

# *Burning Up the Telephone Lines*

## *Ring! Ring! Ring!*

### *Talking the Day Away*

Boredom, anxiety, and just plain laziness were often the culprits of blatant telephone overuse. Many teenagers insisted on monopolizing the telephone for hours on end as they found relief in conversation from a tiresome and tedious afternoon's activities. They talked for hours on end without regard for other household members who might desperately need to place calls of utmost urgency. But then, there were those lucky individuals who had their own phones and telephone lines, and then the very select few who had the occasional Mickey Mouse, Garfield, or Bugs Bunny phones.

But, regardless of the ways or means, there needed never be a reason when there was an available phone in the room. This was the case for many teenagers who rambled on about what to wear to which occasion, the latest styles and fashions, what dates they had planned for the weekend and which nerds had been recently gaining brownie points with the teachers. Many girls found it necessary to spend unlimited time discussing overwrought and exaggerated points of all the cute guys, while many guys took the very same pleasure in pretentious, over-blown discussions of the girls who had fallen prey to their latest "love conquests."

The verdict was, whether girl or boy, that teens found the telephone an adequate and pleasurable outlet to get to know their freinds better, let off steam, or gab the afternoon away!

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Daphne Blocker takes time out of her busy schedule to make an important phone call.

