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On the cover

Section chief Bob Kellett spent his Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend helping pass out job applications to the public along an east access road of the Omaha Works. A steady stream of people in their cars formed lines for the applications in response to a newspaper advertisement placed by the Works. For more about how many job applications were distributed, see the story on Page 7.

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A new WE . . . a new us

Less than a year ago, a shout would have echoed in some areas of Building 30.

Today that's all changed. Manufacturing equipment new to the Omaha Works is being installed in vacant areas and jobs are being assigned.

The activity reflects the emergence of the new Western Electric as its parent company, AT&T, undergoes divestiture. The new Western Electric remains as AT&T's manufacturing arm. However, it is in the process of consolidating its production lines and streamlining its operations in the face of increased competition.

The direct effect on the Omaha Works is that we are seeing new products introduced to our shops. Some products are new to Western Electric manufacture, such as network terminating units and 841 repeater cases. Others come from other WE manufacturing locations as part of the company's general reorganization. Generally, these products can be classified as connecting blocks, closures, connectors, terminal blocks, protector units, miscellaneous and apparatus piece parts.

Consolidation measures such as these, noted Don Procknow, WE president, are necessary to reduce overall costs and improve efficiencies. Action taken now ensures "that Western Electric remains healthy in the new and very different future we are entering."

THAT FUTURE, in the case of the Omaha Works, involves some big numbers. When installation activity is completed, more than 250,000 square feet of space will have been dedicated to products new to the Works. An esti-

mated \$40 million to \$50 million worth of capital facilities — that includes machinery, tools and dies, benches and work stations — will have been installed. It's enough to fill more than 250 semitrailers.

"In essence, we're rebuilding this factory while continuing to run at peak output," said General Manager Jack Childs, referring to the activity in the apparatus shops. "There aren't many companies that would take on that challenge."

The consolidation effort already has had a dramatic impact on the number of jobs at the Works. As of Sept. 4, 428 more people were on roll than we had at the beginning of the year. The number, except for some supervisory and engineering personnel transferred from other locations, mostly represents employees who have been called back from layoff status.

Job applications were made available to the public on Sept. 3 and 4. A total of about 10,000 applications were distributed at that time.

Childs has predicted a net increase of about 1,000 direct (hourly) employees beyond approximately 2,500 hourly workers employed by the Works earlier in the year. The final number depends on a couple of factors, one being how much demand there is for our product in the months to come. The other is the phase-out of some of our product lines, whose employees must be absorbed by other manufacturing areas.

To date, several product lines have been moved out of the Works. They include station cords, load coils, cotton braided

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ALL FILLED UP . . . Many of the Works' vacant areas have been filled up with product lines new to us, such as the central office connectors area in Dept. 442 where these employees work.

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"HELP, I'M SURROUNDED!" . . . Section chief Rich DeChriste, who recently transferred here from the Baltimore Works, is flanked by cable support assemblies of 18-type closures, a product new to the Omaha Works.

A new WE . . . a new us

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wire and miniature wire spring relays.

A **SPECIAL** committee is overseeing Omaha's part in Western's consolidation effort. It is chaired by Earl McLean, manager of engineering and manufacturing, network distribution apparatus. He is assisted by Ralph Beisner, engineering manager of network distribution apparatus.

The committee has spawned subcommittees, whose members represent such diverse areas of

the Works as materials management, transportation, purchasing, business methods, quality assurance, accounting, information systems and safety, as well as engineering. Product line planning and engineering staff members from Atlanta also are involved.

Oversized floor space charts resembling patchwork quilts pinpoint shop areas in Building 30 that have been or will be cleared and prepared for production. But even they don't give the full impact of the monumental task at hand.

The project involves more than just filling up holes in the shop with production lines. Manufacturing operations are being planned and placed for optimum efficiency and use of space, Beisner noted.

This sometimes requires relocating products we will continue to manufacture. For example,

80-type cabinet and B cable terminal, fine wire, stub cable, tool assembly and specialty wire and cable operations are being or have been relocated.

"**WITH ANY** job of this magnitude, you can expect problems, of course," Beisner said. But he added that problems which have evolved so far "have been solvable." Basically, the restructuring of Building 30 manufacturing processes is on schedule, and approximately 40 percent of available floor space has been dedicated.

"We're seeing a team effort involving many organizations and many individuals," Beisner said. All of the movement of personnel to jobs new to them can be a complicating factor, he warned, "but it appears employees as a whole are adapting to a challenging situation.

"I think we're doing quite well."

Childs: Importance of goals magnified

Whoever said, "The more things change, the more things stay the same," surely knew what he or she was talking about.

Here we are at the Omaha Works in the midst of change — changing products, changing jobs, changing faces — and yet certain things remain unchanged.

Those things are not unfamiliar to Works employees: quality, service and productivity. But General Manager Jack Childs, in discussing the almost overwhelming changes the Works is experiencing, indicated that these three things — however unchanged as goals — have increased in importance.

"Omaha has a long-standing reputation for producing quality products," Childs said, addressing what he considers the plant's No. 1 goal. For more than a year, the Works' quality rating record was unblemished. None of our products were rated below normal during that time.

He's concerned, however, about problems regarding quality that have surfaced in the last few months. Increasing numbers of employees are working on product lines entirely new to them, "and in the pressure of change we've let quality slip," Childs said.

He is determined that the problem won't become routine. Concrete steps have been taken to highlight the importance of maintaining our high quality

standards. Charts and displays throughout shop areas pinpoint problems, and employee group meetings afford the opportunity to discuss solutions together.

IN ADDITION to the normal quality checks made by the quality control organization, a product sample review program has begun. Representatives from the operating, engineering and quality sectors of the Works review products new to us as they come in. They sample check the quality of initial lots we make, verifying that the product is made according to specifications, before it can be declared to be in a shipping mode.

If the pressures on our quality are great, so are the pressures on our service, Childs noted. "If we can't fill a customer's order, the customer is going to withdraw that order," he said.

In the past 90 days or so, several factors have contributed to some back scheduling of orders. One such factor is that "we're starting to feel the effects of economic recovery" sooner than we expected and even sooner than at other Western Electric manufacturing locations.

The effect of divestiture also puts pressure on our service as our markets expand to new customers. Childs cited sales to independent telephone companies and to the U.S. government as examples. In addition, Western Electric has authorized eight distributors of our products, which should increase orders.

As opportunities unfold for new customers, the pressure to service these customers increases, Childs said. "We're in a new level of activity — new volumes, new customers," Childs explained. "Tomorrow may be too late. We can't wait to get something out 'tomorrow.'"

WITH OUR quality and service in order, productivity is the third priority to be addressed.

"If we're making the best product and shipping it on time, we could still lose the customer if our price is too high," Childs said. "The majority of our customers are telling us they will make their purchasing decisions based primarily on cost."

The responsibility for keeping costs in line rests squarely on our shoulders, because for the bulk of our products we are the "sole source."

"We can't blame another location for dragging its feet and causing price increases," Childs said. Our productivity will be "more and more under the microscope . . . we'll have to do the best job we can to be competitive."

To help us do the best we can, specialized training programs already have been introduced. One is a marketing seminar for supervisory, engineering and production control personnel, developed in conjunction with the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Two half-day sessions are geared specifically for our needs as we become more and more involved in a competitive marketplace. How we deal with customers and what sort of customer needs we should be meeting are concerns that are studied.

We probably won't be able to gauge the outcome of all our efforts until the "churning" within the Omaha Works itself subsides, sometime in the middle of next year, Childs said.

The Works itself should be "up and running" by then and we will have an idea of what our internal report card says.

If our efforts have paid off, our report card should stand out as one more thing that hasn't changed in the midst of change: It again will show superior grades in every category.



LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS . . . Workers tackle mountains of mail consisting of job applications to the Omaha Works.

Applications pour in

'On the grow' again

They've rearranged the furniture in the personnel and benefit office, and it was more than just moving the desks of employees who work in there.

Seating capacity has been expanded to accommodate people who come in for job interviews. That's something that had become an unfamiliar sight in recent years at the Works, but not anymore.

With an increasing number of products being introduced at the Works, more employees are needed. Since May, employees who were on layoff status have been called back and offered jobs.

And on Labor Day weekend, about 10,000 job applications were distributed to the public. People interested in applying drove their cars (in some cases they walked) in single and double files on Works access roads to pick up forms.

In addition to those applications, another 7,500 applications were given to Works employees who requested them, and almost 1,900 of the forms were distributed to job-finding agencies in the metropolitan area.

WELL BEFORE Sept. 10 — the deadline for the forms to be mailed to the Works — envelopes of returned applications were stacked high on tables in the labor relations conference room. Workers were busy logging each applicant's name, which must be done by law before any selections are made.

When the selections are made, it means the folks in the personnel office will continue with their full schedules of job applicant interviews and placement, as they have all during the summer.

Laid-off employees who were being called back during the

summer came through the personnel office on an average of from 15 to 18 per day, said Judy Tyler of Dept. 511, who helps process employees.

It has been Judy's job to contact people who are being called back and arrange for interview appointments. "There's been hardly any turn-downs," Judy said.

They fill out formal application and medical forms, and meet the supervisor of their prospective work areas. Bill Fleming, also of the personnel office, keeps tabs on what jobs must be filled and the requirements of those jobs.

"We explain that they may be assigned to any shift and that they must be willing to take that shift" if they want the job, Judy said.

Besides the interviews and placements, other tasks are performed in the personnel office, too. For example, those put on the roll are issued passes. Paperwork is completed for pay deduc-

tions, direct bank deposit of paychecks and additional insurance.

THE MEDICAL department doesn't escape the influx of new employees and all it entails, either.

The staff must record general histories or conduct complete physicals, according to nurse Connie Peterson.

When 18 prospective employees are added to the 100 or so employees who report to medical per day, the work load gets busier. In fact, some occupational and periodic exams, which the staff routinely conducts, have had to be postponed when scheduling became particularly hectic, Connie said.

On the whole, people who have been called back are quite happy about the turn of events, Connie noted. One woman told her, "I'm so glad to be back — it's a jungle out there!"

Considering the blizzard of applicant mail inside here, she could be right.

'Call-backs,' transferees take jobs

When Betty White says, "It feels good to be back at work," you know the smile she's flashing is for real.

Betty had almost eight years of service before she was laid off from the Works in October of 1981. Now hers is among the "new" but familiar faces of people who have been called back from layoff status.

At the time she was laid off, Betty doubted she would ever be called back — "there were so many people laid off ahead of me," she explained.

She got a job with another manufacturing firm in the city, but the pay wasn't as good as the pay here, she said. Now she does wiring for FDI cabinets in Dept. 439, and she's pleased with her work — even though she must work the second shift.

"I like the type of jobs they have here . . . you learn to do different things," Betty said. And she likes to think that the products she helps make are important to people. "I'm hoping I'll be here for a while."

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Being here for a while is something Rick Palmer is confident will be true for himself and the other people who were called back from layoff status.

Rick, formerly a guard before he was laid off in February of this year, recalled how there was a time when many employees — even those with long service — feared severe cutbacks.

Today's business prospects have changed that attitude, he said. "I think everyone feels very optimistic about things around

here. The worry about a layoff doesn't seem to exist." Rick's been back since June as a wirer in Dept. 442.

Looking at the Omaha Works' future from another perspective are a couple of employees who transferred here from the Baltimore Works: Tony David and Rose Panageotou.

Tony, a senior planning engineer in Dept. 477, thinks the future looks promising at the Works. "Right now we're holding our own (in the network apparatus business)," he said, and he's hopeful that new technologies will be introduced at the Works in the future.

He and his wife miss their parents and family back East — and the seafood, too — he said, but he figures he's made a few gains, too. For one, "gas and electric rates are cheaper, here,"

Rose also is satisfied with her move to Omaha, despite her luggage being lost when she arrived.

"People here are very friendly . . . it's a much more family-oriented section of the country," she said.

Between settling into her new home and helping to get a new product line going in Dept. 436 (9-type terminal blocks), Rose expects her task as section chief to be challenging, to say the least.

"I'm starting from scratch — we've got all new people, new schedules," she said, not to mention time out to learn new local policies.

"But I'm really happy for the opportunity . . . and the people are doing fantastic!"



Rick Palmer



Rose Panageotou



Tony David



Betty White

Policy on equal opportunity

The Omaha Works, like all other locations of Western Electric, is an equal opportunity employer.

It is the policy of the Western Electric Company to afford equal opportunity to all of its contractees, employees and applicants for employment. That is, all selections will be made on the basis of individual merit without discrimination because of race, religion, color, national origin or sex.

The employment policies and practices and all other personnel actions of Western Electric have been and will continue to be such to ensure that all of its employees are treated equally. No distinctions are made because of the employee's color, religious belief, sex, race or national origin. Our commitment to this policy applies uniformly to all levels within the company.

Our equal opportunity investigator, Gail Bailey (Ext. 3597), is available to discuss our policy with you. If you, as an Omaha Works employee, think you are not being afforded equal opportunity under the applicable laws and regulations, you are urged to contact her for assistance.

Works announces promotions

Three Omaha Works employees have been promoted.

Pat Meiman, formerly a personnel studies associate in Dept. 511, is now a section chief in Dept. 282, connector cable.

Susan Wetherington, who was a cost accounting associate in Dept. 072, also is a section chief in Dept. 282, connector cable.

Lee Hunt was formerly an investigator of manufacturing diffi-

culties for Organization 250. He is now a section chief in Dept. 282 — strand, jacket, shielding (specialty products), final, IPVC plenum, scrap and truck.

In other administrative changes, Bob Wustrack — formerly of public relations, Organization 520 — is now department chief of Dept. 278. He is responsible for network sales support.



Pat Meiman



Lee Hunt



Susan Wetherington



Bob Wustrack

etc.

Qualify for scholarship?

Western Electric employees' children who will complete high school and enter college in 1985 should take the 1983 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

It will be administered by local schools on Oct. 18 and Oct. 22, 1983. The test is the first step in the competition for Western Electric Fund Scholarships to be awarded in 1985.

The annual Merit Scholarship competition is administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). WE Fund scholarship recipients are chosen through the NMSC from among children of on-roll employees or retirees. Also eligible are children of deceased employees who had a minimum of 15 years of service and were on the active or pension roll at the time of their deaths.

WE scholarship recipients will be chosen from among the eligible students who first qualify as semifinalists on the basis of their PSAT/NMSQT scores and then advance to finalist standing in the Merit program. **No special**

entry blanks are needed. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT constitutes an application for the overall Merit program.

In the fall of 1984, the NMSC will send application forms to students who qualify as semifinalists, asking them to identify their parents' employers. A parent's company and specific work location should be entered on the form.

All phases of the competition — including selection of winners, amount of scholarship and payment of stipends — are handled by NMSC. Neither Western Electric, its subsidiaries, nor the WE Fund becomes involved prior to the announcement of the winners' names.

For a brochure detailing the Merit program, stop by the public relations office located on the second floor of Building 20, southwest corner.

Run, run, run

The athletes all wore the same numbers on the fronts of their royal blue T-shirts — "25." The number signified the Omaha Works' 25th anniversary, and the athletes were Works employees participating in the third annual Corporate Cup Run Sept. 18.

The 6.2-mile run originating at the Civic Auditorium is a fund raiser for the American Lung Association of Nebraska. A total of 103 Works employees were entered. Denny Horner was the

tors at the Works, he said. "And for those of us already participating in United Way, we must make sure our personal contribution truly reflects our ability to give and is commensurate with our income."

In the past, Works employees have been very generous in their support, and he's confident of their help this year.

"What many people don't realize," Dunn noted, "is that the United Way agencies' programs benefit more than just the poor and elderly." More than one in four residents in the metropolitan area are served by agencies affiliated with the United Way.

Among them are the Red Cross, the YMCA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and various neigh-

borhood settlements.

Savings plan results

The following are the June (first figures listed) and July (second figures listed) 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).

	BSSP	
	Units Value	Units Credited Per Dollar
AT&T (June)	3.4294	.2915
(July)	3.2917	.3037
Government Obligations	3.2073	.3117
	3.1969	.3127
Equity Portfolio	2.6943	.3711
	2.5993	.3847
Guaranteed Interest Fund	1.4863	.6727
	1.5025	.6655

	SSP	
	Units Value	Units Credited Per Dollar
AT&T (June)	1.5986	.6255
(July)	1.5347	.6515
Guaranteed Interest Fund	1.5847	.6310
	1.6011	.6245

	BSVCP	
	Units Value	Units Credited Per Dollar
AT&T (June)	1.094	.913
(July)	1.051	.951
Mutual Fund	1.431	.698
	1.418	.704
Money Market	1.064	.939
	1.072	.932
Guaranteed Interest Fund	1.101	.907
	1.114	.897

In-plant United Way drive starts

Oct. 10 is the official kick-off date of the United Way of the Midlands campaign within the Omaha Works, and we've got our work cut out for us.

According to in-plant drive chairman Bob Dunn, verified community needs for the coming year exceed last year's contributions by 27 percent.

To help meet those needs, it's important that we significantly increase the number of contribu-



HOWDY, PODNER . . . Our Western-style product show in Kansas City would have wowed Marshal Matt Dillon.

Western roundup shows our wares

The frontier town was complete with a general store, adjacent to the barbershop and jail house.

But there weren't any horses strapped to the hitching posts. Instead, populating the sawdust-covered "main street" were potential customers of Western Electric's cable and wire division products.

They came to view WE products — the bulk of which were Omaha Works' network distribution apparatus products — at the International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE) in Kansas City, Kan. Cable and wire products, connectors, splicing apparatus, closures, terminals and cabinets were among the products displayed under a giant tent.

The entire display followed a western theme, complete with fake storefront. Those who

staffed the display, including personnel from the Works and Account Management, donned western jeans, shirts and hats.

This is the first ICUEE show in which Western Electric has participated. Held biannually, it is the nation's largest trade show for the construction and utility industry. More than 300 exhibits were on display, featuring everything from "cherry pickers" to trenchers.

But Western Electric's display was by far the largest. It also differed from other telecommunication suppliers' exhibits in that "we are an end-to-end supplier," said Tom Bowman, engineering manager for cable, wire and network sales support. We can provide everything from the central office to the station.

Almost 7,000 people attended the exposition and some of them showed "strong interest" in

Western's products, Bowman said. International visitors from countries such as Columbia, Japan and India were particularly interested in our products.

The 80-type community cabinet, the 841 repeater case and network terminating units (NTUs) especially drew visitors' interest.

The ICUEE show is only the second product show in which Western Electric has participated where we were free to sign sales agreements directly with the customer, now that divestiture is under way.

Response to our products at the show indicates "we're a strong contender in the market," Bowman said. "I'm optimistic that many of the people who looked at our exhibit will become buyers."

Service anniversaries

35 years

J. J. Schwetz 477 10/6
D. R. Stinson 235 10/25
B. J. Viox 425 10/24

30 years

R. E. Kellett 433 9/8
J. D. McLaughlin 022 9/27
L. A. Hermanson 1231 10/1
J. C. Higginson 241 10/23
H. W. Holtzen 253 10/29
J. F. Kmiecziak 023 10/1

25 years

S. E. Anderson 232 9/15
D. D. Behrens 252 9/10
R. L. Belter 251 9/22
R. E. Bird 251 9/5
J. E. Black 235 9/22
V. H. Bowersox 425 9/4
R. L. Brock 252 9/9
D. R. Bryant 232 9/8
F. A. Campbell 251 9/17
L. C. Campbell 253 9/9
A. R. Combs 253 9/15
C. C. Cooper 251 9/3
M. B. Dawson 235 9/8
M. F. Donovan 252 9/4
G. H. Drehsen 472 9/29
C. M. Enstrom 234 9/8
D. L. Evans 234 9/15
M. C. Finley 023 9/9
R. D. Hines 252 9/8
J. L. Jensen 533 9/2
C. C. Johnson 233 9/9
K. Kucera 251 9/11
R. E. Lafferty 071 9/15
S. E. Marshall 273 9/8
R. S. McKulsky Jr. 234 9/29
J. J. Palmesano 253 9/22
I. J. Rauterkus 282 9/18
D. H. Richling 421 9/2
D. G. Robbins 530 9/16
W. J. Rohmeyer 235 9/22
T. R. Rudd 532 9/22
S. K. Scebold 448 9/2
V. E. Shelton 232 9/8
C. L. Sipe 530 9/2
R. A. Sudyka 471 9/15
R. H. Svendsen 235 9/10
D. D. Swartz 253 9/2
R. H. Walter 533 9/8
J. R. Winchester 231 9/3
R. M. Allen 230 10/27
W. B. Baier 282 10/6
D. E. Bell 023 10/28
G. T. Blasing Jr. 251 10/8
J. A. Bonaiuto 436 10/27

T. J. Bosiljevac 023 10/14
J. W. Bowen 253 10/13
R. H. Bressman 447 10/21
C. P. Burns 253 10/13
L. A. Carnazzo 072 10/7
G. H. Chonis 235 10/20
M. E. Davis 1231 10/20
G. Dokmonovich 026 10/1
D. O. Donaldson 433 10/27
I. L. Fetherkile 425 10/20
H. K. Feuerberg 231 10/6
J. P. Gollobit 251 10/13
A. S. Guthrie 234 10/6
R. W. Hanson 234 10/1
F. Holecek Jr. 231 10/6
D. W. Jensen 235 10/14
E. V. Krysl 242 10/29
R. A. Kucera 235 10/20
A. C. Lassek 071 10/13
C. W. Lockhart 235 10/20
G. A. Merriman 476 10/20
L. Mohr 449 10/13
B. B. Morton 023 10/15
E. L. Owen 234 10/13
M. J. Panowicz 023 10/27
B. E. Qualset 251 10/20
E. E. Richards 282 10/6
T. E. Rickard 234 10/27
F. J. Schleimer 421 10/27
J. L. Sharp 1722 10/13
D. D. Sudduth 531 10/27
R. E. Taylor 253 10/15
M. T. Ueding 425 10/29
A. R. Wegrzyn 235 10/27
J. D. Weidenhamer 235 10/20
W. H. Williams 234 10/13
B. H. Wilson 449 10/30

20 years

L. A. Booker 439 9/23
P. M. Brennan 252 9/22
V. N. Byrom 448 9/5
R. F. Christian 449 9/18
R. M. Crouch 072 9/16
D. M. Davis 443 9/12
R. G. Lamb 431 9/3
G. A. Lueders 253 9/16
G. G. Peuckert 252 9/8
I. Z. Schmidt 425 9/25
L. B. Schroeder 425 9/19
J. L. Wheeler 439 9/17
L. Zabala 439 9/11
M. A. Donaldson 253 10/23
K. W. Hoffmann 443 10/10
J. S. Moody 448 10/28
S. G. Reed 439 10/2
C. T. VanHooser 425 10/3
I. D. Walters 251 10/21

15 years

F. J. Bartman 439 9/23
C. R. Bishop 251 9/6
S. A. Brown 443 9/10
V. K. Duncan 424 9/30
L. S. Ferraguti 442 9/3
R. A. Goodwin 443 9/9
M. B. Griffith 443 9/16
B. T. Hampton 443 9/3
M. S. Hartmann 282 9/16
L. O. Johnson 442 9/3
J. S. Knutson 282 9/9
R. L. Lorenz 282 9/23
D. W. Lubash 433 9/3
D. K. Ludwick 448 9/16
W. A. Minor 282 9/9
B. B. Orosco 443 9/10
N. O. Peterson Jr. 443 9/9
E. K. Post 442 9/3
P. G. Reber 433 9/17
W. J. Roach 282 9/24
M. J. Schoville 282 9/24
R. F. Siedlik 439 9/30
B. B. Smith 282 9/17
C. S. Swedberg 3443 9/16
B. L. Vance 449 9/12
M. L. Voigtlander 443 9/9
J. F. West 443 9/23
A. A. Allen 449 10/4
L. D. Bisig 282 10/22
H. J. Brown 439 10/3
T. V. Delgado Jr. 282 10/7
M. G. Fahey 282 10/14
D. A. Gordon 439 10/7
M. F. Harris 421 10/15
V. K. Hawkins 282 10/9
F. Hoult 433 10/3
A. A. Jones 439 10/21
D. M. Karnish 282 10/14
G. C. Maas 433 10/1
E. J. Matya 251 10/21
J. B. Opryszko 433 10/3
L. F. Schultz 443 10/15
J. Trautrimas 439 10/16
E. K. Weible 439 10/3
E. H. Woodruff 282 10/22



Last frame

Summer isn't officially over until you attend just one more picnic.

The annual WEOMA Club picnic was held Sept. 18 at Peony Park. Never mind that the first

day of autumn was but a few days away on Sept. 23.

Picnickers proceeded to do all those things one normally does in the summer — like riding amusement rides to their hearts' content, or competing for prizes in a variety of outdoor games.

And this year, as a change from the traditional softball game, mixed volleyball competition was offered. Also new this

year was a chance to take a final dip (if you dared) in the pool by way of a water slide.

Plans for this year's picnic were made by a committee of employees under the direction of Hank Wnuk, one of the WEOMA Club directors. Committee members were John Okupski, Carmen Vacanti, Tom Pluta, Miyeko Kostszewa, Jim Williams, Marci Dergan and Denny Karloff.

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