Statistics Reveal U.S. Leads All Countries In World Telephone Development

Washington, San Francisco Have Most Telephones Per 100 Persons, Report Shows

There is enough telephone wire in the United States alone to stretch, if woven in a single strand, from the earth to the sun or encircle the earth itself 3,714 times. In fact there is so much telephone wire in America that if it were laid in a straight line it would take an automobile averaging 300 miles a day nearly 848 years to travel from end to end.

How many miles is that, you say? Well, according to recent statistics published by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company the total number of miles of telephone wire in this country is 92,850,000. This figure and many similar figures are included in an A. T. and T. report representing the results of the latest annual survey of world telephone and telegraph facilities made by the company's chief statistician.

The survey shows that Washington, D. C., and San Francisco lead all large cities of the world in telephone development. Washington with 239,668 telephones and San Francisco with 282,008 telephones had, respectively, 40.14 and 38.53 telephones per 100 population. Such a number of telephones in relation to population is the more impressive when compared with the situation in large European capitals. For instance, Paris had 437,139 telephones or 15.45 per 100 inhabitants; Berlin had 599,911 or 13.83 per 100 population.

Although there are 16 times as many people outside the United States as within it, this country still has nearly one-half of the world's total of 41,090,347 telephones. In the United States there is about one telephone for every six people as compared to only one telephone for every 100 persons outside this country.

The average per capita use of the telephone in the United States amounts to 223 calls per year; elsewhere in the world the average yearly per capita use is only about 16 calls. At the present time the report shows more than 1,000 telephone calls are completed in this country per second or more than 91,000,000 calls per day.

At the beginning of 1939, the latest date for which it has been possible to gather comprehensive, authentic information, the world's 41,090,347 telephones were connected to 174,548,000 miles of wire. The United States alone accounted for approximately one-half of these facilities.

Three-fifths of the world's telephones are operated by private companies, the largest private system being in the United States, while about two-fifths are operated by governmental agencies. The largest governmentally owned and operated telephone system is that of Germany.

Examination of the report indicates in brief that telephone facilities at the disposal of the American public are far more extensive than those found abroad, and by means of a greater and more complete network of long distance lines and cables provides fast and dependable inter-city communication within the country and brings within reach of the American telephone user nearly every important point in the civilized world.

VODER WHICH TALKS AND NOW SINGS WILL AGAIN FEATURE BELL EXHIBIT AT N. Y. FAIR

"Voice Mirror" And Hearing Tests Also Included Among Attractions

Last year it talked. This year it talks—and sings like a man. "It" is the Voder, that remarkable electric voice machine which will again be included among the many attractions of the Bell Telephone Exhibit when the New York World's Fair opens on May 11.

Considered one of the three most popular exhibits at the fair last year, the Bell System show will again feature free demonstration long distance calls to any point in the United States. Visitors will also have an opportunity to learn how their words sound to others over the telephone by means of the "voice mirror" and to have their hearing scientifically tested.

During the time that the fair was opened in 1939 a total of 7,878,000 persons visited the telephone exhibit or about 30 per cent of the total paid attendance. Over 31,000 obtained the privilege of making long distance demonstration calls to which 1,500,000 listened. Some 1,700,000 tests of hearing were made, 1,100,000 visitors heard their own telephone voices repeated by voice mirror apparatus, 110,000 were interviewed on the audition stage and over 5,800,000 listened to the Voder.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who were so kind to us in our recent bereavement.
Mrs. Emma Biddle and son, William

Competitive Examination For Scholarship In Washington College

The Examination for the Senatorial Scholarship from Kent County in Washington College will be held in William Smith Hall, Washington College, 9 A. M., Friday, June 21, 1940. Open to boys only. The complete high school record of each applicant must be on file in the Registrar's Office before the date of the examination. For further information address President Gilbert W. Mead, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.
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LIGHT WEIGHT SPEED BALL

The light weight team won the county championship on Field Day, and made a noble try at Denton for the Shore honors. Bottom Row: Clarence Rodney, Arthur Dierker, Frank Shirley, Wallace Miller. Middle Row: Richard Parsons, Trustin Bratt, Robert Collyer, Arnold Bryden. Top Row: Harry Mench, Franklin Hogans, John Pierce.

MUSIC CLUB

We are proud of our group of musicians, who have been taught by Mr. Martinet. Left to right: Bottom Row Virginia Stinchcomb, Jean Larrimore, Gladys Crowding, Jean Willson. Top Row, Evelyn Townsend, Rose Ella Crouch, Alvin Ashley, Louise Crouch.

"WHO GETS THE CAR TONIGHT?"

This one act play was presented before the County Parent-Teacher Association and repeated by request. A true family picture presented by Isabel Moffett, the mother; Burgess Tucker, the son; Nita Lussier, the daughter; Alfred Rodney, the father and Bernard Hepbron, the lover.

SOFT BALL

These girls again won the Kent County Championship in soft-ball. They played splendidly and after winning in the county they competed for the Shore Championship. They defeated Queen Anne's County, Cecil County but lost to Talbot County after eight innings. Pictured left to right, Bottom Row: Jean Larrimore, Gertrude Crofoot, Ella Mae Thompson, Louis Coleman, Evelyn Townsend. Top Row, Norma Grant Charlotte Blackstone, Ruth Jones, Mary Ann Money, Nita Lussier.

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THE SENIOR CLASS

Bottom Row: Beatrice Mercer, Charlotte Blackstone, Isabel Moffett, treasurer; Gertrude Crofoot, Evelyn Townsend, Jean Willson, Sylvia Coleman. Top Row: Nita Lussier, secretary; Rebecca Hynson, Norma Grant, Fitzgerald Creaton, Alfred Rodney, Edgar Glenn, Gilbert Ashley, Vernon Dowling, Vernon Urie, President.

SOCCER TEAM

The Soccer Team was coached by Mr. Kibler. A team with a will to win, they were County Champions this year. Bottom Row, Burgess Tucker, John Harmon, Walter Scoon, Vernon Dowling. Middle Row: Alvon Ashley, Leonard Reihl, Edgar Glenn, Alfred Rodney, Vernon Urie, Top Row: Bernard Hepbron, Ben Durding, Curtis Jacquette.

WHEN THE CHIMES RANG

The Christmas play presented by the Junior Class. A great success, a grand spectacle, with a Christmas message the audience cannot soon forget.

BASHFUL BOBBY

"Bashful Bobby" was a great success. The title roll was played by Alfred Rodney. Always timid and retiring, under hypnosis Bobby becomes Loch, the Dauntless Lover. When Bobby could not be brought out of the hypnotic spell he was about to become a problem; but a professional hypnotist came to the rescue.

FIELD BALL

The Field Ball team went through another year successfully. This team won the County Championship and had quite a few represented on the Kent All-Star team. The other teams of the county gave very close competition, but the Rock Hallites used their skill and another successful year was added to their list.

Left to Right bottom row: Norma Grant, Charlotte Blackstone, Nita Lussier, Mary Ann Money, Evelyn Townsend, Sylvia Coleman. Top Row, Rebecca Hynson, Lois Crouch, Margaret Kelley, Ella Mae Thompson, Isabel Moffett, Betty Mench.

GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club presented a group of songs before the State Conference of Parents and Teachers at Washington College.