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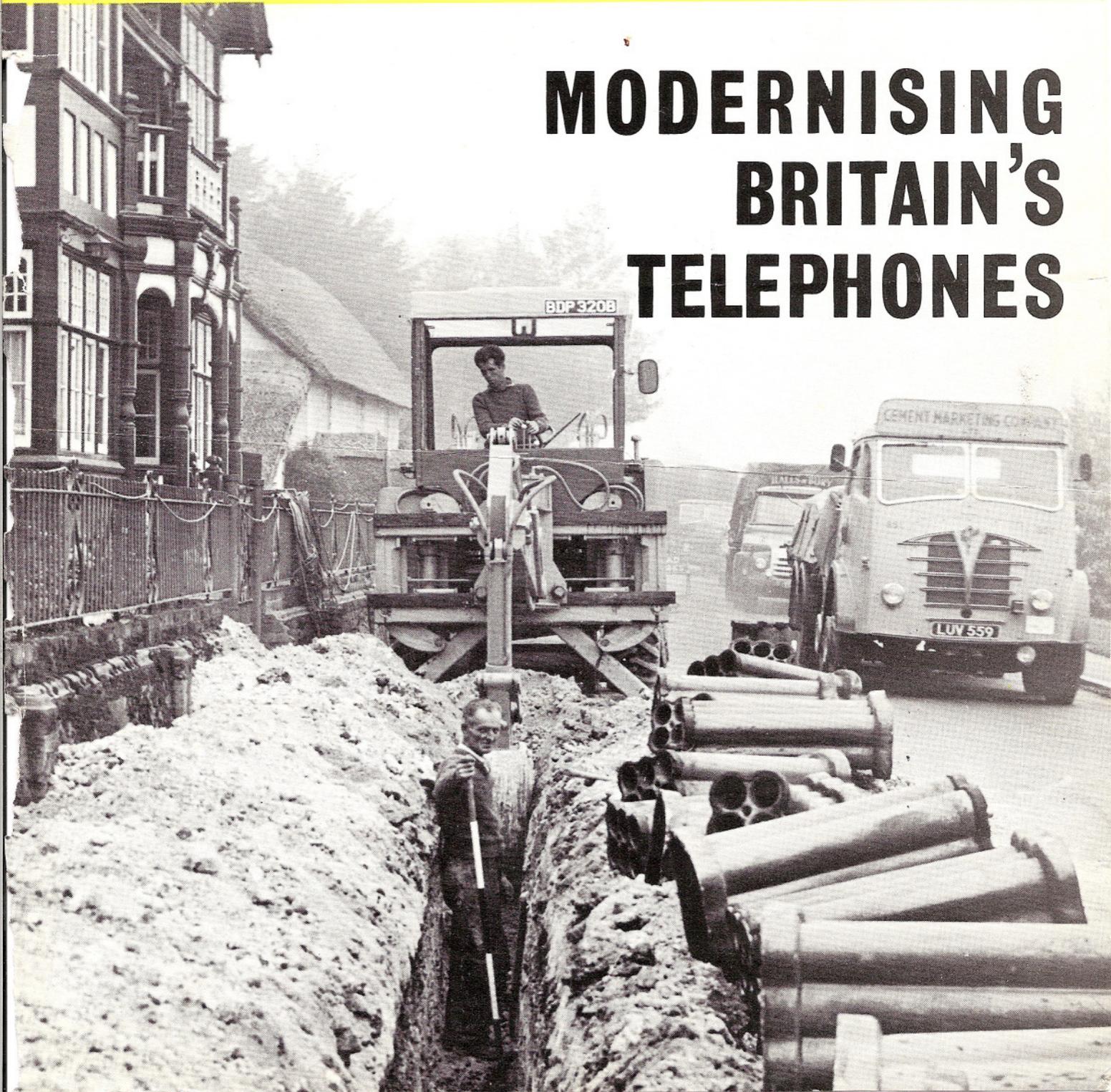


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The G.P.O.'s Subscriber Trunk Dialling system is rapidly being installed in many parts of the country and eventually it will be possible to dial any exchange in the British Isles direct.

The new STD system has brought about the need for hundreds of miles of new telephone underground cabling and our front cover shows a Whitlock 303 Excavator at Pangbourne, working on the new main G.P.O. line from Reading to Warlingford. The machine, owned by Claude Fenton (Sales) Ltd., is on hire to Norwest Construction Co. Ltd. and has excavated through the metallated road surface a neat flat-bottomed trench, with a minimum of obstruction to passing traffic on this busy road. Front Cover Photo: F. T. Juffkins



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HARD DIG

A pipeline of a different nature has been recently completed by McGinty Ltd. for the Oxford Water Board.

Two Whitlock 60A machines have excavated twenty seven miles of trench from Oxford to Chipping Norton through hard Cotswold stone, often down to 13 feet in depth. In addition to trenching the 60As also handled and lowered the 18' x 24" diameter spun iron water pipes, which weigh 35 cwts. each, into the trenches and subsequently completed all the backfilling of the trenches.

EDDISON TAKE 18 MORE

Eddison Plant Limited have recently concluded a transaction involving over £100,000 with Grocock & Day (Plant Hire) Ltd. of Leicester, including an additional 18 Whitlock 303 Offset Excavator and Parallel Lift Shovel units and other equipment. These will now be available for hire from their network of twenty Plant Hire Depots situated throughout the British Isles.

This new order was placed only after the most exhaustive time and motion study exercises by Eddison engineers and bearing in mind the excellent service they had received from the Whitlock Distributors.



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