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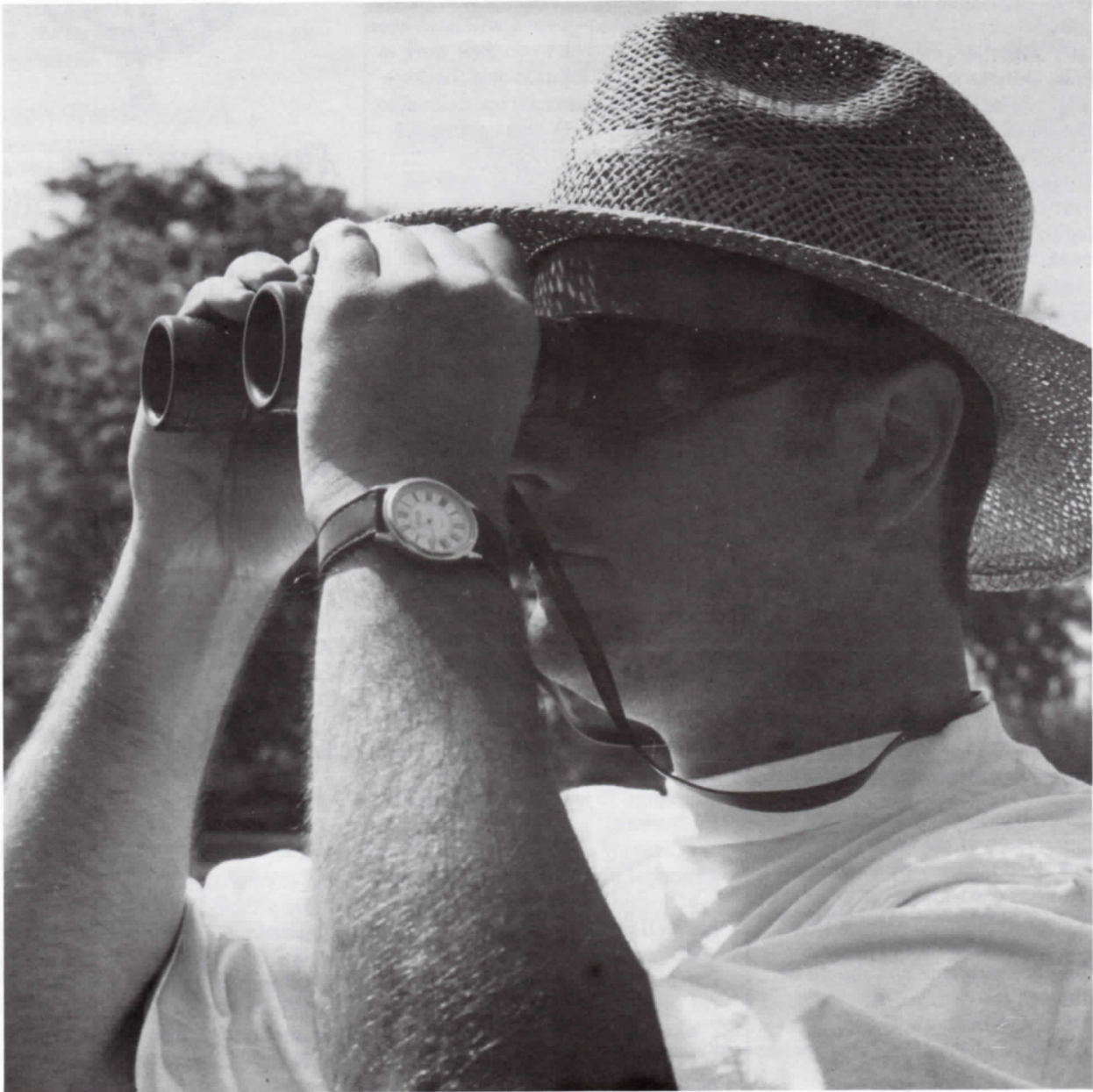


Photo by Linda Ryan

**Look for
something
familiar**

Lost in Paradise isn't everything it's cracked up to be. Just ask Scott O'Doherty who discovered the hard way that when you've seen one beach, you've seen them all. He and other Works employees share their vacation dreams and nightmares in a special feature story inside.

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Maintenance, repairs slated over shutdown

If you're one of the last people to go out the door just before the Omaha Works shuts down for the week beginning July 2, make sure you do more than just turn off the lights.

It's important, especially in shop areas, to make sure all equipment and processes are fully shut down after the last operation.

"This is one way people can really help us," said plant trades supervisor Maurice Johnson, who is part of a contingent of Works employees and contract workers who will conduct maintenance and repairs throughout plant and office buildings during shutdown.

"We'll be working around the clock to get all the work we can get done in a week's time" with limited personnel numbers on hand, he said. Having to tend to problems resulting from failure to shut down operations completely (such as overheating, flooding, etc.) will take away from the time needed to complete planned tasks, he explained.

The shutdown crew will have even less than a week to do their work in Building 30, Johnson said, because process lines must be operational to accommodate 80-type cabinet manufacturing.

Personnel in the 80-type shops, feeder shops and supporting organizations will work July 5-8 in response to an unpredicted increase in schedule, supervisor Lanette Moore said.

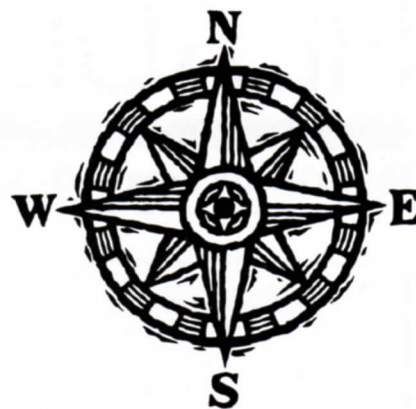
The maintenance and repair crew working during shutdown will include pipefitters, CMTs (composite master tradespeople), electricians, machinists, carpenters, waste treatment personnel, boiler house operators and sheet metal employees, as well as some contractors.

Making good use of the July shutdown to do maintenance and repair work is important, Johnson noted, because "much of the work can be done only in warm weather" and only when all manufacturing has been curtailed.

Work scheduled includes:

- Asbestos removal from the main steam and condensate lines in Buildings 30 and 50 and in Building 20 "tunnels."
- Cleaning and inspecting the waste treatment plant's tanks and clarifier.
- Cleaning the cooling tower and hot well pits.
- Cleaning and performing preventive maintenance on selected electrical substations.
- Repairing catwalks on roof.
- Fiberglass work on a Building 50 plating tank.

In addition, contractors will replace gas valves in Building 30; clean the kitchen supply ductwork; and do asphalt resurfacing work in the courtyard.



Row, row, row your canoe gently down the river

One would think that, with all of the rain we had earlier this past spring, having enough water to take a leisurely canoe trip down the Missouri River wouldn't be a problem.

Yet, that's precisely the problem that was encountered by members of the AT&T Outdoor Adventure Club who took such a trip May 19-21, 1995, starting from the Ft. Randall Dam.

Eleven employees, friends and family members, which included Arnie Kelson, Julie Nielson, Ron Monroe, Jerry Glenn, Craig Alberhasky and Charles Gibbs, camped near the water the night before their river trip began.

When they awoke, "what there was of water was standing in pools only, not flowing as I'd seen the night before," said Gibbs, who organized the excursion.

They thought their trip was doomed until they began to see the river rising. Apparently, the dam's gates had been closed overnight to help control flooding further downstream in St. Louis, Mo., and were opened in the morning for power generation.

For awhile it was smooth going for the adventurers who enjoyed the scenic route in their three canoes and two kayaks, until another group of

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Combined issue

The June and July 1995 issues of The Headliner have been combined due to the July shutdown and vacation. The Headliner's monthly publication schedule will resume with the August 1995 issue.

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Ext. 3795.

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(Continued from previous page) canoeists told them they would be wise to pull out because navigation problems loomed ahead.

Deciding to stick it out, they found that "there was no specific channel to follow," Gibbs said. None of them had taken the trip before and were unfamiliar with the area. Plus, their old maps were inaccurate. So, they split up and chose different passage-ways.

They traveled 35 river miles (not the 25 originally planned, fearing there wouldn't be enough water to navigate the next morning) before coming together to set up camp.

The next day, not only was there more river flow but also white caps forming from a strong headwind,

Gibbs recalled. They were relieved to see their destination point, an old train bridge across the Niobrara River, in less than one hour after they had set out from camp.

"It was a truly tiring experience," Gibbs noted, yet he and the others say they are ready for more.

The Adventure Club plans several more river trips this summer: One on the Niobrara River near Valentine, Neb., on July 15 and 16; a second on the Dismal River in the Nebraska Sandhills on Aug. 19-21; and another on the Republican River in South/Central Nebraska in September.

Gibbs said anybody interested in the next trips should call him on Ext. 3493 for more details. "These will be easy," he promised.

AT&T honored for supporting minority vendors

AT&T was one of nine local public and private sector businesses and institutions recently honored at the Omaha Minority Purchasing Council's annual luncheon. Recognition was given based on the amount of money spent with minority vendors and the number that were hired.

In 1994, AT&T's Omaha Works spent more than \$14 million in goods and services from minority vendors in the Omaha area, up 31 percent from 1993, said John Heindel, copper apparatus and wire vice-president.

In accepting the honor in behalf of the Works, Heindel told the luncheon audience that companies who recognize the value of employing an ethnically and culturally diverse workforce and who do business with similarly diverse suppliers "are the companies that are going to be around five or ten years from now.

"AT&T is committed to diversity as a business strategy," he said, a plan that makes good sense not just for the business but for customers and society, as well.

"In every case where we have established a minority vendor relationship, it has resulted in better costs, better quality and better service."

Ethnic/Cultural Fair termed successful

Nearly 700 Works employees spent part of their lunch or dinner breaks visiting the display booths in the auditorium that made up the Ethnic/Cultural Fair held May 24, 1995.

A dozen different exhibits showcased artifacts and provided information about each group's ethnic or cultural makeup. "It was by far the biggest and best ever" featured at the Works, said Harvey Palmer, the

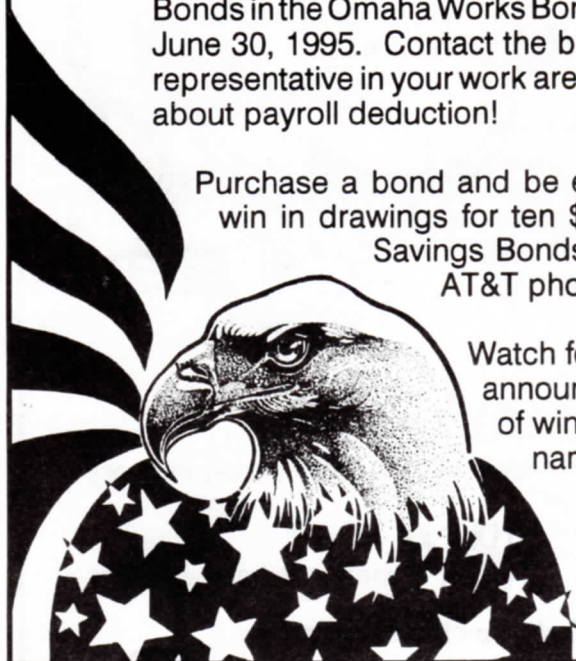
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There's still time to save for tomorrow (but don't take forever).

The last day to purchase U.S. Savings Bonds in the Omaha Works Bond Drive is June 30, 1995. Contact the bond drive representative in your work area and ask about payroll deduction!

Purchase a bond and be eligible to win in drawings for ten \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds and five AT&T phones.

Watch for the announcement of winners' names!



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fair's organizer.

The booths represented Iranian/Persian, Czech Republic, Lithuanian, Italian, Polish, Croatian, Irish and Native American ethnic cultures, as well as the HISPA, Women of AT&T, the Alliance and Telephone Pioneers organizations.

Leslie Guest of IBU 23M was the winner of an AT&T telephone awarded by drawing during the fair.

EW&C notes scrap reduction

The electronic wire and cable (EW&C) shops' scrap levels for May measured at 3.66 percent of total production, the lowest level attained in all of 1995. April's scrap level was 4.08 percent of total production.

As part of EW&C's WIN³ program to reduce scrap, the results represent a \$200 payout in Nebraska Furniture reward shares to every individual in EW&C and supporting organizations. The results are monitored monthly, and the individual payouts could be much higher by the end of the year if scrap is further reduced.

WIN³ coach Merle Dinslage commended EW&C employees for their efforts and said the results prove that scrap levels can be driven downward while production levels continue upward.

June/July service anniversaries

The following employees celebrate milestone service anniversaries in June and July, 1995. The anniver-

sary date is given with service years following the employees' names.

6/1--Charles Bohline, 25; John Lassek, 30.

6/2--Ted Burkhart, 15; Kelly Casey, 15; Michael Wenninghoff, 25; Marilyn Tunstall, 10; Lyle Marshall, 15.

6/3--Sandra Smith, 15; Dean Schwery, 10; Michael Du Rae, 35; Harvey Kunz, 30; Stanley McIntosh, 10.

6/5--Jackie Frum 35.

6/6--Joseph Kessler, 35; Mark Curtis, 15.

6/7--Lois Story, 30; Roscoe Secret, 30; John Barnhill, 30; Franklin Patrick, 30; Eugene Sterkel, 30; Linda Fuksa, 15; William Rosencrans, 30.

6/8--Steven Alloway, 25; Robert Burdett, 25.

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Take the **PLUNGE!**

Come on down to the temporary ETOP computer classroom facilities in Room 14 in the lower level of Building 20, (while construction continues on new facilities off the main cafeteria) and take one (or more) of the one-day workshops being offered during July. All workshops listed below are offered at 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., 1 - 3 p.m., and 4 - 6 p.m. Call Ext. 4892 to register by phone.

JULY 11

Sneak Preview "Windows '95"

JULY 13

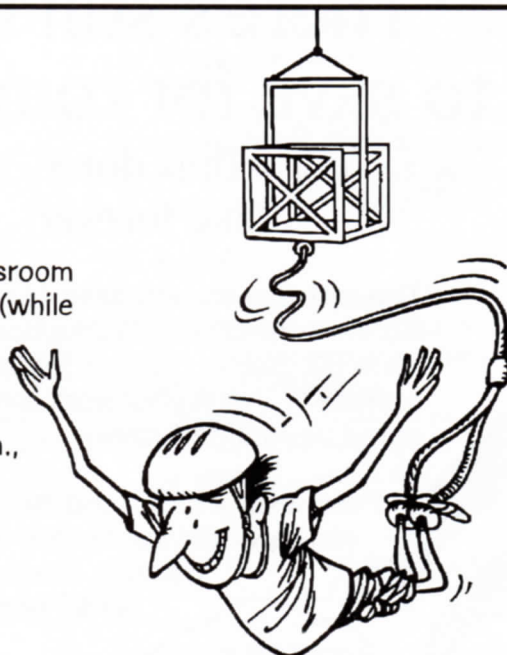
Desktop publishing in MS-Word 6.0 for Windows

JULY 18

Modem installation and America On-line

JULY 20

Using Microsoft Works 3.0 Wizards and Templates



JULY 25

Upgrading random access memory

JULY 27

Tips for scanning text and graphics

(Available to represented employees only during off-shift hours)

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6/9--Johnnie Shambley, 30; Larry Josoff, 30.

6/10--Kevin Ramplin, 10; Edward Dellinger, 35; Gene Stoltenberg, 30; Steven Dagata, 25.

6/11--Rose Fitzpatrick, 10; Jean Taylor, 30; Bradley Skarda, 5; Lamon Marion, 5; Robert Saderstrom, 25.

6/12--Joyce Hitchcock, 30.

6/13--Dwight Lockhart, 35; George Coventry, 35.

6/14--Frederick Chadwick, 30; James Norville, 30; Gerald Boyer, 35.

6/15--Roger Howard, 25.

6/16--John Benefiel, 15; Randall Duell, 15.

6/17--Dorothy Gray, 30.

6/21--Ira Adamson, 30.

6/22--Joseph Skupa, 25; Wesley Nicholas, 25.

6/23--Melanie Pistillo, 15; Janet

Holst, 15.

6/24--Richard Runnels, 25; June Jaros, 30.

6/26--James Banks, 25.

6/27--Mona Koehn, 15.

6/28--Charles Griffin, 30; Carrie Barclay, 30; Robert Koster, 35; Eugene Wills, 30.

6/29--Fonda Jatton, 30; Carl Jones, 30.

7/1--Tanya Jacobberger, 15.

7/7--Patricia De Bolt, 25.

7/9--Karen Novak, 5.

7/11--Lucille Boult, 15; David Suverkrubbe, 15.

7/13--Kenneth Kelly, 10.

7/14--Cherylene Leffall, 30.

7/15--Loretta Daubman, 30.

7/16--Karen Fisk-Walker, 10.

7/22--Joyce Howard, 15.

7/23--Jay Ackland, 5; George Bliss, 5.

7/26--Francis Caruso, 30; Nicholas Johnson, 30; William Miller, 35.

their product quality achievements for the May 1995 rating period:

IBU 226--DSX; 11-type cable stubs; 300-type central office connectors; 78, 89 and 112 connecting blocks.

IBU 22A--110 patch panel assembly; 110 wiring blocks.

IBU 222--188, 189, 190, 300 building entrance protectors.

IBU 23M--710 connectors; 700-type connectors; N-type cable terminals; 8-, 9- and 142-type cable terminals.

IBU 23H--76 and 108 terminal blocks; 40-, 42-, 841- and MSDT-type cabinets.

EW&C--Station wire; inside wire cable; plenum/lan cable.

AT&T introduces new services

Hoping to make it easier for customers to use new technology and to become a "one-stop shop," AT&T is offering a number of new products and services, some at price breaks for its long distance customers.

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Expanded Adult Day Care Services

The McAuley Bergan Center West Adult Day Care Center, 3534 S. 108th St., has expanded its adult day care services with a grant awarded by the AT&T Family Care Development Fund.

The center now opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m., with more staff members to care for more elders.

Older relatives of AT&T employees, for whom the program is deemed appropriate, will receive priority enrollment consideration.

For more information, call:
Char Stella, 393-2696.

Product quality rates an 'A'

Quality Assurance has awarded the following IBUs the grade of "A" for

Retirements in June and July

Remember when you were in school how you had wished summer vacation would never end?

Several Omaha Works employees are finally getting their wish. They have elected to retire during the months of June and July.

In addition to those pictured, employees who have retired include:

Rita Ballentine, 28 years
Thomas Borlie, 30 years
Larry Garrett, 36 years
Martha Grzebielski, 33 years
James Johnson, 35 years
Harold D. Johnson, 30 years
Richard Murray, 20 years
Joyce Ossler, 31 years
Paul Stolinski, 36 years



Dolores Lusero
27 years



Harold Johnson
27 years



Darlene Bivens
25 years



Agnes Peterson
25 years

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Included is a bill-paying system that operates on home TV screens. AT&T CheckFree involves the use of a set-top box (much like a cable TV converter) that turns a TV into a computer, enabling consumers to send utility or mortgage checks electronically.

AT&T also has introduced a phone that has call-management features and speakerphone capability, designed for people who work from home. The AT&T Computer Telephone will allow users to access customer records stored in their computers.

Time Manager is a new service which gives AT&T long-distance customers a personal "500" code

phone number that will follow them everywhere. And AT&T VoiceLine Services will allow customers to place voice-activated calls to an "800" number, enter a calling card number and say the name of the person they want to reach. The system, which can store as many as 20 names, will connect the call for the price of a calling card call.

"We are drawing from the full breadth of AT&T—long distance, consumer products, computers, wireless services and AT&T Bell Laboratories—to meet consumers' needs in a way that no other communications company can," said Joseph Nacchio, president of AT&T's Consumer Communications Services unit. ■



Make it a safe one!

**Fun,
Fun,
Fun ♦ Plex**

Be where the action is
for the annual
Employee Picnic
Sunday, August 27, 1995

Rides, go-carts, water park, games, prizes!
Tickets go on sale in mid-August.

Don't miss out on the fun!

AT&T, Red Cross honor donors

On June 8, corporate AT&T representatives and local Red Cross chapter officials met at the Omaha Works to honor volunteers and employees who have regularly donated a most precious gift: Their blood or blood products.

At two different meetings in the auditorium, nearly 300 employees gathered to hear words of praise from Dr. Dorothea Johnson, vice-president and division executive of the AT&T Health Affairs Organization, and to receive gifts of appreciation.

Joan Manning, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross Midwest Region Blood Services, said that local AT&T employees donate more than 900 units of blood or platelets each year.

"Since every unit of blood can be separated into two or three blood components, those 900 donations become as many as 2,700 life-saving gifts to patients in need," she said.

Receiving special recognition was Dar Miller of IBU 221, who has assisted with Works Bloodmobile visits for the past 20 years, at least 10 of them coordinating the setup for each visit and notification of donors. Steve Sitzman of IBU 234 will now serve in that capacity.

Jerry (Dept. 22D) and Betty Golmanavich also were honored for their work to promote organ and tissue donation awareness.

In addition, the following Works employees were honored:

15 gallons-plus donors

Robert Bloodsworth.

10 to 14 gallons donors

Gary Babel, Gladys Bailey, Jerome Berger, Frederick Cappello, Larry Fisher, Carl Greunke, Donald Kadereit, Emil Karasek, Robert Koster, Bruce Kreger, Richard Kusmierski, Jerold Mallory, Donald Palmer, Thomas Pluta, Linda Severin, Durward Vosler and Frederick Wolski.

5 to 9 gallons donors

Robert Baker, Richard Barton, Ronald Beckman, Michael Bizal, Joseph Blessner, David Borstad, Michael Boruff, Willard Brink, Shirley Bruning,



Photo by Steve Miller

JUST THREE PEOPLE, THIS MUCH BLOOD...If you could stack the combined total of 32 gallons of blood donated over the years by (from left) Gladys Bailey, Bob Koster and Carl Gruenke, it would look like this.

Larry Buck, James Bunting, Jack Campbell, Lowell Campbell, Richard Carmona, Roger Carstens, Richard Ciecko, Ronald Coleman, JoAnn Connelly, Judith Coop, Michael Craft, Nicholas Curto, Patricia Dahlhauser, Anthony David, Virginia Davis, William Deegan, Marcella Dergan, James Erickson, Thomas Feuquay, James Filipiak, William Fleming, Etta Flott.

Sharon Foster, Charles Gallup, Charles Garrean, Jerome Gau, Patricia Hartung, George House, Teddy Hummel, Edward Jarrett, Douglas Johnson, Robert Justsen, Dennis Kelly, Joseph Kessler, Gregory Kieve, Otis Knutson, James Krambeck, Sharlene Kuhr, Harvey Kunz, Stephen Kush, Donald Kuta, Dennis Laaker, Ingrid Lanham, Jerry Levi.

Robert Ludlow, Alice Lugert, James Mack, George Macrander, Stephan Mahr, Jolene Marfisi,

Donald Martin, Wayne Masek, Byron Maxwell, Richard Maxwell, James McCullum, Richard McGaughey, Marvin McGuire, Gerakd Meckes, Dale Meisinger, Carl Michel, William Miller, Sharon Miller, Darlene Miller, Linda Moore, Walter Moore, Daniel Moran, Frank Nagel, Ronald Nelson, Patricia Oliver, Claudia Perchal, Richard Peterson, Alan Pickering, Paul Pickrel, Algis Praitis, Lloyd Reed, William Reppert, Gerakd Rue.

Burdette Sabata, Richard Schaben, Thomas Schulte, Russell Sellin, Robert Sempek, Robert Shafer, Leonard Shandera, Gary Siebe, Dekores Sirian, Joseph Sopcich, Roger Sprick, Joyce Stark, John Staskiewicz, Dennis Stenzel, Joseph Sternad, Larry Strazdas, Dean Strehle, Lauren Throener, William Tiff, Richard Toelke.

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The good, the bad & sometimes ugly

Tales of vacation

Vacation: It's one of the most image-inspiring words in the English language—or any language, for that matter. Blue skies and sandy beaches. A mountain stream sparkling in the sunlight. Or, a good book, a cold drink and a chaise lounge under a backyard shade tree.

With the Omaha Works' plant shutdown nearly upon us (the week of July 2, 1995), visions of the "perfect" vacation come easily to employees. So do recollections of "less than perfect" days of leisure.

Employees were asked at random to first describe what they consider to be an ideal vacation; then, recall a vacation that didn't quite hit the mark. What follows are their "thumbs up" and "thumbs down" responses.

Carla Dixon

Final end large cable test

▲I'd like to take a cruise somewhere, like the Bahamas or the Virgin Islands, and have the money to pay for all the extras. I understand they pamper you from start to finish. That's what I want...to be treated like a queen!

▼I remember one vacation that was during plant shutdown. I spent it in the hospital. When I got better, it was time to come back to work.



Photo by Linda Ryan

THE ROYAL TREATMENT...Carla Dixon's ideal vacation would make her feel like a queen.

Gary Rompa

DSX/patch cord assembly

▲I'd like to be able to take a real vacation with my wife. Maybe we'd go to Hawaii, someplace where there are no worries, no stress, no responsibilities. I transferred here from Chicago, and my wife still lives and works there. So I use vacation days and every other weekend to travel back there to be with my wife.

▼We took a trip to Florida once and bad weather caused us to miss our connection back to Chicago. So, I spent a day of vacation sitting in a Florida airport.

Brian DeChriste

BEP cable prep

▲The ideal vacation? Going back to where I was born (Baltimore, Md.) to be with family and, of course, to go to Oriole baseball games.

▼A couple of years ago I took a car trip with family and friends. It was a long trip to be stuck in that car. Everybody had different opinions (about the trip) and tensions started to rise.

Rita Saab

Training department

▲I think a cruise would be ideal. You travel at night, dock at daytime. When you get up in the morning, they make your bed for you. You're treated like royalty!

▼When my three kids were small (the youngest was just a year old), my husband, our kids and a friend

and her three kids went to a resort in northern Minnesota recommended by neighbors. We drove for hours, and when we got there it obviously was a paradise for men on a fishing trip.

There was no playground or things to occupy the kids and the accommodations were primitive. While my husband fished, my girlfriend and I would take the kids to a small town to wash up. This was before disposable diapers!

My husband's back went out and he never caught any fish, but I pulled plenty of leeches off of our son when he went wading in the lake. The only thing we looked forward to was traveling to town to eat at a restaurant.

My youngest child cried the whole time. Even the resort's proprietors asked us if we would like our money back so we would leave to go home!

Les Craig

Reelax rewind

▲My ideal vacation is to go to the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul, Mn.). It's a metropolitan and resort atmosphere all in one. There are professional and college sports, concerts of all kinds, a vibrant downtown. Everywhere you go, people are engaged in one activity or another.

▼One trip I'd like to forget is a trip to Las Vegas. Everything was so artificial. It was a big disappointment.

Gene Erickson

Protectors, pin & sleeve operations

▲To me an ideal vacation is "getting away" on a fly-in fishing trip to Canada, staying in a primitive cabin, and there are no other people around.

▼Nothing's worse than an airlines delay. You're anxious to get started with your trip but you're delayed by the airlines, like I experienced on a trip to California a couple of years ago. On another occasion, my wife and I went to Europe. Between the jet lag and not being used to the food, I never did feel good.

Deb DeBoer

Plant engineering

▲Anyplace where I can get away with my husband and kids is ideal, but I think a trip to join a family reunion is the best. Especially if the reunion is at a place like Disney World.

▼I don't recall any "bad" vacations, but once we lost some luggage at the airport in Florida. Somebody mistook two pieces of our luggage for theirs. I lost my glasses, medicine, toothbrush and things like that.

Donna Erickson

Materials management

▲Someplace where there's an ocean, a beach and sunshine and somebody to wait on you hand and foot would be ideal. Everything's close by, so you would never have to get up to go anywhere except to go to your luxury hotel.

▼The worst vacation I ever took was a one-week visit to my sister's in Kansas. There were eight of us, including my 9-month-old baby, and we all had stomach flu the whole time. Whoever was not as sick had to care for those who were sicker.

Dan Herman

Control systems

▲I'd like to go someplace where I don't have to do anything...no phones, no traffic, no work and nothing to remind me of work. I used to go to a place like that some years ago when my brother had a cabin on a lake in Wisconsin.

▼I've never really taken a vacation I didn't enjoy.

Cecilia Vance

Cable vault & coil

▲It would be fun to go to a vacation island where you're catered to. Someplace warm with white sand beaches.

▼I went on a trip to Disney World once. We rented a van, and just as we were on the exit ramp to go to Disney World, we ran into a car. We waited three hours for the police to arrive. Neither car had any damage, but the other car's driver claimed she was injured.

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More vacation tales

Don Bryant

Print shop services

▲I'd like to be able to jump on my motorcycle and go wherever the road takes me. Preferably to some place where you can throw the clock away because there are no deadlines, and never a worry about having to get back to work.

▼*I made the mistake of taking a vacation with a group of friends...one of those trips where "the group" decides what everybody's going to do. Before we could go anywhere, we had to get everyone together to come to an agreement.*

Ezerlene Watkins

701 connectors

▲Going back home to Phoenix, Ariz., for three or four weeks is my idea of an ideal vacation. I'd spend time getting reacquainted with family, relaxing, and not getting lost because I'd know where I'm going.

▼*I took a trip to Houston once during the summer. We drove for miles and miles to get to family reunions. It was too long, too hot and I broke out in hives.*

Bob Wilson

710 connectors

▲I like to vacation at home and work around the house doing odds and ends. It's my way of relaxing and not worrying about problems.

▼*The only time that didn't work out was in 1993 when we had all of that rain. I took vacation to paint my house and do landscaping, but it didn't work out.*

Debbie Grady

Final end large cable test

▲The ideal vacation spot is somewhere we could all go as a family that was affordable, and nobody would fight or complain.

▼*Before I transferred here from operator services, we took a trip to South Dakota to see my mother-in-law and so my husband could attend a school reunion. We had car trouble and had to be towed. Worst of all, my son caught pneumonia and was hospitalized for four days. My husband never got to his reunion, and I had to take a leave of absence to care for my son.*



Dick Maxwell

Commercial metals services

▲An ideal vacation is taking our trailer, hook up at a trailer park, and get a break away from the noise of TV, phones and grandkids. It's a good way to meet interesting people.

▼*We ended up traveling too many miles in one day just so we could stay at a certain motel. I kept thinking the motel was just around the bend, but it wasn't. We finally got to the motel at 2 a.m. and had to leave again on our trip at 6 a.m.*

Julie Keller

Protector assembly

▲The ideal vacation spot is anyplace there is a slot machine, preferably on a houseboat cruising down a river and where I win lots of money.

▼*On one of our trips, it rained all the way home. There were a lot of detours due to the rains, and we were almost involved in an accident.*

Scott O'Doherty

Print shop services

▲My ideal vacation has to include fun and relaxation, someplace sunny, warm and on a beach.

▼*My worst vacation was in LaJolla, Calif., where I got lost for six hours. I couldn't find the car or my friends. I walked and walked, but there were bunches of beaches and coves all over and they all looked the same. By luck, I finally came across my friends. They weren't even worried about me. They thought I had gone touring and had no idea how close to panic I was.*

George Mundy

Plastic products engineering

▲I like the kinds of vacations where you can go someplace new where people are friendly. I think I could even have fun vacationing on a farm as long as I'm not treated like an outsider.

▼ *My wife and I drove long hours to get to the Poconos in Pennsylvania. When we got there, we had to pay all of these extra taxes and gratuities so that it ended up costing us a third more than we planned. Plus, the hospitality didn't meet our expectations.*

Susan Wetherington

General accounting

▲ *The best vacation is one where I can soak up some sun on a beach and walk along the shore.*

▼ *For our 15th wedding anniversary we went to Hawaii. We had a room in a highrise hotel, but we had to drag our luggage some distance to get to it. When we did, we heard a baby's cry coming from the room. My husband trudged back down to the lobby desk, but the hotel denied anyone could be in our room. Meanwhile, I was worried where we could get another room on a Labor Day weekend.*

Finally, the hotel acknowledged that someone had been given our room in error. But it turned out for the best after all. We were given, we were told, the best suite in the hotel complete with a large living room and bedrooms, champagne, and it was just a walk away from the beach!

Carolyn Hodges

Financial services

▲ *My favorite vacation of all is to get together with family and have a big cookout at a park. We start with breakfast and stay through the evening. We have baseball, games, relay races and dance contests for the kids. My family will have its 87th reunion this year.*

▼ *The worst vacation I can recall is when one of our family reunion outings was rained out.*

John Valdez

PDP engineering

▲ *It would be nice to be able to*

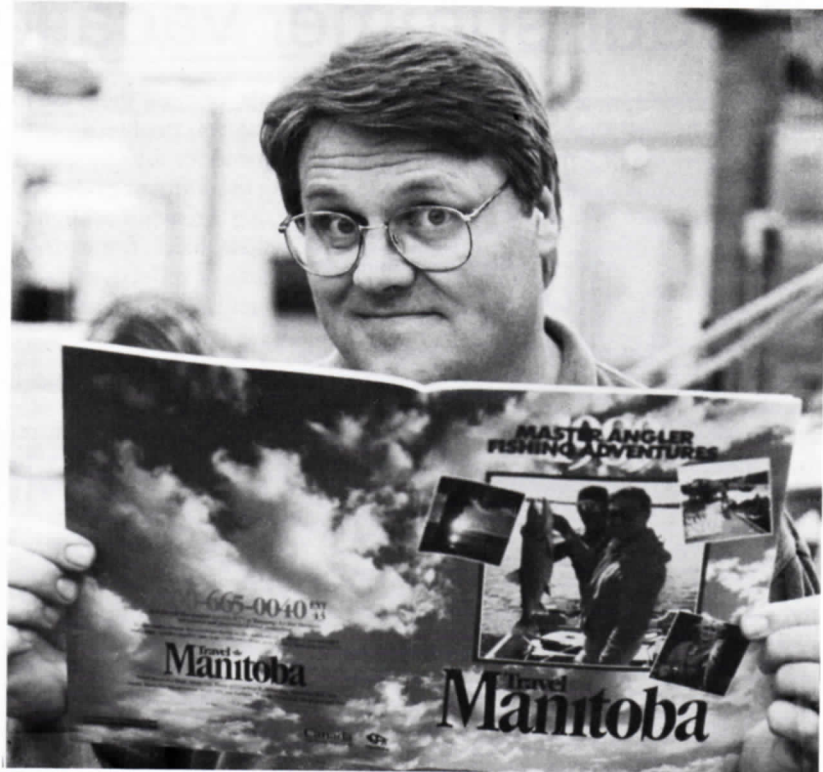


Photo by Linda Ryan

CANADA DREAMIN'... Gene Erickson wants to go where the fish are and people are not.

take just a couple of weeks of vacation with no obligations.

▼ *I've never really had a bad vacation, but once we got snowed in on a trip from Boulder to western Colorado. We had to spend Thanksgiving vacation alone, away from family and friends.*

Arleen Chavanu

Cabinet loose parts kits

▲ *My ideal vacation would be to go fishing in Canada, catch lots of fish, and not know what day of the week it is.*

▼ *My worst vacations are the ones I have to take to stay home and wait for a repairman.*

Joe Fiala

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▲ *Anyplace is an ideal vacation spot as long as you're getting away from all of your responsibilities.*

▼ *We took a motorcycle trip to Nashville once when it rained just about every day. Then we met a tornado on the road and had to get under a highway overpass for protection.*

But things like that don't really ruin a vacation for me. You can't let it get to you. Things will happen on your trip and there's nothing you can do about it. So, might as well make the best of it. ■

WIN WITH SAFETY

Make safe driving part of your summer vacation plans

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Vacations are a rite of passage for millions of Americans who take to the roads when the weather gets warm. Many vacationers will experience the frustration of car trouble or even an accident.

The Safety and Health Council of Greater Omaha offers the following tips on how you can prepare your car and yourself for the roads this summer.

Be prepared

- Before starting out on your trip, have a qualified mechanic give your car or van a thorough check.
- Pay special attention to cooling systems, brakes, belts, tires and

engine fluids, because these are most likely to give you trouble.

- Be prepared for the unexpected. Take along the following: Jack, spare tire, lug wrench, flashlight, Linda Chollett, fuses, fire extinguisher, flares or reflective triangles, jumper cables, and engine fluids such as oil and coolant.

Watch for overheating

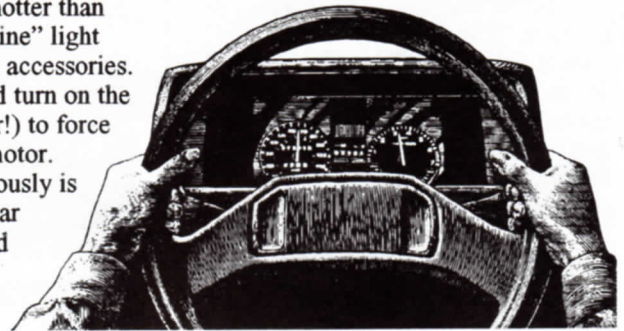
- Overheating is one of the most common car problems in the summer. If your engine temperature gauge starts reading hotter than usual, or the "hot engine" light comes on, shut off all accessories. Open all windows and turn on the heater (yes, the heater!) to force coolant through the motor.

- If the engine obviously is overheated, pull the car safely off the road and shut off the ignition. Be sure the engine has time to cool

before investigating the problem. Never open a radiator cap or touch cooling system parts while the engine is hot or Allen Schnase running.

Drive safely

- Remember to buckle your safety belt and make sure children are fastened in child safety seats.
- Follow speed limits and road condition signs. Be extra careful near road construction and repair sites. ■



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