

Bank of America to Unveil ERMA In Paramount Saturday Morning

If you want to see a real electronic-age speed demonstration, you ought to see ERMA.

ERMA is having an open house in Paramount Saturday and everyone is invited.

ERMA, which stands for Electronic Recording Method of Accounting, is Bank of America's new electronic bookkeeper.

JESSE W. TAPP, chairman of the bank's board of directors, said Saturday's open house at the Paramount ERMA Center, 6800 East Compton Blvd., is one of a series of public showings of these new centers throughout the state. Open house hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

ERMA, which is actually a group of machines involving high speed sorters, "memory" tapes and automatic typewriters, took ten years to develop. Almost unbelievably faster than a human bookkeeper, it does in thousandths of a second what humans require minutes to do.

THE PARAMOUNT installation can sort, post, and print statements for 200,000 checking accounts between the time the bank closes one day and opens the next. It will handle the bookkeeping for Bank of America branches in the Harbor and South Los Angeles areas and Orange County. "We feel," said Tapp, "that ERMA will be of particular interest to science and mathematics students, people who use modern, advanced equipment in their jobs, and every-

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"Probability and Statistics," a nationally televised college-credit mathematics course, will be offered on the second semester of Continental Classroom beginning Jan. 30, 1961.

Presented by Learning Resources Institute in cooperation with the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences, and telecast in color and black-and-white by the National Broadcasting Company, the course will be taught by Professor Frederick Mosteller, chairman, Department of Statistics, Harvard University, and Professor Paul C. Clifford, professor of mathematics, Montclair (N.J.) State College.

MORE THAN 300 colleges and universities are expected to offer the televised course for college credit. It will be carried by 170 stations throughout the nation, from 6:30 to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday in each time zone.

In Southern California, the following colleges and universities will participate: East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles City College, Marymount College (Palos Verdes Estates), San Diego State College, Santa Ana College, and University of California, Los Angeles. Television stations KRCA, Los Angeles and KFSD-TV, San Diego will carry Continental Classroom.

COLLEGE AND university students seeking undergraduate credit will view the lessons taught Monday, Wednesday and Friday by Professor Mosteller. Before joining the Harvard faculty, Dr. Mosteller taught at Carnegie Institute of Technology and Princeton University.

Teachers and others enrolled for graduate credit will view additional lessons on Tuesday and Thursday devoted to classroom teaching and problem-solving. These sessions will be conducted by Professor Clifford, who has lectured in statistics at New York University, Newark College of Engineering, Rutgers University and University of Michigan.

THE FIRST semester of Continental Classroom's course in Contemporary Mathematics featured Modern Algebra. It marked Continental Classroom's third consecutive year of education through network television.

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