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## Dial Telephone System Installed At Quantico

Central-Mutual Telephone Company officials formally opened the company's brand-new \$50,000 dial telephone system at Quantico yesterday. The system is for the town of Quantico only.

Although some lines were hooked up as early as twelve noon, the first official call was made between Quantico Mayor Wallace S. Bourne and Manassas Mayor Harry P. Davis at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

Looking on were telephone officials including President George B. Cooke, Vice-President C. Lacey Compton and J. A. Vetter, general superintendent. Also present were Harold M. Howe, Harlen Johnson and Bob Johnson, installing personnel from Chicago.

The dial system has a capacity of 200 lines, and each line is capable of transmitting for four telephone users. At the present time, there are 220 telephone subscribers in this dial system.

The equipment, valued at over \$30,000 was installed by the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Company of Chicago with Mr. Howe supervising the installation. It has taken a crew of three men over four weeks to set the equipment up. This is in addition to the work done at the factory where most of the wiring and installations are custom built into shiny grey metal cabinets eight-feet tall.

For the past three days, the Chicago outfit has been busy testing all the lines and getting the equipment into shape for Wednesday's opening.

Howe recalled from a book he read how the first dial system was invented. According to the tale, a flower salesman in Michigan placed an important phone call for a big order. However, he could not get an operator to handle the call and he lost the sale. So incensed, he got busy and invented an automatic system that became the granddaddy of today's dial system as we know it. The moral to this story, however, is in the ending. The salesman became so engrossed in his invention that he eventually lost his mind, wandering up in an insane asylum, where he died.

One visit to Central-Mutual's new dial headquarters convinces a person that it isn't hard to lose your mind following the maze of wires, estimated at more than 500,000. The new equipment is housed in the white building facing the railroad tracks at the entrance to the town of Quantico. It is located behind Pearson's Wholesale Candy house.

At the present time, it is possible to call the Quantico Post by merely dialing the proper number, but a person on the post cannot dial the town of Quantico. They have to go through the switchboard at Triangle. This is because the Marines have not completed their equipment to include this. However, J. A. Vetter said that the Marines expect to shortly complete their installation to make this possible.

## County Population Up 62 Pct. Over 1930; Estimated At 25,000

Prince William County has shown a gain in population of over 62 percent since 1930, according to census figures. Latest 1950 census gives the county a population of 22,612 as compared with 13,951 in 1930.

In making a study of census figures, Commissioner of Revenue C. E. Gnadt estimates the county's population at the present time at 25,000 or over. He bases his estimate on the big increase in tax returns and building permits since the 1950 census was taken.

Census figures for the county as furnished the Journal by Commissioner Gnadt are:

Year	Population	Pct. Gain
1930	13,951	
1940	17,738	27.14
1950	22,612	27.17

From the above it can be noted that the county showed about the same percentage gain in both ten-year periods. For the twenty-year period the percentage gain is 62 percent.

Census figures for the county as furnished the Journal by Commissioner Gnadt are:

District	1940	1950	% Gain
Brentsville	1882	2031	7.91
Coles	856	929	8.52
Dumfries	7813	9388	20.15
Gainesville	2040	2331	14.28
Manassas	3827	5559	45.26
Occoquan	1320	2374	79.84

In comparison with the above, 1930 census figures for these towns are interesting: Haymarket, 167; Manassas, 1215; Occoquan, 221; Quantico, 538.

Quantico showed its biggest population gain from 1930 to 1940, when it was over 100 percent. In the case of Manassas, Occoquan and Haymarket their biggest increase came during the past 10-year period.

## Dumfries Woman Dies At Home

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 3, for Mrs. Estelle Galloway of Dumfries. Mrs. Galloway died at her home Thursday, August 30. Services were held from the Dumfries Methodist Church with interment in the church cemetery. Mrs. Galloway is survived by a sister, Mrs. Hattie Kincheloe of Arlington. Her husband, John Wesley Galloway, is deceased.

## This 'n That

Business is good in Manassas. August, according to local retailers, was one of the best thus far this year. By comparison, a survey of Washington retailers revealed loss in sales averaging 9 percent.

August issue of the Virginia Municipalities carries a picture of "official family of Manassas." Not a bad looking group. In the same issue is a photo showing town fathers of Marion. James W. Ritter, former Manassas town manager, is in the latter group.

The dial system means improved telephone service for Quantico. This is the first step in the Central Mutual Telephone Company's plans to convert the entire system to dial telephones. Understand the Manassas exchange will be the last to be converted by the company.

At last...the new directory for Manassas has been completed and is now being distributed by members of the Lions Club, which sponsored this worthy project. The directory is most complete in its contents, listing the names of residents and business places in Manassas and vicinity. It also carries a map of the town of Manassas. The directories sell for \$1.00 per copy and the supply is limited. Better get yours, before they're all gone.

E. W. Thompson, president of the Prince William County Fair, reports that county farmers were well represented in their exhibits of livestock at the Fredericksburg Fair this week. He estimates that about a third of the cattle shown were from Prince William.

Percy Brown is opening a new self-service laundry at Triangle next week. Here's wishing him success in his new enterprise.... Had a nice chat with W. C. (better known as Nick) Reid at his home at Independent Hill. As independent candidate for sheriff in the November election, Nick states that this is his first time at seeking public office, although he has been active in politics as long as he can remember.

If the Journal isn't up to par this week, blame it on the Labor Day holiday. Most folks will agree that it takes a little time to get back in the "groove" again.

## County Minus Road Deaths Labor Day

Despite 447 traffic fatalities across the country Labor Day weekend, Prince William county managed to squeak through without a death or serious injury. And this is in spite of a number of accidents.

Just prior to the holiday, a Quantico Marine lost his life on Route 29 at Bull Run just inside the Fairfax county line when his car plunged through a guard rail and smashed into the bank of the stream. For almost 24 hours, the Marine was unidentified.

The first Labor Day accident was reported by State Trooper P. P. Herndon at Haymarket. At the intersection of routes 15 and 55, an automobile smashed into the side of a truck driven by Jesse R. Breeden, Manassas. The automobile was driven and owned by Richard Irvin Ray, Rhode Island. Police charged the elderly Ray with reckless driving. According to Trooper Herndon, this intersection is one of the worst in the county, with more collisions reported there than anywhere else in the county. "Nine times out of ten, Herndon went on, motorists fail to stop on route 15 before entering the intersection."

Sunday, there were two accidents, one at Lake Jackson bridge and the other on Route 28 two miles north of Nokesville just above the bridge. At Lake Jackson, John R. Reynolds, Manassas, plowed into the rear of a car driven by George W. Bias, Lorton, on route 234.

On route 28, William W. Davis of Bristow was involved in a non-collision accident when his car failed to navigate the steep turn and ran off the road, striking a telephone pole. Davis received a cut lip while two soldiers hitchhikers he had picked up were not injured. According to Davis, he was pushed off the road by an approaching car. Damage to his car was estimated at \$1500.

## Sydney E. Bryant Promoted In Korea

Sydney E. Bryant of 122 Jefferson ave. Manassas, has been awarded a combat promotion to corporal for outstanding performance of duty in action. Bryant is an assistant squad leader with the 32nd "Queen's Own" Infantry Regiment in Korea. The 32nd has fought in Korea for more than 10 months and has traveled over most of the Korean peninsula.

## It's Back To School!



Three Manassas young ladies lead the parade back to school for all county children. They are six-year-old Marilyn McDonald, six-year-old Helen Rose Holsenback and eight-year-old Idette Holsenback. —Photo by Churchill.

## Quantico Post School Opened Garber Says

Marine-associated dependents will be allowed to attend the Quantico Post School this year, J. M. Garber, county school superintendent said Thursday morning. However, this relaxation will include only school children between the 6th grade up through high school grades.

Garber received a letter from Dr. W. H. Coleman, federal office of education, Federal Security Agency, that the law will not be repealed. However, Dr. Coleman stated that if an agreement could be reached between the county and the post, the children could continue there this year.

Colonel H. R. Paige has agreed with Garber to allow the children to attend the post school this year since they are not filled to capacity at the post school.

The post school does not begin classes until next week.

## School Board Meets Today With Governor

Members of the Prince William County School Board left Manassas early today for Richmond to discuss the school building needs with Governor Battle.

Chairman Fred Lynn, Mrs. Nellie Purvis and Mrs. Olive Hooker planned to ask the Governor for funds to correct glaring needs throughout the county. They will be accompanied on the trip by State Senator Andrew W. Clarke, Delegate Frank P. Moncure, and State Superintendent of Education Howard.

County Superintendent Garber was unable to attend because of the opening of schools, but he drew up a report for Chairman Lynn from the minutes of previous Board meetings an outline of the county's needs including new projects and renovations and repairs to existing facilities.

The Board hopes to obtain promises from the Governor of state literary loan funds or to find out from him how the county may obtain federal funds.

At yesterday's September meeting of the Board, it was decided to put the emphasis of new construction primarily behind the new Garfield High School at Quantico. As Garber pointed out, "It is needed most."

In other business, the Board approved paying the bills including a payment to John Walton, architect, for plans and specifications for the Garfield High School and Occoquan Elementary. The check will total over \$11,000 to Walton, but Walton reports he is already "in the red" on the job.

## Lions To Honor Men Teachers From Manassas

At a director's meeting of the Lion's Club Wednesday night, Victor Psigna, county school teacher, was accepted into membership. The directors heard a report from Paul Arrington on various musical programs that can be given in preparation for next spring's extravaganza.

The directors also announced that the week of September 9-15 will be the 100 percent attendance week for the Lion's International. The local attendance contest will run for three months beginning with the next meeting. The organization will be broken up into four teams each competing for top honors.

October 24 was set as Charter Night. It will be combined with the District Governor's visit. Layton Lawes is chairman of the committee for this meeting.

At its meeting next week, the Club will have as its guests all the new male teachers from the Manassas schools as well as School Superintendent J. M. Garber.

Iodine is obtained chiefly from kelp or ashes of burnt seaweed.

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## Mayors Talk Via Dial System



First official call on the new \$50,000 Quantico dial telephone system is shown as Quantico Town Mayor Wallace S. Bourne talks to Manassas Mayor Harry P. Davis, who is also treasurer of the phone company. Both were present in Quantico Wednesday afternoon for the installation opening ceremonies. —Photos by Churchill.

## Form New Organization

A new organization has been formed within Prince William County schools. Following a principal's meeting last Friday, it was agreed that all county school principals meet once a month and conduct any business that may arise. Previously, the meetings had been called by the school superintendent and conducted by him.

Herb Saunders, principal of Occoquan Elementary and High, was elected president of the group. D. C. Link, Brentsville, was named vice-president. Mrs. Elizabeth Kincheloe, secretary-treasurer.

The group will meet every month on Tuesday following the Wednesday school board meeting. Daniel Kelso was named at the meeting as program chairman for the coming year.

## Housing Bill Will Relieve Crowding Here

The Senate Armed Services Committee passed a bill on the floor last week authorizing over four million dollars to the Quantico Marine base for emergency housing.

The bill authorizes construction of housing for 9,827 persons, totaling \$4,117,000. The committee did not make any cuts from the amounts passed by the House.

The building program is expected to reduce by a large amount the critical housing shortage in Manassas and the lower end of the county.

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