden and Lt. Howard Shafer of Louisiana, respectively. Maxine and Norma were presented corsages of red roses and gifts from their fellow employees. Maxine has been an employee for the past 12

years and Norma has had about 2 years of service. A social evening of dancing was enjoyed by all. Front row, left to right: Ralph Armstrong, Charles Fenno, James Murphy, Armand Bouchard, Fred Jordan and Murchie Mersereau. Second row: Bessie Watson, Norma Shafer, Harold Brown, Maxine Dow, Cleo Ross, Christina Dudley, Louise Anderson and Ann Chapman. Third row: Francis Shumaker, Robert Bell, Margaret O'Loughlin, H. Warren Maddocks, Hazel Wright, Esther Stone, Alice Ostlund and Agnes Smith.

Christmas Parties

The Fairfield, Me., Traffic Employees enjoyed a Christmas party in their rest room. Gifts from a decorated tree were distributed and refreshments were served. Those attending were the Chief Operator, Frances Keene, Pearl Johnson, Hildred Jones, Vesta Ware, Vivian Oby, Alice Spaulding, Mavis Libby and Vera Wolfe.

Girls of the Commercial and Traffic Departments at Houlton held a Christmas party in the Company rest room. During the evening, girls working the evening tricks were able to share at least part of the fun. Games and fortunes were enjoyed and refreshments included a variety of sandwiches, tea, ice cream and cakes. Hayward Sowers of the Plant Department supplied the tree. Gifts were exchanged.

A Christmas party was held recently by the Sanford, Me., operators. A turkey dinner was enjoyed after which the girls had their Christmas tree. Those present were: Marylyn Allen, Julia Barr, Simone Boudreau, Florence Briggs, Ruth Davis, Mary Hines, Georgiana Kostis, Helen Libby, Margaret McCombe, Genola Morrill, Glenys Morrill, Nancy Morrill, Mildred

Morris, Mildred Murphy, Genevieve Perkins, Jeanette Pinkham, Hazel Thompson, Bernice Tobey, Virginia Wright, Marilyn Merrifield, Dorothy Wilson, Rita Cleaves, Marion Baldwin, Margaret Smith, Eleanor Ward and Margaret Thomes.

Alma Rousen recently entertained in the rest room for the Sanford operators. The table was decorated with a gay tablecloth and a cake with "Number Please."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Rousen to about twenty of the employees.

Aroostook Area Notes

Ralph E. Dill has been appointed Chief Repairman at Houlton.

Clarence W. Connolly, Wire Chief at Presque Isle, recently returned from a successful hunting trip with a fine deer.

Alvah E. Hill, Supervisory Switchman at Presque Isle, bagged a bear while hunting in Canada.

Edward A. Gagnon, Topics Reporter, is teaching an art class once a week at the Civilian Recreation Center at Presque Isle.

Harold Soucier, Janitor, has recently been discharged from the Navy and is back on the job.



INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

Attending a drop wire and station installation and maintenance school held in Portland recently were, standing, left to right: Earl W. Watson, George A. Granberg,

Herbert R. Emmons, William J. Harvey, Robert A. Seymour, Jr., Theodore C. Davis, Jr., J. Willard Richardson, Training Supervisor, and Richard B. Pease. Seated: Edward L. Flynn, Philip J. Murphy, Gilbert H. Lawrence and Joseph C. Cullinan.



Walter L. Dowling, Toll Testman of Gardiner, above, and Wilbur S. Rice, not shown in picture, recently returned from a week of hunting on the St. Croix River in Washington County. Besides both bagging a deer, the trip was highlighted by spending a night in a blizzard.



SHOWER

Lewiston Operator Laurianne Giguere, who married Martin E. Vigue of Bath, was honored at a shower at the Winter House, Auburn. Her fellow-workers at the telephone office presented her a chest of fifty-cent pieces amounting to 40 dollars, and a corsage of white roses. Seated, front row, left to right: Shirley Gilbert, Martha Malo, Shirley Adams, Theresa Walmsley, Mariette Giguere. Middle row: Joan Burrows,

Mary Walmsley, Laurianne Vigue, Geraldine Davis, Dorita Vincent, Yvette Slauenwhite. Back row: Betty Caouette, Mary Spencer, Doris Sinclair, Gertrude Bergeron, Dorothea Caveney, Mary Murray, Lucille Leber, Vina Buck, Esther McFadden, Cecile Clements, special guest, and Mary Derzen. Mary Walmsley, Mary Derzen and Betty Caouette arranged the party. Contributions for the gift came from 88 operators.



ANNIVERSARY

Gertrude Welch, Belfast Operator, is presented her 35-year service pin

by Chief Operator Inez Snow. The ceremony is watched by Jeanne Greenlaw and Chief Switchman Harold Howard.

Good-bye for Good

Esther Laughlin, former Service Representative in the Portland Business Office, will take up residence in San Francisco, where she has been transferred to the Commercial Department of the Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.

She was recently honorably discharged from the WAC as a sergeant.

Welcome Back

Helen Blake, recently discharged from the WAC, has returned to Eastern Disbursements Accounting Office.

Rockland, Me., Commercial

Gertrude H. Crockett returned to her duties in the Rockland Business Office on January 4 following an absence of several weeks due to illness.

Eileen L. Beach of Rockland entered the employ of our Company in the Business Office at Rockland on January 7.

Maizie J. Newcomb recently left her position as Service Representative in the Rockland Business Office and is on a leave of absence. She is in Bremerton, Wash., with her husband who is still in the U. S. Navy.



COMMERCIAL PARTY

The Portland Business Office group held a Christmas party

at the office where gifts were exchanged and a luncheon was served. Guests included employees from the Division, District and Sales Departments.

Pioneers and Guests

Jasper N. Keller Chapter will hold a Valentine party on February 14 at the Eastland Hotel in Portland, Me.

Beano—Dancing—Table Hockey—Entertainment—Door Prizes.

Come prepared to have a delightful time.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE PIONEERS?

Nuptials Announced

Caroline Brown, former Service Representative, is to become the bride of Ens. Martin Flory of Kansas. Her associates in the Business Office in Portland presented her farewell gifts and extended best wishes.



PORTLAND LINEMEN

Attending two classes for new employees training to be linemen in Portland were, first picture, front row, left to right: Bartley J. Foley, George W. Littlefield, William L. Parkin, Francis W. Shaboski and Charles K. Jordan. Back

row: Harold E. Alexander, Instructor; George L. Foley, John M. Flaherty, James T. Foss and Charles E. Bailey. Second picture, on pole: Walter B. Masterman, James E. Downes, William J. Cox and David S. Brown. Standing: Harold E. Alexander, Instructor; Arthur W. Luce, Donald M. Robinson, John J. Szabo and Lawrence L. Collins.



SOCIAL AT LEWISTON

A getting acquainted party with over 75 in attendance was held recently in the Lewiston rest room. A program of piano selections by Bette Davis, readings by Mary Parent, Christmas carols by Rita and Jeannette Arel, Patsy L'Heureaux and Shirley Gilbert and songs by Olive Staples and Louella Damon was presented. Dorothea Caveney and Betty Caouette were the committee in charge of arrangements. In the foreground of the first picture are Henry Bonzagni, recently assigned to the Portland District and Claude Tozier, former District Traffic Superintendent and now Division Traffic Superintendent. Among

the operators in the group are: Martha Male, Gertrude Bergeron, Eileen Leahey, Mary Johnson, Eva Maher, Crystal Reed, Theresa Gilman, Shirley Adams, Caroline Hodgkins, Frances Simard, Avis Newman, Joan Burrows, Doris Sinclair, Theda Rolerson, Dorothy Pierce, Julia Clabby, Eileen Fahey, Katherine Driscoll, Mary Davis, Dorothy Driscoll, Priscilla Fowler and Clara Allen. Second picture: Francis S. Benjamin, Division Traffic Superintendent, who recently retired, was presented a fountain pen. At Mr. Benjamin's left is John G. Hardy, Lewiston Commercial Manager, who recently returned from military service.



LINEMEN'S SCHOOL

Members of two recent classes for linemen held in Portland were, first picture, left to right: Ralph J. Brooks, Roland L. Martin, Charles S. Wright, Chandler L. Barron, Harold E. Alexander, Instructor; Warren W. Marcy, Harold P.

Weymouth, Leonard Thombs and Charles L. Brown. Second picture, rear row: George T. Cox, Virgil E. Hayford, Claude A. Coty and Harold E. Alexander, Instructor. Front row: Lawrence G. Wiggin, George C. Brown and Joseph C. Cullinan.



RETIREMENT TEA

Clara M. Welch, rest room Supervisor of the Portland Office, retired recently after serving since January 1, 1934. Previous to that Miss Welch was assistant to Mary Wallace, now retired. Her friends entertained her at a tea and presented her many gifts. First picture, Francis S. Benjamin who recently retired as Division Traffic Superintendent is shown presenting Miss Welch Victory

Bonds on behalf of her associates in all departments. Left to right: Raymond C. McDermott, Dining Room Supervisor; Mr. Benjamin; Lawrence F. Leete, Traffic Manager; Madeline M. Welch, Portland Chief Operator; Gertrude Gallagher, Commercial Instructor, and Miss Welch. Second picture, a group of guests at the tea in honor of Miss Welch include Wilfred R. Rhodes, former Portland Manager now in Brookline, who chats with Mr. McDermott.

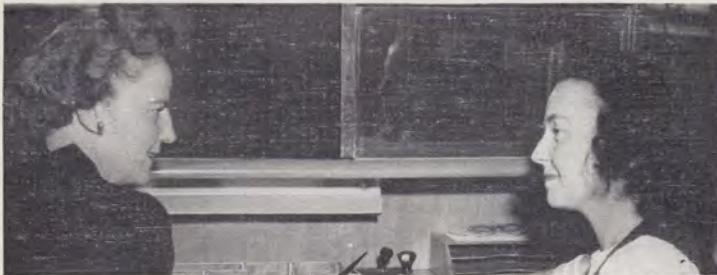
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CASHIERS' CLASS

Reviewing the cashiers' work are, left to right: Catherine Dana, transferred

from the Division Collection Office to Cashier at the Revere Business Office and Ethel Boyd, Instructor.

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BRAINTREE PARTY

A Christmas party was held recently in the Braintree Traffic Office. Helen E. McClellan, Marjorie J. Hull, and Florence A. Eno served supper by candlelight, which was followed by the singing of Christmas carols. A waltz number was rendered by Grace E. Mazzola and Theresa A. Mullen; a jitterbug number presented by Helen E. Austin and Mary A. Daley; vocal rendition by Pauline M. Brozas; and comic songs sung by Kathleen Sweeney, Katherine L. Spencer, Lorraine M. Ferrigno. Helen E. Barrett

entertained with a Hula-Hula dance and piano solos were played by Adrienne B. Murphy and Charles Stenz. Santa then appeared and presented gifts to all after which dancing was enjoyed to piano music rendered by Adrienne B. Murphy. Those attending the party were, left to right: Florence O. Eno, Pauline M. Brozas, Emily McDonald, Frank O'Toole, Grace L. Rourke, Marjorie J. Hull, Charles McGuire, Lorraine M. Ferrigno, Daniel Garrick, Helen E. Austin, Mary Daley, Maybelle M. Russell, Otto Walters, Velma J. Delory, Rita E. Conlon, Agnes T. McSharry.



REFRESHER COURSE

A Servicing Refresher Course was held recently at 245 State Street under the direction of H. John Lucier, Servicing Supervisor and Instructor. This class, the first of its kind held since 1942, was primarily for returned servicemen and was attended by Commercial men from all Divisions of the Company. Left to right, seated: Daniel O'Brien, Central Division; Albert E. Henius, Southern Division; Willis J. Weeks, Division Commercial Representative,

Eastern Division; Fred M. Winslow, Eastern Division; Joseph L. Crotty, Staff Assistant; Harry T. Collins, Metropolitan Division, and Richard Clark, Central Division. Left to right, standing: Lewis H. Millett, Metropolitan Division; Paul McKennie, Central Division; Joseph W. Murphy, Metropolitan Division; Harold P. Davis, Metropolitan Division; Harris B. McIntyre, Toll Rate Engineer; H. John Lucier; John B. Mulrooney, Rate Practice Engineer; Robert L. Lowe, Metropolitan Division, and Chester E. Roukes, Methods Staff Assistant.

Newcomers

Newcomers welcomed to the Metropolitan Disbursement Accounting Office are Mary F. Lang, Elsie M. Ward, Mary L. Foran, Janice L. Hobson, Margaret M. Hurley and Alice G. McMinn.

Accounting Engagements

Doris Kennedy of the Service Order Unit is receiving the best wishes of her friends upon the announcement of her engagement to Cpl. John Sweeney, who is now stationed in Pennsylvania.

Louise Driscoll of the Accounts Unit has recently announced her engagement to Warren Jones of the U. S. Army, who has just returned after serving 28 months in the European Area.

Diana Tashjian of the General Toll Unit announces her engagement to John La Fauci, recently discharged from the Army Air Corps after 39 months in the Pacific.

Weddings

Doris Welch of the Service Order Unit of the Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Office at Watertown was married at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, to Charles T. Harnett of the U. S. Navy. Following a reception at the bride's home, the couple left on a wedding trip to New York.

Florence Anderson, employed in the Entry Unit of the Revenue Accounting Office at Watertown was married on January 18 to Sgt. James Riley of the U. S. Marine Corps. The ceremony was performed at St. Mark's Church, Dorchester, and after a trip to New York, the couple are to make their home in Brookline. Sgt. Riley has recently returned to this country after three years' service in the Pacific.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE PIONEERS?

From a Former Employee

The Bowdoin Square Business Office recently received a letter from Charlotte LeCain, former District Chief Clerk, who resigned to take an overseas assignment with the American Red Cross. She was stationed in Manila when the letter was written and says:

"I received my assignment and will fly sometime this week to Lingayen Gulf and will be assigned to the 360th Station Hospital at San Fernando. . . . I'm hoping I will eventually get to Japan."

Of the natives on the Philippine Islands she writes:

"The older women smoke big black cigars and the ones not quite so old smoke cigarettes with the lighted ends inside their mouths—quite fascinating to watch. Their houses are something out of this world—made from the oldest, rustiest pieces of tin from the worst junk yard around, balanced one on top of the other—don't bother with a floor or beds, or chairs or tables, and then put either a donkey or a pig or possibly a caribou in the hut and call it home. . . ."



RETIREMENT TESTIMONIAL

Climaxing 30 years of active service with the Company, present and former associates gathered to enjoy a pleasant dinner and bid friendly farewell to Ella H. Sherman. The testimonial tendered at the Malden Club was sponsored by "Club 21," Malden Traffic Office. In appreciation for her kindly efforts in the performance of her duties as Matron for 20 years in the former Somerset Office, then transferred to Malden Office five years ago, Ella was presented an

orchid corsage and a purse of money by Barbara E. McDonald, president of "Club 21." Following the dinner vocal selections were rendered by Helen E. Kelley, Anna M. Clark, Louise F. Myers and Helen M. Reardon, after which dancing was enjoyed to the strains of Leo Reardon's orchestra. Seated, left to right: Barbara E. McDonald, Helen F. Dargan, Ella H. Sherman, Hazel S. Parker, Mary J. Stevens. Standing: Marion F. Wilder, Hazel Whitten, Laura J. Levesque, Ella E. O'Leary, Catherine Stevens.



FRIENDLY FAREWELL

A farewell reception was held for Mabel M. Sullivan, Sherwin Traffic Chief Operator, at the Latin Quarter, by her present and former associates prior to her retirement from the Company after 40 years of active service. Mabel was presented flowers, a beautiful handbag and a purse

of money. Seated, left to right: Agnes E. Derby, Eileen F. Murphy, Helen J. O'Neil, Esther C. Dolan, Sarah E. Curry, Nellie I. Scott, Margaret R. McCool, Mary E. Kelley, Helen T. Kennedy, Mabel M. Sullivan, Madeline F. Sheehan, Josephine S. Shea, Alice A. Walden, Katherine M. Bailey.



TESTIMONIAL

Mary C. Callahan, Kenmore Traffic, was tendered a testimonial dinner at the Captain's Cabin, Hotel Myles Standish, on the occasion of her promotion as Chief Interviewer in the Central Employment Bureau. Mary was presented a bouquet of money, a gift from her associates in Kenmore. Seated, left to right: Rose K. Kane, Margaret T. Connell, John M. Adams, Eleanor C. Sweeney, Sewell A. Jones, Mary C. Callahan, B. Clinton Taylor, Mary E. Moroney,

Back on the Job

The Accounting Department at Watertown extend a cordial welcome to Joseph O'Connor upon his return to the Company following three years' active service in the U. S. Navy.

Welcome

Sherwin Traffic girls welcome Esther M. Crotty, new Chief Operator, who comes to us from Woburn.

Transferred

Best wishes go with Mary V. Hourihan, who has recently been transferred from Aspinwall Traffic to the Division Traffic Engineer's Office.

Best Wishes

The good wishes of the Kenmore Traffic girls go to Mary C. Callahan, their former Chief Operator, in her new position in the Division Office.

Back on the Job

Chelsea Traffic girls welcome Geraldine McColgan back to the office after an absence of almost three years. Geraldine was Sp "X" 1/c in the WAVES and spent much of her time at the USNTS, San Diego, Calif.

Revere Traffic welcomes Rose Vasseur back to the office from military service. Rose enlisted in the WAVES in March, 1943, and was Sp "Q" 3/c prior to her recent discharge.

CLR Unit 2 Boston Toll welcomes Helen W. Garvey back to the office after an absence of more than 2 years. Helen recently received her discharge from the WAVES.

Parkway Traffic welcomes Marguerite S. Clarke, Helen W. Freeman, Mary Van Dell Abell back to the office. All three recently returned from military service and all three were married while in service.

Parkway Traffic welcomes Rita M. Flynn back to the office after an absence of more than two years in military service. Rita was in the WAVES as RM 3/c.

Appointment

Harold W. Buchanan, Associate Editor for the Metropolitan Disbursement Accounting Department, has been transferred to the General Accounting Department at Oliver Street. Earle M. MacLeod, Audit Clerk, has been appointed to replace him.



"You said you wanted a sales letter with a punch . . . how do you like it?"



REPRESENTATIVES TRAIN

Service Representatives who recently completed their

training at 245 State Street are, left to right: Rita Conlon, Rosemary Walsh, Eleanor Riley, Ethel Boyd, Instructor and Erna Smith.



APPOINTMENT CELEBRATED

A party was recently tendered Mary E. Corbett, at the home of Marguerite K. McCarron, in honor of her recent transfer to the Division Training group where she will take over her new duties as an instructor. Her fellow employees presented Miss Corbett a bouquet of flowers trimmed with currency. Attending were: Mary G. Mc-

Gurn, Katherine F. Keville, Katherine A. Roache, Eva M. Lannon, Marguerite K. McCarron, Catherine A. Lucey, D. Joseph Murphy, Mary F. Corbett, Earl F. Merriman, Helen B. Byam, Katherine M. Dalahan, Mary M. Dempsey, Mary J. Cole, Winifred G. Hagan, Annette M. Doyle, Isabel G. Johnson, Helen M. Fuller, Marion C. Berg, Priscilla C. Ferguson.

Newcomers

Columbia Traffic girls extend a hearty welcome to the following newcomers to the office: Patricia Blake, Natalie Hallett, Catherine McNamara, Mary Nuttle.

Transfer

Kenmore Traffic is sorry to lose Catherine F. Toomey, our *Topics* reporter, who has recently been transferred to the Division Traffic Engineer's Office.

Farewell and Welcome

Woburn Traffic girls are sorry to lose Esther M. Crotty, Chief Operator, who has been recently transferred to Sherwin. We welcome Christine M. Scanlon from Reading Traffic who has taken over the duties left vacant by Esther Crotty.

Advertisements

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

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stove, 3 burners and well, oven,
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railroad station. \$4,500, \$500
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TRIPLE SHOWER

Malden Traffic girls held a triple shower at Chickland, Saugus, for Adeline M. Morsette, Agnes C. Sullivan and Eileen Meuse in honor of their recent marriages. Each was presented a purse of money. Adeline M. Morsette was married to George R. Walter, MoMM 1/c, USCG, at Immaculate Conception

Church, Malden. Agnes C. Sullivan was married to Charles L. McGonagle at Sacred Heart Church, Malden. Eileen Meuse was married to Sgt. Edward Voight, USA, at St. Joseph's Church, Malden. The three brides are seated in the center, wearing the corsages presented by their associates gathered around them.



RETRAINING

Senior Service Representatives confer at 245 State Street.

Left to right: Ruth Abare, Malden; Marion Tomkinson, Division Training Supervisor; Elizabeth Allen, Dedham; Helen Bowen, Waltham.



CASHIERS TRAIN

Mary E. Corbett, first picture, standing, explains the Cashier's job to Isabel Tyrell who is learning the work at the Training Unit, 245 State Street, Boston, prior to her



assignment as Cashier at the Winthrop Business Office. Marie Caisse, transferred from Division Collection Office, second picture, is shown receipting an office payment, under the supervision of Mary Corbett, Instructor. Miss Caisse will be assigned to the Cambridge Business Office.



HYDE PARK PARTY

On Christmas Eve the Hyde Park Traffic girls held a Christmas party in the retiring room. Everyone received a gift from the grab bag after which refreshments were served. Mary E. Hayes, Mary F. Costello and Frances M. Keefe entertained the group with music played on their toy harmonica, drum and banjo which they received in the grab. Kneeling, left to right: Mary E. Hayes, Mary

F. Costello, Charles J. Stenz, Mary V. Williams, Margaret A. Farren, Dorothy McCusker. Seated, left to right: Frances M. Keefe, Annie Deuschle, Dorothy A. Sullivan, Theresa M. Finn, Louise Higgins, Barbara Nesson, Sarah M. Molloy. Standing: Edward J. Gallagher, John O. Keefe, Harry C. Hannigan, Elliot C. French, Pauline B. Osgood, Elizabeth McFarland, Anne Shille, Agnes McMahon, Jean Doyle, Frances Donovan, Elizabeth Fuberg, Annette Sullivan, Theresa J. Lynch, Mabel H. Kennedy.

Dancing Party

Under the chairmanship of Rose E. Muccio, assisted by Rose M. Ruzzuto, Phyllis A. Salesse, Barbara R. Hughes and Edna M. Brown, a successful dance and evening of fun was enjoyed at the Winsor Club, Watertown, recently, when the Waltham Traffic girls entertained returned servicemen.

East Boston Traffic operators have formed a Bowl-a-Way Club consisting of two teams, twelve members on each team for competition between each other. They vie each Thursday evening at the Bowl-a-Way, Orient Heights.

Celebrates 35th Anniversary

On January 13 the many friends and associates of Eli K. Tilton joined in congratulating him on the 35th anniversary of his employment in the Revenue Accounting Department. Eli's entire employment has been with the Revenue Accounting Department and since 1926 he has served in the capacity of Addressograph Unit Supervisor. His associates presented him a Victory Bond and leather billfold as a token of their good wishes.

Bridal Shower

Lena R. Foster was given a bridal shower at the Hotel Minerva by her friends in Kenmore Traffic Office in honor of her recent marriage to Albert Tracy.

Sleigh Ride

After the recent snowstorm the girls from Braintree Traffic had a sleigh ride accompanied by ex-servicemen. After the ride the group were the guests of Lorraine M. Ferrigno at her home where refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed afterwards.

Returned Veterans Welcomed

William L. Chipman has returned to his former duties as a Commercial Representative after having served with the Army Air Corps for 4 years and 11 months. Bill entered the service as a 2nd lieutenant and at the time of his discharge he was a major and was serving as a Base Commander.

Richard M. Francis has also returned to his duties as a Commercial Representative after having served with the Army 4 years and 11 months. Dick entered the service in March, 1941, as a private, and at the time of his discharge he was a captain. He spent most of his time in the service as an instructor.

D. Winthrop Roukes has returned to the Servicing Department as a Commercial Representative after serving in the Army 4 years and 11 months. Win, who was married while in the service, entered the Army in March of 1941 as a private and at the time of his discharge he was a captain. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.



EMBLEM PRESENTATION

Grace Corliss, TOPICS reporter, Columbia Traffic Office, recently cele-

brated her 35th service anniversary. She is shown receiving her service emblem from Edward J. Gallagher, District Traffic Superintendent.

Welcome

Reading Traffic welcomes Mary A. Shea, new Chief Operator, who comes to us from Arlington.

Malden Traffic girls extend a cordial welcome to Bernice Green recently returned from military service. Bernice was Cpl. Green of the Marine Corps and has been absent from the office since October, 1943.

Crystal Traffic Office welcomes Geraldine R. Curley, Y 1/c WAVES, and Sgt. Catherine A. Duane, WAC, back to the office after their honorable discharge from military service.

Reading Traffic is glad to have Helen V. Brennan back to the office after an absence of two years in the WAVES.

Eleanor P. Peters has recently returned to Kenmore Traffic after her recent discharge from military service.

Eleanor F. Monahan returned to Bowdoin Information Traffic Office recently after an absence of almost three years in the WAC.

Commendation for Courteous Service

A letter was received recently from Helen F. Browne, a Wakefield customer, thanking the Crystal Traffic Operators for their prompt and courteous service during her recent bereavement.

Marine Radiotelephone Operators Entertained

The Technical Operating force of the Green Harbor Radio Station were recently invited to attend an annual banquet given by an organization of fishing vessel captains of Boston. Invitations to this banquet are unusual, being normally limited to active and retired ship captains and a few officials of the major fish companies. In this case, it has been learned that the invitation was the result of a unanimous vote on the part of the organization members as a means of expressing to the Green Harbor force their appreciation for the helpful and cooperative spirit which has contributed so much to the successful use of Marine Radiotelephone Service by the fishing industry.

During the course of the morning each of the ship captains present took occasion to express his personal gratitude for past services, many of which included cases of assistance during emergencies under very trying circumstances. The most recent outstanding case of this nature was the loss of the trawler Gale during a violent northeast storm. In this instance, several other vessels contacted by radiotelephone stood by the stricken ship until weather conditions moderated sufficiently to permit rescue operations to be undertaken. Throughout this period of some fifty hours, our Green Harbor station was in contact with the Gale, and this ship was kept informed as to the status of rescue attempts, and the progress of the storm, while the owners and other interested parties ashore were advised as to the condition of the ship. Eventually every member of the Gale's crew was saved.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Stadium Traffic Office held a Christmas party in the office rest room. Gifts were distributed by Santa Claus, Joe Murphy of the Stadium Plant. Among those present were, seated: Beatrice M. Connell, Joseph J. Baier, Gertrude A. Thomas, Mary A. O'Shaughnessy, Mary A. McNulty, Catherine V. Pembroke, Madeline L.

Hoban, Marion R. Eagan, Albert T. Hommel. Standing: David R. Cartoof, Alice M. Maloney, John R. Desmond, Alice L. Manning, William J. Stearn, Lillian M. Burke, Ruth M. Newton, Walter L. Dignam, Marie A. Carroll, George Anderson, John J. Toomey, Anna V. Ahearn, Albert J. Nelson, Joseph H. Murphy, Helen M. Smith, Joseph L. Kerrigan, Albert O. Demers.



SHOWER FOR RECENT BRIDE

Willena M. MacKay, Weymouth Traffic, was the guest of her associates at a bridal shower held at the Fox and Hounds Club, Quincy, in honor of her recent marriage to Kenneth F. Heger. Willena was presented a purse of

money. Around the table, left to right: Willena M. Heger, Gertrude M. Kalaghan, Maureen B. Carmody, Elizabeth F. McIntosh, Edith M. Vanasse, Elvira M. De Gravio, Ruth E. Rhodes, Norma A. Rowell, Helen M. Humphrey, Mary E. McKenzie, Mary J. O'Brien, Rita M. Norton, Patricia M. Frazier, Mary L. Saltmarsh.



"You know, I've a feeling there's something phoney about that guy."

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WAR VETERANS HONORED

Ten Commercial employees who have returned to the Southern Division after serving the armed forces in World War II were officially welcomed back to the Company by F. A. Barrett, Division Manager, at a luncheon in the Providence Biltmore Hotel. Leather Service Record folders and engraved cigarette lighters were presented to the veterans as Christmas gifts from the Company. Col. J. B. Gegan, holder of the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, and Capt. G. F. Conde, M. C., were unable to be present with the other veterans but received their gifts prior to the luncheon. Assisting Mr. Barrett in greeting

the veterans were: E. F. Clark, Division Commercial Supervisor; C. F. Delahunt, Division Public Telephone Manager; A. D. Ryan, War Service Manager; J. J. Halloran, Providence District Manager; L. Dahl, Jr., Brockton District Manager and C. S. Parker, New Bedford District Manager. In the group picture taken in Mr. Barrett's office are, left to right, front row: Lt. W. A. Saner, T/5 H. R. Descoteau, F. A. Barrett, Capt. N. C. Hoxsie, Jr., Lt. Col. H. L. Mailman, Lt. J. P. Perkins, W/O R. G. Koehler. Back row: Lt. L. H. Fowler, Maj. F. A. Shurtleff, Lt. J. E. O'Donnell, Lt. Comdr. J. F. McNamara, Capt. G. F. Conde and E. F. Clark.



BRIDAL SHOWER

Myrtle I. Spriggs was the guest of honor at a shower held at the Lantern Lodge recently. The girls in the Attleboro Office presented Myrtle a shower bouquet. Attending the shower were, seated, left to right: Verda Waterman, Georgette Racicot, Myrtle Spriggs, Loraine Boyer, Clare Rodell. Standing: Florence Doyle, Hazel Smith, Janet Millard, Jessie Eaton, Gladys Pickering, Rosamond Barney, Margaret Salley, Hope Kelly, Ethel Smith. Background: Jean Forest, Violet Hardy, Bessie Pitman.



MYRON M. KELLEY HONORED

Approximately 100 Traffic, Plant and Commercial employees gathered at the Hotel Mellin in Fall River to pay tribute to Myron M. Kelley of the Fall River Plant Department who, after serving 33 years with our Company,

retired from active service. Howard Cooley acted as toastmaster and introduced John J. Owens, Supervising Switchman, who in turn presented Myron a purse of money on behalf of his many friends and associates. The committee: Antela Kirkman, Fred Whiting and Valmore Archambault.



NARRAGANSETT PARTY

Operators of the Narragansett Office held their annual Christmas party in the office rest room. Gifts were distributed and a salad supper served. Back row: Vivian Arnold, Anne Diana, Julia McKenna, Gilda Boragine, Ida Papa, Mildred Quinlan, Isabel

Comber, Jean Aubin, Gertrude Murray, Beth Carlson, Loretta Browning, Carol Barber, Edna Wright. Center row: Mamie Vacher, Alice Eddy, Emma Cahill, Gladys Browning, Margaret Carroll, Betty Wright, Marion Wright, Beatrice Chappell. Kneeling: Neta Pettit, Marion Saxton, Mary Papa, Eleanor Oeschger.

Middleboro News

Middleboro Traffic welcomes newcomers Beverly A. Murphy, Elaine Tessier and Lillian R. Hamilton.

Natalie E. Guilford, who has been working at Taunton No. 2, has recently returned to Middleboro.

The Middleboro operators recently celebrated Christmas by enjoying a turkey dinner at Brannick's Tea Room in Lakeville. After dinner the group returned to the office, where they gathered in the rest room to sit around a decorated tree and exchange gifts.

The operators in Middleboro received forty dollars and twenty pounds of candy as Christmas gifts from subscribers.

Back on Job

On December 31, Lt. Comdr. Harry H. Bartlett returned from military leave of absence and was appointed Chief Accounts Supervisor in the Southern Revenue Accounting Office.

Christmas Presents

In the Mansfield Office, the telephone girls received the following gifts from their subscribers: fruit cake, cup cakes, cookies, chocolates, handkerchiefs, dusting powder, perfume, Cologne perfume, stationery, 240 yards of towel material and \$10.00 in cash.

Recent Marriage

At St. Casimir's Church in Providence, R. I., Lillian Larkowich became the bride of Thomas W. Meenan. Lillian received a gift of money from her associates in the Southern Revenue Accounting Office.

Revenue Accounting Holiday Engagements

The engagement of Agnes E. Smith to James F. Harrod was announced recently. Jim received his discharge after serving in the Navy for two years, 19 months of which was overseas duty.

M. Rita Murray and Walter J. Calner recently became engaged. Walter was a sergeant in the Army for four years, has seen eight months of overseas duty, and received his discharge in November.

Mary A. Tricarico received her ring from Fred A. Tucci on Christmas Eve. Fred was with the 9th Army Air Corps for three years as a Staff Sergeant and was discharged in September.

On Christmas Eve the engagement of Elizabeth M. O'Loughlin and W. Vincent Whalen was announced. Vin served in the Army for two and one half years and spent twenty months in the South Pacific.

Adele R. Malkewitz and Frank J. Zagroski announced their betrothal on Christmas Day. Frank received his discharge after serving as a captain for two years and seven months in the Air Transport Command.



BULMER DINNER

Over 100 friends and associates of Edgar S. G. Bulmer, District Construction Planner at Providence, R. I., gathered at Oates Tavern in North Providence, R. I., to honor him on the eve of his retirement, after serving over 40 years in the telephone industry. J. I. Provan, Unit Engineer, was toastmaster and introduced the following speakers: R. L. Murray, Div. Supv. Bldgs., M.V. & Supplies; P. W. Brou-

ers, Div. Plant Engineer; H. T. Buteau, Dist. No. 4 Const. Supervisor; C. F. MacDonald, Div. Const. Supt., and J. M. Kimball, retired. The toastmaster on behalf of Ed's many friends presented him a purse of money. On behalf of the Telephone Pioneers of America, E. R. Noke, past president of Chapter No. 40, presented Ed his life membership. The committee: J. J. Harrigan, W. J. Ryan, J. I. Provan.



PLYMOUTH SHOWER

Jean P. Petit of Plymouth Traffic, who recently became the bride of Richard Wirtzburger, also of Plymouth, was tendered a bridal shower in the retiring room at Plymouth exchange. Jean was presented many gifts from her fellow operators. First row: Ann Smith, Charlotte Drew,

Betsy Bumpus, Barbara Douglas, Agnes Mazzanti, Shirley Douglas. Second row: M. Elizabeth Coughlin, Pauline Devine, Julia Ryan, Jean Petit, Margaret O'Brien, Sylvia Priestly, Nancy Reagan, Natalie Mowll, Miriam Axon. Standing: Natalie Wood, Marion Lahey, Ruth Leeson, Mary Reagan, Elizabeth Jewett, Sarah Margardo, Nellie Silva, Katherine Pickles, Alice Birnstein, Evelyn Heppleston.



OPEN HOUSE AT WEST

Open House at the West Office was recently held at which 24 hostesses from the Operating force met the visitors and conducted them through the Operating room explaining the handling of calls. A total of 468 people signed the guest book—all parents and friends of the Operating personnel. Refreshments were served by Anna Weston, Helen Kelley and Helen Sherlock. The committee of arrangements were: Tillie Mauro, Helen Kelley and Marion O'Driscoll. First picture: a group of guests snapped in the West rest room. Second pic-



ture, the hostesses were, front row, left to right: Doris Barnes, Ruth Keels, Lucy Isé, Rose Crudale, Joyce Holbrook, Betty Barr, Dorothy Flynn, Vera Burke. Second row: Grace Hines, Eileen Lynch, Kay McNamara, Madelyn Scriven, Tillie Mauro, Mary Erba, Ellen Hanley, Mayetta Callahan, Chief Operator; Mary McCarthy, Asst. Chief Operator. Back row: Helen Kelley, Marjorie Kearns, Robert S. Hayes, District Traffic Supt.; Jeannette Ferland, Beatrice Holmes, Margaret Sullivan, Virginia Fenner, Dorothy Steere, Lillian Connors, Dorothy Harper, Thomas Robbins, Traffic Manager.

East Providence News

Katherine McDonnell of the East Providence clerical force was the guest of honor of her associates and friends at a dinner party held recently at "The Farm," on her 35th anniversary. Seventy-five people attended the gathering and Katherine was presented a purse of money.

Evelyn Henderson, Supervisor at the East Providence Office, and recently married to Daniel Comeira, was presented personal gifts at the same party.

Elizabeth Towne of the East Providence Operating force has announced her engagement to Vernon Cross Whitehead.

Elmira Nickerson of the East Providence Traffic force has announced her engagement to Calvin Raymond Threadgill.

Returned

Julia Hall is now back with the Plymouth Traffic after serving with the armed forces overseas.

Toll Training

Phyllis Boutin, Betsy Bumpus and Lois Caswell are now in Toll Training Class under the supervision of Clara Smith from Brockton.

Farewell Dinner Party

Marjorie Farnsworth, who was recently transferred from East Greenwich to the Wickford Office, was the guest of honor of her associates at a dinner party held at the Greenwich Inn. Marjorie was presented a handbag and a corsage as farewell gifts.

Retirement Party

A tea was tendered Hazel Sullivan in the retiring room at the Plymouth Exchange on the day of her retirement from the Company. Chief Operator M. Elizabeth Coughlin presented Hazel a bond and a bouquet in behalf of her fellow workers.



MAGEE HONORED

Approximately 100 friends gathered at Oates Tavern, North Providence, R. I., to honor Henry J. Magee, Repair Foreman at Providence, R. I., on the eve of his retirement. R. L. Murray, Div. Supervisor of Bldgs., M. V. and Supplies, acted as toastmaster. On behalf of Henry's many friends Austin B. Smith, chairman of the committee, presented Henry a scroll and a purse of money. Standing at the

head table: A. B. Smith; W. A. Hopkins, president, Credit Union; J. D. Lawlor, Div. Plant Personnel Supervisor; C. I. Ingalls, District Plant Superintendent; H. J. Magee; R. L. Murray; D. H. Sawtelle, Div. Plant Supervisor; R. J. O'Rourke, Outside Repair Foreman; J. T. Magner, President, Local No. 5, I.B.T.W., and R. C. Morse, Maintenance Supervisor. Committee: A. B. Smith, chairman; P. F. Cafferty and J. T. Magner.



DEROSIER RETIRES

Many of Bill Derosier's friends and associates gathered at the Madeireuse Club in Central Falls, R. I., for a testimonial dinner in honor of Bill upon the eve of his retirement from active service. Robert C. Morse, District Maintenance Supervisor, is shown presenting Bill a gift on behalf of those present. Mrs. Derosier is shown with a corsage she received from the group. John T. Magner, President of Local No. 5, I.B.T.W., acted as toastmaster

and presented the following speakers: E. J. O'Rourke, Senior Testman, Pawtucket, R. I.; John J. Honor, Div. Training Supervisor; John C. McManus, Wire Chief, Pawtucket, R. I.; Elmer C. Drayton, PBX Foreman, Pawtucket, R. I.; Adelbert Wilkinson, PBX Foreman, Providence, R. I.; Robert C. Morse, Dist. Maintenance Supervisor; Alexander MacIsaac, PBX Foreman, Valley Area; Leslie A. MacDonald, Testman, Providence, R. I. Dancing followed the speaking program. The committee: F. J. Boyle, A. E. Beach and J. G. Scholes.



COURSE FOR INSTALLER-REPAIRMEN

Classes are being held in Providence, R. I., in the art of climbing, safety measures and substation installation and repair work under the leadership of A. B. Christensen, Service Foreman. First picture, around table: Joseph A. Cushing, Pawtucket; Kenneth T. Young, Harwich; Harold E. Anderson, Nan-



tucket; Francis McCabe, Pawtucket; A. B. Christensen, Leader; John R. Sullivan, Newport; Joseph Cunningham, Woonsocket; Arnold B. Christensen, Newport, and James C. Murphy, New Bedford. Second picture, seated: Tadeusz Kosinski, Andrew Kilcore, Kenwood Lawson, Malcolm Mackinnon. Standing: Donald Foye, William Coffey, Joseph Lynch, Charles Kesson and Arnold B. Christensen, Leader.

Pawtucket Marriages and Engagements

Alice Queenan, Operator in the Pawtucket Office, was married to Daniel Hurley, a discharged Army veteran recently, at St. Joseph's Church, Pawtucket.

Cecile Hemond, Operator in the Pawtucket Office, became the bride of Lionel R. Doyon, recently discharged Coast Guard veteran, on Thanksgiving Day at Notre Dame Church, Central Falls. The couple will make their home at 159 Hunt St., Central Falls.

Catherine Kearney, Operator in the Pawtucket Office, was recently married to Edmond J. Couturier, a discharged Army veteran, at St. Joseph's Church, Pawtucket.

The engagement of Cecile Lawrence of the Pawtucket Operating force to Henry J. Levesque, a discharged Army veteran, has been announced.

Warren, R. I.

Olga Texeira of Warren Traffic has announced her engagement to Manuel Lewis of Bristol, R. I.

New Bedford, Mass.

Evelyn Lindsey, Supervisor of New Bedford Traffic, has announced her engagement to CPO Edwin Steidinger of Boston. A wedding in the near future is planned.

The engagement of Bridget A. Ledwell of New Bedford Traffic, to William Hargraves has been announced. Bill recently returned home from overseas.

Grace E. Smith, an Operator at New Bedford, recently became engaged to C. Robert Matheson, Jr., A.E.M. 2/c, in the USN.

Christmas was celebrated in the New Bedford Office when open house was held in the rest room, for all employees of the Traffic Department. A buffet lunch was served with an exchange of gifts. The feature of the party was when Bertha Erickson was presented her 35-year pin by Earl Carpenter, District Traffic Superintendent. Blanche L. Smith, Chief Operator, presented her a corsage and a sum of money from the girls.



INSTALLATION CLASS

Attending a recently completed class in installation of stations and drop wires were, left to right: Ernest T. Teves, William R. Somerville and Edward S. Aborn, all returned veterans, and A. B. Christensen, Instructor.

Woonsocket Christmas Party

The operators of the Woonsocket Office held their Christmas party in the office rest room.

Arthur Peckham of the Woonsocket Plant, dressed as Santa Claus, distributed gifts. Entertainment was furnished with selected songs by Elsie Brooks, Pauline Choquette, Rose Marchand and Muriel Chabot. There were recitations by Katherine Timmins and Arthur Peckham. Refreshments were served and dancing and games enjoyed.

The chairman of the committee in charge of the party was Helen Marchwicki.

Christmas Party At Taunton No. 2

Christmas came early to Taunton No. 2 when Santa Claus and his wife, Merry, paid a visit at a party held Friday, December 21. Santa presented each girl a gift selected from the packages under the large Christmas tree while Merry read a verse about each girl. Carols were sung by the girls accompanied by Evelyn Plasse on the accordion. Following the singing, refreshments were served by Martha Peterson and the members of her committee. Among the invited guests were Marguerite M. Lambert, Chief Operator; Elizabeth White and Theresa Courcy, Assistant Chief Operators; Paul K. Palmer, Traffic Manager; Milton Robbins and Charles Greenough, Repairmen; Rose McGunigle, Matron; and George Horan and Walter Grigor, Janitors. Santa was played by Milton Robbins and Merry by Jeannette Murphy.

Warren, R. I.

The girls of the Warren Operating force held a Christmas party and dinner at the Warren Hotel. Dancing was in order after the dinner.

Muriel Maddox was chairman of the committee in charge of the dinner arrangements.

Service Awards

Service pins and buttons were presented to employees of the Western Automatic Telephone Company at the annual Christmas party held at Greenhaven Inn in Lower Pawcatuck, R. I.

William A. Sheffield, president of the Company, presented a 40-year pin to Edythe M. Smith; 10-year pins to Dorothy Martin and Charlotte Leeney; five-year pins to Margaret R. Gavitt and Marjorie Staton and 15-year service buttons to Edward Sheldon and Denis M. McDonald.

Now a Colonel

The Southern Division Commercial Engineer is now a full Colonel. John B. Gegan, who returned from military leave of absence on November 11, 1945; has been promoted from a Lt. Colonel to a Colonel, effective December 29, 1945.

As Mr. Gegan is a member of the Army Reserve Corps, he retains this commission with that group.



FAREWELL DINNER

On December 27 a farewell dinner was given to Henry A. Johnson, Division Auditor of Disbursements, by the S. D. A. Club at Oates Tavern, North Providence, R. I., on the occasion of his transfer to the Central Division. The affair

was attended by Mrs. Johnson, William J. Greene, who will succeed Mr. Johnson, members of the Disbursement Accounting Office and guests from other departments. John L. Carroll, who acted as toastmaster for the evening, introduced the speakers and on behalf of those present gave Mr. Johnson an onyx ash tray and a Victory Savings Bond.



KERSHAW RETIRES

William E. Kershaw, who for 28 years was Motor Vehicle Inspector for the State of Rhode Island in the Southern Division, is shown receiving a purse of money from R. L.

Murray, Div. Supervisor of Bldgs., M.V. and Supplies, on behalf of Bill's many friends and associates in the Southern Division. The presentation took place at the Promenade Street Garage on the eve of his retirement from active service with our Company.



DISBURSEMENT DINNER

The Southern Division Disbursement Accounting Office

held its annual dinner at Oates Tavern, North Providence, R. I. A steak dinner was served and music and dancing were enjoyed during the evening.



FAREWELL DINNER

A testimonial and farewell dinner in honor of Jane V. Noonan, retiring Supervisory Chief Operator, was held by the girls of Providence Toll in the Crystal Ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel. Miss Noonan, who has 40 years' service with the Company, has spent all her time in the Long Distance Office. 160 attended the dinner and the guest of honor was presented many gifts including a bond and

flowers. Seated at the head table: Frederick T. Mills, Division Personnel Supervisor; J. E. Eckert, Jr., Traffic Manager; Helen T. Barry, Evening Chief Operator; Robert S. Hayes, District Traffic Superintendent; Miss Noonan; Harold E. Marr, Division Superintendent of Traffic; Sarah C. Coyle, Chief Operator; Walter C. Dodge, Division Traffic Supervisor; Louis Ringman, A. T. & T. Equipment Supervisor. Walter M. Rankin, District Traffic Supervisor, was absent when the picture was taken.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Ethel Sparrow was presented her 25th anniversary pin by Henry A. Johnson, Division Auditor of Disbursements, in his office at Providence, R. I. On this occasion members

of the S. D. A. Club of which Miss Sparrow is a charter member, presented her a jewelled costume pin. Numerous other gifts were presented to her during the day by her friends in the Disbursement Accounting Department.



CABLE SPLICERS' COURSE

Classes are being held in Providence, R. I., for the purpose of teaching returning veterans and others the latest methods being used in all branches of cable splicing.

The course is under the leadership of Samuel M. Evans, Journeyman Splicer. Clockwise around table: Earl C. Murray, George B. Jackson, Robert G. Dudley, Samuel M. Evans, Leader; Edward R. Conley, Francis E. Burns, Ernest C. Jerrett.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED

The girls of the West exchange recently held their Christ-

mas party in the rest room. They paused long enough during festivities to have a picture taken.

Additions to Force

Pawtucket: Gana Merchel, Geraldine Waddington, Dorothy Farrell. Central Information: Jane O'Connor, Kathleen McCarthy, Hope Healy, Mary Hawkins. Warren: Mary Wilkinson, Alice Machado. Valley: Elizabeth Soltys, Gladys I. Hagen. West: Eileen Cronin, Mary Morgan, Margaret Dawson, Anna D'Emilio, Marguerite Brennan, Evelyn O'Donnell, Barbara Flynn, Ruth Rollinson, Mary Dore, Anna Butterworth, Veronica DeMars, Mary Recchia, Sophie Kulig, Estelle Lamothe, Jean Maher, Martha Mello. Greenwood: Rosemary C. Ashworth, Dorothy A. MacKinnon, Constance M. Matteson, Cecelia A. McKeever. East Providence: Jessie Healey, Alice M. Kilkenney, Doris M. Donovan, Ann L. McDonald, Mary F. Andrews.

Appreciation

Doris H. Boylston, Chief Operator at Marshfield, recently received a letter with \$25 to be distributed among the Marshfield operators as a token of appreciation for excellent service from subscriber Jessie Evans.

New Bedford Commercial

Dorothy Hicks of New Bedford Commercial was married at her home recently to Sgt. Paul Bonnar of the Army Weather Service. After the wedding Dorothy's friends and co-workers attended the reception also held at her home.

Following her recent marriage, Margaret Cartwright, nee Morrice, was transferred from the Vineyard Haven Business Office to the New Bedford Commercial force. New Bedford is glad to have Margaret back again; it was here that she spent several weeks of her initial business office training.

Mary Muldoon and Barbara Dunn of the New Bedford Business Office are spending several weeks in the Fall River Office for Service Representative training. They will return to New Bedford for the final portion of their course.

Recent Arrival

Southern Revenue Accounting welcomed Lillian M. Gauvin to the force recently.

Pawtucket Christmas Party

The Pawtucket Traffic force Christmas party was held in the basement of the Company building. Gifts were distributed by Elizabeth Greenwood. Refreshments were served by members of the committee.

Invited guests were: H. E. Marr, Div. Supt. of Traffic; Robert S. Hayes, Dist. Traffic Supt.; Frederick T. Mills, Div. Personnel Supt.; Arthur E. Kenyon, Traffic Mgr. and C. J. Dermody, Night Traffic Mgr.

The committee of arrangements were: Elizabeth Greenwood, chairman, Ruth Sanderson, Theresa Ferland, Mercedes Kennedy, Marion Lanois, Mary Lou Brownell and Margaret Highfield.



Bristol, R. I.

The traffic girls of the Bristol Office held their Christmas party at the New Highland Casino in Bristol. Gifts were distributed by Robert S. Hayes, District Traffic Supt., who acted as Santa Claus.

The guests included John F. Shaw, Commercial Manager; Ernest L. Shaffer, Traffic Manager, and Robert S. Hayes, District Traffic Supt. The committee of arrangements for the party were Helena E. Wells, chairman, Marie C. Sullivan and Rita Serbst.

BRIDAL PARTY

Two girls, Alice Queenan and Catherine Kearney, brides-elect of the Pawtucket Operating force, were honored by

their fellow workers at a dinner party held at Elsa's Lodge, Pawtucket. The honored guests can be identified by the corsages they are wearing. Alice is the second person in the seated row. Catherine is the fourth seated at the table.



RETIREMENT PARTY

Carl A. Bloom of the Newport Wire Chief's force was tendered a surprise dinner party by his friends and associates at Lukes Lodge, Newport, R. I., on the eve of his retirement from active service with the Company. Frank

R. Seaver, Wire Chief, acted as toastmaster and presented Carl an easy chair. Those at the head table who paid tribute to Carl were: R. C. Morse, Maintenance Supervisor; R. Schintzer, H. Kenney, A. B. Christensen and John Shaw of the Commercial Department. The committee: E. A. MacDonald, Leo McGinn and Danny Shea.



PRE-NUPTIAL PARTY

The Indian Room in Taunton was filled by friends of Agnes Silvia, Clerk at the Taunton No. 2 Office, who had gathered to honor her on the occasion of her marriage to Lt. Ben Kottman of Rockford, Ill. The presentation of a place setting of silver was made by Mary Eamon, formerly the Chief Operator of Taunton No. 2. Those attending were: Jennie Almeida, Virginia Chase, Ruth Arikian, Florence Gilley, Emma Auclair, Alice Winter, Mildred Babbitt, Ruth Lovely, Claire Beaulieu, Martha Hickey, Kathleen Boylen, Virginia Walker, Dorothy Brady, Gladys Walsh, Anna Bryce, Ann Ward, Kathleen McGuinness, Louise Smith, Avis Chase, Alice Theroux, Theresa Courcy,

Eleanor Kelliher, Kathleen Cole, Winifred Nevius, Rita Curley, Rose Silvia, Nellie Folcik, Theresa Cyr, Alice Black, May Deegan, Priscilla Moquin, Kathleen Peterson, Barbara Doherty, Beth Kearns, Elmira Belli, Margaret Dwyer, Marguerite Lambert, Mary Eagan, Mary Eamon, Irene Gilroy, Jeannette Murphy, Rose McGunigle, Elizabeth White, Winona Sandstrom, Ruth Brady, Julia Kizella, Christine McKenna, Mary Lee, Mary Pina, Stella Lynch, Edna Stephenson, Ethel Webb, Helene Maloney, Doris Holmes, Elizabeth Evans, Rosalie O'Donnell, Natalie Rebello, Loretta Perry, June Horgan, Jeanne Judge, Edith Hoyer, Mary McGann, Lucy Gome, Mary Field, Patricia Wood and Genevieve Lecuyer.



SERVICE REPS TRAIN

A class for Service Representatives was recently com-

pleted for the Providence Business Office. Attending were, left to right: Mary E. Ryan, Norma Hargreaves, Mary Farrell, Ellen Hagg, Division Instructor; Frances Shea.

New Arrivals

The Southern Revenue Accounting Office extends a welcome to Barbara E. Wyllie, Claire A. Wright, and I. Bernice O'Brien.

In Memoriam

WILLIAM H. BELL, formerly of the Plant Department, Rockland. Died December 27.

MARY J. COMERFORD, Traffic Department, Malden. Died December 27.

DAVID K. DACKERS, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died December 12.

CATHERINE R. FOOTE, formerly of the Commercial Department, Providence, R. I. Died January 6.

BLANCHE O. FOSS, formerly of the Traffic Department, Danforth, Me. Died December 15.

WILLIAM H. FOX, formerly of the Commercial Department, Boston. Died December 13.

CELIA FUREY, formerly of the Traffic Department, Boston. Died December 23.

JAMES F. HANLEY, Plant Department, Concord. Died January 13.

THOMAS H. LYONS, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died January 4.

LEWIS H. MADDOCKS, formerly of the Plant Department, Lowell. Died December 5.

JAMES G. MCGRAHAM, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died December 6.

WILLIAM G. O'BRIEN, Plant Department, Cambridge. Died December 9.

ERNEST O. A. PERCY, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died December 11.

RICHARD P. PRYOR, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died January 10.

ELIZABETH M. REILLY, Traffic Department, Springfield. Died December 20.

HARRY L. THOMPSON, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died December 26.

LORY P. TUCKER, formerly of the Plant Department, Providence, R. I. Died December 20.

JOHN H. WEINHEIMER, Commercial Department, Worcester. Died December 22.

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COMMERCIAL CHRISTMAS

A Christmas dinner party was held at Wayside Inn by a group in the Springfield Business Office. Gifts were exchanged and Christmas carols

were sung. Left to right: Elizabeth Bunnell, Eulah M. Dodge, Joyce C. Bower, Helen M. Sygnator, Laura Paquette, Mary Durkan, Marjorie Burns.



PITTSFIELD PIONEERS

Pioneers in the Pittsfield District, William J. Denver Chapter, recently held a party in the Embassy Room of the Berkshire Restaurant with 168 attending. First picture, a group of guests, left to right: J. Gardner, Pittsfield; A. Ber-



CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Wednesday evening, December 19, the annual Christmas party of the Athol exchange was held at the Athol House. A delicious dinner was served after which gifts were exchanged. The Christmas spirit prevailed throughout the remainder of the evening through the medium of carols. First picture, front row: Barbara Tuttle, Arthur Bisbee, Plant, Santa Claus; Jeannette Lessard,



NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to the Montpelier, Vt., exchange are, standing, left to right:

Josephine Brock, Rhett LaRose. Seated: Alta Knapp and Pilar Fernandez.

News of Retired Employees

G. W. McGrath, formerly Commercial Representative, is looking forward to resuming his garage business along with his duties as Town Treasurer in Poultney, Vt.

Agnes P. Fanning, formerly Cashier in Rutland, Vt., is feeling very well and has resumed her activities in church work.

Clara G. Gratton, formerly Service Representative at Burlington, expects to go to Florida for a part of the winter season to visit with friends.

Irving L. Fisher, formerly of the Western Staff, is in good health, and his activities in remodeling his Williamsburg home give him no idle moments.



telli, Lee; W. Woodlock, Dalton; M. Kelly, Pittsfield; J. Wheeler, Lee; D. Jandro, Greenfield; M. Shultis, Lee, and Donald Tucker, Pittsfield. Second picture, members who were presented their Life Memberships in the Pioneers by President Casimir Marcou were: Blanche Pike, Jessie Ferguson and Elizabeth Toomey.



Yola Calvi, Harley Brunelle, Plant. Center: Wilna Beaman, Shirley Mason, Shirley Howe, Margaret McClearn, Mary Dexter. Back row: Dorothy Goodfield, Theresa Papineau, Ida Foisy, Adelle Duval, Margaret Superchi, Astrid Olson, Ruby Butcher and Mary DeSantis. Second picture, the carol singers, left to right: Ruby Butcher, Mary DeSantis, Margaret Superchi, Wilna Beaman, Jeannette Lessard, Margaret McClearn, Shirley Howe, Barbara Tuttle and Arthur Bisbee.



SUBSCRIBERS' INSTALLATION SCHOOL

A school for new employees and transfers to the Installer-Repairman group was held recently at Springfield. Subjects taught included running of drop wires, wiring of terminals and subscribers' station under various conditions. Left to

right: John C. Leary, transfer from Construction Dept.; John F. Prendergast, new employee; John S. Aitcheson, new employee; Norman J. Hance, new employee; Charles W. Dutilly, transfer from Supply Dept.; Melbourne A. Surrette, transfer from Construction Dept.; George H. Hicks, Service Foreman, Instructor.



30 YEAR CLUB

The "Select Club," comprised of Plant employees on the 7th floor at 33 Elm Street, Worcester, held an informal dinner recently at the Engelbrecht Club, and added another member to their growing organization. Albert Dona, Evening Testman, completed 30 years of service recently, and George Fleming, Supervising Testman, presented him

his service emblem, and a signet ring, an emblem adopted by the club on its formation. Seated, left to right: David W. Roche, John G. Fleming, Albert L. Dona, Thomas J. Sheehan, John A. Savageau, Patrick J. Sullivan, John A. McCrealey. Standing: Thomas W. Doyle, Rudolph P. Holland, George W. Lowney, Frank J. McCarthy, Henry J. Hehir, George Bergin, William Gearin, William J. Coffey, Robert J. Hogan, Ray A. Baker.



WARE BRIDE

The Ware Traffic girls recently held a wedding dinner party at "Ye Olde Tavern" in West Brookfield for Marion Robbins in honor of her approaching marriage to Roger Gelineau of Holyoke. On December 7, Marion was pre-

sented an orchid and a taffeta puff by the girls. Those present at the party were Marion Robbins, Edward Meegan, Zoel Landry, Celia Jerz, Olive Denis, Emma Meegan, Laurette Le Grand, Jeanne Phaneuf, Norman Phaneuf, Evelyn Montgomery.



Former operators who have returned to work in the Athol Office are, back row: Lois Phillips, Margaret Superchi. Front: Barbara Tuttle.

News of Retired Employees

On the first day of open season, Frank McMaster of 10 Arlington St., Essex Junction, Vt., shot a beauty of a fox just across the river in the township of Williston.

Frank and his friend Richard Allen, with his hounds, had been out less than two hours when Frank raised his 12 gauge shotgun and "Reynard," the fox, dropped in his tracks. It's the first time Frank had been hunting in twenty years.

Harley C. F. Hoag, of Newport, Vt., retired Plant employee, is enjoying good health and says that his duties at the Masonic Temple seem to keep him busy most of the time.

Charles W. Bradley, formerly with the Plant Department at St. Johnsbury, Vt., says that he has not been very active this summer but with winter weather here he and the dogs will be out after the foxes every good day.

William A. Bishop of Vail Hill at Lyndonville, Vt., formerly of the Construction Department, says that he is feeling fine and working hard at his poultry business.



STUDENTS

Student operators recently trained at Athol are, back row: Margaret McClearn. Center: Shirley Howe and Anita DeLisle. Front row: Blanche Daviditis.



FUTURE CABLE SPLICERS

Attending a recent class for cable splicers at Worcester were, left to

right: Fred J. Burden, Instructor; George Sullivan, Joseph Hickey, James Swan, Paul Streeter and Henry Miller.

Welcome

The Springfield Revenue Accounting Office has recently welcomed back the following from military leave: Charles L. Dignam, Florence E. Desilets and Mary E. Burke.

Student Welcome

A new student, James K. Tweedie, recently joined the Telephone family in the Springfield Revenue Accounting Office.

Agent Retires

Esther M. Ringquist has been appointed Agent at the Westminster Agency to replace Ada Bascomb who has retired.



Florence Harrington, temporary part time Operator, recently joined the operators at Oxford.

Returned Servicemen

We welcome back from military service, Wallace Clifford and Conrad Spencer, Installer-Repairmen at St. Johnsbury and Wayne Briggs, CO repairman at Newport. They have all been away for over three years.

Retires

On the occasion of his retirement from the Company, H. F. W. Spencer, Traveling Auditor, was presented a Victory Bond by his many friends and associates in the Springfield Revenue Accounting and Disbursements Accounting Offices and Division Cashier's Office.

Mr. Spencer has served in many capacities in his successful career with the Company and his host of friends wish him continued health and happiness.

Anniversary Celebration

Harold J. Pyer of the Plant Department, stationed at St. Johnsbury, Vt., having worked for our Company 40 years, was guest at a steak dinner at The St. Johnsbury House at which time he was presented his 40-year button by William J. French, Wire Chief. Mr. Pyer was also presented a pen and pencil set from his fellow employees. After the dinner, a pleasant hour was spent talking over old times.



HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

On Thursday evening, December 12, the operators of the Webster Office held their annual Christmas party at the Webster and Dudley Golf Club. A buffet supper was served after which gifts were exchanged. Back row: Bar-

bara Coker, Lola Tulli, Mary Savage, Jacqueline Choiniere, Phyllis Cournoyer, Dorothy Cragen, Madeline Maitland and Catherine Gromelski. Center: Cecile Chambers; Marguerite Smith, Loretta Egan, Chief Operator; Lorraine Quigg and Theresa McCausland. Front row: Gloria Lavalley, Barbara Bazinet and Pearl Dutram.



COMMERCIAL TRAINING

Service Representatives' Training Class recently completed in Worcester, included, left to right: Instructor Viola Johnson, Manager A. K. Burrows,



Supervisor C. C. Foley, and students Elizabeth Leitch and Esther Toomey. Second picture: Service Representatives' Training Class recently completed in Springfield, left to right: Eleanor Cronin, Instructor; Ethelle C. Freedman and Marion L. Witzel, both of Springfield.



LINEMEN'S SCHOOL

New linemen being taught the art of climbing at Worcester are, left to right: Royal E. Spielman, Instructor;

John Toomey, Richard C. Davidson, Francis R. Kenary, Theodore Deckel, Charles E. Perry and Donald F. Simpson.

Have You Joined the Pioneers?



WELCOME MAT

The Y.M.C.A. was the scene of a gathering at Burlington, Vt., to welcome the return home of our boys of the Company. Those to receive the welcome were: Sgt. Paul Christman of the Signal Corps, serving in France and England. Carl Luck, E.M. I/c, served in the Aleutians. Milton Whitcomb, C.E.M., served in the Caribbean and Philippines. M/Sgt. Lynne Greene served in England, France and Germany. Pvt. Albert Reynolds, stationed at Fort Blanding. Pvt. Harold LaClair, still in service, stationed at Fort Jackson. A buffet lunch was served and everyone present received a gift from a Christmas tree.

The boys returning from the service also received a gift from the Company. They are, from left to right, sitting: Mrs. Whitcomb, Milton Whitcomb, Carl F. Luck, Pvt. Harold LaClair, Lynne D. Greene, Paul Christman, Albert Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds. Left to right, first row: Charles Copp, Mrs. Copp, Mrs. McNall, Harold McNall, Mrs. Luck, Mrs. LaClair, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Christman, Mrs. Coffey, Fred Coffey. Left to right, second row: Lawrence A. Canning, Mrs. Canning, Earl Lull, Mrs. Douglas, Clyde Richards, Mrs. Halvosa, Mrs. Richards, Vernon L. Scott, Kenneth Douglas, Mrs. Damon, Edward Halvosa, Mrs. Scott, George Church, Phillip Damon, Raymond L. Snow, George Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds.



A newcomer to the Western Division Traffic Stenographic Department is Janet M. Lussier. Miss Lussier graduated from the High School of Commerce in 1944 and was employed as stenographer in the Office of the Resident Inspector of Naval Material before her employment with the Company.



Elizabeth F. Rogers, Service Representative in Springfield, has recently returned from military leave of absence. She was an officer of the WAC.

Weddings

Marjorie Bryan of the Mailing Unit of the Springfield Revenue Accounting Office became the bride of Ernest H. Meyer in Wesley Methodist Church in Springfield.

Mildred L. Ross of the Cash Posting Unit was married to William Fitchet in the Holy Name Church in Springfield.

Mildred L. Jamieson of the Toll Adding Unit became the bride of S. Frank Mroz in the Immaculate Conception Church in West Springfield.



"Do you have a dressing room? I want to see how this one would look when I answer the 'phone'."



CHRISTMAS AT CHICOPEE

The Chicopee Office held its annual Christmas party at the Blue Grotto in West Springfield. The girls exchanged gifts and spent the evening at dinner and dancing. Present at the party were, first row, left to right: Evelyn Gilbert, Eileen Loughman, Patricia Milkay, Anna Walsh, Helen Clapper, Ruth

Radzik, Loretta Wells, Eleanor Tylunas, Lillian Cuddy, Sophie Babineau. Second row: Mildred Kulig, Marion Black, Elizabeth Ziemba, Josephine Kowal, Edna Moreau, Mary Smith, Jackie Collins, Eileen Desmarais, Mary Ann Shea, Helen Gaynor, Marguerite Baril, Doris Gosselin, Julia Veale, Gladys Trudeau, Lorraine Lauzier, Helen Korzeniowski. Third row: Alice Glinka, Cecelia Frankowska, Laura Ryder, Mavis Hynd, Veronica Rusin.



NUPTIALS CELEBRATED

Esther Hathaway was feted by her friends in the Northampton Office at a dinner party held at Rahar's Inn in honor of her marriage to George Munson. She received a gift of money. Those attending were, seated,

left to right: Mary DePoala, Mary Stenson, Ruth Crowley, Esther Munson, Delia Winters, Margarite Coffey. Standing: Maud Keefe, Margarite Keefe, Abbey Galusza, June Carey, Norma Wright, Helen Shebek, Elizabeth Paquette.



Two newcomers to the Montpelier, Vt., Traffic Office are: Ina Toby and Elsie Ross.



Two new employees in the Montpelier, Vt., exchange: Jean LeFleur, Gwendolyn Magoon.



RETURNED

Edwin M. Beebe, recently returned from military leave of absence to Manager at Burlington, and Robert

M. Hodgson, formerly Manager at Burlington, now Manager at Fitchburg, discuss the various changes that have taken place in the job of Manager since the war.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

A luncheon was given at the Hotel Sheraton in Worcester in honor of Loretta Waugh, Traffic Service Observer at Worcester, the occasion marking Miss Waugh's 45th anniversary of service with the Company.

Those present were, seated, left to right: Dorothy L. MacGowan, Loretta Waugh, John L. Crosby, Assistant to Division Traffic Supervisor. Standing, left to right: Marion L. Maillett, Anna T. Stanton, Edward M. Stimets, District Traffic Superintendent, Ella C. Lynch and Cora L. Mills.



KELLOWAY DINNER

Berkley M. Kelloway, formerly Manager of the Fitchburg Business Office, was given a testimonial dinner at Lake Lodge in Whalom by about forty employees representing all departments. Mr. Kelloway has been transferred to the New Hampshire District as Commercial Supervisor. George Carrick, Wire Chief,



first picture, made the presentation of a Victory Bond on behalf of Mr. Kelloway's co-workers. Standing at head table: Pauline F. Murphy, Chief Operator; Robert M. Hodgson, Manager; Mrs. Kelloway; Berkley M. Kelloway, District Commercial Supervisor, New Hampshire; George L. Carrick, Wire Chief, and Edith M. Watson, Senior Service Representative.



Jo McKenna and Betty Thornton, Holyoke Traffic girls who are now working in San Francisco, are shown enjoying the sunny California weather at Lake Arrowhead where they recently spent a week-end.

Western Division Notes

Laura E. Whitney, Service Representative, Westfield, was complimented by her office associates on the completion of 25 years' service with the Company. She received gifts of jewelry and flowers.

Cleo Semprebson completed her duties as a Service Representative in the Montpelier Business Office upon the return of her husband from overseas service with the Seabees. Her fellow employees of the Montpelier and Barre Commercial and Traffic Departments honored her at a surprise farewell party held in the Rainbow Room at Mario's. Mrs. Semprebson was presented a corsage of red roses and a gift of jewelry.

The Worcester Business Office welcomes Eleanor Barriere and Rita Murphy.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the afternoon of December 21, the Oxford Office participated in a Christmas social in the rest room. A buffet lunch was served and gifts ex-

changed. Dorothy Daley, Ada H. Sanderson, Marion Pariseau and Florence T. Harrington were hostesses. Left to right: Ada H. Sanderson, Marion Pariseau, Marion Brodeur, Lottie Olney, Dorothy M. Daley, Chief Operator, and Marion McCarthy.



XMAS PARTY

This group of Barre Traffic girls held their Xmas party at the home of Elvira Rusconi recently. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served. Reading from left to right, top row: Ruby Robinson, Elvira Rusconi, Alice Collins, Diana Walker, Leonilda Zorzi, Marion Rogers, Pauline Fitz-

gerald, Margaret Williams, Dorothy Stone, Marguerite Browne. Second row: Flora McPherson, Catherine Mackenzie, Conchita Rubalcaba, Margaret Cook, Emma Chamberland, Rena Diverio, Mildred Labor. Third row: Loretta Henry, Beverly Silver, Marilyn Allaire, Pauline Tacey, Lorraine White, Bianca Minoli.



RETIRES

H. Frank W. Spencer, Traveling Auditor, was presented a Victory Bond by Robert G. McAnern, Division Auditor

of Receipts, on the occasion of his retirement from the Company. Mr. Spencer lived and made many friends in Springfield who wished to bid him a fond farewell.



George Otis, Jr., has recently returned to Fitchburg as Commercial Representative after a military leave of absence.

Holden Office News

The annual Christmas party of the Holden operators was held on Tuesday evening, December 18, at Russell's Tea Room.

A chicken dinner was served after which gifts were exchanged.

The operators were recipients of many gifts from the Holden subscribers.

Worcester Dial News

On Friday, December 14, girls of the Traffic Department at Worcester entertained Helen McGuire, Instructress of Dial Toll, at Cosgrove's Chop House to celebrate her approaching marriage to Lawrence St. Martin. About 50 fellow workers attended. She was presented a purse of money.

Forty girls of Worcester Traffic Department attended a dance given recently in honor of home-coming veterans at the USO Service Club No. 3, Fort Devens.

The following girls' engagements were announced at Christmastime in the Worcester Dial Office: Mary Hurley, Nora Costello, Katherine Foley, Julia Sweeney, Marguerite Dorrett and Martha Deeley.

Worcester Dial Office welcomes back Lillian Stockenberg from California where she has been employed by the Pacific Telephone Company for the past two years.



CHRISTMAS FOR SERVICEMEN

The Fitchburg operators entertained a group of servicemen at their annual

Christmas party held at the Elks Auditorium. Gifts were distributed by Santa Claus portrayed by Georgianna Petalas after which refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed. Above are two scenes from the dance floor.



35TH CELEBRATED

Sadie M. Carley's 35th anniversary as an employee of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company was celebrated at a party by about twenty-five of her fellow employees.

Mrs. Carley is a Senior Service Representative in the Commercial Department. Toastmaster at the party was Arthur H. Danforth, Manager at North Adams. Mr. Warren C. Upton, District Manager, was a special guest.



Donald R. Dallmeyer has recently returned to the Western Division as Coin Box Collector after serving in the armed forces.



Paul L. Ducharme has recently returned from military leave of absence to become Commercial Representative in Springfield.

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"To Adam Paradise was home. To the good among his descendants home is paradise." — Hare.

Weddings

Florence M. Geoffron of the Toll Rating Unit of Springfield Revenue Accounting Department was married to O. Paul Cotti in Springfield at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Dorothy Davie of the Toll Adding Unit became the bride of John R. LaFavor at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield.

Newcomers

The following have recently joined the Springfield Revenue Accounting Department: Margery Langheld, Mary Cahill, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Lorraine Curto, Frances Galas, Lyman McKenzie, Gwendolyn Hall, Barbara Carmody, Eva Buckley, Genevieve Fokarski, Orilla Barone, Claire Hoggins, Matilda Anzalotti, Valeria Skomro, Evelyn O'Connor, Norma Caron, Shirley Powers, Josephine Bielinski, Joan Papas, Catherine Barry, Mary Anderson, Dorothy Cavanaugh and Marion Kapinos.

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"Good humor is goodness and wisdom combined." — Owen Meredith.



TRANSFERRED

A party was held recently at the Oyster Bar, Fitchburg, for Carl Cain, former Construction Clerk of the Fitchburg

area, who was recently transferred to the Cable Department. Mr. Cain was presented a purse by his former associates and friends.



WOOD RETIRES

Wayne D. Wood, Special Representative, retired after 37 years' service with the Company. He started his career as Collector, covering his route with horse and buggy, which was then the only method of transportation available. A testimonial dinner was given Mr. Wood by many of his friends in the Plant, Traffic, Accounting and Commercial Departments at the Hotel Sheraton. George Cusack, Special Representative, presented him a box of cigars, each wrapped in a bill. Special guests were his son, George A. Wood, Manager

at Roslindale; George A. Morley, Assistant General Commercial Manager, Boston; Ralph E. Jones, Division Manager, and Bryant M. Patten, District Manager. Entertainment was provided by Marion Connor, Stenographer, Springfield Business Office, who sang and Helen Davidow, who danced, both accompanied by Barbara Elliott of the Division Office. Dinner music was played by Torsten Sundquist, accordionist. Left to right: George A. Cusack, Special Representative; George H. Morley, Assistant General Commercial Manager; Mr. Wood; Bryant M. Patten, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Wood; Ralph E. Jones, Division Manager and Lawrence N. Raymond, Manager.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

35 YEARS' SERVICE (Continued)

Margaret F. Horna, Western Traffic
Edward J. Morrill, General Plant
Samuel Crown, Central Plant
Anthony H. Thoennes, Metropolitan Plant
Frank A. Holbrook, Metropolitan Plant
William A. Miller, Metropolitan Plant
Claus Benson, Southern Plant
John B. Bourque, Southern Plant
Cornelius J. Lynch, Southern Plant

30 YEARS' SERVICE

John J. Hartin, General Commercial
Matilda T. Kleuber, Metropolitan Commercial
Margaret J. Laird, Central Traffic
Mildred H. Dolan, Central Traffic
Gertrude E. O'Brien, Metropolitan Traffic
Sarah E. Doherty, Metropolitan Traffic
Josephine M. Murphy, Metropolitan Traffic
Agnes M. McCarthy, Metropolitan Traffic
Annie Arkinson, Western Traffic
Doris V. Ashline, Western Traffic
Sophie M. Delsky, Western Traffic
Alva I. Swanson, Western Traffic
Sarah J. Williams, Western Traffic
John M. Mulhern, Equipment Installation
George F. Murphy, Equipment Installation
Alphonse J. Dubee, Central Plant
Chesleigh C. Chisholm, Central Plant
Earl L. Kimball, Central Plant
Frederick McDougall, Metropolitan Plant
Arthur I. Carey, Metropolitan Plant
Chester A. Granner, Metropolitan Plant
James P. Kelly, Metropolitan Plant
Robert S. Davis, Southern Plant
Clifford E. Thresher, Southern Plant
Carl W. Carrier, Western Plant
Oral P. Flint, Western Plant
John L. McManama, Western Plant

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Josephine F. Sullivan, W. E. Invoice
Alta M. Lyman, General Commercial
Harold L. Morpeth, Southern Commercial
Lewis J. Campbell, East. Tel. Co.
Doris E. Goodwin, Central Traffic
Theo H. Lunt, Eastern Traffic
Gladys M. Joler, Eastern Traffic
Hazel S. Bragdon, Eastern Traffic
Bertha M. Rogers, Eastern Traffic
Mary F. McCaughey, Metropolitan Traffic
Ruth M. Lyons, Metropolitan Traffic
Mary G. Fabian, Metropolitan Traffic
Jessie M. Andrews, Southern Traffic
Nora G. Carney, Western Traffic
Helen M. Purcell, Western Traffic
Rae H. Swenson, Western Traffic
Herbert K. Meek, Central Plant
James B. Conley, Metropolitan Plant
Charles F. Burchsted, Metropolitan Plant
John Alexander, Metropolitan Plant
Mary A. Carr, Western Plant



A Fairy Tale

The bride tottered up the aisle on the arm of her father, who was wheeled in his armchair by three of his great-grandchildren. She was arrayed in white and carried a big bouquet of white rosebuds; her hair though gray was bobbed, and she smiled and nodded to acquaintances.

The groom was able to walk unaided with the assistance of two handsome mahogany crutches. His head was bald, and his false teeth chattered a little nervously.

They were the couple who waited until they could afford to get married.

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Off the Limb

"Boys, I've quit the holdup game; I'll hang around joints no more."
Limp and worn,
Threadbare and torn,
The garter fell to the floor.

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Slenth

For all those who like Shaggy Dog stories, here is a Shaggy Skunk tale that is going the rounds:

Mamma Skunk was worried because she could never keep track of her two children. They were named In and Out, and whenever In was in, Out was out, and if Out was in, In was out. One day she called Out in to her and told him to go out and bring In in. So Out went out and in no time at all he brought In in.

"Wonderful!" said Mamma Skunk. "How, in all this great forest, could you find In in so short a time?"

"It was easy," said Out. "In stinct."

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New Answer

"John, I am sure I heard a mouse squeak."

"Well, do you want me to get up and oil it?"

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You Try It

A school teacher one day, during the hour for drawing, suggested to her pupils that each draw what he or she would like to be when grown up. At the end of the lesson one little girl showed her an empty paper.

"Why," said the teacher, "isn't there anything you would like to be when you grow up?"

"Yes," said the little girl, "I would like to be married, but I don't know how to draw it."

Success

The seven-year-old son of a radio comedian came home with his report card.

"Well, son," asked the radio star, "were you promoted?"

"Better than that, pop," chirped the kid happily. "I was held over for another 26 weeks!"

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No Protection

An inebriate was wandering around and got into a graveyard. Stumbling here and there, he fell into a freshly dug grave.

As he was trying to get out, another lushed brother came by. Picking up a shovel, he began to heave earth on the fellow down in the hole.

"Hey," hollered the first man, starting to sober up as his circumstances dawned on him. "Help me out of here. I'm freezing."

"Sure you are," consoled the second, continuing to shovel like mad, "you're all uncovered."

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Home-made

Mrs. Jones was spending a day in bed with a severe cough and her husband was working in the back yard, and hammering nails into some boards. Presently, his neighbor came over.

"How's the wife?" he asked.

"Not very well," replied Jones.

"Is that her coughin'?"

"No, you fathead, it's a henhouse."

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Doubleheaders

A young man from the corn belt who was enlisting in the Navy was asked his birthday.

"I dunno," said the youth. "Maw never told me."

"But I'm 32 years old," he added. "Maw told me once how old I was, and the rest was easy. I added a year every plowing."

"When did you add the year," asked the recruiting officer, "at Spring or Fall plowing?"

The candidate scratched his head. "Why dern it all," he said, "that explains it. I thought I was getting old too fast."

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The Reason

Mrs. Jones: "All men are fools."

Mr. Jones: "True, my dear. All men are born fools so women won't die old maids."