

# WESTCO INSTALLS DIAL EQUIPMENT IN NEW BUILDING



NEW BUILDING — The Westco Telephone Company recently constructed a new building in the Gunnertown area to serve approximately 175 customers. The new office will be cut into service Sunday morning, November 19, 1967.



Westco Manager Paul Wooten stands beside new building.

Installation of new dial telephone equipment and outside plant facilities in the Gunnertown area will result in an expenditure of \$148,800.00 by the Westco Telephone Company according to Mr. James Armstrong, President of the company.

A 17 by 21 foot brick building located near the middle of the Gunnertown area will house the dial switching equipment serving approximately 175 customers. Mr. Armstrong said, "The new equipment will be cut into service early Sunday morning, November 19, 1967."

Private, semi-private, and multi-party classes of service will be provided for the Gunnertown area after conversion with local calling provided between that community and the Marshall exchange. Asheville will serve as the operator office.

The project which also provides for the telephone repeater equipment required to provide "long distance" completion and local calling to the connecting office, will cost an estimated \$31,795.00.

Outside plant expenditure, costing \$117,005.00, involved the placing of 307 poles, 3.11 miles of aerial cable and 54.80 miles of buried cable, Mr. Armstrong said.

The May 1967 Weaverville directory with an "Insert" for Gunnertown customers will be "hand delivered" according to Mr. Armstrong. The directory "Insert" for Gunnertown customers will be mailed to all Marshall customers, he said. If directories are not received by Monday, November 20, 1967 customers are urged to contact The Burnsville Business Office 682-2101.

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