

# FORMER DALLAS MEN OPEN \$350,000 BUILDING 1st PHASE OF MULTI-MILLION MODERNIZATION

**Harold G. Payne Is President  
Of Murrysville Telephone Co.;  
Glahn Is V.P.; Pearson, Engineer**

A former Harveys Lake and Dallas man is making a name for himself in the telephone industry in western Pennsylvania. He is Harold G. Payne, former general manager of Commonwealth Telephone Company and community leader; who is now president of the expanding Murrysville Telephone Company.

Associated with him in the enterprise are two other former Commonwealth men who are well known here. They are Leo Glahn, vice president and engineer, and A. F. Pearson, engineer, who Mr. Payne feels are two of the best men in their fields in the telephone industry.

A former Dallas man, Ames Campbell, is district manager of the West Virginia properties of the Murrysville Company, and Mr. Payne's brother, Earl, is a line foreman.

Last week Mr. Payne dedicated the new \$350,000 central office of the Murrysville Telephone Company as the first phase in a multi-million dollar program to modernize the company's plant facilities.

President Payne said that an additional \$2,000,000 will be spent to complete the modernization program.

When completed on April 19, 1959, the expansion will give the company one of the most modern dial systems in the country.

Payne said: "We've experienced about five years of tremendous growth. We have been jumping around from place to place, continually outgrowing ourselves."

"This new structure will handle the present and future needs of the company."

Five years ago the Murrysville Telephone Company had 360 central office lines for approximately 1,700 customers.

The new building will have 3,000 central office lines. Another 3,000 lines can be added when needed. The structure has been designed to

**LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND  
MURRYSVILLE OPENING**

Among those from the Back Mountain area who attended the opening were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Payne of Loyalville, Calvin McHose, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Edward Whitesell, Dallas; Edward Hall, Shavertown; Howard Isaacs, Trucksville; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Eck, Shavertown; Mr. and Mrs. Granville Sowden, Shavertown; Mr. and Mrs. Noel Thomas, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Glahn, Forty Fort; Mrs. Norman Cox, Nanticoke; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Payne, Mooretown.

add a new wing for another 6,000 lines.

The company was incorporated in 1905, back in the wall twister era of telephones. It experienced a very slow growth.

Harrison City, Claridge, Export, Murrysville, Sardis and Mamont were served from two exchanges located at Export and Murrysville.

As the company started to expand, it became necessary to establish a common system at Newlonsburg, which became the wire center.

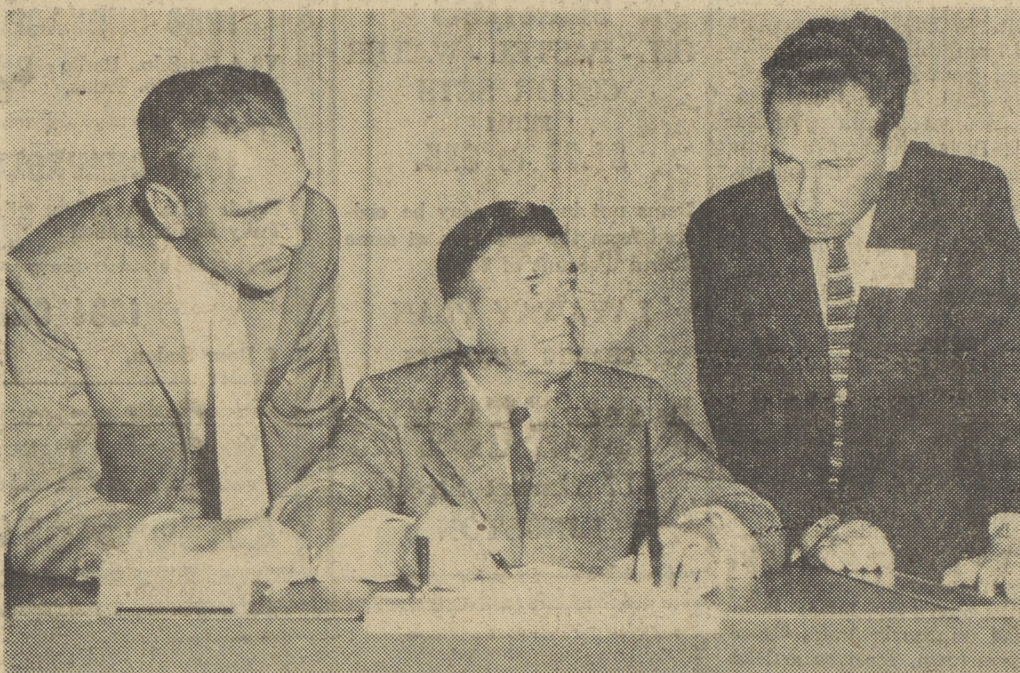
A year after the company changed ownership in 1952, the Delmont Rural Telephone Company was acquired. Payne then started a program to rehabilitate and modernize



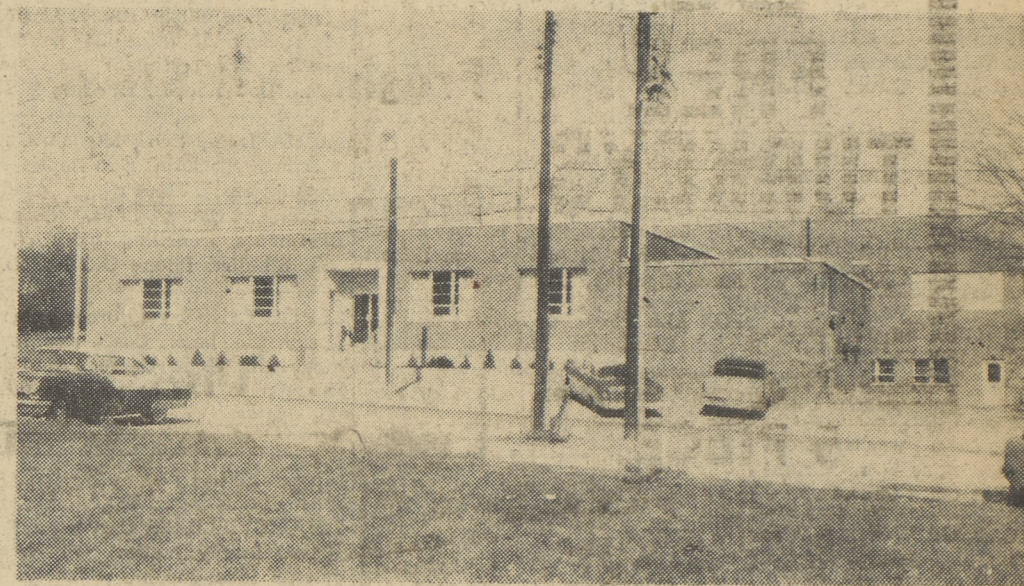
JUST CHECKING on the new dial phones to be installed for customers of the Murrysville Telephone Company are, left to right, T. A. Van-Tries, general commercial manager of the Bell Telephone Company;

A. D. Kyle, Bell Greensburg district manager; State Rep. A. M. Gibson, a director of Telephone Utilities of Pennsylvania; Norman McFarlin, assistant administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration;

Harold G. Payne, president of Murrysville Telephone Company, and TUP Director John P. Roberts.



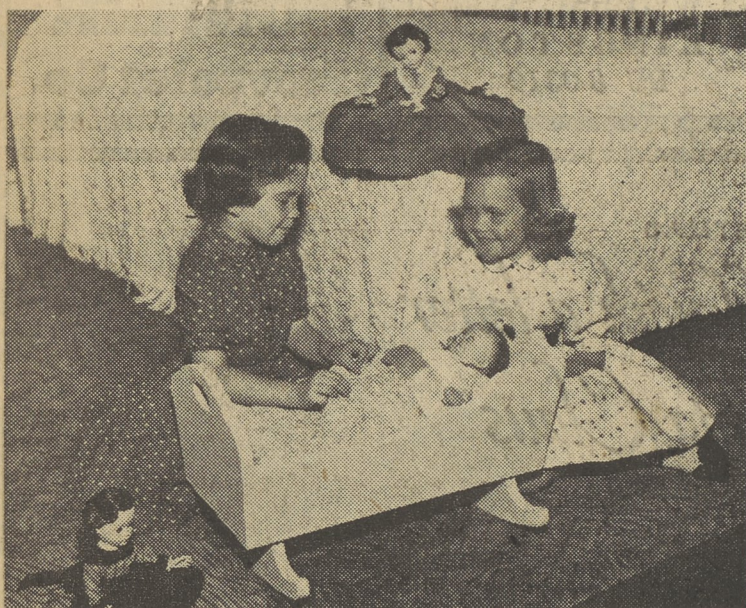
LEO R. GLAHN, HAROLD G. PAYNE AND DAN D. McWILLIAMS  
... vice president, president and secretary-treasurer of phone firm



THE NEW \$350,000 BUILDING OF THE MURRYSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
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both telephone properties. The Murrysville Telephone Company went on the drawing board under the direction of Leo R. Glahn, chief engineer and vice president.

The architect for the new building was Bowers and Patete of Altoona and Wilkes-Barre. It was constructed by the L&D Construction Company of Latrobe.

It is a three-level concrete block building with brick veneer. It has 24,000 square feet of inside area. A huge parking lot is to the rear for employees and customers.

An interesting construction side-light is how the old Export office was actually swallowed by the new building. Operators continued to give service to customers as usual.

Today, the old office was bricked around to match the new building. When the dial service is completed, this space will be used for storage.

Approaching the building from the front on Old William Penn Highway, you enter a spacious lobby, paneled in walnut.

The executive offices are to the left of the lobby. Running through

the center of the building is a wide corridor.

Off this corridor are the engineering office, conference room, general accounting and commercial areas.

The largest space use is the equipment room. This room is about 43 by 82 feet. In its two stories are incorporated the telephone power equipment, air conditioning and air cleaning equipment and heating equipment.

This is where the cable vault, the dial equipment and other important telephone facilities are placed.

A large basement area is also provided for receiving supplies and storage.

The latest type of fluorescent lighting is installed throughout the building. The floor covering is asphalt tile.

One feature in the structure is an employees' rest area and kitchen facilities. This space includes comfort-

able chairs as well as tables.

**Hayes In Hospital**

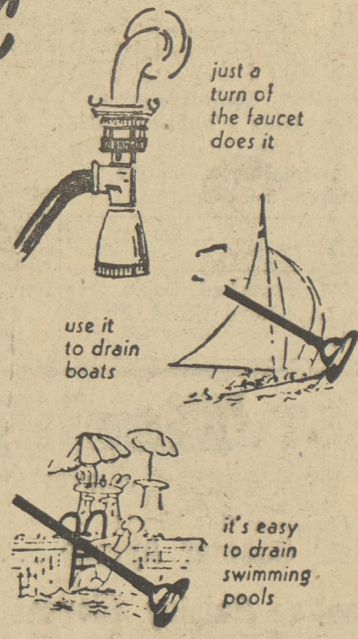
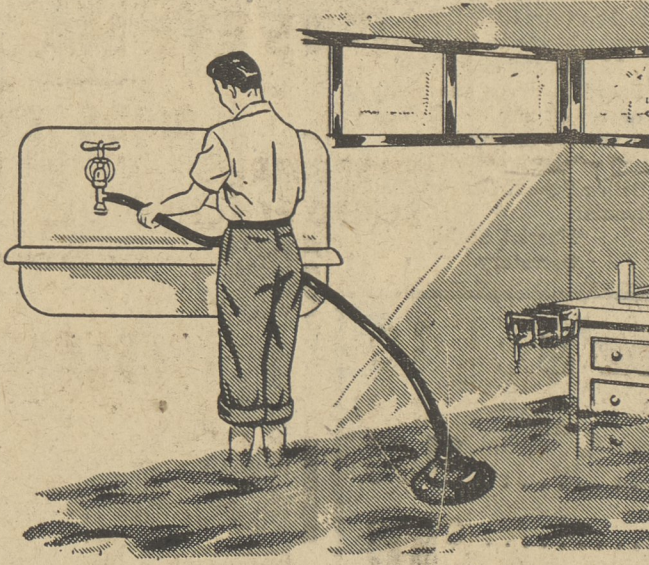
Charles Hayes, Monroe Avenue, lead foreman of the order assembly, shipping and receiving departments at Linear Inc., is coming along nicely at Mercy Hospital morning in Dallas Community Ambulance for an emergency appendectomy.

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