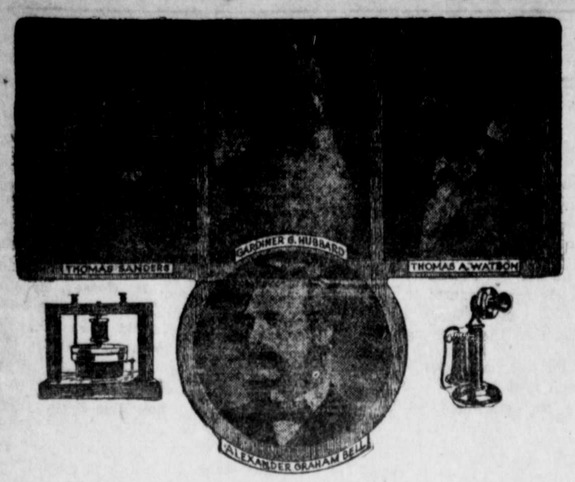
FOUR MEN LAID FOUNDATION OF NATION-WIDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM



Four men, with little in common except a capacity for almost superhuman faith, laid the foundations of the vast organization which today provides America with a nation-wide telephone service.

These four men were the telephone's inventor, Alexander Graham Bell; his young assistant, Thomas A. Watson; and two hard-headed New England business men, Thomas Sanders and Gardiner G. Hubbard. It was they who, sixteen months after the original telephone patent had been granted, undertook the development of Bell's invention on a business basis.

Each gave to the enterprise his own unique contribution: Bell, the imaginative, who had drawn aside the curtain and revealed the principle of the electrical transmission of speech; Watson, the practical, skilled of hand and filled with the pride of a true craftsman in a job well done, who had transformed Bell's vision into an instrument which really talked; Sanders, the substantial man of means, who had given of his substance, and given again and again, in order that the telephone—but a puny child at first—might not die in infancy; Hubbard, the man of personality, of enthusiasm, with a wide circle of influential acquaintances and the knack of making use of them when difficult things were to be accomplished.

Months before the telephone came into being Sanders and Hubbard had become interested in the scientific experiments of the dark-haired, dark-eyed young Scot. Bell had made his home with Sanders in Salem and had as one of his pupils, in his Boston school for the deaf, the daughter of Hubbard. Bell had been advanced various sums in order that he might experiment on the "harmonic telegraph," the purpose of which was the transmission of several telegraph messages over a wire simultaneously. It had been agreed that these two men should be given interests in any patents developed from Bell's experiments.

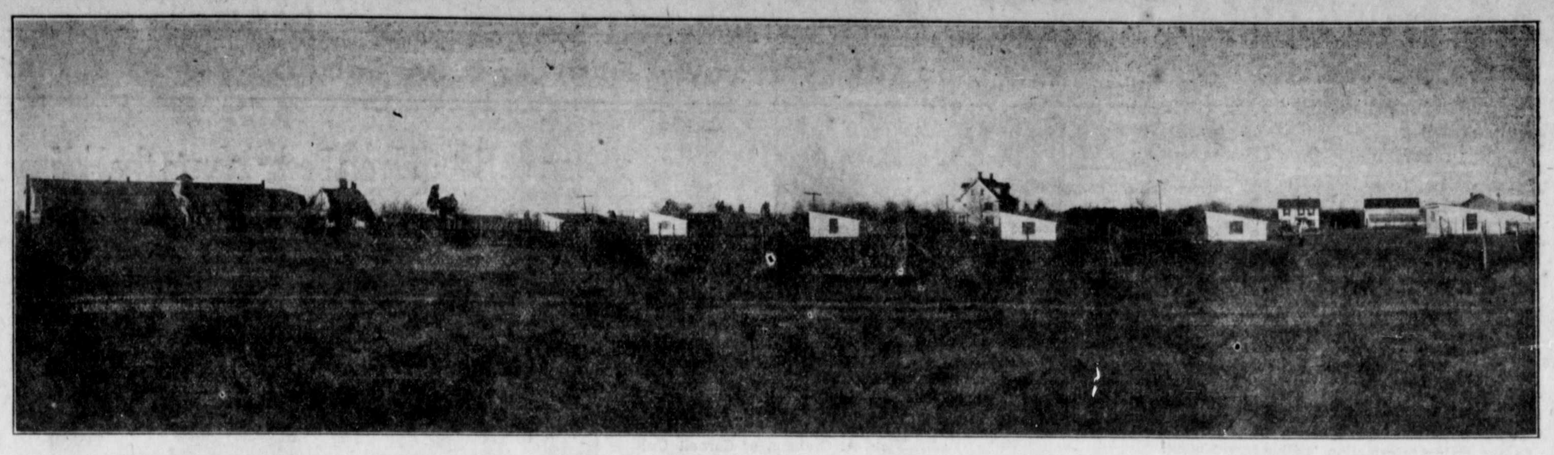
The "harmonic telegraph," in which Bell's two backers showed the greatest interest and on which, at their insistent direction, he was working in June, 1875, when he discovered the principle of telephony, was in itself a distinct failure. But by the summer of 1877 the success of the telephone had made it apparent that the time had come for something more substantial in the way of organization than the loosely knit relationship that had existed between these three men.

Watson had been taken into the "association" the previous September and now, on July 9, 1877, an agreement was entered into whereby the interests of his fellows were transferred to Hubbard, the legal title of the organization thus formed being "The Bell Telephone Company, Gardiner G. Hubbard, Trustee."

Thus, with assets consisting in its patent rights, a few laboratory instruments and its interest in the 778 telephones that had then been manufactured and put into use, began the organization which, under different names and forms of corporate identity, was to develop the telephone into an instrumentality of communication continent-wide in scope. In fifty years these four owners of the telephone business have given way to about 600,000 owners of Bell System securities, and the assets of the little company have steadily increased until the Bell System's physical plant is valued today at over $3,500,000,000.

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POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS THAT HELP OUR READERS WITH THEIR POULTRY PROBLEMS

One of the many charms in keeping poultry is found in the difficulty experienced in breeding them to a high standard of excellence. The standard for poultry is intentionally made nearly an impossible one, in order the better to stimulate the breeder in his efforts to produce birds closely as possible approximating to its requirements. The ideal fowl is kept before his mind, and the challenge given to realize this ideal. There is something in human nature that responds to this challenge and failure only intensifies the breeder's determination to succeed.

Don't ask us to name the "best breed." If we gave our choice, the keeper of every other breed would disagree with us. The real truth is, if there was one breed a lot or even a little better than any other, it would not be long until very few of any other breed would be found. It depends, too, something on what you wish the breed for, whether for eggs or meat. Follow your fancy and you will not go wrong.

It is a very serious mistake to house pullets and yearling hens in the same laying house. It is more satisfactory to keep the pullets in one flock and the yearling hens in another. The hens tend to antagonize the pullets, biting them and making them shy of the mash hopper. Maximum egg production can be reached by the pullets only when they consume maximum mash. It is easy to see what an important matter this simple feature really is. Records, too, can be more easily kept when the pullets and hens are housed separately. Although on some farms it is difficult to house them separately, quite often a wire partition run through the poultry house will serve the purpose. Of course, where the farm flock numbers as many as 500 birds this precaution can be easily taken.

The feed buying season is always with us. In choosing poultry feeds it is important to bear in mind that the highest priced feed is not the most expensive.

When you buy a quality ready mixed feed you not only obtain high grade ingredients in the feed, but you also receive the benefit of the experience and nutrition knowledge of the manufacturer who must know how to produce quality feeds. In other words, quality feeds contain something besides the ingredients.

Rather than to select feed on the basis of low initial cost it is more satisfactory and profitable to buy the very best feed, for this invariably insures a good feed. The manufacturer who has a large mill and an expensive mixing and grinding process must of necessity receive a higher price than the manufacturer who employs less careful methods.

It must be remembered that the hen is a manufacturing machine and that she cannot make the maximum number of eggs out of cheap inferior feed any more than any other type of manufacturing machine can make a quality article out of inferior raw material.

By all means, buy ready mixed feeds. The conscientious feed manufacturer can mix them better and at lower cost than you can. And buy the relatively high priced feed. It will pay in the long run.

Both the young stock and the laying hens need plenty of attention now to make sure that they will not be subject to the attacks of roup, chicken pox and diptheria. These three poultry diseases are most prevalent during the fall months if the birds are not adequately protected when the cold fall winds begin to blow.

These three poultry diseases cause untold damage each year to thousands of farm chickens. They can easily be prevented if proper precautions are taken early in October. In order to combat them successfully it is necessary that we understand their nature.

Some investigators think that the three diseases, chicken pox roup and diptheria are all various stages of the same disease and are caused by the same organism. In order to understand them, however, it is necessary to consider them separately. We will here consider roup.

This disease known as roup is in reality a contagious catarrh. It attacks the membranes of the eyes, principally, and allso tends to fill the sacks below the eyes and also the nostrils, with a secretion.

The first symptoms of roup are those of an ordinary cold, but there is more fever, dullness and prostration. The discharge from the nasal openings is at first very thin and watery, but in a few days, usually two or three, it becomes thick and obstructs breathing. Inflammation spreads from the nasal passages to the eyes and to the spaces immediately below the eye ball. The eyelids then become swollen and are closed most of the time. They may even become glued together by the accumulated secretion. The birds sneeze and shake their heads in their efforts to free the air passages from the thick mucus. The appetite is diminished and the birds sit with their heads drawn in, wings drooped and with a general appearance of depression and illness. The accumulation of mucus in the eyelid beneath the eyeball produces a long and painful swelling which is seen just below the eye and may reach the size of a hickory nut. This swelling places much force on the eyeball which is displaced and more or less deformed. When a hen shows decided symptoms of roup kill her at once.

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