



We've turned the corner

The peak of the Bell System's telephone shortage was in August. Then we had about 2,100,000 unfilled orders for service.

More orders are received every day, but now we are installing telephones faster than the new orders come in. We will get 700,000 telephones from July to December 31 this year, and 700,000 more in the first three months of 1946.

Western Electric, our manufacturing company, is setting up every machine it has that will make telephone equipment.

In the next 12 months we expect to install more telephones than there were in all of France and Belgium before the war.

Even that will not give service to every one who wants it in that time. There are places where we have com-

plicated switchboards to install—even places where we must build new buildings for the new switchboards.

But we are on our way to give service to all who want it—on our way to restore Bell System standards of service and raise them even higher. We are turning our facilities back to civilian service just as fast as we turned them to the instant needs of war.

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