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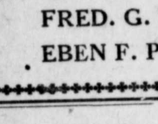
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A long row of young women seated at a switchboard; hands moving rhymically as plugs are thrust deftly into jacks; the faint click of metal against metal; a low hum of carefully modulated voices and everywhere an atmosphere of quiet efficiency—such is the modern telephone exchange.

But in the exchange of less than half a century ago a far different situation presented itself to the eye—and to the ear—of the chance visitor. Almost without exception the operators in the first exchanges in large cities were boys, as they were in the Gold and Stock exchange, New York City, in 1879.

And boys were then, as they are now and ever will be, just—boys. Many an operator of that early day delights to tell his grandchildren of the pranks the youngsters played on each other or—it must be recorded in all candor—upon the subscribers. The apparatus was not arranged to permit the quiet operation of the present day, and its youthful guardians had to shout to each other—at the top of their voices, when traffic was heavy—the numbers called for by subscribers.

Even when discipline in the central office was at its best, the air was filled with strident cries, with the shuffling of many feet as the youngsters ran to and fro, with snarling threats and even the sounds of physical combat when the paths of two of these Mercurial Mercuries crossed in the middle of the central office floor.

A strange contrast, surely, with the modern exchange, where the volume of traffic is so great as to make that of one of these early exchanges seem insignificant, but where this vastly more complicated business is transacted with not the smallest fraction of the ado that made the telephone operating room of 1879 little less than a place of unending uproar, a veritable bedlam.

In such contrasts as this the history of the telephone has been written. And yet such contrasts have not been brought about by radical and sweeping changes, but by a process of gradual evolution toward better apparatus and operating methods—a process which is still going on and must continue until telephone service has been made as nearly perfect as it is humanly possible to make it.

HIGH SPOTS IN A. T. & T. REPORT

Summary of the Annual Report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.



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W. S. GIFFORD

Progress in the quality and extent of telephone service is the keynote in the annual report of President W. S. Gifford, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He states that more than 813,000 telephones were added to the Bell System during 1925. At the end of the year 16,720,000 telephones were interconnected so that practically any one of them can be connected with any other one throughout the United States, at any time, day or night. Over 50,000,000 toll and exchange connections, each an individual transaction, are handled daily.

Three hundred and sixty-five million dollars was expended by the Bell System on new plant construction, including new plant to replace $107,000,000 of plant retired. Net additions to plant were $258,000,000. This brought the assets devoted to furnishing telephone service up to $2,938,000,000. The number of persons employed, including those in the Western Electric Company, was over 332,000.

The gross revenue of the Bell System, he states, was $761,200,000 and net earnings were 6½ per cent on the amount invested in plant and other assets. Earnings available for contingencies and surplus amounted to 1½ per cent on the investment—less than a cent a day a telephone, a necessary but relatively small margin of safety.

It is shown that there were over 362,000 stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at the end of the year, making the Bell System in a sense, publicly owned. The amount of capital stock of the American Company outstanding was $921,597,500, an increase of $33,119,400 for the year.

The net income of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was $107,405,000. Of the resulting balance, after payment of dividends at $9.00 a share, $6,000,000 was appropriated for contingencies and the remainder, $20,360,000, was carried to surplus.

Mr. Gifford says that the nature of the business requires a nation-wide organization operating under state laws and state regulation and federal laws and federal regulation. This requires various inter-corporate relations, which, however, are simple in principle and not arbitrary. It comprises in brief the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which is the parent company, twenty-five Associated Telephone Companies, and the Western Electric Company, and the report shows the necessary functions of each.

Mr. Gifford says that although the Bell System is growing larger and more complicated, it is less hazardous to manage because of a better knowledge of the essential facts. He says that the population of the country grows at the rate of from one to two per cent a year, general business at the rate of three or four per cent, and the telephone business, due to the higher standards of living and the trend toward the economy of time, increases at a more rapid rate than general business.

Telephone service is not a commodity, he says, or a physical product comparable to that furnished by other industries, or even other utilities.

The problem of furnishing service increases with the number of telephones interconnected and except for economies, many factors of cost would increase greatly. Telephone costs have been kept at the present relatively low point in spite of the unique character of the business, only by constant invention and development of new types of apparatus and by new and better methods of operation.

During the past year steady improvement has been made in telephone service so that it will better meet the requirements of the users. Maintenance and upkeep have been continued on a high plane, with strict attention also to all possible economies. The amount of new construction for 1926 is expected to be somewhat greater than last year.

Mr. Gifford speaks of the continuing work of development and research on more than a thousand problems relating to telephone service, on continuing experiments in transoceanic telephony, and on other phases of radio transmission which might have application in the extension of telephone facilities.

The result of improvements and economies is apparent, he says, in the cost of telephone service to the public. Telephone rates are, on the average, only 33 per cent higher than ten years ago while wages and material costs have increased much more and living costs have increased 75 per cent. Bell System companies do not need nor do they seek to earn more than a reasonable return on their property. Rate adjustments have been made necessary chiefly because of the change in the value of the dollar.

Speaking of relations with the public, Mr. Gifford states that in the telephone business they are founded on satisfactory service at the lowest possible rates. This is the aim of the Bell System. It also aims to conduct its affairs in accordance with American ideals and traditions.

The highest award for the year, under the terms of the Theodore N. Vail Memorial Fund, was a gold medal accompanied by $500 in cash given to Anna Leonelda Lennan, chief operator of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Piedmont, W. Va. This award was made for conspicuous courage and devotion to the public service during a severe flood in the spring of 1924.

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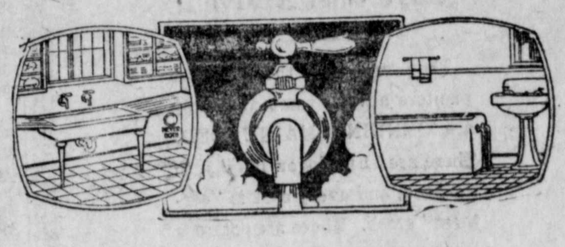
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