



**NUMBER PLEASE** — Mrs. Lena McCreary, chief operator of the Thurlow telephone system for the past 42 years, prepares to hand over to her assistant, Marlene Robinson.

### **McCREARY TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED**

Negotiations have been completed for the sale of our telephone system to The Bell Telephone Company of Canada. Arrangements have been made for the Bell to take over the responsibility of providing you with telephone service on February 28, 1964.

You will be hearing from The Bell Telephone Company regarding your telephone service in the near future.

We have enjoyed serving this area during the past 42 years and wish to thank you sincerely for your patronage during the time we have served you.

**HARRY McCREARY**  
President

In 1964 the McCreary Telephone system was sold to the Bell Telephone Company and in the fall of 1965 underground cable was laid and in January, 1966, the old phones were taken out and replaced by new modern dial system phones and on Feb. 6th, 1966, the dial system came into effect, with free calls to Belleville.