



Two contemporary photographs of General Electric's plant on Mountain View Road show the Communications Products branch which is primarily concerned with radio communication devices. The interior picture is of an eighty-five-foot high voltage test facility at the plant.

An interesting note in Lynchburg's history involved Mahlon Loomis, one of the city's great unsung heroes, who tried to send the sound of the human voice across the land. On the hills around the town, at intervals of eighteen miles, Loomis set up what were, in effect, the first wireless stations in history. Although he could not enlist financial support for his revolutionary experiment in telecommunications, he should be remembered as the man who first tried to tie the land and its people together. Loomis successfully sent wireless messages from Lynchburg in the years between 1868 and 1873, pre-dating the world-famous Italian Guglielmo Marconi by several years.

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