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## Local Dial Telephone Prefixes Will Be Garden, GGreenwood

Santa Cruz telephone numbers will start with GARDen or GReenwood once the \$2,700,000 automatic dial system goes into operation here in the fall of next year.

Manager A. G. Athearn of the local phone company office revealed today that GARDen 3, GARDen 6, and GReenwood 5 have been selected by company engineers as prefixes for the new Santa Cruz system. Four numerals will follow the prefixes, making a total of seven numbers to be dialed, such as GARDen 3-4567.

Beginning with the change to dial service, operators from as far away as the east coast will be able to dial Santa Cruz numbers direct, and ring phones here almost as quickly as local calls.

The new prefixes will also pave the way to eventual dialing of long distance calls from and to Santa Cruz by the subscriber himself. The

seven-digit system will make Santa Cruz a part of the national long distance dial system. Five-digit numbers, such as are in use in Aptos, Watsonville, and San Lorenzo valley towns, do not have this advantage, Athearn said.

A new telephone directory containing the new dial telephone numbers will be distributed to Santa Cruz subscribers just before the new system is placed in operation. Athearn said the GARDen 3 and GARDen 6 numbers would be used for the city of Santa Cruz and western suburbs. GReenwood 5 will be in use from Arana gulch east to the dividing line of the Aptos exchange.

The automatic dial exchange is now under construction at the corner of Walnut avenue and Center street. A second exchange will be erected on Bulb avenue near Capitola.