

The telephone directory for November shows up 185 'phones and several more have been placed in position since the November card was issued. Less than five years ago Mr. Goff applied for a franchise to put in an exchange. Our people, who had gotten along without this luxury for years, were backward in coming forward at first many of them saying that we had been without 'phones all these years and could get along without them now and as a result the exchange started up. It did not take long for those who didn't think they were necessary to find out that the 'phone was the most convenient thing in the world and those who did not want it soon got it and wouldn't be without it. Modern improvements are always looked upon as something we can get along without but we are always glad when we get them. Forty telephones was the number Mr. Goff started with. Today he has 190, which is an endorsement of his hard work and faithful service given the people of Cooperstown. His rural lines miles of which he has built, numbers over fifty 'phones. We have as good a local system as there is in the state and we hope that it will continue to prosper and grow until Mr. Goff cries enough.