

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

The telephone was invented on March 10, 1876 by Alexander Graham Bell. Dwight's first telephone service was a toll line to Pontiac in the year 1882, only six years after it's invention.

During 1899, there were 88 telephones and by 1900, there were 89.

On September 18, 1905, Dwight began receiving service through a new and first class central office, the exchange being operated by A. A. Boyer, a Central Union sublicensee. At that time, there were 300 town subscribers and about 40 farmer subscribers.

During October, 1910, Dwight was taken over and made a Central Union exchange under the jurisdiction of the Pontiac Manager.

Carl O. Montgomery was appointed manager of the exchange in April, 1916. The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. bought out the Central Union Company in 1921 and has served this community ever since. The exchange progressed under the guidance of L. G. England, who was manager from 1921 until his retirement in December, 1932. A. L. Hammond, the present manager was appointed December, 1932, succeeding Mr. England.

The station figures are as follows:

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
	1929	807
	1930	838
	1931	856
	1945	1035
	1952	1641
February,	1954	1695