

### Teletrainer Program Lauded

"Can you come over?" This is the most popular type of all third and fourth graders make on the Teletrainer practice telephones when they are studying "Telephone Conversations" in school, according to Mrs. Dorothy Williamson, School Representative with Southern Bell here.

As school bells ring for students and teachers, they also summon Mrs. Williamson to a busy schedule of working with the schools in fourteen school systems in seven counties in the Gastonia District of Southern Bell.

Almost ten years ago, the Bell System saw the real need for a definitive program of teaching aids. These have been carefully developed on the advice of educators, and through their cooperation, and the total program was introduced in North Carolina schools last year.

"We really just got to know each other last year," commented Mrs. Williamson, who presented the program at 94 meetings with 1,268 administrators, principals, and teachers. "We are excited about the prospect of what can be done in this new school year," she added.

Materials are available to supplement classroom work at all levels from first through twelfth grades. Special emphasis is placed on language arts, social studies and science in the primary and elementary grades. Films, film-strips, teacher manuals and student booklets are supplied at the request of the schools. At the secondary level, more advanced material is available for English and Speech and the Business Studies, including Distributive Education and Office Prac-

tice studies.

Central to this broad program is the Teletrainer. Neatly housed in two luggage type cases are a control unit and two practice telephones. When set up in a classroom and plugged into a regular electric outlet it is possible to simulate normal telephone calls. The control unit enables the "operator", usually a student, to provide dial tone, a busy signal, or ringing of either practice telephone. A built-in speaker enables the entire group to hear the conversation and participate in evaluation of the handling of the calls. The Teletrainer also is wired to provide for connection with a tape-recorder where one is available. This enables later reference to particular calls, as well as a means of determining where improvement has been made.

"We are delighted to be able to offer this equipment for use throughout our area," F. B. Houck, Southern Bell's Gastonia District Manager said. "and I have been especially pleased by the enthusiasm displayed wherever the Teletrainer program has been used." Mr. Houck pointed out that Southern Bell provides all of the Teletraining materials to the schools without charge, recognizing that this is a community service from which everyone benefits. "Mrs. Williamson compares Teletraining to driver education," said Mr. Houck, "in that both are the learning of skills necessary for the successful use of tools in our modern age. Communication is important in family and community living, and I think you'll agree the telephone is an important means of communication."

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Williamson began her telephone career with the Ohio Bell Company and has held assignments in Washington, D. C., York, South Carolina, and Charlotte.

Educated in the Lakewood, Ohio public schools, she attended Fenn College, now the Cleveland State University. Mrs. Williamson served as a first lieutenant in the U. S. Women's Army Corps, with overseas duty in England.

Married to Barron P. Williamson of York, South Carolina, she is the mother of two daughters and one son. Active in the York First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Williamson has served in the choir, as a Sunday School teacher, and as superintendent of the junior department. She has been president and vice-president of the PTA.

### 4-H Club Week Begins Saturday

Some 55,000 North Carolina 4-H Club members will join hands with youth in 50 states and Puerto Rico as more than 2,225,000 boys and girls observe National 4-H Club Week, Sept. 30-Oct. 7.

For their team work effort, the 4-H'ers have chosen the theme, "Join 4-H: A World of Opportunity," according to Dr. T. C. Blalock, state 4-H Club leader at North Carolina State University. The focus on National 4-H Club Week comes annually across the country as 4-H members complete their year's work and start their new programs, Blalock remarks.

The purposes of the special observance are to get more young people, ages 9 to 19, to join 4-H; to encourage more men and women to volunteer as 4-H leaders; to recognize the important contributions of parents and to influence their continued cooperation; and to tell the public about the program's accomplishments and how it meets the needs of today's youth.

"One aim of the 4-H program is to help boys and girls explore career possibilities," notes Blalock. "Not just those youth going into agriculture, but those boys and girls choosing other occupations."

"Greater stress is being placed on your problems such as education, jobs, personal values and goals, regardless of whether the club member lives on a farm, in a town or city or the suburbs," the state 4-H Club leader continued.

The 4-H program is part of the national educational system of the Cooperative Extension Service in which the U. S. Department of Agriculture, State Land-Grant Universities and local counties share.

Tar Heel 4-H'ers receive training through programs conducted

### The Veterans Corner

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Q—My husband, a World War I veteran, died recently. I applied for the proceeds of his National Service Life Insurance. Only to be informed by the Veterans Administration that I was not the beneficiary. I need this money badly as I have three children to support and educate. Is this money lost to me?

A—It may be. The VA must pay the proceeds of NSLI policies of the beneficiary last designated by the insured, even when this results in an obvious inequity. It is sad but true that many veterans neglect to keep this beneficiary designation up to date. In your case the situation can be resolved in your favor only if the named beneficiary recognizes the unfairness and can be persuaded to assign all or part of the proceeds to you.

### Whitaker Finishes Basic Training

Seaman Recruit Roy D. Whitaker, USN, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Whitaker of 207 Fulton St., Kings Mountain, N. C., has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy training at the Naval Training Center here.

In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instruction under veteran Navy petty officers. He studied seamanship, as well as survival techniques, military drill and other subjects.

### Pvt. C. L. Mashburn With 199th Infantry

LONG BINH, VIETNAM (AH-TNC)—Army Private First Class Charles L. Mashburn, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mashburn,

Route 3, Kings Mountain, N. C., was assigned to the 199th Infantry Brigade near Long Binh, Vietnam, Aug. 21.

PFC Mashburn, a rifleman in the brigade, entered the Army in

March 1967, completed basic training at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and was last stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

He attended Central High School.

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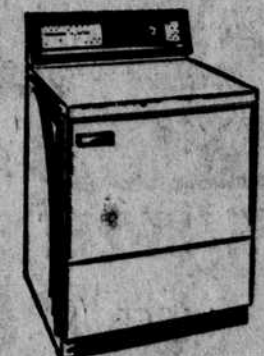
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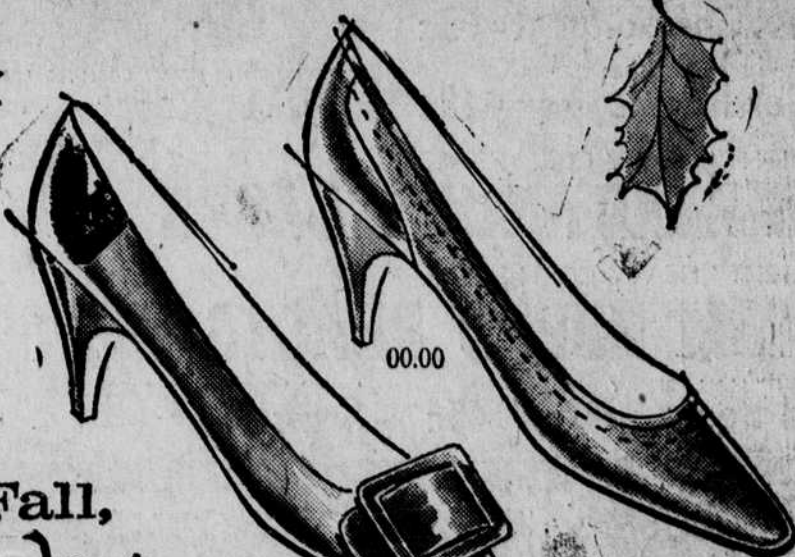
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