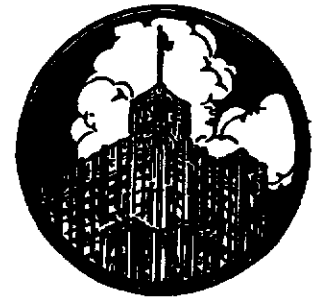




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Executive Director's Report

By Herb Hackenburg

History narration on the Anschutz Stock Certificate Collection

This report will only cover four areas because I've been spending the majority of my time working on this project, which is the second part of the Anschutz Stock Certificate Collection. The resulting document which I've just completed editing consists of 119 pages and lists 485 certificates from 326 historic telephone companies. I use different certificates to tell various tidbits of telephone history.

After the Anschutz narrative is completed, I plan to copy and re-edit it so it can be used as a catalog of our certificate supply and a sales tool. Another re-edit will lend itself to the accessioning of the collection. And a third re-edit, plus the addition of 30 or more certificates will serve as an inventory of the THG Historic Telephone Company Stock Certificate Collection, which is the largest such collection in the world.

Prior to our assembling of the Anschutz Collection, the largest private collection of historic telephone company

stock certificates belonged to a collector from Arlington, Virginia, who had spent more than 30 years assembling a collection of nearly 350 different certificates.

New collections and collection additions

In volume, the newest additions to the archive are additions to two of our larger individual collections, the **David Felice Collection**, the **Lynn Graves Collection**, and one of our smaller, very high quality collections, the **Larry DeMuth Collection**.

The **Felice** material is usually items and papers Dave finds in offices, files and closets after the employees who occupied them have left. We accession about 40% of the material that usually contains a few gems. The **Graves** collection is nearly all central office artifacts, the latest material consisting of tools, parts and meters. We expanded our tool and spare parts collections, gained a beautifully maintained 1920s era test desk and gained material to send to the Seattle museum. Historically, the **DeMuth Collection** is outstanding and the new material includes the original first U S WEST Board Meeting Minutes,

which are from a meeting held before there was a U S WEST, much against AT&T's wishes.

New collections include: **Ken Clymer** (THG's first volunteer) photographs, rare stock certificate, pole climbing gear, booklets and pamphlets; **Jack MacAllister**, mostly awards and presentations taken from his Maroon Circle office; **Lyndon Bright** (MB retiree) photographs, CWA material (WWII era), and scrapbook; **U S WEST Diversified Group**, correspondence, policy and strategy papers and other very significant material; **U S WEST Foundation**, contains many photographs - we have yet to inventory them all. From volunteer **Beth Trudgeon**, we received several interesting items, including an MST&T Directory Department mirror from the 1920s. Our latest accession item is most interesting—it's a ball-point pen from Pacific Northwest Bell with a "window-shade" pullout containing instructions on Convenience Calling Features on one side and promotion of Directory Assistance Features on the other. The pen came from **Char Jorgensen** in Washington.

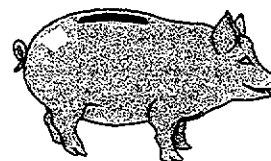
It must be noted that while I help gather in all this stuff, it's Jody who ends up doing all of the inventory and accession work—in other words, the real work in this area.



Looking for funding grants

My other major job in the last quarter has been to work in the funding garden, with fellow gardeners Robert K. Timothy and Larry DeMuth. We've plowed the ground, planted the seeds and now we're waiting for something to grow.

In the last week of February, Mr. Anschutz asked Qwest Treasurer Robert Woodruff to work with us to get some kind of THG funding worked out using funds from the old U S WEST Foundation - now renamed the Qwest Foundation - and the Anschutz Family Foundation.



The next week, Woodruff retired. I am now working with Shannon Gallagher, the new Qwest Foundation executive director (replacing Larry Nash who is now the executive director of the Daniels Foundation), and Mike Tarpey, Public Relations vice president - Qwest, who serves as chairman of the Qwest Foundation.

Areas where work needs to be done

According to Shannon, Mr. Tarpey has strongly advised that THG try to gain additional funding from other telecommunications companies large and small, and be more aggressive in requesting funds from former telephone company officers.

"The spirit with which we go about a thing has a great deal to do with how well it turns out." - J. L. "Jim" Baker, 1953.

Letters

We receive so many nice letters from our readers that we thought we'd share some excerpts with you. Thanks to all of you who write to share memories, correct us, or thank us.

Happy Memories

Herb, dear friend,

Every time I receive my copy of Dial-Log I get a bit nostalgic for the old telco. I am sure this validates the wonderful work you and your colleagues have set out to do and I thank you for it.

I hope you will believe me when I tell you that your efforts are what keep my happy memories of my career in the old Bell System alive.

Conversely, the newsletters from the Association of U S WEST retirees are constant reminders of how much our good old telephone company has changed since I retired.

Best Regards,
Dieter Hantschel

"traveling the states in our motor coach"



Our Mistake

Dear Jody

In talking with Georg Ek about various things, I mentioned that the article in the Fall Dial-log about Bill Caughlin moving from Chicago to Dallas, where he is in charge of consolidating the Chicago, San Francisco, and Dallas ABC archives, was not totally accurate. It is the Chicago, San Francisco, and St. Louis archives which he is consolidating.....

I enjoy your publication very much.

Sincerely,
John Stambaugh
Dallas, Texas

"Here Goes, Fellows; We'll Get Across or We Won't Be Back."

By E. E. Fleischer

District Plant Correspondent, Norfolk

Telephone employees have always been brave in the face of emergencies. This article first appeared in the May 1920 edition of the NWB News.

The telephone lead carrying all the main wires from the east into Western Nebraska and the Black hills country of south Dakota was swept away by a flood in the Elkhorn River valley at Kent Siding, near Norfolk, Nebraska, early in the morning of April 23. All the lines were out and the linemen were hurried to the scene to make emergency repairs.



A frail canoe was the only water craft available. It was packed up with material and tools, and the repairmen started. The water crossed the road and prevented automobiles going near the scene. The canoe and material were carried a long distance and then it was necessary to paddle two miles through the flood waters to reach the break.

The river was two miles wide and the flood was sweeping like a mill race.

Foreman K. "Big Mac" McKenzie was in charge of the crew sent out to make the repairs. With the necessary material, he climbed into the canoe. George Greenlee, district cable foreman, went with him. Above the roar of the flood "Big Mac" yelled, "Here

goes, fellows; we'll get across, or we won't be back." And they started.

They went two miles through the trees and underbrush where the river was rushing and swirling. Many times their frail canoe threatened to capsize. They reached the iron bridge where the line had crossed the river, and there it was necessary for them to cross the swiftest part of the channel in order to establish the circuit. The current was filled with rushing driftwood and debris. They made the crossing, their lives in peril.

The men had to fasten p.o.d. wire on the iron work of the bridge, cross the channel and make connection with the pole line standing in the flood at the south end of the bridge. This was accomplished and four circuits were working by Friday night.

The next day at daylight the river was crossed in a flat-bottomed boat which was hauled to the scene on a hand car, jokingly called a "special train." More circuits were established and toll service was once more normal.

If you are interested in telephone employees' response to disasters, you might want to take a look at a web exhibit published by the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut. It's called "Going Beyond the Call: Southern New England Telephone's Response to natural Disasters in Connecticut" and can be viewed at www.lib.uconn/DoddCenter/ASC/SNET/disaster/contents.htm

We also have many books and articles in our collection that describe the response of PNB, NWB and MB employees to flood, fire, storms and other natural disasters.

IN REMEMBRANCE

We are pleased to have received the following memorial donations:

<i>In memory of</i>	<i>From</i>
Wally Broadbent	Cindy Hadsell
Burt McMillan	Cindy Hadsell
Sibley C. Hunter	Ken & Jewel Pratt

A Day in the Life

Most employees aren't called upon to be heroes. This article was published in the October 1948 issue of MST&T's monthly magazine, "The Monitor", and describes a typical day in the life of a telephone operator.

Kay Leonard has been an operator in the Littleton (Colorado) exchange of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. for the last year. She is 19 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Leonard, and has four sisters and one brother.

Her day begins with the insistent ring of the telephone as one of her fellow-workers at the switchboard calls her with a cheery "Good Morning," reminding her it's time to rise and shine.

After a quick, business girl's breakfast, she walks a block or so to the telephone office to begin her present "trick," from 7 a. m. to 11 a. m., and again from 12 p. m. to 4 p.m.

Calls in the morning are heavy, she says, and the fifteen minute relief at 9 a.m. which she gets after two hours work is a welcome break. It is spent

relaxing either in the company's own retiring room or at a nearby drug store.

From 11 to 12 she is off for lunch. The pace is somewhat slower in the afternoon, though there is a steady hum of traffic. Kay, as everyone calls her, says the customers generally are considerate of the telephone operator and that the operator is trying at all times to give the best telephone service possible. She feels proud of her responsibility, of her part in furnishing such an essential service to the community. Kay likes to think that the next call may save a life or mean a lot to someone's happiness.

Asked if she remembered any particularly exciting experience of this sort, she said she did not know of any as the operators do not listen to conversations except in cases of service emergencies when it is necessary. She did say, however, that one of their exciting duties is to tell the volunteer firemen the location of a fire after the siren sounds. . . .

She says she likes the working conditions and feels that she is performing a necessary service.



Sense and Nonsense

Among our manuscripts is a binder entitled "Weekly Pickings From My Scrap-Book of Sense and Nonsense" By H. G. Conger, 1912-1913. Most of the selections have to do with how to be successful – and he apparently took them to heart. Horace G. Conger became the General Manager of Iowa (1928) and then operations vice president of Northwestern Bell (1935). The following are entries for the week of March 25, 1912.



"There are two kinds of discontent in this world – the discontent that works and the discontent that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants, and the second loses what it has. There's no cure for the first but success; AND NO CURE FOR THE SECOND."

"The world in general loves a fighter and hates a quitter. It takes off its hat to the man who dares, and stands aside to make respectful room for him whenever and wherever he appears."

"No man ever made a three-base hit who was afraid of the pitcher. Remember that. The fellow who knocks the cover off the ball, or lifts it up over the fence for a home run, is always the chap who steps up to the plate with grim determination in his heart."

"It's worth going out of your way to make every new acquaintance feel glad he has met you, even if you don't do a stroke of business with him."



NEW CONTESTS

We missed having a contest in the last issue, so we're having two this time! The following have appeared in other publications and have something to do with the telephone industry. What in the world is going on?

The first reader to contact us with the correct answer for each article will win a valuable prize. Entries may be made by phone at 303-296-1221, or email at telcomhist@aol.com.

Good luck!

Ny hedersmedlem

Vid STSF:s styrelsemöte 2000-10-19 utsågs *Georg Ek* i Denver, Colorado till hedersmedlem i STSF. Vem är då Georg Ek undrar alla ni som inte fått möjligheten att träffa honom. Här följer några korta fakta om vår nye hedersmedlem som tillika är STSFs kontaktperson och adress i USA.

Georg är en verklig eldsjäl när det gäller bevarandet av telehistoria och arbetar med stor framgång bl.a. som "volunteer" i *Telecommunications*

History Group (THG) i Denver, Colorado. Georg är välkänd i samlarkretsar i USA som en stor restaureringsexpert och betydande samlare och är, inte minst, drivande för att stärka samarbetet mellan telefonsamlarföreningarna. Tack vare honom är STSF medlem i THG samt numera även i *Telephone Collectors International Inc* (TCI). Georg har ordnat så att STSF får TCI:s tidskrifter "Switcher's Quarterly" och "Singing Wires" i gåva och har även utverkat rätt för Phonetiken att återge artiklar samt skänkt oss äldre årgångar av dessa tidskrifter. Vi återkommer med idéer om hur STSFs medlemmar skall kunna dra nytta av innehållet i dessa tidskrifter.

Georg kom till Stockholm på besök i början av oktober och stannade en månad. Han träffade Henrik och de passade på att besöka Ole Jacobsen så att Georg fick beundra Oles samling. En bytesaffär ägde rum och en blakemikrofon och en ericssonmikrofon bytte ägare. Ett besök på Hågelby gård samt L. M. Ericssons grav på Botkyrka kyrkogård hanns även med.

Har du vägarna förbi Denver så tveka inte att kontakta Georg så hjälper han dig säkert t.ex. till ett besök på the *Mountain Bell Museum*. Var inte orolig för språkproblem – Georg är sedan 50-talet gift med Sonja from Sweden och kan svenska mycket bra.

Henrik Lundin & Rustan Gandvik



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