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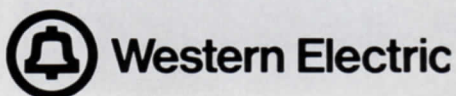
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On the cover

Young visitors to the Product Display Center last month during the Omaha Works' 25-year anniversary festivities got a little more than they were expecting: haircuts from Mezo the clown (Marla Runge) with the assistance of Melodee the clown (Helen Schober). Mezo and Melodee are members of the WE Corny Clowns who helped greet employees and their families who came to the Works for a barbecue dinner. For more photos of the event, turn to Page 6.

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How to foil a summer crook

We've all heard the story before.

Dad and the kids have gone to an evening baseball game, and Mom decides to pluck a few weeds from her backyard vegetable garden. When she goes back inside a half hour later, she notices the portable TV in the family room is missing. So is her child's paper route money that was on the kitchen counter, and her diamond wedding rings she had removed before gardening.

She made it easy for a thief to steal her belongings by failing to lock her front door while she busied herself in back.

It probably never even occurred to the woman that she might become a victim of a crime while she stepped outside for a few minutes. But it's a sobering fact: Crimes can occur any time of day or night, and most occur through the negligence and carelessness of the victim.

Criminal activity is heightened during the warm months of summer. People are gone from their homes more — shopping, taking walks, vacationing. The living is easy — maybe too easy for a would-be crook.

The following tips are offered to help prevent your becoming a warm weather crime victim.

Home safety

Know your neighbors. Look out for each other, and keep each other informed about when you go on vacation. Consider forming a "Neighborhood Watch Group." Call a neighbor if you suspect something is wrong, or call the police.

Keep doors and windows locked. That's especially true if you are working in the yard or visiting a neighbor.

Never open your door to strangers. Install peepholes. Identify callers and ask for identification. Instruct young children not to open the door to

strangers unless they are assisted.

Never allow strangers in your home in "emergencies." If a stranger wants to use the telephone, make the call for him.

Keep garage doors closed. An empty garage invites burglars.

Keep running your air conditioner. Turned off air conditioners or fans indicate you aren't home.

Don't close all drapes and blinds. If you're going on vacation, leave some drapes, etc., partially open so your home doesn't have a closed down look.

Stop all deliveries. Have your paper and mail stopped a day or so in advance. Don't leave notes to stop delivery — they may be left on a doorstep for strangers to read. Ask neighbors to pick up unsolicited advertising flyers.

Park a car in your driveway. A car in the driveway will create uncertainty as to whether your home is vacant or occupied. Also, don't park campers or boats at home. When they're gone, it's obvious so is your family.

Light up. Use timers to turn on lights when you are gone, or leave a few lights on.

Make noise. Leave your TV or radio on when you're gone, loud enough to be heard by someone standing near your front or back door. Use a timer, if you prefer.

Keep grounds groomed. Have a neighbor mow the lawn, turn on sprinklers and set out garbage at your curbside while you vacation. At all times keep shrubs trimmed so as not to conceal doors and windows.

Inform the police. If you plan to be away for a lengthy period of time, notify the police department. The police can periodically check your neighborhood. And should you return to find someone has broken into your home, don't go inside. Go



to the nearest phone and call the police immediately.

Pedestrian safety

Avoid darkness. Avoid walking or jogging on dark, deserted streets. If possible, take a friend along. Schedule shopping and errands during daytime hours as much as possible.

Avoid shortcuts and strange neighborhoods. Stay away from parks and alleys at night, and be familiar with what stores are open or which houses appear to be occupied. If accosted, attempt to get to one of these places.

Don't tempt a thief. Particularly when you are on vacation, don't wear expensive jewelry or flaunt large amounts of cash. Women should carry their purses close to their sides, but if someone attempts to steal your purse, don't struggle.

Pay attention. Notice people near you, particularly those who

pass you. Muggers often walk past their victims, turning and grabbing them from behind.

Move quickly. Don't stop for strangers for any reason, and walk facing traffic. If a car stops and you are threatened, scream and run in the direction opposite that the car is facing.

Have your keys ready. A key that's handy lets you into your house or car immediately.

Safety on the road

Keep car doors locked. That goes for while you're driving, too. Never open windows more than an inch or two for ventilation. And always look inside your car — front and back — before you get in.

Park in a well-lighted area. If you must walk to your car late at night, have someone accompany you.

Car trouble? Stay in your car. Raise your car hood and lock yourself in your car. If a stranger

offers assistance, have him or her call a service truck or police, but you remain with your car. Always make sure you have enough gas for a trip.

Don't stop to aid a disabled motorist. Instead, go to the nearest service station and direct them to the motorist, or call the police. Never give rides to strangers.

Check your rear view mirror. If you think you are being followed, don't drive into your driveway or park in a deserted area. Drive to a police or fire station, or anyplace where there are people. If someone does follow you into your driveway, stay in your car with locked doors until you can identify who followed you. If you are in danger, sound your horn to get attention.

Keep garage lights on. If you will be returning home after dark, leave the lights on in your garage.

The 'what do you know' quiz

You would think that after 25 years together you'd get to know quite a bit about someone, right?

Let's see how true that is. The following quiz has been put together to test your knowledge of what it takes to operate the

Omaha Works. The questions are based on total costs and quantities for the year 1982.

The answers are at the end of the quiz, but no fair peeking until after you've taken the test. Then check the scoring to see

how you stand as an employee.

1. How much does the Omaha Works contribute toward Social Security for employees: (a) just under \$4 million a year, (b) not quite \$6 million yearly, (c) \$8.7 million a year.

2. A year's worth of paper stock and related miscellaneous supplies used in the reproduction department costs (a) \$75,000, (b) \$90,000, (c) \$115,000, (d) nothing — corporate headquarters provides whatever we need.

3. It pays to be safe, but all those protective gloves, glasses, shoes and other paraphernalia aren't free. How much do they cost? (a) \$500,000, (b) \$50,000, (c) \$300,000.

4. How much did the Omaha Works pay last year for employees' group life insurance, health insurance and dental insurance? (a) just over \$9 million, (b) more than \$7 million, (c) \$5.6 million.

5. Postage costs us (a) \$25,000, (b) \$75,000, (c) a minimal amount because most of our correspondence is via inter-company mail, (d) none of the above.

6. Almost 200 million gallons of water used over a year's time amounts to a bill of (a) more than \$50,000, (b) about \$90,000, (c) \$120,000.

7. Absenteeism adds up to how much in total sick pay per year? (a) \$303,600, (b) \$3.036 million, (c) \$30.36 million.

8. We can't make our cable without copper, to the tune of (a) \$103 million, (b) \$39 million, (c) \$9.7 million per year.

9. The lights turn on as long as we pay our electric bill averaging about (a) \$870,000, (b) \$12 million, (c) \$4 million yearly.

10. For a cool ten grand, Works employees unfurled how many rolls of toilet paper last year? (a) more than 20,000 rolls, (b) more than 30,000 rolls, (c) none — the order was mixed up and 10 cases of mail order catalogs were delivered instead.

11. Remember the snow in April? Last winter's snow removal for the season set us back (a) \$4,500, (b) \$45,000, (c)



ROLLS AND ROLLS . . . Somebody has to keep track of all the bathroom tissue the Works needs, and that person is Charlie Rohman. Among his many duties, the Works investigator oversees the operations of Marsden Building Maintenance Co., whose sanitary services are contracted by the Works. But how many rolls are there?

\$18,500.

12. Quality products are quality packed. Boxes, padding and such amount to (a) \$50,000, (b) \$250,000, (c) \$500,000, (d) \$1.2 million.

13. The Works contributes (a) almost \$2 million, (b) almost \$5 million, (c) almost \$10 million toward employees' BSSP and SSP savings plans.

14. A year's worth of phone bills adds up to (a) \$360,000, (b) \$525,000, (c) \$800,000.

15. You pay \$760 and what do you get? (a) 16 tons, (b) 250 tons, (c) 1,000 tons of sand and gravel to spread on streets and walks during the winter months.

16. Travel expenses to conferences, meetings, courses, etc., add up to approximately (a) \$275,000, (b) \$800,000, (c) \$1.7 million, (d) none of the above — by saving boxtops and clipping coupons, travel fares are free.

17. Omaha Works people can really put away those comcode cookies (sugar cookies, that is). How many cookies do we consume in a year's time? (a) more than 11,000 cookies, (b) 48,000 cookies, (c) 100,000 cookies.

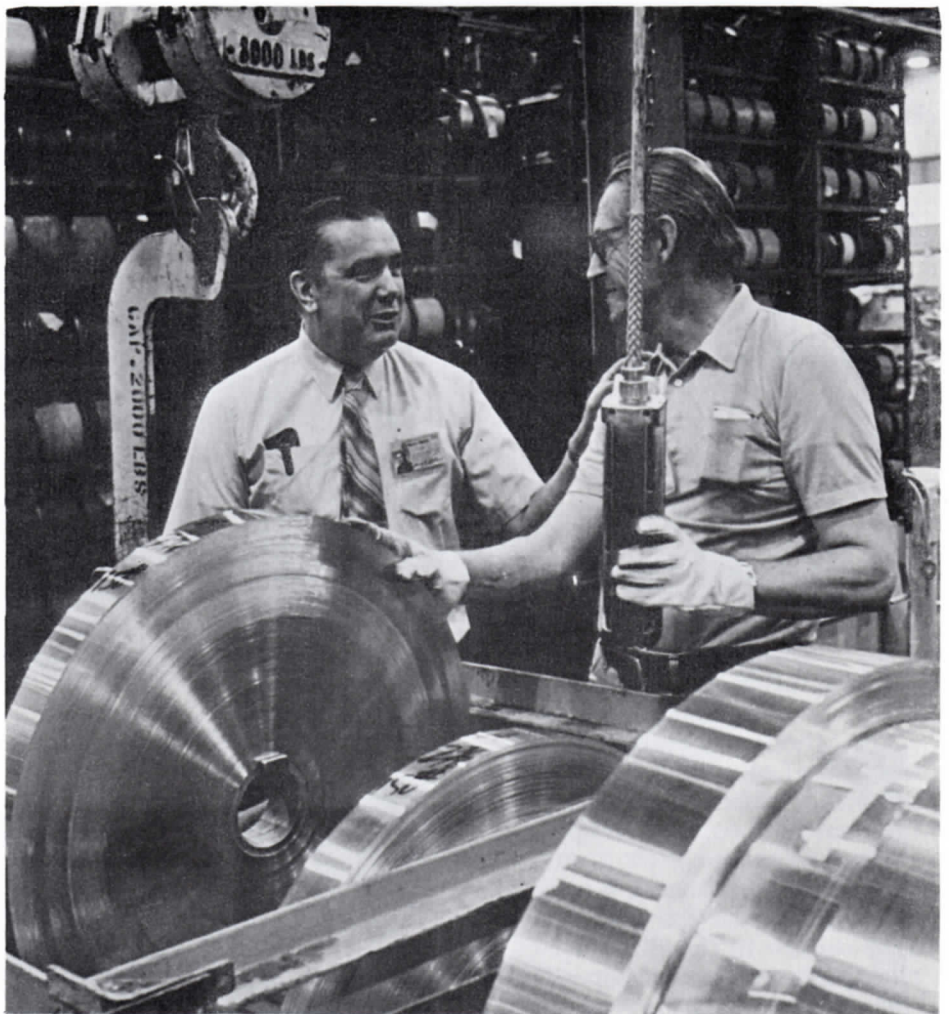
18. If we use 4 million pounds of steel, it's costing us (a) \$130,000, (b) \$1.3 million, (c) \$13 million.

19. How much do vacations, MPDs and EWDs cost the Works? (a) \$4 million, (b) \$8 million, (c) \$16 million.

20. Total payroll for the Omaha Works amounts to (a) \$68 million, (b) \$88 million, (c) \$108 million.

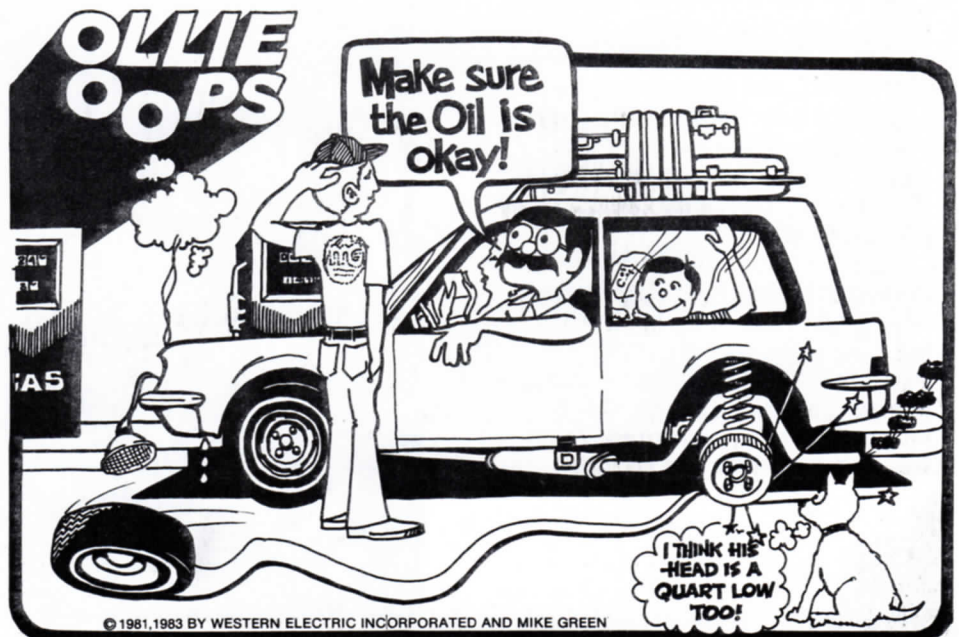
ANSWERS: 1, b; 2, a; 3, c; 4, b; 5, b; 6, b; 7, b; 8, a; 9, c; 10, a; 11, b; 12, c; 13, a; 14, b; 15, b; 16, b; 17, a; 18, b; 19, b; 20, b.

SCORING: 15-20 right, either you've got a knack for business administration or you're a genuine old-timer; 10-14 right, you have a penchant for detail; 5-9 right, you're a good employee, but numbers aren't your thing; under 5 right, try again in another 25 years.



Pause along tour

The vice-president of manufacturing in the Cable and Wire Products Division, John Hahn, was at the Omaha Works June 22 and 23, as was Bob Cornelia Jr., director of division staff at Morrilstown. They attended a general managers' conference for which the Works was host. Hahn (left) toured the shops during his stay, and took the opportunity to visit with Lee Maschka, a steel slitting machine operator in Dept. 253. He was unloading the steel slitter when Hahn came his way in the cable shop.



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An album: Works marks 25 years

How much can 9,200 people eat?

Four thousand pounds of barbecue beef on a bun, 3,000 pounds of baked beans, and thousands of cups of coffee.

Employees and their families celebrated the Omaha Works' 25th anniversary at a Western-style dinner in the mall last month. Dinners were served on three different nights and during one noon hour. Guests were free to tour the shops.

The dinner highlighted a number of events planned to commemorate the occasion. Special displays and a slide presentation were available for viewing, and gifts were presented as dinner guests departed.

As part of the celebration, the works also was host to community leaders in business, education and government at a special luncheon in the auditorium. Tom Thomsen, president of Western Electric's Technology Systems Group, was guest speaker.

And Larry Lewallen, director of manufacturing and engineering, was grand marshal during the Millard Days parade June 11. Reel yard worker Lyle Nicholson drove a reel handling truck carrying a silver-painted, four-ton cable reel in the parade.

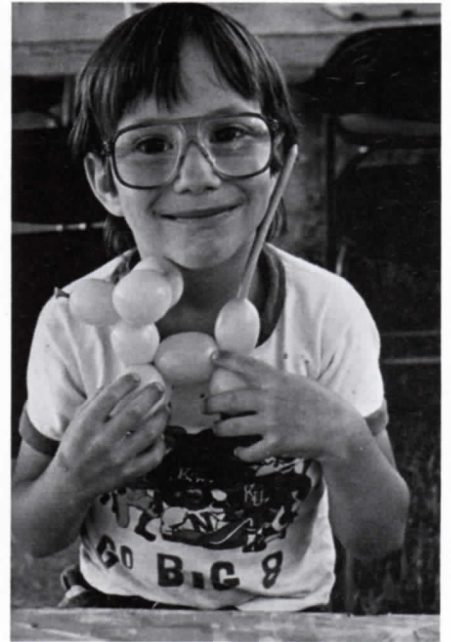




*ENTER HERE . . . Life member Pi-
oneers greet visitors in the lobby
(top left photo). At bottom left, there
was hardly a wait in the food
lines. Above, a hug among friends
wards off the chill of Thursday's
rainy weather.*



UNDER THE BIG TOP . . . Dinner beneath a giant tent in the mall had a definite summertime flavor (above photos). Can the kiddies who helped us celebrate today (opposite page) be our employees of tomorrow?



WAY BACK WHEN . . . The Pioneers' collection of early Western Electric products drew attention of visitors (left). Delbert O'Neal posed with his family beside the 66 connector block assembly area where he works (right). Below, each visitor received a memento before leaving.



etc.

Who's who

Thirty employees came forward to identify themselves in the large photo that appeared in last month's Westerner. The following are their names and where they work now. How many did you recognize?

Tony Visocky, Dept. 447, layout operator; Gladys Mueller, Dept. 421, layout operator; Dave Burrell, Dept. 253, machine operator; Pat Nowak, Dept. 282, floor hand; Charlie Newell, Dept. 251, layout operator; Don Nelson, Dept. 3443, expeditor; Mike Barry, Dept. 034, carpenter.

Bill Thompson, Dept. 230, plant trades analyst; Ken Deman, Dept. 232, machinist; Carl Campbell, Dept. 232, machinist; Pat Hartung, Dept. 447, layout operator; Marie Fowler, Dept. 10, secretary; Gary Jones, Dept. 232, machinist; "Irish" Donahoo, Dept. 425, utility operator; Allen Ellefson, Dept. 253, floor hand; Richard Zook, Dept. 449, tester; Lucille Spanel, retired, formerly in

switch testing; Jim Jerstin, Dept. 234, pipefitter.

Bill Napier, Dept. 235, machinist; Ed Brumbaugh, Dept. 443, punch press operator; Bob Fitzsimmons, Dept. 449, layout operator; Bob Whitcomb, Dept. 232; machinist; Floyd Hermanson, Dept. 235, equipment mechanic, Ida Flott, Dept. 439, wirer; Darrel Jensen, Dept. 235, test set maintenance; Dale Brahatcek, Dept. 234, pipefitter.

Vernnie Klaumann, Dept. 421, molding press operator; Jerry Berger, Dept. 443, punch press operator; Jerry Proctor, Dept. 447, machine setter; Dick Savicky, Dept. 034, carpenter.

A sign to trust

Mary Hunt, a wirer in Dept. 448, was on her way to work one day last month when things started to go wrong.

She was driving on the Interstate when a motorist pulled up alongside her car and motioned that her tire was going flat. She pulled her car off the road not far from the I Street exit ramp.

Sure enough, she had a flat tire. So, Mary opened her car trunk and proceeded to assemble the tire jack. Trouble is, part of the jack was missing — "I had just bought the car two months earlier," she said, and

didn't realize the equipment was incomplete.

Unable to change the tire, she locked up her car and began walking toward the Works when another motorist slowed down.

This time, the woman who was driving asked Mary if she worked at Western Electric. Mary, puzzled at the question, nodded yes. The woman told her to get in — that she worked there, too, and would give her a ride.

Once inside, the woman told Mary that she never gives rides to strangers, but she had noticed the jeans Mary was wearing; they bore the Bell emblem on the back pocket.

"She told me she figured I had to be a Western employee, and that it'd be OK to give me a ride," Mary said. "Her name was Sharon — I wish I knew her last name."

When Mary got to work, she recounted her experience to a co-worker. "I never even thought of it, but she said that this was one time I had really been 'saved by the Bell.'"

Savings plans results

The following are the April unit values for the Bell System Savings Plan (BSSP), the Savings and Security Plan (SSP) for non-salaried employees, and the Bell System Voluntary Contribution Plan (BSVCP).

Service anniversaries

35 years

R. J. Albers 234 7/23

25 years

R. J. Aschoff 252 7/31
 F. C. Brisbane 231 7/28
 V. H. Brown 442 7/11
 A. L. Johnson 1231 7/31
 J. K. Moore 252 7/21
 I. L. Schroeder 234 7/14
 T. S. Swierczek 421 7/19
 K. E. Wild 234 7/7

20 years

D. R. Allen 072 7/29
 I. P. Flott 439 7/19
 S. W. Miller 071 7/18
 W. C. Bates 252 7/29

L. B. Thimgan 448 7/23
 E. K. Wegner 443 7/15

15 years

L. J. Alexander 447 7/25
 M. B. Anderson 442 7/20
 B. C. Armendariz 447 7/18
 M. E. Boruff 252 7/29
 G. O. Dyke 439 7/29
 H. R. Findeis 251 7/29
 T. G. Furst 251 7/1
 S. G. Schropp 442 7/10
 H. W. Hampton 445 7/5
 M. L. Jensen 443 7/29
 W. Levy 442 7/31
 D. J. Mraz 442 7/2
 C. L. Perryman 439 7/29

10 years

C. L. Schmidt 533 7/30

BSSP

	Units Value	Units Credited Per Dollar
AT&T Government Obligations	3.5794	.2793
Equity Portfolio Guaranteed Interest Fund	3.2008	.3124
	2.5856	.3867
	1.4549	.6873

SSP

	Units Value	Units Credited Per Dollar
AT&T Guaranteed Interest Fund	1.6679	.5995
	1.5531	.6438

BSVCP

	Units Value	Units Credited Per Dollar
AT&T Mutual Fund Money Market Guaranteed Interest Fund	1.1390	.8779
	1.3657	.7321
	1.0499	.9524
	1.0765	.9288



Last frame

Weld and form machine operator Bill Stoner of Dept. 421 has mixed emotions about the consolidation of relay operations outside of the Omaha Works.

The consolidation will free space for other new products at the Works. But their departure will be not unlike that of an old

friend.

Nearby, workmen were dismantling one of the weld and form machines used in MC relay manufacture.

"You see 'em cutting them up and the rail cars loaded — it's kinda sad," Bill said.

For close to 25 years, Bill has worked on a weld and form line of one kind or another, welding precious metal contacts on relays and forming the terminals at their base.

The demand for the relays,

used in crossbar switching frames, has dropped over the years. Now they are used as replacement parts in areas where crossbar frames are still in use.

Over the years, the Omaha Works has made GP, MC and mini relays. During peak production years, we manufactured an approximate total of 13 million relays in a year's time.

Thinking back about all the Works people involved in relay manufacture, Bill said, "Over the years, you made a lot of friends."



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