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IDEA NETS BIG MONEY: Dick Seaman, Department 253, has received a suggestion award totaling \$1835 for his proposal on a method to repair z-screen cable. No stranger to the Employee Suggestion System with over 60 adopted suggestions, Dick received his most recent award from General Manager Frank Lefebvre.

September 7

Weoma Club Picnic Offers Bigger Bargain, Lower Price

When Omaha Works employees head for the annual Weoma Club picnic this year, they'll be headed in a different direction for an entirely new experience. The 1975 picnic will be held Sunday, September 7, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Waterloo, Neb.

Explained picnic chairman Elmer Johnson, "In formulating plans for this year's event, committee members agreed that it would be worth the time to investigate the possibilities of relocating the picnic to give employees a better bargain for their money."

This year's better bargain includes:

- 50¢ ADULT ADMISSION
25¢ CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER
CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER
ADMITTED FREE
- 15¢ HOT DOGS
- BEVERAGES FROM 5¢ TO 20¢

Goals Updated

Congratulations to all Omaha Works employees whose hard work has enabled the Works to remain "on target" for a majority of its 1975 goals.

"Omaha Works employees are making a positive effort in a majority of the goals-related areas such as quality and cost reduction," noted Goals Committee Chairman Bob Tatten, assistant manager, 860.

"It's this extra effort on the part of all employees that enables me to make such a positive mid-year report."

"The most visible area where improvement is needed is attendance where we're behind in our goal for man-days lost," he explained.

In conjunction with the goals update, the second of three goals calendars for 1975 is currently being published.

For Your Information ...

... credit unions are a vital part of the total financial community. The number of federal and state chartered credit unions now exceeds 24,000 with assets totaling more than \$33 billion. That's a significant financial influence on our economy. As the credit union industry has grown, many changes have been evident in services to members. With the Bell Federal Credit Union, change was reflected in its name as well as in its field of membership. Effective July 1, the Bell Federal Credit Union extended its field of membership to include the North Platte District. And did you know that once you've joined the Bell Federal Credit Union, you can remain a member for life, even if you terminate your employment in the described field of employment. There's lots of things you may not know about your credit union. And if you're not now a member, now is the time to find out about the services offered to credit union members. It's really worth your time to investigate all the facts ...

... in April the Omaha Works was informed in a letter from the Office of Contracts Compliance Field Office in Kansas City that it had been selected for an off-site desk audit to evaluate its equal opportunity policies and practices as required by Executive Order 11246. Works EO personnel assembled and submitted the requested information on the Affirmative Action Program which was subsequently reviewed and found to meet the requirements of the existing Order, rules and regulations ...

... Labor Day has traditionally been America's final fling before the cold fall and winter months set in. If you're one of the millions of people who plan to be out on the highway over the upcoming holiday, make sure you drive with an eye out for the other guy or gal. Bring your summer to the happy ending it should have. And have a fun holiday.

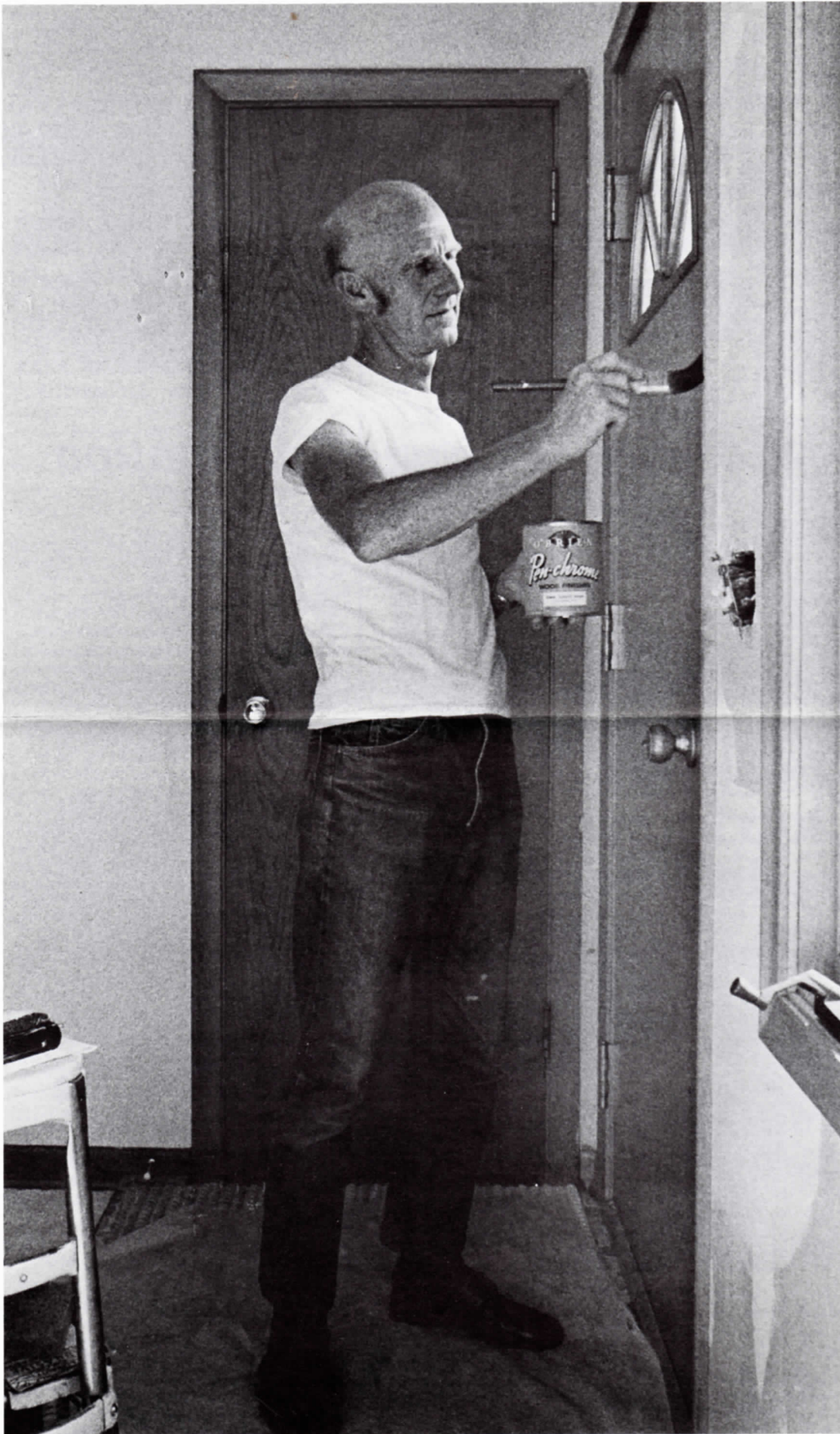
- FREE ICE CREAM
- CLOWNS AND BICENTENNIAL CHARACTERS

Employees and their families will also enjoy free carnival rides, play Bingo, watch a squaredance exhibition, dance to a live band and compete in a variety of games.

Elmer noted, "To make the food and beverage purchases go fast, tickets will be sold which can be exchanged for the desired items. Ice cream tickets will be given out at no charge. In order to get the best of this bargain, employees should plan on arriving early."

Fairgrounds gates will open to Western Electric employees at 11:30 a.m. with the picnic slated to run until 5:30 p.m.

Said Elmer, "The committee has worked hard to give the employees a picnic they can all enjoy. We'd like to see that hard work pay off with a good number of employees and their families in attendance."



FAIR SHARE

United Way of the Midlands

Thanks to you ...for all of it

January 10 — the Blizzard of '74. Maybe you only made it part way to someone else's home or business. Or you were the door. Good friends when you were head for home.

Or maybe you never met them at battling the elements. So you called to check on your family and they make it home? Was someone else's?

And then it was May 6 — the snow drifts, it was rubble that shattered. Treasured homes and people you were among those fortunate to escape the storm's real wrath, you wanted to volunteer your time and energy in your area and help clean up the debris.

Or you worked with one of the agencies, helping to reassemble the pieces.

You'll have to agree that not everyone did this year. But when Mother Nature was kind, there were lots of people around willing to help. People like the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Scouts. All kinds of people — who were hurt by the storm, including over 100 families.

Hopefully, Mother Nature has returned to her composure and won't lash out so soon. We can only hope for. Besides, disasters don't discriminate. Omaha's blizzard and tornado to the west. Disasters come in all sizes, many of them. Many of them never make the headlines, but they are the same.

In our recent experiences with disasters, most of us have learned that the only way to put the pieces back together and move forward is to band together. In January, Omaha's blizzard and again in May, the tornado debris, the job got done because we worked together.

And if we didn't work together, we wouldn't have the United Way of the Midlands. We wouldn't have the help of many that needed to be there during disastrous storms. You've seen the need for help when good friends are needed. **That good friend by giving your support this year?**

Russ Rudeen is a busy man who has a full-time job in Department 422, chances are he's been putting his home back in shape after the damage in the May 6 tornado.

"The one thing that storm did was bring us together," Russ said. And while it was the initial task of rebuilding, there was a lot of help, among them the Red Cross. "Exceptionally good" are Russ' comments on the response of the Red Cross to his situation.



It Works For Us.

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Service Anniversaries



Olivia Hytrek
425

30 9/15/45



Mandy Larson
245

25 7/9/50



Delores Dunekacke
242

25 7/31/50



John Randall
246

25 8/29/50



George Pappas
176

25 8/31/50



Bernard Kunz
241

25 9/14/50

Retirements



William Duerkoop
137
39 Years



Fran Jensen
170
31 Years



Emma Engel
422
30 Years



Lester Pollard
423
30 Years



A. F. Fanckboner
525
29 Years



Alexander Grasmick
253
29 Years



Mildred Grasmick
422
27 Years



Ruth Hohiesel
411
20 Years



Robert Hartung
171
18 Years

20 Years

EUGENE G. PEARSON 7/ 5/55
ARTHUR L. RYMILL 7/18/55
ROBERT E. DENTON 8/ 1/55
EVELYN F. KEYSER 8/ 1/55
SAMUEL I. KEYSER 8/ 1/55
HAROLD R. HALL 8/22/55
GORDON O. NEUJAHN 8/25/55
RICHARD D. EDMAN 9/ 6/55
ROBERT L. MILLER 9/ 6/55
ROGER L. SWANSON 9/ 6/55
GILBERT P. KOPPRT 9/12/55
DANIEL G. SCHRADER 9/13/55
MARY K. DOUGHERTY 9/14/55
THOMAS L. LUTZI 9/14/55
RONALD G. HALLETT 9/19/55
GEORGE PASIENIUK 9/19/55
MELVIN N. ROTH 9/20/55
LEO E. SIS 9/22/55

15 Years

ANN C. BIBEN 7/ 6/60
BARBARA H. FITCHORN 7/11/60
LLOYD B. HONEYWELL 7/25/60
BETTY N. DEEDS 7/26/60
WILLIAM C. MILLER 7/26/60
HARRY L. CALLSEN JR. 7/28/60
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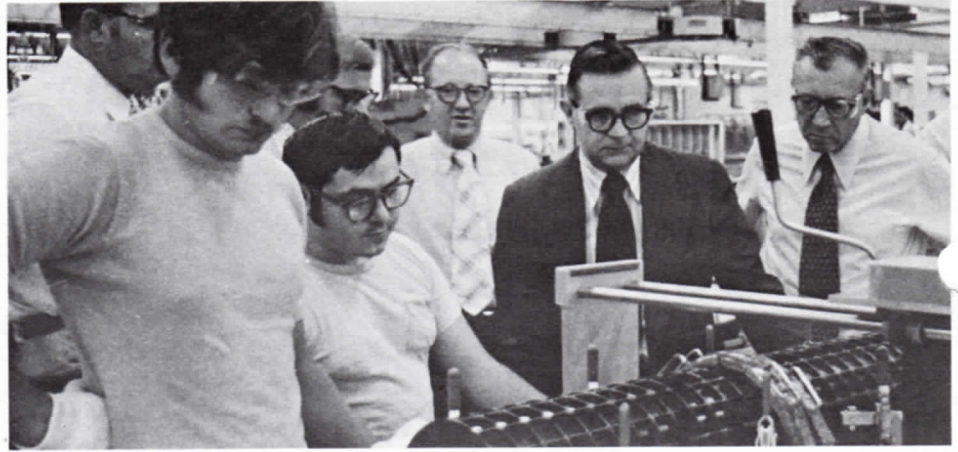
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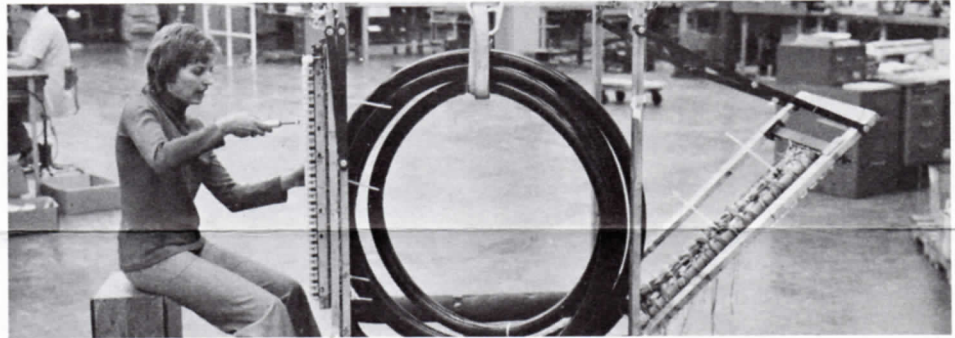
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR: Michael Miller, son of Works employee Glenn Miller, Department 175, has been named a 1975 Presidential Scholar. Selected from among 192 scholarship achievers in the state of Nebraska, Mike and 120 other U.S. high school seniors were honored during special ceremonies at the White House on July 1. The 121 students were selected from a field of nearly three million contenders. In a letter to Mike, President Gerald Ford commented that the Presidential Scholar status is "one of the highest honors an American high school student can receive." Mike, a 1975 Western Electric Fund Merit Scholar, is pictured above at the White House being congratulated by Virginia Trotter, Assistant Secretary for Education.



MONEY-MAKING IDEA: Ken Wadum, Department 241, has received a \$160 suggestion award. Pictured above right with Department Chief Charlie Muehlhausen, Ken received his award for proposing that cylinders in wire wrap guns be rehone whenever possible to reduce the number of new cylinders being purchased.



V. P. VISITS: On a mid-summer visit to the Omaha Works, E. J. Eckel, vice president, Manufacturing Switching Equipment, made a short tour of our manufacturing operations. During that visit, Mr. Eckel took some time to view the manufacture of various products in the Loop Transmission Apparatus line as well as the granulator in Building 17. Mr. Eckel is shown with General Manager Frank Lefebvre viewing one phase of production on the 2 type closure. Also pictured in the foreground are Works employees Wally Neneman, left, and Frank Caruso. Pictured in the background are J. C. Stewart, manager, 400; Steve Zerbs, planning engineer, Department 473; and Wayne Hunt, director of Engineering and Manufacturing.



NEW PRODUCT: Another new addition to Omaha's Loop Transmission Apparatus product line is stub cable. It consists of pre-wired 88-type wiring blocks to which have been preterminated 600 or 900 pair cable stubs of various lengths. The factory prewiring and testing of the cable side of the wiring blocks saves installation time in the field where stub cable serves as an outside plant interface. Pictured working on the new product is Works employee Al Jones.



BRITT VISITS: E. M. Britt, general manager, Cable, Wire and Associated Apparatus Product Line Planning and Management, spent a day at the Omaha Works just prior to standard vacation. A portion of his visit was spent viewing a presentation on the hand cutter-presser tool for the 710 connector. Mr. Britt is pictured above right during the presentation. Also pictured are Tom Bowman, department chief, 401, left; Wes Nicholas, planning engineer, Department 176; and Wayne Hunt, director of Engineering and Manufacturing. Wes designed the new tool which is being produced in Department 143.



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