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Telephones Come to the Cape Fear Region!

In 1894, G. A. Holderness, a salesman, began a telephone exchange in Tarboro, North Carolina. Within a year, he also purchased operations in Fayetteville and other nearby areas. By 1900, these exchanges were called the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. By 1905, the company has 1,645 customers in the state.



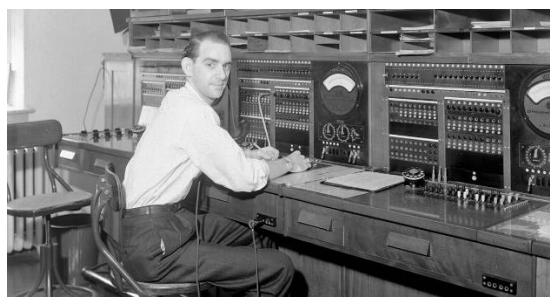
1897 Poe House.

The Poe Family Installs a Phone!

The Poe family on Bradford Avenue in Fayetteville, NC are well known for their fabulous letter writing skills and Mr. Poe's love of all new technologies. Excitedly, they are expecting a brand-new addition to their home soon. The Poe family is installing their very own home telephone! The phone number for the family will be 116. They cannot wait for this new way to communicate with all their friends and neighbors!

As many know, earlier Mr. Poe also had a telephone installed in his brick yard business (that phone number is 2). This means that the family are experts at how to use this fancy new technology, and I'm sure they would love to help others learn.

Even though the Poe family has decided to install a house telephone, this will surely not keep them from sending out their lovely letters and well-known Christmas cards.



A man operating a telephone switchboard in North Carolina.



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