

Hello All,

As always, please send any questions about the reading assignment directly to me at oldtimetelephones@goeaston.net. I will bundle questions if necessary, repeat the questions, and give answers in an e-mail to the TCI List Server before moving on to the next reading assignment. This way everyone will benefit from these questions and answers. By sending questions directly to me, we will avoid unnecessary clutter on the List Server. Previous reading assignments, notes, questions, and answers are available in the TCI Library at <http://www.telephonecollectors.info/telephony-101/>.

Please read Chapter 9, Single-box Magneto Wall Phones, on pages 54-58.

I love these phones! If you are of a certain age and your grandparents lived in a rural area, you probably saw one of these phones when you were a kid. My grandparents and my great aunt had phones like the one in Fig. 9-4, and I remember listening in (or rubbering) to find out who had fresh strawberries we could buy. Nostalgia is great if your childhood was pleasant.

The chapters in Part Two are easy reads and there will be little for me to comment on in advance of your reading. All of the photographs in Chapters 9-14 were taken for me by two professional photographers, and with the exception of a couple of borrowed phones all of the phones were mine (I have never owned a WE A-type desk stand). I restored these phones as necessary for the purpose of taking photographs, and I used these phones (and many duplicates) for testing to get the electrical properties reported in the book.

If there are any questions about the current reading assignment, we will deal with the questions before moving on to the next reading assignment.

Ralph