

TELEPHONE "TRUCK" in the South was first made for the above vehicle by Will ... who operated an independent telephone company in Raleigh, Wynne bought the truck from a circus which was passing through the city in 1903.

Southern Bell Telephone Mark 75th Anniversary

Southern Bell Telephone ... which serves Waynesville and 1,040 other exchanges in North Carolina and eight other states, today observes its

75th anniversary of service to the South.

The company was founded on December 20, 1879, just three years after Alexander Graham Bell had obtained a patent for the telephone he invented.

Southern Bell President Fred J. Turner of Atlanta noted the occasion as an opportunity to express gratitude to both telephone people and the public for their part in making telephone service what it is today.

In a message to local telephone people, Mr. Turner said:

"Southern Bell marks this milestone as a tribute to the dynamic spirit of the South and the region's magnificent growth. Through the years the South has turned to the telephone more and more as an indispensable instrument of progress and we are proud to have a part in the region's growth and development.

"We salute the people who pioneered telephone communications here, those who have provided and improved them over three quarters of a century, and those whose confidence in our company and reliance upon its service have made possible the ever-widening scope of its usefulness."

Southern Bell began operations with 1,246 telephones in 11 cities, including Wilmington and Raleigh, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Augusta and Savannah, Ga., and Mobile, Ala. The other five were in Virginia, not served now by Southern Bell.

In 1926, Southern Bell acquired the properties of the Cumberland

Employees Of A & P To Share \$2,300,000

Employees of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. throughout the country will share more than \$2,300,000 in pre-holiday compensation this year, it was announced today by Ralph W. Burger, president of the food chain.

Every employee with as much as six months' service will receive a part of the annual fund voted by the company's board of directors. Distribution is scheduled for December 17.

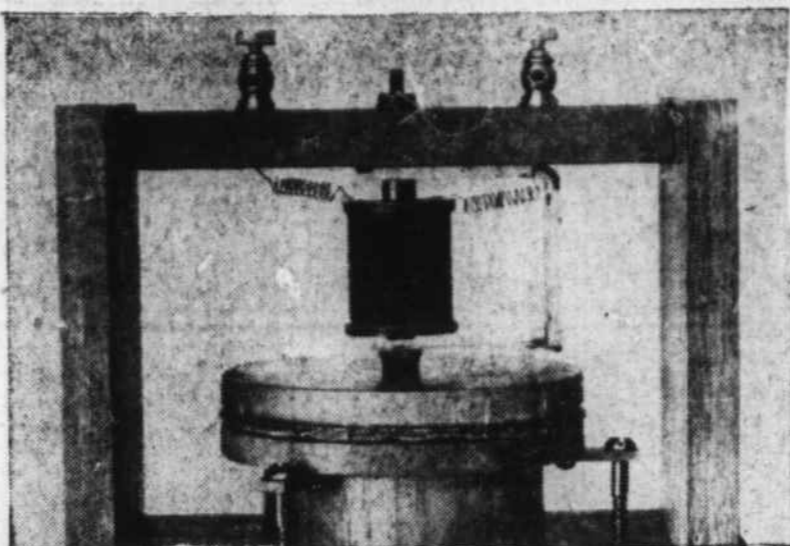
Telephone Company which served exchanges in Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee. Southern Bell now serves those four states in addition to North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

By 1929 — its 50th birthday — Southern Bell had 1,000,000 telephones in operation. This was in sharp contrast to the situation in pioneer telephone days when some small exchanges were closed for a period of time because "the novelty of the telephone had worn off."

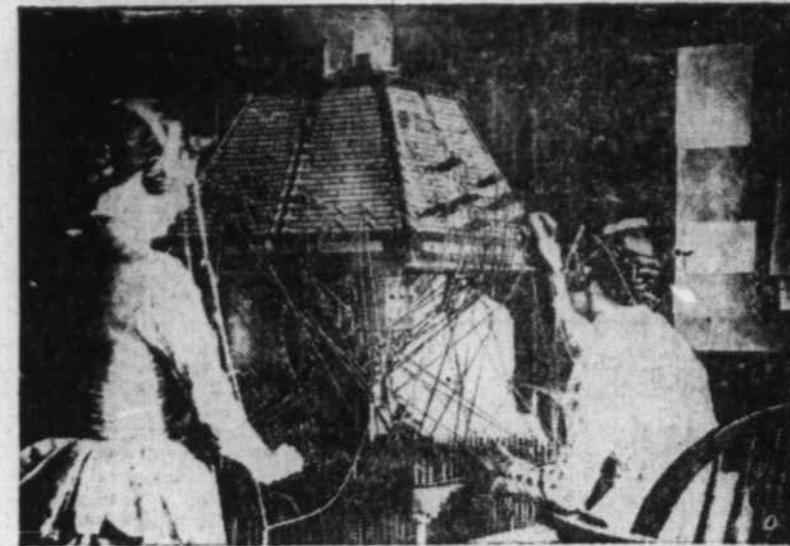
At the end of World War II, Southern Bell had 1,800,000 telephones in service. To meet the tremendous demand for service after the war, Southern Bell launched a far-reaching expansion program that has involved every exchange it serves. It took 67 years to reach the first two million Southern Bell telephones. But in the past eight years, 2 1/2 million more have been added.

Today Southern Bell has 4,500,000 telephones in 1,041 exchanges in the cities, towns and rural areas surrounding them. Also there are 565 independent or non-Bell companies, which operate more than a million telephones in 1,239 other Southern communities, joined with Southern Bell in serving the South.

"In no other section of the nation has telephone demand been heavier since the war than in the South," said C. T. McCuiston, Manager of Southern Bell, "and telephone people have responded by bringing telephone growth to the South that has outstripped any other section of the nation. The growth in Waynesville has been an important part of the economic development of this area and we are grateful for the confidence expressed in our company by telephone users here," he said.



ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL'S instrument through which speech sounds were first transmitted was only four years old when North Carolina's first telephone company began operations in Raleigh on September 20, 1879.



SOME OF THE FIRST EXCHANGES operated by Southern Bell looked like the above. Today modern electronic equipment helps to speed calls throughout the state and the nation.

LAW ABIDING TEXANS FORT DAVIS, Tex. (AP) — Twelve men marched from the district courtroom to the grand jury room. Three minutes later they returned and told Judge Louis Reed, in effect, "No crime, no business," and were discharged. The San Angelo Standard-Times reported it the shortest grand jury term on record in Jeff Davis County.

The first practical steel writing pen was produced in England in the 18th Century.

Help Fight TB



Buy Christmas Seals



Grain Fed Fancy TURKEYS

- 10 to 14 lb Average ... lb 53c
- Tenderized 10 to 16 Lbs. HAMS Half or Whole lb 55c
- Picnic SHOULDERS ... lb 39c
- MIXED NUTS ... lb 45c
- BRAZIL NUTS ... lb 45c
- BABY WALNUTS ... lb 33c
- PECANS ... lb 49c
- COCOANUTS ... 2 lbs 15c

Dad, Mother, the Children—the entire family is celebrating an Old Fashioned Christmas, hanging up stockings, stringing popcorn, making Christmas fudge and puddings—preparing for the most important meal of the year... We offer our facilities and service. We wish you one and all a Merry Merry Christmas.

TABLE TRIMMINGS & FANCIES

- Ocean Spray CRANBERRY SAUCE 16-oz Can 19c
- Santo COFFEE ... lb 95c
- Red Band FLOUR ... 10 lb Bag 99c
- Pepperidge Farm DRESSING ... Pkg 28c

Garden FOODS

- PEARS ... lb 15c
- Winesap APPLES ... 4 lb Bag 39c
- JUICY ORANGES 8 Lb. Bag 35c

Christmas PASTRIES

- Holiday FRUIT CAKE 1 lb. 14 oz. \$1.10
- Pillsbury's CAKE-MIX ... Pkg 33c
- Wesson OIL ... Pint 33c
- Armix SHORTENING ... 3 Lb. Can 69c
- 4 X SUGAR ... Lb Box 13c
- Pillsbury's Mix PIE CRUST ... 2 Pkgs 25c

Nestle's MORSELS ... 6-oz Pkg 29c

- Green Giant PEAS ... 2 No. 303 Cans 35c
- Baker's COCOANUT ... 4-oz Pkg 17c
- Stokely's No. 303 Can GREEN BEANS ... 21c

STORE HOURS 9 O'CLOCK 22nd & 23rd

So Rich it Whips! Lg 13c
CARNATION MILK

Egg Nog Sealtest or Pet
Qt. 75c

Strand Theatre

Mon. - Tues. Dec. 20 - 21

Wed. - Thurs. Dec. 22 - 23

SEE ALEC GUINNESS JACK HAWKINS IN "THE MALTA STORY"

Friday, Dec. 24 "Half White... Half Indian, Half Crazy With Jealousy!"

SEE "THE HALF BREED" Starring ROBERT YOUNG JANIS CARTER Also

Remember Free Ice Cream To All Children and Six Color Cartoons

PARK Theatre Program

LAST TIME TODAY MONDAY, DEC. 20 The Big Broadway Musical Comes Dancing And Romancing To The Screen! DON'T MISS IT! "BRIGADOON" —CINEMASCOPE— (In Color) Starring GENE KELLY VAN JOHNSON CYD CHARISSE ELAINE STEWART

3 GREAT DAYS! TUES., WED. & THURS., DEC. 21, 22 & 23 "HIGHWAY DRAGNET" Starring RICHARD CONTE JOAN BENNETT WANDA HENDRIX

- Fancy Fresh Sweet Potatoes ... 2 lbs 23c
- Kraft MAYONNAISE ... Pint 35c
- CANDY CANES 10c

Wearover FOIL WRAP ... Roll 27c

Fewel's RAISINS ... 15-oz Pkg 19c

GUM 6 Pkgs. 20c

Hershey KISSES Pkg. 29c

- Sweet Mixed PICKLES ... Pint Jar 23c
- Pillsbury's FLOUR ... 5 lb Bag 55c

CASH GROCERY
"The Best the Market Affords"
MAIN STREET ... HAZELWOOD

SHOP AND SAVE

Waynesville DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Children Under 12 Admitted FREE Show Starts at 7:00 MONDAY, DEC. 20

Watch love feed! KORETTA YOUNG WILLIAM HOLDEN ROBERT MITCHUM Rachel and the Stranger

TUES. & WED., DEC. 21 & 22

"The GOLDEN MASK" Released thru United Artists

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

RED TERROR BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES IN KOREA!

M.G.M.'s SHOCKING DRAMA! PRISONER OF WAR You've never seen anything like it! Release - STEVE FORREST - DOWEY MARTIN

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

RESTLESS, RECKLESS! 15-Minute Excitement!

HICKEY ROONEY

THE BIG WHEEL

THOMAS MITCHELL Lisa Romay Michael O'Shea ADDED COLOR CARTOONS