



Helping to speed your telephone call. Telephone man Byron Jensen tests the intricate equipment that gets your number quickly and accurately.

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He keeps an electric brain thinking clearly

You benefit from skills like his whenever you use the telephone

Every time you make a call over a dial telephone, you start an electric brain "thinking" in one of our offices.

First, it tells you when to start dialing by means of a tone. Selects your number automatically from many thousands or millions. Then rings your party or tells you the line is busy.

Such equipment is indeed remarkable. But with all its electronic magic, it still needs the help of people. Day and night, there is continuous checking and maintenance by telephone office craftsmen like Byron Jensen.

"A big part of the job," he says, "is to keep trouble off the lines. For every one of those calls is important to someone. And some can be very important."

"Not only personal calls, but fire alarms, burglar alarms, radio programs and even newspaper pictures go through this same equipment."

Each Sunday Byron teaches a class for boys. Many evenings and week ends are devoted to Boy Scout work.

For a person who enjoys helping others, he finds his telephone work particularly satisfying.

"Whenever I watch those dial switches work," he says, "I get the feeling I'm at the nerve center of the community."



Instructing Boy Scouts. Byron, a troop chairman, shows scouts how to orient themselves with a map and compass in the beautiful Wasatch Range near Provo, Utah.

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