WESTERN ELECTRIC CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY

$5,000 Invested by Gray and Barton to Launch Present World-Wide Enterprise

Taken in the early '70's the picture above shows the entire personnel of Gray and Barton from whose partnership evolved the Western Electric Company. Sitting in the center of the first row is Elisha Gray holding a piece of apparatus. Western Electric Company today employs a total of 30,543 men and women.

The Western Electric Company, through line of direct descent, has just celebrated its seventieth birthday. It was in November of 1869 that Elisha Gray and Enos M. Barton formed the partnership from which has evolved the great manufacturing, purchasing, and distributing arm of the Bell System, familiarly known as "Western Electric."

In 1869, when Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, was in a London college studying anatomy and physiology, Gray and Barton had embarked upon a partnership in Cleveland, Ohio, for the manufacture of electrical equipment. Each had invested $2,500 in the enterprise. Their manufactured products in those early days consisted chiefly of telegraph instruments, electric bells, signal boxes, batteries and fire alarms.

Later Gray and Barton moved their factory to Chicago, Ill., changing the name of the firm to Western Electric Manufacturing Company and in 1877 it was one of six shops which Alexander Graham Bell and his associates engaged to manufacture telephone equipment for the subscribers first privileged to enjoy this now indispensable communication service.

In 1881 Theodore N. Vail, general manager of the American Bell Telephone Company and its predecessors since 1878, took the great forward stride of consolidating certain of these manufacturing plants, with the Western Electric Manufacturing Company as the backbone of the organization. The new business then took the name it bears today. With this consolidation, only five years after the successful demonstration of the telephone, came the assurance to the operating licensees of the American Bell of the best in apparatus design and quality.

Elisha Gray died in 1901. Enos M. Barton, who remained at the head of the business until his death in 1916, saw the company he helped found grow into a world-wide enterprise. He hired, as a lad, Harry B. Thayer, who became president of Western Electric and then of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Mr. Thayer said of Mr. Barton, "he gave the business a spirit of progress, striving always for better methods and greater efficiency and, still more, he gave it a high standard of business integrity, of justice, and of fairness to all."

President Walter S. Gifford of the A. T. & T. Co., who began his Bell System career as a clerk with the Western Electric Company 35 years ago, recently said of Western Electric, "the Bell System has done its own pioneering in the development of physical things, and has manufactured what was wanted instead of relying for progress entirely on such developments as manufacturers, over whom it had no control, might produce. The Bell System's central purchasing and supply department performs a function of great benefit to all. A word should be said of the immense value in time of emergency of this centralization of manufacturing and supply."

SHO'MEN PORTS

With

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The University of Baltimore quintet, arch rivals of the Flyin Pentagon buzzes into town tonight (Saturday) for a return engagement on the basketball court. The Bees defeated the Sho'men in a contest played in the Baltimore Coliseum during the Christmas holidays.

With one of the hottest teams in the history of basketball in the Free State, the University of Baltimore this year has raised itself to the national limelight in court circles. Playing a big time schedule, the Bees have had better than an even break in the win column.

The Bees have looked good all season, even in defeat. Against the University of Oregon, National Champions of last year, the Batlimore Maroons outscored their rivals by ten points in the final half, only to lose by a few points. Standford University's crack team was forced into an extra period before defeating the Baltimore quintet by two points. On the basis of these two games, the Bees are rated among the top teams in the country this season.

Ozzie Schaeffer and Johnny Ross are two of the main reasons for Baltimore's excellent team. Mike Pellino is probably the best floor man to ever been seen on the local armory court. Fans remember this boy who has caused Washington so much trouble in past years. The Bees will have the advantage in height and experience tonight.

The Sho'men will be on the rebound from the Loyola defeat and will have the lone advantage of playing on their home court.

If Howie Neubert and Mike Kardash can make their shots good tonight, watch out! A victory for Washington would definitely be an upset. We pick Baltimore with the Sho'men putting up a good game.

Local fans should turn out in full force tonight for Baltimore University has the best team that will be seen on the home court this season. Regardless of the outcome of the game, those attending will be treated to some of the smoothest basketball in the nation.

Howie-Yank Neubert is keeping up at the top in state scoring. At the present time, Yank has garnered 119 points for the season.

Loyola College kept their state league record clean Tuesday night when the Greyhounds defeated the Western Maryland quintet, 50-36. That means that Loyola is the team to beat this season. And we wager that the Sho'men will have their hands full when the Greyhounds visit Chestertown on February 24.

In a sloppy game up in Baltimore last Saturday night, Loyola College handed the Maroons their first League defeat to the tune of a 36-26 score. Washington kept pace with the Greyhounds until, the closing minutes when the Baltimore boys pulled out in front by ten points.

Outstanding on both teams was the poor shooting. Overanxiety caused the game to be marred with many fouls. The first half, although close ended with Loyola protecting a 16-12 lead.

At the state of the second half, Neubert scored a field goal and two foul shots to tie things up. From then on until the closing minutes, the lead see-sawed back and forth. With ten minutes to go the Greyhounds spurted ahead, gradually increasing their lead to ten points.

Bock starred for Loyola both with his shooting and floor work. For the Washington five, Neubert was again the big gun, with McNiff playing a good defensive game.

Students on the hill and local fans were sadly disappointed by the defeat o nSaturday night. And only rightly so. For the local boys seemed a sure bet for another state championship. But with one loss already under their belts, the Sho'men are going to find it tough sledding from here in to the home stretch. The majority of the games are yet to be played, and Washington always, it seems, gets upset my some team in the lower division. But the other angle to consider is that the Maroons are out for blood snice the Loyola upset.

It sems pretty definite that next year will see a new basketball coach up on the hill. "Dutch" Dumschott is loaded down with a heavy teaching schedule and expects to finish his doctorate within the next year. Rumours have it that a new coach will be obtained to coach basketball and soccer. So it looks like the college expects to enter the field of inter-colegiate soccer in the next few years.

Tonight's game will be the final contest for the squad until the completion of examination week. Two weeks from tonight the Sho'men face Western Maryland on the armory court.

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