

Five Men Who Have Given 241 Years Of Service to the Bell System



Oscar Eanes 49 years. R. L. Wright 47 years. Wythe White 50 years. P. H. Sullivan 48 years. J. W. Crews 47 years.

Memories of the earliest days of the telephone in Virginia and in the telephone industry generally were revived recently when associates of five veteran telephone men gathered at a testimonial dinner tendered them in recognition of their long and faithful service.

More than 50 years ago Patrick Henry Sullivan became the first employee of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Just a half century ago Wythe White joined the organization. One year later Oscar Eanes followed. In 1883 J. W. Crews and R. L. Wright became telephone men. These five are Virginians. They started in the telephone business in Virginia, and except for short periods of time in other parts of the original Southern Bell territory, their entire service life has been spent in Virginia, and all five of them are still employed in the telephone business in Virginia, four of them at Richmond and one at Danville.

All five of them have worked together from the beginning, and have been close friends during all of that time. On the night of the dinner they sat together at the head table, with Mr. Wright presiding.

The happy memories reviewed on this occasion brought out bits of the history of the men who were in on the beginning of the telephone industry in Virginia.

Wythe White holds the record for the longest term of continuous service in Virginia. He entered the service as an operator on October 18, 1880. Three years later he was made inspector. In 1884 he was sent to Raleigh, N. C., to check up records and to look after other matters of importance in that office.

When affairs in Raleigh were in satisfactory shape Mr. White was recalled to Richmond to take the position of chief inspector, which he retained until 1894, when he was appointed manager at Alexandria. There he gained an excellent working knowledge of the business administration of the telephone business, and armed with this knowledge he was later transferred to the

Commercial Department at Richmond, where he now is employed.

Patrick Henry Sullivan would have excelled Mr. White's record but for a break in his service, as he was the very first telephone employe in the South. He was employed as a messenger boy, in the fall of 1878, by the men who started the business in Virginia. On April 1, 1879, the first switchboard in Richmond was put into operation with young Pat Sullivan in charge. There were about 25 stations. In the capacity of chief operator Mr. Sullivan employed the first girl operator in Richmond. This was in 1883. That same year he was sent to Danville as temporary manager and Wythe White succeeded him as chief operator. By 1888 girl operators were employed exclusively.

On March 1, 1884, Mr. Sullivan became manager at Wilmington, N. C., and later in the same year he was transferred to Alexandria, to succeed as Manager W. T. Gentry, who eventually became President of the Southern Bell Company. In 1894 Mr. Sullivan returned to Richmond. In 1908 he was made chief clerk to R. L. Wright, at that time Division Superintendent of Plant. From this position Mr. Sullivan entered the rights-of-way work, in which he has since remained.

H. Oscar Eanes entered the service on August 14, 1881. He saw Danville's telephone system grow from the crude beginning to the present modern equipment, remembering perfectly the primitive type of switchboard by which Danville was served at the time that he was the first and, for some time, the only operator.

Mr. Eanes held successive assignments as installer, inspector and collector before his appointment, in August, 1883, to the position of manager at Danville. He probably holds the record in the entire Bell System for continuous service as manager in the same city as he continued in that office for more than 44 years. On January 1, 1928, he was made commercial representative at Danville, continuing valuable work in maintaining the good public relations which he had built

up while manager, but devoting his activities largely to sales development.

When J. W. Crews entered the telephone service in 1883 he already had a background of 16 years in the communications field, having entered the service of the Western Union shortly after the War Between the States. He resigned from the Western Union to become manager of the Southern Bell exchange in Richmond. In 1885 Mr. Crews was made manager of the growing telephone business in Norfolk.

In 1900 Mr. Crews was appointed Superintendent of the Southern Bell Company at Savannah. In 1902 he was promoted to the post of Assistant General Manager with headquarters at Atlanta. In 1907 another promotion came and he was made General Commercial Superintendent, having his office in Richmond. When the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company acquired the Virginia territory he was made Division Manager. In May, 1913, he was appointed Vice President of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia.

Robert Lewis Wright had his first telephone work in Lynchburg. He came to the Company on May 1, 1885, as night operator and lineman. At that time there were 38 telephones at work in the city, but they kept Mr. Wright busy. When he was not operating the switchboard he was out repairing the lines or the instruments; according to his own statement it fell into the short of being a twenty-four-hour-a-day job. However, the experience qualified him for higher things, as in 1886 he was transferred to Roanoke to become Manager of the newly established office there. During the four years he held sway he saw the office grow from eight subscribers to 300.

In the years that followed, Mr. Wright devoted his time and talents to plant work, in which he had always taken great interest. On January 1, 1900, he was made wire chief at Richmond. From there he went to Norfolk, in a similar capacity, where he remained until, in August, 1906, he was appointed Assistant Manager at Birmingham, Alabama, having charge of all plant work in the district. September 1, 1908, saw him again in Richmond, where he was made Division Superintendent of Plant. He is now the General Plant Manager of The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia.

Telephone Topics

Metropolitan Boston's latest telephone directory contains 806 pages as compared with 768 in the previous book. The first individual name in the directory is that of Ole Aalerud, and the last is Stanley Zyzys. They are the Alpha and Omega of the list, but in this case, Omega really comes up to the beginning as the double "Aa" in Aalerud's name is pronounced as a single "O." Aalerud is a native of Norway, and Zyzys was born in Lithuania.

"Send flowers by telephone," was the suggestion made at the North American Flower Show, held in Detroit recently. At the time, it was pointed out that it was quicker and would insure personal attention to one's order at a distant point for a florist to telephone out-of-town orders.

A telephone call from New York to San Francisco, which a little over three years ago cost \$16.50, now costs \$9. Night rates, of course, are about 50 per cent lower.

David Irvine, a jeweller and watchmaker at Vancouver, is a bit deaf and is unable to hear the telephone bell distinctly. However, the problem has been solved by his dog Tommy. The dog has been taught to bark whenever the telephone bell rings, and Tommy keeps up this barking until he attracts his master's attention. Whenever Tommy starts barking vigorously and points his nose towards the telephone, his master knows there is someone who wants to talk to him.

There is one place where obsolete types of telephones are in demand and that is in the big movie studios at Hollywood.

Styles change in telephones just as they do in everything else, and the telephone sets of twenty-five or forty years ago look as out of place today as do the women's gowns of the same period. But at Hollywood, many pictures are made portraying conditions in the past and it is necessary when a scene is shown representing any particular year, not only to have the costumes of the actors correspond with the period, but to have the other properties in keeping. That is why the movie directors find a place in their equipments for various obsolete types of telephones, many of which have almost been forgotten by the present telephone-using public.

Construction work has been completed on a new Long Distance circuit providing direct telephone communication between the cities of Montreal and Toronto. The placing of this new circuit in operation marks the opening of the sixteenth direct telephone circuit linking these two important Canadian cities. The new line is made necessary by the increasing use of Long Distance over this route, the increase for the first three months of 1930 having been 27 per cent over the average for the same period in 1929.

The new line forms an important part of a big construction program in 1930 for Quebec and Ontario. Approximately \$11,000,000 is being expended this year by the Bell System for Long Distance lines and apparatus throughout the two provinces.

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Sauces for Meats and Fowl

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SKILLFULLY prepared sauces can add greatly to the appetite appeal of many kinds of meats and fowl. This secret the French discovered long ago, and it is unfortunate that the American housewife so often passes by the opportunity to give an added zest to the piece de resistance of the meal.

In making such sauces, the greatest care should be taken that the least possible amount of fat remains in the liquid. Another excellent point to remember is to add a little sugar to the other seasonings, not for sweetening purposes but to bind the various flavors. In making a brown sauce, for instance, heat a teaspoon of sugar until it melts, and add to the sauce, bringing it to a boil. It improves the flavor, browns the sauce and does not sweeten.

Orange Sauce for Roast Duck—Brown two tablespoons butter in a

saucepan. Add two tablespoons flour and stir until the mixture bubbles and becomes brown. Add three-fourths cup meat stock. Cook until smooth and creamy, stirring constantly. Add six drops onion juice, one-half teaspoon walnut ketchup, one teaspoon sugar, few grains cayenne, and salt to taste. Continue stirring and add juice and grated rind of two oranges. Bring to boiling point. Serve around filets of breast of roast duck, arranged on a platter with a pile of wild rice in the center.

Sauce Chevreux for Fish, Poultry or Game—Dissolve one teaspoon vegetable bouillon extract in one cup of boiling water. Add one-half teaspoon pepper, one-half teaspoon paprika, and salt to taste. Add one cup orange juice, pulp of two oranges, few slices of rind, and one teaspoon sugar. Brown two tablespoons butter in saucepan. Add two tablespoons flour, and cook until mixture is brown, smooth and creamy. Add slowly to stock mixture, stirring constantly. Cook until thickened. Take off fire and add one-half cup skinned and seeded white grapes.

Currant Sauce—To make a currant sauce for roast lamb, add one glass currant jelly to a cup of brown gravy made from drippings in the pan. This is especially good when slices of the cold roast are warmed in it.

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