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During this holiday season, we are being confronted with numerous challenges which have sharpened our awareness of the necessity to sacrifice while valuing the simpler things in life.

Our strength is in our ability to effectively confront and overcome these unsettling times.

And as we gather with our families and friends to celebrate this holiday season, may the love for those near to us brighten this special time of year and give us the courage to welcome the challenges of the coming year.

Frank J. Lefebvre  
General Manager



**ALL DOLLED UP:** Dolores Karnish, Department 144, holds the dolls she outfitted in this year's "Dress-A-Doll" project. Dolores was among the many Omaha Works employees as well as relatives of employees who helped outfit 300 dolls which the Salvation Army distributes to needy Omaha-area children at Christmas time.



**TALENTS DISPLAYED:** Nearly 800 Omaha Works employees viewed the First Annual Weoma Club Arts and Crafts Show in the Works Auditorium, November 11-13. Eighteen Omaha Works employees displayed their talents in the areas of photography, acrylic and oil painting, ceramics, mosaics and various other handicrafts.

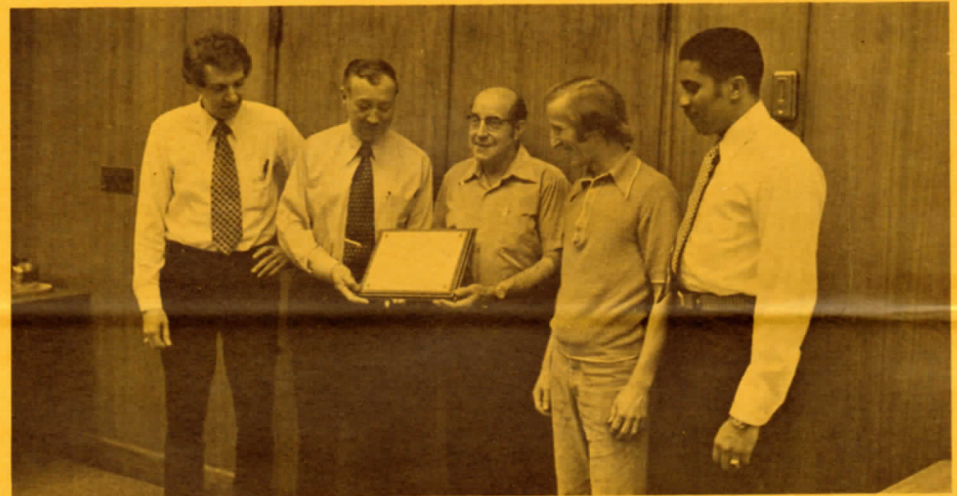
## About The Cover

Take one five-year-old. Give him a Christmas ornament. Ask him to put it on a tree. And you have a special cover photo for the holiday issue of the *Westerner*.

Our tree-trimmer on the cover is Paul Vachal, whose father, Stan Vachal, is employed in Department 141.

Special thanks to the management of Omaha Shoppers Tree Town, 13015 West Center Road, who allowed us to take the picture in their store.

Roger Howard, Department 522, shot the cover photo.



**SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT:** Employees in Department 134 were recently honored for reaching 1,000,000 man-hours on-the-job without a disabling injury. Pictured above during the presentation of a special commemorative plaque are Dick McGaughey, department chief, 135, left; Works General Manager Frank Lefebvre; employee representative Jay Weaver; Union representative Jim Barrett and Herb Rhodes, department chief, 134. Dick McGaughey was department chief of 134 at the time the million man-hour mark was attained. During the presentation, Jim Barrett noted that he had recently viewed an industrial film produced in the 1930's. "I don't know how those people survived without any safety features," he remarked. "It's quite a change compared to the safety program we have out here."

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**WELCOME BACK:** On November 14, the Omaha Works hosted approximately 75 retired Western Electric employees at a special luncheon in the Works Auditorium. The buffet-style luncheon was followed by a presentation by Works General Manager Frank Lefebvre on the new products to be manufactured at Omaha.

## Service Anniversaries



Paul A. Arctander  
434  
35 12/20/39



Paul A. Lange  
311  
30 12/11/44



David D. Enterline  
431  
30 12/20/44



Harold Gross  
241  
30 1/2/45



Ruth Ann Foster  
270  
30 1/20/45



Lester R. Pollard  
423  
30 1/31/45



Robert F. Morton  
421  
25 11/30/49



Gerald F. Alfons  
422  
25 1/17/50



Kenneth L. Ekwall  
334  
25 1/29/50

### 20 years

Floyd E. Hermanson 246 12/28/54  
Donald E. Barnes 137 1/19/55

### 15 Years

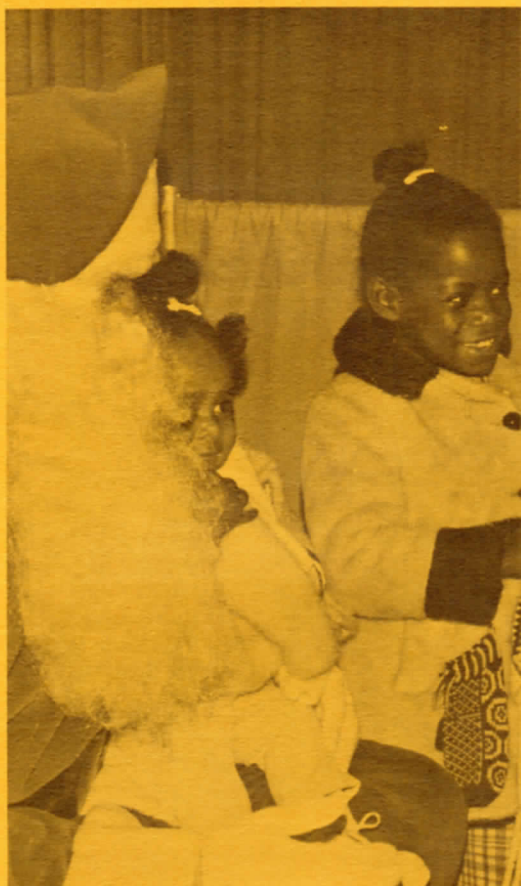
Anna B. Cernius 134 12/01/59  
Mary K. Lutz 144 12/01/59  
Fred K. Holz 132 12/02/59  
Donald B. Madsen 421 12/02/59  
Arlene R. Madsen 132 12/05/59  
Donald C. Bucknam 331 12/07/59  
Donald O. Heard 231 12/07/59  
Ruth D. Jenny 142 12/07/59  
Eugene L. Krittenbrink 141 12/07/59  
James K. Murphy 9962 12/07/59  
Burdette F. Sabata 431 12/07/59  
Gary L. Williams 245 12/07/59  
Walter W. Woodrum 245 12/07/59  
Ronald G. Yearsley 431 12/07/59  
Jack O. Coffman 9452 12/08/59  
Opal B. Anderson 141 12/09/59  
Paul R. Jenkins 664 12/09/59  
Evelyn A. Dawson 431 12/11/59  
Wilbur H. Ott 422 12/11/59  
Harold F. Asmussen 246 12/14/59  
Vincent G. Beisch 331 12/14/59  
James A. McManigal 434 12/14/59  
Patti L. Segobia 135 12/14/59  
Leon L. Slaughter 332 12/14/59  
Sam J. Toscano 245 12/14/59

Henrietta B. Willcoxon 132 12/14/59  
Michael D. Quinlan 422 12/16/59  
Wayne L. Sanford 132 12/16/59  
Durward L. Vosler 252 12/16/59  
Garry E. Thoms 421 12/18/59  
Donald L. McKinney 421 12/21/59  
Francis C. Scott 252 12/21/59  
John R. Pinkerton 432 12/23/59  
Patricia G. Nowak 431 12/24/59  
Delores H. Cain 146 12/27/59  
Ernest O. Freitag 241 12/28/59  
Bernard K. Rogers 133 12/30/59  
Elsa N. Douglass 540 1/05/60  
Peggy T. Anderson 144 1/07/60  
Monafaye A. Clark 252 1/10/60  
Samuel Christiansen 411 1/11/60  
Anna H. Vacek 423 1/11/60  
Lawrence E. Griff 133 1/14/60  
Duane J. Iwanski 662 1/15/60  
Alfred B. McDonald 253 1/17/60  
Virginia Z. Binko 341 1/18/60  
Glen H. Ray 246 1/19/60  
James L. Rinde 251 1/20/60  
Jeanette L. Watkins 257 1/22/60  
Jack L. Bacon 246 1/27/60  
Ronald E. Hineline 246 1/28/60  
Floyd E. Anderson 143 1/29/60  
Leonard W. Sandman 241 1/29/60

Jean P. Willey 432 12/01/64  
Donovan D. Dirks 252 12/03/64  
Beverly B. Clark 431 12/05/64  
Donna P. Kerr 862 12/07/64  
Michael H. Roehr 251 12/07/64  
Della L. Tyler 422 12/07/64  
John L. Wajda 9962 12/09/64  
Daryl J. Brabec 344 12/10/64  
Jerrie F. Martin 432 12/12/64  
Donald J. Donovan 434 12/14/64  
Vivian W. Moore 134 12/15/64  
Gerald W. Pfund 9962 12/15/64  
Nellie E. Rodrigues 421 12/17/64  
Bernice J. Salkeld 144 12/18/64  
Gretchen H. Berge 432 12/19/64  
Harold D. Johnson 9962 12/21/64  
Eleanor P. Kuhl 142 12/28/64  
William S. Romer 861 12/28/64  
Dorothy R. Fiscus 423 12/29/64  
Mary A. Harris 423 1/04/65  
Leola B. Jones 132 1/05/65  
Billie D. Rochell 431 1/07/65  
Jo Ann E. Cruse 132 1/08/65  
Richard C. Toelke 434 1/12/65  
Clement L. Denker 251 1/18/65  
Luis F. Canal 171 1/19/65  
Veda F. Jones 423 1/20/65  
Steven R. Chaffin 142 1/25/65  
Eugene R. Lechner 252 1/25/65  
William D. Plugge 251 1/25/65  
Ronald E. Nelson 863 1/27/65  
Alfred L. Wilson 344 1/27/65  
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### 10 Years

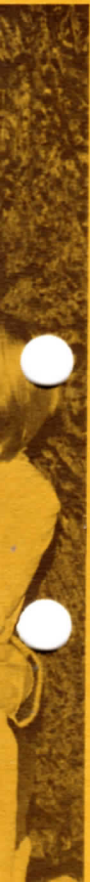
Ellen L. Haubensak 334 12/01/64  
Rosemary M. Mills 135 12/01/64



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6-7

Works Auditorium  
& Cafeteria



## 1975 Omaha Works Holiday/Vacation Schedule

January 1	New Year's Day
March 28	Good Friday
June 30- July 13	Standard Vacation
September 1	Labor Day
November 27-28	Thanksgiving
December 22-26	Redesignation of Memorial Day and Independence Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas and Floating Holiday

## Moves

**Robert Denton**  
from Assistant Manager, Engineering, (Crossbar A&W Shop), to Assistant Manager, Engineering, (Cable Shops)

**Richard Iaffaldano**  
from Assistant Manager, Engineering, (Cable Shops), to Assistant Manager, Engineering, (Crossbar A&W Shop)

**Dale DeBoer**  
from Assistant Manager, Crossbar Unit A&W Shop, to Assistant Manager, Crossbar Frame A&W Shop

**Richard Lee**  
from Assistant Manager, Crossbar Frame A&W Shop, to Assistant Manager, Crossbar Unit A&W Shop

## PIONEER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Tentative)

1974

December 30  
Men's Smoker

1975

February  
Westroads Dinner Theatre

March  
Card Party

April 11  
Women's Party

May  
Men's Golf Outing  
Possible Tulip Festival Trip

June  
Bus & Boat Trip to Brownville, Nebraska

## Retirements



**Edgar Hofmann**  
862  
45 Years



**Clair Poulson**  
175  
30 Years



**Harold Hoepfner**  
341  
27 Years



**Lucille Brown**  
253  
17 Years



**Helen Rawlings**  
862  
17 Years



**Thelma Eichthaler**  
423  
15 Years

## A New Product —

# Circuit Pack In Production

It's called a circuit pack, or more specifically, a #4A toll crossbar plug-in trunk. It's a marvel in miniaturization. And it's now listed among the new products to be produced at the Omaha Works.

The circuit pack was introduced to the Omaha Works in November. The board's assembly and soldering processes are now being done by employees in Department 435-2. The bare boards are produced at the Kearny Works and the Richmond Plant, then shipped to Omaha.

The circuit pack was designed by Bell Laboratories engineers as a cost-, space- and energy-saving alternative to the surface-wired mounting plate units.

The initial customer investment in the equipment can be reduced since the circuit pack design allows for the

gradual addition of the boards as the need arises. Prior to the availability of the circuit pack, the customer would receive a completely-wired frame which could exceed rather than match his existing office needs. A customer can now make an initial order for the system and still have the option to expand upon it with additional boards. Additions to existing crossbar trunks can be made only through expensive and time-consuming conversions.

Another major advantage of the plug-in trunks is the fact that the customer can realize savings through a lower power demand by the equipment. The customer's related power and air conditioning plant investment can in turn be reduced.

Savings in floor space is still

another advantage. Estimates indicate that from 33% to 67% in floor space can be saved through the use of the new system.

Current plans call for the local production of from 300 to 400 circuit packs by the end of the year. Anticipated production in the first quarter of 1975 is from 8,000 to 9,000 circuit packs. And by the end of 1975, approximately 80,000 circuit packs will have been assembled.

The circuit pack job is unique in that everything needed for the completion of the product is right in the department. The area has its own self-contained storeroom. Once the circuit packs have been assembled soldered and tested, they are packed in the department for shipment to the telephone companies.



*In the above photo, circuit pack assemblers Kay Warford, left, and Terry Burnham, perform the soldering and assembly processes. Section Chief Larry Young, pictured in the photo at left, holds the finished product.*

Here's what's cookin' SAFETY WITH HOLIDAY SEASONING Serves ALL  
 Recipe from the kitchen of THE OMAHA WORKS

2 times the amount of caution normally exercised when driving  
 Liberal supply of common sense when purchasing toys  
 1 well-watered Christmas tree with properly working lights  
 Minimum amount of over-indulgence in food  
 Generous helping of rest & relaxation  
 A dash of alcohol for flavor (don't spoil the recipe with too much)  
 Mix together and serve for a happy, safe holiday!

**VERY PEANUT BRITTLE**  
 2 cups granulated sugar  
 1 cup light corn syrup  
 1/2 cup water  
 1 cup butter or margarine  
 2 cups peanuts, chopped  
 1 teaspoon soda

**CINNAMON APPLES**  
 6 crisp, medium apples  
 6 wooden skewers  
 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
 2 cups light corn syrup  
 1/4 teaspoon red food coloring  
 10 drops oil of cinnamon

Heat and stir sugar, syrup, and water in saucepan till sugar dissolves. Blend in butter. Stir contents at 280°; stir contents at 305°. Re-

Wash and dry the apples; remove stems. Insert skewers into blossom ends of each apple. Combine sugar, corn syrup, and food coloring in top of double boiler. Cook directly over low heat stirring till sugar dissolves, about 4 minutes. Cover and cook 10 minutes. Uncover. Cook without stirring at stage (300°). Stir in

**Merry  
 Christmas  
 and a  
 Very Happy  
 New Year!**



**MONEY-MAKING IDEA:** Larry Hawkins, a layout operator in Department 422, recently collected \$420 for an idea he submitted through the Employees Suggestion System. Larry proposed that continuous mounting bars be substituted for unit mounting bars on a process in the register mount shop area. In the above photo, Larry, center, is congratulated by Hank Zyck, section chief, 422-11, left, and Gerry Alfons, department chief, 422.



**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Rose Trenolone, Department 863-4, is one of the hundreds of Omaha Works employees who help make Christmas happier for less fortunate youngsters by contributing to the annual Toys for Tots drive. Works employees have been consistently generous in their participation in the drive, donating thousands of new toys each year.