

# Paving the Way

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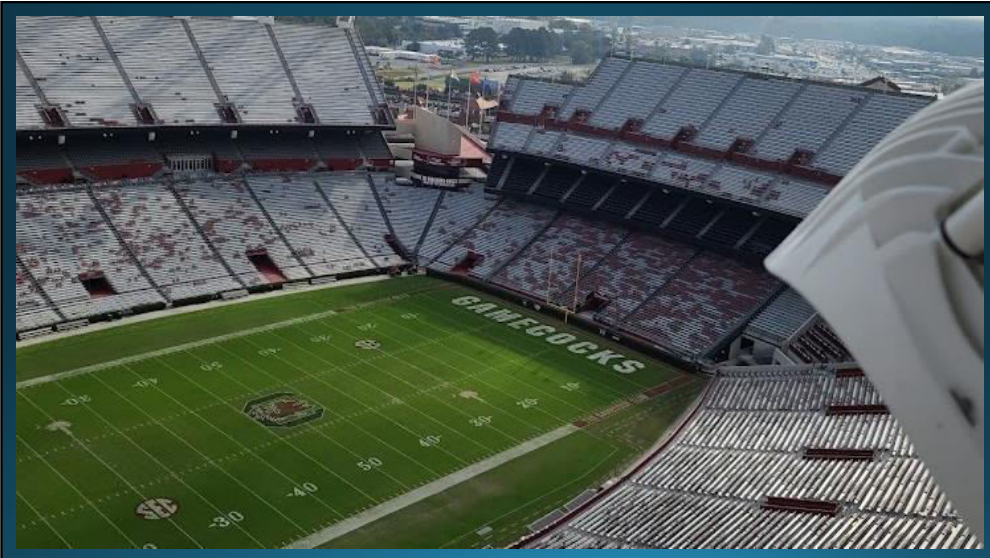
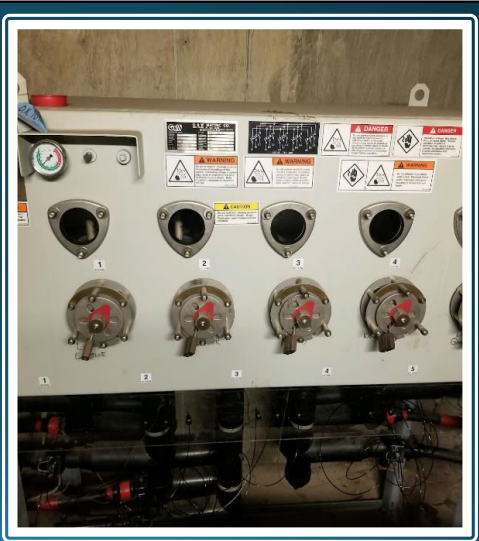
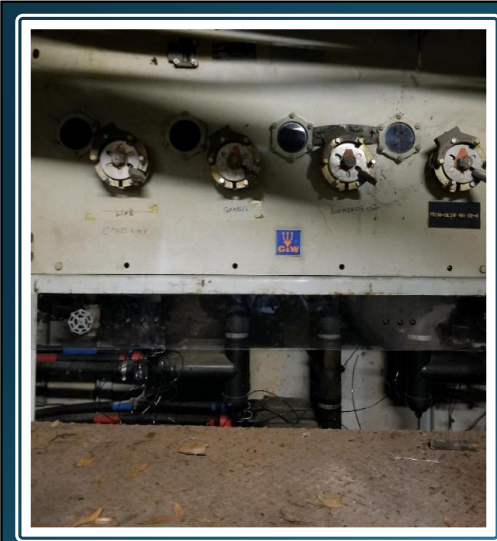



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HOW CAN WE **CONNECT**  
WITH THIS NEXT  
GENERATION OF  
LINEMEN?

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THE  
WAY!

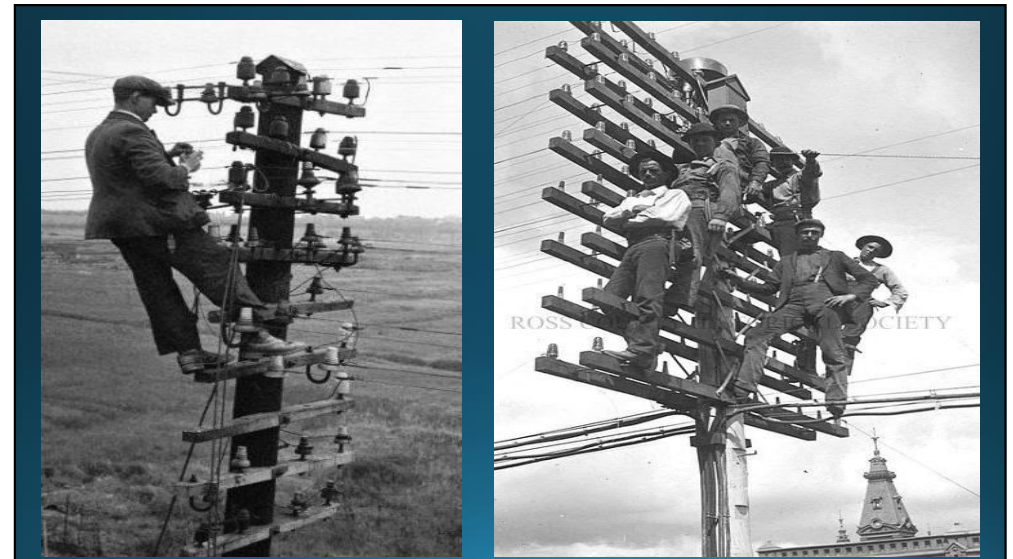
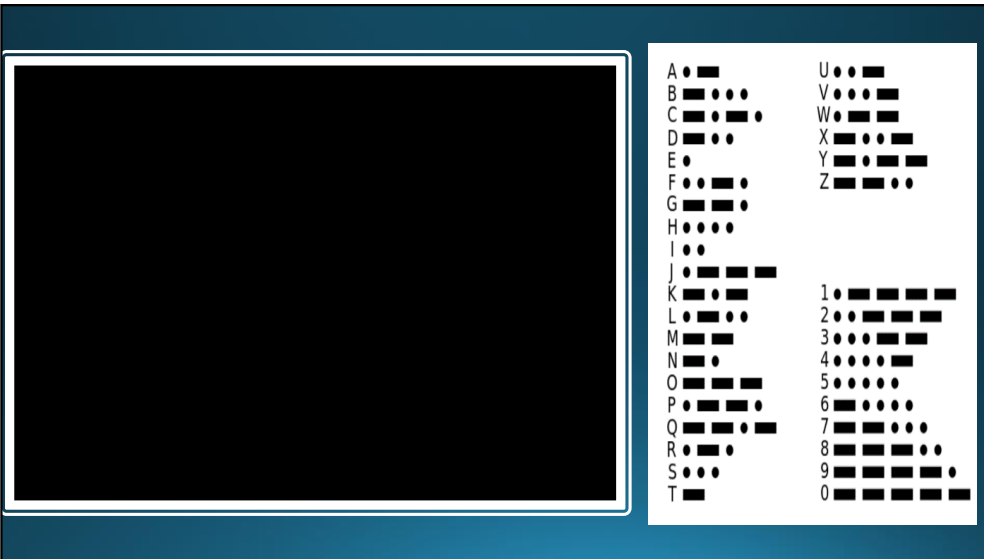
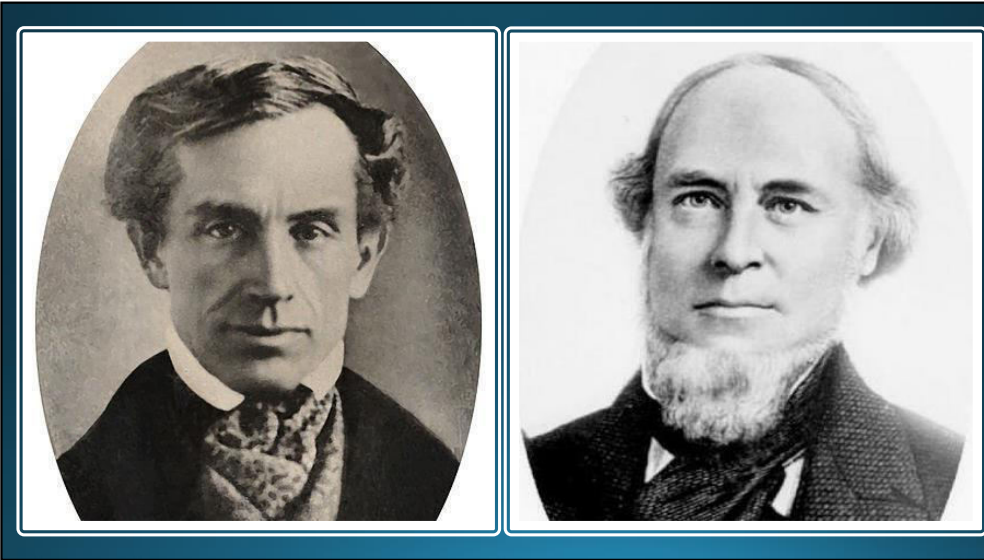


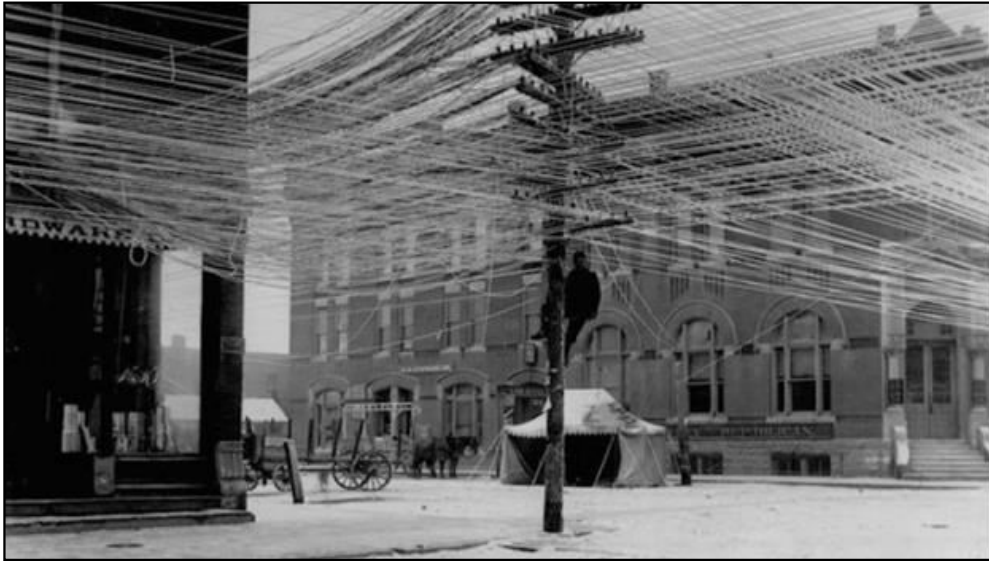
“LEGENDS” OF OUR  
INDUSTRY WHO PAVED  
THE WAY FOR US

COMMUNICATION  
THE 1800'S



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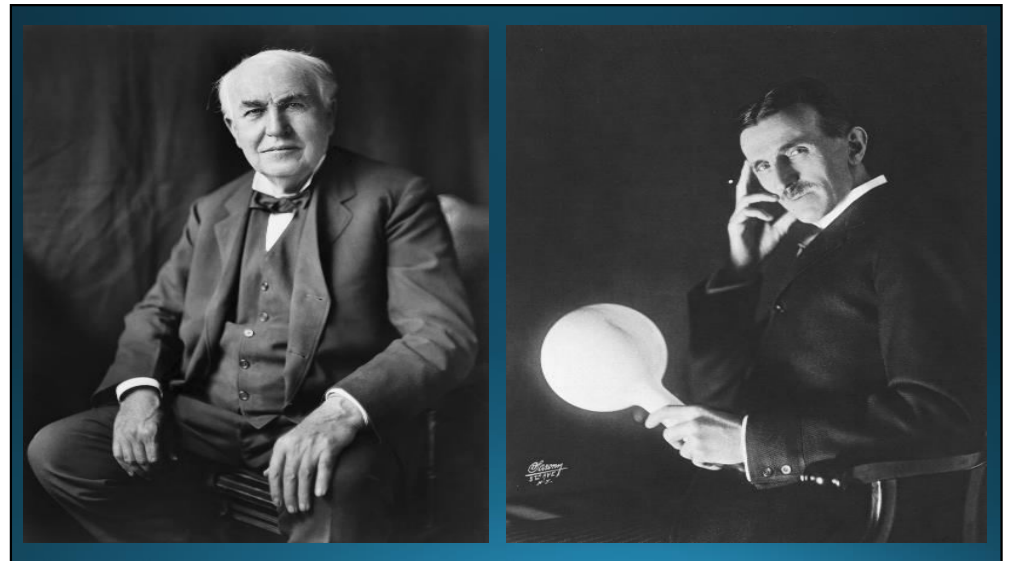


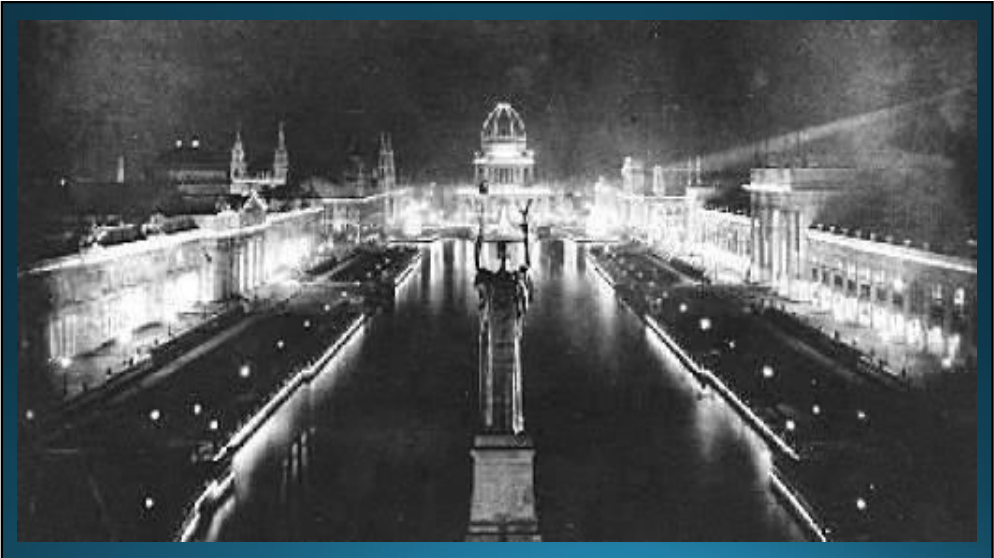
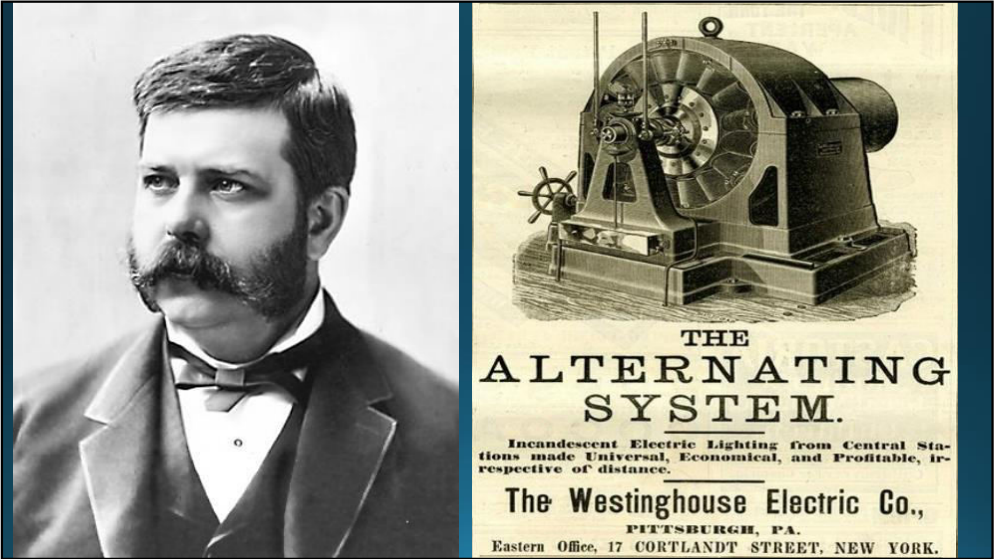
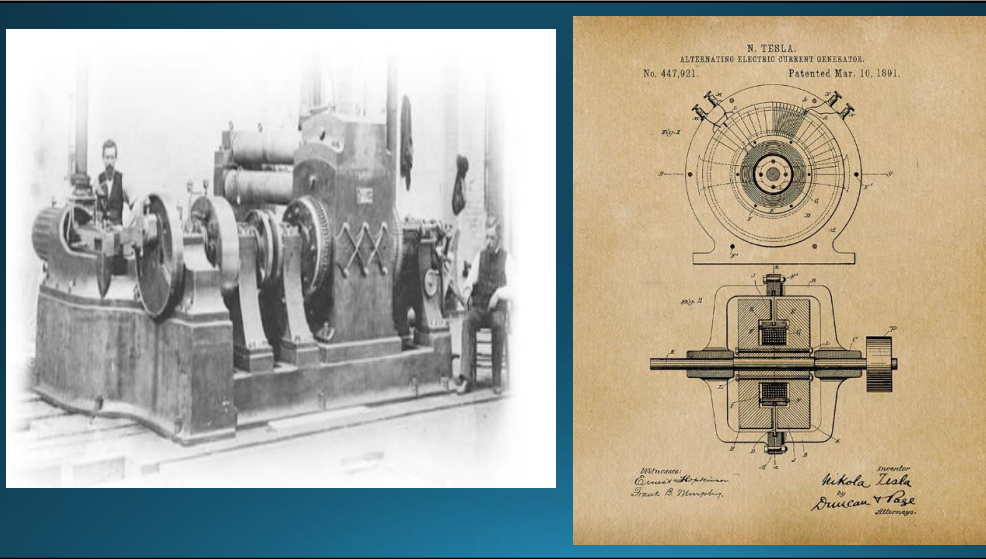
Where did the term lineman come from



**AC ⚡ DC**

“Current wars of the 1890’s”







JOHN  
“CANDY”  
BUNCH

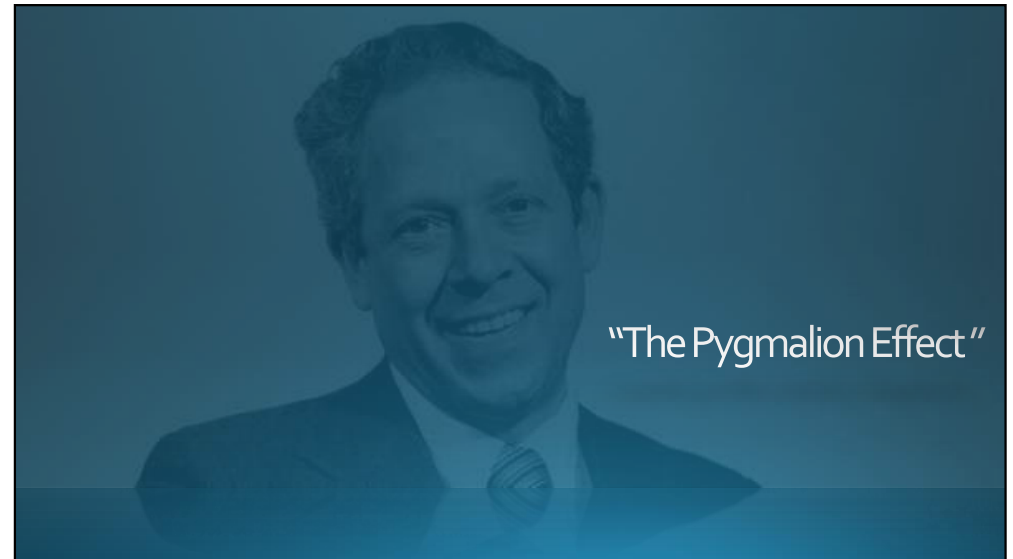


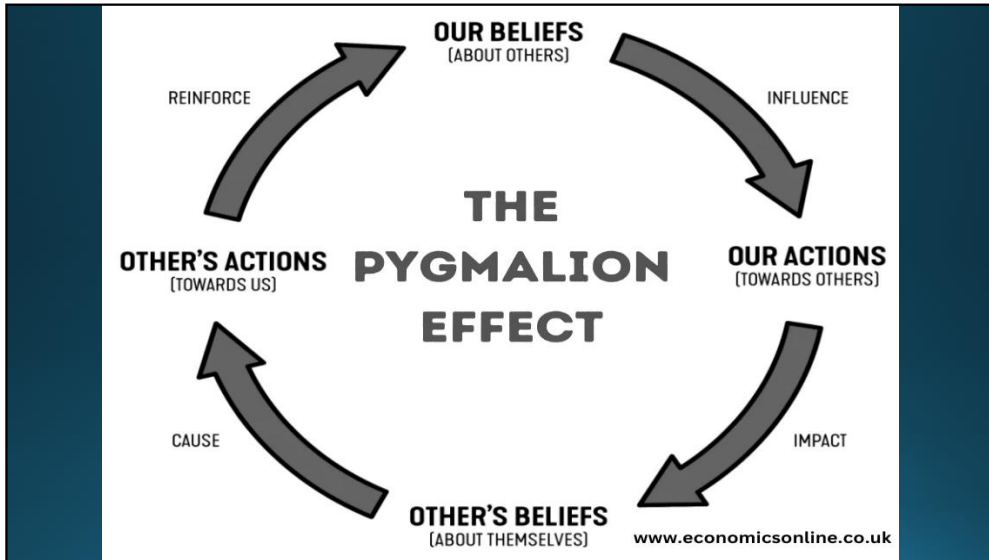
THE MAN  
THE MYTH  
THE LEGEND





SO, WHAT DID THESE THREE  
MEN ALL HAVE IN COMMON ??





**OUR LABELS AND EXPECTATIONS CAN BECOME SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECIES!**



**JUST ANOTHER RAIN DAY....**



**WE'RE ALL JUST  
LEARNERS !**

**“TREAT A MAN AS HE IS AND  
HE WILL REMAIN AS HE IS ....  
BUT TREAT A MAN AS HE CAN  
BE, AND SIT BACK AND WATCH  
WHAT HE WILL BECOME !**



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