

# WESTERNER

Omaha Works  
May 1984



# Contents

May 1984

Vol. 28, No. 5

- 
- 2**    **A purchasing milestone**
- 
- 4**    **To carry a torch**
- 
- 6**    **It's a moving experience**
- 
- 9**    **Better bonds**
- 
- 11**   **Blood donor list on the grow**
- 

## On the cover

It's been said that section chief Dick Huffman (Dept. 023) exercises an open-door policy. Maybe that explains the open gridwork surrounding his office on the second floor of Building 20. The office areas in the building are undergoing a major redesign effort (see story on Page 6), with second-floor remodeling to be finished before the year is over. Just one question, Dick: Where IS the door?

## WESTERNER

Linda Ryan, editor  
Published by the reproduction department for employees of AT&T Network Systems, Omaha Works  
P.O. Box 37000  
Omaha, Nebraska 68137  
402-691-3553



# Minority firm contracts grow

**T**he National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc., has presented an award to AT&T Technologies for providing more than \$100 million of business to minority-owned enterprises during 1983.

That's a milestone for the company because it is the first time the total — \$109,905,600 to be exact — has exceeded the \$100 million mark. 1983 purchases from minority businesses throughout the nation represent a 12.3 percent increase over 1982, and exceeds the goal for the year by 11 percent.

More than 1,000 minority suppliers participated in the company's program during 1983, an increase of more than 14 percent over 1982. Major commodities provided included metal fabricated parts, electronic components, transformers, copper-clad laminates, printed wiring boards, printing, molded plastics and chemical products — as well as a variety of services.

The Omaha Works made a sizeable contribution toward the overall total of purchases from minority businesses during 1983. Last year we did business with 53 minority-owned firms, with total purchases amounting to \$2.378 million, said Bob Tatten. Tatten is resident purchasing and transportation manager.

Our contracts with minority-owned businesses have more than doubled in a three-year period, Tatten noted. In 1980, contracts with minority businesses amounted to \$833,000.

## Local and outstate

The businesses with which we deal are both local and outstate.

Last year the Works purchased compounds for manufacturing purposes, steel, metal benders and pallets from outstate suppliers.

Locally, our business dealings were even more varied. The Works had contracts with the following community-based firms:

- Buffalo Printing — Provides typesetting and printing services for items such as business cards, folders, brochures.
  - Central Waste Systems — A trash hauling company.
  - COE — A source of office equipment.
  - Material Handling Supermarket — Provides furniture accessories and parts, such as casters for chairs.
  - Midwest Maintenance — Provides janitorial services for the Works cafeteria.
  - Transcontinental Consultants — A drafting service.
  - Ventura Studios — Does upholstery work on office furniture.
  - Castar Trucking — Transports a variety of goods for us, such as cable products.
  - Franklin Transfer — Transportation services.
  - Midwest Plastics — Supplies plastic products to use in manufacturing.
  - American Office Supplies — Provides assorted office supplies.
  - Premium Plastics — Provides specialty products and gift items for promotional purposes.
  - The Poppy Patch — A floral shop.
- The latter four companies, Tatten noted, are female-minority owned.

The Works' commitment to contracting with minority-owned businesses stems from the company's long-standing policy of

bolstering small business supplier capabilities and the company's equal-opportunity initiatives of the 1960s.

The Works itself was instrumental in the formation of the Omaha Regional Minority Purchasing Council in 1975. Comprised of majority firms, the council seeks to provide minority business concerns an equal opportunity to compete for a larger share of the goods and services bought by majority companies. Stan Mason, an assistant buyer in Dept. 3442, currently serves on the council's board of directors.

Identification of minority suppliers is achieved in part by the company's participation in business opportunity fairs, expositions and seminars.

Then, "everything is based on a competitive-bid basis," Tatten said, before contracts are awarded.

### Sheltered workshops

That also applies to contracts we have with "sheltered workshops," organizations such as Goodwill Industries and ENCOR (Eastern Nebraska Community Office on Retardation). Goods purchased from these groups are produced by handicapped individuals.

In 1983 the Works contracted with Goodwill Industries to provide backboards for central office connectors and protectors. ENCOR provided packing material, and Industries for the Blind out of Greensboro, N.C., provided clipboards. In all, the Works purchased \$207,000 worth of business from these three last year.

Like our contracts with minority-owned businesses, contracts with sheltered workshops are increasing, too. Tatten said the Works has a new contract with the Martin Luther Home Society,

which will assemble ground strips, binding posts, bridging connectors and connector assemblies for us. We're also working on a contract with the Madonna Shop.

The sheltered workshops will be helpful in providing piece-part work relating to the influx of products transferred here from the Baltimore Works, he said.

In general, he's pleased with the Works' association with minority-owned businesses and sheltered workshops. "We've had a lot of good luck — we've found some good suppliers and they're competitive."

Conducting business with firms and organizations like these is one way the Works can make a contribution to the Omaha community, Tatten said. But it's also to our advantage, he said, because we have suppliers "who can help us do our job better."



*TALKING BUSINESS . . . Lona Bluhm (right), an assistant buyer in Dept. 3443, discusses an order with Gwen Brown (center), owner of Premium Plastics, and her administrative assistant, Lisa Sorensen. Premium Plastics is among the minority-owned firms which are suppliers to the Omaha Works.*

# The road to the Olympics

**T**ime magazine has called it "the most joyous ambition" of the 1984 Olympic Games — a relay of thousands of men, women and children carrying the Olympic flame across the United States.

The relay is being underwritten and managed by AT&T Communications in one of the most unusual corporate endeavors in American history. The relay starts May 8 when the Olympic flame arrives in New York City from its kindling place in Greece. The relay will end 15,000 kilometers later (about 9,300 miles), when the lighting of the torch at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum opens the 23rd Summer Olympiad July 28.

AT&T Communications' effort is ambitious to say the least. The odyssey of the flame will be the longest in Olympic history, passing through 33 states and hundreds of cities, towns and villages. The route covers all sorts of terrain and the runners will proceed in all sorts of

weather. A 29-vehicle caravan of trucks, vans, automobiles and motor homes will support the flame bearers.

Not only is AT&T Communications putting its considerable resources behind the effort, but so are the Telephone Pioneers of America. Under the guidance of Des Moines-based Gib Eggen — the executive vice-president of Pioneer Region Three — this corps of long-term employees and retirees is volunteering its resources to make everything work.

## Local Pioneer to help

When the flame begins its journey from New York, an army of 10,000 Pioneers will be active along the way — as marshals and advance people, as CB operators and van drivers, as guides for the caravan and in countless other jobs.

Bill Mott, an inspector-trades in Dept. 232, has been selected from applicants to be among the van drivers for a week's period during the relay. When the Westerner went to press, Bill hadn't yet been assigned to a segment of the route, but his uniform had been ordered and he had completed a required defensive driving course. He will use his vacation time to serve in the caravan, but he wouldn't think of missing the opportunity, he said.

Nearly 75 support people will be traveling on the caravan at any given time, the crew that will keep the flame in motion for the entire run.

An advance team will travel a day's ride ahead of the main caravan to clear any problems and suggest detours if they're needed. About 130 miles behind them a runner will be carrying the flame, trotting at a pace of six miles an hour. A lead car will precede and an emergency medical vehicle will follow.

Following farther back will be a veritable wagon train. There will be motor homes for sleeping and showering and for runners to rest between relays. Vans will carry food and spare equipment parts. One van will carry clones of the flame kindled on Mount Olympus — insurance against the possibility of a torchbearer's

flame going out.

Cars will shuttle the runners in and out of position for their segments, carrying new runners up and bringing old runners back. Two 60-foot-long tractor-trailer rigs will be outfitted with a galley and mess hall.

## A domino effect

There will be a command vehicle — a mobile communications and computer room. More than 200 pages of printout will be needed to keep track of the daily schedules.

"The slightest change in plans can have a domino effect on our planning," explained Bill Higgins, division manager — public relations for AT&T Communications. He is the torch relay project manager.

"Not long after we started," he recalled, "we realized that we'd have to make regular meal stops. Now just think about it: How do you find parking lots or campgrounds big enough for 29 vehicles to pull up next to two tractor-trailer rigs, each of them the length of a six-story building?"

"Or try to figure out how many gas stations you'll need or how many hospitals should be close by the route.

"Or imagine what happens when you find out that your vehicles are too heavy to go over a particular bridge. Or that they're too big for a particular tunnel. We deal with these kinds of problems every day."

Some of the best runners in AT&T, including members of its Corporate Cup team, always will be traveling with the torch relay caravan. Forming an elite group of 200 "cadre" runners, they will run alongside the Youth Legacy Kilometer runners — assisting them when needed — and run segments that may not be sponsored.

The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee set aside 10,000 kilometers of the relay as Youth Legacy Kilometers. Any individual, business or civic group that donated \$3,000 could sponsor a torchbearer to carry the flame one kilometer. Money raised goes to support sports programs of youth organizations such as Boys Clubs of America,



*FOLLOW THE ARROWS . . . Dennis Horner (standing) and Bill Mott plot on a map the route of the torch relay in which they will participate — Horner as a runner and Mott as a van driver in the caravan.*

Girls Clubs of America and family YMCAs.

#### Weather or not . . .

The cadre members will run up to eight miles a day for seven days, and it's certain that they will be running the hardest parts. They will confront all kinds of terrain and weather, day or night. About the only things that will stop them are lightning storms, tornadoes or floods.

One planner in the effort said, "The kind of person who can make it is someone who can race up 10 flights of stairs in 90-degree heat, 5,000 feet above sea level in a driving rain."

Sponsors of runners in the Youth Legacy Kilometers relay are many. The Cornhusker Chapter Pioneers will sponsor Dennis Horner to run a kilometer in the Denver area sometime in

June, with money donated to go toward the Boys Club, Girls Club and YMCA organizations in Omaha. Horner will get to keep the torch he carries and his uniform.

And he will be in good company. The New York Road Runners Club is sponsoring Abel Kiviat — the oldest and arguably the most distinguished of the Youth Legacy Kilometer torchbearers. At 91, Kiviat is the only surviving American athlete of the 1912 Olympic Games, where he won a silver medal in the 1,500-meter run and shared a room during the games with the great Olympian Jim Thorpe.

Astronaut Sally Ride and Vice-President George Bush both have agreed to run kilometers. Retired ballplayer Johnny Bench will be running and so will film producer Richard Zanuck. So will thousands of others.

The tireless efforts of all of those involved in the project will pay off at about 4 p.m. July 28 when the flame is carried into the stadium. AT&T Communications, with the help of the Pioneers, will have made it happen.

At home watching their TV sets will be 25,000 people who were involved in the torch run. Some may be holding the torch they carried or wearing the arm bands they wore as route marshals or segment markers. But most likely all of them — like Mott and Horner — will be filled with a special pride in knowing they helped get that flame to its destination.

*Editor's note: Information in this article was reprinted from an article by Dan Rosen for Quest, an AT&T Communications all-employee magazine.*



# Office people, it's your move

It's a lot like playing musical chairs, except when the music stops, nobody should be left without a chair on which to sit.

We're referring, of course, to the total redesign of the office floor plans in Building 20, including the lower level through the second floor. It's an ambitious plan, admitted plant engineering associate Bill Wunderlich, but a necessary one.

Just as corporate-wide changes have affected the makeup of the Omaha Works' manufacturing facilities, the impact of change is being felt in its office areas. It's Wunderlich's job to coordinate the resulting revamping process.

The workforce is growing in the offices as well as in the shops, he said. "The way offices are set up now, we can't accommodate additional employees." Personnel numbers are being consolidated in some areas, while other areas are experiencing increases.

Subbranches have been realigned and managerial duties reassigned, establishing a need for new office designs for those departments which interact with each other, Wunderlich said.

## No wasted space

So, partitions being dismantled, metal framework going up and the smell of fresh paint have become routine in office areas. Wunderlich said the project's schedule calls for revamping the second floor by the end of this year, with the first floor to be completed by the end of the first quarter in 1985.

However, where changes must be made to meet immediate needs, it is being done. This means remodeling is under way in various degrees on all three floors, not just the level with the earliest deadline for completion. Some departments are being moved to permanent locations, but others are being relocated

temporarily until remodeling is completed.

One goal in the effort is to use "state of the art office furniture so we can provide more efficient employee work areas in less floor space," Wunderlich said. By "state of the art furniture," he is referring to modular units — with overhead cabinets and portable partitions — some works office departments have used for several years.

## Tailored to needs

Such furniture can be tailored to the job needs of each employee and should provide greater privacy to workers while cutting down on office noise. Panels on partitions and overhead cabinet doors are acoustically designed for that purpose, Wunderlich noted.


Eventually, employees who use computer terminals will have specially adapted work stations to accommodate electronic equipment. The terminals will be more comfortable to use and work areas will be better organized.

New furniture will be color-coordinated to the desks, files and chairs that we will continue to use. Partitions replaced by modular units will be used in the shops.

Related to the office remodeling, but not so readily apparent, is a planned improvement in the air distribution system for the first and second floors. John Peterson, a senior engineer in Dept. 233, said improvements to the 25-year-old system should cut down noise, eliminate drafts and move out stagnant air where that has been a problem.

Also, air-handling controls will be changed over to a microprocessor-based control program, Peterson said, which should be more responsive to office

(Continued on Page 8)



*NO GILDED CAGE . . . Planning engineer Paul Baumann (left) and engineering associate Paul Perez (both of Dept. 555) appear to be oblivious to a work crew remodeling their second-floor office area, and to surrounding gridwork which offers them no privacy from a peering camera.*

# When music stops, grab a chair

(Continued from Page 7)  
needs.

Wunderlich outlined who will be where when the remodeling is finished, although plans are subject to change to meet specific needs.

**Second floor** — Primarily engineering offices will be located on this floor, with the exception of the wage practices department relocated from the first floor. The second floor

will be the only floor to have a central aisle configuration throughout, as opposed to parallel north and south aisles on the other floors. The plan generates more floor space, Wunderlich said.

Conference rooms will be situated in two core areas at either end of the floor. Engineering assistant managers' offices also will be located in two core areas.

Engineering labs already have been moved to the lower level, clustered with the chemical laboratory. The technical library and central files area will be neighbors, but the library will take up less floor space. Central files — where engineering drawings for products and facilities are kept — will be greatly expanded to handle the influx of drawings for products new to the Works.

**First floor** — Service organizations will be located on this floor, which will feature a partial central aisle configuration. A number of offices won't be relocated, including the Product Display Center, medical examining rooms, labor relations offices and financial and payroll.

Other organizations on the first floor will include public relations (a move from second floor), accounting, information systems, material management planning offices, purchasing and transportation, and procurement. The location of the personnel and benefits office is still under review.

An office of Bell Communications Research, Inc. (formerly Central Services Organization) also will be located on the first floor, as will assistant managers' offices.

**Lower level** — The double-aisle system will remain and many of the organizations already located in the lower level will not be moved. The groups not to be moved include data processing offices, the die labs, chemical lab (with engineering labs), mailroom and office machines office, and reproduction.

Also located at the lower level will be the plant investigator's office, janitorial service office, records room, stationery store-room, and the audiovisual lab.

Some material management planning and development offices will be on the lower level, as will a quality circle meeting room and a CPR training room. Laminated terminal strip assembly, the only manufacturing operation in Building 20, will remain on the lower level.



*MEEP-MEEP . . . Clem Minor of office services (Dept. 071) has his hands full these days moving office files, desks and what-have-you as Building 20 remodeling gets under way.*



# etc.

## A big "catch"

Suggestion award winner Rian Murphy has a simple philosophy about how the employee suggestion awards system works.

"It's like fishing," he said. "Every once in a while a big one comes along."

And a big one did come along for him — an award in the gross amount of \$2,415 for an idea he submitted. Murphy came up with an idea that significantly reduces maintenance costs on 710 connector color-coding machines in Dept. 443.

Other employees who are recent recipients of suggestion awards include Stanley Szczepanski and Robert Socha, both of Dept. 235, \$322.50 each (joint award); Patricia Reber, Dept. 433, \$100; Donald Evans, Dept. 234, \$100; and Robert McKim, Dept. 232, \$100.



Rian Murphy

## Certified

Certification to practice in Nebraska as registered professional engineers has been

wanted to three more members of the Omaha Works engineering staff.

Helen Ott Brasch, a planning engineer in Dept. 476, and Mark Zich, a planning engineer in Dept. 273, have been newly certified, while Mike Commons — who was certified in Indiana — has met requirements for certification in Nebraska.

Commons recently transferred here from the Indianapolis Works and is a planning engineer in Dept. 026. He is also a certified safety professional and a certified industrial hygienist, making him one of just two or three employees in the company to hold all three certifications.

## Name change

The Central Services Organization (CSO) now has a new and permanent name: Bell Communications Research, Inc. The use of the Bell name and logo was approved by Federal District Court Judge Harold Greene.

Bell Communications Research is owned and founded by the seven regional holding companies into which the 22 Bell operating companies have been grouped.

One group of Bell Communications Research is based here at the Works, just as other groups are based across the country at manufacturing locations of major suppliers to the regional holding companies. Its function is to oversee quality assurance operations for the regional companies. Staff members recently moved into their new office

quarters at the northeast end of the first floor.

## Merit scholars

The children of two Omaha Works employees have been named winners of Western Electric Fund-sponsored National Merit Scholarships. They are Sean McVicker of Westside High, son of Paul (Dick) McVicker, a senior planning engineer in Dept. 473, and Vida Praitis of Bryan High, daughter of Algis Praitis, a floor hand in Dept. 287.

The four-year corporate-funded scholarship each will receive is based on test scores in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) administered to high school juniors each October.



## Bond drive scheduled

May 7 through 18 has been set aside for the annual U.S. Savings Bond Drive held at the Omaha Works.

Meetings of employees by department have been scheduled in the auditorium, where information will be given on bonds that may be purchased, said Tom Vierk, drive chairman. As in past years, bonds may be purchased by payroll deduction.

What employees will learn at the meetings, Vierk said, is that the biggest improvement in 40 years has made U.S. Savings Bonds an ideal investment.

Bond owners and bond buyers are now guaranteed to receive 85 percent of the average return on five-year Treasury marketable securities, if they hold their bonds at least five years after November 1, 1982. The rate

is calculated and compounded every six months during the life of the bond and is guaranteed not to drop below 7.5 percent.

This will keep bonds' interest return competitive during periods of changing market conditions. And if the bond is held to maturity, the bond holder's money is doubled.

Buying bonds is a good way to get the highest rate of return on a small investment safely, Vierk noted, but there are other reasons to buy them, too. He said bonds can be replaced if destroyed, lost or stolen, and they are convenient to purchase and redeem. Bonds also are exempt from state and local income and personal property taxes, and federal income tax on interest can be deferred.

# Dieting need not be self-torture

The following is one in a series of articles about health as part of "Love-Life," a health education program developed by the Immanuel Medical Center.

"Yes indeed, lose those excess pounds in just a few short weeks without dieting, exercising or prescriptions with the amazing new. . . ." There is no such product.

It's easy to be lured by fad diets that offer an easy approach to quick weight loss. The problem is, they just don't work. There are no miracles to weight loss. The key is weight control.

Maintaining a normal weight is important. It not only helps you look and feel good, it also reduces your chances of developing heart disease and diabetes.

Nobody enjoys being overweight. Maybe that's why millions of American begin a new diet every Monday. Unfortunately, when most people think of losing weight, they usually think of torturing themselves for a time with unusual eating behavior. If they survive the ordeal and actually lose weight, they immediately go back to their old eating habits and put the weight right back on again.

Getting and keeping trim is not

accomplished through sporadic bursts of abnormal behavior that include starvation, drowning in liquids and overdosing on grapefruit. Successful weight control requires changes in normal eating habits. In most cases these changes need not be drastic, but they must be permanent.

Controlling weight is simply a balance between the number of calories you take in and the number of calories you burn off. It only takes a small decrease in calorie intake and increase in energy expended through exercise to gradually and effectively lose weight.

To determine the number of calories needed each day to attain a desired weight, multiply the desired weight times 15. To lose one pound a week, subtract 500 from the total (3500 calories equals one pound, thus 3500 divided by 7 days in a week equals 500). For each additional pound of weight loss per week, subtract an additional 500.

For example, a 170-pound man who wants to weigh 160 pounds multiplies 160 times 15 (2400). To lose one pound a week he subtracts 500 (1900). By maintaining a total of 1900 calories a day he will reach his desired

weight in 10 weeks.

To reduce those calories without the pain and agony of crash diets and gimmicks, here are some helpful tips:

—Don't try to lose too much weight too fast. A gradual weight loss of one or two pounds a week is safe and effective.

—Add a program of exercise to your routine. This will help reduce your appetite and burn off calories. Choose activities you enjoy.

—You can still eat many of the foods you enjoy, just reduce the serving size. Also, avoid seconds.

—If you must snack between meals, choose items like fruits and raw vegetables.

Don't eat when you're not hungry! Eating out of boredom, while watching TV, or just because the food is in front of you can become a problem. Also, regardless of how your parents may have raised you, don't eat everything on your plate if you are full.

Losing weight is not easy. But by being smart about how you go about it, and by making weight control a part of your everyday lifestyle, you can do it! When you see the end results, you'll be glad you did.



# Service anniversaries

## 40 years

L. B. Timmerman 511 5/1

## 35 years

G. A. Garbina 449 5/31

## 25 years

Z. B. Brazeel 425 5/31  
 B. E. Bremer 253 5/4  
 K. K. Coe 425 5/18  
 J. E. Curran 234 5/18  
 M. G. Domina 443 5/25  
 D. W. Donze 472 5/26  
 R. G. Erickson 439 5/26  
 M. J. Gaggiano 232 5/19  
 K. E. Glasshoff 421 5/18  
 G. L. Harlow 534 5/11  
 L. L. Hawkins 443 5/25  
 V. S. Hoffman 425 5/4  
 D. L. Klebe 023 5/6  
 R. E. Kobjerowski 439 5/4  
 B. W. Kreger 023 5/11  
 J. S. Laroche 425 5/11  
 E. J. Liekhus 023 5/25  
 P. L. McAcy 282 5/11  
 F. D. Merrick 232 5/18  
 V. M. Mecseji 282 5/19  
 R. L. Michaelson 421 5/20  
 J. T. Riley 251 5/4  
 D. D. Rowlett 251 5/25  
 P. F. Snawerdt Jr. 282 5/15

J. V. Sparck 231 5/25  
 L. R. Stenneche 253 5/26  
 H. M. Strong 470 5/4  
 S. W. Struz 433 5/26  
 G. E. Tharp Jr. 477 5/25  
 D. C. Timmerman 253 5/25  
 D. L. Todd 235 5/5  
 T. A. Vice 231 5/4  
 G. M. Vomacka 251 5/12

## 20 years

C. M. Barber 532 5/5  
 A. B. Cruz 231 5/25  
 V. L. Larson 023 5/20  
 A. Menks 424 5/11  
 S. H. Moberg 534 5/18  
 A. J. Wagstaff 251 5/4

## 15 years

D. Z. Altic 448 5/22  
 P. P. Amos 287 5/20  
 J. L. Andersen 232 5/13  
 N. K. Bole 443 5/6  
 E. H. Casteel 439 5/13  
 E. W. Chandler 251 5/7  
 M. W. Chollett 439 5/26  
 L. P. Craig 431 5/5  
 S. H. Davis 433 5/12  
 K. A. Fink 432 5/13  
 K. L. Fink 443 5/12  
 M. W. Griff 439 5/21

T. M. Hawkins Jr. 234 5/12  
 K. C. Hunt 433 5/8  
 D. G. Johnson 439 5/20  
 N. W. Jones 448 5/26  
 D. F. Kinnally Jr. 251 5/26  
 J. A. Knott 431 5/19  
 K. H. Kowalewski 282 5/5  
 D. W. Mahrt 439 5/20  
 L. E. Malone 282 5/16  
 P. F. Marino 245 5/19  
 D. A. Martin 443 5/26  
 V. J. Millie 439 5/26  
 V. S. Munch 424 5/19  
 L. P. Ohme 443 5/19  
 S. A. Petrusis Jr. 443 5/15  
 L. F. Prochaska 287 5/26  
 G. J. Rewolinski 424 5/19  
 L. P. Robertson 421 5/4  
 C. C. Roehr 253 5/16  
 J. I. Sherry 282 5/5  
 D. E. Taylor 424 5/26  
 P. H. Tritsch 439 5/12  
 T. M. Trometer 242 5/15  
 S. P. Ueckert 424 5/12  
 D. L. Van Soelen 433 5/26  
 Y. P. Yates 439 5/26

## 10 years

M. C. Grigsby 442 5/4  
 A. M. Ruggiero 442 5/10

# Retirements



Myrtle Wolf  
26 years



John Doan  
38 years



Ron Epperson  
38 years

# They're Bloodmobile 'regulars'

The March issue of the American Red Cross publication, Heart to Heart Talk, featured familiar faces on both the front and back covers.

On the front was pictured Dick Baker, a section chief in Dept. 251, who is a regular donor in the Red Cross pheresis program. Pheresis is a procedure in which blood is taken from a donor, white cells or platelets or both are removed to be given to cancer patients, then the blood is returned to the donor.

The back page featured Manuel Delgadillo, a machine operator in Dept. 439, who recently became a member of the Works Gallon Club — a club whose members have donated a total of at least one gallon of blood to the Red Cross. Delgadillo's young

son recently required blood for heart surgery, a situation which stresses the importance of donating blood to the Red Cross for those who need it, his father said.

The two men are representative of an average of 10 percent of Works employees who regularly donate blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visits here three times a year. When the Bloodmobile visited in February, 422 employees donated blood, the largest number to participate since the program began here. More than twenty were first-time donors (the average is five or six per visit).

The Bloodmobile will visit the Works again on May 17 and 18, with another visit scheduled for August.



## Last frame

Newly hired employees were getting to know a little more about the Omaha Works during a tour through office and shop areas.

The tour is part of an employee orientation program begun late

in February. It begins with a two-hour presentation in the Product Display Center, where groups of 15 to 20 new employees view slide shows to acquaint them with AT&T and the products we make at the Works.

Employees learn about how the company is structured, its policies and benefits, as well as a myriad of other items ranging from wearing their identification passes to how to use the TV

gates.

After the presentation in the display center, they tour office areas to become familiar with the location of financial and payroll offices, the medical department, benefits office, and reproduction facilities.

This group of new employees, who work in the apparatus building, also toured the cable shop for an overview of cable manufacturing capabilities.



**AT&T**  
Network Systems

Omaha Works  
P.O. Box 37000  
Omaha, Ne. 68137