

Maureen O'Hara Star of Approved Movie

"Eccentric," a technical story of Oriental Arabian nights starring Maureen O'Hara, is the PTA approved picture for this Saturday. The remainder of the matinee program at the Birmingham theatre will be made up with cartoon special.

"Tell It to the Judge" starring Ronald Russell, will complete the bill, and has a family rating. The two Bloomfield theatre pictures, "Captain China" and "The Story of Tishina Jordan" both carry an adult and young people rating. The latter picture stars Barbara Stanwyck.

Eccentric Classifieds SELL!

If Your Phone Is 'Dead,' Here's What Happens

If your telephone is as ruggedly dependable as that of the average Birmingham subscriber, you will call Michigan Bell's local telephone repair service only once in two and one-half years.

Here's why: It is wash-day in the Johnson household and Mrs. Johnson is busy and wants to call the grocer to have him deliver meat for the evening meal.

When she picks up the telephone, instead of the cheery, "number please," she expected, the line is "dead."

This is something new—her telephone has never failed before.

The Trouble Is Reported After waiting a few minutes to satisfy herself that the condition is not just temporary, she runs next door to the Howell's to call the telephone company.

Using the information pages of the directory as a guide, she lifts the receiver on the Howell's telephone and asks the operator for repair service.

The polite and attentive voice which answers the operator's ring is pleasant and reassuring—"telephone repair service."

After taking a trouble report, such as that from Mrs. Johnson, the repair clerk sets in motion a chain of events which quickly determines the cause of the trouble and restores service to normal.

Testman Gets Card To "get the ball rolling" on telephone trouble, the clerk first refers to a file at her left which contains a record of every Birmingham customer's telephone service.

This record, called a "line card," is filed by telephone number for ready reference and reflects the customer's name, address, type of instrument, identifying number of the cable serving him, and other detailed information.

When a customer calls to report trouble, the clerk notes the nature of the trouble on the subscriber's line card and hands it to the man at her right called the "testman."

The testman is the "telephone doctor" who diagnoses telephone "illnesses" through the expert use of an array of apparatus on his "test desk."

Can Simulate Trouble Condition By manipulating the keys on his disk, the testman can simulate any trouble condition which might be causing the service disruption. Once he determines the cause, he dispatches a repairman to the scene.

Most out-of-order reports are cleared in a matter of minutes when the repairman gets on the job.

However, if the trouble is located in a cable, it may require hours to repair the damage.

Telephone wires in a cable are protected by a lead sheath. Occasionally this sheath is ruptured, usually by friction caused by rubbing against some object.

Utilizing special equipment, the repairman—working closely with the repairman on the outside—can determine within a very few feet the location of the break in the cable.

May Be In Central Office Once the break is located, cable splicers are called in to repair the damage.

In the meantime, customer's telephone affected by the break are switched over to undamaged pairs in the same, or even another cable.

Line and cable trouble, however, is only one of the many causes of service disruption.

Sometimes the trouble is located right in the central office—perhaps a loose connection at the point where the subscriber's line connects to the switchboard.

The telephone instrument itself may be the "culprit." If it is, the repairman may be able to fix it by making some minor adjustments.

If the instrument trouble is of major consequence, the repairman will not attempt to fix it, but will substitute a new instrument and send the damaged one along to the Western Electric repair shop in Detroit for a complete overhauling.

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Detroit, this repair and supply depot is one of 28 maintained throughout the country by the Western company to provide Bell System with on-the-spot maintenance and supply services.

Constantly on the alert for potential causes of service disruptions, Michigan Bell repair forces strive to eliminate such conditions before trouble actually occurs.

A definite program of preventive maintenance is a part of their job. Periodic tests of central office drop wires on a regular basis; transmission tests to eliminate noisy line conditions; tree trimming to eliminate the possibility of cable breaks—are only a few of the steps taken by the telephone company's repair men to eliminate trouble on your telephone before it can happen.

In Event of Major Disaster The local repair unit is eminently successful in its efforts to provide Birmingham subscribers with dependable, trouble-free telephone service. This is evident from the fact that they have consistently led all the offices in this area for having the best record of trouble on your telephone before it can happen.

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number of customer-reported trouble calls.

To handle the restoration of service in case of a major disaster affecting large numbers of telephones, the local telephone repair unit maintains an "Emergency Service List."

This list carries all important telephones in the local exchange which must be restored on a priority basis. Police, fire, doctors and other emergency services and precontrol are included on the list.

Thus, the little known, but highly important repair unit of the telephone company protects the telephone service that is so vital to the health and general welfare of Birmingham.

Ruth Shain Class

Ridge will report on Japan, including in her address the educational progress, immediate plans and future in regards to the United States.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, instead of the Community House, births, parties are all new—call Mrs. J. W. Turner of Pleasant the society editor about them.



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College Hockey Star Gained Experience on Nearby Lakes, Ponds

BOUGHTON, Mich., Mar. 3.—Conway M. Adams of 32000 Telegraph, Franklin, a student at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology at Houghton, is a member of the college's hockey team which suffered a severe bus accident near Gaylord on Jan. 14.

Key national honorary campus leadership fraternity, and of the MCMT Varsity club.

Versatile High School Athlete Adams participated in boxing and football at Michigan State. At Houghton High he played two years each on the football and baseball teams, winning one letter at the guard position in football and two letters in the outfield. He was captain of the baseball team in his senior year.

During the past two summers Adams has played centerfield in the Royal Oak Recreation League.

School Notes from Big Beaver

The forensic contest will be held at Big Beaver school on Thursday, March 9. Contestants will take part in oratorical declamations, dramatic declamations, and orations.

The Detroit News Spelling Bee will be held at Big Beaver school on Friday, March 10.

Stuart K. Baker, superintendent of the Troy township schools, attended the superintendent's conference held at Atlantic City during the past week. He was accompanied by Charles Hall and Elmer Lowe, members of the school board.

Barbara R. Burnham was named on the high scholarship list of Western Michigan College for the first semester according to an analysis of the records which has just been completed.

Have You Met . . .
The family from Salt Lake City, Utah, Mrs. Allen N. Willis and son, Allan who are making their home in the Intramural softball league at Michigan Tech and plays forward in intramural basketball, representing his fraternity, Kappa Delta Psi, in both sports.

He is also a member of Blue

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