



W. H. HARRISON

W. H. HARRISON (A'20, F'31) who with A. E. SILVER (A'07, F'26) his coauthor of the paper "Trends in Telephone and Power Practise as Affecting Coordination" shares in the 1931 A.I.E.E. national prize for best paper in engineering practise, awarded the symposium on coordination of power and telephone plant, is plant engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York, N. Y. Mr. Harrison who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., was graduated from the electrical engineering course of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and in 1909 joined the New York Telephone Company in New York City, as repairman. His work until 1915 included apparatus inspection, assembling, and wiring; then he accepted a position on telephone circuit design work with the Western Electric Company in its engineering department. Three years later he joined the engineering Staff of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for general plant maintenance engineering work; and in 1924 was made equipment and building engineer with general supervision of the engineering and design (including layout) of subscribers' station and the central office plant of the Bell system. He became plant engineer in 1929, this appointment giving him charge of the engineering, design, and layout of all parts of the Bell system plant including system relations with other wireusing utilities. Among other achievements, Mr. Harrison is said to have prought order out of chaos in connection with a large and important merger of several telephone systems in California, where he accomplished the standardizing and improvement of maintenance features of telephone equipment and contributed greatly to the application to and adoption of mechanical systems for telephone plants in the United States.

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