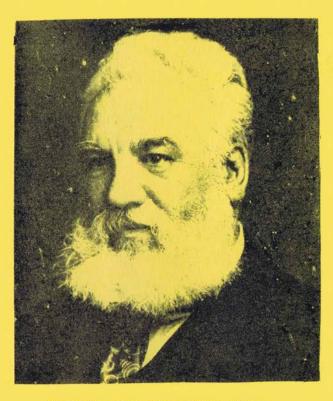
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ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

March 3, 1947, marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone. He gave the world a new voice. In commemoration of his accomplishment, and in recognition of him as a charter member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, we dedicate this issue of the liewsletter.

Alexander Graham Bell did not coin the word "telephone" but he invented the instrument worthy of the word. The telephone is tangible and enduring evidence of his greatness. He inherited specific talents and was reared in an atmosphere which qualified him to become the Father of Telephony. His grandfather was a Shakespearian actor and famed elocutionest, an expert in speech and in helping those of defective speech. Bell's father was even more renowned in the same field, being a teacher and lecturer in correct speech, the inventor of visible speech symbols and author of phonetic textbooks. Bell's mother lost her hearing early in life and was tenderly helped by her son and husband. Most likely this helped to render Bell responsive to the charms of a deaf girl who was destined to have a vital part in his life and telephone career.

As a child, Alexander looked out upon that ancient Edinburgh of tall tenements and narrow lamplit streets which Stevenson wrote into several sinister stories and which have more recently been reflected in song - "The Old Lamplighter." He attended grammar school and "Hi", excelling in chemistry and physics. During vacations he accompanied his father on lecture tours. As a grand finale each audience was asked to name any sounds they would like to hear imitated, which Bell Senior chalked up on a blackboard in his visible speech symbols. Then young Alec was called in from an adjoining room and required to give that sound vocally from merely reading the visible symbols. One proud moment was after emitting a very complicated sound correctly he was told by an eminent archaeologist that it stood for the Sanskrit letter "T", which would have sounded to us like an echo from the Tower of Babel.

At another time he constructed a dummy head with a mechanical larynx and set it up on a roof of a crowded tenement. Its piercing infant wails for "Mama" were so lifelike that most of that precinct rushed out with lanterns and torches to rescue the lost baby.

Bell entered Edinburgh University, but matriculated from the University of London at 19. He immediately engaged in informal research on vowel sounds, discovering that they are really compounded of resonances from different throat cavaties. A London scientist advised him to read a new book by Helmholtz, famed physicist of Berlin, who had caused tuning forks to sound vowels by vibrating them electrically. Bell, hammering his way through the tough and unfamiliar German text, mis-translated the phrase "to vibrate sounds" as "to telegraph sounds," and was thus inspired to transmit electrically not only vowels but speech in its entirety.

Tuberculosis which was so prevalent in the bitter, brutal east winds of Edinburgh claimed the lives of his younger and elder brothers and threatened him. For this reason his father voluntarily exiled himself from "Auld Reekie", that beloved gray city of the North (as Stevenson was to do a decade later for the same reason)and emigrated in 1870 to salubrious Brantford in Ontario, Canada, high up above a wide panorama of river, forest and plain.

Bell Senior's reputation had preceded him and he was soon absorbed into the faculty of Queen's University. When he was asked to teach in a newly opened school for the deaf in Boston in 1871, he sent his son in his place. Alec soon installed his father's oral method of teaching the deaf to speak by their studying the throat mechanics of producing sounds rather than by manual signs.

Among Alexander Bell's important contacts through this work was Gardiner Green Hubbard, the well-to-do father of a deaf girl. Hubbard had fought hard to establish such a school in the face of reactionary opposition, and had been assisted by wealthy Thomas Sanders whose young son had also been helped by it.

By now, Bell was bent on inventing a harmonic telegraph, at the same time harboring a long cherished hope to transmit speech electrically. Almost invariably the inventive individual has everything but money with which to finance his fertile fervor. Bell was no exception. His unparalleled talents, skill ard untiring efforts were inspired by his desire to succor the afflicted. He had sown liberally with lofty intent and now he was to reap the benefit of tangible dollars. In 1873, these three men formed what has since been termed the Bell Patent Association, to finance and carry on the young man's electrical experiments.

A timely accident and happy incident occurred during the harmonic or multiple telegraph experiments. A reed was adjusted too close to the magnets. In electrical parliance, it "froze" and instead of opening and closing the circuit, it caused a steady electro-magnetic field to exist at the instant when Bell's faithful assistant Watson plucked the stuck reed. The vibrations in that field had produced the undulatory currents shaped by sound itself that Bell had long ago visualized. He had recognized the significance of that "twang" which had supplanted the customary "whine" of the intermittent current. This came to pass June 2, 1875. Bell and Watson then worked more feverishly to produce a practical magneto-electric telephone. On June 3, 1875, the first electric telephone to transmit voice sounds was produced. But the new-born telephone had been barely able to announce its existence - it would have to be vitalized and made acceptable for public use. Grueling experiments followed.

It was not until Bell's patent had been issued under date of March 7, 1876, that he succeeded in telephoning a full and intelligible sentence of speech. "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you," was the first complete utterance to be transmitted over a wire. This was March 10, 1876.

By June of 1876, the telephone was on display at the Philadelphia Centennial, to the great astonishment of a royal visitor, Emperor Don Pedro of Brazil. "Dio Mio, it talks!" he exclaimed. That same momentous year also witnessed the first one-way telephone circuit - eight miles from Bell's Canadian home to a nearby village; the first two-way telephone conversation from Boston to Cambridge and the 16-mile span between Boston and Salem.

Bell realized that the 20 mile limit of magneto transmission would be outdistanced for he had already envisioned worldwide telephony but he did not fully anticipate immediate developments. What young man could dwell on such a matter who is desperately in love - contemplating marriage and jubilant over the triumph of his telephone! In July 1877, he married Gardiner Hubbard's daughter Mabel, after a long and obstructed courtship. Thus, he had not only devoted himself to the afflicted but now he was dedicating his future to a deaf mate. While he was in Europe on a combination honeymoon and telephone promotion tour, Edison introduced a local battery carbon transmitter which extended the range of telephony. This marked the beginning of transmitter evolution and definitely defined the function of a telephone receiver. The magneto principle of Bell's receiver has survived, notwithstanding many changes in design. In 1 Blake of the Bell organization brought forth his localized In 1879, battery transmitter which eliminated the Edison handicap.

The first telephone exchange in the world was established in New Haven, Connecticut, January 28, 1878, and the second in San Francisco, February 18, 1878. By 1893, Long Distance had linked New York and Chicago, and in 1915 transcontinental telephony had been accomplished. In a relatively short time thereafter, telephony girdled the globe.

In later life, Alexander Graham Bell did much experimenting in problems of aviation, for, said he, as early as 1908, "The nation that secures control of the air will ultimately rule the world." When the Telephone Pioneers of America was organized in 1911 they rightfully put Mr. Bell on record as the first Pioneer member. Alexander Graham Bell died at his summer home in Nova Scotia in 1922, at the age of 75, honored and beloved. His epitah, self-selected, is: "Born in Edinburgh, died a citizen of the U.S.A." The National Geographic Society, of which his son-in-law, Gilbert Grosvenor, is president, has dedicated its March 194? magazine to Bell's memory, with a beautifully illustrated article on Bell laboratory research.

The world honors Alexander Graham Bell for his imperishable gifts to humanity and contributions to the general welfare. Few men have lived such a fruitful and unselfish life. The indispensable telephone symbolizes his life and serves to perpetuate his illustrious memory.

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Patriotism in war is to give or to die so that the nation may live. Patriotism in peace is to give and live that the nation may fulfill its destiny.

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Pull your weight - don't throw it around!

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Trying to maintain his station in life has led many a man to miss the bus.

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Kicking never starts you off on the right foot!

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We regret to say that Miss Kate Harper, the Chairman of our Publicity Committee who has done such a fine job of editing the Newsletter, is on the sick list at the time of going to press. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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PIONEER LIBRARY GROWING

The memorial library sponsored by the Chapter is coming right along, and Christine Kelly Watson, company librarian, who has charge of the collection, says that a number of exceptionally interesting recent books have been added.

The Library Committee of the Chapter has conducted frequent meetings and has settled on a policy of having the Memorial Library established as a part of the company library at "140." Every library patron thus has access to the books purchased and inscribed as memorials to individual Pioneers. R. J. Allen is chairman of the Library Committee, and the members include Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Lois Knoles, Ferd Prince and R. C. Smith.

These are the titles in the Memorial Library: "Trail to California," by Potter; "Bonanza Railroads," by Kneiss; "Ships of the Redwood Coast," by McNairn and MacMullen; "Anybody's Gold," by Jackson-Suydam; "California Pagaent," by Cleland; "The Romance of the Highways of California," by Commander Scott; "The Old California Trail," by Altrocchi; "Golden Gate Country," by Atherton; "Paddle-Wheel Days in California," by McMullen, and "Via Western Express and Stagecoach," by Winther.

Pioneers are encouraged to contribute new books, or new editions of old books, to the Memorial Library, and have the Memorial Library bookplate inscribed with the name of the Pioneer being honored. Those interested should call or write to Mr. Allen, Room 412, 85 Second Street, San Francisco.

HENRY K. TAYLOR

Even the heart of a man of Henry K. Taylor's modesty must have quickened when he read the following official statement:

WHEREAS, H. K. Taylor, on December 1, 1946, retires as Secretary and Treasurer under the sixty-five year requirement of our company,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED that the following be spread upon the minutes:

Mr. Taylor entered the Bell System at Boston with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company on February 8, 1904, as Traffic Engineer, and rose by successive steps, joining The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1912, to the important positions of Secretary and Treasurer of this corporation on December 5, 1935. Mr. Taylor in his over forty-two years of service has filled every position he has held not only with efficiency and integrity, but also has won the respect and admiration of all who have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing and working with him. His devotion and loyalty over the years to our every interest bespeak his high character and the esteem in which we hold him. We shall miss his presence around this table, as will our organization who have been inspired by his honesty of purpose and the many contributions he has made to the business and to his coworkers. We express to him our deep appreciation for his many services to this Board and to our personnel and extend to him our best wishes for that health, peace and prosperity to which he is so justly entitled.

> Board of Directors The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company

The climax of Mr. Taylor's brilliant career came at a farewell reception given in his honor. Hundreds of co-workers, comprising a cross-section of Company personnel, attended and confirmed their high regard for this genial gentleman and his contributions to the telephone business.

This story would not be well balanced if more details of Hr. Taylor's life were not reviewed. He is the son of a jeweler and county recorder and was born in Machias, Maine. Young Taylor went direct to Boston after graduating from Machias high school and doing a bit of civil engineering in the home town vicinity. In Boston, he accepted a "temporary" job with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. But this so-called temporary employment, consisting of special engineering studies, including plant, traffic and commercial, lengthened out in the following order:

1904 - Special Traffic Call Circuit studies
1905 - Development and cable plans (engineering - plant)
1906 - Development studies
1907 to 1912 - Fundamental plans

In the latter capacity, he traveled extensively throughout the nation, sojourning in the San Francisco Bay area and the Pacific Northwest during 1906.

The Pacific Coast atmosphere induced Mr. Taylor to move to California in 1912. He went to work for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in San Francisco as Exchange Development Engineer; 1914 - Rate Engineer and clerk; 1918 - Division Commercial Engineer at Los Angeles; 1922 - Commercial Survey Engineer, San Francisco; 1926 - Acting General Commercial Engineer, San Francisco; 1926 - General Commercial Engineer, San Francisco; 1927 - Assistant General Commercial Manager, San Francisco; 1928 - General Directory Supervisor, San Francisco; 1929 - Directory Manager, San Francisco; 1935 - Ceneral Sales Manager, Northern California and Nevada Area; 1935 - Sales Manager for the Company, San Francisco. The latter part of 1935, he became Secretary-Treasurer of the Company.

Casually, the foregoing record of employment night read like a time-table unless one stops to consider that such a procession of important jobs requires unusual zeal and ability. Mr. Taylor's rise in the ranks should serve as a beacon to budding craftsmen.

Mr. Taylor's progressive telephone career could be taken as a criterion of Company policy with reference to promotions. Apparently, better and bigger jobs await those who have exercised the necessary diligence and ability in qualifying for advancement.

So much for Mr. Taylor in connection with the telephone business, but it is inevitable that a man of his type should have an ideal home setting, interesting hobby and worthy pursuits.

In 1910, Mr. Taylor married Marion Clyde Gile of a pioneer and prominent Haverhill, Massachusetts family and later established residence in Berkeley, California. The Taylors have two children, Doris and David.

Miss Taylor was graduated from the University of California in 1945. She is currently engaged in motion picture and public demonstration work in the Northern California and Nevada Area. David received his Master's degree from "Cal" in 1940 and is now Cost Accountant for a large East Bay concern. He married Jean Ardath Warner of Berkeley, likewise a "Cal" graduate. The couple are now the proud parents of a baby girl. The arrival of little Caroline Jean made Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor grandparents.

That recreation balances the burden of business activity and bolsters the "let-down" coincident with retirement has not been overlooked by Mr. Taylor. "H.K." has converted the basement of his beautiful home into a cozy "den." Fishing accessories and pictures abound. He is an ardent, able angler and for many years has excelled in the art of fly-tying.

Mr. Taylor has not limited himself to fly-casting and the likes. His interest is also cast with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, California State Chamber of Commerce, Transportation Club of San Francisco, San Francisco Sales Managers Club, Advanced Speakers Club of San Francisco, as well as various Berkeley clubs and the Masonic Fraternity.

Mr. Taylor has well exemplified the fact that a fruitful life bears an abundant harvest.

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If we all gave our best in good times there would be no bad times to demand it from us.

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Those on the lookout for trouble find it easily enough!

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With everybody doing as he pleases the result is anything but pleasing.

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You con't straighten out the other guy by hammering at him. That only flattens him out.

TEA IN HONOR OF MRS. LILLIAN OTTO UPON HER RETIREMENT

On Tuesday afternoon, March 4, 1947, a tes was given in the Montrose office dining room, between 3:00 and 5:00 p. m., honoring Mrs. Lillian Otto, night operator, who retired on February 26, 1947 after a little over thirty-four years of continuous service with the Company. Mrs. Otto has the unique distinction of being one of the very few employees of the Company who have spent their entire telephone career in one office. She came of a telephone "family," her father having been employed by the Company for many years.

It was on November 23, 1912 that Mrs. Otto began her employment in the Traffic Department of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in what was at that time the newest central office in the city, located at 1545 - 19th Avenue, San Francisco, and which was known as the Sunset office. She remained to see many changes take place, among which were a change in the name of the office from Sunset to Montrose, the addition of three other prefixes, Overland, Seabright and Lombard 6, and a great growth in the size of the personnel. Practically the only break in Mrs. Otto's long and continuous record of employment was her absence due to an illness resulting from an accident which occurred in her home last year.

The tea honoring Mrs. Otto was given by her co-workers and was sttended by the entire personnel of both the Montrose and Overland offices, as well as by many of her old friends who dropped in to add their best wishes for a happy future. Among these old friends were Mrs. Irene Stevens, Miss Edith Earle, Miss Lucy Fitzgerald, Mrs. M. C. Alfonso, Miss I. C. Tierney, Mr. M. J. Ahnstedt, Mr. L. F. Clark, Mr. H. T. Donohue and Mr. L. C. Cassasa.

Mrs. Otto will be greatly missed by her many friends in the Montrose building, for she has always been interested in all employee and office affairs and has been most cooperative and willing to give of her time to any undertaking that required a helping hand. She is a faithful member of the organization of Telephone Pioneers.

Mrs. Otto is the mother of two fine sons and we know that not a small portion of her leisure in the future will be spent in their company as well as with her delightful threeyear old granddaughter.

The occasion of Mrs. Otto's tea also served as an opportunity to welcome two new members into the George S. Ladd Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers: Mrs. Frances Sullivan, Overland office, and Mrs. Helen M. Postler, Montrose office.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

The Persian Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel was the scene of a very attractive luncheon given in honor of Mrs. Carol M. Sepanek and Mrs. Gertrude M. White on Thursday, March 6, 1947, at which time Mr. H. D. Ferkins, San Francisco Division Traffic P.E.X. Supervisor, presented each of these women with a service emblem to which had been added one additional star representing completion of another five years of service with the Company. Both Mrs. Sepanek and Mrs. White are instructors in the Traffic P.E.X. Department at 430 Bush Street, San Francisco.

Mrs. Helen Hanson and Miss Edna M. Stoddard of the same office headed up the committee in charge of the luncheon.

Twenty-seven guests, including the two honored guests, were in attendance. Among those present from outside the depertment were:

Mrs.	м.	C. Alfonso	Miss I. C. Tierney
Miss	R.	Schander	Mrs. K. Kenney
Mrs.	1.	Reznik	Mr. S. Kollar

Everyone was disappointed that Mr. George Chalfant, who had also been invited, was unable to be present.

Many of the women wore new spring millinery, the day fortunately being one of those rare March days which remind one that spring is just "around the corner." The lovely new millinery was rivaled only by the beautiful floral table decorations which consisted of a beautiful assortment of spring flowers.

Everyone - honored guests, invited guests, hostesses and committee members - enjoyed this very pleasant interlude which took place in the middle of an otherwise busy day and which gave them an opportunity to do honor to two highly thought of members of the Traffic P.B.X. Department who had reached another milestone in their telephone careers.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES BLOOD BANK

Up to March 13, 1947, seventy-four pints of blood have been furnished to employees or members of their immediate families. Employees from all departments received this benefit which includes 12 pints furnished to retired employees. Employees of the Plant Department received the largest number of transfusions and likewise made the largest number of donations.

Translated into money, this activity effected a direct saving of \$1,850 to our various co-workers. This activity under the capable leadership of Jessie Faustine has proven its worth time and time again. An ample reserve deposit of blood is available to any or all of our employees or members of their immediate family.

Following are additional names to be added to the Honor Roll of donors:

	Alfs, Walter		Huddart, Donald B.
	Anthony, Donald		Hussacks, Edith
	Clark, Lewis F.		Kalteren, Henry
	Davis, Mabel G.		Lawler, Frank
**	Dole, Alfred		Louder, Shirley
	Ellison, Mary		O'Connel, Jack
**	Forment, Rosa	*	Russell, Charles
	Hammerel, Verna		Triener, Hugh
	Hearst, Donald		Turman, Jack H.
	Hellender, Arthur		Uniacke, Kathleen
-	Hicks, Edward		Williams, Charles W.
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CHANGE OF FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Pioneer Association which has been from January 1st to December 31st has now been changed to July 1st to June 30th. In order, therefore, to take care of this change-over, it will be necessary to prepare the 1948 bills for membership dues on the basis of an 18-month period, details of which are as follows:

Adjustment Period January 1, 1948, to June 30, 1948. \$1.00 <u>New Fiscal Year</u> July 1, 1948, to June 30, 1949. . . . <u>2.00</u> \$3.00 There is no change in membership dues, which still remain at \$2.00

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per year.

ELIZABETH H. GRIFFIN

On January 7, 1947, Miss Elizabeth H. Griffin, Employee Adviser, Traffic Department, 333 Grant Arenue Building, returned to her home after the day's work, apparently in good health, and quietly passed away. It had been a day marked by the pleasant interruptions of friends offering to her their congratulations, for January 7, 1947 was the thirty-fourth anniversary of her service with The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. An abrupt ending had come to a long and successful telephone career and to s happy and full life.

Miss Griffin's career in the telephone industry began in San Francisco back on January 7, 1913 when she was engaged for telephone operating work. Upon completion of her training, she was assigned to West Office but was later transferred to Information Office at 333 Grant Avenue.

She was at all times active in all matters that affected her fellow employees. She participated actively in the Employees' Plan of Representation from its beginning and served on the original employees' committee representing the San Francisco District. Miss Griffin took a lively interest in a group of light operas and variety shows which were put on in the early 1920's by the members of the Employees' Plan of Representation.

In 1924, she was transferred to the office of the Division Welfare Supervisor where she was assigned duties in connection with sports and recreational activities among traffic women employees. She continued in this work until the time of her death, in addition to her regular advisory work.

Miss Griffin was a faithful Pioneer and served on many Pioneer committees. She was always willing to lend her enthusiasm and support to any interest affecting the welfare of her co-workers. She also served on the Supervisory Committee of the San Francisco Patelco Credit Union.

Her life ended as we know she would have wished it at the end of an interesting day's work. It will be long, however, before her memory will be erased from the minds and hearts of her fellow workers.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Ida C. Tierney, Honorary Chairman Ethel M. Jones, Chairman Luciel Kragen, Co-chairman

The Women's Activities Committee was accorded the privilege of securing a chapter banner and we are happy to announce that the George S. Ladd Chapter No. 27 banner is now a reality. Some of the ground work for securing a chapter banner was laid during the last chapter year. Our committee most graciously accepted the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee for the procurement of our banner.

Our committee members continue to cooperate with other committees' planned activities and our "Spirit of Service" is displayed at each given opportunity.

The activities being carried on by the various council committees are outlined in the individual council news items. Each scheduled program we feel is doing its part in promoting a sincere unity and friendliness among our women.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Ruth E. Leese, Chairman

Pauline Madera, Co-chairman

The Pathway of the living should be our everpresent care, We should try to keep it smooth and make it bright and fair, We should travel it with kindness and be careful as we tread, And give unto our living what we cannot give our dead.

All council committees are cooperating and doing excellent work, such as making friendly visits, either by telephone or in person to those who are ill as well as to our retired members. A total of 342 cards of cheer were sent from July 1946 to January 31, 1947. Fersonal gifts, such as books, fruit and potted plants have been given in some cases. Our services have been offered at time of death; we have attended funerals, and sent both flowers and letters of condolence. Ten honorary pallbearers were furnished upon family request for one of our member's funeral. Twe ty-five deaths have been reported as of January 31, 1947.

Our slogan for 1947 is "Spreading Sunshine." Let's do it every day - that's the Pioneer Way.

HOBBY COMMITTEE

C. I. (Doc) Foster, Chairman Paul T. Mackie, Co-chairman

The Hobby Committee is extremely pleased to announce a program of craft education for all employees of the telephone company. This program of education will contribute to an excellent employee relationship and will afford an opportunity to those interested in acquiring a knowledge in the field of arts and crafts, thereby enhancing the joy of living.

The program offers instruction on the following arts: Leather tooling, wood carving, free hand drawing, fly tying, and dressmaking.

San Francisco

Leather Tooling	- Tuesday	7	to 9	p.m.	-	Auditorium, 140 New Montgomery Street
Wood Carving	- Wednesday,	6	to 9	p.m.	-	Auditorium, 140 New
Free Hand Drawing	- Wednesday,	7 1	to 9	p.m.	-	Montgomery Street Auditorium, 140 New
Dressmaking	- Tuesday,	7 1	to 9	p.m.	-	Montgomery Street Marina Jr. High
Fly Tying	- Tuesday,	8 1	to 1	0 pm.	-	School, Room 114 74 Otis Street, Basement

Oakland

Leather Tooling - Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - 337-13th Street, Second Floor

It is planned to supplement the existing curriculum with classes in photography and upholstering. To defray the cost of providing required equipment to conduct these classes, the Hobby Committee will sponsor a mammoth Whist Party to be held in the Auditorium, 140 New Montgomery Street building, Thursday evening, May 22, 1947, commencing 8 p.m. Valuable prizes will be offered and refreshments will be served. The committee has in mind some novel ideas which will add to the evening in the way of delightful entertainment.

Space to conduct these classes has been given careful consideration with regard to offering proper classroom atmosphere. The selection of the teacher personnel has been made along the lines of experience and ability to direct the classes and to apply the proper teaching methods.

The Hobby Committee has every reason to believe that this educational program is a worthwhile project and has a definite place in Pioneer policy and activities and will merit the appreciation of telephone employees.

Another major event in hobby activity is an allemployee flower show to be held outdoors in the parking area adjacent to the lh0 New Montgomery Street building. Artisans are busily engaged in preparing the plans for this exhibition, and from what has been offered in the way of illustration and descriptive materials, a big surprise is in store for all. The dates of the exhibition have not been definitely set. However, it is planned to hold the event in the early part of May of this year.

All telephone employees who have gardens, including those who live in apartments and find pleasure in having a window box garden, are asked to get their preliminary garden work done early so as to make this show a spectacle of colorful beauty.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Robert Austin, Chairman

Mrs. Jessie Faustine, Co-chairman

Considerable thought was given to the desirability of discontinuing the White Elephant Exchange. The good old "grapevine" got wind of the matter and protests came pouring in. You will, therefore, find the latest list at the end of this Newsletter.

Much benefit has accrued through the use of this service. No doubt you have many useful articles cluttering up the basement or attic. Why not dig 'em up and send in a list. You'll be surprised how quickly some one will call you. Maybe you have wanted something which is hard to find. Drop a line to "White Elephant Exchange - Room 416 at "140."

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Walter Blackford, Sr., General Chairman

The Historical Committee, through its General Chairman, has made progress in stimulating historical activity throughout the chapter area and will continue to do everything possible in bringing about maximum results. In this we are somewhat handicapped by the unprecedented pressure of work in all departments.

Regardless of title, every one who has worked for the Company has contributed to its development. Today's events become history tomorrow. Coincidentally, a Life Member career story has just arrived. After relating her experiences, she says, "I am happy that I belong to the Telephone Family." That statement implies satisfaction in having had a part in such a great enterprise and for the opportunity to put it on record.

Won't you too help us record the history of our Company and the community in which you were employed? Seemingly unimportant details may provide the connecting links in the continuity of events. Just jot down your telephone career in your own particular way and mail to W. R. Blackford, Room 119, 140 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 5, California.



Samuel P. Hubbard (right), the great-great nephew of Gardiner Green Hubbard, is showing Walter Blackford, Sr., historian for Ladd Chapter, a collection of documents pertaining to the early days of Bell Telephone development. The letters were written in long hand by Gardiner, Eustic and Samuel Hubbard, Thomas A. Watson, Theodore N. Vail, George S. Ladd and others who pioneered the telephone industry. These letters and documents were given to the Company by young Hubbard and are being written into the evolution of telephony. Gardiner G. Hubbard was one of the first persons to invest in the telephone business. Bell married Gardiner's daughter, Mabel, in 1877 after the telephone was offered to the public.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rolland H. Bennett, Chairman

Albert D. Fragley, Co-chairman

Changing horses in mid-stream is at times disastrous, however, due to the esprit de corps of the council chairmen and their splendid cooperation, membership activities have been moving forward without a serious hitch.

There is no change in our objective, 600 new members by June 30, 1947. We have the eligibles and a full complement of personnel and equipment to realize this goal. If we anticipate this date and get in both new members and reinstatements at once, the tough job will be behind us.

To the membership at large, don't forget that while membership chairmen and committees are the official representatives, every Pioneer is acting ex officio on the membership committees. We need and earnestly solicit your assistance. May we have it?

For your convenience, the council Membership Chairmen are:

Council	Chairman	Address	Tel.No.
San Francisco	R. A. Hudson	140 New Montgomery St., Room 1226	GA 9000 Loc.3052
East Bay	Jack Eines	2116 Bancroft Way, Berkeley	TH 9000 Loc.88
Sam Champion	Frances M. Reed	865 Marsh St., San Luis Chispo	501
Peninsula	0. D. McElroy	80 S. Market St., San Jose	Bal.9000
Redwood	Harry H. Schaublin	500 2nd. St., Santa Rosa	2821

The following new members have been added since the last Newsletter:

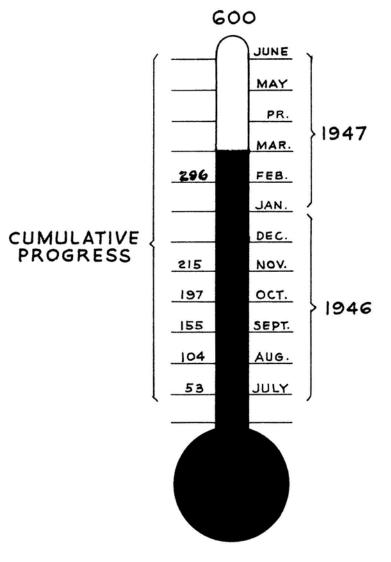
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Anderson, Rose A.	Gen. Trf.	Brown, Irene D.	E.B. Trf.
Anderson, Roy C.	S.F. Eng.	Brown, Juanita M.	S.F. Trf.
Baldwin, Karl B.	Gen. Con'l.	Burke, Alice	S.F. Trf.
Ballard, Margaret K.	S.F. Trf.	Burmann, Florence A.	E.B. Plt.
Bellmer, Henry F.	E.E. Plt.	Calocca, Elery B.	Coast Trf.
Bender, Ralph W. Jr.	S.F. Com'l.	Callaghan, Theodore F.	S.F. Acctg.
Boradori, Fred F.	S.F. Plt.	Cantwell, Anna G.	E.E. Trf.
Brennan, Frances J.	Coast Trf.	Carlson, Elmer E.	Coast Plt.

Carroll, Ruby M.	Coast Trf.	Meagor, Josephine H.	Coast Com'l.
Chapman, Elsie P.	S.F. Trf.	Mon, Mary L.	S.F. Acctg.
Chodrick, Edna A.	S.F. Trf.	Morse, Esther F.	E.B. Trf.
Coakley, Clyde E.	S.F. Adm.	Mouser, Muriel A.	E.B. Trf.
Collins, Claire M.	S.F. Trf.	Navone, Edith	S.F. Trf.
Cox, John H.	E.B. Plt.	Neff, Edgar H.	Directory
Crocker, Bernard R.	S.F. Com'l.	Nichols, George S.	S.F. Plt.
Datson, Frederick	Gen. Plt.	Niemeier, Elmer C.	Coast Plt.
Dausse, Claude A.	Coast Com'1.	Olcott, Kenneth M.	E.F. Plt.
Disney, Eva A.	E.B. Trf.	Olsen, Charlotte M.	S.F. Trf.
Duffey, Lucetta B.	Coast Trf.	Olsen, Jack	S.F. Plt.
Dunn, Anna V.	Directory	Osborn, Claude	Coast Plt.
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Ellison, Albert E.	Gen. Plt.	Ployhar, Effie I.	Sec. Treas.
Evans, William B.	S.F. Plt.	Postler, Helen M.	S.F. Trf.
Fink, Charles P.	E.B. Plt.	Raines, Sadie	S.F. Trf.
Fitzsimmons, John J.	E.B. Plt.	Reed, George H.	Coast Plt.
Fottrall, Brian H.	Coast Com'l.	Reiner, Edith E.	S.F. Acctg.
	S.F. Plt.	Reiner, Lawrence J.	
Francesconi, Ippolito Freson, Amelia E.	S.F. Trf.		Gen. Plt. S.F. Trf.
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Fuller, Dorothea	Gen. Acctg.	Rogers, Alma M.	Coast Trf.
Giovannoni, Edmond A.	S.F. Com'l.	Ruellan, Rhoda C.	S.F. Trf.
Given, Horace R.	S.F. Com'l.	Savage, Henry S.	E.F. Com'l.
Green, Robert L.	S.F. Com'l.	Shaw, Ina A.	Coast Trf.
Hall, Arlone L.	E.B. Plt.	Shelman, Ralph C.	S.F. Plt.
Herring, Ina M.	Coast Trf.	Silveira, Palmyra A.	E.B. Plt.
Hicks, Cassius V.	B.S.&M.V.	Smith, Bert B.	Coast Plt.
Hildebrand, Edwin H.	Gen. Plt.	Smith, Curtis A.	Acctg.Disbr.
Hill, Ernest R.	Coast Plt.	Solberg, Henry A.	S.F. Plt.
Hinz, Carolyn	Coast Trf.	Spratler, Emma H.	Cosst Plt.
Hood, Mary	Gen. Trf.	Squires, Ivy I.	Gen.Com'l.
Hubert, Charles J.	E.B. Plt.	Stallman, Carlton 0.	Cosst Trf.
Irwin, Paul M.	Coast Plt.	Stronge, Dollie C.	E.B. Plt.
Jackson, Mercy	S.F. Trf.	Stump, Jessie M.	E.B. Trf.
Kingsman, Arthur L.	S.F. Plt.	Sullivan, Frances	S.F. Trf.
Lattin, Clifton W.	S.F. Com'l.	Sullivan, Louise	S.F. Trf.
Lay, Arthur	Coast Plt.	Sutherland, William B.	Coast Com!1.
Licari, Helen C.	Coast Trf.	Therres, Margaret B.	S.F. Trf.
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Lindley, Vie J.	Coast Com'1.	Tierney, Eleanor M.	S.F. Trf.
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Lykins, Marjorie	Coast Com'l.	Tracy, Mary M.	S.F. Trf.
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Malloch, Katherine S.	E.B. Trf.	Wahl, George	Directory
Maloney, Emil D.	Area.Adm.	Walsh, Ellen A.	S.F. Trf.
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Martin, Alice R.	B.S.&M.V.	Wicklund, Verner J.	Coast Plt.
McCullough, Lloyd T.	E.B. Plt.	Wilcoxson, Barbra T.	S.F. Plt.
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McDevitt, Frieda H.	Adm.	Wilson, Frederick D. J	
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The following concludes the life story of:

JOHN HENRY CORCORAN

By the time 1897 rolled around, Mr. Corcoran was sent to Santa Barbara as Manager. His duties in this 350-subscriber exchange embraced clerical and diplomatic work, stringing wire for new exchange lines, clearing local line trouble, connecting and disconnecting telephones, shooting switchboard trouble, repairing switchboard cords, collecting bills, employing operators, clearing toll line trouble and setting poles. Occasionally, it was necessary to hire a man to assist in the pole setting. Notwithstanding the pressure of business, Mr. Corcoran found time to go a-courting.

"The only exciting duty I can recall in connection with the Santa Barbara job," said Mr. Corcoran, "was the day I set out to locate a break in our toll line to San Francisco. The extremely hot weather slowed me down so that when I reached the mountain trail some 25 miles out of Santa Barbara darkness was fast approaching. On the mountain canyon, my steed slipped and I barely escaped injury. The clatter of material which was fastened to the saddle frightened the horse and he ran away before I could recover my feet. Away he went along the mountain side with the saddle under his belly rather than on his back and my repair equipment dangling and dropping. I recovered most of the equipment as I pursued the animal. When I finally caught up with the horse, he seemed willing to get on with the job. I was wringing wet with sweat and the horse lathery with foam. I led the horse to the he sweat and the horse lathery with foam. I led the horse to the top of the mountain and was fortunate in spotting the lead in pitch darkness. I decided to wait there until the moon came up. After tying the horse to a tree, I parked myself in another whose branches seemed fashioned for my convenience. This maneuver was not altogether for rest - it was to keep out of the way of mountain lions. Several had been encountered and shot by people who had gone this way before. My feeling of security and comfort was doomed. First, the ants took possession of me and in the midst of that, a sound came to me which I was sure was made by an approaching lion! In desperation I came to earth, put on my climbers hurriedly, and with my test set and a piece of wire, I scampered up the nearest telephone pole. Having securely tied myself to the cross-arm, I contacted the night operator in Santa Barbara. Coincidentally, while I was telling him of my predicament, a newspaper man happened into the Santa Barbara operating room. Sensing a thriller, he was all ears. By the time the moon came up, I was able to tell the operator that the cause of the alarm was a cow. She had intensified my fears by rubbing against the pole. When I reached Santa Barbara the following afternoon, I found my reporter friend had written the incident up with many embellishments - in O'Henry style - with the anticlimax

story of the cow. I had many laughs at my expense during the next few days."

In following the triumphant career of noteworthy men, writers and speakers too often omit reference to the particular woman who modestly and faithfully contributed so much to the success and well-being of this or that man. While in Santa Barbara, Mr. Corcoran and delightful Dorothy Smith were married. Their mutual and enduring devotion has been inspiring.

Having served the company in Santa Barbara for 16 months, Manager Corcoran was transferred to South Office at 464 Jessie Street, San Francisco, in a like capacity. This was the office which had replaced No. 3 office. Thus, Mr. Corcoran was back where he started from just eleven years later, but he was now Manager instead of messenger boy.

San Francisco was now all express system with approximately 12,000 subscribers. The No. 3 or South Office district had now more than doubled its subscribers. Toll lines radiated within a range of several hundred miles in Northern California. Ten-party lines were numerous in San Francisco and all telephone numbers had prefixes, such as Red, Black, Green and Brown. The ten-party line when filled had five stations on each side of the line. The operator had an indicator before each switchboard cord pair which she shifted to show the precise number of bells to ring. The code bells were 1 to 5 so that it was some task to call a five-bell station.

About 1900, Chief Engineer Alston invented an ingenious ringing key known as the No. 268 or Alston key. This automatic key had an indicator attachment. The indicator was moved to the number of bells to be rung, then the key was depressed, and through spring action and governor control it would restore itself and while doing so, ring the desired number of bells.

Naturally, there was plenty of interference between subscribers on the same party line but the rental was low, and with all of its faults it resulted in introducing the telephone to the San Francisco public. It also created the telephone habit at an early date and tended to make San Francisco one of the best users of the telephone. When the ten-party line subscriber wanted better service, he could always get one, two or four-party service at, of course, a somewhat higher rate of rental.

Here are Mr. Corcoran's reflections on the South Office job: "The Manager of each San Francisco office had charge of the operators through a chief operator. He visited subscribers who had complained, kept the time book for the office force and solicited new business."

In 1899, Mr. Corcoran was transferred to San Jose, a

1500-subscriber exchange. This marked the beginning of broader activity, and in keeping with his experience and executive ability. He now had a separate office, a stenographer, and was in full charge of Plant, Traffic and Commercial operations.

Mr. Corcoran explained his next move, "We had sold an express switchboard to the Mutual Telephone Company of Honolulu and they had decided to install it themselves. They got along very well until the cutover from Laws system to Express system. Permanent signals not only halted the cutover but mystified the Mutual Company's master minds. It was early 1900 when Mr. Sabin sent me over to assist them. Fortunately, I was also familiar with the Laws system and in due time the cutover was completed satisfactorily."

Here are a few details about the Honolulu incident. The Mutual Company superintendent evidently had not known that his Board of Directors had sent to the States for assistance because he appeared surprised when Mr. Corcoran arrived and immediately quit in a huff. The Board of Directors forthwith drafted Mr. Corcoran as his successor. Aside from the apparent handicaps, Mr. Corcoran had to contend with employee prejudice stirred up by his predecessor. Thus, Mr. Corcoran was detained in Honolulu much longer than either he or Mr. Sabin had anticipated.

Instead of returning to his beloved California, Mr. Corcoran acquiesced to Mr. Sabin's request that he go East. The year 1902 found Mr. Corcoran State Superintendent of Indiana for the Central Union Telephone Company. He remained there until Mr. Sabin resigned from the Presidencies of the Chicago and Central Union Telephone Companies. Both returned to San Francisco in 1903 when Mr. Corcoran was sent to Seattle as Division Manager in charge of the Puget Sound Division. Seattle alone had 10,134 subscribers then, and 19,320 in 1907. His title was changed to Division Superintendent in 1907 but his territory still embraced western Washington from the Columbia River to the Canadian line and east as far as Yakima. During his regime, Seattle was cut over to common battery multiple. The city was growing rapidly and the pressure was acute due to overloaded switchboards. This, together with competition in Seattle and Tacoma, made Mr. Corcoran's job more strenuous.

In 1908, the company organization was changed so that there was a General Superintendent for each of the three departments; namely, Plant, Traffic and Commercial. These three General Superintendents were located in San Francisco. Division Superintendents were located in the various areas, each being responsible to his respective General Superintendent.

This new set-up resulted in Mr. Corcoran's transfer to San Francisco as Division Superintendent of Traffic. The city then had 36,000 subscribers. Up to this time, the Traffic

Department was somewhat sketchy as there was no real traffic routine in effect. Within his central division sphere, he had charge of all exchange and toll telephone service and commercial telegraph service, the arrangement of all toll circuits, and the arrangement and supervision of all leased telegraph circuits.

In 1914, Mr. Corcoran became Division Superintendent of Traffic for the states of Washington and Oregon with headquarters at Portland. That city had 41,211 subscribers at that time.

The year 1918 was waning when Mr. Corcoran was called back to San Francisco in the capacity of General Superintendent of Traffic. The number of subscribers had now passed the 130,000 mark.

In the fall of 1919, the Plan of Employee Representation was introduced. This organization flourished because it functioned on the basis of what is good for employees is good for the industry and vice versa. This reciprocal arrangement not only appealed to Mr. Corcoran officially but it provided him a medium through which he could more freely exercise his personal interest in employee welfare. He took an active part in operas and variety shows staged by talented employees, also various other diversions sponsored by the Association.

Mr. Corcoran's first consideration was the wellbeing of employees. His record as a humanitarian is too lengthy and diversified to detail. The following incident however, will serve as an example. A violent storm had demolished many miles of a major toll lead. True to tradition, necessary men and materials were assembled before the fury of the storm had ceased. The restoration crews impatiently awaited the word "go" from Mr. Corcoran but he withheld the order until he had personally assured himself that these men were properly prepared and safeguarded.

Mr. Corcoran's telephone company activity came to a close while he was serving as Vice President and General Manager for the Northern California and Nevada Area. He had held this position since October 1928 with headquarters at San Francisco. The city's subscribers had increased from 239,000 in 1928 to 242,000 in 1934 when he retired. The number of employees in San Francisco as at 1934 was 4,600.

Mr. Corcoran's hobby was his home life. He also enjoyed sports, particularly golfing and fishing.

Thirteen hundred persons representing a cross-section of Company personnel and acquaintenances gathered to honor Mr. Corcoran upon his retirement. Many friends and associates wired warm personal greetings. In acknowledging this demonstration of

devotion and good will, Mr. Corcoran said: "I know of nothing that can please a man more than the affection of others." In a brief review of his past, Mr. Corcoran continued: "I have considered myself fortunate in having moved from one part of this country of ours to other parts while pioneering in the telephone industry. This has given me a background I otherwise would not have had. I am glad to say that during all these years I have sensed a deep loyalty on the part of the telephone workers to the business itself and I am proud to have been one of those pioneers."

Newspapermen in attandance commented:

- "A man who in this rushed age can earn such tribute must have expressed in his work such a definiteness and warmth of personality as to irradiate the cross-section of many lives."
- "It is a rare privilege to have known Mr. Corcoran."

It would be impossible to tell the full story of the inspiring personality of Mr. Corcoran, to quote all the commendable things that have been said and written concerning him, or to record all the details associated with his experiences. The primary purpose of this effort was to summarize, in sequence, his creditable career of more than 47 years in the telephone business. His many friends, associates and the press were ever ready with their praise and did not wait until he was insensible to their words.

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We would not have to deal with the effects of trouble if we dealt with the defects that cause it.

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It's the choice of a new world on one hand, or all we can get with both hands.

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The man who values everything by dollars needs plenty of change.

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Council News



PENINSULA COUNCIL

The Peninsula Council held a joint Palo Alto-Burlingame Regional Area party on February 22nd in the Masonic Hall in Burlingame. The fine stage show presented by the Coralene Duane Follies Review, which lasted about an hour and fifteen minutes, entertained an audience comprised of 50 Pioneers, 119 guests, and five retired members. The smooth music of Anderson's Orchestra, together with a tasty buffet supper, made the evening complete. The Pioneers and employees who did not attend have been frequently reminded by their coworkers of the good time they missed.

The untiring efforts of an enthusiastic committee composed of Pioneers and their wives is responsible for so successful a party. It was through the diligent planning of the committees that this fine program was made possible at so reasonable a cost to the members. To Mr. Ray Kelly and Mr. Bill Manning, who are the Regional Vice Presidents, may we congratulate you on the splendid cooperation you received from your committees. It surely indicates good leadership.

Immediately following the stage show, our President, Mr. Norman English, presented pins to our new members, Mrs. Emma Sprattler, Mrs. Carolyn Hinz and Miss Elery Caiocca. The George S. Ladd Chapter officers paid us the distinguished honor of being the first council to have every officer of the chapter present. We want you to know we appreciate this honor.

We also had the honor of having the President of the Sam Champion Council, Mr. Ed Kaiser, and the President of Redwood Council, Mr. Ike Tolley, and Mr. H. T. Donchue, Vice President of San Francisco Council. These people came a long way to attend our party. The interest shown by them was inspiring to the committees who worked so hard.

Our management was represented by Mr. F. A. Dresslar, Vice President and General Manager, and Mr. W. H. Nunn, General Traffic Manager. We were happy to have you with us and hope your evening was an enjoyable one.

To those members who did not attend, may we remind you that you missed a real good time but hope it will be possible for you to attend next time. To those who came, please come again.

To the committees, now that the party is over and you have had an opportunity to hear many of the complimentary remarks made by our guests, we are sure you feel that your efforts were

appreciated. It is only through such coordinated effort that a party of this kind can be a success. You will never know how much your help was appreciated until you become chairman of the committee.

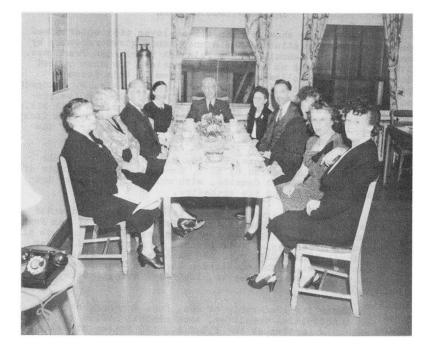
SAN FRANCISCO COUNCIL

A variety show with an all-employee cast entertained the 475 guests who attended the dinner dance given recently by the San Francisco Council at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. With Percy Hutchings as master of ceremonies, the show opened with songs by the following plant men from 74 Otis Street: Ted Dunbar, B. Fenton, Leon McClellan, James McNair, W. Sturgeon, A. T. Thompson, Ed Wampole, W. Winterbottom. Also on the program were a skit by Charles Nally, Ralph Walthers and Bill Miller of the chief special agent's office and a magic act by Tom Canty, plant department sang several vocal selections.

Following the show, President M. R. Sullivan spoke briefly. He was introduced by H. T. Donohue. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, with music furnished by Art Wood, general plant, and his orchestra.

A bowling league for women is being organized under the sponsorship of the Women's Activities Committee of San Francisco Council. It is intended that this league will include all departments and offices. It is planned to get started Friday evening, April 18, at 8:30 p.m. and each week thereafter at the Sports Center Bowl, 29th and Mission Streets. For further particulars, call Mrs. A. MacKeever, 1045 Capp Street; telephone MIssion 0045.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Nora Monahan, chairman of the Women's Activities Committee, each central office is holding weekly swimming parties at the Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter Street. It is planned to extend these parties to include all departments. Those interested in swimming should contact either Mrs. Monahan or your Pioneer Women's Activities Committee member. They will be glad to either form a class or include you in one of the present classes.



Afternoon Tea held at 1145 Larkin Street, San Francisco, honoring the induction of two new Pioneers, Mrs. Irva Burroughs and Miss Frances Dykes. Mr. L. C. Cassasa, President of Ladd Chapter, is at the end of the table, with Miss Dykes on his right and Mrs. Burroughs on his left.

SAM CHAMPION COUNCIL

On the evening of February 21st, nearly two hundred attended a banquet at Walkers Barbeque in Salinas, honoring Maurice F. Dyer, district equipment superintendent of Salinas District, who recently retired after 30 years of service with the Company.

Friends and fellow workers were present from Grass Valley and Napa to San Luis Obispo. Some attending were:

> Spencer Hall, division plant manager A. J. Roy, division plant supervisor C. S. Smith, division plant employment supervisor E. J. Stirnaman, division toll superintendent Louis C. Cassasa, President, George S. Ladd Chapter R. H. Bennett, member Telephone Pioneers Frank Diemel, """" R. F. Hansen, """" S. N. McLaughlin,""" Emory Gates, district equipment supt., Richmond Dist.

Mr. Lawrence H. Yount, Toastmaster, introduced Spencer Hall, who after thanking Mr. Dyer for a job well done, presented the retirement certificate from the Telephone Company.

Charley Smith of the Personnel Department gave a brief resume from Mr. Dyer's service record, starting in 1903, and naming several positions of responsibility and trust which he held up to 1927 at which time the Salinas District was established. Mr. Dyer was appointed district equipment superintendent at that time, remaining in this position to the time of retirement.

A membership in the "Book of the Month Club" was presented as a gift from the Coast Division staff, with a message of good cheer and the hope he will now have time to do some heavy reading. Mr. Clifford McCormick, district equipment superintendent of Salinas District, delivered a message to Mr. Dyer from the San Francisco group of Division Office women, after which he presented a Memory Book bound in red leather with the title "My Gang" on the cover in gold letters, with Mr. Dyer's name. On the pages were mounted group pictures of central office, installation, repair groups, etc., together with the personal signature of each employee. Mr. McCormick read the following message which was inscribed on the fly-leaf of the book:

> "To Maurice F. Dyer, whose leadership, cooperation and friendship, over 38 years of service, have won our respect and affection, and who carries with him our best wishes for the future. Presented by his associates in the Salinas District."

E. C. Kaiser, President of the Sam Champion Council, made the presentation to Mr. Dyer of a Life Membership Certificate and card in the Telephone Pioneers of America. He also presented three membership certificates to the following new Pioneers: Mr. Ernie Hill, Mrs. Alma Rogers, Mr. Paul Irwin.

Mr. Dyer said he had attended many retirement dinners and parties but this was the best of all. He asked each department head present to convey his message of gratitude and appreciation to all the employees in their departments for their cheerful cooperation during the many years past. Many active and retired employees were called upon and responded with good wishes to Mr. Dyer and family for many long years to come.

Mr. Dyer, it goes without saying, will be missed from the job, but we are looking forward to seeing him at every opportunity in the future. May we suggest that Mr. Dyer contact John P. Strohbeen who recently returned from Mexico. John has spent so much time in Mexico fishing since he retired that now when he crosses the border all the Mexicans throw their hats into the air and yell, "Ha Jon-ny come back!" He can catch more fish than a Jap.

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On Tuesday, February 11th, Cal's Club at Watsonville was the scene of a delightful Valentine dinner in honor of Mrs. Bessie Stucci who received a thirty-five year service pin. The presentation was made by Mrs. Velma Hambley, acting Chief Operator of Watsonville.

Twenty-one Telephone Pioneers and co-workers were present to wish Mrs. Stucci continued good luck and to present an orchid corsage. A message of congratulation was read by Ina V. Donahue, Vice President, from E. C. Kaiser, President of the Sam Champion Council.

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EAST BAY COUNCIL

December 13, 1946, brought forth Pioneers and friends to a gala perty - Christmas blend. A generous serving of turkey, followed by an elaborate floor show, good music and dancing rounded out the evening's entertainment.

The Women's Activities Committee has been very active. If you had dropped into any East Bay Traffic office during the week before Christmas the first thing to have met your eyes would have been the gay and festive display of 2100 Christmas cards which were donated by all employees for distribution to the Oakland Area Military Hospital and the Del Valle Arryo Sanitarium for mailing. The Christmas Spirit was also expressed for those less fortunate by the collection of clothing, food and toys for 12 needy families. Also, over 1,000 toys were given to the Handicapped and Crippled Children's Guild to be distributed not only on Christmas but throughout the year. Old cards are now being collected and will be sent to the Children's Hospital for use in scrap books.

On January 10, 1947, a retirement dinner was given to Al Kahnberg at Angelo's. Many friends and co-workers were present. Tom Roberts presented the Company wallet, and the Life Membership Certificate and a gift from all was presented by Harry Williams.

A retirement dinner at El Curtolo's on February 15 surprised Victor Sparkman and Dennis Kearney. Fred Hurt was master of ceremonies and Guy Harris, Vice President, East Bay Council, presented the Life Membership Certificate. Gift orders were given to each.

Your Fellowship Committee is doing an outstanding jobmailing cards and visiting the sick. You are the silent members -Let us know when help is needed.

Flash: East Bay Council is happy to announce the opening of a leather tooling class in Oakland on March 11, under the capable supervision of your Hobby Committee; Chairman, Lowell Bain. More on this later.

Ada McDaniels, Service Committee Chairman, and her able committee, continues mailing cards and supervising luncheons for new members.

Park Boulevard Club House was the scene of another successful Life Member Club luncheon on February 25. Over 50 gathered to partake of baked ham and all the trimmings prepared by President Ray Elliot and Mrs. Osay Mackie and the very active committee of Life Members. A regular meeting was opened by President Ray Elliot, and from all indications, East Bay's Life Member Club has a full calendar of social affairs planned for the future. It looks like a good year for Life Members. Motion pictures taken by Ray Elliot, Chet Kelly and Agnes Duffy on recent vacation trips rounded out the day's program.

Something new and different in the way of inductions took place Thursday, February 27, at John's Ron-de-Voo in Richmond when friends and co-workers of the Commercial Department gathered to assist in induction ceremonies for Marge Lykins and Adeline Manning (now of Mill Valley, recently of Richmond). Bob Austin was master of ceremonies. Ann Fouts, President, East Bay Council, spoke on "What the Pioneers as an organization have done and what they are doing". Mina Walker, Chairman of the evening, presented the certificates and Lloyd Marshall extended greetings.



RETIREMENT DINNER FOR DENNIS KEARNEY AND V. C. SPARKMAN

Saturday evening, February 15, 1947 more than 80 co-workers, past and present, of Victor C. Sparkman and Pennis J. Kearney staged a celebration dinner in Oakland to honor these two members of the transportation force on their retirement after over 26 years and 23 years of service respectively. Guy Harris presented them with Pioneer life certificates. At the speakers' table are pictured, from left to right, F. Hodgkins, C. T. Abbott, P. J. Kearney, F. E. Hurt, V. C. Sparkman, E. J. Knight and G. M. Herris.

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