

Top O' The Morning film promotion, Topeka, Kansas

These two photographs from 1949 were taken in the lobby of Topeka's Grand Theater during a promotion for the film, 'Top O' The Morning,' starring Bing Crosby. An element in the film's storyline involved a recording made with Dictaphone's Time-Manager dictating machine. In the promotion, moviegoers were invited to send greetings to hospitalized veterans by recording their message with the Time-Manager. Modeling use of the equipment in the photo is Donna Coffman, a secretary with Thacher, Inc., the Topeka distributor for Dictaphone. With her is the district manager for Fox Midwest Theaters.

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