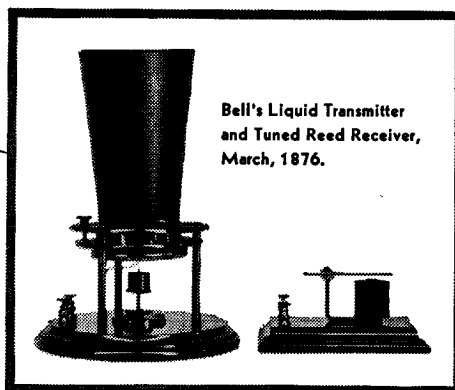


75th Anniversary of the Birth of the Telephone

1876 ★ 1951



Suppose the telephone had never been invented

Have you ever thought what the world and your life would be like without the telephone?

If you wanted to talk to relatives or friends — if you wanted to order from a store — if you needed to summon a doctor or a policeman in an emergency — there would be no way you could do it in a hurry. What now

takes only a few seconds or minutes would often take hours and cost you far more than a telephone call.

Each year the telephone becomes more useful to the people and more vital to the prosperity and security of the Nation. Today's tremendous job of production and defense could not be carried on without it.

There are twice as many Bell telephones as there were only ten years ago. They are here and ready because the Bell System kept right on building and improving to meet the country's needs.

Never in the history of the telephone has it been so valuable to so many people as right now.

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