Auditorium for short talks by J. W. McRae, J. A. Becker, R. J. Kircher, H. E. Mendenhall, J. R. Pierce and H. K. Dunn. Then the group subdivided to encounter the silence of the quiet room and to visit a few other laboratories for talks about *Growing Crystals* by J. M. Richardson, *Magnetic Domains* by R. M. Bozorth, *Electron Emission* by G. E. Moore and *Television Quality* by B. M. Oliver.

In spite of two cars temporarily losing the way as a result of strange street signs, snow on the landscape and ice on the windshields, the ex-Californians all decided it had been an eve-

ning well spent.

Clifford Burton, the new president of the local Cal Tech Club, conducted the meeting. H. E. Mendenhall, the retiring president, helped with the arrangements. Other members of the Laboratories acted as guides and hosts.

## Engagements

\*Jean Asbury-George V. Smith \*Inga Cassano-Joseph Gaviglia

\*Catherine Cheevers—William Kondrat

\*Jean D'Amico-George Rocco

\*Bernadette Fullhardt-Vincent J. Ferrara \*Reine Levesque-Robert D. Hudkins \*Bette MacEvoy-\*Morgan Sparks

\*Frances McDonnell—Thomas Egan
\*Eileen P. McHenry—Edward F. Burns

Betty Roome—\*Robert Erbig Shirley Smith—\*James Z. Menard \*Marie Tighe—\*Ernest Guzmich

Elizabeth Uptegrove-\*Warren E. Mathews

# Weddings

\*Helen Bouselli—Edward P. Duggan \*Jean Brzezinska—Eugene Czajkowski Anna Marie Eilbacher—\*Carl W. Fink \*Doris Hogben—A. E. Kudrle \*Eleanor Hoppe—\*John W. Pollio \*Florence Makoske—John P. Karbowski

\*Florence Makoske—John P. Karbowski Agnes Wales—\*Albert L. Robinson \*Doris Wolek—William A. Vanderputten

\*Members of the Laboratories. Notices of engagements and weddings should be given to Mrs. Helen McLoughlin, Room 803C, 14th St., Extension 296.

# Field Engineering Force Changes

Substantial shifts and increases in the work-load of the Field Engineering Force during the past few years have necessitated a number of rearrangements in the assignment of territory to the various Field Offices. In connection with these rearrangements, four new Field Offices in Boston, Dallas, Denver, and Los Angeles have been opened and a number of the Field Engineers have received new office assignments. These changes have now been completed as follows:

R. E. Friedley (formerly Field Engineer-



New York No. 1) becomes Field Engineer—Boston; L. E. Gaige (formerly Field Engineer—New York No. 2) becomes Field Engineer—New York No. 1; G. N. Queen (formerly Field Engineer—Atlanta) becomes Field Engineer—New York No. 2; L. F. Porter succeeds him at Atlanta. R. V. Dean becomes Field Engineer at Dallas; J. H. Miller, at Denver; and R. E. Johnson, at Los Angeles.

## **Colored Telephone Sets**

Production has been resumed on colored telephone sets of the combined type, with the ivory color to be available first and old rose, gray-green, dark blue and Pekin red to follow shortly. These colors are mixed with powdered plastic before molding. The four metallic colors, statuary bronze, dark gold, oxidized silver, and old brass will be produced by finishes applied in Western Electric's distributing house shops. Colored sets will be available initially in the Nos. 302, 304, 305 and 306 sets, and later in the 354 set.

# **Emergency Telephone Service**

Five small towns in Nebraska got their telephone service to the outside world over radio links following the severe snowstorm last November. Four of them were served by single-channel portable radio stations stocked by the telephone companies for emergencies; for the fifth town, two channels were made available by superposing a type-H carrier system on an AN/TRC-1 radio system borrowed from the Signal Corps. That system is designed to furnish one voice channel with frequency-space available for a carrier system.

## Retired but Active

Joseph P. Maxfield, who retired on September 30, 1947, has accepted the position of Superintending Scientist at the U. S. Navy Electronics Laboratory in San Diego, California, where he will be in charge of the laboratory's scientific and technical research in the field of radio, radar, and sonar.