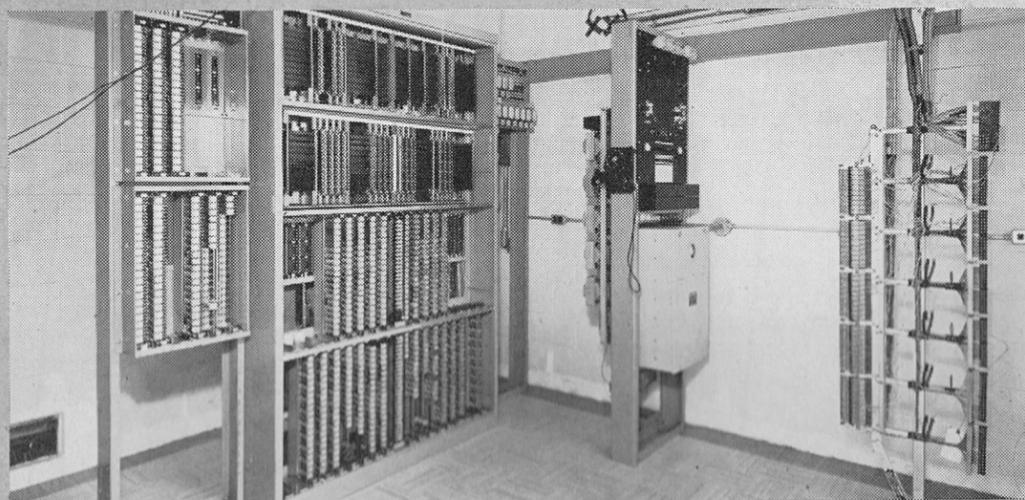


CONVERSION TO DIAL PLAYS SECOND FIDDLE TO 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATOR

OTWELL, INDIANA BECOMES MIDWEST TELEPHONE CO.'S 11TH LEICH DIAL SYSTEM INSTALLATION



(Above) This Leich Dial System gives approximately 200 subscribers in the Otwell, Ind., area modern, dependable dial switching.

(Below) This new exchange building houses the Leich dial installation in Otwell. The community's old magneto switchboard was located in the house on the left.



With the conversion of Otwell, 11 of the Midwest Telephone Company's 12 Indiana exchanges have Leich Dial Systems.

The Otwell exchange gives approximately 200 subscribers modern, dependable dial switching. Equipment is on order for converting it, and all of the company's dial exchanges, to meet nation wide inter-toll dialing requirements.

Paul Thoren is president of the Midwest Telephone Co. and Henry Thompson is vice president and general manager. Their only remaining manual central office is at Petersburg, Ind. They plan to convert it to dial in the next few years.

If you're planning a conversion to dial, too, we make this suggestion. Investigate every type of dial system made. Get all the information you can. See how each fits your needs.

While you're assembling the facts, we, of course, hope you'll check into the Leich Dial System. One good way is to talk to the owner of a Leich dial switchboard.

You might ask about Leich's jack-in flexibility, all-relay dependability, and easy, economical maintenance. They are some of the reasons why there are now over 800 Leich Dial Systems in service.

We'd be glad to send you our catalog, too. Write us today. There's no obligation, of course.



Garland Skelton, of the Indiana Public Service Commission, presented Mrs. Scrapper with a special citation.



Here's Grace Scrapper with Mr. Paul Thoren, president of the Midwest Telephone Co. She is seated at the old Magneto switchboard which was replaced by the new Leich Dial System.

CUT-OVER DAY BECOMES "GRACE SCRAPER DAY" IN OTWELL, INDIANA

The Midwest Telephone Co. gave a refreshing twist to their dial cut-over day in Otwell, Indiana. They felt a telephone operator's 50 years of service deserved the spotlight. So the switch to dial took a back seat to Grace Scrapper's 50th anniversary. June 1, 1957, became "Grace Scrapper Day."

During her 50 years Grace Scrapper gave cheerful, self-sacrificing service to the people of Otwell. When sickness, death, or accidents kept the lines busy, she went without rest.

At one time she was not away from her home, where the switchboard was located, for 5 years. For many years she did all the billing herself, and walked to do the collecting.

Receives Citation, Gifts

Mr. Garland G. Skelton (upper left), member of the Public Service Commission of Indiana, awarded Grace Scrapper a special citation, the only one of its kind ever issued by the Commission.

The citation reads:

"Grace G. Scrapper of the Midwest Telephone Co., Inc., is hereby honored and this citation is presented in recognition of 50 continuous years of service rendered to the public in the sovereign state of Indiana in the telephone industry, beginning on June 1, 1907, continuing to June 1, 1957, without interruption in the town of Otwell, Ind. Signed—John W. Van Ness, Garland G. Skelton, Ira L. Haymaker, Paul M. Tingle."

The Midwest Telephone Co. presented Grace with two beautiful chairs for her home.

Grace to Remain

Otwell's cut-over to dial does not mean Grace Scrapper will be retiring from the telephone business. She will continue to operate the business office for the telephone company in Otwell.

It is interesting to note that her first year as an operator, 1907, was the year Leich Electric Co., manufacturer of Otwell's new dial equipment, was founded.

FRENCH PRICES DRIVE OUT TOURISTS, SAYS PARIS PAPER

PARIS (AP)—(Reuters)—A Paris paper says that French tourists are being driven out of the city by high prices for French newspapers. Paris Paper says that if we ask ourselves why we are not going to Paris, the answer is: "The price of the paper."

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