

Southern Bell Battles Buzzards - Gets The Bird

Old Alexander Graham Bell's system of talking may have given you a few shocks in your time, but the really rude shocks have been saved for buzzards.

Progress, it seems, has taken a lot of inter-city talking off wires. And, according to C. T. McCuiston, Southern Bell Telephone manager in Waynesville, many long-distance calls are now carried on a nationwide radio relay system, parts of which criss-cross North Carolina. This new way the talking, as well as network radio and TV programs, rides from tower to tower along this 10,000-mile system on a stream of radio waves.

For Tar Heels radio relay has linked Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville, Durham, Raleigh, Greenville, Washington and Wilmington, along with all the folks watching network TV from points in between.

But trouble on the new system reared its ugly wings when buzzards started riding the air ways.

Airborne, it seems, the bald-headed, frock-coated sailors are objects of surprising grace. But once they lower their landing gear and pull up at the hangar they make a nuisance no airport would tolerate.

And, according to the telephone manager, buzzards—flocks of them—have been using a few of the 100- to 300-foot-high radio relay towers for landing fields and overnight motels. So, after so many of these nightly fly-ins, the telephone company had to act. And at first it looked like a cinch to shoo off the

saucy fly-boys. Mr. Bell's successors rigged up a fierce-looking scare-crow. Complete with scowls for fowls. Only thing was, the buzzards weren't moved.

The big birds seemed to think the saggy man in baggy pants was a desk clerk. They just nodded as they checked in. And business got so good they hung out a "No Vacancy" sign.

So the Bell System tried a new attack. They rigged up a commotion generator—an electric motor which as it rotated banged a length of chain against a sheet of metal. Sounded like a tin roof in a hail-storm—to humans, that is.

To the buzzards it sounded like dinner music. And they flew in from miles around to listen to the outlandish-racket. Some radio relay towers in the multi-million dollar chain began to look like left-field bleachers at a Sunday double-header.

That's when the telephone technicians really tried to point up a solution. They built a buzzard gigger. When one of the sober-sided sight-seers lighted on this contraption, his weight lowered the roost and dropped his stern on a hand-spread of pointed gigs.

This, in turn, spun the loaded gig-handle and fetched the buzzard a rap on the noodle. A truly ingenious mechanical marvel.

But it didn't do the job. It did ruffle a few tall feathers. And in one sense it got the point across. As a rooster booster it was some-



COMPLETING AIR FORCE TRAINING at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, are these four WNCN graduates: James A. Fowler, son of J. K. Carver, of Waynesville; Donald Underwood, son of Mr.



and Mrs. Charles Underwood of Lake Junaluska; Robert Dwin Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Robinson of Hazelwood, and Jimmy Rowland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rowland of Saunook.



New Ordinance At Hazelwood School Enforced

Chief Roy Stevens, of Hazelwood said that no unloading of students would be permitted in the circle back of the school where buses unload.

"All unloading of students from private cars will be confined to the West side of Virginia Avenue," the chief of police said.

The East side of Virginia, the street in front of the school, will be closed to all parking Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. The street is marked off and also designated with signs as to no parking.

The new regulation is part of the stepped-up safety program, and by unloading on the West side no student has to cross the street amid heavy traffic.

Persons failing to abide by the new ordinance will be cited into mayor's court, the officer explained.

thing to crow about. The only thing was, there were just too many roosters.

So when the gig handle rotated, the buzzards did too. And even though it put some of the feathered fliers on convalescent furlough, replacements were lined up—on the towers—waiting. They seemed to get a bang out of the procedure.

When last heard from, the phone company was considering installing buzzard mirrors on the towers. Force the ugly geezers to look at themselves. That's a fate they rate.

But the odds are they'd like what they saw. Buzzards, it seems, are just naturally hard to insult. Ask Southern Bell. They tried. And got the bird.

Marines Plan To Form Fourth Mountaineer Unit

The Marine Recruiters are at it again.

The Marine Recruiting Office in Asheville announced today that they they once again plan to recruit a unit of men from Western North Carolina.

In the past, three such units have been enlisted by the Recruiters of this area and have been sent to recruit training as one group to become part of this world famous organization. This unit will give the men of Western North Carolina the opportunity to join and serve with their friends through their basic training.

This unit is being sent to training on January 16, 1956, but enlistments are being accepted immediately for processing. The enlistment period is for three or four years, but all men enlisted will not leave before January 16th, thus giving them the opportunity to be home through the Christmas Holidays. There is no limit to the number of men that may join. All men applying that meet the qualifications will be assured of leaving together.

All interested young men be-

United Fund Will Elect Officers Wednesday Night

The directors of the United Fund will hold their annual meeting Wednesday, 7:30, in the commissioners room. The election of officers is slated to come up at the meeting.

Dr. J. E. Fender is president; Miss Mary Medford, secretary, and J. B. Siler, treasurer.

The organization's offices have been moved from the basement of the court house to the third floor, in the room formerly occupied by the Soil Conservation Administration. The latter organization has gone to the basement because of the additional space.

Harrell Slated For Recruit Graduation Soon

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (FHTNC)—Billy J. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harrell of Route 2,

Lions To Start Clothes Project Late This Week

Members of the Lions Welfare Committee will begin the annual assignment of outfitting a number of children with clothes this week.

The Lions are working with Welfare and school authorities on the project, and expect to spend about \$1,500 in the purchase of warm, and needy clothing for the youngsters.

L. L. Lyda is general chairman of the committee.

The clothing project is one of the 25 agencies incorporated in the United Fund this year.

Waynesville, is scheduled to graduate from recruit training December 10 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The nine weeks of "Boot Camp" includes drill and instruction in seamanship, gunnery, life saving, sea survival, boat handling, and the use of small arms.

Following two weeks leave, graduates will be assigned to ship-board duties or service schools depending on the qualifications each has demonstrated.

Use Mountaineer Want Ads

Canton Lions To Auction Steaks On Tuesday

Canton Lions will hold an auction of the 4-H and FFA fat calf, they bought several when they meet Tuesday. Fred Ferguson will be the auctioneer of the choice steaks.

RCA VICTOR

BIG NEW SAVINGS! LOOK WHAT YOU

Lower prices than ever before! As much as \$100 more value per set than previous comparable models! That's the big value news about new RCA Victor TV!

Big changes in styling! All new models bring you the new "Un-Mechanical Look"—TV's first complete re-styling! See big-screen sets that swivel... sets that roll on big wheels. The finest in cabinetry to match the superb "4-Plus" Picture!

Come in today—see the Big Change in TV by RCA Victor!

RCA Victor 21-inch TV. Lowest priced RCA Victor TV. RCA Victor exclusive of level Every Week. Model 21143.

RCA Victor 24-inch TV. Lowest priced RCA Victor TV. RCA Victor exclusive of level Every Week. Model 24142.

RCA Victor 26-inch TV. Lowest priced RCA Victor TV. RCA Victor exclusive of level Every Week. Model 26145.

For UHF—New High Speed UHF tuning covers 70 UHF channels in 2 1/2 seconds! Optional, extra, at new low cost!

Ask about the exclusive RCA Victor Factory Store

At every price level—RCA Victor gives you more for your money

MOODY RULANE, INC.

Dial GL 6-5071 902 N. Main

KURT GANS "The Home of Fine Watches"

May we show you the sparkling new look in diamond watches?

BULOVA

La Petite

23 JEWELS - FASHIONED IN DIAMONDS from \$59.50

THE STORE OF FINE GIFTS

Kurt Gans JEWELER



...A thoughtful gift for family and friends

Handy Extension Telephones in Color

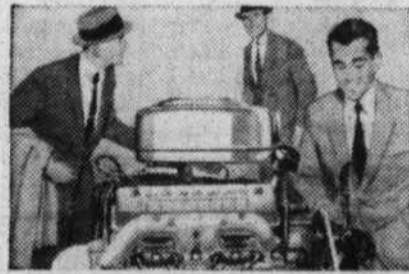


Gift-wrapped for Christmas Delivery

Here's the ideal gift — just the thing for those hard-to-give-to folks on your list. These striking new phones add style and beauty to any room decor, save steps and time every day in the year. Delivered gift-wrapped and installed before or after Christmas, as desired. Billing can be arranged any way you prefer, regardless of where installed. To order, call the Telephone Business Office. Or better still, drop by and select the style and color of your choice.



Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company



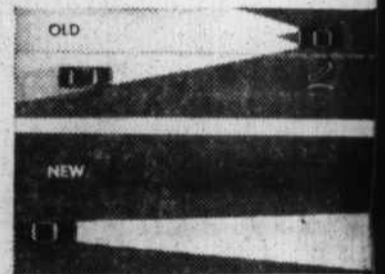
NEW 225-HORSEPOWER SAFETY-SURGE V-8 ENGINE. Here is high horsepower—but with a big difference! More of it's usable for faster pickup, safer passing.



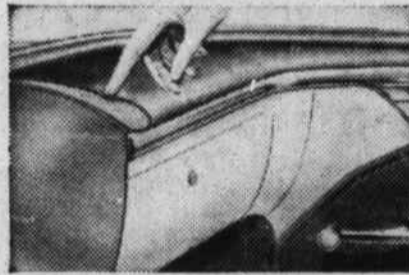
NEW IMPACT-ABSORBING STEERING WHEEL is stronger, gives better control, greater safety. Recessed hub protects driver, makes instruments easier to see.



NEW SAFETY DOOR LOCKS. Give added protection against doors springing open. Child-guard locking device is available for rear doors as an option.



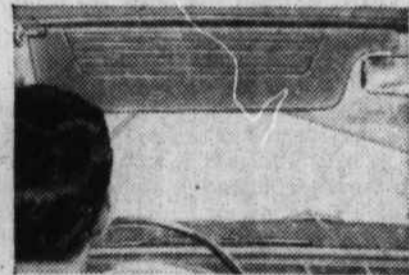
NEW SAFETY-BEAM HEAD LAMPS help you see up to 80 feet more of the road ahead— Pierce fog, rain, dust, snow, yet cause less glare to oncoming cars.



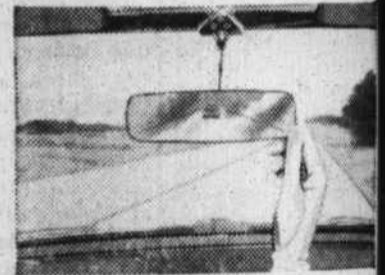
NEW PADDED INSTRUMENT PANEL. This attractive optional feature consists of an expanded plastic protective pad. Cuts down annoying glare in windshield.



NEW SAFETY SEAT BELTS. Strong. Comfortable. Add to your comfort on rough roads. Easily fastened and unfastened. Bolted to floor. (Optional)



NEW PADDED SUN VISORS offer you the same kind of protection as padded instrument panel. These handsome visors are available as an option.



NEW SAFETY REARVIEW MIRROR swivels fully in all directions. The safety-glass mirror gives an exceptionally broad view of the road behind.

Now see the 10 new safety features in THE BIG M



NEW SAFETY-GRIP BRAKES, NEW SAFETY EVERYWHERE. THE BIG M offers a new kind of motoring security. Plus many more extra values. Bold new styling ideas. New low-silhouette hardtops in all series. And a new budget-priced model—the Medalist. See these big new cars now in our showrooms.

For 1956—the big move is to THE BIG MERCURY WAYNESVILLE MOTOR SALES, INC.

126 S. MAIN STREET

DIAL GL 6-8676

WAYNESVILLE