

ECUSTA? . . . DIAL TU 2-5511, PLEASE . . .

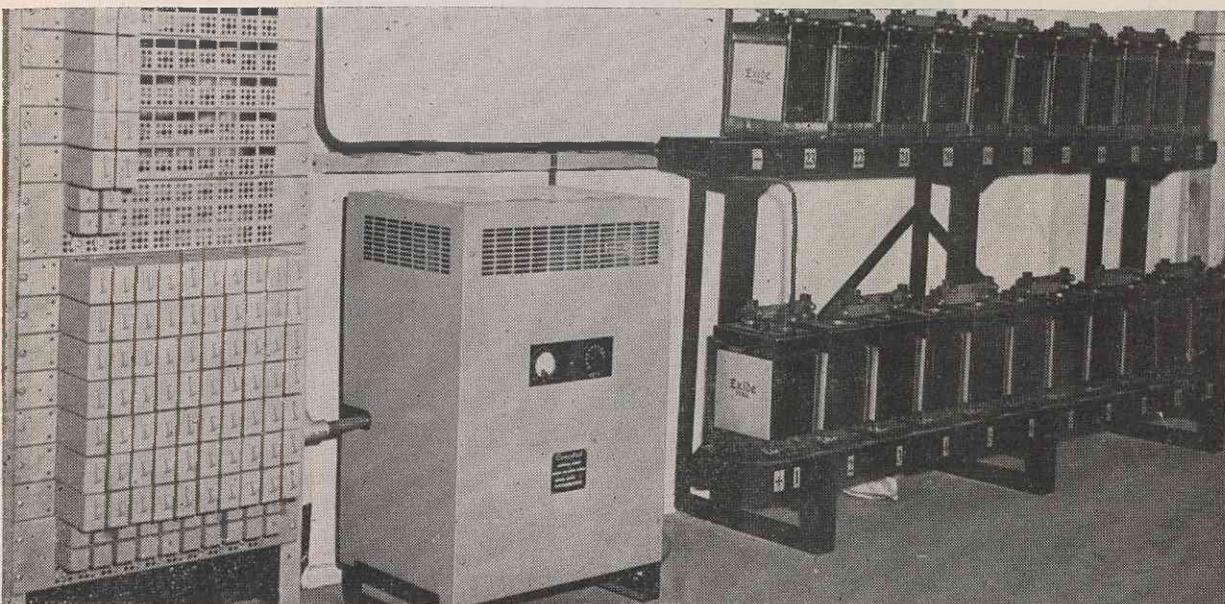
While the dial system is nothing new to Ecusta employees, the method of dialing into Brevard will be changed. After December 8th, instead of dialing O and being connected with the Brevard operator, all calls leaving Ecusta will go through the Ecusta operator. She is to be informed of the number wanted and she in turn dials the Brevard number for the caller.

An operator is on duty at the Main Office switchboard from 7:30 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. to provide information and long distance service. From 5:00 P. M. to 7:30 A. M., information and service calls are routed through an auxiliary switchboard located in the gatehouse.

Ecusta's dial system has been in use since 1939.

At present, there are 300 telephones operating from the exchange. The system has an ultimate capacity of 400 telephones.

Three additional lines will be added to the existing twelve between Ecusta and Brevard in an attempt to alleviate the heavy telephone traffic which now exists. Though the Ecusta switchboard will have only one number, it will be possible for as many as 15 different two-way conversations to be carried on simultaneously. The equipment now being installed at Brevard provides for 15 circuits to Ecusta operating from TU 2-5511. Should the initial circuit be busy, instead of giving a busy signal, the equipment will automatically search down the line of the 14 remaining circuits until an idle one is found. Only if all 15 circuits are in use will the caller hear a busy signal.



*Photo above: Very few know that a telephone system is powered by batteries. Picture shows line-up of 48 volt wet-cell batteries and battery-charging rectifier unit.*

*Right: Erwin Holden, Installer from Citizens Telephone Company, tightens connection on switching unit in basement of Main Office.*

