

Dial System To Be Finished By End of July

Complete New Set-up in Facilities
Will Be Made By Telephone
Company in Montevallo.

The new terminal building which will house the exchange and operating plant of Montevallo's new dial telephone system is about completed. It was erected by Dr. L. C. Parnell and will be leased to the telephone company for a period of years. The location is on the south side of the block near the Lyman home.

Miscellaneous work by telephone engineers has been in progress for the past sixty days, making preparations for construction of the new system. New cables will be installed in many parts of the city. A general replacement and relocation of poles and wires will be effected. The entire outside equipment of the telephone system throughout the city will be overhauled from beginning to end, according to a statement by district manager, Graves.

"The new system will be completely installed and ready to put into operation during the last week of July," said Mr. Graves. About the same time a new dial system will also be cut in at Calera.

Under the new set-up Montevallo's long distance connection will be direct with Birmingham, thus eliminating all intermediate connections which have been necessary heretofore.

"New dial systems recently put in operation at Centreville and West Blocton are proving highly satisfactory to our customers in those communities," said Mr. Graves.

The Dial Telephones

We will have the dial telephones in operation by the end of July, according to letters that have been sent to all subscribers by Mr. Graves. Well, that means we must learn how to get along with another one of science's latest gadgets. A happy phase of the change-over is the statement that the new phones will be put in some time before the old ones are taken out. Goody! That will give us time to practice a while and perhaps become so efficient that our fingers will not slip out of socket when we go to spin the dial.

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The New Phones

Work is progressing rapidly on the new dial telephones. New poles and wires have been erected in many places.

The new phones have really proved something new not only in appearance but in sound. We feel it is our duty to warn those who have not heard one of them ring not to be alarmed and call the police or fire department. It's only the telephone.

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Everybody Pleased

Universal approval seems to be the verdict of the people of Montevallo concerning out new dial telephones.

The children, young folks, and some of the old folks had a lot of fun the first day playing with the things, and getting accustomed to the mechanics of operation.

Now, since the new has worn off, everybody has got settled down to the regular use of our phones for business or pleasure, and the satisfaction of everyone is assured.

We believe our folks would not have the old system back at any price.



**THE GANG'S
ALL HERE ...
Come On
Over!**

An invitation that carries thrilling promise of a friendly get-together with a congenial crowd. But if you haven't a telephone, it is difficult for friends to get in touch with you. They may be forced to leave you out of many pleasant affairs. Why let this happen? A telephone will keep you always in ready reach – and in the swim! But it will cost only a few pennies a day – a trifling sum for a world of pleasure, for greater comfort and security.

It just doesn't pay to try to get along without a telephone.

Order yours today!

**SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
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How to Use Your New Dial Telephone

Now that all calls must be made by number, you should always refer to your telephone directory to be sure you have the right number, before placing a call.

To make a call, lift your receiver and listen for the dial tone, a steady humming sound, which indicates the equipment is ready for dialing.

Immediately on hearing the dial tone, start dialing the number desired. If after you begin dialing, you discover you have made a mistake, or if your finger should slip out of the dial opening before the dial is turned around to the finger stop, just hang up the receiver and dial the number again.

Do not jiggle the receiver hook or turn the dial after you have finished dialing or while you are talking: if you do, you will cut yourself off and it will be necessary to dial the number again. Be sure to replace

receiver on the hook when you finish talking.

If you are on a party line and wish to call some one on the line with you, dial the number in the regular way, but after you have finished dialing and hear the "busy" signal, you should hang up your receiver. Your bell, as well as the bell of the other party on your line will then ring. When your bell stops ringing you will know the other party has answered and you should then lift your receiver and begin talking. If your bell continues to ring, it indicates that there is no one at the other telephone to answer. To stop your bell from ringing and free the line, lift your receiver from the hook for a moment and then replace it. To make a long distance call, or to report your telephone out of order and to secure a number not listed in your directory, dial "Operator."

