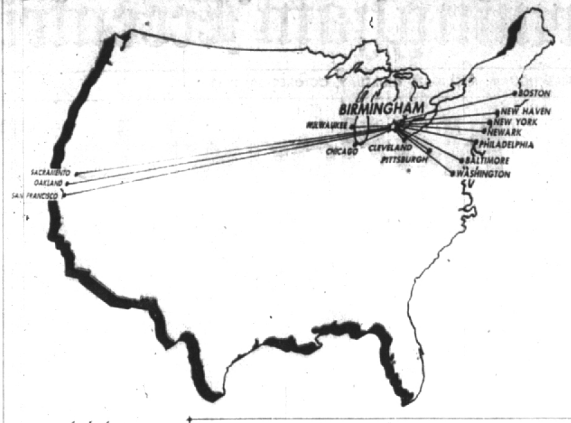


# Cities Soon Can Be Dialed Direct



**Dialing**  
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Warner said that before the new equipment was placed in service, operators were able to dial only about 35 per cent of the total calls, but that now, 70 per cent of all long-distance calls in Michigan are being dialed directly through the called party and that by the end of this year the company hopes to "increase that figure substantially."

TO MAKE both the customer and operator toll dialing plans work, each telephone subscriber in the affected areas of the United States and Canada has been assigned a number which does not conflict with that of any other subscriber. The nationwide numbering plan calls for the division of the United States and Canada into about 30 numbering plan areas, each having a three-digit code.

The state of Michigan, for example, has been divided into three areas for long-distance dialing purposes. The southeastern section of the state, including Birmingham and Detroit, has been assigned the code number 313. The remaining eastern half of the Lower Peninsula has the code 317. All of the western half of Michigan and the Upper Peninsula has been assigned the 616 code.

WITHIN EACH code area, customers have been assigned telephone numbers with non-conflicting office names. For example, Woodward 3 and Temple 2 in Detroit, Ylkon 2 in Port Huron, and Midwest 4 in Birmingham are typical office name codes in the 313 area.

On a nationwide direct dialing basis, here's how the system works: If, for example, a Birmingham customer wanted to place a call to a friend in Boston whose telephone number is Siferwin 2-1234, he would first consult a special directory to be furnished him by Michigan Bell which will tell him that Boston is located in the 617 area. He then would merely dial 617-5H3-1234, and in a matter of seconds the telephone in Boston would start to ring.

If the Birmingham customer, on the other hand, wanted to dial a telephone in Birmingham he would merely dial the regular telephone number—dialing without using the area code.

THE 1A SYSTEM automatically selects the most direct route to the called telephone. If all circuits in the first route are busy, the equipment can test a predetermined network of alternate routes and select an available circuit in about one second.

Warner pointed out that even with the nationwide automatic switching plan in full operation there will still be a need for a large force of operators.

They will be needed, he said, to handle calls for information and assistance, person-to-person, collect, public telephone, and other calls which customers cannot, or prefer not to, dial themselves.

In emphasizing the role of operators in today's modern telephone system, Warner pointed out that in 1941, Bell System companies employed 131,000 operators. Today, despite the rapid expansion of both local and long-distance dialing, the companies employ more than 250,000 operators. Michigan Bell alone employed 3,975 operators in 1941, compared with over 8,800 today.

WARNER SAID he expects that substantial expansion in the nationwide operator long-distance dialing network will be made during the next 10 years.

He also believes that progress will be made in extending customer long-distance dialing during the same period toward the ultimate objective of enabling any customer to dial a call across the continent as he now dials his neighbor's telephone across the street.

# United Nation's Progress Cited By Eichelberger

"Through the efforts of the United Nations, six million people have achieved independence," Clark Eichelberger, director of the American Association for the U. N., Inc., told a large audience at the Community House Thursday evening.

Eichelberger's appearance highlighted the city's observance of United Nations Day. Civic organizations turned out to mark the eighth birthday of the U. N. "The U. N. has been able to avert world wars in many instances," Eichelberger continued, "and is the only instrument in the world where problems can be discussed with words and not guns."

EICHELBERGER charted the progress made by the world organization during the past eight years but added that the most recent problem involving Trieste should have been handled by the U. N. and not resolved between the United States and Great Britain.

After his speech, Eichelberger joined Russel Barnes in a question period.

The United Nations birthday cake baked and presented by the MOMS club gained \$50 for the U. N.'s child relief fund when it was auctioned off by William Spence. The cake went to a Detroit couple.

# Property

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late last week that the board might not approve the annexation," Reid stated. "Your township is a long way from being ready to take on the area could not be serviced by the township," he continued.

Township Clerk Clifton Truesdell argued that the township should not let any more chunks of the township go without the people's consent.

Patterson questioned the possibility of calling public hearings to bring the issue to the people without going to the work of an election.

While he did get some support from Board Member J. Wesley Smith, other board members questioned the effectiveness of public hearings in reaching the majority of township residents.

"WE HESITATE to file petitions for annexation if the board will turn them down. This would undoubtedly affect the thinking of voters who might also refuse annexation as a subsequent ballot," Patterson declared.

Reid asked what would happen to the property if a vote failed to carry.

Truesdell answered that he didn't know—but that the developer knew that it wasn't city land when they purchased the property.

The developers seek to construct single homes, duplexes and a commercial development of 124 lots platted on the property.

Board members agreed to delay any action on the property until they receive a petition for annexation.

# Property

A 2,700-foot hard surface asphalt runway is presently under construction at Berr's airport, E. Manly, according to Milton Berr, owner.

Berr said the runway is being surfaced to provide better facilities for landing twin-engine aircraft of the type used by many business executives.

He also announced that a project to build additional hangars is underway.

# Appledorf In Win

Bob Appledorf, quarterback of the Williams College freshman team, and last year's quarterback at Birmingham high school, figured in both of his team's touchdowns Saturday as the Williams frosh downed previously undefeated Exeter Academy, 15-7, at Williamstown, Mass. Appledorf's passes set up the first touchdown and scored the second.



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A booklet listing all the towns you can dial direct, and telling how to call people there, will be sent to every Birmingham customer before November 20. It will help you take full advantage of this newest development providing more and better telephone service for your telephone dollar.

The first nationwide dialing system was introduced in Englewood, New Jersey, about two years ago. It proved to be fast, practical, and very popular. Such systems, however, require very complex equipment. Although it will be introduced in other cities as time goes on, direct dialing of long distance calls by telephone customers throughout the country is still some years away.

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**Plan Intramural Court Season for Local Men**

The Birmingham YMCA announced an organizational meeting for a Men's Intramural basketball league to play on Thursday nights.

The place is the 'Y' house at 400 East Lincoln, Friday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. It is hoped for that practice sessions may begin Thursday, Nov. 5 at Barmum Junior high school and league play on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Any interested teams or players are urged to contact the 'Y'. The meeting will last one hour.

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**Father and Son Spend Night in Houghton Swamp**

The hunters became the hunted in the case of Robert L. Perry, 1145 N. Woodward, and his 17 year-old son, John.

The Perrys, up north for some bow and arrow deer hunting, pushed off Oct. 15 from Wade's landing in the Houghton area to go into the swamplands by canoe.

John brought down a buck, and by the time the men had dressed it out, darkness was beginning to fall. John went to look for the canoe which had been left at the water's edge, while the father remained by the game.

DARKNESS interrupted the canoe search and the Perrys were separated. Friends coming to search for them found the elder Perry at 2 a.m. Following a canoe trip back, the men took care and by a round about way approached the spot where the men had become separated.

Using spotlights and horns, the searching party awakened John who had settled down for a night in the swamp. He walked out to the cars at 5 a.m. and except for a fall in a beaver cut, he was none the worse for his experience.

**Kwanis Club Shelter Offered To Southfield**

Township acceptance of the Southfield Kwanis Club's shelter building at the township park was voted delayed for further study by township board members Tuesday night.

The building, constructed during the past two years by members of the Kwanis club, already belongs to the township officially because it is located on township property.

Club members, asking that the township formally accept the building to pay the insurance carried on the building and to better handle the police protection of the property.

Board members asked a two week delay on any action to investigate the building and study the funds needed to take care of the structure.

**Pick Board Member**

Lawrence A. Fiferik, 24503 Kinross, was appointed to a six-year term on the Southfield township civil service board by township board members Tuesday night.

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